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School Board Reaffirms Policy On Outside District Attendance

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The Jefferson County School Board has decided to keep its policy on the attendance of students to schools outside the district as is for the time being, pending a review later this summer.

The policy, as it stands, requires board

permission for children to attend schools outside the district, several of which requests come in monthly. The board typically approves such requests if a hardship can be demonstrated, a child qualifies for a program not offered locally, or one or both parents work for another school district, most commonly Leon County.



**School Superintendent
Al Cooksey**

In practice, however, the policy is not always applied consistently, as board members will readily admit. And students who attend private schools, such as Aucilla Christian Academy, or research schools such as FSUS or FAMUS, don't have to request board permission at all. School Board Member Larry Halsey,

whose proposal touched off a firestorm of sorts and started the policy's reevaluation, sought to revise two of its key elements for the sake — in his words — of fairness and consistency.

His two proposed revisions would have taken away “the automatic pass” now granted to students whose parents work in

another school district and those who attend one of the research schools. The revisions did not mean that the School Board would necessarily deny the request, Halsey said. But they would give the board the option to review and weigh the value and ramifications of each request. **Please See SCHOOL Page 3A**

Airplane “Lands” On Courthouse Circle



ECB Publishing Photo by Amber Houston, May 21, 2014.

AMBER HOUSTON
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On Wednesday, May 21, an airplane came through the middle of town. Partially disassembled and being transported by a professional airplane moving company, the craft hung on one of the outstretched Magnolia trees around the Courthouse Circle.

A scouting van drives ahead of oversized loads with an antenna designed to test the height of bridges and trees relative to what is being hauled. However, the antenna is positioned in the center of the van and the aircraft was canted to the side: there was no way for the transport team to know that the tree would have reached the plane.

No apparent damage was done and no accidents occurred as a result of this mishap.

Courson Trial Now Set For Late July



David Courson
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The trial of David Courson, set originally for May 29, has now been rescheduled for the end of July.

Courson is charged with homicide negligent manslaughter in the death of his six-year-old daughter and lewd and lascivious battery and solicitation of a minor by computer device.

Judge Karen Gievers rescheduled the trial on Monday morning, May 12, based on representations from the defense that information critical to the case was not yet available.

That information has to do with the results of blood tests and electronic evidence from the seized cell phones. Assistant State Attorney John Wilson informed the court that he expected the information would be forthcoming soon.

“The DNA analysis and blood report could be here any day,” Wil-

son said.

Insofar as the electronic data, he said the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) had already provided his office with the content of the two cell phones. It was now a matter of his office identifying and isolating the information pertinent to the case, Wilson said. Once that was done, he would share the information with the defense, he said.

Judge Gievers set the new trial date for July 30, with a docket sounding on July 28 and a case management on July 14.

Courson, 38, is being held without bond on the solicitation charge, the court having determined that he poses a potential threat to the community.

The state holds Courson responsible for the Jan. 20 death of Becca Courson, who died after being struck by a pickup truck outside her home on the family property. According to the charging document, a 13-year-old girl was driving the pickup truck and Courson was a passenger in the vehicle.

The state further charges that alcohol and marijuana were found on their premises and that text messages on the cell phones of the 13-year-old and Courson indicate a sexual relationship existed between the two.

Click It Or Ticket Campaign In Full Swing



AMBER HOUSTON
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Staff Writer

Once a year, Florida law enforcement officers crack down on seatbelt violations. This year's Click It or Ticket campaign is no different.

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April Rainfall Makes For Very Wet Spring

April marked the 5th month of above average rainfall for most counties in the Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD).

This according to the district's latest hydrologic conditions report, which shows an average of 6.47 inches of rain falling in April, almost double the historical average, and making for the 9th wettest winter and spring since 1932.

The report indicates that most of the April rainfall was caused by three systems that dropped up to 14 inches in the upper Suwannee River basin and 12 inches in the coastal areas. It also mentions minor flooding on portions the Aucilla River, as well as others of the district's rivers.

Jefferson County received 11.10 inches, complete. **Please See RAINFALL Page 3A**

City Adopts Amended Animal Control Rules

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Monticello officials have tightened the rules relative to animals within the city.

Ordinance 2014-01, which the Monticello City Council adopted on Tuesday, May 6, amends the section of

the city code regulating the registration and maintenance of cats and dogs within the city limits.

The council also on the same night adopted Resolution 2014-10, which sets fees for the redemption or adoption of impounded animals.

Finally, the council appointed an animal control committee to

hear complaints on particular animals and make a determination as to the latter's dangerousness.

Ordinance 2014-01 requires the registration of all dogs and cats within the city that are not identified with a radio frequency identification (RFID) chip.

It specifically states that no person may

own or harbor a dog or a cat within the city that is older than four months unless the animal has been vaccinated against rabies and implanted with a RFID chip or otherwise identified with a city-issued registration.

The animal, moreover, must wear the registration tag on its collar at all times.

Exempted from the provision are animals owned by a licensed research facility, held in a veterinary medical facility, or housed in an animal shelter that is government operated or licensed.

Animal owners/custodians must have direct control of their dogs or cats. Animals that city staff deter-

mine are dangerous must be kept confined within a building or secure enclosure and must be muzzled or caged whenever off the premises.

Owners, moreover, will be held responsible for their animals' behavior and may be charged with a second. **Please See RULES Page 3A**

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Local Weather	Fri 5/23	92/66	Sunny skies. High 92F. Winds WNW at 5 to 10 mph.
	Sat 5/24	93/68	Sunny. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.
	Sun 5/25	94/68	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.
Mon 5/26	92/66	Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm.	
Tue 5/27	91/68	Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm.	

Viewpoints

Deb's Notes

Drop A Note To
Debbiesnapp@embarqmail.com

The Capital Area Chapter of the America Red Cross is hosting a 'Hurricane Party' from 6 to 10 p.m. on Friday, June 6, at the American Legion Post at Lake Ella, 229 Lake Ella Drive. The Brand Brothers have agreed to entertain through the evening. They do a lot of Eagles, Cars, Steely Dan, and Beatles. Bruce Jones, local sound engineer who toured with Santana for years and just came off a European tour with Joe Cocker, has agreed to mix the sound for the evening. Caterer Dan Silver is working up a simple little barbeque dinner and it should be a very fun, casual, grass-roots kind of evening for all. Agency representatives will be distributing Hurricane Guides and the hope is to have some volunteers create sample prep kits for display. Ticket cost is \$25, and the barbecue will cost \$5. Contact Development Director Chrys Ivey Goodwyne at 850-402-5612 (Direct Line), 850-878-6080 (Chapter), 850-528-9484 (Mobile) for more information.

Department of Children and Families in Circuit 2 is hosting a Bridges Out of Poverty workshop which provides both the social service provider and the community member key lessons in dealing with individuals from poverty. Topics include increasing awareness of the differences in economic cultures and how those differences affect opportunities for success. Contact Debra Portera at 850-778-4076 by June 13 to reserve as seating is limited. The event is scheduled for June 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Betty Easley Conference Center. Registration and doors open at 7:30 a.m. Partners for Promise: Academic Success, Family Prosperity, Healthy Living, Child Safety, Supporting our Seniors. www.FLPpartnersforPromise.com, Visit www.adoptflorida.org for adoption information.

'Brew' Ha Ha:
Conversations for Coffee
Amber Houston
 Staff Writer

Barnyard Revelation

Recently, I added to my flock of chickens. Once I had only a huge New Hampshire Red rooster and a little game hen. I have added an Australorp hen and a little buff "mystery chicken."

In addition, I picked up a pair of bantams—a dusky gray hen and a rooster the color of pebbles in a streambed. They're mystery chickens, too. The hen is laying, but if you're baking, you can't even count her eggs as a whole egg. Bantams are not necessarily useful chickens, but they don't have to be at my house. I bought them for entertainment value.

And as soon as I brought them home, I got exactly what I bargained for. Even with a chain link fence between them, the roosters

were going at each other. They'd flap their wings, spur the fence, and *cock-a-doodle-doo* in absolute fury. Did it matter that the plucky bantam was an eighth the size of big red Firenze? No.

This went on until the pair tuckered themselves out and went to sleep. The next morning, John and I woke to find the bantam had escaped the coop.

We expected the roosters to be pecking each other's eyes out, but the little bantam was pecking bugs and grass and Firenze was free ranging with his game hen wife, Babette. They were nowhere close to each other. It wasn't until John tried to catch the bantam and put him away that there was a problem.

The bantam ran. John chased him, long legs and arms flailing.

The bantam fussed and clucked and crowed and suddenly Firenze thought the bantam was terrorizing the yard. So he started running after the bantam, but his heavy, awkward frame wouldn't let him keep good pace, so he was behind John.

I would have helped more, but I was too busy laughing at the circus in my yard. After much effort, we got the rooster put away where he belonged. But what was the point? The chickens were perfectly fine until we interfered.

I guess it shows that people sometimes try to control things in their lives that don't need controlling. We try to micro-manage ourselves, our families, and our jobs, when God says, "I've got this."

And we end up looking foolish.

Letters To The Editor

Letters to the Editor are typed word for word, comma for comma, as sent to this newspaper - All submitted Letters must be 600 words or less -

Too Much Regulation And Spending

At tonight's county commission meeting, a resolution was offered and passed in support of the Jefferson County Kennel Club (JCKC). Contrary to many actions I've seen lately, this did not ask for tax money. Instead, it asked for relief from excess regulation. It accurately laid out the main reason why economic development has been hindered in Florida and much of the U.S. I'll quote one of the measures of the resolution:

"Whereas, Jefferson County Kennel Club, Inc. is controlled by State statutes and regulations that have become so burdensome as to make it impossible to operate;"

The resolution notes the JCKC has been around over 50 years and paid over \$1 million in property taxes to the county in that time. In the re-

cently-ended session, a Senate proposal would have increased these regulations even more. Thankfully it failed. We must all ask our legislators and the governor to help the JCKC by allowing their license to remain inactive without penalty.

These regulations are but one part of the problem of economic development. Section 125.045 of the Florida Statutes deals with economic development, allowing counties to give away tax money to private businesses. This conflicts with Article 7 Section 10 of Florida's Constitution as well as being unfair to businesses that do not receive the taxpayer assistance. This law was initially added in 1995, consisting of only three paragraphs. Under former Gov. Charlie Crist, it was expanded to be far more aggressive in 2010, more than tripling in size to 11 paragraphs, and expanded again twice under Gov. Rick Scott in 2011. Our national debt in 1995 after 219 years was \$4.9 trillion. Only 19 years later

it's now over three times as high at \$17.8 trillion and climbing. Rick Scott's 2014 budget sets a new record for size and spending. Of a \$1.5 billion surplus obtained from taxpayers, \$1 billion is being spent and a paltry \$500 million is being returned to some taxpayers. We can't continue to sustain this level of government spending.

Government is often well-intended but the end result fails to solve the problem and instead aggravates it. Often, as President Reagan noted during his time, government is not the solution, it is the problem. This trend in government will not begin to reverse itself until we elect those that think differently outside the expanding government box.

Adrian Wyllie, Libertarian candidate for Governor, has a plan to shrink the size of the state government by 30 percent - to only those necessary functions and return the money by not taking it in the first place.

Paul Henry

New FSU Logo

Without consulting most of its fans or the majority of its supporters those in power at FSU decided to submit to pressure from SEMI-NIKE and change the FSU logo. No one that I have talked to likes the logo and no one that I talked to was consulted. The message from FSU is that we are bigger than our fan base. We do not care what the rank and file think. It is

almost enough to make you want to turn in your tickets and stop contributing to the SEMINOLES. I will not go that far because I love FSU and the SEMINOLES. However, I am decidedly unhappy with the new logo. It is almost like a cartoon character. I will never adopt it. I resent very much the way FSU handled this whole thing.

Charles E. McClellan

The Watermelon Festival Writing Scholarship, sponsored by Capital City Bank, is open to local high school juniors and seniors; and must be a resident of Jefferson County. The essay topic this year 'What Does Jefferson County Mean To Me?' is worth \$500 for first place; \$300 second place; and \$200 third place. So, students, get to writing! Scholarships will be made payable to the college, university, training or other educational entity of the winner's choice. Application packets with instructions may be picked up at the Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, local schools, at Capital City Bank, and on the Chamber website at www.monticellojeffersonfl.com.

In order to ensure all youth have an opportunity to apply for the Florida Youth Commission (FYC), the application deadline has been extended to Friday, June 6. The selection notification will remain Friday, August 1. The objective of the FYC is to unite youth across the state in order to identify key issues facing Florida's next generation. The FYC aspires to not only connect Florida's youth, but also to guide and cultivate our future leaders. A diverse pool of applicants is being sought. For more information, contact Special Projects Manager Christina Paccelle at 850-717-2429 or

christin.battle@djj.stat.e.fl.us.

Honey Lake Plantation, a proper Southern plantation just a short drive east from downtown Monticello, invites families, adults, and children of all ages to experience a variety of summer plantation activities at "The Great Summer Kick-Off Event" on Saturday, May 31 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free of charge and open to the public, The Great Summer Kick-Off Event is sponsored by Bass Pro Shops and offers an array of outdoor adventures including, fly casting, sport shooting, archery, kayaking and spin casting demonstrations, as well as, plantation tours on the Bird Buggy and The Growler, custom-designed open-air vehicles used to transport hunters and bird dogs. Attendees will also have the opportunity to sip, sample and savor summer fare and chilling treats while they experience the best of Southern hospitality and all that Honey Lake Plantation has to offer this summer.

Who Killed The King? murder mystery dinner theater started at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 16 and will continue to run every weekend through May. The medieval fare for this audience-interactive show will be catered by Carrie Ann & Co. Ticket cost is \$35 for non-members. Make your reservations now by calling the Monticello Opera House at 850-997-4242 or go to www.monticellooperahouse.org.

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he said.

The board's decision on Monday, May 12, to leave the policy as is for the time being came at the request of School Superintendent Al Cooksey, and it elicited a strong protest from School Board Member Charles Boland, who questioned why his request to have the policy put on the agenda for repeal had not been honored.

Boland never really got a response to his question. Instead the brief discussion that ensued largely devolved into rhetoric, personality clashes and allegations of past inconsistencies.

Boland reiterated his argument that the policy should be repealed on the grounds that the board should have no authority over a parent's right to determine where his or her child attended school.

"The policy should have been done away with long ago," Boland said. "I'd like to see it advertised that we're going to do away with it at our next meeting."

Halsey questioned the wisdom of abolishment. He believed that a policy of some kind was necessary for the district to be able estimate enrollment numbers, he said.

"I think we need a count of how many students we can expect each year," Halsey said. "We can't do a budget without knowing how many students are enrolled. We have to know the estimated enrollment at least."

Boland disagreed. Knowing the estimated enrollment hadn't helped the district in the current school year, he said, pointing out that notwithstanding the estimate, the count had been off by about 40 students.

"That was \$240,000 we had to pay back,"

Boland said, referring to FTE dollars, or per-pupil funding, that schools receive each year from the state based on the student population.

School Board Member Shirley Washington chided Boland for his sudden-found concern about the policy.

"It surprises me that he wants to do away with the policy now," Washington said, going on to cite occasions when she said she had fought to give a parent permission to have a child attend a school outside the district based on a hardship and Boland had opposed her.

"But just a few days ago, he read a whole lot of reasons to toss out the policy," Washington said. "If we're going to do away with policies that easy, we shouldn't have a problem doing away with the policy on Old Howard Academy."

The latter was a reference to an earlier request from a citizen that the board find a way to return the historic building, once an all-black high school, to the African-American community, a proposal that School Board policy doesn't allow.

Samantha Cooksey Strickland, a Jefferson County High School graduate and mother of children not yet of school age, told the board that it should be contemplating positive ways of keeping children here, not trying to hold them hostage. She had thought that parents at the earlier workshop had made their concerns known and that the issue had been resolved, she said. But now she was hearing to her dismay that the board intended to keep the policy in place and revisit it later, she said.

"You should be offering incentives instead of heavy-handed

measures to keep children here," Strickland said. "I will not sacrifice my kids' education because you need to have tax money. You should be asking, what can we do to offer more options, so that children will want to stay here."

School Board Member Sandra Saunders took issue with Strickland's representation. As a parent, Saunders said, Strickland had to decide what was best for her children, as she herself (Saunders) had had to decide in her own time about her own daughter's schooling when faced with similar circumstances.

But the School Board was perfectly within its right and it had a duty to consider the policy in its own time and place, Saunders said. It didn't mean that the board would necessarily keep, amend, or do away with the policy. That was the board's decision to make, she said. But other parents had different opinions than Strickland's and their concerns also had to be weighed. And certainly, it was her belief that the district had to have policies, Saunders said. Otherwise it would be a free-for-all.

Halsey, for his part, praised Strickland for the thoughtful and detailed counterproposal that she had emailed to him in response to his initial proposal. He thought Strickland's proposal had merit and deserved serious board consideration, he said.

Lastly, for the sake of disclosure, Halsey shared that although two of his children had graduated from the local school district with honors, his last child had attended FSUS. He wanted parents to know that he understood and appreciated their situation, he said.

Campaign

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The campaign runs from May 19 to June 1, 2014. It represents a time where law enforcement officers will be looking hard for these violations in an effort to make the public more aware of personal and public safety.

Over the last five years, the annual campaign has resulted in over 3 million seatbelt citations. Get in the habit of wearing a seatbelt—avoiding a citation saves time and money... and could save your life.

In fact, the Na-

tional Highway Traffic Safety Administration, which backs the campaign each year, reports: "if all passenger vehicle occupants age five and older had worn seatbelts, an additional 3,031 lives would have been saved

in 2012." It goes on to give the shocking comparison that tis number represents almost twice the number of lives lost when the Titanic sunk."

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Rainfall

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pared with the April average of 4.04 inches. The county has received 63.38 inches during the last 12 months, or 105 percent of the annual normal.

Madison County, meanwhile, received 10.06 inches, compared with the April average of 3.23 inches. Madison has received 68.17 inches during the last 12 months, or 121 percent of the annual normal.

The report notes that many springs on the Suwannee River had to be closed to swimming and diving

because of inundations, as rising river levels can slow or reverse spring flows, causing river waters to flow into springs.

"In April, the Suwannee River flowed into White Sulphur Springs for the fourth month in a row," the report states. "The flow into the aquifer was measured at 86 million gallons per day on April 16 just before the springhouse became flooded. Fanning Springs also experienced a reversal in flow last month."

The SRWMD reports that groundwater levels have been increasing since February and are currently the highest since 2005.

The high groundwater levels are expected to sustain spring and river levels for months.

"When the river drops, we expect to see spring flows we haven't seen since 1998," said Megan Wetherington, SRWMD senior professional engineer.

For more on the on the hydrologic conditions, visit www.mysuwanneeriver.com.

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degree misdemeanor for failure to comply.

A person who interferes with, hinders, or molests a city agent in the performance of his or her duty will be deemed guilty of a second-degree misdemeanor and prosecuted accordingly.

When the animal control authority determines that cause exists to classify a dog as dangerous, the owner may request a hearing within seven calendar of receiving the official notification.

The citizen's request for a hearing must be typewritten or legibly printed and must contain certain information, including the animal's registration number and the reason for the challenge to the official finding.

The animal control board must then hold a hearing on the challenge no later than 21 calendar days, and no sooner than five days, after the request is made. The ordinance specifically spells out the procedures and protocols for the conduct of the hearings.

If after a hearing the board affirms the dangerous classification of an animal, the owner has 10 days to appeal the decision to the county court.

In the event of an appeal, the animal must be kept securely confined until the court case is resolved.

If no hearing is requested within a specified time, the dog will remain classified as dangerous and will be disposed of accordingly.

As for any dog or cat that is running

loose, the city will impound the animal, and if possible, notify the owner of the impoundment. The owner may then reclaim the animal by paying the impoundment fees plus any applicable boarding, transport or treatment or vaccination costs.

No impounded animal will be released until proof of rabies vaccination is provided and verified by city personnel.

Impounded animals not claimed within five days become city property, to do with as city personnel see fit.

Loose animals impounded more than twice in 18 months will be spayed or neutered before they can be reclaimed. What's more, owners will be responsible for paying the veterinarian fees for the procedure prior to redemption of the animals.

Animals found to be neglected, or suffering

malnutrition or without adequate shelter protection will be removed from the owners and put in a safe place at the owners' expense, or euthanized if necessary to prevent their further suffering.

Return of an animal to an owner will be contingent on the latter paying in full for all impoundment and treatment expenses and providing proof of having a safe premises for the housing of the animal.

At the discretion of the animal control officer, unclaimed impounded dogs and cats may be released for adoption to members of the public. No dog or cat, however, will be released for adoption without being neutered, microchipped and vaccinated against rabies.

For more information on the ordinance and the schedule of fees, contact the City Clerk office at 342-0153.

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Did You Know?

All of the cobble stones used to line the streets in New York were originally stones found in the hulls of Belgian ships ballast

Look Who's Graduating!

Nathan Tyre will graduate from Wakulla High School 'Home of the War Eagles' on Friday, June 6, 2014.

He is the grandson of Elizabeth Messer of Lamont, FL. and the son of Jennifer Grimsley of Wakulla, FL.



Ramsey Revell Graduates From Florida State University

Ramsey Dana Revell graduated May 10 from Florida State College of Law with a Doctorate in Juris Prudence.

She is the daughter of Davis and Carol Revell of Monticello. She is also the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Tripp Anderson and the late Mr. and Mrs. Nason Revell.

During her time at FSU Law, she worked at JAG Probation in Jefferson County. She also interned for the Honorable Judge Flury and for the Public Defender's Office in Leon County.

Ramsey will be preparing herself to take the Florida Bar Examination in late July.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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May 23
Monticello Jamboree Band performs music for dancing every Friday night at 7 p.m. at 625 South Water Street. Everyone is welcome to come dance, listen to some of the finest music, enjoy doorprizes, soft drinks, snacks, and just enjoy some fun and camaraderie with neighbors and friends. This is a nonprofit charitable event. Donations are accepted. For questions or concerns, contact Bobby Connell at 850-445-0049.

thru May
Student Art Show/Exhibit on display through May at the **Jefferson Arts**, in the Gallery, Saturdays and Wednesdays

from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 575 West Washington Street. For more information call 850-997-3311.

May 26
AA meeting at 8 p.m. on Monday at the Christ Episcopal Church Annex, 425 North Cherry Street. For more information call 850-997-2129.

May 26
Martin Luther King (MLK) **Community Center** Committee meets at 6 p.m. on the last Monday. Contact Charles Parrish at 850-997-3760 for more information.

May 26
Al-Anon meeting at 8 p.m. on Monday at the Anglican Church, 124 Jefferson Avenue in Thomasville. For more information go to www.al-anon.alateen.org.

May 26, 27, 28
Zumba: Monday at 5:15 p.m., Tuesday at 5:30 p.m., at MadCo Studio, with Certified/Licensed Zumba Instructors Melanie Mays and Kristie Lamb. Adult Dance Diva Tone/Stretch: Monday/Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. at 262 North Cherry Street. For schedule call 850-321-0036.

May 26, 29
Girls Revival Fitness is making a difference at 4:30 p.m. on Monday and Thursday at 1065 South Water Street, at the American Legion Otto Walker Post 49. For more information contact Certified/Licensed Instructor Doris DeMauro Bishop at 850-591-0085 or doris@girlsrevival.com. Classes are designed for those who might be new to exercise, older, and/or not active, those with

joint issues, or for those who just prefer a slower pace. Fun and energetic praise music combined with low impact Latin fused dance moves such as the Cha-cha, Salsa, and Meringue will keep you moving without twisting and turning those knee and ankle joints that just don't work like they used to. This class will give a fun cardiovascular and will work on balance. First class is free!

May 27
Flab-To-Fab weight loss support group meets on Tuesday at the Monticello Health & Fitness Center, 760 East Washington Street. Weigh-in begins at 4:30 p.m. with guest speakers discussing healthy topics. Discuss your problems and find the solutions. This new, exciting, support group is free of charge to anyone; donations are accepted. Share recipes, stories, and ideas. For more information contact the facility at 850-997-4400.

May 27
AA meeting at 8 p.m. on Tuesday for those seeking help. The class is held at the Harvest Christian Center, 1599 Springhollow Road. Contact Marvin Graham, pastor, at 850-212-7669 for more information.

May 28
Kiwanis will meet at 12 p.m. on Wednesday at the Jefferson Country Club for lunch, a program and a meeting. For more information, contact President Don Condon at 850-997-5299.

May 28
Crazy Quilters meet from 1 to 3 p.m. in the community room at the Jefferson County Bailor Public Library every Wednesday. Anyone is welcome to drop by to sew, or to chat.

May 28, 29
Cardio Fitness at K&J's Fitness on Wednesday and Thursday at 6 p.m. at the old JCHS track/field off South Water Street. Bring your own workout mat and drinking water. For more information call Frazier at 850-321-2358 or Skipworth at 850-688-6286.

May 29
AA meeting 8 p.m. on Thursday at the Christ Episcopal Church annex, 425 North Cherry Street. For more information call 850-997-2129.

May 24
New Bethel AME Church will hold its Third Quarterly Conference at 12 p.m. on Saturday. Elder Carlton Taylor will bring the message. Rev. Jimmie F. Dickey, pastor.

May 24
New Bethel AME Church will host the Tallahassee District Sons of Allen Meeting on Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. with breakfast. Rev. Jimmie F. Dickey, pastor.

May 25
Ford Chapel AME Church, on West Lake Road, will celebrate its 'Homecoming' at 3 p.m. on Sunday with guest speaker Rev. Charles Evans, of the Mt. Zion AME Church in Madison and the congregation will be in charge of the service. Rev. Nathan Robinson, pastor.

May 25
Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church, in the Dills Community, will celebrate its 'Deacons and Deaconesses Anniversary' at 3 p.m. on Sunday. Rev. Dr. Edward Scott and the Lloyd Mt. Zion AME Church congregation will be in charge of the service. For more information and directions contact Nell T. Randell at 850-997-5605 or Henry Seabrook at 850-997-4475. Rev. Willie Webster, pastor.

May 25
New Bethel AME

Church Arnetter Hill Women's Missionary Society will host its annual Evening in White program at 4 p.m. on Sunday. Evangelist Georgiana Barker will be speaker along with the Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church Choir. The public is invited. Rev. Jimmie F. Dickey, pastor.

May 25
Mt. Pleasant Ministries Capps, FL. will hold an 'Appreciation Program' for Ed Keaton at 6 p.m. on Sunday with Rev. Rudolph Nealy and his congregation from Quincy in charge of the service.

May 25
Memorial Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate its 111th Anniversary at 11 a.m. on Sunday. Guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. Isaac P. Brantley, associate minister at Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church, in Gainesville. Guest choir will be from St. Phillip AME Church. Guest ushers will be from Greater Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church. Host pastor is Rev. JB. Duval. All are welcome to attend. A special invitation is extended to all former members, organizations, groups with youth, and to all who have used the MMBC facilities and services at any time. Dinner will be served after the service.

May 25
Philadelphia Missionary Baptist Church will host its 'Family And Friends Day' at 11 a.m. on Sunday at the church location, 555 Fulford Road. Guest speaker for the event will be Rev. Terry Presley and the Tallahassee Union Branch Missionary Baptist Church congregation will be in charge of the service. The public is invited to come worship on this special occasion. For more information contact Sis. Janie Mitchell, chairperson at 850-997-2892. Rev. Ernest Bruton, pastor.

May 25
Wacissa United Methodist Church will host the 'Trinity River Band' at 11 a.m. on Sunday. For more information and directions go to www.wacissaundermethodist.embarqspace.com.

May 27
First United Methodist Church and Katrina Richardson continue to host the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University at 6 p.m. weekly in the Family Ministry Center. The nine-weeks of classes will be held on Sunday evenings. Learn how to take control of your family finances. Contact Richardson at 850-567-6451 for more detailed information. **May 25 Sunday Class Has Been Rescheduled For Tuesday 6:30 p.m.**

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Jefferson County Living

Beautiful Day For Emancipation Parade

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The Monday, May 19 Emancipation Day Parade was very well received with the parade route lined with enthusiastic spectators, on a beautiful warm and sunny morning.

The parade participants followed together all the way to the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center (MLK CC) for a Black History Program and Celebration.

The afternoon program centered around this year's theme, 'Lift Every Voice And Sing ~ Let Emancipation Ring ~ Break Every Chain.'

Food and art vendors lined the streets closest to the MLK CC and activities for children, teens, and adults were plentiful, offering an afternoon of fun and education for all.

The parade began with sirens and whistles blaring as the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and the Monticello Police Department vehicles started rolling. The lineup that fol-

lowed included the JC Fire Rescue and Emergency Medical Service, MLK CC Committee Members, Jefferson Senior Citizens Center, American Legion Post 49, local NAACP, Tax Collector's Office, Cloud Singers, Community Band, City Council, Property Appraiser's Office, Buddy's Home Furniture, Restored Glory Christian Center, Greater Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, Memorial Missionary Baptist Church, Gelling's Floral Design, Brynwood Center H&R, Peace Builders; and the County Commission brought up the rear, concluding the event participants.

Banners and signs were carried proudly by many of the aforementioned groups.

The MLK CC Committee meets at 6 p.m. on the last Monday of each month at 1420 First Street in Monticello. The next meeting is scheduled for May 26. Contact Chairman Charles Parrish at 850-997-3760 for more information.



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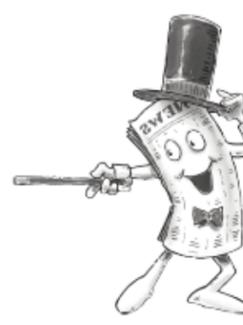


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“Well Then... Thesp!” Local Murder-Mystery Dinner Delights



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The cast. Front, left to right: Mickey Clickner, Jan Williams, Steven Webster, Stephanie Taylor, and Brannan Salter. Back, left to right: Amanda Street and Shirley Beaupied.

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With exaggerated characters, fun-loving actors, and audience interaction encouraged, the murder-mystery dinner *Who Killed the King?* is sure to delight audiences.

Before the show, actors come out and improvise with guests, welcoming them, encouraging them to enter into the steeplechase, and mingling. The only thing wackier than the characters are the actors who portray them: serving wenches are prevalent and sassy.

The sassiest wench, Amanda Street, plays her part well. A romantic, feisty, and indignant woman, Wenchie expects to be treated like a lady, though no man in the castle seems to oblige her. Neither the king nor the tax collector can keep their hands off of her. But would she kill the king over this mistreatment?

Then there's the princess, an adulteress with bad spending habits. She's upset over the king's wandering eyes and hands, but is it enough to lead her to murder?

Then there's the Jester, Morrie, played by Shirley Beaupied. As an actor, everyone agrees that Beaupied's antics stole the show. Her accent was perfect and her lack of inhibition was hilarious. As a character, however, Morrie is not the most stable and also mistreated by the king. Did Morrie do it?

Following his debut in *Dearlly Departed*, Mickey Clickner is the newest member of the cast. Dashing, suave, and cunning, the tax collector is a capable man—but is he capable of regicide?

Then there's Brother Thelonious, a monk in service of the kingdom. Though Brannan Salter, the actor who portrays him, is but seventeen, Thelonious puts one in mind of an old man. Salter portrays the char-



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Clickner as the Tax Collector threatens Beaupied as Morrie. In this production, tensions are high and there are threats all around. But who killed the king?

acter zealously and well, bringing to life a knowledgeable but forgetful old man. Thelonious is patient throughout the mayhem of castle life and rarely engages in the drama that the other residents bring. You'd never suspect the monk... right?

Then there's the queen: dignified and elderly, the queen is the picture of royalty. Jan Williams plays the powerful and stately woman perfectly. However, she deeply disapproves of her son's behavior and the princess' immaturity. She even threatens not to abdicate should the couple not show a bit more decorum. Does she hate his behavior enough to kill him?

Then, of course, there's the king. Steven Webster gleefully plays the king everyone loves to hate. Lustful, arrogant, and manipulative, the King leaves no room for anyone to like him—audience members and castle residents alike.

But who kills him? Find out, grab a great meal, and have a good

time at the local production, *Who Killed the King?*

Hiccups in production make the play move along slowly. Pacing between acts could either be quickened, or more entertainment should be provided. However, further performances may remedy this.

Meals are being served differently this year: instead of individual servings, tables are being served as a family, allowing people to build their plates as they like and encouraging interaction between guests.

Carrie Ann & Company offers a delicious dining experience with peas, roasted potatoes, roasted chicken, cake, and hors d'oeuvres. A cash bar is available.

This is the perfect show for any adult to laugh all night. However, due to blatant sexual innuendo, copious toilet humor, and adult themes that range from adultery to lust to murder, this writer recommends finding a babysitter and making this an adults-only night out.



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Extension Office Pasture Class Teaches “Hay, B, C’s”

AMBER HOUSTON
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

Ever cursed your cattle for stomping more of their hay than they ate? Ever lost bedding and feed to mold or spoilage? Well Jed Dillard and the Extension Office are here to help.

Agent Dillard will be giving advice on growing your own hay, buying the

right hay, storage, and distribution to your animals. The goal of this class is to maximize your farm's efficiency and your wallet—whether you are a big operation or a small farm.

This informative workshop will start at 6:00 p.m. on May 29. As always, the class is absolutely free but participants are asked to call ahead to ensure that there will be enough materials for everyone. Call (850) 342-0187.

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Relay For Life Brings HOPE To Jefferson County

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Jefferson County residents celebrated HOPE on Friday evening as they walked around and around the Jefferson County High School track during the Relay For Life event for the American Cancer Society; celebrating hope for cancer patients through research funded by their fundraising efforts.

Event Chairman David Hobbs and Coordinator Cricket Edwards kicked off the event with a thank you, and the introduction of team volunteers, entertainers, walkers and other participants, and all the cancer survivors, their families and friends in attendance.

Luminaria bags were decorated with the names of loved ones, and

lined the JCHS track. When the sun went down the candle in each bag was lit and the walkers continued in the dark because... hope shines the brightest by candlelight.

The lineup of entertainment was fantastic, with music and excitement throughout the evening.

Sheila Griffin, specialist for the Relay For Life Florida Division of the American Cancer Society and County Liaison, was also on-hand to help from 6 p.m. to 12 a.m., wherever needed.

To make a donation to Relay, contact Liaison Sheila Griffin at 850-329-4545 or 850-294-6313, or go to sheila.griffin@cancer.org.

\$23,000+ was raised by teams, sponsors, and in-kind donations. "We had great community participation," states Griffin.



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Cancer Survivor Joy Eveland and her husband John were preparing to walk the Jefferson County ACS Relay For Life Survivors Lap on Friday evening when her name was announced to "turn around and greet your out-of-town family". She was surprised to tears when she realized that they drove up from Clearwater just to walk in support of her. They came with a big handmade sign and lots of hugs and kisses.



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Jefferson County American Cancer Society Relay For Life Team Members Cricket Edwards and Event Chair David Hobbs oversee the Friday evening event, making sure that all goes well and everybody has fun.



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Dorothy Benjamin and Lucretia Brown ready themselves to walk the Jefferson County ACS Relay For Life Cancer Survivors Lap on Friday evening.



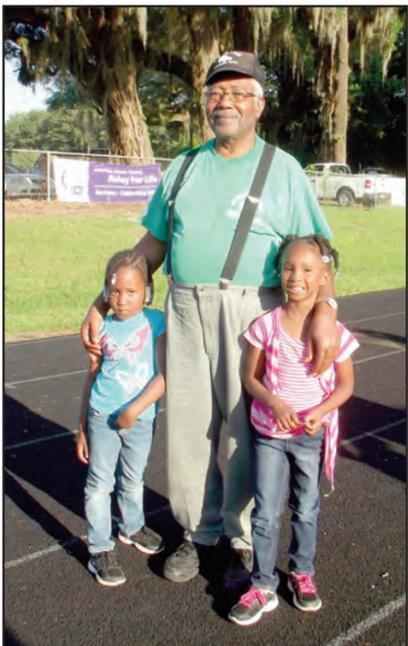
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Kemya and Erica are enjoying their evening at the Jefferson County ACS Relay For Life event.



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Craig Wilson sells boiled peanuts, a fundraising effort by the Health Department, for the Jefferson County ACS Relay For Life event on Friday evening.



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Supporting the Jefferson County ACS Relay For Life event by walking the track for cancer research are Jerome Akins and his granddaughters Jamiyha and Mi'khyia Mo'niqne.



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Altrusa President Joyce Sealey and John Hrynciw enjoy the warm Friday night and the Jefferson County ACS Relay For Life event. They were married on the next Sunday afternoon. Altrusa members attended the event to walk in support of their fellow members.



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Walking the Luminaria Lap in support of cancer patients who did not win the fight against cancer.



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Nancy and Bert Banks get ready to walk the Cancer Survivors Lap during the Jefferson County ACS Relay For Life event on Friday evening.



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Jefferson football Tigers walk the Jefferson County ACS Relay For Life Luminaria Lap in memory of loved ones. Pictured left to right are: Denijay Maxwell, Keonerae Parker, and Aucilla Christian Academy player Shawn Blue.

Sports

Lady Warriors Cumulative Statistics

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After a very successful year, the Aucilla Christian Academy Lady Warriors wrapped up the regular and post season on a 19-3 record, won their fourth consecutive District Title, the 10th in 11 years, and the 11th in 13 years; they won their third Regional Title ever; and they went into the State Finals for the first time ever to wind up the season as the State Runner-Up.

This very productive season has produced some very impressive statistics for the Lady Warriors.

As a team, at the plate, Aucilla has played in 22 games, had 701 plate appearances,

582 at bats, 209 hits, 144 singles, 45 doubles, 12 triples, eight home-runs, 165 RBI's, 236 runs, 12 hit by pitches, 48 reach on errors, 16 fielder's choice, 100 walks, 90 strikeouts, a batting average of .359, an on base percentage of .458, and a slugging average of .519.

Abigail Morgan played in 22 games, with 78 plate appearances, 54 at bats, 14 hits, nine singles, three doubles, one triple, one homerun, 18 BI's, 20 runs, three reach on errors, 21 walks, 12 strikeouts, a batting average of .259, an on base percentage of .449, and a slugging average of .407.

Ashlyn Rogers played in two games, with five plate appearances, five at bats, four

hits three singles, one triple, five RBI's, two runs, a batting average of .800, an on base percentage of .800, and a slugging average of 1.200.

Carly Joiner played in 21 games, with 75 plate appearances, 69 at bats, 25 hits, 20 singles, five doubles, 11 RBI's, 33 runs, one hit by pitch, six reach on error, five fielder's choice, five walks, six strikeouts, a batting average of .362, an on base percentage of .413, and a slugging average of .435.

Courtney Watts played in 13 games, with 31 plate appearances, 22 at bats, six hits, five singles, one double, two RBI's, nine runs, two hit by pitches, one reach on error, two fielder's

choice, seven walks, six strikeouts, a batting average of .273, an on base percentage of .3484, and a slugging average of .318.

Elizabeth Hightower played in 20 games, with 74 plate appearances, 70 at bats, 25 hits, 14 singles, four doubles, three triples, four homeruns, 28 RBI's, 22 runs, eight reach on errors, two fielder's choice, four walks, seven strikeouts, a batting average of .357, an on base percentage of .392, and a slugging average of .671.

Emma Witmer played in 19 games, with 46 plate appearances, 440 at bats, 13 hits, eight singles, three doubles, two triples, 14 RBI's, 10 runs, two hit by pitches, three reach on errors, four walks, seven strikeouts, a batting average of .325, an on base percentage of .413, and a slugging average of .500.

Gaige Winchester played in eight games, with 14 plate appearances, 10 at bats, six hits, six singles, four RBI's, eight runs, two hit by pitches, two walks, four strikeouts, a batting average of .600, an on base percentage of .714, and slugging average of .600.

Kelly Horne played in 21 games, with 79 plate appearances, 61 at bats, 32 hits, one single, 12 doubles, two triples, one homerun, 27 RBI's, 32 runs, one hit by pitch, four reach on errors, 16 walks, four strikeouts, a batting average of .525, an on base percentage of .620, and a slugging average of .836.

Megan Schofill played in three games with six plate appearances, two at bats, six runs, one hit by pitch, one reach on error, three walks, a batting average of .000, an on base percentage of .667, and a slugging average of .000.

Monique Restrepo played in three games, with six plate appearances, two at bats, one hit, one single, two runs, for walks, one strikeout, a batting average of .500, an on base percentage of .833, and a slugging average of .500.

Natalie Sorensen played in 22 games, with 63 plate appearances, 50 at bats, 19 hits, 12 singles, four

doubles, one triple, two homeruns, 21 RBI's, 18 runs, two hit by pitches, six reach on errors, nine walks, seven strikeouts, a batting average of .380, an on base percentage of .476, and a slugging average of .620.

Payal Chaudhari played in four games, with five plate appearances, four at bats, one run, one walk, four strikeouts, a batting average of .000, an on base percentage of .200, and a slugging average of .000.

Ramsey Sullivan played in 22 games, with 84 plate appearances, 76 at bats, 32 hits, 28 singles, four doubles, 13 RBI's, 28 runs one hit by pitch, four reach on errors, three fielder's choice, seven walks, six strikeouts, a batting average of .421, an on base percentage of .476, and a slugging average of .474.

Stormie Roberts played in one game, with one plate appearances, one at bat, one hit, one single, two RBI's, one run, a batting average of 1.000, an on base percentage of 1.000, and a slugging average of 1.000.

Taylor Copeland played in 21 games, with 69 plate appearances, 59 at bats, 13 hits, eight singles, three doubles, two triples, 10 RBI's, 15 runs, five reach on errors, one fielder's choice, nine walks, 15 strikeouts, a batting average of .220, an on base percentage of .319, and a slugging average of .339.

Whitney Stevens played in 20 games, with 65 plate appearances, 57 at bats, 18 hits 12 singles, six doubles, 10 RBI's, 19 runs, seven reach on errors, three fielder's choice, eight walks, 11 strikeouts, a batting average of .316, an on base percentage of .400, and a slugging average of .421.

On the field, as a team, the Lady Warriors had 508 total chances, 110 assists, 376 putouts, 22 errors, one double play, and a fielding percentage of .957.

Morgan had 88 total chances, five assists, 83 putouts, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Rogers had one total chance, one assist, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Joiner had 36 total

chances, 19 assists, 11 putouts, six errors, and a fielding percentage of .833.

Watts had 11 total chances, one assist, seven putouts, three errors, and a fielding percentage of .727.

Hightower had 57 total chances, 29 assists, 26 putouts, two errors, one double play, and a fielding percentage of .965.

Witmer had 26 total chances, 26 putouts, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Winchester had five total chances, four assists, one putout, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Horne had 107 total chances, eight assists, 97 putouts, two errors, and a fielding percentage of .961.

Schofill had one total chance, one error, and a fielding percentage of .000.

Sorensen had 19 total chances, seven assists, 11 putouts, one error, and a fielding percentage of .947.

Sullivan had 116 total chances, 24 assists, 90 putouts, two errors, one double play, and a fielding percentage of .983.

Copeland had 19 total chances, one assist, 16 putouts, two errors, and a fielding percentage of .895.

Stevens had 22 total chances, 11 assists, eight putouts, three errors, and a fielding percentage of .864.

On the mound, the Lady Warriors pitched 125 innings, in 22 games, a 19-3 record, giving up 77 hits, 44 runs, 17 of which were earned, 46 walks, 181 strikeouts, four hit by pitches, and an earned run average of .952.

Morgan pitched 23 innings, eight games played, a 4-1 record, giving up 18 hits, 14 runs, five of which were earned, 13 walks, 36 strikeouts, one hit by pitch, and an earned run average of 1.522.

Hightower pitched 50 innings, 12 games, had a 6-1 record, giving up 23 hits, 12 runs, five of which were earned, 24 walks, 70 strikeouts, two hit by pitches, and an earned run average of .700.

Stevens pitched 52 innings, 11 games, had a 9-1 record, giving up 36 hits, 18 runs, seven of which were earned, nine walks, 75 strikeouts, one hit by pitch, and an earned run average of .942.

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The Week of May 23, through May 30, 2014
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Friday, May 23 2:25AM *8:08AM 2:57PM *8:33PM	Saturday, May 24 3:03AM *8:57AM 3:57PM *9:22PM	Sunday, May 25 3:43AM *9:47AM 4:57PM *10:12PM	Monday, May 26 4:23AM *10:37AM 5:56PM
Tuesday, May 27 5:06AM *11:03PM 6:53PM *11:28AM	Wednesday, May 28 5:52AM *11:54PM 7:48PM *12:19PM	Thursday, May 29 6:40AM *12:44AM 8:40PM *1:10PM	Friday, May 30 7:30AM *1:35AM 9:28PM *2:00PM

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Boots Thomas And Raising The Flag On Iwo Jima

Sgt. Ernest I. ("Boots") Thomas, Jr. was born in Tampa, Florida, on March 10, 1924. His family moved to Monticello when he was a child and he attended public school here. Sgt. Thomas enlisted in the U.S. Marines in 1942, six months after Pearl Harbor. A monument on US Highway 90, West Washington Street in Monticello memorializes Boots Thomas, stating:



IN RECOGNITION OF PLATOON SERGEANT ERNEST I. THOMAS U.S.M.C.R. WHO ON FEBRUARY 23, 1945, LED HIS PLATOON TO RAISE THE FIRST FLAG ON IWO JIMA, THE FIRST JAPANESE TERRITORY TAKEN IN WORLD WAR II. ON MARCH 3RD, EIGHT DAYS AFTER THE FIRST FLAG RAISING AND TEN DAYS AFTER HE EARNED THE NAVY CROSS FOR HEROISM IN ACTION, HE WAS KILLED LEADING HIS MEN IN COMBAT.

ON FEBRUARY 19, 1945, AFTER MONTHS OF BOMBARDMENT, CULMINATING IN 74 DAYS OF CONTINUOUS AIR STRIKES, THE LARGEST MARINE COMBAT FORCE EVER ASSEMBLED LANDED ON THE EIGHT SQUARE MILE JAPANESE ISLAND OF IWO JIMA. AT THE SOUTHERN TIP A 550 FT. VOLCANO, MOUNT SURIBACHI, WAS ISOLATED THE FIRST DAY. THE BASE OF SURIBACHI WAS SURROUNDED ON D PLUS 3 AND ON THE NEXT DAY AT 10:20 A.M. MARINES FROM COMPANY E, 3RD PLATOON RAISED THE STARS AND STRIPES ON ITS SUMMIT. HOURS LATER A PICTURE OF THE SECOND FLAG RAISING WAS TO BECOME THE MOST FAMOUS SINGLE PHOTOGRAPH EVER TAKEN.

DAYS OF THE BLOODIEST BATTLE IN MARINE HISTORY, THE MOST HEAVILY FORTIFIED ISLAND IN THE WORLD WAS SECURED. THE ISLAND COST 6,821 U.S. MARINE LIVES AND MORE THAN 20,000 ENEMY LIVES. HOWEVER, 2,251 B29 BOMBERS AND THEIR CREWS ULTIMATELY FOUND REFUGE ON BATTLE

SCARRED ASH LADEN IWO JIMA. The monument's face is an etched representation of the Lou Lowery photograph of the first flag raising of Iwo Jima, with Boots Thomas and others Marines: 1st Lt. Harold Schrier, Pl. Sgt. Ernest Thomas, Sgt. Henry Hansen, Col. Charles Lindberg, Pfc. Louis Chanlo and Pfc. James Michels.

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THEIR MEMORY REMAINS

A Brief History Of Memorial Day

Memorial Day, an American holiday observed on the last Monday of May, honors men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, at least, it marks the beginning of summer.

Early Observances of Memorial Day
The Civil War claimed more lives than any conflict in U.S. history, requiring the establishment of the country's first national cemeteries. By the late 1860s Americans in various towns and cities had begun holding springtime tributes to these countless fallen soldiers, decorating their graves with flowers and reciting prayers.

ing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land," he proclaimed. The date of Decoration Day, as he called it, was chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle.

Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars.

Decoration Day
On May 5, 1862, General John A. Logan, leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance later that month. "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strew-

For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30, the date Logan had selected for the first Decoration Day. But in 1968 Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees; the change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday.

Memorial Day/Weekend Veterans Events

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ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

May 25
Veterans Ceremony At New Bethel AMEC Cemetery
The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 251 and Auxiliary will host their annual 'Veterans Ceremony,' a military personnel remembrance, at the New Bethel AME Church Cemetery on Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

to rest in the local cemeteries. All are welcome to attend. There is no charge. For more information contact Post 49 Adjutant Ron Slik at 850-997-8103.

****NOTE**** Post 49 Commander Travis Hussey would like to inform the community that there will be a Veteran's Day Parade at 11 a.m. on November 11, 2014 to honor all veterans. The Tuesday parade will be a joint effort of the American Legion Post 49, American Legion Post 234, and VFW Post 251. For more information or concerns Commander Hussey at 850-997-5106.

The afternoon service is open to all veterans, auxiliaries, active duty military, and anyone who lost a loved one to war, or cares to show their support for freedom and peace.

Post Commander Ned Hill, Jr. and Auxiliary President Mary Madison will coordinate the event and oversee the placement of flags and flowers on the gravesites after the program.

This is usually a small ceremony, but very rich in tradition and love for God and Country.

Remember - our fallen heros. They are the reason that we are free.

May 26
Memorial Day Breakfast And Daylong Events
American Legion Post 49 will host its annual Memorial Day Breakfast and Program on Monday, beginning at 8 a.m.

Sandy's Country Buffet
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A bugler Reveille will start the morning, with the Posting of Colors by the Honor Guard, at the Otto Walker Post 49, 1065 South Water Street in Monticello.

A brief service honoring six members of the Legion who have died this passed year, and for all other veterans that have lost their lives, will follow. There will be a Reading of 'In Flanders Fields,' a wartime poem written by Lt. Col. John McCrae, MD 91872-1918) Canadian Army. The bugler will follow with the playing of Taps. Breakfast will then be served in the dining area.

After breakfast volunteers will be needed to place flags on the graves of military personnel laid

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Jefferson County War Veterans who were willing to give the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy today, in America, are listed here... in love and the most grateful appreciation.

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MOND THOMPSON, OTTO WALKER, THE MISSING IN ACTION AND THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER.

To the best of our knowledge, these are the fallen soldiers of Jefferson County. If a name has been inadvertently omitted, contact debbiesnapp@embarqmail.com or call 850-997-3588.

Revolutionary War Dead (1775-1783) 4,435;
War Of 1812 Dead (1812-1815) 2,260; Mexican War Dead (1846-1848) 13,283;
Civil War Dead (1861-1865) Union 364,511 Confederate 275,000 est.; Spanish American War Dead (1898-1902) 2,446; World War I Dead (1917-1918) 116,516; World War II Dead (1941-1945) 405,399; Korean Conflict Dead (1950-1953) 36,574; Vietnam War Dead (1964-1975) 58,209; Persian Gulf War Dead (1990-1991) 382; War In Iraq Dead (2001-2012) 4,486+; War In Afghanistan Dead (2001-2012) 1,890+.

Take Time To Pray On Memorial Day.

Honor Our Military
Let's honor our military. The men and women who serve. Whose dedication to our country does not falter, halt or waver. Let's respect them for their courage. They're ready to do what's right to keep America safe. So we can sleep better at night. Let's support and defend our soldiers. Whose hardships are brutal and cruel. Whose discipline we can't imagine. Who follow each order and rule. Here's to those who choose to be warriors. And their helpers good and true. They're fighting for American values. They're fighting for me and you.
By Joanna Fuchs

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Volunteers 55+ Are Meeting Critical Needs; Are Powerful Resources For Communities

Senior Corps Week – May 19-23 – honors Senior Corps volunteers for “Making A Difference for Generations” and encourages more communities to harness the talent and skill of American 55+

STORY SUBMITTED
The Corporation for National and Community Service is joining with organizations across the country to honor the powerful impact of Senior Corps volunteers and encourage more Americans 55+ to serve their communities through the fifth annual Senior Corps Week, taking place May 19-23.

For more than four decades Senior Corps volunteers have used their lifetime of skills and experience to meet community needs. Today more than 500,000 volunteers age

55+ provide 98+ million hours of service estimated to be worth more than \$2 billion through Senior Corps’ three programs – Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions and RSVP. “At a time of increased need and declining resources, volunteers age 55 and over are stepping in to fill in the gaps,” said Wendy Spencer, CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service. “Today, more than ever, communities need the talents and skills of all Americans to help move this nation forward. Senior Corps volunteers are delivering enormous

social and economic benefits to our communities and demonstrating that service is good for the nation and those who serve.”

In addition to helping others, older volunteers are also helping themselves by living active, healthy lives through volunteering. A growing body of research points to mental and physical health benefits associated with volunteering, including lower mortality rates, increased strength and energy, decreased rates of depression and fewer physical limitations.

With nearly one in every five Americans projected to be age 60 or older by 2030, a great opportunity exists to engage older Americans in service to meet critical community needs while contributing to longer healthier lives.

Last year, nearly 600 volunteers provided over 262,502 hours of service throughout 15 counties in North Florida making a difference in the lives of more than 15,000 individuals. Frail elders re-



ceived assistance from Senior Companions to remain independent in their homes; young people received tutoring and mentoring from Foster Grandparents that improved their academic performance, self-esteem and overall social behavior; and families received food and housing assistance from retired and senior volunteers that improved their quality of life.

With the theme “Making a Difference for Generations,” Senior Corps Week highlights the powerful impact of 55+ volunteers and inspires others to get involved. The initiative recognizes

that service by older Americans benefits everyone – it helps volunteers by keeping them active, healthy and engaged; it helps our communities to have millions more skilled volunteers; and it helps our nation by saving taxpayers dollars and strengthening civic participation.

On Friday, May 16, Elder Care Services honored its Senior Companions, Foster Grandparents and RSVP volunteers during this year’s 2014 Emancipation Celebration sponsored by Smith-Williams Community Center and the city of Tallahassee Parks & Recreation. Festivities started at 10

a.m., at Tom Brown Park and include a fishing tournament and cookout for people over 55.

Throughout Senior Corps Week, please take a moment to honor the remarkable SCP, FGP and RSVP volunteers serving in our community.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Elder Care Service, Inc., at (850) 921-5554 or visit ecsbigbend.org.

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