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Adult day-care facilities Do we really want them anywhere?

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The Jefferson County Commission is considering a Land Development Code (LDC) amendment that would allow residential care facilities of up to six residents in all land-use districts where family residences are allowed.

Commissioners held their first public hearing on the issue on Thursday evening, July 19, with a second hearing scheduled

for 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16.

Residential care facilities are defined as home-like settings that accommodate up to six elderly residents and provide more comfortable care for their clients because of their small size, as well as generally being more compatible with the surrounding residential properties.

Currently, according to Planning Attorney Scott Shirley, the LDC allows residential houses and institutions in

agricultural land-use districts, but not residential care facilities. The proposed change would not only correct this situation, but it would also bring the county into compliance with state law, Shirley said. Section 419.001(2) of Florida Statutes, to be specific, he said.

“By statute, we have to allow it,” Shirley said.

Agricultural land-use districts are classified as Ag-20, Ag-5 and Ag-3, depending on
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Vote Mac McNeill for Sheriff

My name is Mac McNeill and I am your Jefferson County Sheriff. I am a sixth generation Floridian, born in Gainesville and raised in the small rural town of High Springs, FL. After I graduated from high school, I served in the United States Marine Corps where I achieved



the rank of Sergeant during my four-year enlistment. I'm a combat veteran of the Gulf War and was awarded the Marine Combat Action Ribbon. I served as a fire team leader, a squad leader, a section leader, and I am a graduate of the Marine Corps Non-Commissioned Officer Course. My experience as a Marine NCO prepared me for the leadership roles I've held in my law enforcement career and the success I've enjoyed.

I graduated as the Academic Honor Graduate from the Santa Fe Institute of Public Safety Basic Law Enforcement Academy. I earned my Associate of Arts degree from Santa Fe College and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice with highest honors from Saint Leo University.

My first job in law enforcement was as a Deputy Sheriff for the Alachua County Sheriff's Office. I have experience in Court Security, Patrol, Investigations, and as a member of the agency's 24 man SWAT Team where I served on both the Entry Team and as a Sniper. In 2004, I moved to Tallahassee to further my law enforcement career with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement as a Special Agent and Inspector serving in the Protective Operations Section. Over the last 13 years I served on the FDLE protection details for Governor Jeb Bush, Governor Charlie Crist, and Governor Rick Scott. During 11 of those years, I had the responsibility of supervising the daily operations of protecting Florida's Governors and their families.

In 2017, I was appointed Jefferson County Sheriff by Governor Rick Scott. As Sheriff, I strive to ensure the agency continues to provide the quality of service the agency provided Jefferson County under the leadership of Sheriff David Hobbs.

Having knowledge about the grant process, the availability and the value to smaller rural counties, we looked closely at all possibilities. To date, we have been awarded a \$91,000 grant for two fully loaded patrol vehicles. We have also applied for a grant to fund a Victim/Witness Advocate; and if awarded later this fall, it will be a new program for Jefferson County. We improved communication and outreach with the public through social media and continued the “open door” policy at the Sheriff's Office for those needing to talk with the Sheriff personally. We also enhanced the safety of the county's school by adding an additional School Resource Deputy to Jefferson Somerset and reached out to surrounding counties to work together on area task forces to combat the crimes that affect our counties as a whole. We revived our K-9 program through community donations to assist our patrol section and drug unit in battling the illegal narcotics in our community. We have arranged to acquire by the end of the year nine surplus 911 Operator Consoles and spare parts valued at approximately \$90,000. This equipment will allow us to replace faulty consoles or possibly add backup consoles at the EOC in the future. Finally, we strived to be more efficient with our property by making equipment trades with other law enforcement agencies to acquire useful equipment, to make the agency's operations more effective, and by obtaining numerous items of surplus property, from other agencies, to enhance our current Sheriff's Office inventory. So far, we have acquired or arranged to acquire over \$200,000 worth of surplus property, at no cost to Jefferson County tax payers.

Though the reason I'm here is a tragic one, I am honored to follow the legacy set by Sheriff Hobbs and even more honored to have his family's support and backing in my campaign. During my time here, I appreciate the kindness the Jefferson County citizens have shown me and my wife Catherine.

Also, to clear the air, I never asked or lobbied for this appointment as Sheriff nor did I ever state that I wasn't going to run for Sheriff. I had merely planned to serve as Sheriff for a year and then return to FDLE. However, it was after the honest, sincere, and

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Man arrested on drug charges

Ashley Hunter,
ECB Publishing, Inc.

On Friday, July 27, at approximately 7:25 p.m., Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) Trooper Vollertsen observed a dark sedan traveling north on SR 59 near the Hawkins Road area.

That stretch of roadway is set at a 55 miles per hour speed limit, and the vehicle was clocked by Trooper Vollertsen's radar going over 70 miles per hour.

A traffic stop was



Leon Vandell Campbell initiated, and after pulling over to the side of the road, the driver, who was identified as Leon Campbell, 39, of Leon County, attempted to exit his vehicle before Trooper Vollertsen even

approached the sedan.

Campbell was told to return to his vehicle, and complied, but as Trooper Vollertsen came to the passenger side window to make contact with Campbell, he noticed a marijuana-like odor coming from inside the vehicle.

According to the report issued by the FHP, after Trooper Vollertsen asked to see Campbell's driver's license, Campbell began to fidget and then exited his vehicle in order to

retrieve his wallet.

Trooper Vollertsen moved to the driver's side of the vehicle, where the odor of marijuana was even more prominent.

After Campbell was identified by his license, Trooper Vollertsen requested back-up in order to conduct a search of the vehicle.

While awaiting back-up, Trooper Vollertsen ran the Florida tag that was attached to the sedan

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AMENDMENT EIGHT

Know before you vote

Rick Patrick
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This is the eighth 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 Eight.

This November, Florida voters will be making a major decision that will have a significant effect on the way local school boards govern local schools. If passed by the voters, Amendment Eight would make three changes to local schools and the way in which they are governed.

First, the amendment would limit school boards' governing authority to only those schools

that are established by the district school board. This could lead the way for a different state institution to have oversight of any public schools not established by the local school board. This could include privately-organized charter schools, lab schools, college or university high schools, etc. Currently, local school boards have authority over all free public schools within their jurisdiction.

Secondly, the amendment would require civics literacy to be taught in the public schools. If passed, this would be the only academic subject specified in the state constitution.

Lastly, the amendment would place term limits on school board members. According to the amendment, school board members would be
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Election office installs device to thwart cyber attacks

Lazaro Aleman
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Supervisor of Election Marty Bishop reported recently that his office was in the process of having cybersecurity measures installed on its voting systems to fortify them against cyber attacks in the coming elections.

Bishop said Jefferson County had been awarded about \$13,000 in state funding to install the “Albert sensor”, a device that provides automated threat alerts on both traditional

and advanced networks.

“It's a sensor that picks up foreign internet service providers (ISP) that hit our system,” Bishop said. “If we suspect a foreign ISP, we report it to Homeland Security and others of the cyber security agencies.”

“It's being installed right now,” Bishop said on Thursday, July 26, of the Albert sensor, so dubbed because a similar system for detecting and blocking cyber attacks within federal agencies already had taken the name Einstein.

Meantime, Bishop said, he was waiting to hear word from the state on other funding that he had requested for further hardening of the voting system here against possible cyber attacks.

“We haven't been approved yet,” Bishop said.

Florida on July 7 received \$19.2 million in federal money to harden its voting systems. It's up to Florida Secretary of State Ken Detzner to get the Legislature to approve the
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Did you know?
Oak trees don't produce acorns
until they are 50 years old

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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.

Praise for a young man

I was traveling through your county Monday evening, on Highway 59. I saw a bright glowing light on the side of the road. As I approached I noticed there was a truck or van on fire. I saw a white truck parked on the side of the road and a young man run from the truck to help the man whose truck was on fire. He was driving a white truck with a green and yellow sign on it. The good Lord put him in the right place, at the right time. In today's world, people tend to be self serving and not thoughtful of others. Young man, thank you for being a thoughtful, helpful, servant, thinking of others. It's a blessing to see people still care about people.

May the lord bless you and protect you,

Mrs B. Alford
Oak Park, Ga

Schools need a new emphasis on American history

Ask yourself: 'Could my middle and high school students pass a citizenship test?'

Numerous news reports indicate that elementary, middle, and high schools are giving little attention to the study of American history, according to education consultant John Danielson.

Professor Katy Swalwell teaches courses in elementary social studies methods at Iowa State University. In an article she published at the National History Education Clearinghouse Web site, Dr. Swalwell noted that "the condition of history in the elementary classroom is one of great concern. History is rarely included as part of the curriculum and, if it is taught, relies upon a conventional and canonical perspective that ignores historical scholarship and excludes multiple perspectives. Our best hope is that current and future teachers become critical consumers of state standards and district-sponsored materials and see themselves as 'smugglers' of good history back into the school day."

It's shameful but true that less than 20% of young learners are proficient in U.S. history. More disturbing is a report issued by the Annenberg Public Policy Center that shows nearly 75% of Americans cannot name the three branches of government.

"There is a general lack of knowledge about our history; perhaps, that is the reason why political dissention has become more violent in recent times," says Danielson, a long-term colleague of former Secretary of Education Lamar Alexander. He also served as Chief of Staff for Education Secretary Rod Paige.

"Dissention, in itself, is not a bad thing. Skeptics like George Washington, John Adams and the other Founding Fathers put our nation on the road to a unique style of governance—a federation of states with a Representative Democracy. And, it took nonconformists such as Abraham Lincoln, Susan B. Anthony and Martin Luther King, Jr. to incorporate their visions of a better world to bring about much needed reforms to the American way—which actually—permanently influenced the world for the better. They were our revolutionary role models," said Danielson.

Is the country losing faith in the values and ideals that made it great, because of its historical illiteracy?

"The late Dr. Bruce Cole, former chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, and history education

advocate David Bruce Smith thought so. And, that is why the Grateful American Book Prize was established. It occurred to them that if kids were not learning history in the classroom, perhaps they could be enticed with stories of adventure, romance and ingenuity. The Prize is aimed at encouraging authors and their publishers to produce more historically accurate fiction and nonfiction for middle schoolers. Regaling our kids with exciting tales that capture their imaginations can hook them on history."

As columnist Karol Markowicz put it in an OpEd in the *New York Post*: "We talk often about how fractured our country has become. That our division increases while school kids are taught less and less about our shared history should come as no surprise."

If that's the case, says Danielson, we need to do whatever it takes to "re-capture" the kids. It would help, too, if parents petitioned the education authorities in their communities and states, requesting them to reinstate the importance of history in the classroom.

"How can we expect America's younger generations to learn how to be responsible and productive citizens without informing them of the events and personalities that shaped the nation? How can they make knowledgeable, intelligent choices without knowing the critically important decisions of the past?" Danielson said.

Fact: for those newly arrived in the U.S. seeking to become citizens, a thorough knowledge of American history is a requisite. They need to know about the Constitution, the workings of our three branches of government and more. There are no less than 100 questions on the examination they must take in order to qualify for citizenship.

Says Danielson: "ask yourself, could my middle and high school students pass a citizenship test?"

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How to Replace Vital Documents that are Lost or Stolen

"Dear Savvy Senior,
Can you tell me how to go about replacing important lost documents? My wife and I recently downsized to a retirement community, and somewhere in the move we lost our Social Security and Medicare cards, birth certificates, marriage license and passports."
— Worried Ron

Dear Ron,

Replacing important documents that are lost, stolen or damaged is pretty easy if you know where to turn. Here are the replacement resources for each document you mentioned, along with some tips to protect you from identity theft, which can happen if your documents end up in the wrong hands.

Birth certificate: If you were born in the United States, contact the vital records office in the state where you were born. This office will give you specific instructions on what you need to do to order a certified copy and what it will cost you. Birth certificate fees range between \$9 and \$30.

Social Security card: You can replace a lost or stolen Social Security card for free, and if you live in the District of Columbia, Michigan, Nebraska, Washington or Wisconsin, you can do it online at ssa.gov/ssnumber.

If, however, you live outside these areas, you'll need to fill out Form SS-5 and take it in or mail it to your nearby Social Security office, along with your U.S. driver's license, or a state-issued non-driver ID card or a U.S. passport (photocopies are not accepted). Any documents you mail in will be returned to you. To find the Social Security office that serves your area, call (800) 772-1213 or see ssa.gov/locator.

You also need to be aware that losing your Social Security card puts you at risk for identity theft. If you find that someone has used your Social Security number to obtain credit, loans, telephone accounts, or other goods and services, report it immediately to the Federal Trade Commission at IdentityTheft.gov or call (877) 438-4338. This site will also give you specific steps you'll need to take to handle this problem.

Medicare card: To replace your Medicare card for free, just call Social Security at (800) 772-1213 or contact your local Social Security office. You

can also request one online at ssa.gov/myaccount. Your card will arrive in the mail in about 30 days.

By losing your Medicare card, you also need to watch out for Medicare fraud. So check your Medicare Summary Notice for services you did not receive and, if you spot any, call the Inspector General's fraud hotline at (800) 447-8477 to report them.

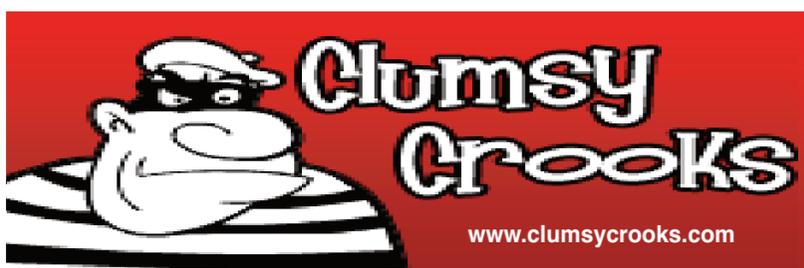
Marriage certificate: Contact your state's vital records office to order a copy. You'll need to provide your full names for you and your spouse, the date of your wedding, and the city or town where the wedding was performed. Fees range from \$10 to \$30.

Note: Divorce certificates can also be ordered from your state's vital records office (fees range from \$5 to \$30), and divorce decree documents can be obtained from the county clerk's office for the city or county in which the divorce was granted.

Passport: A lost passport also puts you at risk for identity theft, so you need to report this as soon as possible to the U.S. State Department. Go to travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/passports/lost-stolen.html and fill out Form DS-64. You'll receive an e-mail acknowledging that your report was received. Within a couple of days, you'll receive another e-mail (or letter, if you request that option) confirming that your passport has been entered into the Consular Lost or Stolen Database.

You can apply for a replacement passport at a Passport Application Acceptance Facility. Many post offices, public libraries and local government offices serve as such facilities. You can search for the nearest authorized facility at iafdb.travel.state.gov. The fee for a replacement passport is \$135.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of *The Savvy Senior*.



Georgia Woman Burns Down 20 Homes After Losing Her House In A Divorce

A Georgia woman who had recently lost her home to her ex-husband in a bitter divorce battle decided that if she couldn't live there, nobody could.

Adrienne Satterly stacked up mattresses in her living room and set them ablaze. The fire quickly spread out of control, burning down her home and damaging 19 others in her neighborhood.

Satterly set the fire and then left the house with her two cats. Authorities say she walked for over an hour to a local Walmart, where she called 911 to report the fire.

Her home was one of four houses that were destroyed, while 16 others suffered damage. Luckily, only one person was injured in the massive fire.

"Despite the massive property damage, only one minor injury was reported," the Paulding Fire Department said.

Police arrested Satterly, who was charged with 14 counts of first-degree arson and three counts of aggravated animal cruelty. Two dogs and one cat



Adrienne Satterly

died as a result of the fire.

Yolanda Woodland was the owner of the two dogs that died and said she is heartbroken.

"I lost my two dogs, which is the hardest thing because material things can be replaced. But my dogs is my... that breaks my heart,"

Her daughter, Auzalea Godfrey who lost everything in the fire, said the flames moved very quickly.

"The house next door, the whole thing was already engulfed in flames, our living room and kitchen was already on fire," she said. "Within two minutes, the house was engulfed in flames. I mean it went really quick."

Satterly is locked up in the Paulding County Jail, where she is being held without bond.

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increasing encouragement of members of this community and those of the Sheriff's Office that I chose to make this run.

I've served my country and community over the past 25 years as a military veteran and law enforcement officer; I have 21

years of law enforcement experience with 15 of those years serving as either a supervisor, team leader, or as Sheriff. During my career, I have acquired numerous CJSTC law enforcement instructor certificates and attended hundreds of hours of advanced training courses diversifying my law enforcement background and

experience.

My presence in Jefferson County was an unexpected one. This is why I currently reside in Leon County. If elected your Sheriff, my wife and I will be proud to move to Jefferson County to live and grow where we serve. As the Sheriff of Jefferson County, I understand from my experience the sacrifice

and dedication the office requires. It is a huge role and not one taken lightly. That is why I humbly ask for your continued confidence and support in the upcoming election to remain your Sheriff.

Political advertisement paid for and approved by Mac McNeill, Republican, for Jefferson County Sheriff.

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whether they allow one house per every 20, 5, or 3 acres, respectively. Agricultural land is generally considered commercial, as the aim of agricultural activities is to realize revenues via the production of animals or crops. Still excluded from agricultural land-use district under the proposed LDC change would be care facilities of seven or more residents.

Triggering the amendment was the application of a woman who wants to put a private residential care facility on her five-acre property.

"These are licensed care facilities," Shirley said. "Non-licensed care facilities will not be allowed."

He explained that by law, such facilities must be licensed and house two residents per bedroom. The homeowners, however, does not have to live in the house.

Marcie Hamilton, whose Ag-20 property is adjacent a nursing home, wanted to know if the presence of residential care facilities would impose the same restrictions on adjacent properties as nursing homes now do. She said she was prevented from spraying or conducting other agricultural activities on her property because of the proximity of the nursing home.

Shirley said the only restriction with regard to residential care facilities was that one couldn't be within a thousand feet of another. Otherwise, no other restrictions applied, he said. As for the traffic at such facilities, he said it would be minimal, largely limited to the dropping off and picking up of the residents.

"This is like adult daycare," he said.

Commission Chairman Stephen Fulford also reminded Hamilton that the LDC gave agricultural activities priority. To reassure her, he read specific language from the LDC stating that "Farming is the basic intent of agricultural land-use areas. Residential use is allowed but is secondary in nature and must accept all characteristic farm activities of noise, smells, dust, spray odors, timber clearing, etc."

"So this facility can't impede the agricultural activities of adjacent properties," Fulford concluded.

Commissioner J.T. Surles expressed concern that the proposed change could put the county on the proverbial slippery slope. He wanted to know if legal limits could be imposed to restrict the allowance to only elder care facilities, not drug or sex offender treatment facilities.

Not to worry, Shirley assured him. Sex offender and drug treatment facilities were heavily regulated by the state and weren't allowed in residential areas, he said.

Hamilton, however, wasn't done.

"This says all residential areas," she said, referring back to the LDC amendment. "Why not just give the permission to people who are asking for it, rather than across all residential districts? The way it's written now, they could put one of these facilities in the middle of Holly Hills. And there will be traffic, because people will visit. Sometimes, it's so noisy next door to my house, that it rattles my windows. It looks to me that this change is being done to satisfy a few people and inconvenience a lot more."

Why not do it as special exception instead of countywide, someone suggested.

"It can't be done as a special exception," Shirley said. "The Florida Legislature made

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that Campbell was driving, and discovered that the tag was registered to a 1993 Honda; Campbell's vehicle was a Ford.

Still awaiting back-up, Trooper Vollertsen asked Campbell about the tag, and Campbell stated that the vehicle had been given to him by his aunt, but he had never registered the Ford sedan. The tag that had once been on the sedan had expired in July of 2016, and the registration had been canceled.

Campbell added that the Honda that belonged to the tag was damaged, and he had switched the tags.

FHP Trooper Dean arrived on scene, and Trooper Vollertsen then asked Campbell to step out of his

vehicle, informing Campbell that the odor of marijuana could be detected from within his vehicle.

A pat-down and search of Campbell's person was conducted after he had exited his vehicle. Initially Campbell pulled away and braced against the law enforcement officers before finally complying.

During the pat-down, Trooper Vollertsen discovered two bags of marijuana and several smaller, empty bags concealed in a side pocket of Campbell's pants.

One of the bags containing marijuana had been packaged for sale.

In the right side cargo pocket of Campbell's pants, an unlabeled prescription bottle was found.

Inside the bottle, several white squares (consistent in

appearance to crack cocaine cookies) were found.

While no other substances were found on Campbell's person, a search of the vehicle uncovered opened containers of alcohol, objects that smelled strongly of or had residue from fresh marijuana, as well as crack cocaine pieces.

While being searched, Campbell informed the troopers that all substances belonged to himself, and not his daughter (who was a passenger in the vehicle with Campbell).

Campbell was placed under arrested and transported to the Jefferson County Jail without further incident.

According to Trooper Vollertsen's official report, during the transportation to the jail, Campbell stated multiple times

that he had 'messed up'.

In total, 27.77 grams of marijuana and 1.91 grams of cocaine (prepped for sale) were located on Campbell's person along with the approximately .05 grams discovered in Campbell's vehicle.

The charges against Campbell were: possession of marijuana with intent to sell (felony), possession of cocaine with intent to sell (felony), possession of drug equipment/paraphernalia (misdemeanor), attached registration/license plate not assigned (misdemeanor) and failure to register motor vehicle (misdemeanor).

Campbell was booked into the Jefferson County Jail at 9:10 p.m. Bail was set at \$2,500.

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limited to two terms of service on the school board. If the amendment passes in November, it would take affect immediately. However, for current school board members, terms prior to November, 2018, would not be counted against a member's term limits.

Some of the criticism voiced against the amendment include that 'for profit' charter schools lack local control and that some may have a governing board that may be out-of-state. Some critics say the amendment's language could leave it up to wide interpretation as to who and what kind of charter schools can be opened. The amendment states, "The amendment maintains a school board's duties to public schools it establishes, but permits the state to operate, control, and supervise public schools not established by the school board."

The thinking among some critics is that if charter schools accept public money, they should be held accountable to the same standards as public schools.

As for term limits aspect of the amendment, some suggest it's a double-edged sword. Term limits could do away with inept or out-of-touch board members, but it could also mean that a board loses valuable institutional memory and ends up with a very inexperienced board.

On July 12, The Southern Poverty Law

Center filed a lawsuit in the Second Judicial Circuit of Leon County on behalf of the Florida League of Women Voters to keep the measure off the November ballot. The lawsuit claims that "the measure combines three separate and unrelated measures into one, so voters must either reject or approve all three, the ballot language is misleading and therefore the measure should not be placed on the ballot."

"If Amendment 8 remains on the ballot, there is no way that voters will realize that a yes vote could allow unaccountable political appointees or even private organizations to control where and when charter schools can be established in their county. We know that Floridians overwhelmingly support the constitutional requirement to make adequate provision for the education of all children that is 'uniform, efficient, safe, secure and high quality.' We are asking the court to ensure that voters aren't tricked into eliminating those protections," said Patricia Brigham, President of the Florida League of Women Voters.

A poll of 605 likely voters was conducted by Cherry Communications and commissioned by the Florida Chamber of Commerce to gauge support or opposition for the various proposed amendments. The sample consisted of 237 Republicans, 249 Democrats and 119 others. The poll was conducted from Friday, May 25 through

Saturday, June 2. The results were as follows: 75 percent were in favor of the amendment, 11 percent were opposed and 15 percent were undecided. The poll had a margin of error of plus or minus four percent.

In order to become law, the 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.

CYBERSECURITY

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distribution of the money to the state's 67 election supervisors to bolster their voting systems' security and integrity before the start of the coming elections.

So far, according to the federal government, 26 of the 50 states have requested 55 percent of the total \$380 million that Congress made available for the fortification of the country's voting systems. The Department of Homeland Security, as well as Florida's political leaders, see the state as being a likely target of cyber attacks because of its size and its status as the nation's largest swing state.

Cybersecurity has been a growing concern since the 2016 election when it's alleged outside forces, more specifically Russia, interfered with the electoral process to influence the outcome.

Day Camps Give 4-H Campers Hands-On Experiences



Photo Submitted

4-H Campers were able to play with the adorable, and very fluffy, puppies at Golden Acres Ranch on June 4 as part of the Summer Day Camp for 8 and 9 year olds. The campers also assisted in rounding up sheep, and meeting the ranch's miniature donkey and pony. Pictured are, Nadia Pataye (left) and Autumn Manuel (right).



Photo Submitted

Catching bugs and insects on the grounds of the Jefferson County Extension Office, Charles Ball nets in his newest find. The 4-H Campers 'bugged out' with Sabrina Hayes from FAMU's Entomology Department on Tuesday, June 5.



Photo Submitted

4-H camper Matthew Rojas proudly shows off his solar system hat, which he constructed during a visit to the Jefferson County Library to see the Lunar Rocks that were on display for two weeks in July. The 5-7 Year Old Day Campers were able to get a close look at the Lunar Rocks and get hands-on with moon-themed crafts, such as these hats, which showed the sun and all the planets.

as well as various meteorites that had struck Earth. Special craft projects were arranged so that the young campers could get hands-on with the lunar experience.

The 8 and 9 year old Day Campers had their own fun-filled summer camp experience as they 'bugged out' with Sabrina Hayes from FAMU's Entomology Department. Hayes brought a variety of insects from around the world and allowed the campers to get up close as they learned about the bugs.

Provided with butterfly nets, the campers took to the Extension Office grounds as they set out to gather and identify their own insect finds.

For a special field trip, the 8-9 Day Campers were brought out to Golden Acres Ranch, where they got to play with fluffy Great Pyrenees puppies, learn about rounding up sheep and meet the ranch's miniature donkey and pony.

The Jefferson County Extension Office extended grateful appreciation to Capital City Music Therapy, Golden Acres Ranch, Jefferson County Health Department, North Florida Community College, Beau Turner Youth Conservation Center and the Jefferson County Library as well as the hard-working teen camp counselors Sarah Crandall, Sierra Montgomery, Jada Mosely, Jakarie Mosely, Jakayla Ball and Jerimiah Norton for making these two summer day camps a success.

Ashley Hunter, *ECB Publishing, Inc.*

Two 4-H Day Camps, one for campers aged 5-7, and one for campers aged 8-9, were put on by the Jefferson County Extension office this summer for the youth of Jefferson County, and surrounding counties.

Both camps emphasized "Learning Through Doing" and offered hands-on ways for the participating youth to have fun and be engaged in positive activities throughout the summer.

The 5-7 Day Camp and the 8-9 Day Camp both took the youth on field trips to the Beau Turner Youth Conservation Center for fishing, with the campers reeling in their catch. Both camps were also taken to McClay Garden State Park (located in Tallahassee) for swimming.

The 5-7 Day Camp got hands on in an assortment of classes where they learned about earth worms, healthy snakes and fitness.

Sherica Howard, an instructor at Jefferson Somerset came out to the Extension Office and taught the young campers how to begin growing tomato plants in styrofoam cups.

A special highlight to the 5-7 Day Camp this year was a visit to the Jefferson County R.J. Bailar Library to participate in a special viewing of the Lunar Rocks that were on display at the library thanks to NASA and Jefferson County's Youth Librarian Courtney Nicolou.

The 4-H Campers were able to look at various soil and rock samples from the Moon

George Encizo book signing for *Broken Trust*

Ashley Hunter, *ECB Publishing, Inc.*

"For reasons known only to him, Francis Teague hadn't told anyone about his adolescent years during the 1940s in Monticello, Florida. But that all changed when his granddaughter, Erica Bass, a Leon County paramedic decided she wanted to know about them." - *Broken Trust*

Award-winning author of five novels, including his latest, a 1940s drama set in Monticello, George Encizo will be at the Jefferson County R.J. Bailar Public Library on Saturday, August 11 from 10 a.m. until noon for a book signing.

Encizo's *Broken Trust* is a story of a family, of loss and love and is all set in historic Monticello. Many of the locations or people within the book, such as the Monticello Opera House, the Jefferson County Courthouse, the Monticello Keystone Genealogical Society, Pearl St., and Boots Thomas, will be recognizable to residents of Jefferson County.

The book was produced through Encizo working closely alongside the Monticello Genealogical Society's Dee Counts in order to reference yearbooks, newspaper clippings and personally written accounts of life in Monticello during the 1940s.

Encizo has won awards or been a



finalist in awards for many of his novels. Along with *Broken Trust* (which won a silver medal during the 2018 Florida Authors and Publishers Book Awards on Aug. 4), Encizo has published:

- *Baxter House* – a 2017 finalist in two categories for the Eric Hoffer Book Award and a 2016 semifinalist in the Royal Palm Literary Awards.
- *The Farber Legacy* – a gold medal recipient of the 2015 Florida Authors and Publishers Book Awards.
- *Blocker's Bluff* – which is also available on audible and iTunes as an audio book.
- *Descent Into Hell* – which was given 5-Stars as a Readers' Favorite and won a silver medal during the 2018 Florida Authors and Publishers Book Awards.

Purchase a copy of *Broken Trust* or one of his other novels during the signing, or get your own copy autographed! Want to learn more about *Broken Trust*, or Encizo's other novels? Visit Encizo online at georgeencizo.com.



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OBITUARIES

John Arrion Arrington



John Arrion Arrington, aged 72, passed peacefully at home in Tallahassee on August 4, 2018. John was born on February 26, 1946 in Port St. Joe, FL. His family lived in Apalachicola and moved to Tallahassee when he was 4 years old. He was fondly known as “Johnny” to his many friends and “Bubba” to his family.

Johnny was a wonderful and generous father to his daughters, and a beloved father figure to his nieces. He was known for his great sense of humor and infectious personality. He was a strong man

with a gentle spirit and a kind heart. His perseverance and determination to overcome significant medical challenges was illustrated in his tireless pursuit to live life to its fullest.

He was a long-time Seminole fan and booster, and an avid outdoorsman who truly enjoyed hunting, fishing and being on the water. He retired from the State of Florida after 33 years of service and also served as a private contractor that erected numerous beautiful homes in the Tallahassee area.

He is preceded in death by his father and mother, Spurgeon and Elma Arrington. He is survived by his wife, Linda Recio and her children, Ashley and Jason; his daughters: Stasey (Ron) Whichel, Arrion (James) Melzer and Sarah (Jeff) Kerwin; six grandchildren: Shane Arrington, Katherine Whichel, Garrison and Ryne Melzer, Caleb and Micah Kerwin; one great grandchild, Kinley Arrington; a sister, Nicki Little of Monticello; three nieces: Dana, Monica and Susan; and a nephew, Kyle.

The memorial service will be held at Culley’s Meadowood Funeral Home on Wednesday, August 8, at 6 p.m. The funeral service will be held at St. Peter’s Anglican Cathedral, located at 4784 Thomasville Road, on Thursday, August 9, at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the TCC Foundation “Johnny Arrington Scholarship” at 444 Appleyard Dr., Tallahassee, FL 32304, (850) 201-6066, or online at tcc.fl.edu/foundation. This is a scholarship for students pursuing a career in the construction trades.

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Monticello's Royalty: Mary Frances Gramling

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In 1957, Jefferson County crowned Mary Frances Gramling as their Watermelon Queen.

At the time, Gramling was 15 years old and the pageant was held outdoors at the high school football field.

Between 45 to 48 young ladies were competing for the title of Miss Watermelon Queen that year, and the competition was an event that was looked forward to and drew in an audience from all around the county.

The pageant is a Jefferson County tradition that continues today, but much has changed for the annual pageant over the years, from the location of the pageant to the aspects that judges look for in the girls.

This year, the annual Watermelon Pageant only had five entries for Miss and Teen Miss Watermelon Queen, but Gramling recalls that there were over 40 young ladies who were vying for the title of queen the year that she was crowned.

Because there were so many young ladies competing, judges had to pick the Top 20 before they could narrow it down to the Top 10, and then finally crown the Queen and her court.

Gramling describes herself as a 'real tomboy' at age 15 and the dress she competed in was a borrowed gown, but the pageant during that era was such a common event, that it was just something that a majority of girls looked forward to and participated in.

"It was just something that everybody did. All my friends did it, so I did it too," said Gramling.

Being only 15, Gramling believes that the pageant helped her pay attention to how she carried herself when around people, and gave her the confidence to be on stage and in front of an audience.

Unlike pageants of today, the 1957 Watermelon Queen Pageant didn't have a talent or bathing suit competition, but it still aided in boosting her confidence as a teenaged girl.

The addition of the bathing suit and talent competition of the pageant is actually an aspect that Gramling believes contributed to the Jefferson County Watermelon



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Mary Frances Gramling was only 15 years old when she was crowned the Watermelon Festival Queen in 1957. During her year as the Watermelon Queen, Gramling was a trendsetter within the pageant and a representative for Jefferson County.

Pageant's decline in applicants.

"I think that's what limited the pageant," said Gramling. "The reason why girls started not being in the pageant was because of bathing suits and talent."

Instead, the 1957 pageant focused more on beauty, apparel and how the potential queens presented themselves. Judges looked for grace, elegance, and beauty while selecting the next Queen to represent Jefferson County.

Despite the focus on the lady-like aspects of a Watermelon Queen candidate, Gramling recalls that after being crowned, the first event she was brought to as a royal representative of Jefferson County was quite the opposite of a 'lady-like' event.

"They took me to Centennial Field on South Monroe Street (in Tallahassee) – to a wrestling match," Gramling reminisces.

She'd later be brought to various parades and festivals in order to represent Jefferson County and was even selected as Miss Monticello so that she could represent the town with visiting the Thomasville Rose Festival for the Miss Deep South Contest.

Gramling was also crowned as the Pecan Bowl Queen.

Outside of the parades, Gramling was also brought to Tallahassee to be interviewed on television by the tv broadcast station on North Monroe Street.

At the time, the station was in the middle of the country, surrounded by farmland – a drastic contrast to the cityscape and busy commercial strip that now lines Monroe Street.

"I wondered what was a tv station doing so far out in the country," laughed Gramling.

As the newest Watermelon Queen of Jefferson County, Gramling became quite the trendsetter.

"I was the first one to wear white, long gloves," said Gramling. "From then on, everybody wore white gloves – but I was the first."

Gramling also had a signature turn-smile-wave technique that she had used during the pageant and throughout her year as Watermelon Queen.

After passing the crown to the next queen, she began to notice other contestants using the technique in future pageants.

"It was quite funny," she added.

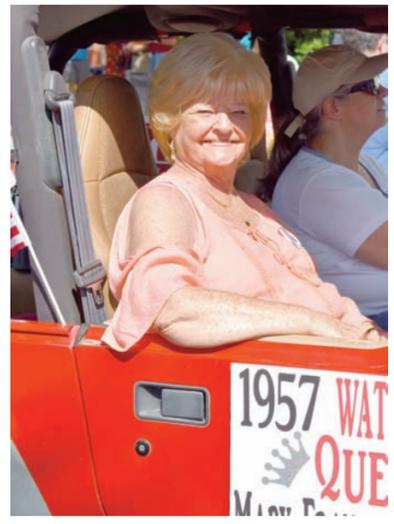
After her year as Watermelon Queen, Gramling eventually handed the crown down to Edwina Scruggs in 1958, but her role within the Jefferson County Watermelon Pageant had far from ended.

Until 1986, the year that Monica Monroe was crowned queen, the sorority of Beta Sigma Phi was in charge of running the pageant. While she never served as a judge, Gramling served as a pageant chairperson for a number of years, and was the Watermelon Festival Chairperson from 2002-2006 and then from 2008-2010 (though she shared the chair title with Betsy Gray, Nicole Honcell and Nikki Little for a portion of those years).

"The thing about pageants is it follows you your whole entire life," Gramling said. She is no longer the same 15-year-old girl who was crowned queen, but people still recognize her name in connection to the title and she has been asked multiple times to ride in parades as a former Watermelon Queen. "It has followed me all my life," added Gramling.

As a former beauty pageant queen, as well as the mother of three daughters and two sons, Gramling said she has tried her best to instruct her daughters on true beauty: the beauty inside.

"Your beauty is who you are as a person, not how you look on the outside," said Gramling. "Beauty is



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo By Ashley Hunter, July 26, 2018

The 1957 Watermelon Queen Mary Frances Gramling rode in the 2018 Watermelon Parade last July. While she has long passed on the title, her role as Monticello royalty follows her still today. Gramling has been involved in her community for the majority of her life through various boards and organizations, including Altrusa and Rotary as the Monticello Chamber of Commerce Director from 1998 until her retirement in 2010.

as beauty does; if you don't act sweet, then you are not pretty."

Even though she was involved in pageants for many years of her life, Gramling has never pushed her own daughters or granddaughter to enter the pageant. While her two daughters, Debbie and Mary Liz, did compete and her granddaughter, Frances Walker (Surles), was the 2003 Watermelon Queen, she believed in giving them the power to make the choice whether to compete in the pageant or not.

"I don't think it's good when parents push their children into it," said Gramling. "It should be something that they want to do themselves, instead of the mother trying to live her life through this child."

With her many years in pageantry, Gramling has seen that scenario play out many times: mothers who never got the chance to compete in their teen years, or perhaps were former contestants themselves, pressuring their daughters into the pageant.

"With anything, it should be something that the child wants to do themselves – whether it's football, baseball, or being in a pageant," added Gramling. "Let it be their desire instead of being pushed in by their parents."

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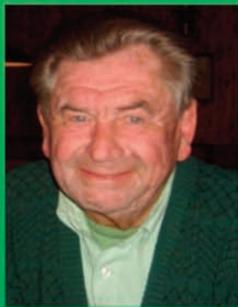
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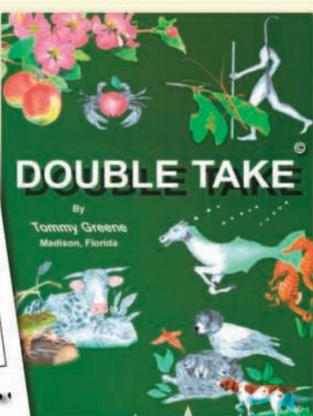
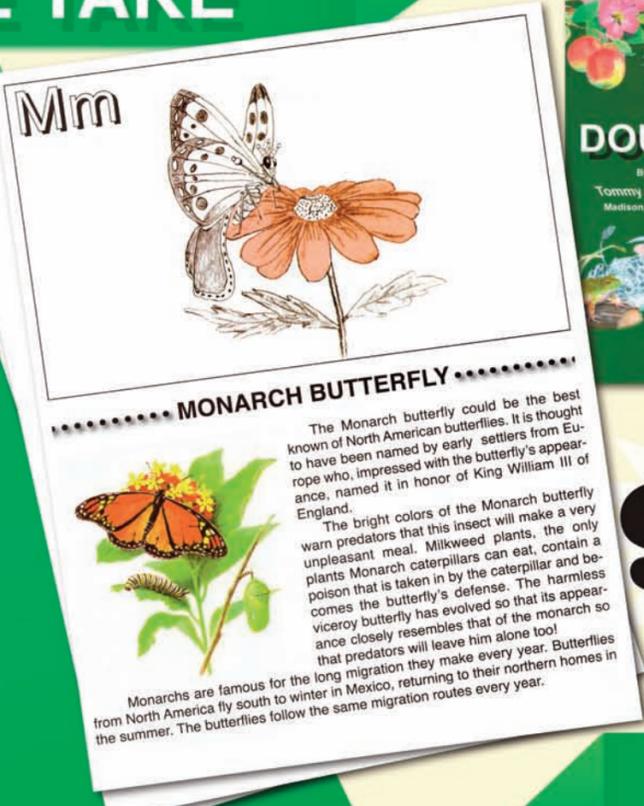


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Kyle Harvey Carter, 28, of Tallahassee, FL; arrested Sunday, July 29; charged with DWLSR with knowledge and refusal to sign criminal citation. Bond set at \$1,000. No released date provided.

Jerry Michael Knibbs-Mitchell, 24, of Dunnellon, FL; arrested Saturday, July 28; charged with possession of cannabis more than 20 grams. Bond set at \$2,500. Released same day.

Leon Vandell Campbell, 39, of Tallahassee, FL; arrested Friday, July 27; charged with possession of marijuana with intent to sell; possession of cocaine with intent to sell; possession of drug equipment; attaching regular license plate not assigned; and failure to register motor vehicle. Bond set at \$2,500. Released following day.

Vincent Wendell Chambers, 51, of Monticello, FL; arrested Friday, July 27; VOP - failure to register as a sex predator. No bond or released date information provided.

Dustin Lee Amerson, 19, of Monticello, FL; arrested Thursday, July 26; charge, bond revocation. No release date provided.

Elise Mae Bonner, 58, of Monticello, FL; arrested Tuesday, July 24; charged with VOP – grand theft in Leon County. Released same day.

Lenard Tyrone Williams, 42, of Monticello, FL; arrested Tuesday, July 24; charged with out-of-county warrant from Madison. No bond information provided. Released same day.

Alaysja Victoria Burnley, 20, of Monticello, FL; arrested Monday, July 23; charged with criminal mischief less than \$200; fraudulent use of personal ID (two counts); and grand theft. Bond set at \$2,500. No release date provided.

Jill Marie Marotta, 44, of Davie, FL; arrested Saturday, July 21; charged with poss of contraband at state correctional institution and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond set at \$2,500. Released same day.

Keir Amada Johnson, 44, of Lamont, FL; arrested Friday, July 20; charged with possession with intent to sell controlled substance, methamphetamine; possession of controlled substance, methamphetamine; possession of controlled substance, Xanax; and DWLS with knowledge. Bond set at \$5,000. Released on following day.

John Blaine Henderson, 62, of Bonifay, FL; arrested Friday, July 20; charged with possession of morphine with intent to sell. No bond or released date information provided.

John Malcom Bramlett, 33, of Monticello, FL; arrested Wednesday, July 18; charged with aggravated assault with intent to commit a felony. No bond or released date information provided.

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- Protect your valuables and family mementos by storing them in a safety deposit box, fire- and water-proof safe or moving them to higher ground where they are less likely to incur damage.
- Download an app for your smartphone that allows your friends and family to know if you are safe. The American Red Cross has a free hurricane app as do many for-profit organizations. Other apps that are available include weather tracking apps, and apps that can help victims of storms find each other to pool resources and offer one another assistance. Be sure to keep your phone fully charged as long as your home has power and consider having an external battery pack on hand as well.
- Assemble an emergency supply kit that includes water, flashlights, non-perishable food, first-aid supplies, batteries, a radio and medication.

- Create a family emergency plan and make sure everyone knows what to do and when.
- Prepare your home for heavy rainfall and strong winds by cleaning up lawn debris, loose furniture and lawn items that will not be able to sustain strong winds. Secure loose rain gutters and ensure all gutters are clear from debris to keep water flowing and prevent further damage.
- Consider building a safe room, if you are a homeowner, that meets Federal Emergency Management Agency criteria to provide at-home protection during extreme weather.

More hurricane tips and information can be found at freddiemac.com/blog.

The devastation of last year's hurricane season was an important reminder that being prepared for a worst-case scenario is crucial. Before the next storm heads your way, be sure your family and home are protected.

Metro Editorial

Homeowners looking to add flair to their homes can find inspiration anywhere; style can even be tailored to reflect places homeowners have visited.

Whether they call to mind the narrow streets of London, the sand-bleached beaches of a Caribbean island or the urban buzz of New York City, designs can reflect one's travels and evoke some of the same feelings homeowners got when visiting their favorite places. Professional interior designers often pull inspiration from unique places, and so can homeowners who love to travel.

Those who want to illustrate their wanderlust through their home's decor can consider these tips.

Work with colors

Think about the colors that signify a particular locale and bring those hues into the space. The color palettes of the beach, for example, include grays, beiges, blues, and greens. The popularity of gray-tone neutrals allows homeowners to bring in these colors as a neutral backdrop, and then add a splash of whimsy with a few decorative accents.

Try natural materials

Vacation hotspots like Hawaii, Southern California and other areas of the Pacific tend to put heavy emphasis on natural materials. Items like bamboo, sea grass, stones, and woven baskets can invite the outdoors into a home.

Pick an inspiration piece

Homeowners can direct their focus to one particular memento from a vacation or excursion. A vivid piece of artwork, a piece of furniture, a sculpture, or even a wardrobe element can serve as a catalyst for an entire room. Use this piece to match colors and textures.

Remember, to evoke the spirit of an area when decorating, keep it subtle. Too many details or over-the-top replication might seem like one is dressing a stage set rather than his or her home.

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Sunday School.....9:30 AM
Traditional Worship.....11:00 AM

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Prayer Group.....5:15
Fellowship Meal.....6:00
Chancel Choir Practice.....6:30

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Adult Bible Study-Wednesday.....6:30-7:30 PM
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From the Pulpit...

Life in a Gold Fish Bowl

Once upon a time, many years ago, I proved my manhood at a county fair by tossing a



Pastor John Hicks
First United Methodist Church

carnival ball in a little glass bowl and won a goldfish. I carried it home in a plastic bag, kept it in a jar until I could go out and purchase an official goldfish bowl from the store.

If you've ever had a goldfish, you know just what happens to them. You put them in their little goldfish bowl and they just keep swimming and swimming around the bowl.

The crazy thing is that when a goldfish is put in a little bowl, it starts to produce an enzyme

that keeps it from growing. Put it in a larger bowl, and it grows a little bit larger. When you take it out of the bowl and put it in a big pond, it starts to grow into the size it was meant to be.

Someone once said that we need to live every day like it will be our last, for one day we will be right. There's a lot of wisdom in that. Too many people are limiting themselves and their lives to the small goldfish bowl they are living in when there can be so much more.

Though we may believe all the right beliefs, go to all the right meetings, and do the right things, there are times when something inside of us suggests there might be something more. Often, that's God's calling in our lives to be all that we can

be. We can't be all that we can be however, until we step by faith outside of the limited confinement of the bowl we are living in; no matter how comfortable that bowl might be.

Have you given thought to the possibility that you might be in a limited spiritual goldfish bowl at the moment? Perhaps you have found yourself just swimming and swimming and going in circles. The lesson of the goldfish bowl is that if you can get out, God has so much more for you than you've ever experienced before. He wants to introduce you to the big pond you were made for.

There is a big pond out there God has prepared for all of us, and He wants to do something amazing through each of us! Let us grow to our potential!

CHURCH NEWS NOTES

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August 8

A Back to School Youth Revival and Prayer Service will be held at the Bethel AME Church tonight at 7 p.m. The guest speaker for the event is Rev. Mazie W. Glenn. All are cordially invited to come to the event, and help bless and prepare Jefferson County's young people as they look towards returned to school this month. Bethel AME is located at 410 E. York St.

August 9, 11, 12, 13

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.

August 11

Join the Philadelphia M.B. Church as they celebrate their first Pre-Women's Day Program Brunch at 10 a.m. The inspirational speaker for this brunch event will be Sister Carolyn "Lois" Graham. Church members extend a warm invite out to those interested in attending. Philadelphia M.B. Church is located at 555 Fulford Road.

August 11

A Pastor Appreciation Ceremony will be held for Bethel AME Church's Rev. Jeffrey Graham and First Lady Carol Graham. The event will take place at 4 p.m., and will be held at the former Monticello Christian School located on U.S. 19 (North Jefferson St.), near the Church of the Nazarene. Attire for the event will be 'denim and pearls'. Please come and join the church as they share their love and appreciation for their reverend and first lady.

August 14

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

August 24, 25

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.

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 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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Tonight: Youth Revival and Prayer Service

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Ashley Hunter, *ECB Publishing, Inc.*

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Aug 11: Pastor Appreciation for Rev. Jeffrey Graham

Ashley Hunter, *ECB Publishing, Inc.*

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Jellystone Park Jam is weeks away



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David & Rusty

Story Submitted

Jellystone Park Jam, one of North Florida's largest multi-day gospel music events, is just weeks away and over two dozen of gospel music's finest artists are scheduled to appear throughout the weekend. The event will take place at Yogi Bear's

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Jellystone Park Jam will kick off on Wednesday night with the Sing out! On Wednesday night, Sept. 12, at 7 p.m., guests will enjoy performances from local groups, church choirs, duets and soloists. Local talent is encouraged to register on the event website and be a part of this fun event!

On Thursday evening, Sept. 13, at 6 p.m., with an evening concert featuring Sunday Drive, Ricky Atkinson, the Segos, Stephen Jones Band, LifeSong and Jessica Ratliff.

On Friday evening, Sept. 14, at 6 p.m., LifeSong, Ferguson Family, Groves Family, Kevin Lane, Harper Brothers, and Amber Lee Abbott will perform.

On Saturday afternoon, Sept. 15, at 2 p.m., the Spradlen Promotions matinee concert will feature Psalm 101, New Floridians and the Bunkleys.

Saturday evening's concert at 5 p.m., will feature the Gibbs Family, Logan Smith, the McMillans, LifeSong, Reflectsons, Southern Joy, Hunter May and New Tradition.

Chapel services will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Robbie Harrington will be the guest speaker on Friday and Saturday. David & Rusty, a gospel/comedy ventriloquist team, will be the special guests for the Sunday service. A hot breakfast will be available for purchase from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., prior to the chapel services. Food and craft vendors will be available during the evening performances. All evening concerts are held indoors in a

temperature-controlled building and seating is provided. Lawn chairs are welcomed for the outdoor matinee concert on Saturday afternoon.

All Jam events are free! A love offering will be received nightly. For concert information, please call (850) 464-0114 or visit JellystoneParkJam.com. For information regarding reservations, please call Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park at (850) 973-8269.

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Jul. 7	89	Wise (Hickey) Blake (Winter Haven, Fl.)
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SHIP ANNUAL REPORT

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The Jefferson County Housing Department announces approximately \$336,059 available through the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program for fiscal years and 2017/2018 and an anticipated 2018/2019 allocation to be used for the following Local Housing Assistance Plan strategies: Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation, Mobile Home Replacement with Site Built Homes, and Homebuyer Purchase Assistance. Please note that funding for rehabilitation will only be used to support existing housing. The strategies are as follows:

Homebuyer Purchase Assistance Strategy

The purpose of this strategy is to provide down payment assistance and principle reduction to first-time homebuyers that are eligible under the SHIP guidelines. The maximum amount of SHIP funds that may be awarded per unit is \$30,000 for very low income, \$25,000 for low income and \$20,000 for moderate income households. Potential homebuyers will be required to qualify for a 1st mortgage through a financial institution. Homebuyers may not have claimed homestead exemption in the last three years. Funds will be awarded on a first come, first ready-to-close basis. Funds are limited.

Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Strategy

The purpose of this strategy is to provide repairs or improvements needed for health and safety items needing rehabilitation and/or correction of code violations. The maximum amount of SHIP funds that may be awarded per unit is \$40,000. The homeowner must claim homestead exemption and the home must be occupied by the owner in order to be considered for rehabilitation. Applicants are limited to assistance once, if you have previously received SHIP assistance, you are not eligible. Applications will be considered on a first come, first served basis.

Mobile Homes are not eligible for purchase assistance or rehabilitation.

Mobile Home Replacement

The purpose of this strategy is to provide replacement of mobile homes that are more than 51% structurally unsound as determined by a certified Housing Rehabilitation specialist or Building Inspector. The maximum amount of SHIP funds that may be awarded per unit is \$75,000. The homeowner must claim homestead exemption and the home must be owner occupied to be considered. **Funding priority will be persons with special needs as defined by 420.0004 Florida Statutes.** Funds for this strategy are limited to no more than 2 houses per fiscal year.

Please note that there is currently no SHIP Waiting List. All interested persons will need to initially apply or re-apply. SHIP Applications will be available beginning **Monday, August 13, 2018** by calling Government Services Group, Inc at 352-381-1975 to be pre-screened. The application process will remain open until all funds are obligated. Applications are available to eligible applicants only and will be served on a first come, first qualified basis - subject to the availability of funds. **Funding priority for all categories will be persons with special needs as defined by 420.0004 Florida Statutes.**

Any person with a qualified disability requiring special accommodations shall contact us at the phone number listed above at least 5 business days prior to the event. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact this office by using the Florida Relay Services which can be reached at 1.800.955.8771 (TDD).

Questions regarding the SHIP program and application process should be directed to Jay Moseley, Government Services Group (GSG), Inc., at (352) 381-1975.

A FAIR HOUSING/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/HANDICAP ACCESS JURISDICTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 17000174CAAXMX

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff,
vs.
CHERYL A. HOWARD; WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR WF 19 GRANTOR TRUST, et al.
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 13, 2018, and entered in 17000174CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the SECOND Judicial Circuit in and for Jefferson County, Florida, wherein FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA is the Plaintiff and CHERYL A. HOWARD; WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR WF 19 GRANTOR TRUST are the Defendant(s). Kirk Reams as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the North Door 1 Courthouse Circle, Monticello, FL 32344, at 11:00 AM, on August 23, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

A 1.72 ACRE PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST, JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING A PORTION OF THE WOODS PROPERTY AS DESCRIBED IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY IN OFFICIAL RECORD BOOK 178, PAGE 71 AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST, JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA AND RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 21 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 1,148.32 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD 259, THENCE NORTH 74 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 32 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 379.91 FEET FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE NORTH 74 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 32 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 42.83 FEET TO A POINT, SAID POINT BEING ON A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTH, THENCE RUN ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE AND CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 1,769.12 FEET, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 04 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 27 SECONDS, FOR AN ARC DISTANCE OF 137.12 FEET, (CHORD OF SAID ARC BEING NORTH 72 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST 137.08 FEET) TO A POINT ON THE EAST BOUNDARY OF SAID WOODS PROPERTY, AS DESCRIBED IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAID JEFFERSON COUNTY IN OFFICIAL RECORD BOOK 178, PAGE 71, THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE RUN SOUTH 05 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY OF SAID WOODS PROPERTY, A DISTANCE OF 503.75 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID WOODS PROPERTY, THENCE SOUTH 75 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF SAID WOODS PROPERTY, A DISTANCE OF 137.31 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE LEAVING THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF SAID WOODS PROPERTY, RUN NORTH 06 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 31 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 284.92 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 20.65 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE NORTH 10 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 54 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 203.47 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Property Address: 481 WAUKEENAH HWY MONTICELLO, FL 32344

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 29th day of June, 2018.

Tim Sanders
As Clerk of the Court

By: Sherry Sears
As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: ADA Coordinator; 301 South Monroe Street; Tallahassee, FL 32301; 850.606.4401; at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. 8/8,15

NOTICE OF MEETING OF CITY HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

The City Historic Design Review Board will meet on Thursday, August 16, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at City Hall, 245 S. Mulberry Street, Monticello. The meeting agenda is available for inspection at City Hall 245 S. Mulberry Street. For further information, contact City Clerk Emily Anderson at 850/342-0292. 8/8

NOTICE

Please notice the the Public Hearing scheduled to be heard by the Jefferson County Planning Commission for August 9, 2018 is to discuss the appeal of the Planning Official's decision to issue a development permit to Morris Petroleum, Inc., to construct a Liquid Petroleum Gas Storage and Distribution Facility at 36 Shiver Road (Parcel No. 19-2N-5E-0000-0190-0000 and 19-2N-5E-0000-0160-0000), located at the northwest quadrant of US 19 and HWY 149 in Jefferson County. The appeal was filed by Marcia Elder and will be heard on August 9, 2018 at 7:00PM at the Jefferson County Courthouse Annex located at 435 W Walnut Street in Monticello, FL. The meeting may be continued as needed. The appeal will be conducted pursuant to the procedures set forth in Jefferson County Land Development Code Section 9.18.00, eq seq. Information concerning the meeting is available at the Jefferson County Planning Department, 445 W Palmer Mill Road, Monticello, FL 32344, Telephone 850-342-0223. 8/8

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File Number: 18-CP-72

IN RE: ESTATE OF
MALCOLM S. READ,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of **MALCOLM S. READ**, deceased, whose date of death was April 30, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Jefferson County, Florida, Probate Division under probate file #18-CP-72, 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 August 8, 2018.

Attorney for Personal Representative
Jill G. Denton
165 E. Dogwood Street
Monticello, Florida 32344
(850) 997-3503

Personal Representative
Amy S. Twieg, a.k.a Amy Read,
a.k.a. Amy Sue Read
6347 Pheasant Ln. #54
Middleton, Wisconsin 53562
8/8,15

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY,
FLORIDA

FAMILY LAW DIVISION
CASE NO.: 2018-DP-4

IN THE INTEREST OF:

J.A. DOB: 07/17/2002

MINOR CHILD

NOTICE OF ACTION (TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS)

TO: JAMES ATKINSON
16037 Roco County Rd., Tallahassee, Florida 32308

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the State of Florida, Department of Children and Families, has filed a Petition to terminate your parental rights and permanently commit the following child(ren) for adoption: J.A., born on 07/17/2002. A copy of the Petition is on file with the Clerk of the Court. You are hereby commanded to appear on August 28, 2018, at 9:00 a.m., before the Honorable Dawn Caloca-Johnson, Juvenile Division, at the Jefferson County Courthouse, 1 Courthouse Circle, Monticello, Florida 32344, for an ADVISORY HEARING.

FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR AT THIS ADVISORY HEARING CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS OF THIS CHILD (OR CHILDREN). IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED, YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS AS A PARENT TO THE CHILD OR CHILDREN NAMED IN THIS NOTICE.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact ADA Coordinator; 301 South Monroe Street, Room 225, Tallahassee, FL 32301; 850-606-4401 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

WITNESS my hand as Clerk of said Court and the Seal thereof, this 27th day of July, 2018.

Tim Sanders, as Clerk of Court

By: Lynn Key
As Deputy Clerk 8/1.8.15.22

JEFFERSON COUNTY HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM NOTICE TO BIDDERS

A. NOTICE TO BIDDERS:

Sealed bids will be received until 11 a.m. on the **30th** day of **August 2018**, for the **demolition/replacement of two (2) homes** in the SHIP program.

B. General Instructions to Bidders:
1. Quotations:
a. All prices shall include all labor, supervision, materials, equipment and services necessary to do a workman like job.
b. Only firm bids will be accepted. Only one (1) bid may be submitted for each house.
c. Bids prices must be itemized on the submitted bid form or the bid will be rejected.

2. Insurance: Before any bid can be accepted, a Certificate of Insurance must be attached to this bid. The Certificate must list the Local Government, as a party to be notified ten (10) days before cancellation or expiration of the policy.

3. Legal Compliance: The bidder shall be familiar with all federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations that in any manner affect the work. Ignorance on the part of the bidder will in no way relieve him from responsibility for compliance with all said laws, ordinances, rules and regulations.

4. Right of Rejection: The owner, in cooperation with the Local Government, reserves the right to reject any one bid or all bids, to waive any informality in any bid, and to award the bid in the best interest of the Local Government and the Owner.

5. Pre-Bid Conference: Bidders or their representatives are required to attend an on-site meeting. Failure to attend the meeting will result in automatic bid rejection, unless a waiver is approved by the Local Government. The MANDATORY conference for this job will be held:
Date: August 16, 2018 Time: 11:00 am
Start Location: 1385 E. Clark Avenue - Monticello, FL

6. Bids Submitted: Address all bids to Jefferson County Grants Office. The bids shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the markings "SHIP SEALED BIDS" and **Not to Be Opened** until **11:00 a.m. August 30, 2018**.

If hand delivering bids the address is: See Below
If mailing bids the address is: Jefferson County Grants Office
1484 S. Jefferson Street
Monticello, Florida 32344

7. No contractor or subcontractor may participate in this work if ineligible to receive federal or state funded contracts.

8. No contractor will be issued more than two (2) Local Government funded contracts simultaneously, unless ability to perform is proven. Three (3) contracts is the maximum for any contractor.

9. Federal equal opportunity, civil rights, lead base paint, Section 3 requirements, and record retention requirements are applicable to work performed on this job. Minority participation is encouraged.

10. Financing of the work will be provided, in whole or in part by the Housing Rehabilitation Program. The Local Government will act as agent for the owner in preparing contract documents, inspecting, and issuing payments. However, the contract will be between the owner and contractor. Bids, work performed and payments must be approved by the owner and the agent.

Jay Moseley
Housing Rehabilitation Specialist

August 1, 2018
Date 8/8

Wednesday, August 8, 2018

Candidates who will be on August 28 Ballot

Candidates for U.S. Senate



Bill Nelson (D) - Incumbent



Rick Scott (R)



Roque De La Fuente (R)



Candidates for U.S. House Florida District 5



Alfred Lawson (D) - Incumbent



Alvin Brown (D)



Virginia Fuller (R)

Candidates for Governor of Florida



Christopher King (D)



Andrew Gillum (D)



Phillip Levine (D)



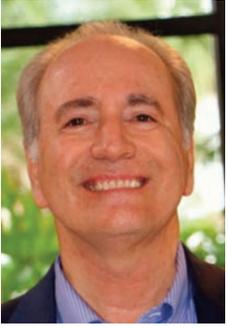
Gwen Graham (D)



Jeff Greene (D)



Alex Lundmark (D)



John Wetherbee (D)



Bruce Nathan (R)



Ron DeSantis (R)



Don Baldauf (R)



Bob White (R)



Adam Putnam (R)



John Joseph Mercadante (R)

Not pictured:
Timothy Devine (R)
Bob Langford (R)



Candidates for Florida Attorney General



Sean Shaw (D)



Ashley B. Moody (R)



Ryan Torrens (D)



Frank White (R)



Jimmy Patronis (R)



Jeremy Ring (D)



Halsey Beshears (R)

Candidates for Florida Chief Financial Officer

Candidates for Florida House of Representatives District 7

Candidates for Florida Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services



Jeffrey Duane Porter (D)



Nikki Fried (D)



Denise Grimsley (R)



Baxter Troutman (R)



R. David Walker (D)



Matt Caldwell (R)



Mike McCalister (R)

LOCAL RACES

Candidates for Circuit Judge



Christine Thurman
NPA



David Frank
NPA



Lisa Barclay
Fountain - NPA

ELECTION 2018



Candidates for County Judge

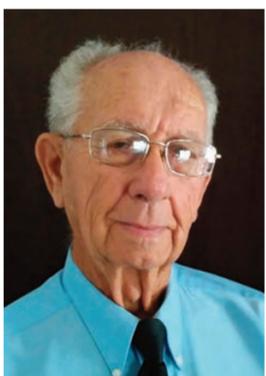


Robert "Bobby"
Plaines
Incumbent

Candidates for Sheriff (2yr. finish term)



Mike Fillyaw
NPA



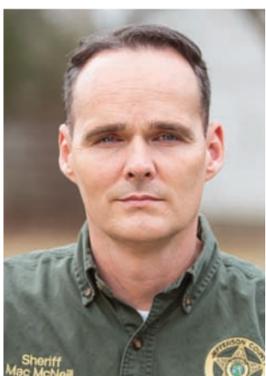
Jerry W. Sutphin
NPA



Eugene Butler Jr.
(D)



William "Bill"
Massey (D)



Mac McNeill
Incumbent (R)



Tully T. Sparkman
(R)

Candidates for County Commissioner - Dist. 2 (Nov. 6 ballot)



Adam Fato
NPA



Gene Hall
Incumbent (D)



Derrick D. Jennings
NPA

Candidates for County Commissioner - Dist. 4 (Nov. 6 ballot)



Betsy Barfield
Incumbent - NPA



Keith J. Cook
NPA



Candidates for School Board

Candidates for City Council

District 2

District 3

District 5

Group 1

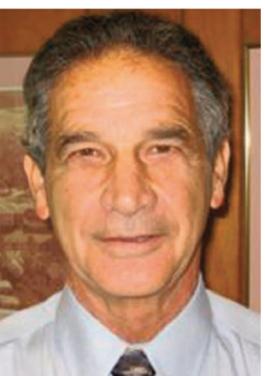
Group 2 (Nov. 6 ballot)



Sandra G. Saunders
Incumbent/
unopposed



Shirley Alexander
Washington
Incumbent/
unopposed



Charles Boland
Incumbent/
unopposed



George Evans
Incumbent/
unopposed



Gloria A. Cox



Sara
LaDelfa-Kirsch

your VOTE is your VOICE

What is your education history?

- Degree in Graphic & Website design
- Currently seeking Degree in Marketing
- 15 years professional experience in accounting
- 20 years professional experience in marketing
- 20 years experience in technology
- 5 years experience in education

List any professional qualifications, certifications, or relevant experience.

- Currently on Monticello's Historic Design Review Board
- Notary Public
- Previously served on Code Enforcement Board in Safety Harbor, FL
- Previously very active in local council actions in Safety Harbor - attended and provided input on a regular basis.

List any professional, civic, or religious organizations to which you belong.

- Kiwanis International
- Monticello Garden club member
- Jefferson County Historical Association member

Are you gainfully employed and will you continue your position if you are

Candidate for City Council, Group 2

Sara La Delfa-Kirsch

elected?

Small Business Owner - Yes I will continue my business since it brings me joy by helping others grow their businesses. Since I work for myself, it won't interfere with my duties on the City Council.

Do you own property in the county and, if so, how much?

Yes, homeowner with half-acre within Monticello's city limits

Have you ever been arrested and, if so, when and why?

Not something I've ever experienced and hope never to unless it's for a good cause.

How do you intend to help bring new

jobs and industries to Jefferson County?

There are several grant programs available that can help small towns like ours enhance our infrastructure, including internet needs, to help attract small business owners to the area.

I would also like to work closely with our future City & County Economic managers, as well as our Chamber of Commerce to create and execute a comprehensive marketing plan to attract business owners and other residents looking to relocate to a special place like our town.

What is an area that needs improvement in Jefferson County and how will you help bring about progress in that area?

Infrastructure/Planning. Monticello is not prepared for the future for the

influx of people expanding from Tallahassee, moving north from South Florida, or those relocating to Florida from northern states.

I would like the City of Monticello to pursue State, Federal and independent funding to help us bring our infrastructure up to date as well as put monies aside for future repairs so as not to strain our resources when the time comes for repairs.

We also need to bring better internet service to our county if we want to attract the kind of businesses that will do business here and remain here long-term while making our current residents' lives better now.

Do you plan to cut, raise, or maintain the current tax rate? Why and how will you accomplish this?

At this point in time, I don't have an answer for this. It's something that I need to further research and contemplate on before answering.

Name specific goals you would like to set for the County Commission to achieve over your potential term.

- Infrastructure preparation
- Expansion of Internet/Electric services
- Attraction of more small businesses
- Expansion of social services such as drug rehabilitation and health services.

Monticello is my hometown and I love Monticello dearly.

I want to become more involved its future and therefore I have decided to be a candidate for the Office of City Council Group 2.

I would like to serve the people and meet the needs that the citizens of Monticello continue to face.

"Let's Make A Difference".

Candidate for City Council, Group 2

Gloria Cox

Candidate declined to submit questionnaire.

Candidate chose not to participate.

Candidate for School Board, District 2

Sandra G. Saunders

Candidate did not submit questionnaire before deadline.

Candidate for City Council, Group 1

George Evans

Candidate chose not to participate.

Candidate for School Board, District 3

Shirley Alexander Washington

GENERAL ELECTION DAY

Candidate chose not to participate.

Candidate for School Board, District 5

Charles Boland

lisabarclay FOUNTAIN
FOR CIRCUIT JUDGE

VOTE AUG. 28
LISA BARCLAY FOUNTAIN

"I believe that every person who enters the courtroom must be treated equally, with dignity and respect. Justice must be blind to characteristics such as a person's race, religion, age, sex, economic status, national origin, or disability, just to name a few. Our U.S. Constitution mandates that all persons must be treated equally, just as those who are charged with a crime must be presumed innocent. Anything less is simply unacceptable."
LBA.

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Candidate did not submit questionnaire before deadline.

Candidate for Sheriff

Eugene Butler

List any professional qualifications, certifications, or relevant experience.

I have been a practicing trial attorney for almost 25 years. I began my courtroom experience in 1993 at the FSU College of Law where I prosecuted criminal cases as a Certified Legal Intern and worked with some of the most talented prosecutors in our circuit.

As an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Florida, I was the lead attorney for numerous jury trials and evidentiary hearings in state and federal court. I was one of five attorneys selected to serve in a special litigation unit responsible for defending the Governor and state agency heads in large, complex class action lawsuits involving state-wide programs.

As the owner and manager of my own law firm, currently the Frank Law Firm, I have successfully represented hundreds of clients throughout all six counties in our circuit. I was selected by my peers to be included in Best Lawyers in America and Florida Trend Magazine's Legal Elite. I also have been asked to speak as a guest lecturer on civil trial litigation topics, Constitutional law, and evidence.

List any professional, civic, or religious organizations to which you belong.

I believe that a strong track record of working with our community charitable and service organizations is important for a judge candidate. It is the connection we have to the community we hope to serve as a judge.

I have been the Chair of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Foundation of Florida and have worked on its many programs for almost ten years. I am also a long-time Legal Services of North Florida Founder of Justice and Partner-in-Service. I also support and do volunteer work for several Veterans' organizations and programs, including the American Legion and the Fallen Heroes Fund.

Do you possess any expertise in a field other than law?

What is your education history?

I was born and raised in Tallahassee and attended Lincoln High School. Following graduation, I attended Florida State University and graduated with honors, *cum laude*, in 1989 with a B.S. degree in Communication Studies.

I then attended Stetson University College of Law and graduated with honors, *cum laude*, in 1992 with a Juris Doctorate degree.

List any professional qualifications, certifications, or relevant experience.

For over 25 years, I have handled thousands of cases representing individuals, businesses, and governmental entities in a wide range of legal matters. I have been a civil litigator my entire career, and have conducted jury trials in both state and federal court. I have extensive history advocating for clients from the beginning stages of a case all the way through trial, and the appeal process.

List any professional, civic, or religious organizations to which you belong.

Throughout my career, I have been, and continue to be, involved in civic, professional and religious organizations.

For several years in the early 2000's, I stepped away from the practice of law and served my local church and community full time through the lay ministry. During this time, I started and grew a women's bible study ministry to include over 300 women from varying denominations and churches from all over our community. I started a prayer



Candidate for
Circuit Judge,
Seat 12

**David
Frank**



Although all judge candidates must have a certain amount of legal experience, it is the life experiences that often set them apart. In other words, what the candidate has done in his or her life other than be a lawyer.

I graduated from the United States Military Academy, West Point, in 1978, then served overseas as a U.S. Army Infantry Platoon Leader and Special Forces Detachment Commander ("Green Beret"). My military service taught me a lot about people and judgment. It taught me the importance of organization, leadership, a strong work ethic, unwavering integrity, courage, and true commitment to public service.

I also served as a national intelligence analyst for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) where I authored numerous classified articles for high level policymakers, including the President, the National Security Council, and the Secretaries of Defense and State.

During this time, I was responsible for analyzing large amounts of information and making key, independent judgments under demanding deadlines, where there was little room for mistakes.

What type of cases and clients have you generally represented in your professional career?

I prosecuted criminal cases as a Certified Legal Intern at the State Attorney's Office for the Second Judicial Circuit. As an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Florida, I defended the Governor, state agency heads, and corrections officials in cases ranging from negligence and civil rights to large, complex class

action lawsuits involving state-wide programs.

As the owner and manager of a civil litigation law firm, I have handled the litigation of a wide array of cases, to include personal injury, employment, whistleblower, wage and hour, physical / sexual assault, discrimination, negligent security, defective products, consumer protection, property losses, disability, civil fraud and racketeering, insurance matters, child / elder abuse, civil rights, Constitutional law, and business and regulatory matters.

Have you ever been investigated or disciplined by the bar association or state commission on judicial conduct?

No.

Do you have a vision for the future of our judicial system?

My vision for the future of our judicial system is very simple. My vision is for a judicial system in our great State that is fair, competent, and timely. Fair to everyone, regardless of race, nationality, gender, economic status, or any other status. That is essential for the public to have confidence in the system.

The system and all actors within it must be competent in their jobs and perform their duties faithfully. They must work every day to ensure this. And finally, the system must resolve cases and matters in a timely fashion. All the system's components must work together to move forward and avoid delays. That is my vision.

Who do you perceive to be the greatest obstacle to justice, if any?

One of the greatest challenges the courts in our state face is the same obstacle that state, county, and municipal governments face – the ability to acquire sufficient funding. Another challenge specific to the courts is access.

Fortunately, Florida has an institution that addresses its citizens' access to courts. The Florida Commission on Access to Civil Justice studies the legal needs of disadvantaged, low income, and moderate-income Floridians. The Commission looks at Florida's legal assistance delivery system, which includes staffed legal aid programs, resources and support for self-represented litigants, limited scope representation, pro bono services, innovative technology solutions, and other models and potential innovations.

One example is the Commission's HELP app. It assists people who represent themselves in family law cases navigate the court system more effectively. It provides one place people seeking a divorce, adoption, orders of protection, name change, and other family issues can get the information they need.

Why did you decide to run for this position?

Public service is not something I just thought of recently. Public service has been a large part of my life since I graduated from West Point and served our country as an Army officer. It was an important part of my life when I served as an intelligence analyst. It was an important part of my life when I served the State of Florida as an Assistant Attorney General.

Now, after being blessed with a successful private practice of law, it is time for me to serve the people of the Second Judicial Circuit. Public service is not a job to me, it's a commitment, a true commitment.

We recently have been losing, and will lose in the near future, many of our most experienced circuit judges. I believe that my experience, integrity, and true sense of public service is what the people of our circuit need at this critical time.



Candidate for
Circuit Judge,
Seat 12

**Lisa
Barclay
Fountain**



ministry team, which is still in existence today, that prayed for the needs of our world, country and community.

I also served in numerous ways that ministered to the needs of families suffering from homelessness, the sick and homebound, the elderly, as well as serving in the children's ministry. Returning to public service and making a positive difference in the lives of others is why I want to be a circuit court judge.

Do you possess any expertise in a field other than law?

Yes. My husband and I have 5 children together, and I think that qualifies me as an expert mom!

What type of cases and clients have you generally represented in your professional career?

For nearly 50% of my career, I represented individuals, as well as physicians and hospital systems, litigating complex medical negligence actions including cases involving wrongful death, profound spinal cord and traumatic brain injuries, birth related injuries and pharmaceutical products.

I have also litigated general health law issues. For the past decade, my practice has included representing local businesses and governmental entities and working with the federal and state laws which prohibit discrimination, harassment and retaliation in litigation matters.

I also devote a lot of time conducting anti-discrimination and anti-harassment training workshops for local businesses and employers.

Have you ever been investigated or disciplined by the bar association or state commission on judicial conduct?

No.

Do you have a vision for the future of our judicial system?

Yes. If I could accomplish just one thing in office, it would be to continue the tradition of excellence established by Judge Terry Lewis, in administering fair, balanced, reasoned, and swift justice. My goal is to continue to inspire confidence in our public that regardless of a person's race, religion, age, sex, economic status, national origin or other characteristic, every person who enters the courtroom will be treated equally, with dignity and

respect. Our Constitution mandates it, and anything less is unacceptable.

Who do you perceive to be the greatest obstacle to justice, if any?

One of the concerns expressed most often to me when I talk with the members of our community is the length of time it takes to get a case through the system and ultimately resolved. If I have the honor of serving as your next circuit judge, I will work diligently to move the cases through the system, and will issue rulings expeditiously and efficiently.

Why did you decide to run for this position?

My desire to return to full time public service is the driving force behind my decision to run for circuit court judge. Serving my community has always been the type of work that fuels my soul.

My passion for public service is the very reason that led me to step away from the practice of law for several years and devote my life, full time, to public service through my local church. I spent each and every day serving my community and responding to the needs of our congregation, the sick and homebound, the elderly, and children and families suffering from homelessness. These were some of the most rewarding years of my life.



What is your education history?

I attended Tallahassee Community College from 1995-1997 and received my B.S. from Florida State University in 1999. Further, I graduated from the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law in 2004.

List any professional qualifications, certifications, or relevant experience.

I am a Florida licensed attorney since 2004, certified Family Law Mediator, and collaboratively trained attorney. I am qualified to practice law in the Northern and Middle, Federal District Courts.

List any professional, civic, or religious organizations to which you belong.

Tallahassee Community College Foundation (Secretary of the Executive Board), Jefferson County Bar Association, William Stafford Inns of Court, Tallahassee Bar Association, Tallahassee Women's Lawyers, Capital Collaborative Group, Chelsea House volunteer, and I am a past Chair of the American Lung Association Advisory Board for the Tallahassee Chapter.

Do you possess any expertise in a field other than law?

No

What type of cases and clients have you generally represented in your professional career?

I have represented individuals,

Candidate for
Circuit Judge,
Seat 12

**Christine
Thurman**

families, parents, grandparents, businesses and the Town of Greenville. I have worked, and continue to work, in the areas of adoption, family law (juvenile, dependency, domestic violence, divorce, paternity, child support and mental health), civil matters (typically representing businesses being sued for discrimination, financial matters and/or wrongful termination), and probate and estate matters (including will contest, guardianship and or trust litigation).

Further, I represent Children's Homes Society and Florida Baptist Children's Homes on adoption cases that help to place children in permanent homes.

Have you ever been investigated or disciplined by the bar association or state commission on judicial conduct?

No

Do you have a vision for the future of our judicial system?

My vision for the future of our judicial system involves both the use

of increased resources as well as modifications and implementation of new technology.

As an attorney who has worked in this circuit for fifteen years, there are resources/referrals for services that must be used more frequently in the areas of domestic violence, mental health and family law.

Additionally, we need to involve more Guardian Ad Litem volunteers to assist with family law cases especially where there are allegations of abuse, neglect and abandonment. We must have judges who have a strong passion for the best interest of children and vulnerable adults.

In regards to technology, we must identify cost effective methods for enhancement of communication for appearances for witnesses, lawyers and their clients. Specifically, a unified system of video conferencing for appearances by lawyers and their clients should be implemented.

Last, a system that would allow lawyers to view judge's calendars for scheduling of hearings would reduce emails and unnecessary communication with the overloaded

judicial assistants.

Who do you perceive to be the greatest obstacle to justice, if any?

Time/delay is the greatest obstacle to justice. When a time sensitive matter is delayed by repeated continuances, or when there is a refusal for a matter to get scheduled for hearing, the delay alone can cause significant impact on a litigant's mental, physical and emotional health.

Court cases that linger for years have impacts on the court system, the parties, witnesses and the general public.

Why did you decide to run for this position?

After practicing mainly in the areas of adoption, family law, mental health and domestic violence, and experiencing a wide variety of Judges, it is abundantly clear that we need judges who not only recognize the importance that these cases have on our communities, but also have an interest and experience in these areas. Civil litigation, probate/guardianship and criminal matters are equally as important; however, we currently have a large number of judges that have experience in these areas prior to serving.

My experience as a business owner, certified family law mediator and experienced trial attorney coupled with my interest in serving our community has motivated me to seek to serve the Second Circuit as a Circuit Judge for Seat 12.

What is your education history?

Jefferson Co High class of 2004, University of Florida (TREEO) National Notary Association California State University Sacramento.

List any professional qualifications, certifications, or relevant experience.

Notary public appointed by Gov. Rick Scott.

List any professional, civic, or religious organizations to which you belong.

Vice chairman of the Capital Area Community Action Agency.

Are you gainfully employed and will you continue your position if you are elected?

yes I will continue my employment if elected.

Candidate for
County
Commissioner,
District 2

**Derrick
Jennings**

Do you own property in the county and, if so, how much?

no

Have you ever been arrested and, if so, when and why?

no

How do you intend to help bring new jobs and industries to Jefferson County?

To be a small community we are diverse. I will work with EOC, City &

Commissioners & state leaders. In order for us to allow progress we must work together & allow opportunity to enter Jefferson County.

What is an area that needs improvement in Jefferson County and how will you help bring about progress in that area?

We have multiple areas needs improve South-Side, North-side, Coppers Pond & West lake. Our City

street dept & road dept needs more man power to maintain streets & right ways. I will work with City Manager & County Coor. To push for more man power & grants to keep Jefferson Co. Beautiful.

Do you plan to cut, raise, or maintain the current tax rate? Why and how will you accomplish this?

I do NOT plan to raise the tax rate citizens are hurting trying to make ends meet. I am more concern about citizens & families surviving instead of raising the rate so the county can trash away money.

Name specific goals you would like to set for the County Commission to achieve over your potential term.

Put the citizens of Jefferson 1st. Be dedicated & committed to the position. Your vote impact the quality way of life for all citizens.

What is your education history?

I am a graduate of Aucilla Christian Academy.

List any professional qualifications, certifications, or relevant experience.

If elected I look forward to completing the Certified County Commissioner Program in order to better serve Jefferson County.

List any professional, civic, or religious organizations to which you belong.

I'm a member of Florida Farm Bureau and the 2018 Jefferson County Cancer Survivor Dinner Committee. I am also a proud supporter of the National Down Syndrome Society and Gainesville Goes Gold for Pediatric Cancer Awareness.

Are you gainfully employed and will you continue your position if you are elected?

Yes. I am gainfully employed by Cobb Tile Inc. and have been employed there for 14 years. I plan to continue my employment while serving the citizens of Jefferson County.

Candidate for
County
Commissioner,
District 2

**Adam
Fato**

and, if so, how much?

Yes. I own a house on 1.05 acres in a Jefferson County subdivision and I love it!

Have you ever been arrested and, if so, when and why?

No

How do you intend to help bring new jobs and industries to Jefferson County?

In order to bring new jobs and industries to Jefferson County, our leaders should be open minded and proactive in finding and supporting new businesses looking to relocate to Jefferson County. These opportunities must better Jefferson County through jobs and growth. By being proactive, opportunities

are created to engage and enhance the citizens of Jefferson County. It is of utmost importance that our county provides its residents with employers that offer competitive wages because the future lies within Jefferson County's residents.

Therefore, it is imperative that these decisions be of good common and financial sense; which are qualities I believe I can contribute.

What is an area that needs improvement in Jefferson County and how will you help bring about progress in that area?

Jefferson County should strive to make improvements that strengthen the local economy and provide a well maintained infrastructure. By strengthening our local economy, Jefferson County residents are

provided with a better quality of life and an enhancement of local assets.

Through common sense decision making, our community can achieve growth while still maintaining our distinctive rural character.

Furthermore, well-maintained infrastructure acts as the backbone for better economics and is essential for creating jobs and sustaining economic growth for the residents of Jefferson County.

Do you plan to cut, raise, or maintain the current tax rate? Why and how will you accomplish this?

In my opinion, Jefferson County is financially well balanced. Therefore, my stance would be to maintain our current tax rates.

Name specific goals you would like to set for the County Commission to achieve over your potential term.

I would like to see a commission that is held responsible for their decisions. I would also like to see necessary growth for Jefferson County but also preserve what makes it home to us all. Bringing a common sense approach to the Board of County Commissioners is critical. That is why I am running...for my family and yours.

What is your education history?

I am Gene Hall, a candidate seeking re-election to the Board of County Commissioners, Jefferson County, Florida, District 2. I have earned a Masters of Public Administration degree from Florida State University. I also possess a Masters of Arts in Geography, and Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Florida.

List any professional qualifications, certifications, or relevant experience.

I believe I am qualified as your County Commissioner because I hold the credentials of a licensed and ordained minister of the gospel.

Moreover, I was awarded an honorable discharge from the United States military. I served in the U. S. Navy Reserves and subsequently, the U.S. Army Reserves for a total of eight years. I am also a certified County Commissioner.

List any professional, civic, or religious organizations to which you belong.

Civic and professional organizations that I am affiliated with are: Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist church, Jefferson County-Monticello Chamber of Commerce, Jefferson Arts Gallery, Monticello Opera House Board of Directors, Jefferson County



Candidate for
County
Commissioner,
District 2

Eugene Hall

Democratic Executive Committee, Jefferson County Retired Educators, Solomon Lodge Masonic Order PHA, NAACP, C.H. Henry Post 234 American Legion, Friends of the Library, Jefferson County Country Club, and the National Association of Counties: Rural Action Caucus.

Are you gainfully employed and will you continue your position if you are elected?

I am employed with Leon County Schools as an Educator/Counselor, and intend to maintain employment there if I am re-elected.

Do you own property in the county and, if so, how much?

My wife Shirley Matthews Hall (a FAMU Alumnus) and I own a home here in Jefferson County.

Have you ever been arrested and, if

so, when and why?

I have maintained an orderly life and have not ever been arrested for a crime.

How do you intend to help bring new jobs and industries to Jefferson County?

I will continue to work to bring in new jobs and industries to Jefferson County. I intend to keep collaborating with federal, state, and regional entities and individuals so that we can unite our resources to bring clean industries and commercial establishments here.

We will continue to utilize Community Development Block Grants, workforce innovation, and USDA rural development programs and best practices to make this a reality.

What is an area that needs improvement in Jefferson County and

how will you help bring about progress in that area?

In addition, I will continue to work with appropriate public and private agencies, and corporations to ensure that our youth receive the vocational training they need, and to make sure that our computer infrastructure is protected with the highest levels of cyber security.

Do you plan to cut, raise, or maintain the current tax rate? Why and how will you accomplish this?

It is my intention to continue to work to cut taxes by keeping our millage rate lower than surrounding governments. I will reach out to our liaisons at the Florida Association of Counties, and the National Association of Counties respectively to obtain funding and technical assistance to improve our infrastructure.

Name specific goals you would like to set for the County Commission to achieve over your potential term.

In closing, my primary goal is to work with other public and appointed officials and my constituents to ensure that we identify and resolve the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats that will cause us to focus our energies on strategies to create the best quality of life that all citizens of Jefferson County deserve.

What is your education history?

Attended Jefferson County public school system; graduated 1978.

Graduated with honors from Tallahassee Community College with an AA degree. Attended additional classes at Florida State University.

List any professional qualifications, certifications, or relevant experience.

I am in my 8th year as your County Commissioner. Thank you! I will continue to use this unique knowledge and experience to continue my service for the citizens of Jefferson County. While on the Commission I have earned the Certified County Commissioner certificate and Advanced County Commissioner certificate.

List any professional, civic, or religious organizations to which you belong.

St. Margaret's Catholic Church, Monticello Opera House, Jefferson Arts, Monticello/Jefferson Chamber, Leadership Tallahassee, Florida Farm Bureau, Knight Creative Communities Initiative, Tourist Development Council, Gulf Consortium, Vice Chair of the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners, Board member of the Capital Regional Transportation Planning Agency, Board Member of Community Traffic Safety Team and Tall Timbers Research Station.

Are you gainfully employed and will



Candidate for
County
Commissioner,
District 4

Betsy Barfield

you continue your position if you are elected?

Yes. I started my professional photography business in 1978. I will continue to working as a professional photographer. The people of Jefferson County as Commissioner in District 4 also employ me.

Do you own property in the county and, if so, how much?

Yes. We have a homestead and 6 acres. We also own a home in the City of Monticello.

Have you ever been arrested and, if so, when and why?

No, thank the Lord!

How do you intend to help bring new jobs and industries to Jefferson County?

I have 3 guiding principles that guide me in my work on the Commission:

1. Sensible economic development
2. Protection of our environment
3. Support of transportation and infrastructure improvements – all done at the lowest reasonable cost.

Thru sensible economic development – With smart growth as my focus I will continue to work on marketing our 3 interchanges.

Looking at our major highways, I plan to work with the planning commission and area property owners on an overlay zoning map. I will continue to work to identify the highest and best use land that is available for market. I plan to finish the infrastructure on the few remaining parcels in our industrial park to make them enticing for potential build-out.

Additionally, the rural nature of our County lends itself to being the natural recreational capital of Florida. We are known throughout the US as the best place to cycle our beautiful clay and paved roads. We have 2 world-class rivers and more...all of this is part of our economic environment which attracts visitors and creates a sense of place for those who wish to live, work

and play in Jefferson County.

What is an area that needs improvement in Jefferson County and how will you help bring about progress in that area?

The two areas that need improvement are our school and the divide between races. As a sitting commissioner, I stand ready to help Summerset Academy reach their potential. Whether that is in volunteering or working with my fellow commissioners, superintendent and school board members. As far as race, I will continue to be fair in all votes and treat everyone with respect.

Do you plan to cut, raise, or maintain the current tax rate? Why and how will you accomplish this?

As a fiscal conservative do not plan on voting for a tax increase this year. I have already proposed to the Commission to cut the millage rate.

Name specific goals you would like to set for the County Commission to achieve over your potential term.

Bring in for a landing the \$14,000,000 from the BP oil spill to improve our County. I also will continue to strengthen our roads, bridges and transportation infrastructure thru the committees in which I currently serve. I commit to work with my fellow commissioners for good government – for ALL THE PEOPLE, not just a chosen few.

What is your education history?

High School and some College.

List any professional qualifications, certifications, or relevant experience.

Party Chief as a Land Surveyor, Electric Utility Lineman/Crew Foreman and Safety Officer. I possess OSHA 10 and 30 hour Train the Trainer certificate.

List any professional, civic, or religious organizations to which you belong.

I am a member of the Monticello Methodist Church.

Are you gainfully employed and will you continue your position if you are elected?

I am currently semi-retired.



Candidate for
County
Commissioner,
District 4

Keith Cook

Do you own property in the county and, if so, how much?

Yes, I own property in Jefferson County. I reside in my district.

Have you ever been arrested and, if so, when and why?

No

How do you intend to help bring new

jobs and industries to Jefferson County?

A good start would be to reduce the gas tax.

What is an area that needs improvement in Jefferson County and how will you help bring about progress in that area?

The retention of seasoned deputies

for our Sheriff's Office. Increase the base pay. New deputies will serve with JCSO for a few years and then move to a neighboring county due to better pay. The more experience they have the better they can serve the community. This is one, there are other areas.

Do you plan to cut, raise, or maintain the current tax rate? Why and how will you accomplish this?

I would like to cut the gas tax. The higher gas tax is impacting local businesses. In order to accomplish this task, the county commissioners would have to readdress this issue.

Name specific goals you would like to set for the County Commission to achieve over your potential term.

For the commission to be more decisive.

What is your education history?

My education and background in law enforcement has served me well throughout my career as an officer. Beyond my high school diploma, I have attended NFCC Criminal Justice Academy and obtained certifications in Corrections and Law Enforcement, Criminal Justice Institute of Valencia Community College as well as the Florida Highway Patrol Academy. I have also completed Part A and B of the North American Standard Certification from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

List any professional qualifications, certifications, or relevant experience.

With almost 20 years of being in law enforcement, I have acquired the knowledge and many various skills that will allow me to adequately and effectively lead our County's law enforcement. These include: Corrections Certification, Law Enforcement Certification, Certification in SWAT Team Operations, K-9 Handler Certification, Basic Incident Command System Certification, Clandestine Lab First Responder Certification, DNA sample Submission Training, Radar Speed Measurement Training, Laser Speed Measurement Training, Weapons of Mass Destruction Training, Livestock Cruelty/Neglect Investigations Training, and Certified North American Standard Part A and B with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

List any professional, civic, or religious organizations to which you belong.

I am a proud and active member of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Monticello. My church provides various opportunities for me to help those in need and I strive to be available to both my fellowship and community. My family and I are also Child Sponsors through the Christian child sponsorship organization, Compassion International. As you can tell from my educational history and commitment to running for Sheriff, my



Candidate for Sheriff
Mike Fillyaw



life's priority is service to the community. I truly believe in leaving the world better than I found it. As a very proactive and involved officer of the Florida Highway Patrol, my hours not at home with my family are spent providing service to the security and safety of our community through extensive, weekly overtime hours in Jefferson County.

Do you own property in the county and, if so, how much?

Yes, I own property and have lived in Jefferson County most of my life.

What crimes are most prevalent in the county and how do you plan to address them?

I believe the biggest crime in Jefferson County at this time is the epidemic of opioid and drug use and sales. I see drugs as a gateway into other crimes. Unfortunately, once individuals start to use drugs, their dependency increases. This then leads them to criminal acts such as theft, burglary, vehicle thefts, and more, as a way for them to pay for their addictions.

As Sheriff, I will work hard to combat this problem in our County with the best use of our resources, and I will join with state and federal agencies to implement the drug Taskforce Model of Enforcement.

What is the biggest issue facing Jefferson County's deputies and how do you intend to alleviate that strain on the men/women who serve you?

This is a tough time for law enforcement in the United States.

Many deputies may be experiencing fear or retaliation on the job due to the racial socioeconomic divide continuing to face the nation right now. This is not just a local problem, but a national problem. Community support is key for our local law enforcement and first responders. The visibility and transparency I would bring to the Sheriff's Office would help improve communication and trust between the community and law enforcement.

While we face the challenge mentioned above as a nation, there is a more silent and private struggle among officers. The men and women in our law enforcement commit their lives to serving our community. As we all know, many of them also have families at home that they are committed to serving and providing for as well. Pay rates are often a strain on deputies. As Sheriff I will ensure effective management of the annual budget as well as proactively seek ways to generate revenue for the Sheriff's Department so that all deputies make a fair wage.

Do you intend to cut, raise or maintain the current budget for the JCSO?

My first year in office will be to maintain the current budget allocation so that I will have time to review and assess where the agency is fiscally, and where efficiencies in operations can be realized. I am keenly aware of how the budget impacts every citizen in Jefferson County and I am sensitive to this impact on everyone's budget. My end goal will be to run the most efficient and effective agency, while at the same time being a good steward of your hard-earned money.

Who do you plan to put in place as your Chief Deputy?

I have not made a decision. I am currently in full campaign mode, getting to know and talk to all citizens of our great County to hear their issues and concerns. If given the opportunity to serve as your Sheriff, I will then focus on who would best fit the needs of the County and agency as Chief Deputy.

While I do not have one person in mind, I do have several traits that I would be looking for: humility as a public servant, loyalty to the mission of the agency, dedication to those he/she serves with, and eagerness to serve the citizens of the County. Of course I think the Chief Deputy should be a progressive leader and have recognized experience in law enforcement and management.

Name specific goals you would like to set for the department to achieve during your potential term.

1. Lead and maintain an atmosphere of accessibility and responsiveness by the department:
 - Return and respond to calls promptly
 - Build partnerships with other agencies
 - Hold town hall meetings across the County to listen to the needs and concerns of our citizens
2. Combat the plague of drugs :
 - Train and assign dedicated staff to take dealers off of streets
 - Meet regularly with our State Attorney to ensure appropriate sentences are being sought
 - Partner with service agencies to start the healing process for addicts and their loved ones
3. Protect what matters most:
 - Secure our schools by selecting, training, and placing vigilant Resource officers in schools
 - Develop a crime prevention program to give citizens knowledge on how they too can help defeat criminals
 - Invest in quality employees and programs, treating your tax dollars with the respect you deserve

What is your education history?

Jefferson County High School Graduate
Attended Dillard University and North Florida Community College

List any professional qualifications, certifications, or relevant experience.

Human Diversity Certification, Field Training Officer Certification, In-Depth Leadership Certification, Instructor Technique Course, Child Abuse Investigation Training, Credit Card Investigation Training, Violent Crime Investigation Training, Cyber Crime/Identify Theft/Scams Training, Advance Taser Certification, Project Life Specialist, Hazardous Materials Training, Incident Command System, Officer Discipline Training, Patrol Active Shooter Response Training, Elder Abuse Investigation Training, Internal Affairs Investigation Training, Professional Traffic Stop Training, Executive Leadership Training, Project Life Saving Training, Crisis Intervention Training, Basic Field Force Instructor Class Training, Rave/Designer Drug Training, Fire Arm Certification, Motor Vehicle Contraband Interdiction, First Aid/CPR Certification, Clandestine Lab First Responder Training, Citizen Complaint Intake/Investigation Training, and Hate Crime Investigation Training.

Thirty-one (31) years of service at Jefferson County Sheriff's Department. Four years United States Army (Honorable Discharge)

List any professional, civic, or religious organizations to which you belong.

I am actively involved at Greater



Candidate for Sheriff
William "Bill" Massey



Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church (Chairmen of the Deacon Board) and Boys to Men Club (Youth Mentor).

Do you own property in the county and, if so, how much?

Yes

What crimes are most prevalent in the county and how do you plan to address them?

The crimes that are most prevalent in the county are identity theft, domestic disputes, burglary/theft, aggravated assault and drug offenses.

I feel it should begin with Crime Prevention. Working with the community solving common problems. Setting up Neighborhood Crime Watch which will work closely with Law Enforcement. Reporting crime or suspicious activity immediately. Incorporating Youth Services and building partnerships with organizations that include mentoring as a central ingredient. Educating citizens of Jefferson County how to reduce their risk of becoming a victim of crime.

Then the Sheriff's Department will actively work with the judicial system, other law enforcement agencies, non-profit organizations and the community to assist in reducing the crime rate.

What is the biggest issue facing Jefferson County's deputies and how do you intend to alleviate that strain on the men/women who serve you?

I feel the biggest issue facing Jefferson County Deputies is the pay structure, open/streamline communication and morale.

I plan to work with deputies to alleviate these issues by ensuring equitable pay by making compensation based on a consistent process that links overall employee performance to employee compensation. By using this methodology, I feel it would be a direct correlation in increasing morale throughout the department. I know communication is a critical factor in the success of any organization and it would be paramount to have open dialogue/open door policy with all deputies ensuring they are confident in discussing pertinent issues with administrative staff.

Do you intend to cut, raise or maintain the current budget for the JCSO?

I would look at the current funding priorities as it relates to personnel, training, maintenance and equipment to ensure line items are allowable and

reasonable to meet the highest level expectations of the community we serve. At that time if any changes are needed after my analysis then I would execute a plan. Any changes will not be at the expense of safety for the men/women who serve me as well as the citizens of Jefferson County. Safety and Security will always be the highest priority.

Who do you plan to put in place as your Chief Deputy?

At this time, I've not identified a potential prospect as Chief Deputy.

Name specific goals you would like to set for the department to achieve during your potential term.

- Increase morale of staff. Encouraging employees to get involve, and participate in community events, be innovative and make a difference in the work place as well as being a contributor within the community.
- Sheriff's Department showing transparency, being more accessible, visible and active throughout the entire county. Developing a relationship of mutual trust.
- Ethic and Cultural Diversity within the Department through recruitment.
- High Level of Accountability and Professionalism through effective training to serve the citizens of Jefferson County.
- Building/Maintaining Community Relationship/Partnerships with other Law Enforcement Agencies, Schools, Nonprofit Organizations and Local Businesses.
- The top priority, a strong and passionate commitment to protect and serve the citizens of Jefferson County.

What is your education history?

Associate of Arts Degree from Santa Fe College
Bachelor of Arts, Criminal Justice from Saint Leo University

List any professional qualifications, certifications, or relevant experience.

United States Marine Corps - Sergeant / E-5
Combat Veteran, Awarded Marine Combat Action Ribbon
Graduate of the Marine Non-Commissioned Officer Course
Alachua County Sheriff's Office - 1997-2004
Court Security, Patrol, Investigator, and SWAT
Criminal Investigation Division, Warrants Bureau, Team Leader
Florida Department of Law Enforcement - 2004 - 2017
Special Agent - 2004 - 2006
Special Agent / Team Leader - 2006
Inspector (Supervisory) - 2007 -2017
1. Supervised daily protection operations
2. Direct supervisor for Protection Detail Special Agents
3. Liaising with local, state, federal, & foreign law enforcement agencies during threat investigations and travel missions.
4. Planned and led Protective Operation Missions worldwide.
5. Served on the Protective Details for Governor Bush, Governor Crist, and Governor Scott
Sheriff, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office - 2017 to Present.
Current Sheriff of Jefferson County responsible for the law enforcement, corrections, communications, and emergency management operations with 66 employees and a 4 million dollar budget.

Highlights of certain Law Enforcement Certifications/Schools:
CJSTC General Instructor
CJSTC Firearms Instructor
CJSTC Law Enforcement Vehicle Operations Instructor
FDLE Rifle Instructor
FDLE Protective Operations Instructor
Field Training Officer Certification
FDLE Protective Operations Course
Ohio State Police Dignitary Protection Course
Federal Air Marshal In-flight Tactical Response Course
SWAT School (1999,2000,2001,2002,2003, 2004)



**Candidate for Sheriff
Mac McNeill**



Blue-Green Training SWAT Tactical Course
ASO Sniper Qualified
ASO Tactical Rifle Qualified
Snipercraft School (2001, 2002)
Colt M16 / AR-15 Armorer Course
FDLE Supervisor / Leadership Course
Incident Command System (ICS)
Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)
National Incident Management System (NIMS) Training
Interview and Interrogations Course
Advanced Report Writing Course
Radar Speed Measurement Course

List any professional, civic, or religious organizations to which you belong.

Over the past 13 years, my travel schedule on the Governor's Protection Detail has not afforded me the opportunity to join organizations that require regular attendance. I am currently a member of the National Rifle Association, the Florida Sheriff's Association, and the Monticello-Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce. I also contribute monthly to the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch.

Do you own property in the county and, if so, how much?

I was appointed Jefferson County Sheriff by Governor Scott, from my position with FDLE, and we have been actively looking for property to purchase. If the citizens vote to keep me as their Sheriff, then my wife and I will purchase property, in Jefferson County.

What crimes are most prevalent in the county and how do you plan to address them?

We currently have an issue with drugs as well as a rise in property crimes. Jefferson County has a large landmass to cover as well as numerous

major roadways that allow the movement of illegal narcotics and criminal activity. We must utilize all available resources at our disposal as well as updated training of our law enforcement to combat the latest criminal trends. We recently restructured our drug unit and have an incoming drug K9 to assist them in the performance of their investigations.

We are also using the "Deputies without Borders Taskforce" to work with surrounding counties to battle the sale and trafficking of illegal narcotics as well as groups and individuals committing property crimes. What affects us individually as a county affects us collectively as a region.

Finally, our Patrol Section being properly staffed will allow them to perform proactive patrols to help deter property crimes and drug activity.

What is the biggest issue facing Jefferson County's deputies and how do you intend to alleviate that strain on the men/women who serve you?

We must increase our deputies and correction officers' salaries to remain competitive with surrounding agencies. We border Tallahassee and they have numerous agencies that have a starting salary of \$10,000 more than we currently pay.

We, as a community, must decide whether we retain deputies/ correction officers with competitive salaries, or constantly have to hire and retrain new employees, which costs money and lowers the experience level and quality of service.

Do you intend to cut, raise or maintain the current budget for the JCSO?

I was cautious with my current budget to ensure the incoming Sheriff had a budget he could operate with, but not steer the agency in a direction a new Sheriff may not want to go.

Our goal was to be more efficient where possible so we looked at ways to obtain equipment that would not have to be requested in our final budget. This was accomplished by obtaining two law enforcement vehicles from a grant and efficient management of our surplus property which allowed use to acquire other additional vehicles and equipment.

The one area that is complicated to budget for is the cost of inmate medical care as those costs are not set, but fluctuate. We are currently looking at options that can save us money in this area while still providing the required services. While we still have a few unknowns and an increase in employee healthcare cost we must address, when our final budget request is submitted it will not exceed last year's request.

Who do you plan to put in place as your Chief Deputy?

This is a very important question and one that a candidate should have already decided at this point in the campaign. As a Sheriff, it is important to hire a Chief Deputy that understands not only the community but the agency itself. I'm fortunate that Major Bill Bullock, who has 44 years of law enforcement experience in this community has agreed to stay on as Chief Deputy, if I'm elected.

Name specific goals you would like to set for the department to achieve during your potential term.

I want to work on increasing employee salaries to make us competitive with local agencies and to continue working with surrounding counties by using the local taskforce to combat crime in our county. I have inquired about the process of having our agency complete the accreditation process for both law enforcement and corrections to enhance our agency's overall effectiveness and efficiency.

While we have recently revived our K-9 unit, I want to expand on it to ensure we have a drug K9 available for both patrol shifts and the Drug Unit to assist them with narcotic stops and investigations. I also want to continue the progress of modernization the agency has experienced over the last decade to continue the increased quality of service for the community.

What is your education history?

Wakulla County Public School System (High School Diploma); United States Air Force; Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Academy (Law Enforcement Certification); Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Academy (Law Enforcement/Crossover Certification) – Top Academic Award; Florida Army National Guard; Tallahassee Community College (AA Degree); Florida State University (Bachelor's Degree in Criminology)

List any professional qualifications, certifications, or relevant experience.

With over 20+ years of law enforcement and military experience and my role as an Investigator with the State Attorney's Office, I bring a unique perspective to the Sheriff's Office. I know what steps and processes need to be taken to successfully prosecute criminal cases, support victims, and work with a host of criminal justice partners.

Properly investigated and prosecuted cases not only ensure the safety of our community, but further assists in the reduction of unnecessary expenses and liability to our community. No other candidate has this experience.

I also understand the significance of working across state and county lines to ensure the safety of our community. I have worked all types of investigations from misdemeanors to homicides. I have extensive Criminal



**Candidate for Sheriff
Tully Sparkman**



Intelligence training and I am certified as a Basic, Intermediate and Advanced Gang Specialist. I have also been a certified Law Enforcement Instructor at Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Academy.

As a state Law Enforcement Officer with the FWCC, I enforced both state and federal laws and learned the importance of communication, de-escalation, and maintaining a firm, but fair approach to law enforcement.

I served as a member of the SOG (Special Operations Group) team, which is FWC's "SWAT Team". With FWC, I was deployed to many regions for disaster relief where I gained experience with emergency management operations, humanitarian efforts, and search & rescues.

List any professional, civic, or religious organizations to which you belong.

My family and I are active at Immanuel Baptist Church and also attend Wacissa United Methodist Church. Locally, I have volunteered for

the Jefferson County Relay for Life, United Way, the local Veterans Day Luncheon, 2nd Judicial Veterans Court, participated in the Jefferson County Community Prayer Breakfast, and chaired the local Watermelon 5K Race.

I am also a member of the Jefferson County Kiwanis- former Vice President and President, and currently serves as the Florida Lt. Governor for Div 3, member of the American Legion Post 49, Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, the Jefferson County Country Club, the Florida Gang Investigators Association and currently serve as the President of the Florida Intelligence Unit- one of the oldest professional law enforcement associations in the state. Additionally, I am a member of the National Rifle Association and the Iraqi/Afghanistan Veterans Association.

Additionally, I am passionate about the benefits of youth programs in our community. I have coached wrestling, baseball and football. I have also served as a camp counselor with the Madison County Sheriff's Office

Youth Camp.

As YOUR SHERIFF, I will continue to be active in OUR community, I will continue to donate MY personal time and money to local charities, not just during campaign season.

Do you own property in the county and, if so, how much?

Yes, I am a proud landowner and one of Jefferson County's 14,000 residents and one of Jefferson County's 1,200 US Military Veterans. My family and I chose Jefferson County as our home more than 12 years ago. We have our home and land are here in Jefferson County, and we contribute to Jefferson County's tax base. My children attend school here and I operate a small cattle business here.

What crimes are most prevalent in the county and how do you plan to address them?

Jefferson County has experienced a dramatic increase in firearm related violent crimes this past year. Also, as many of you know, we have seen an increase in vehicle and home/ business burglaries in recent months. Further, we have seen an increase in domestic related assaults.

Addressing criminal activity starts at the top with the Sheriff. You have to know your community, be involved in your community and ensure the deputies are well-trained to investigate and properly prepare cases for

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successful prosecution. Arrests alone, without obtaining convictions, do not clean up our community, they only crowd our county jail and deplete our resources.

We will begin addressing these issues by collaboration with our local, state and federal law enforcement partners. Criminals do not abide by county jurisdictions, why should we limit ourselves when it comes to the protection of our community. We will proceed by building a more seamless relationship with the State Attorney's Office. This will benefit Jefferson County by producing better cases, that will lead to more timely and successful prosecutions, which in turn lessens the financial burden on the Sheriff's Office and our County.

What is the biggest issue facing Jefferson County's deputies and how do you intend to alleviate that strain on the men/women who serve you?

First, the Sheriff as well as, each member of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office serves the citizens of Jefferson County. As YOUR Sheriff, I will look at and address not only issues facing deputies, but issues facing correctional officers as well.

The lack of a reliable communications network is a huge officer safety issue and correcting this must be a priority. There are many areas in Jefferson County in which deputies lack reliable communication with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Dispatch. Our communications officers are the only lifeline these men and women may have. Without improved communications, we are increasing a risk to officer safety.

Secondly, we are responsible for almost 600 square miles of area that stretches from the Florida/Georgia line to the Gulf of Mexico. There are many times there are only two deputies working the county at one time. The lack of personnel resources increases the risk to deputy safety, lowers moral and decreases deputy retention. We need to examine other funding sources, such as grants, evaluate workload, and assess the viability of changes in work/shift schedules.

Do you intend to cut, raise or maintain the current budget for the JCSO?

As YOUR SHERIFF, it is my fiduciary duty to guarantee the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office provides a high-quality level of service to the citizens of Jefferson County while ensuring we are spending responsibly and showing those expenditures in a transparent manner. A closer review of the proposed budget reveals an increase, not a decrease, a lack of planning, and inherent financial risks to our community in the upcoming year.

Currently, the proposed budget for Law Enforcement operations shows:

- Increase in personnel costs (\$256,294)
- Decrease in operational costs (\$58,094)
- Decrease in capital outlay (\$44,400)

The proposed budget for Jail operations shows:

- Increase in personnel costs (\$6,200)
- Decrease in operational costs (\$179,500)
- Zero dollars for capital outlay

Upon closer review of the County's General budget, a line item of \$25,000 was hastily added last week for law enforcement vehicles. As in years past, this should have been included within the Sheriffs budget as is proper. This addition actually increases the overall budget by \$5,500, instead of decreasing by \$19,500.

The current administration's raiding of operational and capital outlay funding, creates a situation which the next Sheriff may have to overcome budgetary deficits due to inadequate planning.

Our County deserves proper planning and fiscal responsibility of our resources.

Who do you plan to put in place as your Chief Deputy?

The Chief Deputy or Undersheriff is a vital position in the Sheriff's organizational structure. This individual must be a leader of leaders. He, or she, should be well rounded in the operational side of law enforcement, corrections, emergency management, as well as the administrative aspects of running the organization.

The individual chosen for this position will be the one that is the most qualified. I have not made a final decision, but with nearly two decades of experience in law enforcement, I have been in contact with several individuals that meet these qualifications and would serve in such position with skills and dedication.

Name specific goals you would like to set for the department to achieve during your potential term.

As YOUR SHERIFF, my first priority will always be protecting the citizens of Jefferson County and during my service I will:

1. Make certain that we are spending every dollar in a responsible manner; expenses should be necessary and related to our ultimate objective of protecting and serving the citizens.
2. Pursue collaborative partnerships with surrounding LEO agencies.
3. Assess and improve the radio communication system.
4. Conduct a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) Analysis of the law enforcement, corrections, and emergency management functions and use this to establish a strategic plan for growth of the Sheriff's Office.
5. Pursue Agency Accreditation.
6. Seek additional funding sources, such as grants to enhance Sheriff's Office resources and assets.
7. Engage the community through technology - Update and improve the Sheriff's Office Web site and incorporate social media with the purpose of disseminating information more efficiently and timely.
8. Establish a local Sheriff's Youth Camp where kids can interact with local law enforcement to improve community relations and mentor children.
9. Review all agency contracts to ensure the county is receiving the best services at the best value.

Please visit www.sparkmanforsheriff.com for more information on my campaign and my vision for the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office.

What is your education history?

I graduated from Sherman High School then enlisted in the United States Air force where I competed the 12 month Tech School of Electronics and became a certified B-52 Flight Instructor and Evaluator during the Vietnam conflict. I also served in the Army National Guard.

I attended the Law Enforcement Academy at Brevard Community College and completed numerous law enforcement training classes through the Brevard County Sheriff's Office.

List any professional qualifications, certifications, or relevant experience.

I am retired from Brevard County Sheriff's Department as a Deputy Sheriff with the rank of sergeant. My career in law enforcement gave me the opportunity to serve in many areas and capacities including court services, motorcycle unit, road patrol, and felony warrants.

I received the Florida Association of Counties Certified County Commissioner certification after completion of a rigorous training program. That training along with on the job experience provided me with insight into the operation of government agencies and their budgets.

I have an inactive real estate license which gives me basic knowledge of property laws. I hold an inactive Private Investigators license and have taken courses to improve my investigative skills.

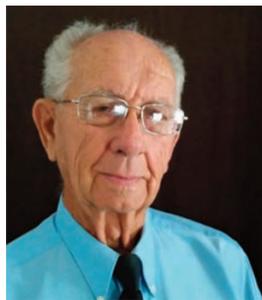
I am certified in Florida and Georgia to escort oversize permitted loads and have a certificate of completion of the Federal Highway Safety course. I established a trucking company to transport goods across the desert for a Saudi Arabian Sheik. In order to establish the company I had to develop specifications then purchase all of the necessary equipment; I was required to hire, provide housing, train and pay the employees, all 134 of them; and I had to manage a ten million dollar annual budget.

My careers while varied have provided me with a broad knowledge base and all of them have focused on service to others.



Candidate for Sheriff

Jerry Sutphin



List any professional, civic, or religious organizations to which you belong.

I am a charter member of Masonic Lodge #384 in Mims, FL.

Do you own property in the county and, if so, how much?

Yes, seventy acres more or less.

What crimes are most prevalent in the county and how do you plan to address them?

According to Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) records for 2017, there are two categories which are prevalent in Jefferson County, the first, which accounts approximately 38% of the crime index, is Larceny.

According to the FDLE website: "The Florida Uniform Crime Reports program defines larceny as the unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession, or constructive possession, of another person". More information can be found at the following website: <http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/FSAC/Crime-Data/Larceny>.

I would begin with a two pronged approach; first I would map areas of increased activity and increase road patrol in those areas. Secondly, I would look at trends and the type of property being taken to identify potential targets and increase recovery. I would establish Neighborhood Crime Watch areas.

to best respond to this type of crime and diffuse these volatile situations while maintaining officer safety.

What is the biggest issue facing Jefferson County's deputies and how do you intend to alleviate that strain on the men/women who serve you?

I have had limited opportunity to address this question to the depth it deserves. However, in conversing with a few current and former Department personnel, it is evident the multifaceted issue of job satisfaction needs to be addressed.

I would begin by addressing the compensation facet of this issue by developing a step pay plan for law enforcement personnel that outlined the requirements to be met in order to move to the next pay level and/or receive a promotion.

At the same time I would develop a similar plan for all other personnel. Simultaneously, I would address the facet of training needs and opportunities for all personnel.

The second issue that needs to be addressed in my opinion is officer safety. There should not be an instance where a single officer is covering the entire county alone.

Additionally, I believe it is critical that officers be able to communicate with dispatchers at all times (currently there are radio and cellular dead zones) and that those communications be encrypted so the criminal with a cheap scanner does not know the officer's location. Before I would begin either of the above activities I would want to meet with each and every employee to get their response to this question.

Do you intend to cut, raise or maintain the current budget for the JCSO?

The budget for 2019 will have

been established by the current acting Sheriff and approved by the Board of County Commissioners when the elected Sheriff takes office and any change would have to come in the form of a budget amendment.

As the new Sheriff I will strive to work within the confines of the approved budget while utilizing the one year window of opportunity to closely analyze the approved budget and better plan for the Department's future. My goals in this area would be to increase efficiencies utilizing the available resources, enlist the help of the employees in identifying cost saving opportunities and seek other revenue sources such a grants, in hopes that my budget request for 2020 can reduce the impact to our taxpayers or if that is not possible I would strive to provide the citizens with more value for their tax dollars.

Who do you plan to put in place as your Chief Deputy?

I would look for an individual who shares my vision for the Department and its employees, who has the experience and qualifications to help me lead the Department now and in the future and who wants to improve service levels and serve the citizens of Jefferson County.

To find this individual I would first interview in house personnel and if the best person for the job in my opinion is not currently working for the Department, I would expand my search.

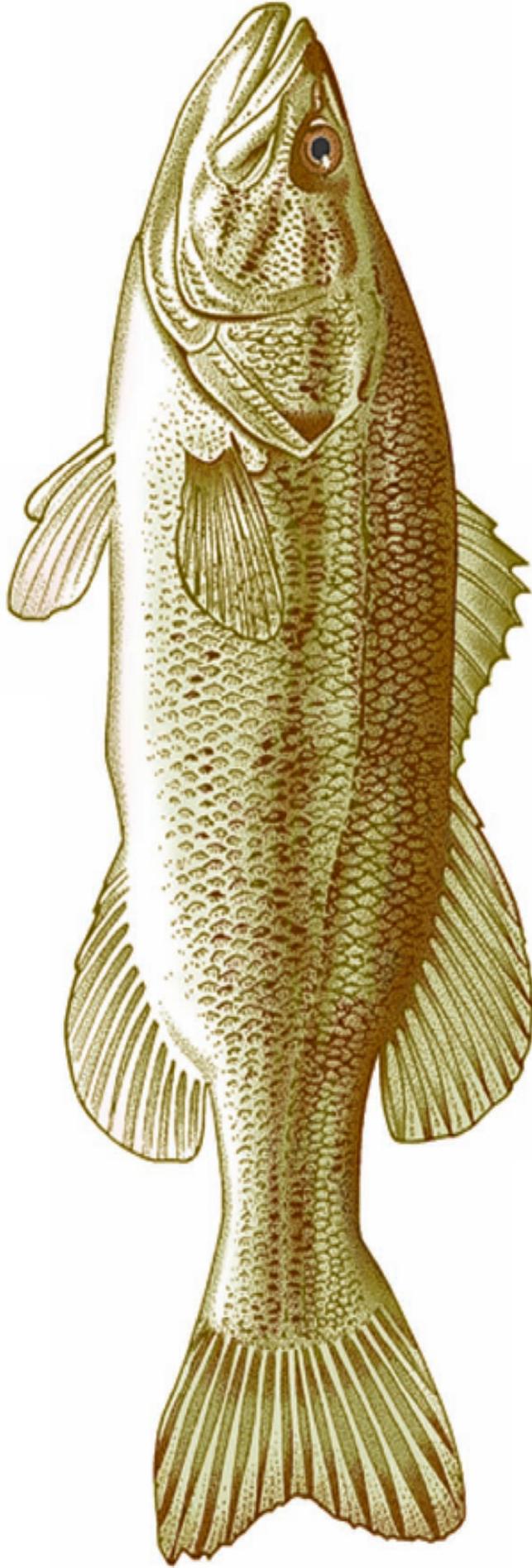
Name specific goals you would like to set for the department to achieve during your potential term.

I have three primary goals I would like for the Department to accomplish during my tenure First, I would like for the Department to lead the state in crime reduction and would establish a Neighborhood Watch Program and a Citizens Advisory Group to kick start that effort. Second, I would like for the Department to become a stellar employer where employees are proud and excited to work. Third, I would like for the Department and each employee to provide the highest level of service possible to the citizens of Jefferson County.

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