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Squirrel bites woman

Ashley Hunter, ECB Publishing, Inc.

How can you prevent it from happening to you?

It was a typical Eastern Grey Squirrel that caused havoc on Wednesday, February 28.

Jefferson County 911 Communications received the report of a squirrel attack, southwest of Monticello.

When authorities, including the Jefferson County Animal Control, arrived on scene, they found the squirrel trapped on a back porch, where it had fled after crawling up the leg of a man and then biting a woman

when she tried to assist in removing the squirrel.

The squirrel was captured using a dip net, and then impounded at the animal control facilities.

However, as more

information surfaced, it was realized that the squirrel had only attacked after being fed peanuts by the individuals. While testing for rabies is fairly common in a wild animal bite scenario, it was decided to instead quarantine the animal and watch for any signs of rabies.

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LOCAL

Seven injured in wreck

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According to a report released by the Florida Highway Patrol, a wreck took place on Wednesday, March 7 at 8:40 p.m. that resulted in the injuries of seven people.

The first vehicle, a Cobalt Chevy operated by a Troy Siplin, 26, of Monticello, was traveling west on U.S. Hwy 90 and began turning left onto County Road 257B (Salt Road). The second vehicle, a Ford Fusion operated by Janie Houck, 78, of Greenville, was traveling east on U.S. Hwy 90.

When Siplin's vehicle turned left over the center line, he maneuvered his vehicle into the path of Houck's vehicle.

The front end of Houck's Ford Fusion collided into the side of Siplin's car, which, after impact, rotated counter-clockwise and traveled fully into the east-bound lane of Hwy 90, where it came to a final rest.

Traveling with Siplin was Antonio Williams, 19, of Tallahassee; Austin Douglas, 25, of Greenville; Norma Jean Arnold, 68, residence withheld; and Carl-isha Kimmons, 20, of Tallahassee.

Siplin and all of his passengers sustained injuries, and were transported to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital. While Siplin, Williams, Douglas and Arnold's injuries were all reported as minor, Kimmons was reported to have suffered serious injuries as a result of the crash. According to the report, no one in Siplin's car was wearing a seatbelt.

Traveling with Houck was a 14 year-old-boy, also of Greenville, who was transported to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital with minor injuries. Houck was taken to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital suffering from severe injuries. Both Houck and her passenger were wearing their seatbelts.

Siplin is being charged with failure to yield and not having a valid driver's license.

LOCAL

Drug Sweep at Jefferson Somerset

Ashley Hunter, ECB Publishing, Inc.

Early morning on Friday, March 2, Jefferson Somerset Academy entered a code yellow. Units from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office pulled in through the gates, which were shut and locked behind them.

It wasn't a threat, but rather a drug sweep that had been arranged in advance by the sheriff's office and faculty at Jefferson Somerset.

The sweep included assistance from Taylor County, Madison County and Florida Highway Patrol K-9 units. Officers and K-9 squads combed the teacher and student parking lots before completely sweeping through the school. No corner was left undisturbed.

Therefore, the results were very positive, when according to Sheriff McNeill, no traces of illegal substances were



Photo Submitted

With the assistance of Madison County, Taylor County and Florida Highway Patrol, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office engaged in a drug sweep of Jefferson Somerset Academy, with the school's willing participation on March 2. No drugs were found throughout the entire thorough sweep. Pictured, from left to right, are: FHP Major Chris Blackmon, Jefferson County Sheriff Mac McNeill, FHP Trooper Nate Cabe, Jefferson County Investigator Alan Camper, FHP Sgt. Matt Rabon, and Jefferson County Cpl Dorian Bradley.

found throughout the whole search.

With the success of the sweep, the JCSO has expressed their intent to do many more sweeps as requested by Jefferson Somerset Academy.

	Code Red Lockdown. Extremely dangerous situation. This includes, but not limited to hostage situation, intruder, student unrest, shooting, stabbing, suicidal person, and person with a weapon. Teachers asked to keep doors CLOSED
	Code Yellow Caution. Be careful. Lock doors. Keep students in class until further notified. Take students in exposed areas to a sheltered location. Continue with normal activities, but be aware of surroundings. There is suspicious activity in the area.
	Code Blue Medical Emergency. Announce Code Blue Medical to alert medical team. Give location the team needs to respond to. All other faculty members need to stay in their class and/or continue with normal activities.

STATE



Spring forward! Change your clocks this weekend

Ashley Hunter, ECB Publishing, Inc.

Daylight Savings Times begins this weekend on Sunday, March 11 at 2 a.m. (though most people opt to avoid any mishaps by changing their clocks right before they go to bed). This change means that sunrise and sunset will appear to be one hour later on March 11 than they were the morning and evening before. This change may be troublesome, but with longer days, the switching of our clocks ensure we get to enjoy a bit more sunlight during our evening time.

While Daylight Savings Time (regularly abbreviated into DST) is a common practice to many of us, it is actually not all that old. DST was instituted during World War I when Germany began the practice in an effort to conserve fuel. Europe eventually followed, with the United States adopting DST in 1918. However, soon after WWI, the U.S. Ceased to implement DST, only for President Franklin Roosevelt to revive the practice in 1942 during the second

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We're \$527,410 Richer

ECB Photo By Laz Aleman, March 1, 2018
Tax Collector Lois Howell-Hunter on Thursday, March 1, presented the Jefferson County Commission with a check for \$527,410.59 from fees generated by her office. The commission annually budgets Hunter's operation and she then reimburses the county, making hers a self-sustaining office. Pictured, from left to right, in the foreground, are: Commission Chairman Stephen Fulford and Howell-Hunter. Pictured, from left to right, in the back row, are: Commissioners Eugene Hall, Betsy Barfield, Stephen Walker and J.T. Surles.



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Did you know?
Each time you see a full moon you always see the same side

Weather for this weekend



67° 41° 70° 54° 77° 47°

Deb's Notes

Drop a note to: debbiesnapp@embarqmail.com

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***Happy Birthday today to Buck Bird and Grady Richards!

***Want the latest news and information about events coming to Monticello Opera House? Want access to exclusive, Facebook-only discounts and contests? Then like the new Monticello Opera House Facebook Page at [facebook.com/HistoricMOH](https://www.facebook.com/HistoricMOH) today.

***The Florida Blues All-Star Revue is Saturday, March 10. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show begins at 8 p.m. For one night only, six of the finest blues performers in the Big Bend Region come together for a rare joint appearance. Two-time inductee into the Florida Blues Hall of Fame Mary Everhart; Singer-Songwriter and host of the popular Wednesday Night Lab Session Jim Crozier; Vocalist, Songwriter, and Recording Artist C.S. Holt; North Florida's finest keyboard player and founder of J.B.'s Zydeco Zoo John Babich; International touring artist, multi-instrumentalist, and vocalist David Cotton; and Michael Harrison, a drummer with experience performing symphony, southern rock, new wave, and swamp jazz all sharing the stage for an incredible night of blues like you've never heard before. Get up close and personal with the performers at the Meet-and-Greet after party. Hurry, tickets are going fast. Call (850)-997-4242 to reserve your seats today.

***The Tallahassee Region Antique Automobile Club of America will host a 'Car Show & More', with all proceeds going to Honor Flight Tallahassee. Donations to Honor Flight Tallahassee will be accepted and are appreciated. The event will be held on March 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Florida Department of Transportation parking lot, 605 Suwannee Street, in the south parking area near the Korean War Memorial. This Saturday of family fun, food, raffle prizes and more will also include a 50/50 Cash Drawing! To register 'your ride', a \$10 donation will be accepted. Admission is free! For more information contact Pam at (850) 545-6858 or Don Romaine at (850)-284-6342.

***Travel back in time and space with Live Radio Theater as the Monticello Opera House dining room becomes the glamorous Meridian Room of the Park Plaza Hotel, in New York City, 1942. You will be the live studio audience for the radio productions of 'Sorry, Wrong Number,' a murder mystery thriller, 'Sgt. Preston of the Yukon,' and the show that scared the wits out of millions of Americans, H. G. Wells' 'War of the Worlds.' And, if you'd like... come in costume! The Opera House Stage Co. will bring this 'Live Radio Theater' to the Monticello Opera House on the Fridays and Saturdays of March 16, 17, 23 and 24. Dinner will be available before the show, or you may buy tickets for the show only. Go to monticellooperahouse.org and click on 'Buy Tickets,' or call (850) 997-4242.

***Have you heard about the Monticello Homestead Exchange? Well, the event will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on March 10 at the Monticello Tractor Supply, 1575 South Jefferson Street. The event will then continue every second Saturday of every other month thereafter. Vendors will have for sale farm related items like fresh eggs, chickens, rabbits and other farm animals. There will be homemade goods like baked bread, jams and jellies, plants and other such things. There will be NO yard sale items. Vendors are encouraged to come and setup free of charge. Shop, buy, swap, visit with friends and neighbors and

still have a good time. There will be a raffle!

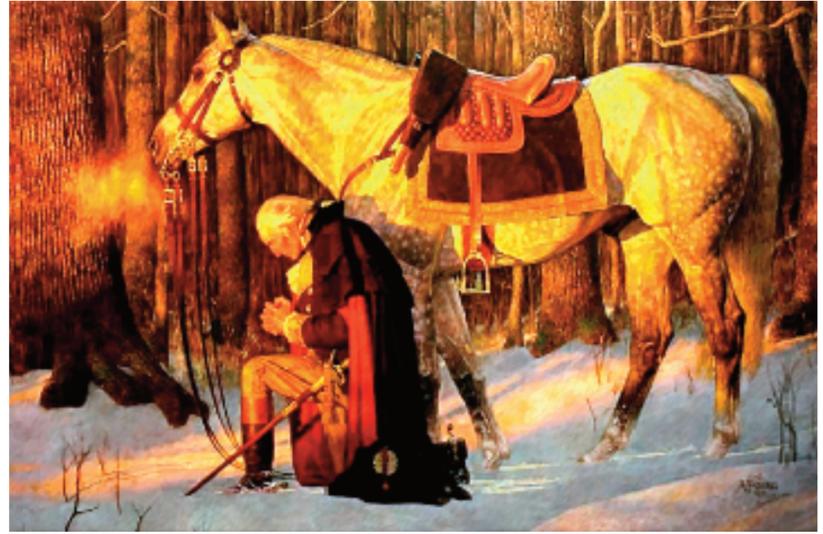
***The Junction@Monroe is continuing its tradition of bringing world class live music acts to Tallahassee with a show on Friday, March 16 featuring three national touring singer-songwriters with Tallahassee roots, Pierce and Grace Pettis (father and daughter) and Grant Peeples. Pierce Pettis, adored by both critics and public alike, is one of this generation's most masterful songwriters. His music is distinguished by his uncanny ability to capture universals in human experience by drawing on the humor and trials in daily life. Pettis lived for a number of years in Tallahassee where he attended Florida State University, and honed his craft, playing in local music venues and honky tonks, including a restaurant called 'Grant's Ribs,' owned and operated at the time by Grant Peeples, the very same troubadour sharing the Junction stage with him. In her short career, daughter Grace Pettis has already lived up to her birthright, winning numerous songwriting awards and garnering praise from critics, fans, and industry alike. What sets her apart in her talented family is her distinct, unaffected voice, described as a "wide open prairie, full of waving golden grains before menacing, dark thunder clouds". Tallahassee born and bred Grant Peeples also has prestigious songwriting credits under his belt. He was chosen as a finalist in the Kerrville New Folk Songwriter's Competition in 2016, and in 2014 was the recipient of the Focus Foundation Award for Creative Excellence, which cited the "humor, compassion and wisdom of his songs," as well as their "unflinching social insight and cultural acuity." He is also a poet and visual artist and will release two books of poetry this spring. The show starts at 8 p.m. at The Junction at Monroe, 2011 South Monroe Street in Tallahassee. Tickets may be bought online at www.junctionatmonroe.com and also at the door. The Junction@Monroe offers a full bar and dining. Doors open at 7 p.m. More about the artists at www.piercepettis.com, www.gracepettis.com and www.grantpeeples.com.

***The Florida Museum of Natural History invites students to step outside and explore the science of nature during this year's summer and field camps, featuring the exhibit 'Masters of the Night: The True Story of Bats.' General registration opens March 15, and Florida Museum members may register early beginning March 1. Pre-registration is required for all camps and is available online at www.floridamuseum.ufl.edu/summer-camps. A new camp inspired by the museum's featured exhibit, 'Masters of the Night,' which opens May 19, will teach students about the ecology and science of bats. Students will also have the opportunity to learn about sharks and minnows, go back in time and explore the world of dinosaurs and learn about the history of ancient Mayans. Camps are designed for students enrolled in grades 1-8 and run from June 11 to Aug. 3. Summer camps are available for students in grades 1-4, photography camps are for students in grades 5-6 and the Lepidoptera or 'Lep Camp' is offered to students in grades 5-8. These camps are great for children who enjoy exploring and discovering the world around them. Morning, afternoon and full-day sessions are available. For more information or to register, visit www.floridamuseum.ufl.edu/summer-camps or call (352)-273-2061.

Passing Parade

by Nelson Pryor, Guest Columnist

“Duty, Honor, Country!”



Painting of Washington At Valley Forge, by Arnold Friberg, 1976.

Today's timely interest in the lives of American founders has sent me again to the record of a Philadelphia auction of April 22, 1891, where a remarkable collection of George Washington relics were sold.

Among them was found a little manuscript collection entitled Daily Sacrifice, containing the handwritten prayers of George Washington.

These records of Washington's personal communication with his Lord reveal the depth of his devotional life during his youth.

He was approximately 20 years old at the time of recording the following prayers: "Increase my faith in the sweet promises of the gospel; give me repentance from dead works; pardon my wanderings and direct my thoughts unto Thyself, the God of my salvation. Teach me how to live in Thy fear, labor in Thy service and ever to run in the ways of Thy commandments."

“Protected Beyond all Human Probability”

One of the entries was a letter to his brother, John A. Washington, dated July 18, 1755, during the French and Indian War, and reveals some of the answers to his prayers for increased faith. After a severe battle, near Pittsburgh, he wrote: "I have been protected beyond all human probability or expectation; for I had four bullets through my coat and two horses were shot under me, yet escaped unhurt, although death was leveling my companions on every side of me."

It was purchased by Mr. W. E. Benjamin, a New York book and autograph dealer.

It appears that its powerfulness was understood and recognized because it immediately appeared publicly with Stan V. Henkels as editor, as *The Daily Sacrifice*, and published in Philadelphia, in 1891, the year of the auction.

A recorded experience at Valley

Forge, however, may have been the most powerful example of the answer to Washington's prayer to be Christlike.

A man named Michael Wittman had been convicted of spying and more than once attempting to do great harm to Washington's forces.

On the evening before he was to be executed for his crimes, an old man appeared at Valley Forge asking to see George Washington so his name, "Peter Miller," was announced by one of the general's staff.

"Peter Miller?" Washington asked. "Certainly. Show him in at once."

Miller had done many favors for the cause of freedom and his name was well known to the commander; now he had come to ask a favor that surprised Washington: he had come to request a pardon for the spy soon to be executed.

Upon hearing the surprising plea from such a patriot, Washington became troubled and said in the light of the prisoner's crimes it would be impossible to grant the request.

"I cannot pardon your friend," Washington replied.

"Friend!" the petitioner replied. "Why he is my bitterest enemy! He has persecuted me for years. He has beaten me and spit in my face knowing full well that I would not strike back."

Puzzled, Washington asked why Miller would plead for the pardon of his cruel enemy.

"I ask it because Jesus did as much for me," was the old man's reply. Washington turned silently away and went into another room, soon returning with a pardon for Michael Wittman.

"My dear patriot," said Washington, "I thank you for your example of Christian charity."

No wonder this tender and teachable man of faith became known as the father of his country.

Way Back When



Street scene - Monticello, Fla

Courtesy of Floridamemories.com
Street scene - Monticello, Florida 1948

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BITE

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"We feel like it was somewhat tamed," said Animal Control officer Ricky Slack. Since being caged, the squirrel has since displayed no signs of being rabid, but has been eating and drinking and maintaining normal behavioral signs for a healthy squirrel. Animal Control is still working with the Health Department to ensure that the animal is not rabid and all precautions are being taken to ensure the safety of both the squirrel and anyone it might come in contact with.

However, in light of the event, especially with the information of the squirrel being fed, the question arises...how could this have been prevented?

"All he wanted was a peanut," says Slack.

Feeding wildlife is often more detrimental than healthy. Local squirrels are in no endangerment as a species of starvation or

extinction (and feeding threatened or endangered animals is illegal under Florida law), and feeding them often socializes them with humans more than is healthy for both humans and squirrels.

When hand fed regularly, an animal loses part of its fear regarding humans; it becomes emboldened and fearless and quite often will become a nuisance because of that. Depending on the animal, it can also be a safety and health hazard. The instinct to avoid humans that helps squirrels avoid the dangers posed by humans is the very same that causes squirrels to avoid us, and prevents negative interactions between squirrels and humans, such as bites.

Even if there weren't any rules regarding it, feeding the squirrels in your backyard isn't the best option. Many of the treats offered to squirrels are against their natural diet and aren't nutritional enough for the small animals. Also, when a squirrel becomes used to being

supplied with food, it can often grow irritable and even aggressive in seeking it out. People with bird feeders are undoubtedly acquainted with this difficulty in keeping squirrels out and the stubbornness that a squirrel will employ in order to get to the food.

All this doesn't mean you can't encourage healthy squirrel activity while still respecting the animal's wild nature. Planting native trees and shrubs that produce berries and nuts for the squirrels to collect and gather on their own is a far better option than trying to feed the wild animal a hand full of commercially produced peanuts.

Also, don't try to capture a squirrel on your own. While the threat of Bubonic Plague is limited in Florida (most reports of squirrels carrying the plague are centered around the midwest), rabies and other diseases are still a problem. If you need to trap and remove a nuisance squirrel, call the Jefferson County Animal Control at (850) 342-0184.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

from page 1

World War. In 1973, President Richard Nixon finally made the practice permanent for the United States when he signed the Emergency Daylight Saving Time Energy Conservation Act.

So, does DST conserve energy? It's debatable. A 2008 U.S. Department of Energy study found that Americans use 0.003 less energy when the time changed, but a study by the University of California-Santa Barbara found that energy levels might actually increase, as Americans used their air conditioning more during the warmer sunlit hours.

Some reports do suggest, however, that there are fewer traffic accidents, as most people are driving home from work before it gets dark and with longer daylight hours, full time workers and students have more time after work and school for outdoor recreation and exercise.

Hawaii and Arizona don't observe DST, and the U.S. Territories of Guam, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands and American Samoa also do not observe the practice. Internationally, fewer than 40 percent of the world's countries observe DST. Among those who do not are Russia, China, India and Japan.

The time will change again on November 4, when it "falls back."

Card skimmer found in Valdosta, GA

John Willoughby, *ECB Publishing, Inc.*

The Valdosta, GA Police Department (VPD) recently responded to a call from a local gas station after a card skimmer was found.

According to a report by the VPD, the device was discovered after a gas station attendant reported a malfunction to their corporate office. A technician for the gas pump found the card skimmer wired to the gas pump's card scanner. The device was confiscated immediately by responding officers. "The device has gotten smaller [and] almost impossible to track," said VPD Lieutenant Adam Bemby. Bemby also stated the business is aware of the issue.

Card skimming is a type of theft where criminals use a small device to steal debit

and/or credit card information while card owners believe they are making a legitimate transaction. According to *thebalance.com*, when a credit or debit card is swiped through a skimmer, the device captures and stores all the details stored in the card's magnetic stripe, on the back of the card. The stripe contains the credit/debit card number, expiration date and the card holder's full name. Thieves use the stolen data to make fraudulent charges either online or with a counterfeit credit card.

Card skimmers are often placed inside swipe mechanisms on ATMs and on gas pumps. Lieutenant Bemby stated that skimmers are more commonly found in gas pumps near the interstate. Bemby stated that it is uncommon for thieves to spend time going miles off the interstate to place a skimmer.

Local law enforcement would like to re-

mind the public of certain ways to avoid becoming a victim of card skimming: Use a credit card, not a debit card, when you pay; if any part of the pump scanner is loose, appears to be breached, or otherwise looks suspicious, report it immediately and DO NOT use the pump; use your card issuer's fraud alerts and check your bank and card statements frequently; Pay inside, with cash or with a credit card, rather than paying at the pump; and if you have a digital wallet (such as apple pay), consider utilizing such programs.

Local law enforcement agencies always encourage reporting discovered devices, as it helps to prevent such scams from happening again. If you come in contact with a skimmer, call the Monticello Police Department at (850) 342-0150 or the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office at (850) 997-2523.

Nation and World News

Compiled by: John Willoughby

Florida: Newly minted baseball player, Tim Lincecum, has been playing it safe at New York Mets spring training after he sprained his ankle in a freak mishap on the field. Lincecum, who arrived in Florida for training, sprained his ankle on Monday or Tuesday, after stepping on a sprinkler head, according to the New York Post. "I'm trying to be smart about it and keep [the ankle] taped," said Lincecum.

California: Authorities say a drunken man rode his horse onto a California freeway on Saturday, Feb. 24. A Los Angeles news station reports that the California Highway Patrol stopped the man early Saturday on State Route 91, in Long Beach, CA The man was arrested and booked for riding a horse while under the influence. The white horse, Guera, wasn't hurt and was released to the man's mother.

Massachusetts: Authorities say a trolley driver paid a man \$2,000 to attack him while wearing a Halloween mask so the driver could fraudulently collect workers' compensation and disability insurance. A Suffolk County grand jury on Wednesday, Feb. 21, indicted Thomas Lucey on charges of insurance fraud, workers' compensation fraud, misleading a police investigation and perjury. Authorities say they lifted fingerprints from the pumpkin left behind at the scene to find the man and that he said Lucey paid him for the phony attack.

Pennsylvania: A Pennsylvania middle school canceled classes after a student who said he was sleepwalking was found inside the building. State police say the seventh-grade student called 911 around 2:30 a.m., on Wednesday, Feb. 21, to report he was inside Wendover Middle School, in Hempfield Township, PA The student told authorities he had been sleepwalking and woke up inside the school. Classes were canceled but resumed the following day.

Los Angeles: Tyler Carach, 9, who has been dubbed the "Donut Boy," visited the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) on Wednesday, Feb. 21, to deliver doughnuts for law enforcement officers. Carach, wearing a colorful cape, arrived at LAPD with 300 doughnuts. "He's been doing this for 17 months now, and he's been to 27 different states and given out over 50,000 donuts," said Tyler's mother, Sheena.

Nashville: Captain Kirk is getting into the music business. William Shatner recently signed with Heartland Records in Nashville, TN, and "is currently working on a very special project that will be released later this year," according to a press release. Shatner has a close relationship with country star Brad Paisley and has made several music video cameos in Paisley's "Celebrity" and "Online."

Arizona: Brittany Force, daughter to NHRA legend John Force,

can't remember the wreck that caused a concussion for two weeks but was just cleared to race this weekend in Arizona. "I remember looking down at this mangled mess and thinking someone had wrecked. Then I realized the mess was my car," said Force. "After that, I remember bits and pieces, but I do remember my whole family in the hospital with me."

Texas: A group of high school basketball players are being hailed as heroes for their efforts to save a family from a house fire in Texas on Saturday, Feb. 24. "The whole road was covered in smoke. You could barely see what was in front of you, we knew something was bad and we could kind of see orange flickering from what looked like the house," said Drew Timme, a player who helped save the family. The family who was saved told reporters they weren't fully woken up by the smoke alarm, and were thankful to the teens for saving their lives.

Michigan: A Michigan woman has been awarded a high school diploma more than 80 years after she left school to help her mother raise her siblings. Ruth Frezza, 98, received her diploma on Sunday, Feb. 25, during a ceremony at the nursing home where she lives. Frezza dropped out as a Sophomore in 1936, from Lake Shore High School, in St. Clair Shores, MI Superintendent Joe DiPonio says Frezza is "all we could possibly hope for as a member of our student body."

American Legion Meeting March 13

Debbie Snapp, *ECB Publishing, Inc.*

American Legion Post 49, Sons of the American Legion and American Legion Unit 49 Auxiliary will come together at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday, March 13, at the Otto Walker Post, 1065 South Water Street, for dinner and a meeting.



Veterans, military personnel and prospective members are welcome to visit, enjoy a chili meal and are encouraged to join.

For more information, contact Post Adjutant Ron Slik at (850)-997-8103 or Unit President Debbie Mitchem at (850)-997-5456.

Dirty Pecan draws in over 400 cyclers

Ashley Hunter, ECB Publishing, Inc.

Starting out on Jefferson's beautiful canopy roads, winding through long-forgotten dirt paths, traveling alongside sprawling farms and showing cyclers the marvel of North Florida and South Georgia's rural communities, the Dirty Pecan was an impressive success.

Pulling in over 400 cyclers for the event, the Dirty Pecan has garnered praise online at the event's Facebook page, from people who are just discovering Jefferson County to people reconnecting with the county's rural aspects.

Brick House Eatery supplied after-ride meals for the cyclers interested in purchasing food, and around \$8,000 was raised for Jefferson's 4-H, according to event organizer Betsy Barfield.

Photo Courtesy of Betsy Barfield

Over 400 cyclers turned out for the Dirty Pecan on Saturday, March 3. Some cyclers camped overnight at the Jefferson County Extension Office, paying a camping fee that was collected as part of the event's fundraising for the Jefferson County 4-H.



ECB Publishing Inc. Photo By Debbie Snapp, March 3, 2018

Dirty Pecan, a free bike ride and fundraiser for the Jefferson County 4-H, was held on Saturday. Bicyclists were given a choice of 60, 80, 100, 150 mile routes on some of the most scenic roads in north Florida and south Georgia. These enthusiasts came in town from Atlanta, GA on Friday to get an early start. They camped on the hillside behind the Extension Office for a small donation fee.

Pictured are: Stephanie and Tim Ho, Gerry Weber, Chris Hale and Sharif Hassan, owner of "The Spindle," a clothing retailer. The 400+ registered bikers rode racing, recreational and mountain bikes, tri-bikes, and others.



ECB Publishing Inc. Photo By Debbie Snapp, March 3, 2018

The Brick House Eatery was just one of several sponsors for the annual Dirty Pecan, a free bike ride and fundraiser for the Jefferson County 4-H. Pictured here preparing and serving meals for the participants are: Chris, left, and Josh, right. The comments about this event were uplifting for the organizers and sponsors, including Bird Legs Bicycles, Jefferson County Commissioners, FMB, Duke Energy, XOJ, Nabors Gibins & Nickerson attorneys at law, Cliff Leonards graphic designs, CWR contracting, Ag-Pro, B&B Privia Ring Power CAT, Capital City Bank, Dewberry, Preble-Rish, Tri-County Electric, Ard Shirley & Rudolph Langton Consulting, Cimarron, The Fonvielle Foundation, Trophy Creek Outfitters & Pawn, Stephan Walker, Buck Bird, Tom & Terri Dunn, PGIT and several anonymous donors.

Spaghetti Dinner

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Budgeting. Many people hate the word and dread the thought. I'd like to share a more friendly sounding word. Spending Plan. Budgeting is no more than making a plan for how you spend your money.

I think the idea of a budget has come to have some mystical fog around it that makes people think they have to have a business degree to be able to budget. The truth is spending plans are not rocket science and anyone can do it.

You don't need to be a math wiz either. All you need is a simple calculator, a little organization, and some commitment. Creating a spending plan can be broken down into 7 simple steps.

Step 1: Set financial goals. Think about what you need to save for this year, in three to five years, in 10 years. Do you plan to take a vacation, plan a wedding, save for retirement? Having goals will help you decide how much of your income you need to save each month.

Step 2: Total Monthly Income. Include all sources of income from jobs, bonuses, commission, retirement, food stamps, unemployment, etc.

Step 3: Track Your Spending. You will track fixed expenses which are costs that always occur and don't vary in amount such as rent, mortgage payments, loan payments, insurance payments, cable bill, phone bill, child care, utilities, etc.

You will also track your flexible expenses which are items that vary in amount each month such as groceries, eating out, clothing and personal care, transportation, medical care, gifts and donations, and recreation.

Step 4: Calculate and record your monthly expenses. Categorize each expense. You can use a budget from, money management calendar, phone application, excel spreadsheet, or simply a notebook.

Add up your category totals and add up the grand total of your expenses. Money management calendars are available at the Extension Office for free.

Step 5: Compare your total expenses to your total income. Are you spending more or less than your total income?

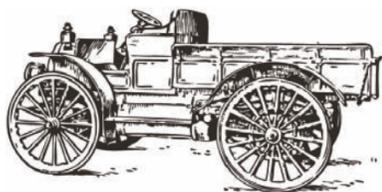
Step 6: Evaluate and adjust your expenses. Were you spending more on certain expenses than you realized? Are there any areas where you can cut expenses? Review your goals and build savings into your fixed expenses. Pay yourself first so you won't be tempted to spend that money elsewhere. A good way to do this is to automate your savings. If your employer offers direct deposit, they may be able to split your check into savings and checking accounts for each paycheck.

Step 7: Continue tracking and repeat. Building a spending plan isn't something you create once and never look at again. You will want to find an easy way for you to track your spending so you can make it a habit. That may mean using a spreadsheet, keeping receipts, using a phone app, or using a money management calendar.

Not everyone uses the same methods. Set aside time for totaling your expenses and looking at your spending plan each month. For some, they may enter expenses daily. Others might set time aside once a week. Try to find something that will work for your schedule. You may find you need to make adjustments along the way as you continue to track spending and compare it to your plan, and that is fine.

For more information on money management, contact the Jefferson County Extension Office. Also, don't forget the Extension Office offers free tax preparation at the library. Contact the Jefferson County Library at (850) 342-0205 to make your appointment.

WAY BACK WHEN



80 YEARS ago
1938

March 9, 1938

• The Quick Service Dry Cleaners announce the opening of a laundry department.

70 YEARS ago
1948

March 2, 1948

• Construction was started last week on the new home for the veterans of Jefferson County.

March 9, 1948

• The Navy Recruiting Station, Tallahassee, announced today that **Robert L. Chick** of Monticello has re-enlisted in the Navy as a Fireman First Class and has been transferred to Charleston, SC for assignment to duty. **Wayne L. Harrell** of Lloyd has enlisted as an apprentice seaman and has been transferred to San Diego, CA for Recruit Training.

• U.S. Judge Curtis Waller comes forward with the suggestion that the Tallahassee-Monticello highway should be named "Fred Mahan Drive" in recognition of the efforts of the Monticello nurseryman toward beautifying the road.

60 YEARS ago
1958

March 9, 1958

• Pauline Clarke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **T.L. Clarke** of Monticello, was among the new pledges last week to Kappa Delta sorority at Florida State University.

• **Sheriff J.B. Thomas** returned to Monticello this morning after a trip to Everglades City for the purpose of taking custody of and returning a prisoner for whom a warrant was outstanding in Jefferson County. Mrs. Thomas accompanied the sheriff on the trip.

50 YEARS ago
1968

March 2, 1968

• Three outstanding Tri-Hi-Y representatives: **Jane Dickerson, Debbie Edwards** and **Jane Satterwhite** attended a Youth Legislature Workshop at the YMCA headquarters in Orlando.

March 9, 1968

• **R.R. (Bill) Bryan** of Tallahassee, General Chairman of the area for the Easter Seal Fund Drive for crippled children, said Friday that **Mrs. John Kelly** had agreed to be the county chairman for the drive in Jefferson County.

• **Mike Etter, Katie Harp, Ricky Assad, Jr.** and **Donna Weingarden** all showed their animals at the State Fair in Tampa.

40 YEARS ago
1978

March 9, 1978

• Plans are underway to obtain a monument honoring **Boots Thomas**, the young Marine from Monticello who planted the first American flag ever to fly over Japanese held territory during World War II.

• The newly organized **Jefferson Humane Society** came a step closer toward having an animal shelter after City Council members

unanimously agreed to permit the group to use approximately two acres of land near the sewage treatment plant.

30 YEARS ago
1988

March 9, 1988

• Army Spec. 4 **Johnny L. Walker**, son of **Willie H.** and **Ellen Walker** of Rural Route 2, Monticello, has arrived for duty with the 378th Personnel Service Company, West Germany.

• The future face of Monticello will come up for review again when the dean of the School of Architecture at the University of Florida, **Anthony Catanese**, visits the city March 29 to lay the groundwork for a 20-year plan.

March 11, 1988

• Jefferson County High School senior **Scott Starling** has been nominated for the state Department of Education's Challenger Astronaut Memorial Scholarship program. Starling was also Jefferson County High School's Valedictorian, joined by **Don Prince Johnston** as the Salutatorian.

• **Connie** and **Edward Lee (Ozzy) Walker, Jr.** of Lamont are proud to announce the arrival of a daughter, **Erica Lee Walker**, on March 4 at Tallahassee Memorial Medical Center.

• Aucilla Warrior **Scot Copeland** set a new school record Tuesday after he struck out 16 players to help Aucilla win its season opener against Robert F. Munroe, 4-0.

20 YEARS ago
1998

March 11, 1998

• Army National Guard Pvt. **Orenthya J. Sloan** has graduated from the wheeled vehicle repair course at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, MD.

• Congressman **Allen Boyd** was recently honored by the Southern Economic Development Council, Inc. as a member of its "Second Annual Honor Roll of Legislative Achievement in Economic Development."

• The American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Post #49 recently selected Junior **Katavia Sloan** from Jefferson County High School as their Delegate to Girls State Legislature and Junior **Erin Boyd** from Aucilla Christian Academy as the Alternate Delegate, which will be held June 12-19 on the Florida State University campus.

March 4, 1998

• Jefferson Elementary School Teacher **Beulah Brinson** was named District Teacher of the Year Friday at the luncheon held at the opera house.

10 YEARS ago
2008

March 12, 2008

• The Watermelon Festival Committee named the winners of the Art Contest for the 53rd Watermelon Festival. The first place winner, whose entry will be featured on the Festival Booklet cover, is

Aimee Love, a sixth grade student at Aucilla Christian Academy. Second and third place winners are **Turion Jackson** and **Carly Joiner**.

• **Amanda Cone** won the Heifer Grand Champion and the Senior Grooming Award during the recent North Florida Livestock Show and Sale.

• The **Sunshine Express** softball team held it's first practice session Sunday in preparation for the upcoming season opener, set for April 6 in Lake City.

• Fourth grade Social Studies students at Jefferson Elementary School held a Famous People in History and related programs in recognition of Black History Month during the week of Feb. 25, with the help of their teachers **Linda Butler, Nancy Whitty, Nikki Bradley** and **Gerri Clark**.

Celebration of Life

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 11, for the 'U-CAN MAN,' John Wallace Isom, Jr., at Union Cathedral. The church is located at 1050 East Hill Street in Valdosta, Georgia.

John died on Sunday, March 4, 2018 while worshipping the Lord.

To carpool with others, contact Ronnie Isom at (850) 997-4368 or (850) 997-4297.



CHURCH NEWS NOTES

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March 8-10

Renewed Life Outreach Center, 13752 West Highway 90 Greenville, will host a 'Fire Conference' at 7 p.m. nightly with anointed preaching and singing by Destiny Wade. Speaker will be Revivalist S.L. Wade. All are welcome to join. Rev. Chris Peterson, pastor, (850) 510-8074.

March 10

New Bethel AME Church will hold its second annual quarterly conference on Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. Rev. Lee E. Plummer, presiding elder of the Quincy-Monticello District, will bring the message. Rev. Jimmie F. Dickey, pastor.

March 10

Saints Tabernacle Church of God in Unity, 655 South Railroad Street, will hold a Saturday evening Candlelight Service at 7 p.m. All soloists are welcome to be a part of this special program. For more information contact Minnie Greene at (850) 242-2679. Elder Christopher Stevens, Sr., pastor.

March 11

Mt. Pleasant AME Church will celebrate its 143rd Church Anniversary on Sunday at 3 p.m. Speaker will be Rev. Melvin Roberts and the Greater Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church congregation and choir will be in charge of the service. The theme is 'Choose You this Day, Whom Ye will Serve.' Dinner will follow. Chairperson is Bro. James Robertson. Rev. Maryetta Cromartie, pastor, (850) 997-5588.

March 11

Saint Phillip AME Church, will celebrate its Trustees Anniversary at 3 p.m. on Sunday with guest speaker Superintendent Richard Ash, pastor of First Mission Church of God in Christ Tallahassee. Call (850) 997-4226 or (850) 291-6938 for more information. Rev. J.W. Tisdale, pastor,

March 11

First Baptist Church of Lloyd will offer a series of programs on Sundays at 6 p.m. dealing with the topics of marriage and relationships, with the purpose of providing guidance relating to relationships in marriage, the workplace, school, friendships, parenting, and grand-parenting. The programs will be held in the Sanctuary, led by Pastor Jered Day, and are open to all. For more information contact the Church Office at (850) 997-5309 or e-mail to *fbcl11@embarqmail.com*.

March 12

AA meeting at 8 p.m. on Monday at Christ Episcopal Church annex, 425 North Cherry Street. For information call (850) 251-0278. Father Jim May, church pastor.

March 13

Jefferson County Ministerial Association will meet on the second Tuesday at the Brick House Eatery at 8 a.m. to discuss upcoming community events. Churches and community are stronger when they cooperate and meet together. Rev. Sean Vickers, FBC pastor.

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“Leprechauns on the Loose” followed by Spring Fling



The 28th Annual Boston Spring Fling and Auction is scheduled for Saturday, March 31. Arts, crafts and flea market vendors set up on Main Street at 9 a.m. Designed for young and old alike, an Easter Bonnet Contest will take place in Watt Park where competition is by age group. There is no fee to enter—handmade and homemade bonnets are encouraged! Nancy Hoffman chairs this event and can be reached at (229) 498-1228.

At 10:30 a.m. an Easter parade will march down Main Street. There is no fee to enter the parade; however, pre-registration is encouraged and can be made by calling Danny Groover at (229) 498-4065. To be considered for judging, an Easter theme must be used. Golf carts and other small vehicles, bicycles and walking units make great entries!

Story Submitted



Spring is right around the corner, regardless of the current temperatures. Just look around to see spring bursting out all over, including ornamental pears, azaleas, forsythia, daffodils and more! If you're looking for a spring family outing, look no further than Boston!

On Thursday, March 15, dust off your Irish heritage (real or perceived) and attend “Leprechauns on the Loose.” A family friendly atmosphere prevails in downtown Boston in an early observance of St. Patrick’s Day. From 6 - 9 p.m. the “green carpet” will be rolled out for a fun-filled evening for Irish and Irish-at-heart. During this time, Leprechauns are likely to be spotted on Main Street. Festivities include special events, sales and refreshments offered by many of the merchants who will remain open late. There is also a “Pot O’ Gold” raffle with tickets already available in the shops. The restaurants will be open as well.

“Leprechauns on the Loose” is sponsored by the Boston Business Association. Donna Davis chairs this organization and can be reached at (229) 413-1626 for more information.

The auction begins in Watt Park at 11 a.m. Christie Thomas chairs this event and she says this year’s auction will bring some surprises! Items up for bid include yard and garden items; household items, including décor; gift certificates from a wide variety of restaurants, antiques, etc. Call Christie at (229) 403-7175 to donate to the auction or find out more.

At 1 p.m., an Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled in the parking lot of Commercial Bank on West Jefferson Street. It is free and open to all kids 12 and under. Richard Reynolds organizes this event; he can be reached at (229) 221-3209.

The Spring Fling is sponsored by Boston Community Club; all proceeds are used to maintain the community center on Main Street and to support other community events. Membership is free and open to all Boston citizens. For more information about this or other events, call Danny Groover at (229) 498-4065 or check out our website: bostonga.com. You can also find information on Facebook at Historic Downtown Boston or follow us at #HistoricBoston.



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Sheriff hosts pizza party for third grade class



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 “With a little help from my friends....” Deputy J. Blackman (left) and Jefferson Somerset’s Nathaniel Woods (center) help Sheriff Mac McNeill (right) carry the pizzas and drinks into the classroom.



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo By Lynette Veit, February 23, 2018
 Jefferson Somerset Principal Cory Oliver (left, standing) drops in to visit. Oliver and Sheriff McNeill (right, standing) chatted with the children for a few minutes before the party began.



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo By Lynette Veit, February 23, 2018
 It's pizza time! After a little help from eager third grade volunteers, who passed out the paper plates and napkins, Sheriff McNeill served the cheese and pepperoni pizza. In the left foreground is Cason Bryon. In the background, starting at the left and going counter-clockwise around the table, are: Dontavius Pompey, Shamar Rollins, Zyreona Seabrooks and McNeill.

Lynette Veit, ECB Publishing, Inc.

When Sheriff Mac McNeill read to one of the third grade classes during Children's Literacy Week at Jefferson Somerset, he was very impressed with their excellent behavior.

“They were fantastic,” he said.

A few weeks earlier, McNeill had been one of about two dozen community leaders who volunteered their time on the last day of Children's

Literacy Week to read a book to one of the Pre-K through fifth grade classes. McNeill read *Carnival at Candlelight* by Mary Pope Osbourne to Mrs. Wilcoxson's stellar third graders.

“I wanted to show them that I appreciated their manners and their attention,” he added. Friday, Feb. 23, he was back at the school with pizzas and juice boxes, hosting a pizza party for the children.

Aucilla Christian Academy Valedictorian and Salutatorian

Photo Submitted
 Aucilla Christian Academy Honor Graduate and Valedictorian Camryn Grant and Honor Graduate and Salutatorian Emily Mueller are pictured during February 2 Awards Ceremony.



Fifth Grade Caitlyn Williams is District Spelling Bee Champion



Photo Submitted
 Jefferson-Somerset fifth-grader Caitlyn Williams brought home the first-place trophy at the District-wide Spelling Bee on Friday, January 18. For the win, Williams spelled her final word “thermal” correctly, and was named the district champion. She represented Jefferson County in the Big Bend Regional Bee on Saturday, February 17, which was sponsored by *The Tallahassee Democrat*. Although she did not win the regional bee, the school would like to thank Williams for her courage and hard work as she committed to studying for several months in order to compete in the events. Gratitude is also extended to her family for their support and encouragement of Williams' efforts and positive attitude. Pictured with Williams is her stepdad, Josh Dearden.

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Wild Adventures announces 2018 concert series

John Willoughby
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It's that time of year again! On Thursday, Feb. 22, Wild Adventures posted their concerts and special event schedule for their upcoming 2018 season. The lineup includes performances from country, rock, Christian and pop acts, as well as car shows, wrestling events and summer fireworks.

2018 special events begin with Stars of Wrestling on Saturday, March 17, and continue with Cars and Coasters Classic Car Show, The Big Boy Toy Show, Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest National Qualifying Event and many more. Wild Adventures will also Light Up the Sky in July with a Fourth of July Fireworks Spectacular on Independence Day. Fireworks displays the last three Saturdays of the month of July.

The All-Star Concert Series begins on Saturday, April 7, with Little Texas performing the Season Pass holder Appreciation Concert. Free reserved seats will be available to season pass holders on a first-come, first serve basis on the day of the concert.

"We've been hard at work putting together a season full of concerts and special events that are really going to be a lot of fun for the whole family," said Adam Floyd, public relations manager. "All year long, our guests will be cheering, tasting amazing food and singing along with their favorite artists."

On Saturday, April 28, you will have the chance to see Grammy Award-winning recording artist/songwriter, Tasha Cobbs Leonard. Leonard is one of the most prominent artists in gospel music. Her 2013 debut album, Grace, featuring the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) Gold-certified smash hit "Break Every Chain," continues to be one of the highest-selling albums of the

past five years. With her 2015 follow-up album, One Place Live, she earned another Grammy nomination and multiple accolades, including two Billboard Music Award nominations, a BET Award nomination and was named the Top Female Gospel Artist and the Most Streamed Gospel Artist of 2016 by Billboard.

Legendary rock band 3 Doors Down will make their appearance at Wild Adventures on Saturday, May 12. A three-time Grammy Award nominee and multi-platinum rock band, 3 Doors Down has consistently captivated audiences worldwide with hits like "Kryptonite," "When I'm Gone" and "Here Without You." Ignited by the single "In The Dark," 3 Doors Down recently released their sixth full-length album, Us and the Night, which debuted in the Top 10 on the Billboard Top 200.

Coming to the stage on Saturday, June 16, is Kellie Pickler. Kellie Pickler grew up immersed in country music in the small town of Albemarle, NC with the words of Tammy Wynette, Patsy Cline, Loretta Lynn and Dolly Parton shaping her musical footing. At the age of 19, she first gained fame as a contestant on the fifth season of American Idol. She has gone on to release four critically acclaimed albums, including her Gold-certified debut Small Town Girl, as well as 100 Proof, which Rolling Stone named the Best Country Album of 2011.

Newsboys UNITED is returning to Wild Adventures after a number of years with original members Peter Furler and Phil Joel, as a part of their Newsboys UNITED tour. The Newsboys are a Christian rock band known for songs like "God's Not Dead" and "Jesus Paid It All." Newsboys have UNITED again with all the hits for another incredible tour. The band recently released their eighteenth

studio album 'Love Riot' with the brand new single, "You Hold It All (Every Mountain)."

Finishing out the concert series is Skillet, who is coming back for their eighth-consecutive year at Wild Adventures. The Grammy-nominated, platinum selling rockers are back by popular demand and ready to please after a landmark year in 2017. Known for a unique high-energy stage presence and crossover chart topping number one hits like "Not Gonna Die" and "Awake and Alive," the band is ready to excite with new songs like the RIAA certified gold debut single, "Feel Invincible," from what Loudwire Magazine calls one of the best rock albums of 2016, Unleashed.

Among other stars are the comedy recording artist and multiple Grammy Award nominee, Jeff Foxworthy; The World-Famous dribbling, dunking and jumping Harlem Globetrotters; Christian music artist, Amy Grant; Landmarking country group, Alabama; and many, many more.

All concerts and special events are included with park admission or a 2018 season pass. Reserved seats are available at an additional cost and will be available to season pass holders beginning at 9 a.m., on Monday, Feb. 26. Reserved concert seats will be available for purchase by all guests on Monday, March 5.

Wild Adventures opens for the 2018 season on Saturday, March 10, with the addition of MEGABUGS! Adventure Encounters. Splash Island Waterpark opens on Saturday, April 7, with the new multimillion dollar Ohana Bay expansion for toddlers and other small children.

2018 season passes are now available at a savings of up to \$20. For a full schedule of events, to buy tickets or season passes, you may log onto wildadventures.com or call at (229) 219-7080. The park is open on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Photo submitted

Tasha Cobbs Leonard is one of the most prominent artists in gospel music. With hits like "Break Every Chain," Leonard is sure to bring the soul to Wild Adventures on Saturday, April 28.



Photo submitted

The Newsboys are currently on the Newsboys UNITED tour, reuniting with former founding members Peter Furler and Phil Joel. The Newsboys were at Wild Adventures more than five years ago and are set to light the stage up again with their worship-filled songs. Pictured, from left to right, are: Peter Furler, Phil Joel, Jody Davis, Jeff Frankenstein, Duncan Phillips and Michael Tait.



Photo submitted

3 Doors Down is known for their three hit songs: "Kryptonite", "When I'm Gone" and "Here Without You". Hopefully Wild Adventures will hear all three on Saturday, May 12. Pictured, from left to right, are: Greg Upchurch, Chet Roberts, Brad Arnold, Justin Biltonen and Chris Henderson.



Photo submitted

Amy Grant was the first Christian music artist to have an album reach Platinum status. Known for hits likes "El Shaddai" and "Baby, Baby," Amy Grant will bring her band from Nashville to Wild Adventures on Saturday, April 14.

Wild Adventures Theme Park 2018 All-Star Concert Schedule

All concerts start off at 8 p.m.

- April 7 - Little Texas Passholder Appreciation Event
- April 14 - Amy Grant
- April 21 - ReaLynn
- April 28 - Tasha Cobbs Leonard
- May 5 - Scotty McCreery

- May 12 - 3 Doors Down
- May 19 - ALABAMA
- June 2 - Collective Soul
- June 9 - Jeff Foxworthy
- June 16 - Kellie Pickler
- June 23 - Newsboys UNITED
- July 7 - Linkin' Bridge
- August 4 - 90's Flashback featuring Vanilla Ice, Tone-Loc and Rob Base
- August 11 - Skillet

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Skillet, a world-known Christian rock band, will be making there eighth-consecutive appearance at Wild Adventures on Saturday, Aug. 11, after a fantastic year in 2017. Pictured, from left to right, are: Jen Ledger, Corey Cooper, John Cooper and Seth Morrison.



REMINDEWIND

Esther Williams

By Lucie M. Winborne, *ReMIND Magazine*

Voluptuous, athletic and beautiful, with the grace of a swan and a million-dollar smile, she swam straight into the hearts of moviegoers … and it should surprise no one that she called the water her favorite leading man. Of whom else could we be speaking than "America's Mermaid," Esther Williams?

The fifth child of sign painter Lou and psychologist Bula Williams, Esther learned to swim at age 8, paying to use her neighborhood pool by counting wet



towels for a nickel a day and learning the butterfly from lifeguards, the stroke that would later earn her a gold medal at the Amateur Athletic Union championships in a medley relay. While performing at Billy Rose's Aquacade at the San Francisco World's Fair, the then-salesgirl was spotted by an MGM representative, signed as a contract player and given a role as Mickey Rooney's love interest in 1942's Andy Hardy's Double Life.

Audiences loved her, at least in light comedies opposite such male leads

as Peter Lawford, Victor Mature and Van Johnson, but Williams considered her silver-screen fame a "consolation prize" in lieu of the Olympic gold she had longed and trained for. At age 17 she earned a spot on the 1940 U.S. Olympic team, but the onset of World War II led to the Games' cancellation, so she went on to swim an estimated 1,250 movie miles through ocean waves, lakes, lagoons and swimming pools -- including a magnificent specimen replete with underwater windows, hydraulic lifts and colored fountains, built by MGM for a cool \$250,000.

For all their gorgeous execution, some of Williams' scenes exacted a toll. She ruptured her eardrums seven times in the aforementioned MGM pool, and while shooting 1952's Million Dollar Mermaid, a 50-foot dive in a golden crown left her with a broken back and confined to a cast for six months. Offscreen, her personal life had its share of trauma, including two divorces, near financial ruin and a smothering marriage to actor Fernando Lamas. The movie star who couldn't act, sing or dance survived this and more with strength and wit, going on to introduce a collection of swimwear with her fourth husband, lend her name to a successful line of aboveground swimming pools, become a "godmother" to the sport of synchronized swimming, and publish an engaging memoir, *The Million Dollar Mermaid*, in 1999. Williams died in 2013 at the age of 91.

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 Director: Ava DuVernay
 Meg Murry is a young girl traumatized by the disappearance of her scientist father. Soon she finds herself on an interplanetary journey with a schoolmate and her brother, aided by a trio of supernatural beings.

The Strangers: Prey at Night

Rated R
 Stars: Christina Hendricks, Bailee Madison
 Director: Johannes Roberts
 When a family arrives at a mobile home park to visit relatives, they find it mysteriously deserted. Under the cover of darkness, three masked psychopaths -- the Strangers -- terrorize the family and test their every limit as they struggle to survive.

Gringo

Rated R
 Stars: David Oyelowo, Charlize Theron, Amanda Seyfried, Joel Edgerton
 Director: Nash Edgerton
 Gringo joyrides across the border into Mexico, where all is not as it seems. Mild-mannered American businessman Harold Soyinka crosses the line from citizen to criminal as he attempts to survive in one of the most dangerous places on earth. Is he in over his head, or is he two steps ahead?

The Hurricane Heist

Rated PG-13
 Stars: Maggie Grace, Toby Kebbell, Ryan Kwanten
 Director: Rob Cohen
 When a team of hackers breaks into a U.S. Mint facility to steal \$600 million, can a meteorologist, a Treasury agent, an ex-marine and a Category 5 hurricane stop the thieves from getting away with the heist?

TV Top Picks



New shows premiering this week!

Saturday, March 10

Monday, March 12

Beetlejuice 30th Anniversary Stunt

Syfy, beginning at 5 p.m.
 In Tim Burton's 1988 horror comedy classic, saying the name of the titular supernatural being three consecutive times brought him (as well as plenty of trouble) into the world of the living. The results may not be so dramatic -- but they will certainly be fun -- as Syfy airs the movie three times in a row today, in honor of its 30th anniversary. Special content will also be featured throughout the marathon.

Saturday Night Live: "Sterling K. Brown/James Bay"

NBC, 11:30 p.m. Live
 SAG Award- and Emmy-winning actor Sterling K. Brown (*This Is Us*, *Black Panther*) makes his hosting debut tonight, joined by musical guest James Bay, also a first-timer on the show.

Sunday, March 11

Women's Action Movie Marathon

Syfy, beginning at 8am
 The ladies kick butt in this 15-hour marathon of action films headlined by fearless heroines, including *Resident Evil: Apocalypse*, *Lara Croft: Tomb Raider*, *Mad Max: Fury Road*, *The Descent* and more.

Kingpin

History, 9 p.m.
 Each episode of this miniseries uncovers the history of a notorious kingpin, and the premiere tackles the story of Boston mobster Whitey Bulger from the 1970s.

Deception

ABC, 10 p.m.
 When his career is ruined by scandal, superstar magician Cameron Black (Jack Cutmore-Scott) uses his skills in the arts of deception, influence and illusion to help the FBI catch the world's most elusive criminals.

Jane

National Geographic/Nat Geo Wild, 8 p.m.
 During Women's History Month, Nat Geo and Nat Geo Wild simulcast a documentary about one of the most notable women in the realm of science, primatologist/anthropologist Jane Goodall.

Spring Baking Championship

Food Network, 9 p.m.
 Vibrant colors, fresh fruits and bright flavors are on display as 10 of the best bakers in the country vie for the title of Spring Baking Champion and the \$50,000 grand prize.

For the People

ABC, 10 p.m.
 In signature Shondaland fashion, the procedural series sexes up the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York -- the nation's oldest and most influential federal court, loftily nicknamed "The Mother Court" -- focusing on six newbie prosecutors and public defenders tasked with arguing high-profile, high-stakes cases while also keeping order in their personal lives.

Rise

NBC, 10 p.m.
 From Hamilton producer Jeffrey Seller comes this heartfelt drama about finding inspiration in unexpected places. The show stars Josh Radnor as a high-school teacher who sheds his own self-doubt when he takes over the school's lackluster theater department, galvanizing not only the faculty and students but also the entire working-class town.

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Basketball Awards given



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Aucilla Christian Academy Middle School Basketball Awards were presented during Pow Wow on Friday, February 9. Boys Basketball Winners, pictured from left to right, are: Ashton Salinas for Impact Player, Tag Williams for Most Valuable Player, and Hunter Watson for Warrior Award. Girls Middle School Basketball Winners were not present to receive their awards. They are: Isabella Gray for Most Valuable Player, Riley Smith for Christian Character, and Jenna Lindsey for Warrior Award.

Finlayson scores 1,000th point

Ashley Hunter, *ECB Publishing, Inc.*

Scoring 1,000 is a bit of a 'big deal.' To be able to achieve making 1,000 points, a player has to put a lot of work into their game; countless hours of practice, of on-court playing, of being a major part of the team is required in order to reach the achievement of a player scoring their 1,000th point.

Timothy "Tima" Finlayson, of Aucilla Christian Academy, achieved that major milestone while playing against Munroe on February 13 during his team's District Semi-Finals.

For Finlayson, it was really only a matter of time. "I grew up in a basketball family," said Finlayson humbly, adding that he grew up playing the sport with his immediate and extended family. Joining the Aucilla Warriors was a natural choice, and reaching his 1,000th point on the playing court is something that was undoubtedly the result of hard work, dedication and a love for the sport.

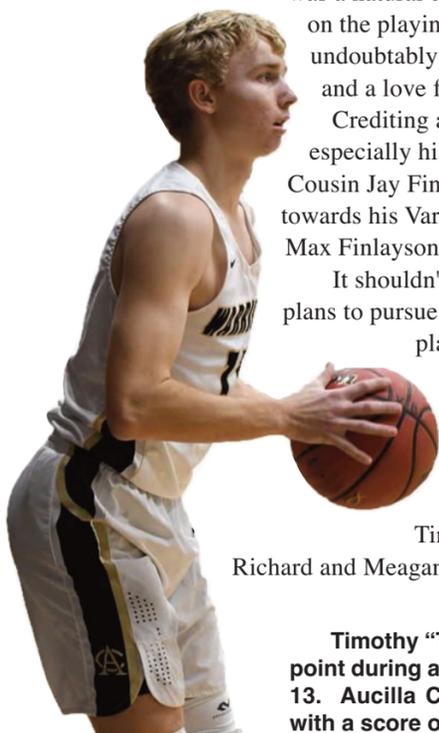
Crediting a portion of his success to family, especially his brother Ricky Finlayson and Cousin Jay Finlayson, he also expressed gratitude towards his Varsity coaches, Dan Nennstiel and Max Finlayson.

It shouldn't surprise anyone that Finlayson plans to pursue a career in sports. When he's not playing basketball, Finlayson also plays golf, and says its actually the latter that he is going to play in college while studying for a degree in sports management with the goal of becoming a coach.

Timothy Finlayson is the son of Richard and Meagan Finlayson.

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Timothy "Tima" Finlayson scored his 1,000th point during a game against Munroe on February 13. Aucilla Christian Academy won that game with a score of 62-25.



Cheerleader Awards given

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Aucilla Christian Academy Junior Varsity Cheerleader Awards were presented during Pow Wow on Friday, February 16, by Cheerleader Coach Noel Cruce. Pictured from left to right are: Jasmine Agner for Best All Around, Morgan Lundy for Most Dedicated, Laney Cruce for Most Spirited, and Coach Cruce.

Aucilla Christian Academy JV Basketball Awards



Photo Submitted

Aucilla Christian Academy Girls Junior Varsity Basketball Awards were presented by Coach Amanda Sapp on February 23 during Pow Wow. Pictured from left to right are: Marley Restrepo with her Leadership award, Julianna Lindsey with her Post Player award, Olivia Walton with her Most Valuable Player award, and Coach Amanda Sapp.



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Aucilla Christian Academy Boys Junior Varsity Basketball Awards were presented by Coach James Burkett on February 23 during Pow Wow. Pictured, from left to right, are: Coach Burkett, Brady Browning with his Best Defensive Player award, Nathan Green with his Best Offensive Player award, and Carl Hall with his Big Man award.

Tiger Track with Coach Jacobs



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Tiger Track Coach Harry Jacobs, center, with teammates Heather Boyd, left and Miya Trumpet, right.

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Jefferson Somerset Sports Schedules

Jefferson Somerset Flag Football Schedule

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Thursday, March 22:
Home Game vs. Lincoln High School at 7 p.m.

Friday, March 23:
Away Game vs. Flagler Palm Coast High School at 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 29:
Away Game vs. Leon High School at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 3:
Away Game vs. Chiles High School. JV plays at 5:30 p.m. and Varsity plays at 7 p.m.

Friday and Saturday, April 6 and 7:
Capital City Classic in Tallahassee.

Tuesday, April 10:
JV Away Game vs. Lincoln High School at 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 12:
Home Game vs. Wakulla High School at 6 p.m. SENIOR NIGHT.

Tuesday, April 17:
Home Game vs. Madison High School at 7 p.m.

Friday, April 20:
Away Game vs. Ocoee High School at 7 p.m.



Lady Tigers Softball Schedule

Ashley Hunter, *ECB Publishing, Inc.*

Monday, March 19:
Away Game vs. Hamilton County at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, March 20:
Home Game vs. Maclay at 4 p.m.

Wednesday, March 21:
Home Game vs. Rickards High School at 4:30 p.m.

Monday, March 26:
Home Game vs. Lafayette Mayo at 4 p.m.

Wednesday, March 28:
Away Game vs. against Branford at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 3:
Home Game vs. St. John Paul II at 4 p.m.

Wednesday, April 4:
Away Game vs. Lincoln High School at 6 p.m.

Friday, April 6:
Away Game vs. against Florida A&M DRS at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, April 9:
Home Game vs. Hamilton County at 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 10:
Home Game vs. Lincoln High School at 4 p.m.

Wednesday, April 11:
Away Game vs. Rickards High School at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, April 17:
Home Game vs. Branford at 4 p.m.

Wednesday, April 18:
Away Game vs. Godby High School at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 24:
District Tournaments will be held at 5 p.m. in Hamilton County



Jefferson Somerset Baseball Schedule

Ashley Hunter, *ECB Publishing, Inc.*

Tuesday, March 20:
Home Game vs. Lafayette at 6 p.m. (district game)

Wednesday, March 21:
Away Game vs. Gadsden High at 6 p.m.

Friday, March 23:
Home Game vs. John Paul II at 6 p.m.

Friday, March 30:
Away Game vs. Bell Middle High at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, April 4:
Away Game vs. Lafayette at 6 p.m. (district game)

Thursday, April 5:
Home Game vs. Black High School at 7 p.m.

Monday, April 9:
Home Game vs. Hamilton County at 6 p.m. (district game)

Tuesday, April 10:
Home Game vs. Gadsden County SENIOR NIGHT

Saturday, April 14:
Away Game vs. FAMU at 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, April 17:
Home Game vs. Madison County at 6 p.m. (district game)

Tuesday, April 24:
Home Game vs. FAMU at 6 p.m.

Thursday, April 26:
Away Game vs. John Paul II at 6 p.m.



Lady Tigers suffer back-to-back defeat

Ashley Hunter, *ECB Publishing, Inc.*

After the Lady Tigers' (softball) winning game against Florida A&M on March 2, the team headed directly out to combat the following Monday, March 5 to take on the Madison County Cowgirls during a double header, back to back home and away game.

At 6 p.m., the Lady Tigers played as the home team, and despite all good intentions, they lost to the Cowgirls with a score of 20-0.

The second game at 7 p.m. once again saw the Lady Tigers beaten back when the Cowgirls scored 23 points and Lady Tigers took none.

Despite their defeat, the Lady Tigers will keep playing hard and aim to win at their next game on Friday, March 16, when they take on Taylor County at an away game.



ECB Photography, Inc. John Willoughby, March 5, 2018

Lea Vargas is up to bat during the Monday, March 5 back-to-back games against Madison County's Cowgirls. it was a painful defeat for Jefferson's Lady Tigers as they were surpassed by the Cowgirls with a score of 20-0 and then 23-0.

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Lady Warriors come up short in state semi-final



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ACA semi-final 2: Summer Dee (#22) snags a rebound for the Lady Warriors.

Rick Patrick
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There will be no State Championship for the Aucilla Christian Academy (ACA) Lady Warriors' basketball team this season. Despite a fourth quarter rally, the Lady Warriors were defeated, 41-37, on Monday, Feb. 26, by the Lady Lions of Calvary Christian Academy from Ormond Beach. The Lady Warriors established an early 10-9 lead in the first quarter, however, the Lady Lions outscored the Lady Warriors 15-3 in the second quarter to build a 24-13 lead going into halftime. The Lady Warriors rallied in the final period, but the Lady Lions were able to hold off the Lady Warriors and win the contest with a 41-37 final score. The game set up a State Championship match between Calvary Christian and City of Life Christian Academy on Tuesday, Feb. 27.

Camryn Grant led the Lady Warriors' scoring effort with 20 points and 20 rebounds. Abigail Morgan also had a double-double for the Lady Warriors with 12 points and 17 rebounds. Summer Dee and Elizabeth Hightower also added to the Lady Warriors scoring total.

The Lady Warriors finished their 2017-18 campaign with a total record of 22-6.

Camryn Grant (#14) shot 38 percent from the three-point line during the Lady Warriors' semi-final game with Calvary Christian.

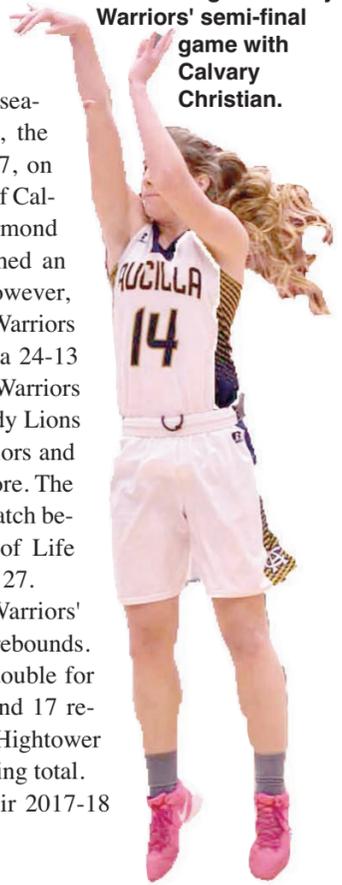


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Camryn Grant (#14) leaps for the opening tip-off in the state semi-final game.



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Elizabeth Hightower (#55) shoots a jumper from downtown.

Veterans Among Us

Army Veteran Frank Blow

United States Army Veteran Frank Blow entered into the military after graduating from The Citadel in South Carolina, a classic military college focused on leadership development and academic distinction. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant after graduation. He was stationed in Baumholder Germany where he met and married his first wife. Frank was a tank company commander in Alpha Company 2nd Battalion 68th Armor, 8th Infantry Division. He loved Germany and enjoyed traveling Europe.

After his military service, Frank worked 17 years for New York Life. Retired now, he proudly owns and operates Jefferson Storage, Monticello's finest climate-controlled facility. He's an active member of the Monticello Kiwanis and Monticello Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, and three-time president. Frank is a 1963 graduate of Jefferson County High School.

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Jessica Giddens (#23) drives down the court for the Lady Warriors.



IFAS EXTENSION
Les Harrison
 UF/IFAS Wakulla County Extension Director

The flu season is hanging on with a vengeance in Jefferson County, recent spring like weather notwithstanding. The symptoms range from the inconvenient to extreme discomfort.

One universal symptom is respiratory distress. It is bad enough to feel achy and endure a temperature, but the stuffed head and chest creates abject misery in the unlucky sufferer.

Fortunately, early 21st century medical options will relieve many of the respiratory symptoms until the virus runs its course. Every retailer and pharmacy currently has shelves lined with the latest approved treatments for this seasonal plague.

One of the favorite treatments with a long standing reputation for effectiveness at relieving stuffiness is camphor based rubs and inhalers. The positive effects are immediate, but the rubs must be liberally applied to sustain the result.

Camphor oil, the basis for the seasonal respiratory relief, is the product of camphor trees which can be found on many old homesteads in Jefferson County. This exotic tree is native to east Asia where it has a long history as a highly prized resource.

In the early days of sea travel and international trade, the camphor tree's products were quickly recognized by enterprising European explorers as a revenue source. The spice cinnamon is derived from its bark.



Camphor lumber was the material of choice for sea chest and other storage containers for clothing and textiles. It has the enviable traits of repelling moths and it resists the decaying effect of seawater on wood.

History does not record which explorer got the idea for using the decongestant features of camphor. It could be reasonably assumed it was a lucky happenstance of a seaman suffering a head cold who, out of desperation, sought out a local medical arts practitioner.

The conversation may have gone something like this: "I've got a bad head cold, doctor," said the sailor. "Crush two handfuls of these leaves under your nose, breathe deeply and call me in the morning," said the doctor. It worked.

The reputation of camphor spread rapidly based on the positive results. Overtime camphor trees were planted in colonies with latitudes relatively near the equator. It was better to have a local source of leaves rather than waiting for the next shipment.

Camphor trees reached the southeastern United States in the early 18th century. Most plantations and remote homesteads had at least one tree.

Camphor leaves easily fit into the practice of using a poultice for medical purposes. A poultice is a small bag suspended from the neck of the patient as a means of administering a treatment.

Local folk medicine varied from place to place. Some treatments were just pungent and some were absolutely repulsive, but most contained camphor leaves.

Today camphor trees in Jefferson County are relics of a long past self-reliant lifestyle. The spreading branches with evergreen leaves are sometime confused with oaks.

In Florida the camphor tree is treated as an invasive plant and can produce thickets which choke out native vegetation. Its fruit is attractive to birds and can spread rapidly.

One way or another, this tree is nothing to sneeze at.

To learn more about camphor trees, contact your UF/IFAS Jefferson Extension Office at (850) 342-0187 or <http://jefferson.ifas.ufl.edu/>

Spring 2018



Photo submitted

Treetop clusters of yellow jessamines shower the forest floor with flecks of color which contrast against the brown remains of last autumn's leaf and pine straw drop.

Spring, in all its glory, is almost here. The 2018 spring equinox is March 20th, and on that date the day and night will be the same length.

Lexicographers, the people who study language, have concluded the term "spring" originated about 2,000 years ago in what-is-now Germany. It loosely translated to the phrase "to jump" or "to run".

It seems the word's implication in those simpler times was directed at the flora and fauna. Basically, the plants and animals sprang back to life, either by jumping out of the bud or running.

In 21st century Jefferson County, the month of March finds the plants springing back from winter's chilly grip.

A visit to the forest, field or yards now yields an assortment of Technicolor blooms in progress.

One of the traditional springtime blooming favorites are the dogwoods. This deciduous hardwood is native, but with related species over most of the northern hemisphere.

There are actually two varieties of dogwood native to north Florida, the roughleaf and the flowering. Both have large, profuse white blooms and both flower in the spring.

In addition to their striking spring appearance, dogwoods have a long and varied history as a resource utilized by the population. Early settlers used dogwood twigs as toothbrushes by chewing them into coarse bristles.

The strength and dense qualities of the wood made it an excellent choice for material to construct durable tools. Dogwood was the first choice for spindles and spools in textile mills because of its robust qualities.

Wildflowers are making a strong showing in March.

The Roundleaf Bluet or Innocence is peering through dead grass and pine needles.

This tiny flower is about the size of a dime and appears in clusters. The only function for this low growing plant seems as a herald of warmer days to come.

Yellow Jessamines are displaying clusters of bright yellow blooms from the top of any plant or structure this vine is able to climb. The blooms soon mature and rain down to the forest floor.

While attractive and showy, the entire plant contains alkaloid toxins. Honeybees seem particularly vulnerable to this lovely, but fatal attraction.

Chickasaw plums are producing copious volumes of delicate white blooms on an otherwise leafless tree. This native understory tree reaches a maximum height of less than ten feet, but its spring blooming capacity far outstrips its stature.

In addition to the showy nature of this tree, it also produces small fruit, some sweet and some bitter. The plums produced are popular with birds and animals, and people lucky enough to have access to the sweet fruit variety.

Its early bloom nature makes it susceptible to late frost and fruit loss. If a late hard freeze occurs, the yellow to red fruit will be lost until the next year.

Alas, even the turfgrass is growing again. This means a regular mowing schedule must spring to life also.

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Proposals from the qualified parties will show the selected consultants ability to provide general guidance and support to Jefferson County staff and advise the commission and staff regarding the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast (RESTORE) Act of 2012.

Tasks and expectations of grant consultant services are defined within the complete Request for Proposals (RFQ) available from the County Coordinator, Parrish Barwick at 1484 S. Jefferson Street, Monticello, Florida 32344; or from the Jefferson County Web Site www.jeffersoncountyfl.gov.

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

File Number: 17-00020-TD
Certificate Number: 85 Year of Issuance: 2011

Description of Property: 00-00-00-0340-0000-0400
Lot 40 Nobles Add
ORB 463 PG 54

Site Address: 405 CAROLINA ST

Name in which assessed: Gary & Joanne Robertson

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 **April 19, 2018 at 11:00 A.M.**

Tim Sanders
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Jefferson County, FL

BY: Sherry Sears, Deputy Clerk 3/9,16,23,30

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Anyone wishing to obtain RFQ documents may contact Carol Ellerbe at carol Ellerbe@embarqmail.com. 3/7,9,14

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR
JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 18-000-08

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,

vs.
KATHRYN F. JONES, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO:

UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF JOHN BURTON MATHIS
Last Known Address: 355 W BOWMAN ST , MONTICELLO, FL 32344
Current Residence Unknown

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

LOTS 38, 39, 40, 45, 46 AND 47 OF THE ACADEMY HEIGHTS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF MONTICELLO AS PER MAP OR PLAT OF SAID ADDITION AS THE SAME APPEARS OF RECORD IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA IN DEED BOOK HH, PAGE 484, REFERENCE TO SAME BEING HEREBY EXPRESSLY MADE

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Choice Legal Group, P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is P.O. Box 9908, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33310-0908 on or before April 9, 2018, a date at least 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.

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:
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301 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32301
850.606.4401
at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 5th day of March, 2018.

Tim Sanders
As Clerk of the Court

By Sherry Sears
As Deputy Clerk

3/9,16

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR
JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION:
CASE NO.: 16-073-CA

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,

vs.

CLEO MARIE KELLY A/K/A CLEO M. KELLY; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CLEO MARIE KELLY A/K/A CLEO M. KELLY; UNKNOWN TENANT; IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the **27th day of February, 2018**, and entered in Case No. 16-073-CA, of the Circuit Court of the 2ND Judicial Circuit in and for Jefferson County, Florida, wherein FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION is the Plaintiff and UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF CLEO MARIE KELLY A/K/A CLEO M. KELLY MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., ACTING SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. ERIN KELLY A/K/A ERIN MICHAEL KELLY GABRIELLE KELLY A/K/A GABRIELLE KELLY A/K/A GABRIELLE THOMPSON A/K/A GABRIELLE RENEE KELLY JOCELYN KELLY A/K/A JOCELYN LEA KELLY UNKNOWN TENANT N/K/A GABRIELLE THOMPSON; and UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CLEO MARIE KELLY A/K/A CLEO M. KELLY IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. KIRK B. REAMS as the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the **NORTH DOOR OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COUNTY COURTHOUSE, MONTICELLO, FL 32344, 11:00 AM on the 5th day of April, 2018**, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOTS 21, 22, 23 AND 24 OF LONGVIEW SUBDIVISION, AS PER MAP OR PLAT OF RECORD IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 'B', PAGE 22, AND TO WHICH REFERENCE IS HEREBY EXPRESSLY DIRECTED, AND BEING SITUATE IN THE WEST ONE HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST, LYING WEST OF THE STATE ROAD NO. 158, SAID LONGVIEW SUBDIVISION BEING A RE-SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 261 AND 262 OF NORTH FLORIDA PECAN COMPANY SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORD IN SAID PUBLIC RECORDS IN PLAT BOOK 'A', PAGE 1, AND DEED BOOK 'EE', PAGE 600, PUBLIC RECORDS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND TO WHICH REFERENCE IS ALSO EXPRESSLY MADE.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

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:

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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.

Dated this 28th day of February, 2018.

Tim Sanders
Clerk Of The Circuit Court

By: Sherry Sears
Deputy Clerk

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Health Focus



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Unregulated E-cigs could have hidden dangers

Ashley Hunter
ECB Publishing, Inc.

E-cigarettes are becoming popular for people who are trying to quit smoking, as well as those who just want a safer alternative to cigarettes. E-cigarette companies make their place known in drugstores by touting their vaping product as a cleaner and healthier alternative to smoking.

It is true that e-cigs are indeed a more wholesome approach to smoking, but e-cigs are not as completely harmless as was assumed.

Most of the study on e-cigs circulates around the concept of the products being nicotine free, but more studies are beginning to turn to the vaporproduct and looking beyond the assumed benefits.

Researchers at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health examined the vapor mist that e-cigs produce and tested the chemicals within it. While most people believe that the steaming mist that e-cigs create is water vapor, the truth is that it is a mixture of chemicals and flavorings, not water.

The researchers were looking for the chemicals diacetyl, acetoin and 2,3-pentanedione; all which have been linked to serious respiratory problems in workers.

Diacetyl, in particular, has been associated with a serious condition known as “popcorn lung.” The condition, while painful and irreversible, is not as graphic as it sounds. The name was earned after eight former employees at an artificial popcorn butter factory in Missouri inhaled diacetyl from the flavoring that was used on the artificial butter flavoring on a daily basis.

The workers ended up coughing and wheezing; they also suffered from shortness of breath, weight loss and night sweats; a number of cases of popcorn lung, or as it is properly known,

Bronchiolitis obliterans, have been so bad that complete lung transplant was required for the patients.

There are more than 7,000 varieties of flavored e-cigarettes, e-juices and nicotine-containing liquids used for refillable devices, but the Harvard study focused on 51 different types of flavored e-cigs and refill liquids that they considered to be more appealing to younger users, such as cotton candy, waikiki watermelon, double apple hookah, tutti frutti, cupcake, blue water punch, oatmeal cookie and alien blood.

The testing for the chemicals was done by inserting the e-cig into a sealed chamber attached to a lab-built device that drew air through the e-cigarette as a user might. After pulling air through for eight seconds, the researchers would then let the machine rest for 15 to 30 seconds and redraw more air through the e-cig. The air that was “breathed” through the e-cig was then tested and it was found that at least one of all three chemicals were present in 47 of the 51 flavors tested.

“One of three flavoring chemicals was found in 92 percent of the e-cigarettes we sampled and these chemicals are of interest because of what we know about the associations of inhaling these chemicals and severe, irreversible lung disease that occurred in popcorn workers over a decade ago,” said lead study author Joseph Allen.

Diacetyl was found in more than 75 percent of the flavored electronic cigarettes and the refill liquids that were analyzed by researchers; more concerning, they found it in levels that were higher than the laboratory limit of detection in 39 of the flavors tested.

Acetoin showed up in 46 e-cigarettes and liquid flavorings while 2,3-pentanedione was detected in 23 of the flavors.

The complete impact of e-cigarettes on the health of their users is still not

totally clear; there just aren’t enough studies to make sound judgment.

However, Allen said the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) have warned workers for years about the risks of diacetyl.

“The presence of [diacetyl] is concerning enough for me to be stronger with my patients when we’re talking about the unknown safety hazards of e-cigarettes,” said pulmonary specialist Dr. David Beuther. “Bronchiolitis obliterans is irreversible. You can’t take it back,” said Beuther, an associate professor of medicine at National Jewish Health, one of the country’s top respiratory hospitals. Acetoin is also linked to “popcorn lung”, and 2,3-pentanedione has caused lung and brain damage in rats.

While some e-cig users believe the product will help them transition away from smoking regular cigarettes, other studies have shown that they might actually be a gateway into smoking for others.

Beuther said that he’s particularly concerned about teens and young adults using the e-cigarettes. Young lungs are not fully developed until about age 25 and vaping could lead to silent damage. Smaller people and perhaps some women may also be at additional risk due to the exposure to higher concentration of the given materials compared to a larger person, such as a man.

According to the Center of Disease Control, there is an estimated 2.5 million teens and young adults now using e-cigs; use among middle school and high school students alike have tripled in one year alone. Youth use of e-cigarettes has now

surpassed youth cigarette smoking.

“That’s a startling number of kids,” said Allen.

Buying e-cigarettes is as easy as ordering them online. The FDA does not regulate e-cigarettes and, therefore, no rules can be imposed on who can purchase the vaping products and how they must be sold. The agency has issued a proposed rule to include e-cigs under its authority in order to regulate certain products that contain tobacco and nicotine.

But are e-cigs safer than cigarettes? The definite answer is still yes. Levels of diacetyl are still far higher in tobacco smoke than e-cig vapor.

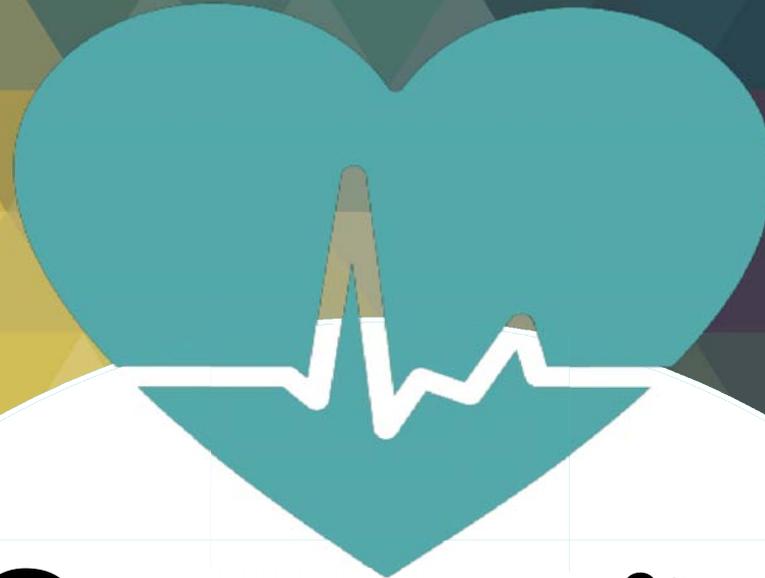
“Tobacco cigarette smoke contains high levels of diacetyl and acetyl propionyl, on average 100 and ten times higher,” said Dr. Konstantinos Farsalinos, an expert on e-cigarette research and an opponent of putting diacetyl in e-liquids. Farsalinos adds that the ongoing research against e-cigs fails to mention that the presence of these chemical compounds are also in tobacco smoke.

“This omission creates the impression that e-cigarettes are exposing users to a new chemical hazard, when in reality their exposure will be much lower compared to smoking,” said Farsalinos.

Exposure is still exposure, even if it is less. While people are regularly warned about the dangers of cigarette smoking, vapor companies aren’t even required to state the potential hazards in their own products.

“There is still so much we do not know about e-cigarettes,” said Harvard Professor David Christiani, the co-author of the new study.





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Community attends and supports Day of Dialogue on Minority Health XII

Debbie Snapp
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Day of Dialogue on Minority Health XII 'The Power of Prevention' in Jefferson County, was held on Sturday, Feb. 24 and was very well attended by community neighbors and friends.

The event included speakers sharing facts about health conditions, access to information and transportation related to their fields of expertise.

Event Coordinator Tonya Bell welcomed everyone for coming out, and caring enough about their health to learn more about "the health issues we are all faced with today."

Speakers and their presentations included: Shamarial Roberson, Bureau of Chronic Disease Prevention; Vivian Royster, health care through the eyes of social justice; Frances Collins and Anne Robinson, RN, managing your heart health; Pam Beck, preventing and managing strokes; Maiisha Mitchel, preventing and managing diabetes and complications; Jackie Robinson, preventing and managing mental health crisis; Ralph Wilson, Deborah Latson and Ronda Parrish, managing elderly and prolong health care without burnout; Lynn Vinson and Harriet Hudson,



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Registering guests for the event, pictured from left to right, are Betty Norton, Cheryl Graham and Earnestine Woods.



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Speakers during the "Day of Dialogue on Minority Health XII" event included Maiisha Mitchel, speaking about preventing and managing diabetes and complications.

preventing and managing cancer risks; John Nelson and Robert Adams, identifying and managing transportation needs; and Naryanan Krishnamoorthy, wound care and prevention of infection.

As the attendees participated in the event program by listening to the variety of speakers in the cafeteria of the Jefferson Somerset K-12 their children participated in



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One of several speakers was Dr. Naryanan Krishnamoorthy, with South Medical Group Primary Care, presenting on wound care and prevention of infection.



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Lunch for the event was catered by JW's Smokehouse Grill and served by, from left to right, Carolyn Moore, Natara Howard, Cynthia Jackson, and Darryl Hall. "BBQ Done Right."



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Florida Health Jefferson County was just one of several vendors at the event. Pictured, from left to right, are Pam Beck, Chelsey McCoy and Trish Blair.



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Guests to the “Day of Dialogue on Minority Health XII” filled the school cafeteria as they listened to a variety of presentations and speakers.

breakout sessions of fun and games offered by: Pam Robinson, Health Department, Eddie Thompson, DJ Club; Ryan Salazar, The Impact Team; Sheriff's Office; Jerald Cheeseborough; University of Florida Jefferson County Extension and SGA in the gymnasium. A selection of snacks were offered to those attending throughout the morning and a luncheon meal was prepared and served by JW's Smokehouse Grill, a local favorite.

Vendors included: Jefferson and Leon County Health Departments Breast & Cervical Cancer, Big Bend Cares and Carepoint Health & Wellness Center, American Red Cross, Refuge House, Holistic Plan of Care, Legal Services of Florida, AHEC, North Florida Medical Center, Sickle Cell Foundation, Tobacco

Free Jefferson Partnership, Jefferson County Democratic Party, Black Treatment Advocacy Network, Elder Care Services, Early Intervention Consultant/Area 2B, and Healthy Start Coalition of Jefferson, Madison & Taylor Counties,

If you have any questions or concerns about this event, contact chairpersons Gloria Cox at (850) 879-4425, gcoxbiz@gmail.com; J.W. Tisdale at (850) 291-6938; Barbara Reddick at (850) 363-0706; or Cheryl Graham at (850) 264-5066.

Others on the steering committee and sponsors included: Brittany Harvey, John Peck, Cumi Allen, Willie Mae Nelson, Joseph O. Love, Pedro McKelvin, J.B. Duval, Rose Campbell, Kevin Hall, John Jones, Kimberly Allbritton, Deveda Bellamy, and Shirley Huggins.



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Fred is a fragile, elderly gentleman living in an assisted living facility. He does not have family in the area and is lonely. After a Transitions volunteer started visiting Fred on a regular basis, he said, "This is the first time I have felt like I had a friend in a very long time."

Nancy joined the Powerful Tools for Caregivers Support Group and recently moved her mother into a nursing home. She has been struggling watching her mother, diagnosed with dementia, slowly decline. After beginning the support group, Nancy said, "I feel as if I have found my

people, and I look forward to this night the most out of the week."

The Transitions Team is proud of these successes, thankful for the honor to be part of an individual's life journey and excited to help others.

For questions about the Transitions Program, contact Bobbie Massey, LCSW, Transitions program manager, at (850) 671-6036. Additional information, including support group dates and times, can be found at www.WingsToCarryYou.org.



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How to soothe bad coughs and kick the congestion



John Willoughby
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No one likes the taste of icky cough syrup, which is even worse is when you take the cough syrup and it doesn't work. Causing the most uncomfortable state of being, a buildup of mucus can also cause bronchitis, a chronic cough and dry-heaving in the lungs.

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The complete ingredients needed for the home remedy are: raw organic honey, coconut oil, flour, a napkin and adhesive medical tape. The directions are as follows: Mix a teaspoon of flour with some honey and then add some warm coconut oil to the mixture; apply the mixture to a napkin and place the napkin on the center of your chest with adhesive medical tape to hold it in place.

Once the remedy is applied, the all-natural compress can stay on an adult overnight. If the remedy is applied to a child, keep the remedy on for only two to three hours. Results should be noticeable after the first treatment, but as with most treatments, time is your friend.

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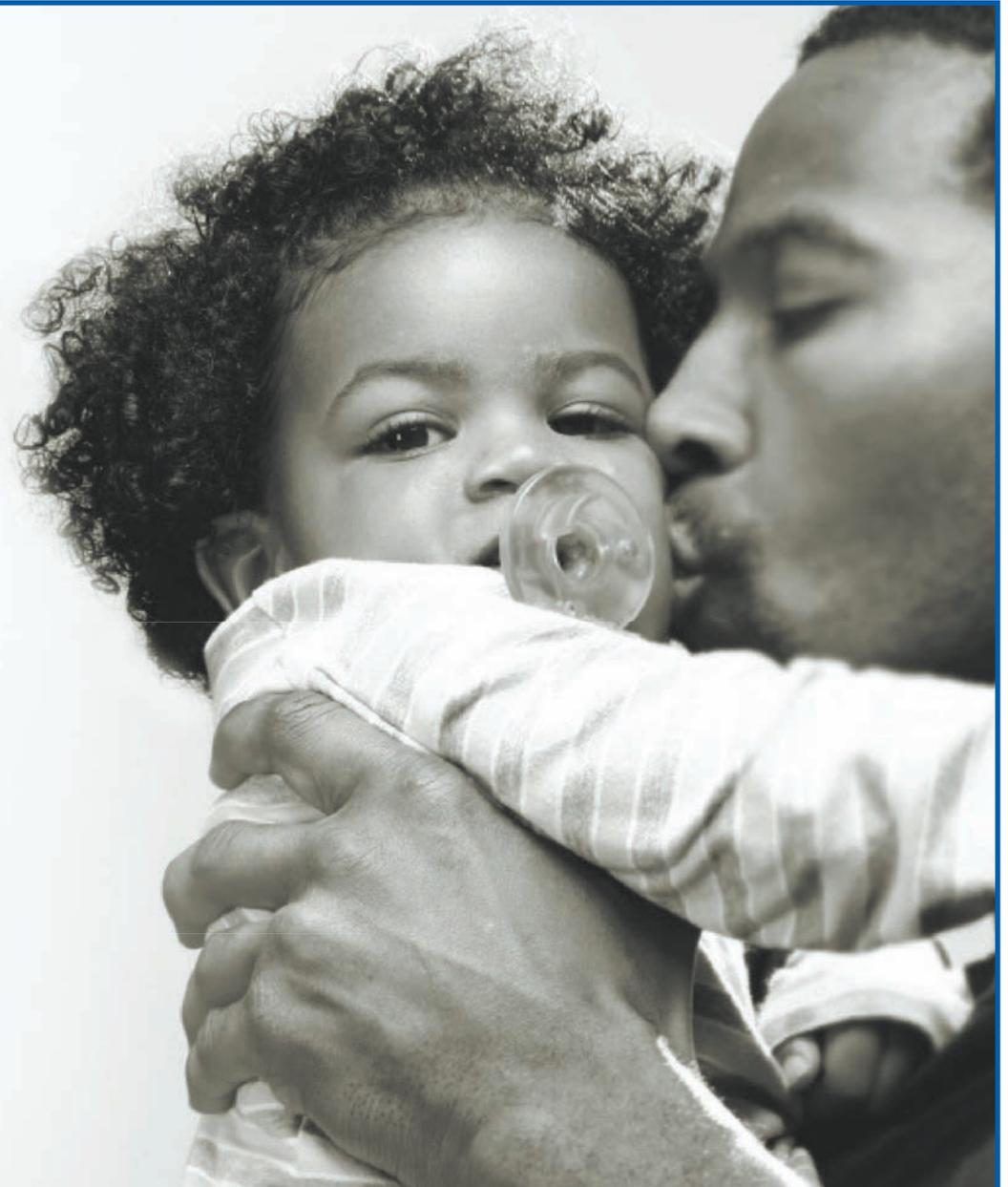
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