



Marcia Elder vs. Jefferson County

Taxpayers potentially on the hook for costs

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An alleged error by the planning official in approving a non-residential minor development -- an error allegedly compounded by the Planning Commission's affirmation of the official's decision -- is the subject of a 65-page complaint filed in the circuit court on Sept. 14.

The complaint stems from the action of former planning official Bill Tellefsen in approving the placement of a liquified petroleum gas bulk storage

and distribution facility (LP facility) on a property on Shiver Road just off of U.S. 19 North -- a parcel that is designated as mixed-use business/residential (MUBR) on the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) of the Comprehensive Plan.

The complaint, filed by plaintiff Marcia Elder, who owns a property adjacent the LP facility, names Jefferson County, Morris Petroleum Inc., and Morris Propane LLC, as defendants. The action argues that the development is inconsistent with the Jefferson County

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ECB Publishing Photo by Laz Aleman, Oct. 1, 2018
This LP gas facility on Shiver Road, off U.S. 19, has become the subject of a legal complaint because its location, which allegedly violates the county Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code.

Farm Family of the year



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo By Emerald G. Parsons, September 25, 2018

The Kim and Angela Jones family was awarded this year's Farm Family of the Year title during the 2018 Jefferson County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting on Tuesday, September 25. To read more about the environmentally proactive practices that the Jones Family uses in their farm and packinghouse, read more in this edition's Farm Bureau Annual Meeting section. Pictured, in the front, from left to right, are: Caitlin West, Teal West, Wimberly Jones, Sam Jones, and Jenna Jones. Pictured, in the back, from left to right, are: Melissa West, Angela Jones, Kim Jones and Jason Jones.

Voter registration ends Oct. 9

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If you haven't registered to vote in the general election, there's still time. Tuesday, Oct. 9, is the last day to register or change political party affiliation, according to the elections office.

Keep in mind also that you must update your voter registration card if you've moved since the last election or changed your name.

And although the general election isn't until Tuesday, Nov. 6, early voting begins on Monday, Oct. 22, and runs through Saturday, Nov. 3.

Voters may register in person at the Office of Elections, pick up the registration form there and

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Man arrested Criminal mischief and petty theft

Ashley Hunter
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In early August, Jefferson County Sheriff's Deputies Bethea and Ryland responded to a call in reference to a possible burglary in progress.

The complainant had called the JCSO to report that Jacob Diehl, was in the process of removing window screens and had made entry into her shed, which was located beneath the second-story living room of her home.

According to the report issued by the JCSO, Diehl had entered the property on foot with the intention to gain access into the residence.

The victim stated that she had told Diehl not to come to her property anymore, but she had observed Diehl enter her property and watched him approach the stairs leading to her front porch.

Armed with a saw that he had found on the porch, Diehl attempted to saw off screens on two windows -- one looking into the kitchen and the other into the bathroom.

While attempting to saw off the window

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Jacob Diehl

County gives \$69,000+ to Health Department

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Jefferson County Health Department Director Kim Allbritton got a pleasant surprise at a recent Jefferson County Commission meeting, thanks to a citizen's input.

The commission was discussing how to distribute the \$69,174 it received from the sale of the former Extension Office building on Mulberry Street (originally the health department unit) and the \$10,333 remaining unused from the \$45,000 that the county contributed to the now defunct Economic Development Council (EDC).

Commission Chairman Stephen Fulford suggested that the remaining EDC contribution might well be put into an

economic development fund, a tool he said the board had created eight or nine years previously but never funded. The idea, he said, was to grow the fund over time, so that the money could be used to assist or promote economic development projects when they came along, if warranted.

"I request that we put the \$10,333 into a fund for seed money," Fulford said.

Commissioner Betsy Barfield didn't dislike the idea, but she wanted more information, as she couldn't remember the particular fund.

"I would like to see the ordinance creating the fund before we make a decision on it," she said.

Barfield then suggested that the \$69,174 be put into what she jokingly called "a sinking fund"

for the A-Building, a reference to the constantly escalating cost of the historic structure's renovation.

It was at this point that Chuck Sarkisian, a citizen, offered that a more proper use for the money was to invest it in the renovation of the Health Department clinic, given that the money derived from the sale of what originally had been a health department building whose construction the state had largely financed.

The commission liked the idea and adopted it, especially after hearing from Allbritton, who expressed appreciation that the commission would entertain the idea.

"We could always use the money," Allbritton said.

As it was, she said, the Legislature had earmarked

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Money is the number one thing that couples argue about

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Emerald's Gem Box...

Jefferson County Farm Bureau Banquet

Have You Thanked A Farmer Lately?

I attended the annual Jefferson County Farm Bureau banquet last week, and what a delight it was. For those who missed the event, you really missed a special treat.



Emerald Greene Parsons
Columnist

The highlight of the evening was the announcement of Kim and Angela Jones, of Bethel Oaks Farm and Florida Georgia Citrus, being awarded the prestigious title of Farm Family of the Year! What an awesome title to such a deserving family!

Dinner was absolutely delicious, as usual. All attendees enjoyed a delicious chicken and rice dinner with green beans and corn. The Hickory Hill 4-H Club members were on hand to help serve drinks of water and tea.

Readers will find in today's *Monticello News* a special "B Section" covering the annual Farm Bureau Meeting/Banquet. I hope it can be a special keep-sake for many,

and a good read for the rest of you.

Through my many years in the newspaper business I have found myself attending and covering a lot of events. I have covered the Jefferson County Farm Bureau Banquet, dinner events and Farm City Week events for many, many years and have always been greeted with open arms and enjoyed the company tremendously.

I truly feel that the farmers of America (and farmers of our individual counties) do not get enough credit. Working a farm takes a lot of long hard hours and a lot of long hard labor; more than many of us put in each and every day in our own jobs, that we do.

We need to all try to remember that our food does NOT come from Winn Dixie, or Piggly Wiggly. The food, on our table each night, comes from a farm, and some farmer, some where, is way under-paid for what he does.

So, I ask you, "Have you thanked a farmer lately?"

Make sure you do!!!



Capitalism and Socialism

I know the words capitalism and socialism are not in the Bible, but that does not mean the Scriptures are silent on the underlying principles that make for a sound economy. And in the current cultural climate these two systems are challenged and competing.

Capitalism supports the concept of private ownership and the freedom to pursue wealth; socialism dictates government ownership of property and production for the redistribution of wealth. Believers should be asking which of these two systems are supported by biblical principles.

Though the Scriptures do not proscribe any particular economic system, they do provide us with some economic principles that have proven to be highly effective for prospering in a fallen world. To ignore those principles could be detrimental to our financial health individually and our standing as a nation in the global community.

The Eighth Commandment in the Decalogue says, "You shall not steal." The Tenth Commandment is an imperative against greed, "You shall not covet...anything that belongs to your neighbor," Exodus 20:15 & 17 respectively.

These two verses show the right to personal ownership of property that should not be taken by another, and we should guard ourselves from greed that would lead us to kill, steal, or lie to take what belongs to another. Biblically speaking, even the government does not have the authority to take what

belongs to an individual.

Here's my favorite socialist argument, "Capitalism fuels greed and if the Bible prohibits greed then it's wrong." Capitalism breeds prosperity; it is man's sin nature that fuels greed. And while we are here, it should be noted that it is greed that motivates the socialists to steal the wealth amassed by others to redistribute it to whom they please.

When Jimmy Carter was president he visited the former Soviet Union and while there asked to tour the country and speak with some of its citizens. The Soviets obliged but it was clear that the people Carter spoke with had been coached how to answer. While speaking with a factory worker who lived in a nice home and seemingly living a moderately modern and comfortable life, Carter asked him what would be a common question for the average American. "What will be your next major financial purchase?" A look of fear spread across his face, it was clear he had not been coached on how to answer such a question. He eventually replied, "a pair of shoes."

If socialism is so superior and capitalism is so impractical, why do we have an immigration problem on our southern border? Why do starving and destitute socialist nations look to us for food and financial aid? Why did the Soviet Union dissolve and Venezuela collapse under socialism? Why did China forsake socialism to embrace capitalism? Why is it that people will risk their lives to flee socialist oppression for the opportunities offered them in capitalist countries?

You might want to think about these things the next time you buy a pair of shoes.



Opinion

I could not believe the last article in the newspaper concerning a possible sale of an old school in Monticello. What was unbelievable was the discussion over whether taking a 1.00 or 300,000 for the same building offered any discussion whatsoever. I understand that the school board has spent citizens' money and now to cost those same citizens more money seems to be of no consequence to these unbelievable board members. Being a church member of one party offering money should disqualify those particular board members from even voting. I believe the ethics committee will have some input into this decision. If the DOE does not place tighter restrictions on this board then total chaos will abound again. When will this board learn that now they are highly mistrusted, and that trusting them to make a reasonable decision without using positions to benefit themselves is a non starter. How long, Halsey Beshears, must the citizens of Jefferson County be tormented by a school board of incompetence?

Becky Bryson

Kudos to the Humane Society

The Jefferson County Humane Society put a story in the *Monticello News* recently about a cat who was adopted from the shelter as a kitten 15 years ago and was relinquished by her owners back to the shelter, once again homeless. Her name is Oreo. This story pulled at my heartstrings for a few weeks and I decided to give the old lady a home for the rest of her life in my indoor/outdoor cattery. Since adopting her, she has done very well and acclimated to her new surroundings and friends easily. A success story! A few days ago, I was very pleasantly surprised to receive a phone call from Patrick, a shelter volunteer. He wanted to touch base and make sure Oreo was doing well and she was happy in her new forever home. Shortly after Patrick's call, I got a thank you card in the mail for the donation I made when I adopted Oreo.

This feedback and concern is huge to us who have adopted and/or contributed to the shelter. For certain, it makes me feel appreciated and want to continue to help when I can in the future. Kudos to the Jefferson County Humane Society. Thanks to all the volunteers who work so diligently to care for the homeless animals of our county. You will continue to have me as a supporter!

Sue Henrikson



Dear Savvy Senior,
Is pill splitting safe? I have several friends who cut their pills in half in order to save money, but I have some concerns. What can you tell me?
Cautious Kim

Dear Kim,

Pill splitting — literally cutting them in half — has become a popular way to save on pharmaceutical costs but you need to talk to your doctor or pharmacist first, because not all pills can be split.

The reason pill splitting is such a money saver is because of a quirk in the way drugs are manufactured and priced. A pill that's twice as strong as another may not be twice the price. In fact, it's usually about the same price. So, buying a double-strength dose and cutting it in half may allow you to get two months worth of medicine for the price of one. But is it safe? As long as your doctor agrees that splitting your pills is OK for you, you learn how to do it properly, and you split only pills that can be split, there's really no danger.

Ask Your Doctor

If you're interested in splitting your pills, talk to your doctor or pharmacist to find out if any of the medicines you use can be safely split. It's also important to find out whether splitting them will save you enough money to justify the hassle.

The pills that are easiest to split are those with a score down the middle. However, not every pill that's scored is meant to be split. Pills that are most commonly split include: Cholesterol lowering drugs, like Crestor, Lipitor, Mevacor, Pravachol and Zocor.

Antidepressants, like Lexapro, Celexa, Serzone, Paxil, and Zoloft.

High blood pressure medicines such as, Accupril, Zestril, Diovan, Avapro, Norvasc, Tenormin, Toprol and Cardura.

Erectile dysfunction pills, like Viagra, Cialis and Levitra.

Use a Splitter

Having the right equipment is very important too. Don't use a knife or scissors to cut your pills in half. It can cause you to split them unevenly resulting in two pieces with very different dosages, which can be dangerous.

For convenience, you might be tempted to split the whole bottle of pills at once. But it's best to do the splitting on the day you take the first half, and then take the other half on the second day or whenever you are scheduled to take your next dose. That will help keep the drugs from deteriorating due to exposure to heat, moisture, or air.

Don't Split These

Some pills should never be split. Drugs that are time-released or long-lasting and tablets that contain a combination of drugs probably shouldn't be split, because it's difficult to ensure a proper amount of active ingredient in each half. Pills with a coating to protect your stomach, and pills that crumble easily or irritate your mouth shouldn't be split either, along with chemotherapy drugs, anti-seizure medicines, birth control pills and capsules containing powders or gels.

Again, your doctor or pharmacist will know which drugs can and cannot be split. If you're taking a medicine that can be split, you'll need to get a prescription from your doctor for twice the dosage you need. Then you can start splitting safely, and saving.

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* book.



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Comprehensive Plan and is of a nature that adversely affects Elder and others of the neighboring property owners.

The complaint further argues that the county violated the plaintiff's right to due process by failing to notify her and the other affected landowners of the LP facility proposal and conduct the required public hearings.

It asks the court to declare the county-issued development order inconsistent with the Comp Plan, direct the county to rescind the order, and award the plaintiff court costs.

According to the document, the LP facility, consisting of an 18,000-gallon bulk storage tank and several other smaller tanks, became operational in February 2017, "absent a development application to Jefferson County."

The complaint holds that on or about Oct. 6, 2016, Morris Petroleum applied to the county for a "911/driveway permit", which application did not mention the LP facility but in fact served as the basis for its construction.

Indeed, according to the complaint, a proper development permit application for the LP facility wasn't submitted until March 28, 2018, a little more than a year after the facility came into existence. And the belated application, per the complaint, called for "expansion of the facility to include two additional 30,000 gallon bulk storage tanks and an unnamed number of smaller tanks."

States the complaint, "A letter of notice of the planning official's intent to approve the application was issued by the county on April 18, 2018. A draft report by county staff, upon which the decision was based, was dated March 29, 2018, with a final report of Findings and Determinations issued May 29, 2018. Plaintiff appealed the planning official's decision on May 17, 2018. On August 9, 2018, the Planning Commission, convening in a single-evening session as the Board of Appeals, approved a

48,000-gallon liquified petroleum gas storage and distribution facility" at the Shiver Road location.

The complaint argues that allowing the LP facility to continue and expand is not only illegal and incompatible with the surrounding land uses, but it poses safety risks to the adjoining properties, reduces their values and degrades the area's aesthetics, among other negatives.

The complaint holds that by treating the project as a minor development, instead of as a major development or a special exception as it warranted, the planning official erred and in effect bypassed reviews by the Planning and County Commissions, and hence the public, which reviews would have likely resulted in a different outcome. It further argues that in approving the development order, the county violated multiple provisions of the Comprehensive Plan that control the types of developments that may occur on a given site.

The plaintiff claims that upon first learning of the development in January 2018, she contacted the planning official and received an email response from him assuring her that the development had not yet been approved and that public hearings would soon be held before the Planning and County Commissions and duly advertised.

Subsequently, the complaint states, the plaintiff submitted various requests and comments to the planning official over a two-month period and even filed a code enforcement complaint but she never received a response from him, forcing her finally to resort to a public records request to get any information.

It wasn't until May 17, according to the complaint, that the plaintiff learned that the planning official had approved the project on April 18, at which point she appealed the decision to the Planning Commission.

It was this appeal that resulted in the Planning Commission holding a quasi-

program.

"We're struggling in our dental program," Allbritton said. "At this time I'm trying to decide whether to continue dental."

She went on to explain that dental was a needed service, but not one of the department's core services. And until she decided what to do about the program, she couldn't proceed with the renovation, as she didn't want to put money into upgrading something that wasn't going to last.

It was a concern if the department couldn't provide dental service, given that the only other dentist in town didn't do

Medicaid patients, she said. On the other hand, she said, the program didn't have the volume to sustain it.

She said it required about 3,800 clients per year to make the program viable. "Right now we only have 2,700 Medicaid recipients in Jefferson County and they don't all received dental service as par of their benefits under Medicaid," she said.

The commission noted that anyway the \$69,174 couldn't be used for operational costs, as it had come from construction. But she was welcomed to it for the Health Department's renovation.

"That's was a pleasant surprise," Allbritton said.

Publisher's Note

We, the staff at the *Monticello News* and *Jefferson County Journal*, take great pride in our work and try diligently to bring you the news of Jefferson County. This includes the happenings in our schools and their wonderful sports teams. However, we are somewhat dependent upon the coaching staff of each sports team in helping us with those stories.

We have received several calls, and comments, on the fact that we have more Aucilla Christian Academy sports coverage than Jefferson Somerset sports coverage.

Please know that we try each week to spotlight the Jefferson Tigers just as well as we do the Aucilla Warriors, but are unable to obtain stats and/or Players of the Week from the Tigers' coaches.

We deeply apologize that we are unable to spotlight these students and their great accomplishments thus far. But, be assured we are still working towards that goal and are making phone calls weekly in hopes of obtaining information that we can use and run in the newspaper.

Emerald Greene Parsons
Publisher

judicial hearing on Aug. 9 to determine the project's fate. At the hearing, which proved quite lengthy, the two sides and their experts testified and presented evidence to bolster their respective arguments. Among the various points made, the plaintiff and her expert witnesses cited the project's inconsistency with the Comp Plan, its violation of several Land Development Code provisions, its unsuitability for the Shiver Road site, and the risks it posed to neighboring properties.

The defendants, on the other side, argued that the LP facility classified as a retail use and further cited a provision in the LDC that they argued allowed certain limited types of industrial development along arterial highways, "including low-impact industrial facilities with general overall characteristics similar to general commercial."

The county never called a witness from the Planning Department "to authenticate and otherwise explain the county's factual basis for issuance of the development order," according to the complaint.

At the conclusion of the several hours hearing, the planners upheld the planning official's decision by a 6-2 vote, prompting the 65-page

complaint.

Which document maintains that if the county had applied the special exception process, as the LDC required and the project warranted, performance standards would have kicked in and the outcome would have been different.

Those performance standards, as outlined in the LDC for special exceptions, include a traffic impact study, as assessment of a project's compatibility to existing uses, and buffering requirements where applicable, among other conditions.

The complaint notes that based on information obtained via public records request, the planning official had concerns about provisions in the LDC requiring special exception classification for LP gas facilities. Nonetheless, the complaint alleges, the planning official "decided to not recognize the development as a special exception and to instead classify it as a minor development," which action it characterizes as a serious error.

States the complaint, "In adopting the development order, the county failed to comply with essential requirements of law, failed to support its decision with competent substantial evidence, and did not provide the petitioner with procedural due process."

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\$250,000 for the renovation of the current clinic on West Washington Street.

"We're going to do it in phases," she said of the renovation. "Right now, we're trying to move people from the administrative building into the main Health Department building. We just put a new roof on the Health Department building."

Allbritton said the reason that she was temporarily holding off on the rest of the renovation was because she was trying to decide what to do about the dental

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Or they can register online. To get the online voter

registration application go to registertovoteflorida.gov/en/Registration/Index. Carefully complete the form and return it in person or by mail to Marty Bishop,

Supervisor of Elections, 380 West Washington Street, Monticello, FL, 32344.

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mail or bring it back, or call (850) 997-3348 and have it mailed.

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screens, Diehl caused about \$10 worth of damage, but was unable to gain access to the home through that process.

Instead, Diehl moved to the sliding glass front door and proceeded to pull on the door, which again resisted his attempts to gain entry due to being locked.

Diehl moved down the stairs, and the victim stated that he entered the carport south of

the residence and located an unlocked door to a storage area beneath the house.

Upon entering the storage area, Diehl threw around objects with the area and located a golf club, which he broke against a wooden post. Before leaving the storage area, Diehl also picked up a Master Lock that had been used to secure the room.

The cost of the broken golf club was estimated to be about \$15, with the pocketed lock being approximately \$4.

When Deputies Bethea and Ryland arrived at the property, Diehl was already gone; the victim did not know which way Diehl had exited the property.

The victim expressed that she wished to press charges and provided a description of Diehl to the deputies.

In addition, Deputies Bethea and Ryland discovered that Diehl was currently on probation and was not to have any contact with her residence.

Several attempts were made

to locate Diehl during the evening of the incident, but the deputies were unable to make contact or locate Diehl.

On Monday, Sept. 10, Officer Sheats at the Monticello Police Department arrested Diehl on an outstanding warrant related to his previous criminal activity.

The charges facing Diehl included unarmed burglary to structure, criminal mischief less than \$200, petit theft and violation of probabtion.

Chamber holds annual meeting new officers sworn in

Debbie Snapp
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Monticello-Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce held its annual Dinner and Business Meeting on Thursday, September 13, at the Willow Pond Plantation. The Thursday evening gala was sponsored by Duke Energy and catered by Carrie Ann & Company. Servers were provided by Aucilla Christian Academy.

President Bob Davison welcomed the guests and called the meeting to order. Treasurer Dori Collins reported on the financial matters and Executive Director Katrina Richardson gave her annual report.

Julius Hackett introduced the slate of new officers and directors, and then Judge Bobby Plaines administered the Oath of Office, swearing them in.

The new officers and directors are: Michele Arceneaux, president; Danny Collins, vice president; Lynette Sirmon, secretary; and Dori Collins, treasurer. Board of Directors for Term Ending 2019 are: Beth Adams, Ron Cichon, Geri Ann Driggers and Pat Inmon. Board of Directors for Term Ending 2020 are: Sean Gray, Marianne Arbulu, Brandi Matthews and Julius Hackett. Board of Directors for Term Ending 2021 are: Sean Vickers, Dave Woodyard, Pam Willis and Buck Bird.

The keynote speaker was Sylvia Allen, president of Allen Consulting, located in Holmdel, NJ. She has run her successful business for 40+ years. Her marketing and public relations firm has produced more than 5,000 events during that time and raised millions of dollars of sponsorships for her clients each year. She was on the faculty at New York University for 20+ years and has taught seminars on sponsorship public relations and sales around the world. For more information about this magnificent woman and self-made entrepreneur go to allenconsulting.com, sylviaschildren.org, or thebutlerbuilding.org.

Winners of the special raffles were: Darrell Tuten, with Tri-County Electric, won the 5-Rivers Adventure two-night stay on the Wacissa River and airboat ride and Dean Jerger won the Big Rig fishing trip for six people six-hours out of Alligator Point – boat owned by Stedman Taylor and sponsored by Pinehaven Plantation and Tom Weller.

Ron Cichon won the 'President's Award' for outstanding contribution to the Chamber.



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The new Monticello-Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce Board Members and Officers, pictured from left to right are: Pam Willis; Dori Collins, treasurer; Lynette Sirmon, secretary; Julius Hackett; Judge Bobby Plaines (swore in the new officers); Michele Arceneaux, president; Bob Davison, past-president; Sean Gray; Brandi Matthews; Buck Bird and Pastor Sean Vickers. Not pictured: Beth Adams; Danny Collins, vice-president; Ron Cichon; Pat Inmon; Marianne Arbulu and Dave Woodyard.

Thank You!

Thank you to the following businesses. Your donation to the annual dinner silent auction helped to make the event a success:

- 5 Rivers Adventures, two-night stay and air boat ride on Wacissa River
- Pinehaven Plantation, sponsor for fishing trip
- AFLAC, Golf Basket
- All Realty, two birdhouses
- Avera Clarke House, a room for one night
- Barfield Photography, \$150 Gift Certificate
- Bass Electric, well service call and clean-out
- Big Bend Eubanks, initial pest control service
- Blue Sky Farm, t-shirt
- Book Author R.A. Sheats, the book *Call Me No Hero*
- Boston Georgia, gift basket
- Brickhouse Restaurant, prime rib dinner for two
- Capital City Bank, gift basket
- Carrie Ann & Company, \$25 gift certificate
- CL Golden Website Services, set up for Google My Business

- Duke Energy, two UF vs. SC football tickets
- ECB Publishing Inc., certificate for 3-months subscription or \$15 off one year
- Elite Worldwide Imports, three bottles of wine
- Florida Georgia Citrus, citrus gift certificate
- FMB, gift basket
- Gelling's Floral Design, plant
- Jefferson Country Club, two rounds of golf and cart for four people
- John Denham House, plant
- Johnson's Barber Shop, three haircuts
- Katrina Walton & Associates, a \$100 bill
- Kelly & Kelly Real Estate, knife set
- Kelly's Jams & Jellies, three jars of jelly
- LaBella Cavalla, candles and an insulated cup
- Lions Club, a broom
- MADCO, Pilates class
- Mike's Pest Control, one pest control service
- Monticello Milling, two bags of corn
- Monticello Opera House, two show-only tickets
- Morris Petroleum, two \$25 Marathon gift cards
- Naked Ewe, knitting or crochet lessons



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Watermelon Queen Dalayna Nolan helped with serving salads during the annual Dinner and Business Meeting of the Monticello-Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce.



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Linda 'Schuyler' Ford with 'Haunted Trails and Ghostly Trails' and Keynote Speaker Sylvia Allen visit during the annual Dinner and Business Meeting of the Monticello-Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce.



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Bob Davison presented Commissioner Stephen Fulford with the 'Fred and Velinda Williams Award' for outstanding service by an elected official during the annual Dinner and Business Meeting of the Monticello-Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce.



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The dessert table at the annual Dinner and Business Meeting of the Monticello-Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce was set-up and catered by Carrie Ann & Company.



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The 'Corporate Citizen Award' for the business that has contributed the most to the Chamber and community went to both Duke Energy and Tri-County Electric Corp. It was presented by Bob Davison to Julius Hackett with TCEC. Danny Collins with Duke Energy was not present.



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Bob Davison presented Gary Wright with the 'Mack and Grace Morris Service Award' for outstanding contribution to the community during the annual Dinner and Business Meeting of the Monticello-Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Story Submitted

Domestic violence isn't concentrated to any specific age, race or gender. It can happen to anyone. One in four women and one in seven men will be victims of violence by an intimate partner during their lifetime, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. Almost 20 people per minute are physically abused by a partner in the United States, according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Over the course of a year, this equates to more than 10 million men and women.

If you suspect someone is being abused, there are signs to look for:

- Signs of injury
- Emotional distress
- Change in appearance or self-esteem
- Denial of harassment or injuries
- Lack of confidence or communication

You may feel like you're interfering if you choose to get involved and reach out, but your support can make a difference. If a victim opens up to you, the most important thing you can do is listen without judging. Respect their privacy and encourage them to seek help to get to a safer and healthier place. If they can't leave or get out of the relationship, encourage them to talk to people who can help them with a safety plan and guide them.

If you see something, say something! Take a stand and speak out against domestic violence. By doing this, you remind everyone that there are victims and survivors that have been affected by domestic violence.

Silence hides violence!

Speak out!

Silence lets it continue!

If you need help or know of someone who does, you can call the local Refuge House office at (850) 342-3518 or the 24-Hour Hotline at (850) 681-2111 or (1-800) 500-1119. Your local contact person is Nan Baughman, Domestic Violence Outreach Counselor/DV-Child Welfare Advocate.

All calls are strictly confidential.

Wear purple and show your support for survivors on October 16.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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October 3

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

October 3

Cub Scout Pack 803, sponsored by the Monticello Kiwanis, will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the Eagles Nest on South Water Street, for boys and girls ages 6-10. Contact Phil Smith at (850) 342-0196 or (850) 509-1873.

October 4

Community Prayer Breakfast is held from 7 to 8 a.m. on the first Thursday of the month at a different location with a guest speaker and a program. All are welcome to come and bring a guest. For more information contact Coordinator Gary Wright at (850) 997-5705 or (850) 933-5567.

October 4

Quit Smoking classes from 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday at the Jefferson County Department of Health, 1255 West Washington Street. To register call (850) 224-9340.

October 5

Rotary meets at 12 p.m. on Fridays at the Jefferson Senior Citizens Center for a meeting, program and lunch. For more information contact President Matt Coniglio at (850) 566-0271.

October 5

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

October 6

Jefferson Arts will host a reception in the galley for the opening of 'Slices of Life,' paintings by Artist Steve Musgrove, from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Light refreshments will be served and the artist will be available to visit with and to talk about his work and future plans. Artist Steve Musgrove has been recording 'Slices of Life' in the Suwannee River Valley and rural North Florida since 1975. The exhibit will continue to be on display at in the Gallery at The Arts through October. The Arts is

open for viewing from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays, or you may call (850) 997-3311 for an appointment, at 575 West Washington Street. For more information contact Susan Rissman at srissman4766@embarqmail.com.

October 7

VFW Post 251 meets at 5 p.m. on the first Sunday at the Learning Center on Marvin Street. Contact Ned Hill at (850) 339-5524 for more information.

October 8

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Payne – Greene to Wed

Audy Payne and Diane Payne proudly announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their daughter Megan Payne to Tanner Greene, son of Bubba and Maria Greene.



Maternal grandparents of the bride are Frank and Judy Fritsche. Paternal grandparents of the bride are June and Elmer Spear. Maternal grandparents of the groom are the late Eladio and Dominga Hernandez. Paternal grandparents of the groom are the late Harvey and Cora Lee Greene.

Megan is a 2006 graduate of Madison County High School, a 2007 graduate of the PCT program at North Florida Community College, and a 2011 graduate of the Surgical Technologist programs at Wiregrass Georgia Technical College. Megan is currently attending North Florida Community College where she is enrolled in the 2019 LPN program. She is currently employed with Down Home Medical, in Madison.

Tanner is a 2002 graduate of Madison County High School and a 2005 graduate of Wildland Fire School. He is employed with the Florida Forest Service where he has spent the past 13½ years serving Madison and Suwannee counties.

The couple will be united in marriage on Saturday, October 20, 2018.

Starling - Iglesias Wed



Michael Starling, Jr., of Monticello, and Selina Iglesias, of Buffalo, NY, were married on Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at Waverly Pond Park in Tallahassee, during a small, intimate ceremony officiated by Amanda Reeves.

Michael is the son of Michael Starling, Sr. and

Lisa Starling, of Monticello, and a graduate of North Florida Community College. He also attended Southern Regional Technical College, where he received his certification in Radiologic Technology. He currently works as a Radiology

Tech in Bainbridge, GA. and Tallahassee.

Selina is the daughter of Demetrius Iglesias and Amy Nelson (Rony), both of Buffalo, NY. She moved to Monticello from Pensacola in 2015.

She is a former reporter at *Greene Publishing, Inc.* and a graduate of Flagler College Tallahassee, where she received her Bachelor's degree in Strategic Communications.

Currently, she is the social media coordinator for Cade & Associates Advertising, Inc.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at Centrale Pizza Parlor and Bar, in Tallahassee. The bride and groom set off to Selina's hometown to celebrate with her family and enjoy a honeymoon trip to Niagara Falls.

Lighthouse Girls sing for Triple L Club



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo By Ashley Hunter, September 25, 2018

The girls at the Lighthouse Children's Home sang a selection of gospel music for their audience at the Triple L Club on Tuesday, Sept. 25 before enjoying a delicious meal with the club. In addition to the singing, the Lighthouse's Brother Ken Rhodes provided information about ways that people can help support the girl's home.

Ashley Hunter
ECB Publishing, Inc.

On Tuesday, Sept. 25, a choir from the Lighthouse Children's Home (located in Tallahassee) visited the Triple L Club to sing to the club members, fellowship during lunch, and share information about ways people can help support the home.

The Lighthouse Girls sang a sample of their gospel songs for the club, and plenty club members were tapping their feet or bobbing their head to the up-beat rhythm of the girls' singing.

The songs weighed heavily on themes such as God's goodness, Calvary, mercy and salvation as well as the second chances that individuals can receive through Christ.

In between the songs, some of the girls provided their testimony, adding an extra layer of depth and meaning to the songs they sang.

For many of the girls who attend the Lighthouse Children's Home, their home and personal lives were far from ideal.

Through the Lighthouse, the girls have been given a second chance, should they decide to take it – and many do.

After the singing, the Lighthouse's Brother Ken Rhodes provided information about the home.

Started in the 1970's the Lighthouse Children's Home has provided a temporary home for boys and girls of all ages who didn't have a home or were at risk. In the late 80's and early 90's the home transitioned to being a home for troubled teen girls only. The girls typically only stay for between a year to a year and half, though some may stay longer, depending on their needs.

While it is a school to the girls, Brother Rhodes stated that the Lighthouse strives to be more of a home than anything else; a place for troubled teenaged girls to find a place to get help and find Christ.

Despite being a 'home first and foremost', the Lighthouse is a registered private school, follows state standards,

and offers college assistance for the girls who need aid continuing their education.

"The education part is something we take very seriously with these girls," said Brother Rhodes.

In addition to their private schooling at the Lighthouse, some of the girls are able to receive musical education in the form of piano lessons that are offered by the Stubbs School of Music.

"The influence of the Lighthouse is really spread across the country," said Brother Rhodes.

While based in Tallahassee, the Lighthouse receives girls from all across the nation.

The Lighthouse Children's Home is completely faith based and receives no state or federal funding. Instead, the home and school for girls operates entirely out of donations from churches, organizations and individuals.

Brother Rhodes touched on some of the ways that people can help support the Lighthouse, such as through their Adopt-A-Teen program, which is only \$20 a month or \$240 a year.

Other ways to support the girl's home is through purchasing items from their thrift store, donating cars, or assisting with their needs list.

After their presentation, the Lighthouse Girls shared a lunch meal with the club.

The Triple L Club is a non-denominational outreach program for seniors who live in the Jefferson County area.

There are no dues, fees or registration requirements in order to attend.

Anyone of senior age is welcome to attend, share a meal, fellowship with friends and enjoy a unique program.

Triple L meets the last Tuesday of each month, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall (located right off of W. Washington St.).

To learn more about the Lighthouse Children's Home, their music, or how to help support the home, visit their website at www.lighthousechildrenshome.com.

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What is the Jefferson County 4-H Teen Council?



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Will run for snacks: Jefferson Somerset Cross Country Team fed and funded by donations



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Jefferson Somerset Cross Country Team received a donation of bottled water recently from a generous donor. The team is still in need of Gatorade, fruit, fruit bars, snacks and money. Thank you to everyone for their continued donations. Anyone interested in donating should contact Donations Coordinator Specialist Sherry Hawk-Gray Holland at (850) 408-8658.

Story Submitted

Jefferson 4-H County Teen Council, a club comprised of teens between the ages of 12 through 18 who work cooperatively with the Jefferson County 4-H Agent, is planning and implementing its 4-H events in the area.

The organization stresses youth leadership training, development and community service-learning projects.

Jefferson County 4-H believes that all youth should have opportunities for positive youth development in our four guiding concepts: mastery, belonging, independence and generosity.

The County Council fosters mastery by empowering council members to develop and teach concepts related to leadership and civic engagement, belonging by building rapport among 4-H'ers with similar interests, independence by encouraging the management and education of serving on and leading committees and business meetings, and generosity through regular community service project and building team rapport.

Jefferson County 4-H Annual Community Service Projects include: 4-H Adopt-A-Road Project, Lake Road;

Assemble Chemo Kits for cancer patients; Jefferson Senior Citizens Landscaping Project; 4-H Nature Trail Clean-up; Holiday Nurse Home visits; JOY (Jefferson Outreach Youth) sorting and bagging Christmas toys; and Day and Overnight Camp Counselors.

Annually, teens can accumulate up to 120 community service hours. They also plan and implement countywide 4-H programs year-round.

Council members must be willing to commit time to council business and assume the responsibility for formulating, directing or aiding at events.

4-H County Teen Council meets once a month, typically every first Monday or Tuesday after school to conduct a business meeting, educational training, plan community service projects, and enjoy fellowship and networking among their 4-H peers.

The council will meet on the following dates at 4:15 p.m. at the Jefferson County Extension Office in 2018 on November 5 and December 3, and in 2019 on January 7, February 4, March 4, April 1 and May 6.

Call (850) 342-1847 for more information.

Gov. Scott redirects \$58 Million unused funding to school security across Florida

Story Submitted

At Governor Scott's direction, the Florida Department of Education submitted a proposal on Tuesday, August 21 to the Florida Legislature to redirect \$58 million of unused funding from the Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program to school districts for additional school security.

The Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program is 100 percent voluntary for school districts.

Prior this year, the Jefferson County School District decided to not arm school staff under the guardianship program, but rather focus on bolstering school security through school resource deputies and trained security staff.

Of the \$67 million appropriated for this program, \$9 million was utilized by local law enforcement to establish guardian programs with agreements from local school districts. The redirection of the remaining \$58 million to school districts will now go before the Legislative Budget Commission for approval.

Governor Scott said, "Immediately following the tragedy in Parkland this year, we took emergency action to make our schools safer. While I am proud of the major legislation we passed this spring, I was clear that we would need to continue to work together to keep our students safe.

That's why I outlined this plan to Legislative leadership in March, and today am living up to my commitment to urge them to redirect unused money from the voluntary

guardian program back into our schools for more security. I am confident that the Legislature will take the appropriate actions to ensure that this funding can be used this school year. Every student and parent in Florida deserves to know that our schools are safe and our kids are protected."

The \$58 million will be redirected to school districts for the specific purpose of enhancing school safety. Under the Department of Education's proposal, once redirected, the \$58 million will be disbursed to Florida school districts based on their student population.

This funding can then be used to partner with local law enforcement to hire additional school officers. This year, school districts were provided \$162 million specifically for school safety. Under Governor Scott's leadership, per-pupil funding in Florida is at an all time high, and since 2011, Florida schools have seen an increase of \$4.5 billion in funding.



Jefferson Somerset Cindy Le



16-year-old Cindy Le has been a cheerleader for four years. Initially, Le says, she got into cheering in order to have an outlet to get in shape while having fun.

But now, her favorite aspect of cheering is interacting with her fellow cheer sisters and team mates.

One of the feats which Le can accomplish and is proud of is her ability to do a hand stand – underwater!

Le, who is an eleventh grade student at Jefferson Somerset, is the daughter of Minh-Em Le and My Hang Du Ong.

Aucilla Christian Autumn Gay



This is the first year for newcoerleader, Autumn Gay. "Everybody is nice," said Gay. "and I like cheerleading."

Gay also adds that it was her friend, Amelia Grace, that helped inspire her to become a cheerleader.

Twelve-year-old Gay also enjoys playing softball, shopping and hunting.



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Donuts For Dads at Jefferson Somerset



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The Donuts for Dads event was a massive success, with the Media Center at the school being completely filled with children and their male role models as they enjoyed a coffee and doughnut breakfast.

Ashley Hunter
ECB Publishing, Inc.

When it comes to involvement at school, it would be hard to deny that mothers and women tend to take the lead.

At Jefferson Somerset, school staff and administration are trying to find ways to change the climate of school by involving fathers, grandfathers and male role models in as many aspects of school as possible.

One way is through the school's Watch DOGS (Dads Of Great Students) program, which meets regularly and involves putting the men in their child's classrooms to read, help with homework or assist the teacher.

Another father-focused event took place on Wednesday, Sept. 26 in the form of a 'Donuts For Dads' breakfast with the students.

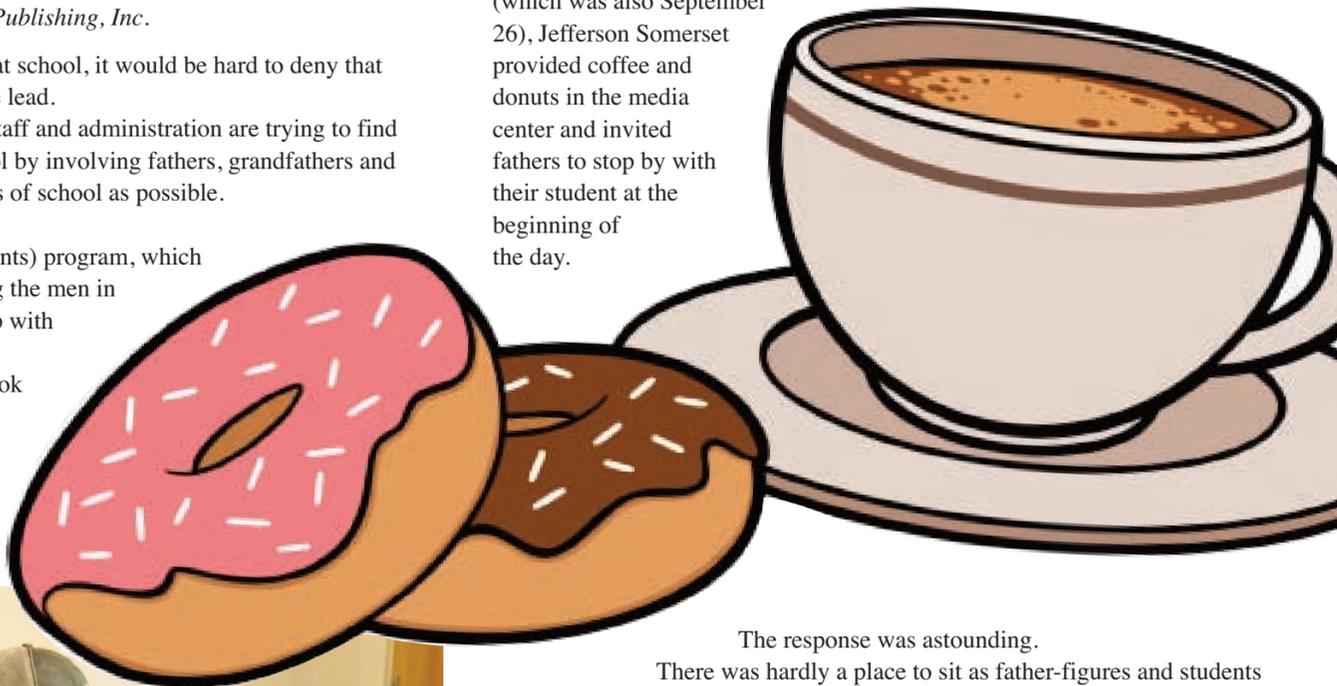
Inspired by the Florida Department of Education's "Dads



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So many proud smiles were served alongside the coffee and donuts at the Jefferson Somerset dads' breakfast as the young students shared their morning with the important father-figure in their life.

Take Your Child to School Day" (which was also September 26), Jefferson Somerset provided coffee and donuts in the media center and invited fathers to stop by with their student at the beginning of the day.



The response was astounding.

There was hardly a place to sit as father-figures and students shared coffee, juice boxes and donuts while dads conversed with other fathers and students showed off their dads to their friends.

After finishing breakfast, the groups were invited to settle into a quiet corner and read books together.

The event began at 7:30 a.m., and lasted until around 8:30 a.m., with all the father-figures encouraged to walk their student to their classrooms after the doughnut and coffee (or juice box) breakfast.

"The beautiful thing is your children see you interacting in this beautiful atmosphere," said Vice-Principal Andre Gainey at the beginning of the Donuts For Dads breakfast. "It is a beautiful thing to know your children love you and they love their school and want to show you their environment."



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The breakfast was special in many ways to the students at Jefferson Somerset. After eating a donut breakfast with their father-figures, many of the groups moved to a quiet corner to look through books and read a story before the dads escorted the kids through the school to their class.



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Every child who was accompanied by a dad, grandfather, uncle or male role model was excited to show him off to their friends and share their morning with a person who was close to them.



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Lady Warriors improve record

Rick Patrick
ECB Publishing, Inc.

In just their fourth season of playing volleyball, the Aucilla Christian Academy Lady Warriors have already improved upon their program-best record. The Lady Warriors now have a record of 10-3, with an unblemished district record of 5-0. The success they have enjoyed this season has them eying a first-ever District Championship.

On Thursday, Sept. 20, the Lady Warriors traveled to Tallahassee to face a very tough Lady Marauder team from Maclay School. The Lady Warriors were defeated in three sets: 21-25, 16-25 and 17-25.

On Friday, Sept. 21, the Lady Warriors' varsity team returned to winning form by defeating district rival Community Christian in straight sets: 25-22, 25-19 and 25-17. The junior varsity team fell in two hard-fought sets: 23-25 and 22-25.

On Monday, Sept. 24, the Lady Warriors were again on the road. This time they traveled to Madison for a match with the Cowgirls of Madison County High School. The Lady Warriors tallied 24 kills and 10 serving aces on their way to a three-set victory. The set scores were 25-16, 25-17 and 25-15.

On Tuesday, Sept. 25, the Lady Warriors took on rival

Munroe High School in Quincy. The Lady Warriors were again victorious with another straight-set win.

The Lady Warriors had 22 kills and 13 serving aces. Set scores for the match were: 25-4, 25-11 and 25-19.

The final home match for the Lady Warriors will be on Thursday, Oct. 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the Aucilla Christian Academy gym.



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo By Rick Patrick, September 24, 2018
Mackenzie Wirick (#11) serves the ball during the Lady Warriors match with the Cowgirls of Madison County High School.



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo by Rick Patrick, September 24, 2018

The Aucilla Christian Academy Lady Warriors varsity volleyball team has already set a school record for most wins in a season. Pictured in the front, from left to right, are: Hailey Clark, Maddie Drawdy, Olivia Walton and Ashlyn Rogers. Pictured in the back row, from left to right, are: Mackenzie Wirick, Julianna Lindsey, Abby Reams, Anna Lee Trest and Marley Restrepo.

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Lady Warrior Marley Restrepo (#6) jumps for a shot during the match with the Madison County High School Cowgirls.



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo By Rick Patrick, September 24, 2018
Abby Reams (#5) eyes a shot for the Lady Warriors.



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo By Rick Patrick, September 24, 2018
Olivia Walton (#1) goes for a kill shot for the Lady Warriors.



Jefferson Somerset tops Region Two rankings

Rick Patrick, ECB Publishing, Inc.

The Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) has recently released their first Class

1A power rankings and the Jefferson Somerset Tigers are at the top of the rankings for Region Two. This means that if the playoffs were held this week, the Tigers would be the number one seed team in the Region Two playoff picture. When the playoffs begin, the top two seeded teams from each of the four regions in the state would have a first-round bye, meaning they would not play in the first round. The number three seeded team would play the number six seeded team. The number four seeded team would play the number five seeded team. In the second round, the number one seeded team would play the lowest remaining team, while the number two seeded team would play the next lowest remaining seeded team. Seeding in the playoff tournament would be based on power ranking point averages for the games played. If the playoffs were to begin this week, the playoff teams from Region Two would be: Jefferson, Blountstown, Port St. Joe, Sneads, Cottondale and Wewahitchka.

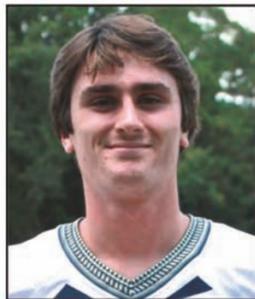
In Class 2A, the Aucilla Christian Academy (ACA) Warriors are ranked number two in the Region One power rankings, just behind North Florida Christian School.

The power rankings are based on a point system for determining the teams selected for the playoffs at the end of the season. Each team is awarded points for each game. More points are awarded if a team wins and with more points awarded based on the win/loss record of the teams played. Bonus points are awarded for playing teams that were in the playoffs in previous years. The FHSAA put this system in place with the hope that teams would schedule a more challenging regular season. Teams can actually be awarded more points if they are defeated by a strong team than if they defeat a weaker team. The Tigers began the season with 21 bonus points, based on their opponents' previous records.

The rankings will likely change from week to week, but if the Tigers and Warriors continue winning, they should be in a good position when the playoffs begin.

Players of the Week

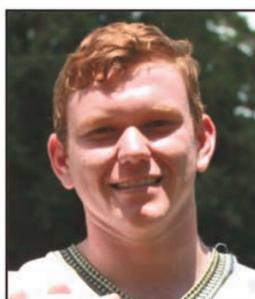
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Warriors cage Bobcats

Rick Patrick
ECB Publishing, Inc.

The Warriors of Aucilla Christian Academy (ACA) overcame an early deficit to defeat the Bobcats of Robert F. Munroe High School with a 25-14 score on Friday, Sept. 28. With the win, the Warriors improved their record to 5-1 overall.

Blake Wirick had his usual big game on the ground with 191 yards on 29 carries and two touchdowns. Wirick was named the Offensive Player of the game for the Warriors. Brady Browning went three-for-seven through the air for 86 yards and one touchdown pass. Browning also had 64 yards on the ground on 11 carries. Browning earned the Warrior of the Week honors.

Defensively, Evan Courtney had 15 total tackles, including one tackle-for-loss, earning the Defensive Player of the game title.

The Warriors will now face the Knights of Rocky Bayou Christian School on Friday, Oct. 5, at 7 p.m. The game will take place at Rocky Bayou Christian School, located at 2101 Partin Dr. North, in Niceville.



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Warrior linebacker Evan Courtney (#50) delivers a big hit behind the line. Courtney was named the Defensive Player of the game for the Warriors.

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Warrior running back Blake Wirick (#5) moves the ball against the Bobcats of Munroe High School.

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Ryan Jackson (#7) makes a leaping catch for the Warriors.

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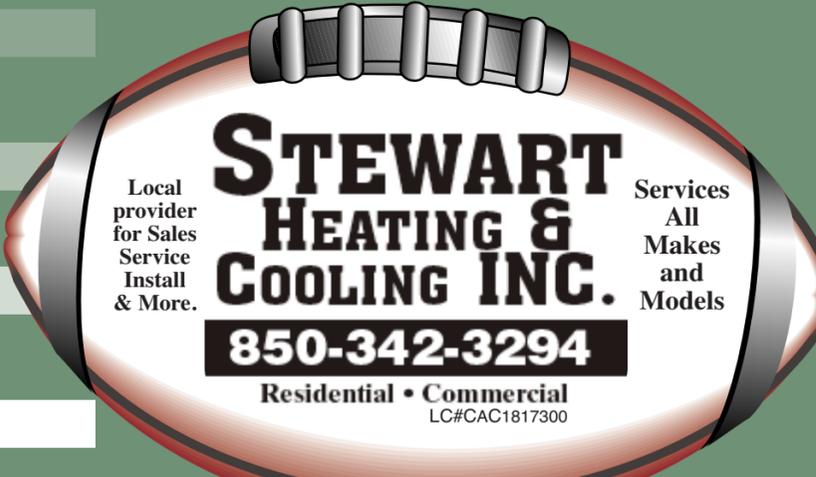
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Relay for Life of Jefferson County “spearheads” Annual Survivor and Caregiver Dinner



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Monticello Woman's Club members shared in sponsoring the annual Survivor and Caregiver Dinner. Pictured, from left to right, are: Cheryl Bush, Jane Hand, Toni Lane, Sherry Burnard, Dianne Braren, Cindy Forehand, Anne Horton and Angie Rosales.

Debbie Snapp
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The Jefferson County Relay For Life Survivor and Caregiver Dinner was held on Sept. 20 with 60+ guests attending; celebrating those who fought and continue to fight the battle against cancer.

The Thursday evening event was sponsored by the Hobbs/Bishop families, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Monticello Woman's Club and is an on-going tradition started by the late Jefferson County Sheriff David Hobbs.

American Cancer Society agent Danielle Cappel and Young Professional club member Logan Lewkow were on-hand to share information on the various cancer resources, programs and services available, and to offer their support to the Jefferson County community. Cappel can be reached at danielle.cappel@cancer.org or (850) 297-0588 x3707 and Lewkow can be reached at logan@themooreagency.com or (850) 224-0174.

The program began with Glenn Bishop welcoming and thanking the guests followed by words of encouragement from Jefferson County Sheriff Mac McNeill, and then cancer survivors were invited to share their stories with those attending.

Doorprizes were drawn and given to a few very happy winners. All funds raised from the silent auction will be donated for cancer research. The items auctioned off were donated by John Lojan of Got Spears.



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Jefferson County Sheriff's Office personnel and members of the Hobbs/Bishop families welcomed guests to the annual Survivor and Caregiver Dinner. Pictured in front, from left to right, are: Glen Bishop, Brenda Hobbs (holding Benjamin), Brittany Hobbs (holding Wesley) and Cricket Edwards. Pictured in back, from left to right, are: Jean Willis, Paula Carroll, Sheriff Mac McNeill and Dawn Stiff.



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Relay For Life's annual Survivor and Caregiver Dinner was sponsored by the Hobbs/Bishop families, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Monticello Woman's Club, in memory of the late Jefferson County Sheriff David Hobbs. Pictured, from left to right, are: Brenda Hobbs, holding Benjamin, and Brittany Hobbs Bishop, holding Wesley.

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Sherry Burnard and Jane Hand visit during the annual Survivors Dinner.



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Ralph Burquest was a silent auction bid winner at the annual Survivors and Caregivers Dinner.



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Cancer Survivor Earlene Knight and Jerry Sutphin are enjoying each others' company during the Relay for Life Survivors and Caregivers Dinner.

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Here, April James holds the beautiful bouquet of flowers she won as a door prize.



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During the Survivors Dinner, silent auction items were available for bidding. The donations were provided by John Lojan of Got Spears. He can be contacted at (850) 509-0909.



The miracle of Fletcher Fato

Ashley Hunter
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“When Fletcher was six months old, I noticed that his left eye had just a slight twitch,”

said Joanna Fato, beginning the story that would forever change the Fato Family.

Adam and Joanna Fato, both Monticello residents, welcomed their second son, Fletcher, in early 2016 after five years of marriage and two and a half years of parenting their first son, Brooks.

Six months after Fletcher’s birth, however, Joanna Fato, an RN at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital, observed a twitch in Fletcher’s left eye, and the couple decided to contact their son’s pediatrician on Tuesday morning, July 12, 2016.

The family’s pediatrician recommended that the Fato family take Fletcher to be seen by a specialty eye physician – an ophthalmologist. In turn, the ophthalmologist reassured the Fato’s that everything was fine with Fletcher, though he did refer them to a neurologist, just to be certain.

“They told us everything was fine. We were then sent to a neurologist, who again said everything was fine,” said Joanna.

They were informed that Fletcher’s eye twitch could just be congenital nystagmus, which could be settled later in Fletcher’s life with eyeglasses; the Fato’s were told that they had nothing to worry about.

Regardless, the family pediatrician pressed Adam and Joanna Fato to take Fletcher in for a cautionary MRI to rule out any potential neurological intricacies.

On Wednesday, July 20, 2016, nine days after the eye twitch had been reported to a medical professional, six-month-old Fletcher Fato underwent an MRI at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital.

The MRI revealed that he had a brain tumor. Within the same day, Fletcher and his family were transported to Shands Children’s Hospital in Gainesville, where Fletcher was admitted into the Pediatric ICU.

Several more MRIs followed once Fletcher was at Shands, and it was found that the specific type of tumor that was attacking Adam and Joanna Fato’s little boy was inoperable. The tumor was attached to the hypothalamus of Fletcher’s brain, which includes his optical nerves and was causing the eye twitch.

The surgeons at Shands performed a biopsy on Fletcher’s tumor, and the Fato Family were informed that doctors felt it could be a hypothalamic pilocytic astrocytoma, which is a benign mass that might respond to chemotherapy treatments. Due to the placement of the tumor, the doctors would be unable to remove the tumor surgically without placing Fletcher in harm.

“Because of the location, we would have to do chemotherapy to try to shrink the tumor,” said Joanna Fato.

Unfortunately, these types of tumors don’t usually shrink. Rather than outright shrink the tumor, the goal was to stunt the tumor so it would be prevented from growing any further.

Before Fletcher was discharged from Shands, the Fato’s were told that Fletcher would likely need weekly chemotherapy treatments for the next year and a half.

When the family was discharged on Friday, July 22 (still only 11 days after bringing Fletcher to the pediatrician for a twitch in his left eye), their plan was to return home and rest a few days before beginning Fletcher’s chemotherapy undertaking.

However, on Saturday, July 23, at around 5:30 p.m., Fletcher began to have seizures.

Little Fletcher was rushed to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital, where following a CT Scan and blood work, the youngest Fato was transported back to Shands only a few hours after leaving the Gainesville hospital.

“We were life-flighted back to Shands,” said Joanna Fato, recounting an experience that any parent hopes to never face.

When Adam and Joanna Fato arrived at Shands and held a meeting with the hospital’s neurosurgeon, the Fato’s were informed that the seizures were coming from the right side of Fletcher’s brain, which is the side the surgeons had gone through to in order to conduct the biopsy.



Photo Courtesy of Fato Family
Beyond anything anyone hoped to expect, young Fletcher Fato is thriving and living the life of a survivor after it was discovered that he had a brain tumor at only six months old.

After another lengthy hospital stay, the family was able to return home.

Then, on Aug. 10, 2016, Fletcher experienced another seizure in the middle of the night. An MRI revealed that two aneurysms had been caused by the previous brain biopsy and one of the aneurysms had even partially ruptured before it had sealed itself.

“The doctors told us that they had never seen this happen and that it was a miracle that his aneurysms resealed themselves,” said Joanna Fato.

In order to remove the aneurysms, Fletcher underwent an extremely risky procedure the next day, on Aug. 11. Surgeons went in and coiled Fletcher’s aneurysms, a process that is intended to treat aneurysms by supporting the damaged vessel wall so blood can go through the vessel.

During the procedure, a clot broke off and caused now seven-month-old Fletcher to experience a stroke.

“We were in the hospital for a good month,” said Joanna Fato. “He had full left sided weakness, he couldn’t move his leg, he couldn’t move his arm and he had full facial drooping.”

After yet another hospital stay and being discharged from Shands, the Fato family stayed at Brooks Rehab in Jacksonville to try and help Fletcher regain use of his left side.

“And then we started our chemo journey,” said Joanna Fato.

For the next year, Fletcher would go to Shands every Wednesday to undergo his week’s worth of chemotherapy treatments. The Fato Family and the medical staff at Shands weren’t expecting the tumor to shrink, though they did hope that it would stop growing.

“The thought was that it would probably stay the same, and that would be a good thing,” said Joanna Fato. “But, our Fletcher, his tumor shrunk.”

Despite the rocky start Fletcher experienced during the beginning of his medical journey, a miracle was slowly taking place as the chemotherapy treatments did more than what anyone could’ve hoped for – the treatments were shrinking the unshrinkable tumor. Some two years later, the tumor has been reduced to around 85 to 90 percent of its original size.

“This tissue that the doctors say is left is just like scar tissue,” said Joanna Fato.

Another miracle was in the works as well: due to being so young when he experienced his stroke, Fletcher’s brain was able to go around the affected brain matter and ‘rewire’ the way it works, Joanna says.

“Now, he has use of his left side again. He can run and jump and play like a normal two-year-old.”

There is some residual weakness still in his left hand, and Joanna says that they are currently working at helping Fletcher regain some of the fine motor skills that his left hand has difficulty with.

“Other than that, he’s just a normal two-year-old, which is just a miracle,” she adds. “He’s progressing above and beyond what the doctors told us he would.”

On Sept. 27, 2017, Fletcher had his last round of chemotherapy before being declared officially in remission. Now, the closest thing he has to those weekly chemotherapy treatments is physical, occupational and speech therapy three times a week in Tallahassee.

“He loves his therapists,” said Joanna

as she praised his therapists highly for the work they’ve put in to help her son improve.

Another exciting aspect of Fletcher’s journey is the beginning of a new stage of life to the youngest Fato: he entered preschool on Monday, October 1.

Like any other two-year-old boy, Fletcher loves chicken nuggets and french fries. He loves playing outside and absolutely adores his older brother, Brooks. “He thinks his big brother is the best thing ever,” said proud mother, Joanna.

“He has the best personality. He’s just hilarious, he’s never met a stranger,” she said, adding that going grocery shopping is an adventure, as Fletcher loves saying hello to everyone and wants to greet everybody they pass and interact with, anytime they leave the house.

“He’s the light of our family,” said Joanna, of her thriving little boy.

When a child becomes ill, the whole family is affected, and Joanna spoke with pride and thanksgiving towards their family’s hometown community.

“When he got sick, the community just came out in full force. We would come home and our lawn would just be mowed, or people would bring us food,” said Joanna, who is a fifth-generation Jefferson County native. “That was so touching to see the community come out for us and in support for us.”

She also said that Fletcher’s experiences, throughout his chemotherapy, stroke, seizures, and hospital stays, their family grew closer and formed a tighter connection with one another.

“My husband and I have a stronger bond because of this. With some families, sometimes, that doesn’t happen. Some families break up because of situations like this and we just chose to run to the Lord and put our faith in Him,” Joanna says. “You can either run from the Lord or run to the Lord when you have hard things happen and we chose to run to the Lord. We’ve been made stronger. It’s made us appreciate the things that we have.”

Fletcher’s fight is far from over; He is still working with his physical, occupational and speech therapists to gain better use of his left hand, and he will have follow up MRIs every six months to make sure his tumor hasn’t grown – but whatever the outcome of that MRI, Fletcher is a young fighter who kicked his tumor once, and is thriving beyond anything anyone could have expected.

“It’s changed the outlook of how we look at things in life,” adds Joanna.

“I’ve found that positive thinking – even if it’s a bad situation – if you can find one good thing to focus on, it makes everything seem better.”

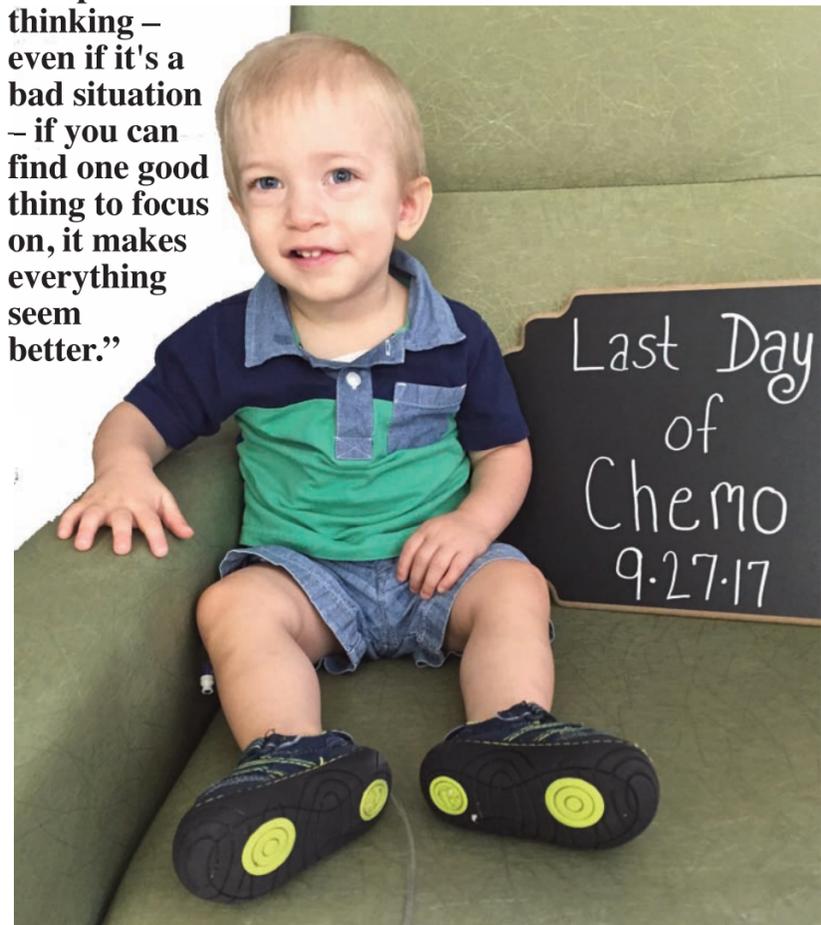


Photo Courtesy of Fato Family
It has been a little over a year since Fletcher Fato went through his last day of chemotherapy on Sept. 27, 2017.



Photo Courtesy of Fato Family
Monday, Oct. 1, 2018, marked a big day in Fletcher Fato’s life – he started preschool! For a little over a year, Fletcher has celebrated a chemo-free life, a miraculous remission and has shared that life vibrantly with everyone he comes in contact with.

Fletcher’s father, Adam Fato, works at Cobb Tile and Joanna is an RN at TMH.

Fletcher is also the grandson of John and Laverne Cobb and Mike and Donna Fato, all of Monticello. Fletcher is the great-grandson of Bob and the late Jo Turner, of Monticello; Bob and Hilda Cobb Smith, of Monticello; the late Jimmy Cobb, of Monticello; Mel Fato, of Stuart, FL; and late Joy and the late Fred Pfister, of Brea, CA.

A Facebook page “Fletcher’s Fight” has been created so that the Fato Family can keep everyone informed and updated on new happenings with Fletcher.



Photo Courtesy of Fato Family
The bond between the two Fato brothers is strong, with both absolutely adoring one another, according to their mother, Joanna Fato. Brooks (left) and Fletcher (right) Fato.

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

From the Pulpit...

Sour Milk

Cows are the number one milk source in the world today, with the United States being one of the leading dairy producing countries for a number of years. Even though milk production in Florida is down about 3.7 percent this year compared to 2017, American cows are still among the most productive cows in the world, with the average cow in the United States producing about eight gallons per day.



Pastor John Hicks
First United Methodist Church

(Eight gallons is about 128 glasses of milk!)

That's good news for us milk lovers. There are times when I really enjoy the juice of the cow. For me, there is nothing much better than having a nice ice-cold glass of milk with a warm cinnamon bun or chocolate chip cookie right out of the oven.

Some years ago, before I was married, I had just taken a batch of cookies out of the oven and popped one in my mouth. I reached in the refrigerator and took out the jug of milk and took a couple of gulps to help wash it down. (I told you it was before I got married!)

What happened next was not pretty. Like the passage in Revelation, I spewed it out of my mouth. I learned a lesson that day: There's a price to be paid for leaving milk out of the refrigerator too long. Good milk turns bad from being warm too long.

I've also learned over the years that good dispositions can turn sour for the same reason. If we let

frustrations or aggravations or irritations simmer too long, we can stew ourselves into a bad attitude. Just as sour milk ruined the good cookie experience for me, sour attitudes can ruin something good for us and those around us.

The story of Mary and Martha in the Bible is a classic example of the sweet turning sour. Martha invited Jesus and the disciples to dinner. While Martha was busy doing all of the things that needed to be done, her sister was sitting down listening to Jesus teach. This irked Martha. What had started out to be an attitude of joy and service for someone special quickly curdled. Martha lost perspective and her focus turned inward towards herself and her situation. With time, she developed an attitude, and her attitude spoiled the gift she was offering.

A bad attitude can spoil something good. Satan knows that. Satan uses that. Notice that he didn't take Martha out of the kitchen; he took away her purpose in the kitchen. The adversary won't turn you against the church; he will turn you toward yourself in the church. He won't take you away from your work; he'll take away your joy in your work.

There is a life-lesson here for us to embrace. To keep an attitude from souring, treat it like you would a cup of milk: Keep it cool and check it regularly to make sure it's good. "Pleasant words (and attitudes) are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones."

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October 4

Community Prayer Breakfast is held from 7 to 8 a.m. on the first Thursday of the month at a different location with a guest speaker and a program. All are welcome to come and bring a guest. For more information contact Coordinator Gary Wright at (850) 997-5705 or (850) 933-5567. October meeting will be held at First Baptist Church Monticello, in the fellowship hall.

October 4, 6, 7, 8

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October 6, 13, 20

Waukeelah United Methodist Church Missions & Outreach Committee announces the closing of the WUMC Thrift Store on October 20. Until then, sales will be held with all items sold for \$1 per item. Sales will be held on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

October 7

Ebenezer Baptist Church is celebrating its 190th Anniversary with a Homecoming event on Sunday. Sunday School begins at 10 a.m. and the Sunday Morning Worship Service is at 11 a.m. Rick Knowles will provide the music and a potluck dinner will be served afterwards on the church grounds. Rev. Andy Creel, pastor (850) 566-2731

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Sunday Evening.....6:00 PM
Wednesday
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Thirteen years of Faith, Hope, and Love

“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.”

(I Corinthians 13:13)

Lloyd Monroe,
Porch de Salomon

Fourteen years ago, God clearly confirmed our “crazy” call to Guatemala in a mission church on the outskirts of Guatemala City with this scripture: “Leave your country, your people and your father’s household and go to the land I will show you. ... I will bless you; and you will be a blessing.” (Genesis 12:1-2).

Thirteen years ago, we left much of what was familiar and moved, in obedience, to Panajachel to launch Porch de Salomon.

We’ve been blessed, true to God’s promise. We praise Him for allowing us to serve and be a blessing in the ways we envisioned, as well as in other ways we didn’t expect.

We are thankful for our volunteers Rex, Robin, Jayne, Rich, and Brian as well as Mirna, Noe, Hilda, Jeydi, Eugenia, Jezer, Alvaro, Birma, Carmen, Lorena, Jose, and our other Guatemalan workers’ year-round work. We thank God for health, safety, provision and resourcing. We also thank our mission partners and supporters for their love, prayers, encouragement, visits, and financial support; most times, ministry costs money.

Here are ministry highlights from our thirteenth year in-country, remembering; “Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord.” (II Corinthians 10:17:)

Hosting 25 short-term mission teams which helped provide:

- 12 new, furnished houses for indigenous families (and local jobs for Guatemalans)
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• Completion of a much-needed expansion of our cramped ministry facility (cafe and hotel), with plans to complete the remodeling of our humanitarian relief building by November 15.

God be praised, all this has been accomplished without incurring debt, thanks to our mission partners.

- Purchasing a used Toyota pick-up truck for hauling construction equipment and material, stoves, beds, furniture, workers, and more

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- 22 more Ecofiltro clean water, home purification systems emplaced

• 18 more Ecoplancha wood-efficient wood stoves installed

- Sustainability training events for indigenous women

• 10 single-mother family sustainability business projects launched

• Operating our Café Hotel California/Hotel California facility for daily service, community events, entertainment, and a venue for the Way to be lived out in the #9 hippie travel destination worldwide

- Weekly worship gatherings at our cafe; lives transformed and hope offered

• Being “salt and light” in places of despair and spiritual darkness through service, relationships, school support, and live music outreach – in bars, local benefits, and music festivals

- Alcohol/drug treatment, rehabilitation,



Photo submitted

Florinda (left), her mother, and siblings with their monthly food/protein package. When she was brought to Porch as a four-year old, chronic infant malnutrition left her the size of an 18-month old child.

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Positions available at North Florida Community College, Madison FL: Staff Assistant; Coordinator of Criminal Justice; Staff Assistant (PT) See www.nfcc.edu for details. 10/3-10/12,c

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The District Board of Trustees of North Florida Community College will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the NFCC Board Room, NFCC, 325 NW Turner Davis Dr., Madison, FL. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: NFCC, Office of the President, 325 NW Turner Davis Dr., Madison, FL 32340, 850-973-1618, or email gaylardc@nfcc.edu. For disability-related accommodations, contact the NFCC Office of College Advancement, 850-973-1653 or news@nfcc.edu. NFCC is an equal access/equal opportunity employer. 10/3

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

FAMILY LAW DIVISION
 CASE NO.: 2018-DP-2

IN THE INTEREST OF:

B.C. DOB: 09/26/2015
 C.C. DOB: 09/23/2016
 M.C. DOB: 10/02/2017
 MINOR CHILDREN

NOTICE OF ACTION (TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS)

TO: Rebekka lacrouix Cooper
 157 Cooper Hill Road, Monticello, Florida 32344

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 children for adoption: B.C., born on 09/26/2015, C.C. born on 9/23/2016 and M.C. born on 10/02/2017. A copy of the Petition is on file with the Clerk of the Court. You are hereby **commanded** to appear on October 23, 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.

Pursuant to Sections 39.802(4)(d) and 63.082(6)(g), Florida Statutes, you are hereby informed of the availability of private placement with an adoption entity, as defined in Section 63.032(3), Florida Statutes.

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 4th day of September, 2018.

Tim Sanders, as Clerk of Court

By: Sherry Sears
 As Deputy Clerk 9/19,26,10/3,10

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO. 18000125CAAXMX

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ASSET SECURITIZATION TRUST 2005-A3 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2005-C,
 Plaintiff,

vs.
 UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ROSALIA A. FOSTER A/K/A .
 ROSALIA FOSTER, ET AL.
 Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION

To the following Defendant(s):

UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ROSALIA A. FOSTER AIKJA ROSALIA FOSTER AIKJA ROSLIA A. FOSTER (CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN)
 Last Known Address: 230 E 6TH WAY, GREENVILLE, FL 32331

UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ROSALIA A. FOSTER AIKJA ROSALIA FOSTER AIKJA ROSLIA A. FOSTER (CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN)
 Last Known Address: 230 E 6TH WAY, GREENVILLE, FL 32331

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

LOT 3, BLOCK "D", ASHVILLE IDGHLANDS, UNIT 1, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "B", PAGE 42, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA

A/K/A 230 E 6TH WAY, GREENVILLE FL 32331

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to Janillah Joseph, Esq. at VAN NESS LAW FIRM, P.L.C., Attorney for the Plaintiff, whose address is 1239 E. NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE SUITE #1110, DEERFIELD BEACH, FL 33442 on or before November 5, 2018, a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the MONTICELLO NEWS and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. This notice is provided to Administrative Order No. 2065.

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: Susan Wilson, ADA Coordinator; 301 South Monroe Street; Tallahassee, FL 32301; 850.577.4401; 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 and the seal of this Court this 20th day of September, 2018
 Tim Sanders
 CLERK OF COURT

By Sherry Sears
 As Deputy Clerk 10/3,10,17,24

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

File Number: 18-000038-TD

Certificate Number: 1005 Year of Issuance: 2011

Description of Property: 23-2N-6E-0500-000B-0190

5.13 Acres - Lot 19, Blk B Aucilla Shores
 ORB 579 PG 924
Site Address: E TURKEY ROOST RD

Name in which assessed: KERMIT L HARRISON, II

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Jefferson County Courthouse, North Steps on **October 16, 2018 at 11:00 A.M.**

Tim Sanders
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 Jefferson County, FL

BY: Sherry Sears, Deputy Clerk 9/12,19,26,10/3

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

File Number: 18-000040-TD

Certificate Number: 814 Year of Issuance: 2011

Description of Property: 14-2N-5E-0000-0031-0000

14.90 ACRES
 Pt of E 1/2 of NW 1/4 & Pt of W 1/2 of NE 1/4
 ORB 82 PG 313 & ORB 289 PG 158 & ORB 635 PG 466
Site Address: STEEN LN

Name in which assessed: ESTELLER HARRELL ANDREWS, ET AL
 C/O MICHAEL WALKER

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

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Tim Sanders
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 Jefferson County, FL

BY: Sherry Sears, Deputy Clerk 9/12,19,26,10/3

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

File Number: 18-000037-TD

Certificate Number: 171 Year of Issuance: 2014

Description of Property: 00-00-00-0470-0024-0010

Pt of Blk 24 Ex S1/2 of Wiricks Addition
 DB 1 Pg 81
Site Address: Magnolia Street

Name in which assessed: Paul and Ethel Broxice
 c/o Gerrold Austin

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Jefferson County Courthouse, North Steps on **November 2, 2018 at 11:00 A.M.**

Tim Sanders
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 Jefferson County, FL

BY: Sherry Sears, Deputy Clerk 10/3,10,17,24

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

File Number: 18-000042-TD

Certificate Number: 780 Year of Issuance: 2014

Description of Property: 18-2N-5E-0130-0000-0893

Lot 466.6 x 80.5 Ft in Lot 89 Springdale Subdivision
 ORB 62 PG 169
Site Address: Cox Rd

Name in which assessed: Willie Mae Morrell
 c/o Paul Morrell

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Jefferson County Courthouse, North Steps on **November 2, 2018 at 11:00 A.M.**

Tim Sanders
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 Jefferson County, FL

BY: Sherry Sears, Deputy Clerk 10/3,10,17,24

NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS

Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners will receive sealed bids from any qualified person, company or corporation interested in constructing:

WACISSA SPRINGS IMPROVEMENTS - PHASE II

This project includes parking improvements, stormwater management improvements, shoreline stabilization, sediment management, exotic vegetation removal, boardwalks, picnic pavilion and restroom facilities. Plans and specifications may be obtained at Dewberry, 502 East Park Avenue, Tallahassee, Florida, 32301, and (850) 354-5185. The bid must conform to Section 287.133(3) Florida Statutes, on public entity crimes.

Bids will be received by JEFFERSON COUNTY at the JEFFERSON County Board of County Commissioners, Clerks Office, 1 Courthouse Circle., Monticello, Florida 32344, (850) 342-0218 until **11:00 AM (EST) on October 31, 2018**. Bids will be publicly opened at **11:05 AM (EST) on October 31, 2018**. All Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked **"Sealed Bid - WACISSA SPRINGS IMPROVEMENTS - PHASE II"**.

There will be a **NON-mandatory** pre-bid conference at the Wacissa Springs Boat Ramp on **October 17, 2018 at 2:00 PM (EST)**. Completion date for this project will be 100 days from the date of the Notice to Proceed presented to the successful bidder.

Liquidated damages for failure to complete the project on the specified date will be set at \$200.00 per day. Please indicate on the envelope **your company name**, that this is a **sealed bid**, and the **bid number**. **The original bid plus two (2) copies should be included.**

Hard copies of the Plans and Specifications will be \$75.00 per set and is non-refundable or electronic copies may be requested at **no charge**. Checks should be made payable to DEWBERRY.

The County reserves the right to waive informalities in any bid, to accept and/or reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid that in their judgment will be in the best interest of the County. If you have any questions, please contact Josh Baxley via email at jbaxley@dewberry.com. 10/3,5,10,12

Jefferson County Annual Farm Bureau Meeting

Kim and Angela Jones family announced as 2018 Farm Family of the Year



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo By Emerald G. Parsons, September 25, 2018

The Kim and Angela Jones family was recognized as the 2018 Jefferson County Farm Family of the Year during the Tuesday, Sept. 25 Annual Farm Bureau Meeting. The Jones Family owns and operates Bethel Oaks Farm as well as their packinghouse, Florida Georgia Citrus. Pictured is the Jones family as well as their staff. Pictured, from left to right, are: Dale Aldridge, Sonja Aldridge, Caitlin West, Teal West, Melissa West, Angela Jones, Wimberly Jones, Jason Jones, Kim Jones, Sam Jones, Jenna Jones, Dru Cross and Bill Cross.

Ashley Hunter
ECB Publishing, Inc.

One of the highlights of the Jefferson County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting is the announcement of the 2018 Jefferson County Farm Family of the Year.

This year, Kim and Angela Jones were awarded that very title during the 2018 annual meeting, which was held on Tuesday, Sept. 25.

The Jones Family owns and operates Bethel Oaks Farm as well as their well-known packinghouse, Florida Georgia Citrus; both operations reside in Jefferson County.

Kim and Angela Jones were selected as this year's farm family due to their active efforts to employ practices that better the community and the environment.

Bethel Oaks Farms is the Jones' timber and citrus operation, where their main timber and citrus operation resides.

Several different varieties of cold-hardy citrus are grown at Bethel Oaks Farms, with Satsuma Mandarins being the star crop.

In addition to their farm, the Jones Family opened up their packinghouse, Florida Georgia Citrus in 2016, which processes and provides fresh oranges from growers

all throughout North Florida, South Georgia and Alabama.

In addition to the delicious oranges, Florida Georgia Citrus produces jams, jellies, fresh squeezed juices and syrups – all from satsumas.

Lake Tribe Brewing Company, a Tallahassee brewery, even uses Florida Georgia Citrus' juice products in their brewing process to craft a locally sourced beer.

This isn't the first time that the Jones Family has been recognized by Farm Bureau either, as they are also a Farm Bureau County Alliance for Responsible Environmental Stewardship (CARES) award recipient due to their efforts to ensure that their farming and production practices are not causing harm to the environment.

The Jones Family have also been implementing Agricultural Best Management Practices within their daily operations since they first began doing so in 2013.

Despite their busy schedule, the Jones Family also work to spread agricultural awareness with the community through a variety of venues and events. Sometimes with other citrus growers and other times with local school children, the Jones Family are always ready to answer production questions, provide tours to



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Kim (left) and Angela (center) Jones were presented with the title of 2018 Jefferson County Farm Family of the Year by Extension Office Agent Danielle Sprague (right). The Jones Family was recognized for their efforts to protect the environment, implement best management practices and reduce runoff and soil erosion.

their farm and help change the way that the community sees citrus farming.

Finding time in his busy schedule, Kim Jones is also involved in the agricultural community through providing active leadership. Kim Jones has been elected to the Cold Hardy Citrus Association's board of

directors, the Georgia Citrus Association and is a member of the Florida Farm Bureau Citrus Advisory Committee.

Kim and Angela Jones have been married for 39 years and have two children and four grandchildren.

They are members of the First Baptist Church of Monticello.

Spreading the Peanut Butter Love

New campaign announced at annual meeting

Ashley Hunter
ECB Publishing, Inc.

Until Thursday, Nov. 1, the Jefferson County Farm Bureau will be accepting donations of unopened jars of peanut butter in order to help feed members of the community.

When invitations to this year's annual meeting were mailed out to Farm Bureau members in Jefferson County, the invites contained a request that asked the members to bring jars of peanut butter with them to the meeting.

While members enjoyed the delicious dinner of chicken pilau, corn, green beans and a bread roll during the Tuesday, Sept. 25, Jefferson County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting, the bureau's Sarah Fulford provided updates from the Women's Committee – of which Fulford is the committee's chairperson.

“We have had an exciting year!” started off Fulford, before listing various activities that Farm Bureau has been involved in throughout the year, such as their agriculture in the classroom program, farm tours, food check out day, youth agriculture days and the recent speech contest at Aucilla Christian Academy.

In addition to those activities, the Jefferson County Farm Bureau is currently participating in two projects: their pop tab collection project and the recently announced Spread The Love Campaign.

Through their collection of pop tabs (the tiny pieces of metal that are used to open cans of soft drinks), the Farm Bureau takes in community donations of the tabs and sends them to the Ronald McDonald House each February.



This project is one that all of District 2 Farm Bureaus participate in, and the collected pop tabs from District 2 have allowed the Ronald McDonald House to pay for their electric bill all year long.

The Spread The Love Campaign is another that will benefit the Ronald McDonald House, as well as local backpack buddies in Jefferson County.

The Farm Bureau is collecting unopened jars of peanut butter until November 2, and the jars will eventually be distributed between the two agencies.

“We feel very blessed to be able to make an impact in our community,” said Fulford.

At the meeting, there was a bucket near the door, and members were encouraged to bring their pop tabs to the bucket (if they brought any to the meeting). In addition, the annual meeting served as a drop off location for jars of peanut butter.

For those who weren't able to attend the meeting, bring peanut butter or tabs to the meeting or want to continue to collect these two items for the community, pop tabs and peanut butter can be dropped off at the Jefferson County Farm Bureau, located at 105 W. Anderson St., in Monticello.

In addition to the Farm Bureau office, jars of peanut butter can be dropped off at the *Monticello News* office, located at 180 W. Washington St, on the Courthouse Circle.

“These jars will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House along with the backpack buddies program here in Jefferson County,” said Fulford. “Please help us spread the love.”

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One of the speakers for the evening of Sept. 25 at the 2018 Jefferson County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting was Adam Basford, the Director of State Legislative Affairs in Tallahassee for the Florida Farm Bureau.

Basford was placed on the agenda to discuss legislative updates for Farm Bureau, but decided to deviate from the program to instead discuss his pride in Farm Bureau as well as why the presence of the members was so vitally important to the Farm Bureau organization.

“People ask, 'What is Farm Bureau?' Is it an insurance company? Is it a lobbying association for farmers? Why am I a member?” said Basford. “It is all of those things.”

“We, as an organization, if we can brag, do a pretty dadgum good job representing farmers and ranchers in Tallahassee, at the county level and in Washington DC and in trying to promote agriculture,” added Basford, before thanking the insurance agents in the room as well as all those who provide representation for the organization at the legislative level.

However, Basford weighed heavily that the efforts of the Farm Bureau agency would be far less successful if not for the farmers and ranchers who are members of the bureau.

“The reason we are a successful organization is because you are all engaged,” said Basford.

Basford also provided information about the Political Action Committee, which helps promote candidates for elected offices that will aid the farmers and ranchers around the state and “not just the farmers and ranchers, but the rural way of life,” added Basford. “Molino is nothing like Pensacola, Callahan is nothing like Jacksonville, Monticello is nothing like Tallahassee and Homestead is nothing like Miami and



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Adam Basford, Director of State Legislative Affairs in Tallahassee for the entire Florida Farm Bureau, spoke briefly at the 2018 Jefferson County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting about his pride in the organization and ways that Farm Bureau is helping build up and promote rural communities.

it takes an organization like Florida Farm Bureau to make sure that we have a strong voice in the legislator to make sure that our rural communities are not forgotten.”

According to Basford, that was one aspect that he felt the Farm Bureau Legislative representatives were able to do very well, but only because of the active voices of all their members and the relationships that rural communities make with their legislative leaders.

“When I walk in representing you, and you have a personal relationship with your legislator... that helps us when it comes time to keeping regulations low in Tallahassee, when it comes to keeping taxes low in Tallahassee, when it comes time to help rural development initiatives that help our rural economy to grow and to thrive,” said Basford, before adding with a laugh: “It's easy for you guys, you have Halsey Beshears who is one of the best in the business as far as understanding agriculture and the rural way of life.”

Basford spoke highly with great pride as he thanked the Farm Bureau members for their committed membership, for the staff's endless dedication to farm and rural lives, and to the organization's support of one another.

“Back in 1941 when it (Farm Bureau) was established, it was established for that very reason: to be the voice of agriculture. When we come together tonight at a county farm bureau meeting, we come together to have a voice that is strong, that is powerful and one that we can really be proud of,” said Basford.

In closing, Basford shared, “Thank you for being a member of Florida Farm Bureau, thank you for seeing the value of that, and as we continue to try and grow our membership, tell your neighbors, tell your friends, we're not just a farming organization, we're not just an insurance organization, we are an organization that tries to continue to move the rural communities forward and we want all the members we can get to help us carry that voice and continue to be strong.”

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Emily Brock (right) was recognized by Women's Committee Chairman Sarah Fulford (left) as the winner of the 2018 Jefferson County Speech Contest. The contest was held on Monday, Sept. 10 at Aucilla Christian Academy. Brock was the first place winner. During the Tuesday, Sept. 25, Fulford recognized Brock and gave her an official plaque.

Live Auction brings in over \$600

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Six delicious cakes and three unique items were donated by members of Farm Bureau and the community for the meeting's traditional live auction.

Though the auction is typically limited to cakes, this year it expanded a bit and included a picnic basket, decorative plates and walking sticks.

The first cake to be auctioned off was a triangle shaped cake decorated and cut to look like the Farm Bureau logo. Bidding for this cake was heated before the Ernest and Sarah Fulford family ultimately placed the final bid on the cake. The Farm Bureau Cake was made by Lydia White.

The second cake to be put up for auction was an elegant vanilla cake with cream cheese frosting and topped with an appetizing spread of blueberries. Baked by Kim Brandies and donated to the event by Abby Godwin (Farm Bureau agent), the cake was given a rapid-fire bid before Gillie Godwin claimed the cake with the final winning bid.

The next cake was bid on by Jefferson County's Sheriff McNeill; a delicious thin layer chocolate cake that was baked by Trisha Perry and donated by the Braswell Family, the cake went home with Sheriff Mac McNeill and Catherine McNeill at the end of the night.

The Monticello News' Emerald G. Parsons stepped into the auction ring when a pound cake baked by Trisha Perry and donated by the Braswell Family went up for auction. Eventually, Parsons won the cake after a brief and triumphant bid.

It was a bidding war when a cake donated by the Fulford Family went up to auction; a chocolate cake, decorated with even more chocolate in the form of icing and shaved chocolate pieces that had been donated by the Fulfords was a hot item before eventually being won by Teal West.

The last cake of the evening was also donated by the Braswell Family and baked by Trisha Perry. A butternut cake with an appetizing creamy icing, the cake went through more than a few rounds of bidding before Casey Gunnels, from Farm Credit, claimed the cake.

In addition to the six cakes, three other items were donated.

Two gold and copper toned decorative plates were donated by Bill Snyder and purchased by Stephen Monroe.

A petite picnic basket, that was also donated by Synder, went up for auction and was purchased by Sam Jones.

The last auctioned item of the evening was especially unique to Jefferson County: a handcrafted walking stick, produced from wood that had been harvested from Jefferson County trees, went up for auction. The winner would have their choice between one of three sticks, each with different wood grains and types: hickory, iron wood, or Florida Maple. The bid winner was Wimberly Jones.

In total, the live auction brought in at least \$650 (not counting additional donations from those who paid for their auction winnings at the end of the night).

Doyle Conner was the evening's talented auctioneer.

Stephen Monroe and Lance Braswell served as the bid watchers to make sure that no one's bid was left out.

The funds gathered from the live auction go towards agricultural education as well as towards The Women's Fund, which was established in 1974 by the Farm Bureau Women's Committee to collect funds for non-profit hospitals in order to assist in the care of kidney

patients.

Since then, the fund has altered a bit in order to expand and support organizations that focus on the community, health and general well-being of Florida residents – especially women and children.

There are no losses in a cake auction, which is perhaps why it is so beloved; bidders can support a wonderful cause and gain a cake in the process.



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This unique vanilla and buttercream cake, decorated and shaped to look like the Farm Bureau logo, was purchased by the Fulford family during the cake auction portion of the evening. The cake was baked by Lydia White. Pictured, from left to right, are: Ernest, Sarah, Meghan and Noah Fulford.



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This beautiful vanilla cake, topped with cream cheese frosting and more than enough blueberries, was one of the more expensive cakes to be bid on during the Sept. 25 Annual Farm Bureau Meeting. The cake was purchased by Gillie Godwin (left). On the right is Abby Godwin, Farm Bureau Agent. Kim Brandies made the cake, with Abby Godwin donating the baked treat.



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This beautiful chocolate cake was hard to turn down, and the bidding was hot before Teal West (right) finally placed the winning bid. Presenting the cake was Farm Bureau Administrative Assistant Melissa Bass (left). The cake was provided by the Fulford Family.



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Sheriff Mac McNeill joined in on the bidding war and purchased a delicious thin layer chocolate cake during the cake auction. The cake was baked by Trisha Perry and donated by the Braswell Family. Pictured is Catherine McNeill and Sheriff McNeill.

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Casey Gunnels, of Farm Credit, purchased this delicious butternut cake that was baked by pastry chef Trisha Perry and donated to the event by the Braswell Family.



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The Monticello News' Emerald G. Parsons purchased a delicious pound cake during the cake auction at the 2018 Jefferson County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting. Pictured are Ashley Hunter, reporter (left) and Emerald G. Parsons, publisher (right). Trish Perry baked the cake, which was donated to the auction by the Braswell Family.



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Stephen Monroe (left) purchased these two decorative copper plates during the live auction at the 2018 Jefferson County Farm Bureau on Sept. 25. Pictured with Monroe is Farm Bureau Agency Manager Lance Braswell (right).

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Sam Jones won this sturdy picnic basket during a bidding war during the annual meeting's live auction. Sam Jones is the grandson of Kim and Angela Jones, who were announced as the 2018 Farm Family of the Year. Here, Sam Jones stands with his winnings next to his grandmother, Angela Jones.





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Farm Bureau's Agency Manager: Lance Braswell

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When Lance Braswell took over the Jefferson, Madison, Taylor and Lafayette Counties Farm Bureau Agencies after Freddy Pitts stepped down in January of 2018, he had big shoes to fill.

Since then, however, Braswell has done well at managing the four offices under his direction and continuing the Farm Bureau legacy that Freddy Pitts helped install.

Insurance and farming have been in Braswell's history long before he ever began working for Florida Farm Bureau, though.

Growing up, Braswell's father was both a farmer as well as a Farm Bureau Agent himself.

"My dad grew corn and tobacco," said Braswell, adding that later on, hay was added to the list of crops.

A native of Greenville, Braswell grew up in Madison County on his dad's farm until he was eight years old, when his family made the move to Lafayette County.

There in Lafayette, his family began growing hay (rather than corn or tobacco) and his father was no longer a full-time farmer, but began working for Florida Farm Bureau as an agent.

Braswell said that his family continued to grow and bale hay until around 2002.

Throughout middle school and high school, Braswell grew up on a Lafayette County hay farm, and watched his father dedicate what would, ultimately, become 24 years of loyal dedication to Florida Farm Bureau.

After graduating from high school, Braswell attended Mississippi College, a Christian university in Clinton, MS.

Right after graduating, Braswell says he began working at Northwestern Mutual, a life insurance agency and financial planning company, where he would work for seven years. "It gave me a lot of



Lance Braswell

good experience," adds Braswell.

He continued to work for Northwestern Mutual until Braswell's father, Steve Braswell, chose to retire after 24 years at Florida Farm Bureau – some of those years which had been spent working alongside Jefferson and Madison's Freddy Pitts.

"When my dad decided to retire, Mr. Freddy called me," said Braswell.

They spoke about Florida Farm Bureau, and about the seat that Steve Braswell was about to leave empty following his retirement, and Pitts offered the job to Braswell.

"I've always been a huge fan of the company and had a lot of respect for them. I saw how well they treated my dad and Mr. Freddy and how well they treated their members and clients," said Braswell.

It was an offer, Braswell says, he couldn't resist. In January of 2007, Braswell left

Northwestern Mutual for Florida Farm Bureau, and hasn't looked back since.

Eleven years later, in January of 2018, Lance Braswell would move up into yet another emptied desk chair as Freddy Pitts stepped down and turned the operations of Jefferson, Madison, Taylor and Lafayette County's Farm Bureau Agencies over to the Greenville native.

Now, as the Agency Manager, Braswell hopes to see the Farm Bureau Agencies he oversees continue to be recognized as an insurance office that 'doesn't just offer insurance', but also on relationships and service.

"We want our members to know how much we care about them when they come in and leave," said Braswell.

He hopes to see Florida Farm Bureau grow in the four counties, but only in the 'right way'.

They aren't about pounding numbers, scooping up as many customers as possible and meeting impossible quotas, but rather, he wants to continue the work that Freddy Pitts' agencies fostered in the communities through trust, word-of-mouth advertisement and referrals.

"We want to grow the right way through building relationship," said Braswell. "We don't want to be the 1-800 number that people call off the tv commercial."

Lance Braswell has been married to his wife, Holly, since 1999, and the couple have two children: a 17-year-old son named Blake, and a 13-year-old daughter named Mia.

"Both are very involved in their school and help me out with my work at times," said Braswell proudly.

Their family is very involved in their church as well.

Want to learn more about the benefits of a membership through the Jefferson County Florida Farm Bureau agency? The agency can be reached at (850) 997-2213.



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The staff at the Jefferson County Farm Bureau all held crucial roles that contributed greatly towards the success of the 2018 Jefferson County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 25. Pictured, from left to right, are: Lance Braswell, Agency Manager for Jefferson, Madison, Taylor and Lafayette Counties; Abby Godwin, Farm Bureau Agent; Melissa Bass, Administrative Assistant; and Glen King, Farm Bureau Agent.



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Jefferson County Farm Bureau employees and volunteers dished up the delicious chicken pilau, green beans, corn and bread roll meal for the attendees of the annual Farm Bureau meeting.



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Becky Hogg holds her beautiful gift basket after winning the item as a door prize during the Farm Bureau annual meeting.



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Jamie Moore won a door prize during the evening of the 2018 Jefferson County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting.

Sarah Fulford wins 1st place in Florida Farm Bureau photo contest



2018 PHOTO CONTEST WINNER! Children on the Farm

Photo Courtesy Of Sarah Fulford



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Ernest Fulford presented Sarah Fulford with her \$150 first place winner's check from Florida Farm Bureau after Sarah participated in and won first place in the state bureau's yearly photo contest.

Ashley Hunter
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A special addition to this year's Annual Farm Bureau meeting was the recognition of a local photographer who had won a photo contest sponsored by the Florida Farm Bureau.

Every year, the Farm Bureau holds a photo contest with three categories of photography: Children on the Farm, Natural Florida & Wildlife and Farm Scenes.

This year, the photo contest ran from July 30 through August 10. Jefferson County's Sarah Fulford



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Who doesn't love door prizes? B.J. and Lucille Jones were some of the night's lucky door prize winners.



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Holding up their door prize of delicious pickled peanuts are Pam and Gary Fulford.

(who is also an employee at the county's Farm Bureau) entered in a photograph she had taken of her two children, Meghan and Noah, on their family farm.

"Anyone who knows me knows that I am constantly taking pictures, especially of my sweet kiddos," wrote Fulford. "For over 12 years I've said I was going to enter this contest and never have. I take pics of my kids frequently on our family farm and we were wrapping up our "photo shoot" and were walking towards the car when they held hands and started walking. I snapped away and knew I had the perfect photo for the contest!"

The photo was submitted under the 'Children on the Farm' category.

To select a winner, all the submitted photos were posted on Florida Farm Bureau's Facebook Page, and the top photograph in each category that received the most 'likes' from followers of the

page was announced as the winner.

"I have always loved photography," adds Fulford. "My grandparents were professional photographers so I was always helping them and it became a big part of me."

No other Jefferson County resident placed top-three in any of the three categories.

As a first place winner, Fulford was sent a \$150 check, which was presented to her at the annual meeting by her husband, Ernest Fulford.

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Lloyd and Melanie Monroe provided the musical entertainment for the evening, and afterwards, a cowboy hat was passed around to take up donations for the Monroe's nonprofit ministry in Guatemala – Porch de Salomon.

Ashley Hunter
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Returning to the Jefferson County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting was Lloyd and Melanie Monroe.

Lloyd Monroe is the son of Jefferson County's Danny Monroe (and brother to Stephen and Dan Monroe), but lives in Guatemala, where Lloyd and Melanie direct the nonprofit ministry that they founded in the Central American country – Porch de Salomon.

Lloyd and Melanie Monroe provided the musical entertainment for the evening as they sang upbeat country songs, well loved folk songs and kept the audience tapping their feet and bobbing their heads to the beat.

At one point, Lloyd and Melanie invited Lloyd's father, Danny Monroe, and Lloyd's brother, Stephen Monroe to join them up at the front to put on a lively performance of well-known song that was written by Carl Perkins and performed by Johnny Cash: Daddy Sang Bass.

With Danny and Stephen Monroe singing bass, Melanie singing tenor and Lloyd playing the guitar, the performance was a delight to all who attended the evening.

At the end of their performance, a cowboy hat was passed around to take up a collection for Lloyd and Melanie's Porch de Salomon ministry.

The Monroe's ministry, which has its home base in Panajachel, Guatemala, hosts short term mission and aid trips that have been crucial in building homes for the local people. Porch de Salomon also provides year-round humanitarian relief through dispersing resources such as clean water, food, infant relief, as well as free medical and dental services.

The Monroes (through Porch de Salomon) also operate the Solomon's Porch Cafe and worship gathering, which is a facility that serves coffee, food



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In the past, Lloyd and Melanie Monroe have surprised their audience by inviting a random member to come up and join them in singing. This year, Danny Monroe and Stephen Monroe were selected to help Melanie and Lloyd perform well-known song "Daddy Sang Bass".

and beverages, provides a live music venue and hosts weekly worship gatherings. The cafe is a major part of the Monroe's ministry, as it serves the locals, "Anglo" expatriates and world tourists who seek adventure, meaning and more in Panajachel.

A total of \$432.57 was raised for the Monroe's Porch de Salomon ministry.

To learn more about the Monroe's ministry, visit their website at: porchdesalomon.org.

The Monroe's also send in monthly newsletter pieces, which run on the church page of the *Monticello News*.



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Winning a gift certificate to the Monticello Tractor Supply Store was event attendee and Farm Bureau Temp Leah Aman.



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Walter and Mary Shannon won a gift bag of Farm Bureau goodies as a door prize during the Sept. 25 Annual Farm Bureau Meeting.



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Would it really be an Annual Farm Bureau meeting if Stephen Monroe, former president and current Vice-President of the Farm Bureau Board of Directors, didn't provide a piece of Cowboy Poetry for those gathered at the gala?



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Ruby and Brad Moore were selected as winners of a door prize that had been provided for the event by Farm Credit.



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Winning a beautiful citrus-themed gift basket door prize from Florida Georgia Citrus was Karen and Kenny Knox.



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Mike Boland was one of the lucky winners selected to receive a door prize after enjoying a delicious meal and entertaining program at the 2018 Jefferson County Annual Farm Bureau Meeting.

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During the event, someone referenced Ernest and Sarah Fulford as the 'first family' of the Jefferson County Farm Bureau – and the title wouldn't be completely inaccurate. Whether it is attending events in the community, representing the bureau at schools, or overseeing events such as the annual meeting, no Jefferson County Farm Bureau function would be complete without the participation of the Fulford Family.





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