



High Impact Teacher

Sharica Howard Honored



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Sharica Howard, a fourth grade teacher at Jefferson Somerset, is one of the High Impact Teachers who was recognized by the Florida Department of Education for their effort in the classroom and amongst their students. On April 9, a letter of announcement from DOE Commissioner Pam Stewart was read by Jefferson County Superintendent Marianne Arbulu before the School Board.

Pictured in the front, from left to right, are: Board Member Shirley Washington, Board Member Bill Brumfield, Board Member and Board Chairperson Sandra Saunders, and Board Member Gladys Roann-Watson. In the back, pictured from left to right are: Sharica Howard and Board Member Charles Boland.

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A teacher is often the bridge to a future of greatness for his, or her students.

Sharica Howard, a fourth grade teacher at Jefferson Somerset K-12, was one of this years' High Impact

Teachers selected by the Florida Department of Education (DOE).

The DOE released a list of their High Impact Teachers, who were selected through an examination of the teachers' impact on student lives through an evaluation on student performance on state standardized assessments during the 2014-15,

2015-16 and 2016-17 school years.

The teachers selected must have taught English Language Arts (grades 4-10), mathematics (4-8), or algebra (grades 8-9) in order to qualify.

On Monday, April 9, Howard was honored by Jefferson County
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SCHOOL BOARD

“No” to arming school staff

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Earlier this year, 17 lives were taken in a shooting at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. The tragedy sent shockwaves around the state,

“...Jefferson County School District will have zero participants [in the guardianship program].”

Jefferson County School Superintendent Marianne Arbulu

especially as this was the second mass shooting to take place within the last three years within the state of Florida (the first being the nightclub).

In response, parents, students, state law makers, law enforcement, and various boards and social groups around Florida scrambled to find a way to prevent this

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Watermelon pageant planned

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The Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that the Watermelon Festival Pageants will be held on June 2, at the old Jefferson County High School Auditorium, located on South Water Street. This year's pageants will again include age divisions from birth through 23 years old.

The Baby to Junior Miss pageant will be held on June 2 at 10 a.m. The age divisions are: 0-11 months old (separate
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Free ‘Outdoor Experience’ at Beau Turner Youth Conservation Center

Story Submitted



Enjoy fun outdoor activities on Saturday, April 28, at the 2018 Outdoor Experience, a free family event hosted at the Beau Turner Youth Conservation Center.

The Outdoor Experience provides a safe environment, expert instruction, and equipment so that attendees of all ages can try activities such as archery, fishing and more. The event, hosted by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), takes place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Outdoor Experience also features hay rides, bounce houses and guest performances by nationally

known target shooters. World champion Randy Oitker will demonstrate his archery skills at 11 a.m. and a trick shooting exhibition by renowned shotgunner Steve Gould will be featured at 1 p.m.

In addition, the FWC and its partners will host hands-on activities and educational programs about fish and wildlife conservation.

The Beau Turner Youth Conservation Center is located on U.S. 19 just north of HWY 27 (9194 S. Jefferson Highway).

Johnston's Meat Market will be selling food and beverages during the event. However, attendees also can bring their own snacks and drinks.

Advance event registration is not required. For more information about the Outdoor Experience, please contact Kelly at Kelly.Langston@MyFWC.com.

Sons of Confederate Veterans memorial service

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Major Pickens Bird Camp #1327, and the United Daughters of the Confederacy will hold their annual Memorial Service at the Old City Cemetery, in Monticello on Sunday at 3 p.m.

The entranceway is located on East Madison Street, just east of North Waukeenah Street.

The public is invited to attend this honorable event. For more information you may call Fred Beshears at (850) 997-2516.



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****Happy Birthday today to Renee Combs!

****Happy Anniversary today to Jeff and Nancy Whitty!

****Celebrate National Jelly Bean Day on April 22!

****Main Street's Downtown Cleanup this past weekend was a success and thank you to all who came

out in support of the action. Members of Main Street Monticello and other volunteers came together putting up a new sign at the Old Jail Museum,

planting flowers all around the downtown area,

pressure washing whatever needed to be and making a difference in the community. So, if you've not done it yet, check it out and shop downtown, then you can say, "I found it in historic Monticello!"

****This Earth Day, in the time it takes to order a cup of coffee, you can help scientists document life on our planet. With its "Take a Note for Earth Day" online challenge, the Florida Museum of Natural History, in collaboration with the "Notes from Nature" project, is encouraging citizen scientists to transcribe one museum specimen label for Earth Day, Sunday, April 22. Throughout the weekend, April 20-22, participants are encouraged to post their work on social media with #takeanote to share their contribution with others. On Earth Day, Florida Museum visitors will also have the opportunity to complete the "Take a Note" challenge at the "Notes from Nature" table from 1 to 5 p.m. Notes from Nature is simply a way to connect the museum's collections and the scientists, who manage and work on them, with volunteer citizen scientists who are generous enough to help enhance scientific value and use of those collections. Museums worldwide house an estimated 10 billion specimens, each with a label containing valuable biological data. But, many labels are handwritten. Digitizing these labels enables scientists to use them to answer key questions about biodiversity and the environment and how these have changed over time. These specimens have been collected over the last 200 years and are one of the most important resources for understanding where organisms have been in the past, how they have changed over time and which areas are most critical to protect. If it takes three minutes to transcribe one specimen label, it would take one person 342 years working 24 hours a day to transcribe all of the specimens in the United States alone. That's why the public's help is encouraged. "Notes from Nature" is a National Science Foundation-funded online platform. Project partners include the California Terrestrial Arthropod Database, Florida Museum, Florida State University, New York Botanical Garden, Southeast Regional Network of Expertise and Collections and University of Florida. For more information about the "Notes from Nature" project visit www.notesfromnature.org. For more information on the campaign visit www.floridamuseum.ufl.edu/event/earth-day-2018. The Florida Museum of Natural History, which celebrated its 100th year in 2017 as the state museum of natural history, inspires people to value the biological richness and cultural heritage of our diverse world and make a positive difference in its future. The public museum is located at 3215 Hull Road just east of Southwest 34th Street in the University of Florida Cultural Plaza in Gainesville. For more information call (352) 846-2000. The Florida Museum's primary collections and research facility, Dickinson Hall, houses most of the museum's more than 40 million objects and specimens, one of the nation's largest natural history collections.

****Elizabeth Baptist Church and Unveiling Glory Ministries will hold a

series of sessions on Cat and Dog Theology Sunday, April 22 at 11 a.m., 1:15 p.m., and 6 p.m. and on Monday, April 23 at 7 p.m. at 4124 Bassett Dairy Road. The ministry will share a unique, memorable, humor-filled, Scripture-based way of communicating the need for Christians to re-think their relationship with their Master (God). This is a trans-denominational and trans-cultural ministry. Lunch will be provided on Sunday at 12:15 p.m. by Poppa's Dog House. Separate children's sessions will be held simultaneously with the youth and adult sessions. For more information contact Church Pastor Robert Dennison at (850) 559-5177.

****Walk Like MADD is the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) signature event to promote our life-saving efforts. It's a fun, community-oriented event that targets all ages and attracts a diversified audience from across our community. Every step taken and donation made is used to help MADD continue working towards eliminating drunk driving, help fight drugged driving, support victims of these violent crimes, and prevent underage drinking in our community. In 2017, MADD Northwest Florida reached over 99,000 citizens and teens and presented the Power of Youth Prevention program to over 5,000 students in the Big Bend area; 232 victims were served and 4,600 victim services were provided. This year's event will take place on Saturday, April 21 and will occur on FSU's campus and will include a Vendor Marketplace, Safety Fair, and a Victim Tribute Area. Your company is invited to be a part of the Vendor Marketplace and Safety Fair so that you can provide services and sell your products to the anticipated 200+ participants. The vendor fee is waived to all non-profits and government agencies. For more information visit walklikemadd.org/Tallahassee or contact Claudia Machado, program specialist for Mothers Against Drunk Driving Florida, Northwest Office, at (850) 681-0061x7247 or claudia.machado@madd.org.

****Prepare for an island adventure and join the Florida Museum of Natural History for its annual "Passport" gala fundraiser, April 21 from 7 to 11 p.m. to support Pre-K through 12th Grade education programs. Organized by the Florida Museum Associates Board, "Passport to the Galápagos" proceeds will help fund education initiatives including admission assistance for Title I schools, outreach to elementary classrooms and after-school programs, and the junior volunteer program. When children visit the museum they delight in the discovery of new things, curiosities are sparked and imaginations nourished. Proceeds from last year's event were used to bring more than 2,000 Alachua County fourth-grade students to the museum as part of a two-hour free program to visit the 'Rare, Beautiful & Fascinating: 100 Years@FloridaMuseum' exhibit. The grant from the Florida Museum Associates Board covered all program expenses, including bus transportation, exhibit admission, teacher training and classroom resources. Designed to support classroom studies, the 'Rare, Beautiful & Fascinating' program highlighted the Museum's 17 collections and research initiatives that address topics from extinction to biodiversity. The program met Grade 4 Florida Standards for science and math curriculum. The fundraiser is called 'Passport' because it whisks attendees to another time, era or locale with a new theme each year. Guests this year are encouraged to dress in their favorite adventurous island-hopping attire. Keith Watson Events will transform the museum into a tropical paradise while attendees enjoy cuisine from Blue Water Bay, Custom Caterers and Thornebrook Chocolates, and dance to the rhythms of Tropix. For more information on tickets and sponsorships, visit www.floridamuseum.ufl.edu/passport or call (352) 273-2047.

Passing Parade

by Nelson Pryor, Guest Columnist

Zell Miller, R.I.P

Mr. Miller, who died on March 23, 2018, entered the history books as the only person ever to deliver keynote addresses at both major political parties' presidential nominating conventions. He was a man unwaveringly loyal to his Georgia mountain roots. Mr. Miller helped resuscitate Bill Clinton's failing 1992 presidential campaign and ended up becoming one of the Republican Party's most vocal supporters in 2004.

In the end, nothing mattered so much to him as the beginning.

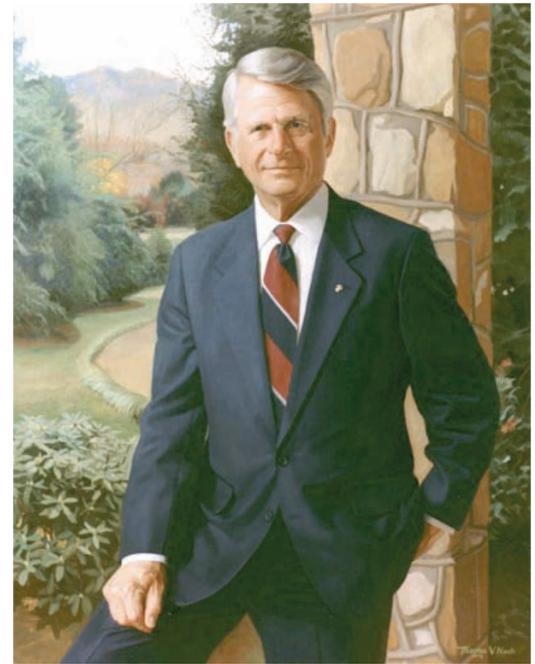
"Coming from a single parent, not having a lot of money, no electricity until I was 7, no running water until I was in high school...I'm proud that out of that could come someone who could make it to the governor's office," Mr. Miller told the Atlanta Journal-Constitution in 2006. "How I got from where I came from is very important to me."

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He'd already described the Democrats as being woefully out-of-step with an increasingly conservative, post 9/11 America in his 2003 book, *A National Party No More: The Conscience of a Conservative Democrat*. At the Republican Convention, Senator Miller accused them of having a "manic obsession" to bring down Bush. His own party's nominee, John F. Kerry, was "more wrong, more weak and more wobbly than any other national figure" on national security.

The speech caused a sensation.

Zell Miller was born



Zell Miller, Mayor, Lt. Governor, Governor, U. S. Senator and Georgia statesman, dies.

in Young Harris, Georgia on February 24, 1932. His father, Stephen Miller, a teacher, died 17 days later. The widowed mother, Birdie, built a home with rocks that she had hauled from a nearby stream, Zell Miller recounted later, and raised the boy and his sister, Jane.

Mr. Miller attended Young Harris College before transferring to Emory University in Atlanta. Finding his life lacking in direction or purpose, he enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1953 and enrolled at the University of Georgia three years later, earning a bachelor's degree and a master's in history.

He taught history and political science at Young Harris College and was elected mayor of Young Harris, serving in 1959 and 1960. He was then elected to two two-year terms in the State Senate.

Beginning in 1975, Mr. Miller spent 16 years as lieutenant governor under George Busbee and Joe Frank Harris, serving in that post longer than anyone else in Georgia history. In 1990, he was elected governor,

and re-elected in 1994. By the time he stepped down, after his second term, he was one of the most popular statesmen in Georgia history.

On July 18, 2000, Senator Paul Coverdell, a Republican, died unexpectedly.

Mr. Miller had seemingly retired from public life by 2000. Then, Gov. Roy Barnes, a Democrat, appointed Mr. Miller to Sen. Coverdell's seat.

Senator Miller was easily elected in November 2000 to serve the remaining four years of Sen. Coverdell's term. Bristling at attempts to make him follow "a party goose step," as he put it later, Sen. Miller joined Sen. Phil Gramm, Republican of Texas, to co-sponsor President George W. Bush's \$1.6 billion tax cut measure in early 2001.

"I agree with President Bush that the taxpayers are better judges of how to spend their own money than we are," Senator Miller was widely quoted at the time as saying.

Zell Miller, well done!

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HOWARD

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Superintendent Marianne Arbulu and the school board members as a letter from DOE Commissioner Pam Stewart was read aloud.

“We know more than ever about the impact teaching has on student outcomes. With this knowledge comes the opportunity to celebrate successes and to support all educators in their journey to become more effective in the classroom,” wrote Commissioner Stewart in her statement letter that was read by Arbulu. “That starts by recognizing you. Thank you for your hard work. You are appreciated.”

As Superintendent Arbulu finished reading Commissioner Stewart's letter to all High Impact Teachers, she echoed the sentiments that had been expressed, and thanked Howard for her efforts within the school.

Jefferson Somerset

Principal Cory Oliver stood to address the board and praise Howard, remarking that Howard's dedication was bigger than simply for her students.

“High Impact means you make an impact everywhere,” said Oliver. “I was so impressed with how much she cares about our kids and our community.”

“She has the ability to teach anywhere in the world,” added Vice-Principal Andre Gainey. “She is dedicated; her blood, sweat and tears are for Monticello. That's special; each and every one of the kids and each and every one she comes in contact with knows that she's not just about teaching, but about changing the lives of the kids who were born and raised here.”

From the school board, Chairperson Sandra Saunders offered praise for the rest of the board members.

“Ms. Howard, we are all so proud of you for everything you do,” said Saunders, with the rest of the board quickly

nodding in agreement.

An alumna of Flagler College, Howard double majored in Elementary Education and Exceptional Student Education.

“I am a teacher because it is my passion,” said Howard in an interview. “I feel like I have a gift for teaching, and I can give back to my community through it.”

Howard has been teaching in Jefferson County schools for three years, and currently teaches fourth graders in the subjects of social studies, science, math, reading and writing.

When she was awarded as a High Impact Teacher, Howard was teaching 5th grade at the time.

Wayne Fennell, a 5th Grade student at Jefferson Somerset K-12 and one of Howard's former students, believed it was Howard's ability to make learning fun that qualified her as one of the most positive impacts within Florida's teachers.

“I think Ms. Howard is one of the best teachers I've ever had,” said Fennell. “She'll do anything for you to help you get a good education.”

Fennell added that in the classroom, Howard often mixed the personal interests of her students with the educational material for each day to help make learning fun. “Sometimes we would sing songs about what we were learning,” added Fennell.

Howard has invested all of her time and heart as a teacher into Jefferson County's students, since, as a Jefferson County Native herself, Howard was once a student of the Jefferson County school system and graduate of Jefferson County High School. Howard has family here; Jefferson County is where her siblings, parents, nieces, nephews and extended family all live.

This county is her home, and her heart and she is doing what she can to help make the futures of Jefferson County and its citizens successful.

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tragedy from being repeated.

While no solution has been placed as perfect 'fix all', Florida lawmakers came up with the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act.

Within this act, various preventative measures have been approved, such as prohibiting a person under the age of 21 to purchase a firearm (an aspect of the bill that was severely combated by various Pro-Second Amendment Protesters and supporters); creating and providing a mental health assistance allocation to assist school districts in establishing or expanding school-based mental health care; appropriates \$400 million for bill provisions to local sheriff's offices, mobile crisis teams, Department of Education for mental health assistance, as well as the design and construction of a memorial honoring the 17 lives lost at the February 14 shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas.

Also included in the bill was the approval for local sheriffs to establish a Coach Aaron Feis Guardianship Program. This program raised plenty of concerns, as well as support, as it will allow 'guardians' (volunteers from the school) to carry a gun on campus. These volunteers may not be teachers, but can be coaches, office staff or another other school-based employee who does not exclusively perform classroom duties as teachers.

Guardians will complete 132 hours of firearm safety and proficiency training, pass psychological evaluation, submit to and pass drug tests, and complete a certified diversity training course,

The task of overseeing and establishing the guardianship program would fall to the Sheriff, but the individual school districts had the ultimate decision in whether to participate or not in the program.

On Monday, April 9, the Jefferson County School Board tasked themselves with approving, or disapproving, the use of the Coach Aaron Feis guardianship Program within Jefferson County schools.

Attending was Sheriff McNeill, though he refused to offer any words before hand, wanting to place the decision solely in the hands of the board.

Superintendent Marianne Arbulu began the discussion on the guardianship program by sharing with the board that she had held a meeting with Sheriff McNeill, Chief of Police Fred Mosely, as well as School Board Chair Sandra Saunders and Jefferson Somerset Principal Cory Oliver to discuss the expectations and deliverables contained within the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act.

“My recommendation, to you the board, would be that we submit that we will not have any volunteers participating in the program, but that our preference is that we allow law enforcement to carry guns [on school campuses],” said Arbulu to the board.

Arbulu added that within their previous meeting, both leaders of Jefferson County's law enforcement as well as Jefferson Somerset leadership had not seemed in favor of the guardianship program. “What we have to tell the government is that the Jefferson County School District will have

zero participants [in the guardianship program].”

The board members discussed concerns that opting out of the guardianship program would mean opting out of the other aspects of the bill, which Arbulu assured them would not be the case. Rather than say they did not want to participate, all the school board had to do was supply to the state government that they would not have any volunteers for the program.

The other deliverables within the bill, such as mental and emotional health assistance, preventative programs and other measures to increase safety would still be available to Jefferson County even if they did decide to not put forth any volunteers for the guardianship program.

However, before voting could take place, Board Member Shirley Washington voiced concerned displeasure at the absence of Jefferson Somerset for this meeting.

“I am concerned why Somerset isn't here?” asked Washington. “If we are the district and they are in charge of the school and of the children, they should be here to help implement the suggestions and ideas we plan to have.”

Board member Bill Brumfield backed Washington up, added that the school board needed to hear the school's input when it makes important calls, such as the guardianship program.

Arbulu attempted to defend the school, saying that they had attended the previous, smaller meetings Arbulu had held to discuss the bill with Somerset and law enforcement and that the school had already began to work on implementing plans suggested at that meeting.

That wasn't enough for Washington, however, as she argued that the public had not been able to see the school's involvement within the smaller meeting. “It needs to be known,” she said.

The topic was drawn back, temporarily, to the vote at hand, before board members requested Sheriff McNeill provide his own words regarding the guardianship program, at which point he shared that he was not in favor of the program.

“I prefer we use resource officers and deputies in our schools,” McNeill said as an alternative to the training and arming of school employees.

Finally, Shirley Washington cast the motion to not select any volunteers to participate in the program, with Bill Brumfield seconding that motion.

The bill was voted in favor of by all five board members, making it an unanimous.

The Coach Aaron Fies Guardianship Program will not be implemented within the schools of Jefferson County.

This still leaves some questions for Superintendent Arbulu to figure out, as a portion of the \$400 million in funds allocated within the bill was to be sent to schools to help establish their guardianship program. As Jefferson County will not be participating, however, this led the board to question whether they would, or would not, still receive the funds.

Within a letter sent out from the office of Gov. Rick Scott to the various school districts, a portion on the guardianship program reads:

“Once participation decisions have been

made, DOE (Department of Education) will work with my office and the Legislature to redirect any unused funding from this program to hire additional school officers.”

With that wordage, it would seem that even while opting out of the guardianship program, Jefferson County's School District may still be the recipient of state funding to assist with securing the safety of their students.

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division for boys and girls); 12-23 months old (separate division for boys and girls); 2-3 years old (separate division for boys and girls); 4-6 years old; 7-9 years old; and 10-12 years old. Each girl/boy will compete in the “formal wear” competition, with optionals available for Photogenic, Prettiest Smile, Prettiest Hair, Best Attire, and Best Stage Presence.

The Teen Miss Watermelon and Miss Watermelon pageant will be held at 4:00 p.m. also on June 2.

The Teen Miss Watermelon division is for girls ages 13-15 years old. Each young lady will compete in a private interview, a casual wear competition and an evening gown competition.

The Miss Watermelon Queen division is for girls ages 16-23. The Miss contestants will also be judged during a private interview, a casual wear competition and an evening gown competition.

Both Miss and Teen Miss contestants also have the option of entering the optional divisions of: Talent, Photogenic, Prettiest Smile, Prettiest Hair, Best Attire, and Best Stage Presence.

Every contestant will receive a trophy and the queens in each division will receive a crown, trophy and sash.

There is a \$40 entry fee to enter the Baby to Junior Miss Pageant and a \$50 entry fee to enter the Miss and Teen Miss pageant.

The deadline to enter the pageant is Tuesday, May 15.

Pageant applications may be picked up at Simpson Nurseries (located at 52 Nacoosa Rd), the *Monticello News* office (located at 180 West Washington St.), or at the Chamber of Commerce (located at 420 W. Washington St.). You may also download the applications from the Chamber of Commerce website at: www.monticellojeffersonfl.com

For more information on the Baby to Junior Miss pageant or the Teen and Miss pageants please contact Cassi Anderson at (850) 688-3146 or email at cassi@simpsonnurseries.com.

You may also send a message through the Jefferson County Watermelon Pageant Facebook page. Be sure to like the Facebook page and stay up to date on all the information for the pageant. Posts are made frequently.



2017 Miss Watermelon Queen Emily Knowles (left) and the 2017 Teen Miss Watermelon Queen Anna Key (right) were crowned last year's Watermelon Queens.

Sorority enjoys BINGO with Brynwood residents

Debbie Snapp
ECB Publishing Inc.

Chi Upsilon Omega Chapter Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority members visited with Brynwood residents in March, providing service by engaging in activities with them, and offering a loving helping hand to those needing it the most. They played BINGO and handed out gifts to the winning residents and door prizes to others.

The members came excited to socialize with the residents, and invited them to help with the planting of a tree near the gazebo. Those members included: Aisha Evans, Tywana Jones, Tracy Morris, Sonya Hadley, Akiba Alixy, Joyce



Photo submitted

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority planted a tree together with Brynwood residents.

Williams, Carmen Coleman, Rei Philpott, Tanise Jackson, Gloria McNeil, Venus Childs, Myra Hart, Hattie Mary Young, Lisa Bardner, Vivian Pope, Carolyn Hill and Brigitte Marshall.

Members, residents and Brynwood staff enjoyed the day of sharing time together. Brigitte Marshall donated a handmade floral arrangement for the occasion.

Prior to the residents' talent show, one of the residents' granddaughters provided a full service of music, singing, and guitar playing during rehearsal. The talent show included the Home School Worship Band, with singing from Megan Reid, Gavin Payne, Nolan Quinton and Jacob Silver.

The months of February and March were amazing months of joy for the residents and for Restored Glory Christian Center Rev. Eddie Yon, as one of the residents confessed Christ in her life.

Brynwood Life Enrichment Director Tiwana Mutch Miller says, "It's always a really extremely



Photo submitted

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority enjoyed BINGO with Brynwood residents in March.

wonderful Enrichment Assistant, Jackie Spradley, and the best volunteers."

The next CNA class is scheduled for May 7-18, with evening classes available.

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April 22, 2018

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Watermelon Festival Book Sponsorship

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The Jefferson County Watermelon Festival Committee is requesting sponsorships for the 68th annual Watermelon Festival Booklet. The deadline for ads is April 30.

"Thank you in advance for your continued support of our community," says Nan Baughman. "Please let us hear from you today. Your support is what keeps this festival going year after year."

Email now to sbaugh8307@aol.com for sizes and quotes.

Watermelon Festival Program Cover Art Contest

Debbie Snapp
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It's that time again! Time for the Watermelon Festival Program Cover Art Contest to get underway, with the committee collecting original art, drawn by children, for the Jefferson County 68th Watermelon Festival Program Cover.

Designs will need to be delivered to the Monticello Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, 420 West Washington Street, by May 1 to be included in the contest.

This year's Festival theme is "Paws on Parade".

Participants are asked to be creative and include watermelons. No copying of previous covers. No coloring book pages or outlines

drawn by adults then colored in by children. Original art only.

The cover page size is 5" w x 8" h and the art work needs to fit the page.

The contest is open to children ages 13 and younger, and participants must live in Jefferson County.

Be sure to put on the back of the drawing, the following information in pencil:

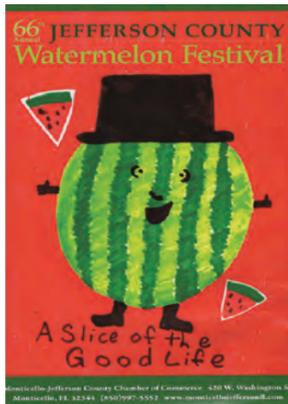
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- *School the artist attends
- *Parent's name
- *Contact phone number

The First Place Winner will receive a \$50 Savings Bond from Capital City Bank, a

Festival tee-shirt, and their cover art, photo, and name in the program.

Second and Third Place Winners will receive tee-shirts, photo, art work, and their name inside the program.

Again, the deadline for the contest is Monday, May 1. Designs will not be returned and are the property of the Jefferson County Watermelon Festival. For more information contact Nan Baughman at sbaugh8307@aol.com.



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James D. (Jim) Stephens

LTC (Ret) James D. (Jim) Stephens passed away on April 9, 2018, while visiting family in Red Bluff, California. He was 76 years old.

Born to WG and Lucy Stephens in Gadsden, Alabama, he graduated from Jefferson County High School in Monticello, FL and Auburn University with a BS in Business Administration. While at Auburn, he was the managing editor of *The Auburn Plainsman* and contributed many editorials. Jim served as President of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity where he organized the first Miss Fall Rush, a tradition that continues today. Later he graduated with an MBA from Georgia State University.

After receiving an OCS commission in 1966, he served his country honorably for 24 years in the United States Army. He served as an Infantry Platoon leader with the 1st Infantry Division in Vietnam. Jim taught at the Infantry School at Fort Benning, successfully completed Airborne and Ranger Schools, and was a graduate of both the Command and General Staff College and the Professional Military Comptroller School. He was a company commander in the 2nd Infantry Division in



Korea. While serving in Germany, Stephens organized, activated, and commanded the 7th Corps Finance Group. During his military service, he and his family were also stationed in Kentucky, South Carolina, Alaska, Wisconsin, and three bases in Georgia.

Among his distinguished recognitions were a Purple Heart, two Bronze Stars (one with valor), and the Legion of Merit.

After retiring from the Army, he served for 15 years as the Associate Superintendent of Finance/Comptroller for Macon-Bibb County, Walton County, and Fayette County school systems in Georgia.

Jim was a faithful and active member of Peachtree City United Methodist Church where he was the past president of United Methodist Men, served on the greeting team, supported the mission ministries, and participated for many years in the

Disciple Bible Study groups.

He was a dedicated volunteer at the USO at the Atlanta Airport where he loved expressing appreciation to the active duty troops for their unselfish sacrifice and service to our country.

Jim enjoyed traveling, reading, solving crossword and sudoku puzzles, and maintaining his yard. His greatest joy was being with and loving on his family.

He is survived by his high school sweetheart and beloved wife of 53 years, Mary Ann, daughter Mary Julia (Lynda) of Tyrone, GA, sons James F. of Helen, GA, Daniel (Courtney) of Red Bluff, CA, and grandson Noah. He is also survived by three nieces, great nephews and nieces, and many dearly loved cousins. He is predeceased by his parents, brother William F. Stephens, and great nephew CJ Ford.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, April 23, 2018 at 3 p.m. at Peachtree City United Methodist Church with Rev. Sean Robinson and Dr. Shannon Karafanda officiating. Visitation will be held one hour before the service and a reception will be held afterwards. He will be laid to rest with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the USO of Georgia (PO Box 20963, Atlanta, GA 30320), Methodist Children's Home (PO Box 2525, Macon, GA 31204), or the Peachtree City United Methodist Church music department.

All is well!



Photo By Leland Kesler March 6, 2018

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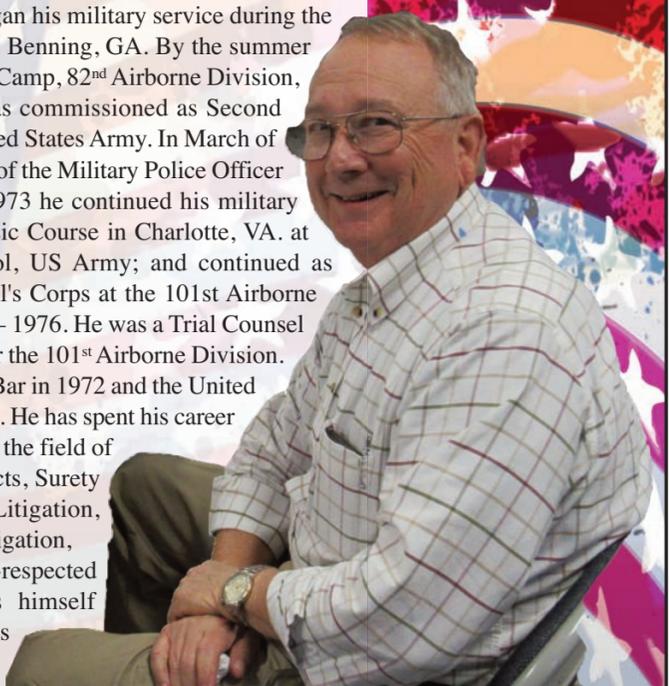
Veterans Among Us



U.S. Army Veteran Robert Morris

Army Veteran Robert E. Morris began his military service during the summer of 1969 at ROTC Camp, at Ft. Benning, GA. By the summer of 1970 he was at the Advanced ROTC Camp, 82nd Airborne Division, Ft. Bragg, NC. In June of 1971 he was commissioned as Second Lieutenant, Military Police Corps, United States Army. In March of 1973 he was the distinguished graduate of the Military Police Officer Basic Course at Ft. Gordon, GA. In 1973 he continued his military service as a Captain at the Officer Basic Course in Charlotte, VA. at The Judge Advocate General's School, US Army; and continued as Captain in the Judge Advocate General's Corps at the 101st Airborne Division, Ft. Campbell, KY from 1973 – 1976. He was a Trial Counsel (prosecutor) and Chief Trial Counsel for the 101st Airborne Division.

Morris was admitted to the Florida Bar in 1972 and the United States Court of Military Appeals in 1973. He has spent his career in Law and continues to work locally in the field of Law, practicing in the areas of: Contracts, Surety Law, Mediation, General Civil Litigation, Business and Commercial Law and Litigation, and Construction Litigation. He is well-respected in his career of choice and makes himself available to help those in need of his services.



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Hiding Fruits and Veggies

We all know that eating fruits and vegetables is good for us, but sometimes we struggle to eat enough. According to MyPlate recommendations, adults should have about 2 cups of fruit each day and 2 ½ to 3 cups of vegetables. Here are a few tips for sneaking more fruits and veggies into your daily diet:

Cut them up and put them in front.

Wash and cut up fresh fruit and veggies as soon as you bring them home from the store. Store them in clear containers so they are ready to eat and easy to see in the refrigerator. If they are ready to eat and easy to access, you will be more likely to snack on it.

Add extra veggies to soups. Even if you are using a canned soup or just add water ramen, adding extra veggies can make it a healthier meal and add fiber that will help keep you full longer. Depending on the kind of soup you could add green beans, corn, green peas, carrots, celery, onions, tomatoes, water chestnuts.

Sneak veggies into your casseroles.

They not only add extra nutrients, they can also add flavor. It can also be one way to cut down on the amount of meat a casserole calls for. Cut the meat in half and substitute with extra veggies. This can reduce the fat in the dish and how much it costs because meat is typically a more expensive ingredient.

Include veggies in pasta. Carrots, onions, mushrooms, and zucchini are a great addition to pasta and lasagna dishes and they don't taste out of place.

Eat whole fruits when you're on the run. Peaches, pears, apples, plums, and citrus can make a good on the run breakfast or snack.

Add fruit to your breakfast.

Berries and bananas can be a great addition to your cereal, oatmeal, or yogurt. Berries can also be great cooked

in muffins, pancakes, and waffles or make a good topping instead of using syrup.

Make mile high sandwiches. Pack veggies like spinach, tomatoes, cucumbers, and peppers into your sandwich.

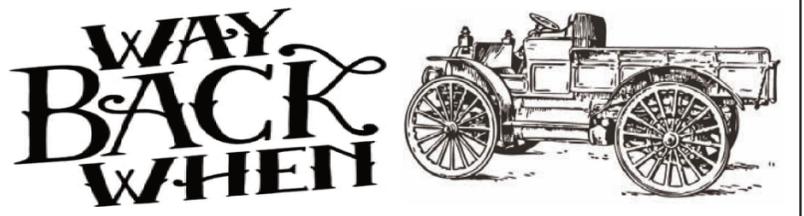
Try juice and smoothies. If you have a juicer or blender it is easy to take frozen fruit and make a smoothie. Making smoothies and juice can also be a good way to reduce food waste and use up extra fruits and veggies you have that are still edible, but may be a bit past their prime. The flavor of fruit juice can also blend well with veggies like kale, spinach, carrots, etc. so that you don't taste only the veggies. Purchasing juice can also be a good choice, just make sure to look for 100 percent and be aware of your serving size so you don't drink more calories than you realize.

Make dessert fruity. Add fruit to ice cream or frozen yogurt. When picking a dessert consider a fruit cobbler.

Buy frozen or canned. Keep frozen veggies on hand so you can always have veggies on your plate. Fresh is great, but if you don't have as much time to prepare it, frozen and canned are good options. Beware of high sodium in canned veggies. Rinsing canned veggies or purchasing lower sodium is a better choice.

For more information on health and upcoming events, contact the UF/IFAS Jefferson County Extension Office at (850) 342-0187.

The next health and wellness class coming up is Dining with Diabetes on Tuesday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. starting May 15. The registration deadline is May 7 and the class will hold a maximum of 10 participants. There is no fee to participate, but registration is required.



80
YEARS
ago
1938

April 20, 1938

Two students from Monticello are candidates for degrees and certificates at Florida State College for Women. They are Miss **Gladys Keen** from the school of commerce and Mrs. **Katherine Mays** in the school of education.

70
YEARS
ago
1948

April 20, 1948

John Elam was elected secretary-treasurer of Monticello PCA, following the resignation of **J.E. Dukes**.

James Sledge was among the 84 students at **Baylor University** who made all A's for the winter quarter.

A baseball club was organized Monday night, and the officers named are manager **C.A. Noegel**, **Tom Clark**, **Tom Braswell**, **Jack Fountain**, **George Mills**, **Franklin Floyd**, and **Henry Malloy**.

60
YEARS
ago
1958

April 17, 1958

The Sardis Women's Society of Christian Service met at the home of Mrs. **James Ingram** to elect the officers for the coming year.

April 20, 1958

Miss **Fern Nix** won flight honors in the Annual Women's Golf Tournament in Thomasville, GA.

50
YEARS
ago
1968

April 20, 1968

Two future golf pros, **Wally Dunn** and **Barry House** packed their bags and headed to sunny St. Petersburg last Monday.

Ricky Davis and **Milton Boor** are here to spend the Easter week holidays with their parents.

40
YEARS
ago
1978

April 20, 1978

Artistic Apron House would like to expand and could provide up to 100 new jobs for county residents if they had sufficient water.

The newly erected signs proclaiming Monticello as the home of football star **Jack Youngblood** were defaced by paint-spraying vandals last Friday night.

April 16, 1988

30
YEARS
ago
1988

Spirits were lifted as well as iron at the AA State Weightlifting championships in Hawthorne this weekend as the **Jefferson Tigers** placed fourth out of 34 teams with Tiger **Walter Payne** winning the state championship and setting a new school and state record in his category.

April 20, 1988

Larry Hartz and **Terry Brock** of St. Petersburg, along with their companion, **Render Britton**, survived an engine power loss and plane crash that occurred while Hartz was flying over Jefferson County, and just after pointing out the home of a friend.

It was a dream come true for local country/rock group **Encore** as music fans cheered the group on to victory in the third round of the **Marlboro Country Music Talent Roundup** semi-final competition in Tallahassee on April 13.

This year's Tour of Homes was one of the most successful events in recent years, with **Fred Beshears** estimating a total revenue of \$3,500 and attendance way up at somewhere between 400 and 500 people.

April 22, 1988

News writer **Robert Lucas** spends his last day at the Monticello News today before joining **Governor Bob Martinez'** office as assistant to the governor's press secretary.

April 23, 1988

St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge will host its first Spring Wildflower Day.

April 17, 1998

20
YEARS
ago
1998

The Turner Foundation announced in late December that Jefferson County had been approved for the \$75,000 grant the community had been seeking to benefit its young people, thanks to the **Jefferson Youth Council**.

To help celebrate its 40th anniversary in business, **Malloy's Nursery** expanded and opened a new Flower and Gift Shop on US 19 North.

April 20, 1998

The **Monticello Opera House**, in conjunction with the Artists-in-the-Schools program, presented the FSU Brazilian Ensemble for **Howard Middle School** students at the opera house.

April 22, 1998

The **Jefferson County School Board** voted at a recent meeting to implement a breakfast program at **Jefferson County High School**, beginning on Monday.

April 24, 1998

Stan Monroe and Waukeenah resident **Debbie Buzbee Craig** announced separately on Wednesday that they both running for the School Board, District 5, seat.

Jefferson County Retired Educator's Association (JCREA) has nominated Dr. **Flossie Byrd** as the Florida Volunteer of the Year.

April 18, 2008

10
YEARS
ago
2008

Warden Eric Lane of Jefferson Correctional Institution (JCI) reports that the Florida Department of Corrections Statewide Barbecue (on behalf of the Special Olympics) raised more than \$1,400 locally, which is more than ever before.

The Florida State Department of Health has set a goal of having 90 percent of the infants in the state fully immunized at age two by 2010, and County Health Departments in the Big Bend far exceeded that goal in 2007.

The National Society of High School Scholars recently recognized **Gerrold Austin II** for his outstanding academic achievement at Jefferson County Middle/High School.

Shona Armstrong Whiddon is the newest teacher to join the staff at **Aucilla Christian Academy**, and began teaching the third grade in January.

April 21, 2008

Newly-hired Fire Rescue Chief **James Billberry** officially assumed his responsibilities.

April 23, 2008

Robin Deonjala Hamilton, daughter of **Carolyn Hamilton**, of Monticello, will graduate from Florida State University with honors on April 25, 2008.



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THE SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS ANNOUNCE

* On Sunday, April 22 at 3 p.m. the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the United Daughters of the Confederacy will have a Memorial Service at the Old Monticello Cemetery. The public is invited.

* The Sons of Confederate Veterans purpose is to honor and preserve the history, legacy, honor, and patriotism of the Confederate soldier and the Southern Cause.

* President Abraham Lincoln had three brothers-in-law killed fighting for the Confederacy.

* Over 14,000 Floridians entered Confederate Services and over 5,000 died from wounds or disease.

* It is estimated that around 1000 women fought for either the south or north and many were killed in combat.

* The south put 82% of its male population into Confederate Service compared to 37% for the Union.

Senior Night for ACA Softball Warriors



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Senior Abigail Morgan (#2), of Monticello, was escorted by her parents, Mitchell and Susan Morgan as well as her younger sister, Macy Morgan. Abigail Morgan will be attending Florida Atlantic University, based in Boca Raton, FL., following her graduation from Aucilla Christian Academy.



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo By Ashley Hunter, April 16, 2018
Senior Kaylie Rogers (#12), of Madison, was escorted onto the field by her parents, Clint and Cathy Rogers. After she graduates from Aucilla Christian Academy, Rogers will be attending North Florida Community College, in Madison.



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo By Ashley Hunter, April 16, 2018
Senior Carly Joiner (#23), of Monticello, was joined on the softball field by her parents, Carl and Paula Joiner, as they escorted her during the Aucilla Warrior's Softball Senior Night. After graduation, Carly Joiner will attend Valdosta State University, in Valdosta, GA.



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo By Ashley Hunter, April 16, 2018
Escorting senior Elizabeth Hightower (#22), of Monticello, are her parents, James and Gretna Hightower, during the Aucilla Warrior's Softball Senior Night. Following her graduation from Aucilla Christian Academy, Hightower will attend the University of Florida.

Ashley Hunter, *ECB Publishing, Inc.*

Four seniors from Aucilla Christian Academy (ACA) were acknowledged during the Softball Senior Night at the school preceding a home game against Rickards.

The four senior ACA Warriors, Kaylie Rogers (#12), Elizabeth Hightower (#22), Carly Joiner (#23) and Abigail Morgan (#2) were escorted by their families onto the softball field, where their coaches and teammates surrounded them.

During their introduction, the

girls had provided letters to be read by the announcer in which they thanked their team and coaches for the memorable time spent playing softball together. They acknowledged God and His part in getting them to where they were, as well as their parents for their never ending support, especially for all the time and dedication they had spent in that support.

To their teammates that would stay behind and continue to play softball at ACA the girls gave words of encouragement and pointers for

success, while also congratulating their fellow graduating senior Warriors. These graduating seniors have big plans ahead of them.

Kaylie Rogers, of Madison, will be attending North Florida Community College for the first part of her college academics. She has not yet announced a definite to where she plans to attend following her courses at NFCC.

Three of the graduating Warriors have received softball scholarships, which will allow them to continue their sports career onto the collegiate

level; Hightower will attend the University of Florida, where she will play for the Florida Gators; Joiner will be attending Valdosta State University, and will continue her softball career on the field as a VSU Blazer; and Morgan will be joining the ranks of collegiate athletes as she attends Florida Atlantic University as an FAU Owl.

The visiting team from Rickards was also acknowledged as Head Coach Becky Brandies presented each visiting senior with a single rose and a gift.

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Pets and the planet: *How to become an eco-friendly pet owner*

Metro Editorials

Pets provide much joy to their owners, who are often willing to do whatever it takes in an effort to reciprocate the unconditional love they get from their pets. While toys and treats make pets happy, one of the best things pet owners can do to express their love for their four-legged friends is to make an effort to be more eco-friendly in regard to caring for their furry, finned or feathered friends.

An eco-friendly approach to pet ownership can protect pets' health and the planet at the same time. Pet owners may be surprised to learn just how easy it can be to incorporate

eco-friendly practices into their pet care routines.

Avoid using pesticides in the yard. The Pesticide Action Network notes that pets can absorb pesticides through their mouths, noses and eyes when walking through lawns and gardens that were treated with pesticides. Powdered pesticides also may stick to pets' fur, and dogs may absorb chemical residues by chewing or eating plants that were treated with pesticides. Thanks to their grooming habits, cats allowed to roam free in yards may be especially vulnerable to lawns treated with pesticides. When tending to their lawns, pet owners who want to be more eco-friendly can embrace

organic lawn care practices, such as composting and using organic fertilizers.

Be mindful of waste and waste cleanup. The feces of dogs contain bacteria that, if left on lawns and/or walkways, can ultimately find its way into and contaminate bodies of water due to runoff. So it's important that pet owners routinely pick up their pets' waste. Biodegradable, plant-based pet waste bags are eco-friendly options that can help reduce the environmental impact of pet waste.

Use natural cleaning solutions when cleaning up after pets indoors. Chemical-based cleaning solutions may be especially effective at

cleaning up pet stains and eradicating pet-related odors, but such products can have a negative effect on indoor air quality. Various consumer advocacy organizations have noted that chemical-based air fresheners and general purpose cleaners are major sources of volatile organic compounds, or VOCs, which the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency notes can produce various short- and long-term adverse health effects. When cleaning up after their pets, pet owners should use only chemical-free cleaners that won't adversely affect indoor air quality.

Eco-friendly pet ownership can be simple and protect the lives of pets and their owners.

End plastic pollution

John Willoughby
ECB Publishing, Inc.

Every day, approximately eight million plastic items find their way into the oceans of this world, killing over 100 million sea animals each year. Plastic in the ocean breaks down into such small segments that pieces of plastic from a one-liter bottle could end up on every mile of beaches throughout the planet.



Plastic pollution not only affects marine life, it can also disrupt human hormones through the chemicals in the plastic. 93 percent of Americans above the age of six test positive for Bisphenol A (BPA), a chemical found

in polycarbonate plastics (shatterproof windows, eyeglass lenses, and food and beverage containers) and epoxy resins (an acrylic formula that acts as an adhesive and coating). BPA is also found in hard plastic bottles. According to *medicalnewstoday.com*, BPA imitates body hormones, and can interfere with the production, secretion, transport, action, function and elimination of natural hormones.

Earth Day falls on Sunday, April 22, and is an annual event where worldwide events are held to show support for environmental protection. According to *earthday.org*, Earth Day has reached its current status as the largest secular observance in the world, celebrated by more than a billion people every year, and a day of action that changes human behavior and provokes policy changes.

On Sunday, April 22, and every day after that, the fight for a clean environment continues with increasing urgency, as the ravages of plastic pollution become more manifest every day.

Ecowatch.com offers valuable tips to "rise above the plastic":

Reuse grocery bags and water bottles.

Reduce everyday plastics, such as sandwich bags and juice cartons by replacing them with a reusable lunch bag/box.

Refuse single-serve packaging, excess packaging, straw and other plastics. Carry reusable utensils to restaurants, BBQs, and potlucks.

Seek out alternatives to the plastic items that you normally rely on.

Bring your own to-go mug with you to the coffee shop, smoothie shop or restaurants that let you use them, which is a great way to reduce lids, plastic cups, and/or plastic-lined cups.

Spread the word about Earth Day and the dangers plastic pollution can cause, not only to marine animals, but all animals and humans alike. Do your part and recycle properly at your nearest solid waste and recycling location.

Happy Earth Day!

10 most collected items during worldwide coastal cleanup

According to Ocean Conservancy, an organization devoted to creating science-based solutions for healthy oceans and the wildlife and communities that depend on them, more than 18 million pounds of trash were collected from 112 countries during its 2016 International Coastal Cleanup. More than 13 million items, which included eight microwaves, 15 brooms, 56 toilets, and even one piano, were collected during the cleanup. The following are the 10 most collected items during the 2016 cleanup.

1. Cigarette butts: 1,863,868
2. Plastic beverage bottles: 1,578,834
3. Plastic bottle caps: 822,227
4. Food wrappers: 762,353
5. Plastic grocery bags: 520,900
6. Plastic lids: 419,380
7. Straws/stirrers: 409,087
8. Glass beverage bottles: 390,468
9. Other plastic bags: 368,655
10. Foam take-away containers: 365,584

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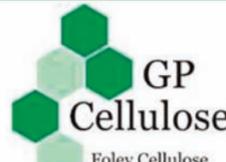
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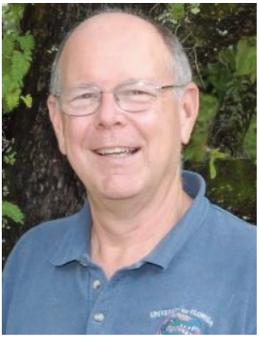
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Blackberries



Blackberries are blooming now. While they do produce a tasty fruit, they are difficult to control in the home landscape and the thorns can be painful.

Spring 2017 has officially arrived in Jefferson County. The start began on March 20 at 12:15 p.m. eastern daylight time.

With this seasonal milestone comes all the recurrent activities, many of which have a long tradition here in North Florida. Dusting off the lawn and landscape maintenance equipment for the upcoming months of growing grass and shrubs is one of those practices.

Keeping a well-groomed yard and home landscape requires regular clipping of the foliage, some of which voluntarily appeared. Unfortunately, some of the “volunteer greenery” which is now emerging is quite difficult to control and nearly impossible to eradicate.

Compounding the problem, some species have thorns which usually discourage physical contact with the offending plant. One of the most common in Jefferson County is blackberries.

There are numerous members in the *Rubus* genus, which include blackberry, raspberries and dewberry species. Many of these are found in Florida and throughout the southeastern United States.

Blackberries are commonly located in or close to untended fence rows, ditch banks, and pastures, and can be overlooked for extended periods of time. The lack of management can give rise to thickets which are difficult to control and produce great volumes of seed easily dispersed to residential landscapes. For the inexperienced it can be difficult to distinguish between dewberry and blackberry species found locally. However, the overall plant appearance and growth habits of these two distinct species are quite different.

Blackberries have a very upright growth pattern and commonly reach three to six feet in height. They also have hard, tough thorns without hairs. Each plant is supported by a large lateral-growing root system which sprouts and produces additional plants in its root zone.

The rhizomatous root system is perennial, while the aboveground canes are biennial living for two years. The first year, the canes emerge and grow rapidly; the second year, the canes bud and produce flowers and fruit, and subsequently die after fruiting.

Dewberries have low, vine-like growth habits which rarely reach heights more than two feet. Dewberry commonly has slender thorns with red hairs on the stem and seeds in their fruit are much larger and tougher than those in blackberry.

Herbicide application timing is important for effective blackberry control. This plant is most sensitive to herbicides when blooming in spring and in the fall prior to frost.

Applications made soon after emergence from winter dormancy or during fruiting are less effective. It is also important that the plants are not drought-stressed at the time of herbicide application.

Mowing is an effective practice if the goal is to restrain blackberry infestations to a manageable level until herbicide treatment timing is ideal. However, controlling blackberry by mowing alone is difficult and often ineffective because the large underground root structures are difficult to kill exclusively with mowing.

Blackberry propagates from both seed and rhizomes so mowing when blooming reduces seed production, but does little to stop the spread of blackberry rhizomes. Re-sprouting of the cut stems is common making additional mowing's necessary.

The *Rubus* genus has existed a long time. Fossil records indicate there have been blackberries in central Europe since the Miocene Epoch or about 20 million years ago.

Given the nature of this plant, early residents likely avoided the thorns even way back then. Well, at least the berries taste good.

To learn more about blackberries and their control in Jefferson County, contact your UF/IFAS Extension Jefferson County office at (850) 342-0187 or at <http://jefferson.ifas.ufl.edu/>

Florida Farm Bureau Tobacco Scholarship Application

Story Submitted

Florida Farm Bureau Scholarship, Inc., has received funds from the August 1997 Florida Tobacco Settlement to provide scholarships to former Florida flue cured tobacco growers, current Florida flue cured tobacco growers and descendants of Florida flue cured tobacco growers attending post-secondary institutions.

Florida Farm Bureau will provide scholarships in the amount of \$500 - \$2,000 annually.



The application deadline is July 1. Scholarship applications are evaluated on the basis of scholarship, leadership, and professional potential.

Recipients are selected in August and scholarships are awarded to the post-secondary institution in the name of the recipient. Two letters of recommendation are required.

For further assistance, please contact Florida Farm Bureau at (352) 374-1504, or email Scholarships@ffbf.org or you may call your Monticello office at (850) 997-2213.

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Hooterberry Art Journalers of Monticello, a new and refreshing group of artists

Debbie Snapp
ECB Publishing, Inc.

The “Hooterberry Art Journalers” is a name you won't find just anywhere, and that's because it's an original Monticello group! This group of freelance, no skills necessary, artists came about as the result of a conversation between locals Pam Willis, Leah Aman and Steve Johnson. They were talking together one day about starting some kind of creativity-based group and Johnson suggested art journaling. His suggestion came about because, at one time, he had been involved with an art journal group in his native northern Virginia.

So, the three set a date and notified a few friends, and at their first meeting in January, 13 people showed up, all with different levels of art experience. Their backgrounds ranged from no art background to a retired art teacher and professional artist.

Now, this is the great thing about art journaling: you don't have to be an artist to art journal or to join the group. No special skills are required. You don't even have to be able to draw a straight line. There are no rules, no guidelines, members gather and everyone does their own thing, using photos, magazine images, rubber stamps, paint, paper and anything you can think of. Art journal is a visual journal. It's about experimenting, playing, and creatively expressing yourself. In art journaling it's the process, not the finished product, that makes it so much fun and rewarding. The work often contains words and sketches, including mixed media elements such as collages.

Art journaling is a type of creative expression; it's a very liberating, therapeutic and satisfying exercise allowing the person to release the tensions of daily life through playful creativity. It's a time of friendship, fellowship and fun!

This enthusiastic group of self-made artists come together at 6 p.m. on Thursdays for a time of food, fellowship, fun and most importantly art journaling. Look for “The Hooterberry Art Journalers” on Facebook. And, don't forget to ask how the name “Hooterberry” came about. Call first to make sure they will be meeting, and where, (850) 997-1520.

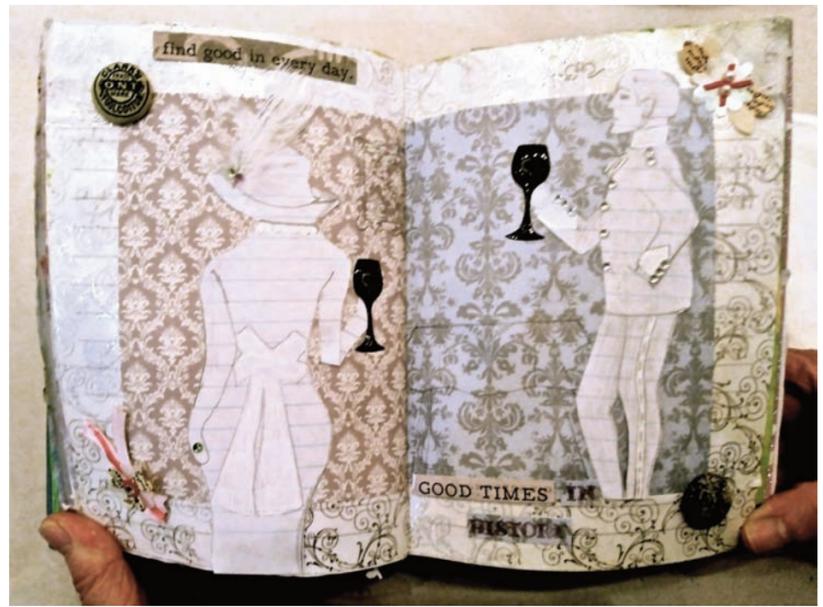


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Art journaling is a mixed media creative exercise that anyone can do, as it doesn't require any specific artistic skills and doesn't impose any rules.



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Hooterberry Art Journalers of Monticello usually meet on Thursday evenings at Vintage Treasurers.

Smoke on the Mountain debuting Friday

Debbie Snapp
ECB Publishing, Inc.

Smoke On The Mountain is a gospel, bluegrass show that's fun for the whole family. You'll sing along and tap your toes to your favorite songs like “Church in the Wildwood,” “Angel Band,” “Taking a Flight” and so much more.

The year is 1938 in Mount Pleasant, North Carolina. The Sander's family performs their gospel show at a Saturday night sing at the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church. Through song and testimony and some hilarious shenanigans, you learn about the family and their trials and tribulations.

Love conquers all during this enjoyable and fun evening play from MadCo, starring Melanie Mays, Jeff Whitty, Larry Blake, Michelle Dollar, David Balogh, Mary Rose Schwier, and Benjamin Britton.

The show begins on April 20 and will run through April 29. On Friday and Saturday evenings the shows will start at 8 p.m., with optional dinner at 7 p.m.. On Sunday, April 22, there will be two shows. At 12:30 p.m. an optional lunch will follow the matinee performance, with appetizers during the pre-show for the church crowd; and at 7 p.m. with optional dinner at 6 p.m. Then, on Sunday, April 29, there will be two shows. At 2 p.m. with optional lunch at 1 p.m. and at 7 p.m. with optional dinner at 6 p.m.

This play is perfect for families, church groups and those longing for a simpler time. Catering will be by Carrie Ann & Co.

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Thomasville invites you to smell the roses

Story submitted

The 97th Annual Rose Show and Festival will be held Thursday through Saturday, April 26 to 28 in beautiful Thomasville, GA. Held annually during the month of April, the Rose Show and Festival is a celebration of Thomasville's rosy history and heritage.

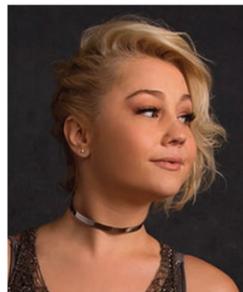
The Rose Show officially opens on Friday, April 27 at 1 p.m. in downtown Thomasville. At 2 p.m., head to the Thomasville Garden Center for the

grand opening of the Standard Flower Show. This show is filled to the brim with flowers of all shapes and sizes. Friday night brings the highly anticipated Rose Parade, a community favorite! This parade features nearly 100 entries from colorful floats to high spirited marching bands.

Most events are free and fun for everyone. For more information, visit www.thomasvillega.com or call the Thomasville Visitors Center at (229) 228-7977.

RaeLynn set to perform at Wild Adventures

John Willoughby, ECB Publishing, Inc.



Breakthrough Country artist RaeLynn is set to make her appearance at Wild Adventures on Saturday, April 21, beginning at 8 p.m.

America first heard RaeLynn's distinct voice when she appeared as a contestant on Season Two of NBC's *The Voice* in 2012. Now, following the success of her 2014 gold-certified debut single “God Made Girls,” RaeLynn recently released her Warner Bros.

Records/Warner Music Nashville debut album *WildHorse*, which has been heralded as the Best Country Album of 2017 by UPROXX, Stereogum, and Rolling Stone. “Love Triangle,” her first single for the label, ranked on Rolling Stone Country's 25 Best Country Songs of 2016. Recently named an Academy of Country Music (ACM) New Female Vocalist nominee,

RaeLynn surprised listeners by announcing the release of her new song “Queens Don't” on-air with Storme Warren for SiriusXM's “The Highway” on Friday, March 16. “Queens Don't” is an empowerment anthem,” explains RaeLynn. “A ‘queen’ is any person who knows that they are royalty from the inside out regardless of where they came from. I wanted all my incredible friends and fans to remember that their self-worth shouldn't be based on material things or other's opinions but rather the beauty and strength of your spirit. I hope this song inspires everyone who hears it—guy or girl, young or old—to be a queen and to never settle for people in your life that don't see your true incredible worth.”

“Queens Don't” ushers in a new era for the singer-songwriter, who signed a new publishing deal with Tree Vibe Music (founded by Florida Georgia Line's Tyler Hubbard and Brian Kelley) and released a special track, “Festival.”

With 90 million streams, 195,000 track sales and 125,000 album equivalent sales in 2017 alone, RaeLynn is poised to make 2018 one of her best years yet.

For more information about RaeLynn and other upcoming concerts and events, visit WildAdventures.com.

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A Southern Tradition Since the 1920's

THIS WEEK AT THE MOVIES

By Paul Hall

It's time for the incredibly intelligent gorilla, George, to have his own movie as the new film *Rampage* comes to theaters. Based on the classic video game of the same name, this offering is bound to leave a path of destruction halfway across the United States.

George is living a charmed life in a San Diego preserve under the watchful eye of primatologist Davis Okoye (Dwayne Johnson). But when a mysterious canister lands within his habitat, George is transformed into a bigger, more aggressive beast, and Davis must quickly figure out what is going on.

The arrival of a mystery woman brings some answers. Dr. Kate Caldwell (Naomie Harris) thinks she knows what George is going through, and as the aggression increases and the gorilla grows, she tries to help. But a shadowy government agency led by Harvey Russell (Jeffrey Dean Morgan) has other plans.



As George is captured, and Davis and Kate are taken away, they quickly find out George isn't the only animal that has been infected by a rogue canister. Turns out a wolf and a crocodile also came in contact with the gene-modifying pathogen. And now the three giant creatures are converging on Chicago, and with their aggression, Chicago doesn't stand a chance.

In Chicago, the headquarters of Energyne, the company that created the genetic modification, is emitting a signal to bring their experiments home. Co-owners Claire (Malin Akerman) and Brett (Jake Lacy) hatch a plan to save their product, but what will become of the Windy City?

Rampage is filled with action. From the word go, Johnson, Harris and Morgan are involved in a story that will not let them slow down. And that is the saving grace of the film. Throughout the film, things explode, and objects get destroyed. The action that exists in the film is fun and somewhat cartoonish. Unfortunately, that's where the fun stops.

A silly, thin and quite laughable plot envelops the film that, if you think hard enough, might leave you questioning just about everything that occurs. But as with all films of this ilk, the plot just doesn't matter. Did I enjoy the film in all its ridiculousness? For the most part, I did. For that reason, *Rampage* works and is effective at presenting a check-your-mind-at-the-door action film that may provide a bit of harmless fun.

Paul's Grade: **B-**

Rampage
 Rated PG-13
 Stars: Dwayne Johnson, Jeffrey Dean Morgan, Naomie Harris
 Director: Brad Peyton

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Will TV ever pull the trigger for Annie Oakley?

Question: With the success of most TV musical events around the holidays now, why hasn't any network pulled the trigger on reviving the success of Reba McEntire for her Broadway performance of *Annie Get Your Gun*? —Jason

Matt Roush: What a great idea. Reba McEntire is an authentic TV star, and *Annie Get Your Gun* is a great musical. She deserved all the raves she got back in 2001 when she stepped into the production that originally starred Bernadette Peters. Annie Oakley is a role Reba was born to play, and though it seems impossible this much time has passed, I bet she'd still hit the proverbial bull's-eye. Can't say if this is on any TV producer's wish list, but it ought to be.

However, as I suggested in my review of Jesus Christ Superstar Live in Concert, the only way to pull off a show like this with any degree of authenticity anymore is to either film a stage performance in front of an audience or do it live in a setting resembling a theater more than an empty soundstage.

To submit questions to TV Critic Matt Roush, go to: tvinsider.com

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Friday, April 20

Mercury 13 -Netflix

This film reveals the little-told story of 13 remarkable women who were tested for spaceflight in 1961 for NASA's "man in space" program, dubbed Project Mercury. Behind closed doors, female pilots were also screened. These aviation pioneers had the "right stuff" but the wrong gender, and their time would unfortunately have to wait.

romances and astoundingly disparate artistic styles.

Wednesday, April 25

NOVA Wonders
PBS, 9pm

This series takes viewers on a journey to the frontiers of science, where researchers are tackling some of the biggest questions about life and the cosmos. From the mysteries of astrophysics to the secrets of the body, the series reveals how far we've come in our search for answers, how we managed to get here and how scientists hope to push our understanding of the universe even further.

Saturday, April 28

National Women's Soccer League
Lifetime, 3:30pm

One of the sports world's hidden gems, the nine-team National Women's Soccer League has some of the world's best female footballers and many U.S. Women's National Team members on its rosters. Catch today's matchup of Denise O'Sullivan and the North Carolina Courage at the Houston Dash.

Sunday, April 22

The Untold Story of the '90s, Part 2
History, 8pm

The special concludes with a look at the rise of partisan politics in the '90s, and the unexpected origins of the Monica Lewinsky scandal. Part 2 also investigates the progression of gay rights, the fall of traditional media, the move from offline to online and the unforeseen rise of a global terror network.

Tuesday, April 24

Civilizations: "How Do We Look?"
PBS, 8pm

This episode explores the many functions of the human image in art. Portraits, paintings and sculptures, both life-size and colossal, perform a role—assuaging loss, expressing strength, inspiring fear—and were instrumental in forming early civilizations.

Genius: Picasso

National Geographic, 9pm

This episode spotlights the legendary artist and bohemian Pablo Picasso, capturing the freethinker's nine-decade life, a vast and colorful canvas of shifting personal and political alliances, fraught

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NOTICE

In accordance with Florida Statute a Public Auction will be held on May 22, 2018 at 10:00 A.M.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that DC and LL Merritt, 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:

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Certificate Number: 90 Year of Issuance: 2015
Description of Property: 00-00-00-0340-0000-0570 Lot 57 Nobles Add ORB 203 PG 261 Site Address: Georgia Ave

Name in which assessed: **Kimberly Rivers**

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 May 10, 2018 at 11:00 A.M.

Tim Sanders
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Jefferson County, FL
BY: Sherry Sears, Deputy Clerk 4/6,13,20,27

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2nd JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR, JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA.

PROBATE DIVISION
Case No.: 18-27-CP

In Re the Estate of: TRACY D. WADE, Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of TRACY D. WADE, deceased, whose date of death was February 22, 2016, is pending in the Circuit Court for Jefferson County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clerk of the Circuit Court, Jefferson County Courthouse, Monticello, FL 32344. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and his attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other person having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is April 13, 2018.

Lucius K. Wade, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Tracy D. Wade, Deceased
1710 Aucilla Highway
Monticello, Florida 32344

Attorney for Personal Representative: Thomas J. Brown, Esq. For the Firm Florida Bar: 0781967
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Certificate Number: 49 Year of Issuance: 2011
Description of Property: 00-00-00-0260-0003-0030 Lots 3, 4 and 5 BLK 3 and Lot 9 BLK 4 Fla Land & Abstract Add DB AAA PG 84 & DB BBB PG 444 Site Address: Second Street

Name in which assessed: **Dess Sneed Est**

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Name in which assessed: **Dess Sneed Est & Dess Vangates**

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

PROBATE DIVISION
CASE NO. 2017-CP-80

IN RE: The Estate of BILLIE J. RASMUSSEN, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the administration of the Estate of BILLIE J. RASMUSSEN, whose date of death was August 25, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court in and for Jefferson County, Florida, Probate Division, case number 2017-CP-80, the address of which is: Clerk of the Circuit Court, ATTN: Probate Division, whose address is Jefferson County Courthouse, 1 Courthouse Circle, Monticello, Florida 32344.

The name and address of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors is: 4/13/2018.

Richard Allen Knowles 427 Whippoorwill Hill Road Monticello, FL 32344 Personal Representative

John W. Black, Attorney at Law 2155 Delta Blvd. Ste. 210-A Tallahassee, FL 32303 Phone : 850-425-4600 Fla. Bar #0754552 Attorney for Personal Representative 4/13, 20

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Take charge of your health, it is the most important way to stay on top of your game. Don't forget to include emotional and spiritual health in your regimen.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21
It's time to tap your creativity. If there is some piece of artwork or a craft you like but find too expensive, there's a good chance you can create an excellent replica.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Some fresh air and sunshine can do you a world of good, Cancer. Especially if you have been a little stagnant in your career or personal life. A new perspective can help.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
The energy in the air can do surprising things when you are feeling frustrated, Leo. A change of scenery can help you rebound fast and get back on track.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, organize a group activity with friends and family members this week. This is a good opportunity to reconnect with loved ones you may not have seen in some time.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, if you are lacking regular exercise, take this week to make a new fitness plan that works for you. Start slowly and build up as you grow accustomed to exercise.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Put your ambitions into action, Scorpio. It's one thing to give lip service to ideas, but it's another to get started toward goals. The latter may lead to a more fulfilling life.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Don't hesitate to take on projects or make plans this week. The more quickly you get involved, the better. Write down all of your plans to stay organized.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Work goes quite well for you this week, Capricorn. But you're having difficulty finding traction at home. Take a day to catch up on projects at home to quiet your mind.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, if you have been feeling creative and ambitious, consider giving a new hobby a try. An artistic project is fitting, but anything that inspires you will suffice.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
There is a good chance that you will start the week with vigor, and it will continue for the next several days. Channel that energy, Pisces.

The first **Earth Day** took place in 1970, giving a voice to a growing movement that espoused the importance of addressing environmental issues and adopting eco-friendly lifestyles. The late Wisconsin senator Gaylord Nelson is credited with coming up with the idea for a day devoted to focusing on environmental issues affecting the entire planet. Nelson was reportedly inspired by the vehement student anti-Vietnam War movement that took root in the United States in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Senator Nelson felt that if he could inspire similar passion among the masses about environmental issues, then those issues would force their way into the national agenda. Senator Nelson's intuition proved correct, and on April 22, 1970, 20 million Americans gathered in streets, parks and auditoriums to demonstrate against policies and practices that contributed to the deterioration of the environment. Today, Earth Day has spread far beyond U.S. borders and is now observed in 192 countries across the globe. New initiatives continue to be proposed as the world population grows increasingly aware of the effects of climate change and the role ordinary citizens can play to protect the environment every day.

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