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Headed to State

Rick Patrick
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The first two rounds of the state softball tournament proved to be of little difficulty for the Aucilla Christian

Academy (ACA) Lady Warriors as they cruised to a trip to Vero Beach for the state finals. In the first round on Thursday, May 3, ACA hosted the Lady Warriors of Peniel Baptist Academy. ACA

went ahead, scoring one run in the second inning, then opened the floodgates with a six-run fifth inning. After scoring two more runs in the sixth inning, the home team sealed the 9-0

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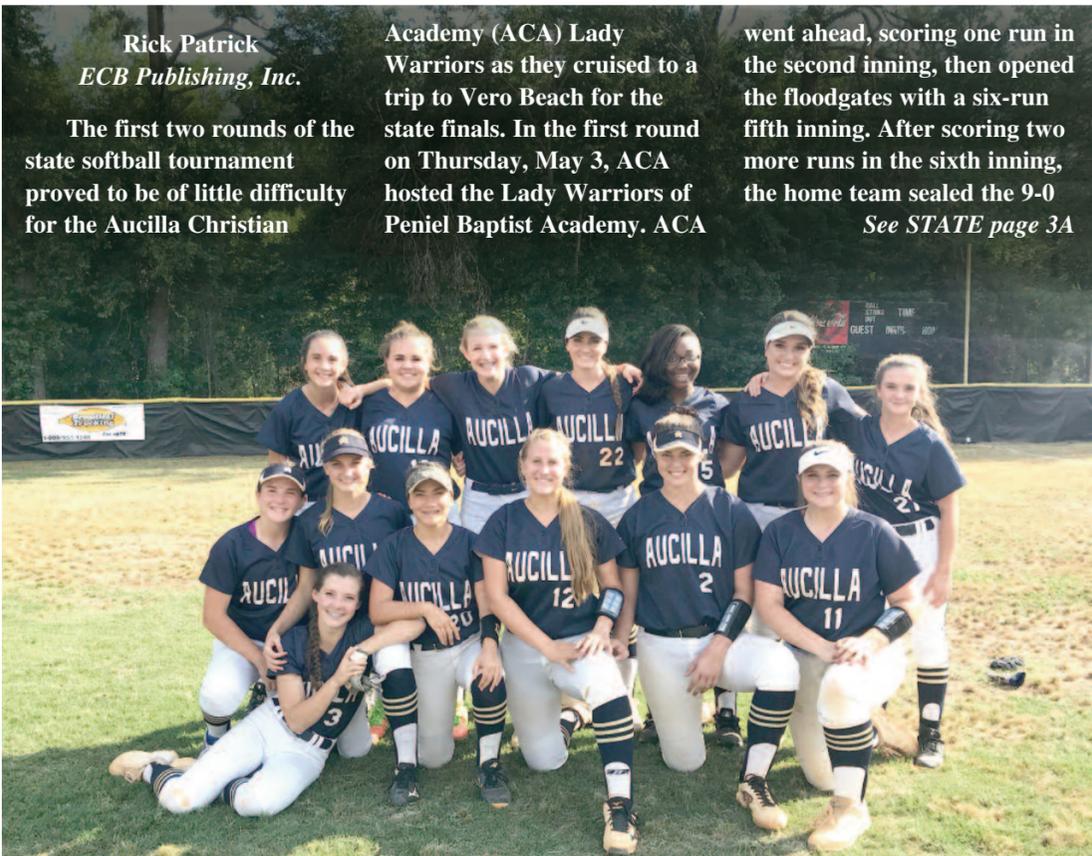


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The Aucilla Christian Academy Lady Warriors softball team is headed to State. They beat out Eagles View, from Jacksonville, 15-0 to make it to the Final Four. They will play in the Class 2A State Semi-final game against Master's Academy, on Wednesday, May 16. This will make the fifth year in a row that the ACA girls are returning to the state playoffs.

Pictured, on the back row, left to right, are: Lena Kimmell, Albree Shiver, Marilee Heaps, Elizabeth Hightower, Asyria Shuler, Carly Joiner, and Kasey Chumura. Pictured, on the front row, left to right, are: Ali Townsend, Anna Lee Trest, Lindsey Davis (on the ground), Isabella Gray, Kaylie Rogers, Abigail Morgan, and Ashlyn Rogers.

COUNTY

Sheriff's communications system gets needed upgrade

Lazaro Aleman,
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County officials last week approved a nearly \$70,000 expenditure that will allow the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) to upgrade its communications system and address some longstanding concerns.

Those stated concerns are that the current method of communicating between the JCSO and the Emergency

"The money doesn't come out of the general fund, it comes out of the communications fund, which currently has \$130,000. If the money is not used, it just continues to accumulate."



Tim Sanders

Operations Center (EOC) is inefficient, particularly during severe storms; that the Sheriff and deputies are unable to send or receive emails and texts from the field; and that communication with patrol cars is

impossible in certain areas of the county. "Our current system is antiquated," Sheriff "Mac" McNeill told the commission on Thursday evening, March 3.

Information submitted by Summer Systems Inc., which

will be installing the new system, offers more details on the reasons for the upgrade. The memo states that communications between the JCSO and EOC is currently conducted via telephone. During storms such as the last hurricane, according to the memo, phone calls had to be "written on paper and run across the yard to the EOC from dispatch."

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COUNTY

Extension building sold

Lazaro Aleman
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The long-vacant government building on Mulberry Street that for years housed the Jefferson County Extension Office will soon be getting a new life and paying property taxes.

Delta Land Surveyors Inc., a company dating from 1984 and currently located at 440 South

Jefferson St., will be moving into the building as it's new owner and occupant. Delta recently bid the highest price for the building in a close bid auction after the Jefferson County Commission declared it a surplus property and called for proposals.

Delta, according to the bids disclosed at the commission meeting on Thursday evening, April 19, bid \$70,500 for the

building. The other three bids received were for \$3,000, \$35,653 and \$40,000.

The property appraiser reportedly valued the building at \$101,000, and a formal appraisal put it at a value of \$127,000.

Commissioners, however, chose not to look a gift horse in the mouth, as it were, given the building's long vacancy and its

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CRIME

Teen arrested on felony drug charges

Ashley Hunter, ECB Publishing, Inc.

Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) Trooper Wright arrested 19-year-old Grace Marie Melvin, of Miami-Dade, FL, on Tuesday, May 1, after a search of her vehicle uncovered various illegal drugs, controlled substances and drug paraphernalia.

Around 8:18 a.m. on May 1, Trooper Wright was traveling eastbound on I-10 near mile marker 235 when he observed a blue two-door car (driven by Melvin) traveling westbound at a noticeably high rate of speed. Using a radar, Trooper Wright confirmed Melvin's speed to be 98 mph in a 70 mph zone.

Initiating a U-turn, Trooper Wright overtook Melvin's car and initiated a traffic stop at mile marker 234.



Grace Marie Melvin

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CRIME

Woman gets probation for sneaking contraband into prison

Lazaro Aleman, ECB Publishing, Inc.

A central Florida woman who was busted for bringing contraband into the Jefferson Correctional Institution (JCI) had her day in court earlier this week.

Laxavier Rayshell McLemore, 21, of Ocala, FL, pled no contest to three charges on Monday, May 7, before Circuit Court Judge Dawn Caloca-Johnson. McLemore pled to selling or delivering more than 10 grams of methamphetamine,

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Laxavier Rayshell McLemore

ELECTIONS

14 candidates have announced

Lazaro Aleman, ECB Publishing, Inc.

Anyone who doubts it's political season has merely to look around at the many candidates' signs sprouting up everywhere on residences' yards and elsewhere.

Already, 14 individuals have signaled their intentions to seek election or reelection to one of the nine available public offices locally, and with the qualification period a little more than a month away, a few more are sure to announce in the coming weeks.

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Did you know?
lightning strikes the Earth 6,000 times every minute.

Weather for this weekend



Deb's Notes

Drop a note to: debbiesnapp@embarqmail.com

****Happy Birthday today to Amanda Hammers!

****Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Big Bend, presented by the Leon County Sheriff's Office, will host Tallahassee's top business and political leaders, philanthropists and young professionals at its annual fundraising gala The Big Champagne Bash on Friday, May 18 at the Goodwood



Debbie Snapp
Columnist

Carriage House. The premiere black-tie fundraising event will kick-off with a live jazz ensemble while guests sip free champagne. Guests may also try select bourbon flights and choice cigars along with a full bar. For the Table 'Madison Social, Centrale, SoDough, Township' is providing heavy hors d'oeuvres featuring its most popular menu items. Highlights from the silent auction include: a round of golf at any TPC course in America, a golf bag autographed by a PGA Tour Player, a wooden stand-up Budweiser cooler, box tickets to the Florida State Football home opener, a spa package at Kanvas and a Haute Headz gift basket. As the free champagne continues to flow, guests will enjoy dancing the night away under the stars. The mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters is to provide professionally supported 1-to-1 relationships that change the lives of at-risk youth for the better, forever. In so doing, Big Brothers Big Sisters provides successful mentoring relationships to at-risk children contributing to better schools, brighter futures, and stronger, healthier communities throughout the Big Bend. Big Brothers Big Sisters' target population is youth, ages six to 18, in the Big Bend. For more information go to www.bigbendmentoring.org/bash/ or call Emily Bist Lockard, director of events at (850) 386-6002, (850) 545-2153.

****The Saint Phillip African Methodist Episcopal Church family will host a Mothers Day Celebration on Sunday, May 13 at 11 a.m. The theme of this year's service will be: The Foundation of a God-fearing Mother. Guest preacher will be Elder Vivian Howard with Greater Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church in Lloyd. St. Phillip AME Church is located at 08 Phillips Road, just off Highway 27 west. For more information call the church office at (850) 997-4226. Rev. J.W. Tisdale, pastor. "Praising the Lord intentionally."

****American Legion Post offers a rental for all occasions. If you're thinking about a family reunion, a birthday party, a graduation party or a gathering for any occasion, it's 'Party Time' at the American Legion Post any time. The Hall is available to rent and can accommodate up to 125 guests with tables and chairs. It's the most economical rental in town, with plenty of parking. The American Legion Otto

Walker Post 49 is conveniently located at 1065 South Water Street in Monticello. Contact Ken Faircloth at (850) 509-2628 for more information or to schedule an event.

****Recognizing the importance of clean air for Florida's public health, environment and economy, Governor Rick Scott has proclaimed May as Clean Air Month. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection consistently works to protect and improve Florida air quality, helping ensure Florida's air is among the cleanest in the nation. Maintaining good air quality is vital to our state's public health and natural resources. By monitoring air quality, promoting pollution prevention, and coordinating with local, state and federal clean air programs, Florida continues to enjoy some of the cleanest air on record. Industrial emissions that contribute to the formation of ozone and fine particulate matter have declined 75 percent since 1995, and are continuing to decline. These reductions have led to significant improvements in Florida's air quality and have resulted in Florida meeting the new 2015 federal ozone standard statewide. Florida has one of the most robust air quality monitoring networks in the country. The network includes more than 211 monitors at 99 sites, and provides scientists with the data needed to ensure Florida's air quality is in compliance with federal standards. The department's Spatial Air Quality System allows everyone to access updated air quality data as reported by the statewide network. Because the success of this work depends on public awareness, DEP is launching a Clean Air Florida initiative this month to help educate Florida's residents and visitors on clean air, pollutants, and the science behind maintaining good air quality in Florida. Clean Air Month reminds Floridians that we can all take simple steps to help in this effort: Change home air conditioner filters monthly. The system will run more efficiently year-round and use less energy; Plant a tree in honor of Clean Air Month. Trees play a vital role in cleaning our air by absorbing carbon dioxide and releasing oxygen. They also save energy by providing shade in the summer and allowing sunlight in the winter; Properly inflate tires to improve gas mileage and reduce emissions. Florida is known for its natural resources, such as our world-famous beaches and springs, and the abundance of outdoor recreational opportunities these resources provide. Nowhere is this more evident than in the state's 41 aquatic preserves, and 175 award-winning state parks and trails. Clean Air Month is a great time to get outdoors and celebrate Florida's good air quality at a preserve, park or trail. Continued commitment to maintaining Florida's exceptional air quality will help ensure these resources and activities remain enjoyable for everyone for generations to come.

Passing Parade

by Nelson Pryor, Guest Columnist

FLORIDA: The Forgotten State

It looks like there's going to be a contest in Florida for a U. S. Senate seat. The seat now occupied by Bill Nelson!

What on earth has Bill Nelson contributed, for the sake of Florida, from that Senate seat? That question has never been far from my mind, that is, since about 2001.

Bill Nelson has been present nearly 30 years in Washington. What impact has he made for Florida, or, for that matter, the Nation? His exploits in space, well, are interesting, but hardly of great importance to the improvement for the real lives of real people.

List of Accomplishments

After a great deal of thought, and work, his total achievements have been narrowed down to this list of ten:

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That's quite a list of accomplishments for having spent 30 years in Washington. Voters are being asked to reward Bill by returning him to a fourth, six-year term at age 76.

The Republican Party of Florida (RPOF) has launched *NoMoreNelson.org* to highlight that after nearly 30 years in Congress, Bill Nelson has sponsored 860 pieces of legislation and only 10 have been signed into law. "His mediocre



ascension through the political ranks has produced no noteworthy accomplishments, says the RPOF, "but instead has left behind a trail of high taxes and lost jobs. Bill Nelson has failed to do his only job-represent Floridians in Washington City."

Republicans elaborate: Three of the 10 pieces of legislation Nelson sponsored were during his time in the U. S. House of Representatives. Nelson's 10-item "career accomplishment," has cost an estimated \$4.4 million in taxpayer-funded government salary over the course of his political career.

But what Nelson may lack on his invisible record and below-par (49 per cent) name recognition, he makes up on energized opposition in Florida to President Donald J. Trump's perceived policies on guns, minorities, immigrants, and women.

Rick Scott

It's now official. Governor Rick Scott, wants the Senate seat, not to off set Florida's second Senate seat occupied by

Marco Rubio, but to enhance Florida's clout by having a united two, and not a divided two, if Bill Nelson was to be returned to the Senate.

In February, Rick Scott's approval rating as governor, was at 58 percent. A growing Florida economy has given his campaign a strong foundation, as well.

Under his leadership, taxes have been cut by more than \$10 billion, businesses have created nearly 1.5 million new jobs, and record investments have been made in Florida's education system, transportation infrastructure, and environment.

An Expensive Race

It's predicted that Floridians will view the race between Nelson and Scott as entertainment, until, it gets caught up in the inevitable "food fight." Then, its like, "Cut it out!" Each side will have millions to spend. And they will! Let's just sit back and enjoy the passing parade, because it has to run its course, with or without our concurrence.



Let's see, the City Council is concerned about people having trouble and stumbling over tables and chairs on our sidewalks so their solution is to permit alcohol sales on those same sidewalks. WOW! I guess with that logic donuts will cure obesity.

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Abigail Morgan went one-for-three at the plate, with two RBIs. Ali Townsend had a great evening of hitting, with two hits in her two trips to the plate, with one RBI. Anna Trest went one-for-three with one RBI. Ashlyn Rogers had two hits in her three trips to the plate with one RBI. Elizabeth Hightower went one-for-four, with one RBI. Carly Joiner went two-for-four, with two RBIs.

Abigail Morgan and Elizabeth Hightower combined for a nearly flawless job on the mound, giving up no hits, no earned runs,

only three walks and 17 strike-outs.

On Tuesday, May 8, the Lady Warriors hosted another team of Warriors. This time it was the Warriors from Eagle's View School. ACA made short work of the visiting Warriors, taking only three innings to mount a 15-0 rout of the Eagle's View team. The scoring storm began with a trickle with two runs in the first inning. Then the scoring deluge began with eight runs in the second. When ACA scored another five runs in the third inning, it was time to call it an evening.

Morgan had two hits, including a home run, in two at-bats, with two RBIs. Trest had one hit, a three-run homer, in her two at-bats.

UPGRADE

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two buildings with fiber, and upgrading the phone system, addresses this problem," the memo states. "EOC becomes part of the JCSO communication system."

Under the current email system, the memo states, the Sheriff and employees must return to the office to send or receive emails.

"The communications upgrades will upgrade JCSO for text and email alerts to the Sheriff and all employees," states the memo. "It will also address Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) requirements."

The new system also will ensure officers' safety, according to the memo.

"Jefferson County is very rural and data coverage is spotty at best," states the Summer Systems' memo. "This creates an added dilemma for officer safety. The proposed data communications upgrade provides the current and past GPS locations of officers."

The commission had no questions. It prepared to approve the request before McNeill had barely had time to introduce the subject. The only questions came from two citizens, Phil Calandra and Paul Henry, both of who are supportive of the JCSO but wanted more

information.

Calandra questioned the commission's very absence of questions. He well remembered the last budget go-around and the heartburn that the Sheriff's request for increased funds had caused, he said.

"Last year, the Sheriff's budget was the biggest ever passed," Calandra said. "Maybe you've discussed this with the Sheriff in private. But I haven't heard any pushback from you guys. I'm kind of surprised and disappointed."

Clerk of Court Tim Sanders explained that with the exception of \$7,000 that the EOC was contributing, the balance of the nearly \$70,000 - or \$62,941.49 to be exact -- was coming from a communications account that could only be used for communication equipment purchases and whose funds were generated by a surcharge on traffic citations written in the county.

"The money doesn't come out of the general fund," Sanders clarified. "It comes out of the communications fund, which currently has \$130,000. If the money is not used, it just continues to accumulate."

Henry, a former Florida Highway Patrol trooper, worried that that the new system's GPS capability might be abused by an overzealous supervisor who wanted to keep tabs on deputies' whereabouts in the field.

EXTENSION

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failure to attract any serious buyer in the past.

As County Coordinator Parrish Barwick advised the commission, the offer was "a good deal for both sides." Meaning that the county got rid of a building that was a liability and put it back on the tax rolls, while Delta Land Surveyors Inc. gained a new home.

The next step in the process, according

to County Attorney Buck Bird, was to draw up the contract, get the buyer to put down a binder fee on the building and do the closing, which he said could be accomplished within 30 days.

Delta reportedly plans to move its operation into the building once it gains acquisition and accomplishes the required repairs, which Barwick characterized as significant.

Prior to county officials' decision to declare the building surplus property and

Rogers went one-for-three, with one RBI. Kasey Chmura went one-for-one, with one RBI. Joiner went two-for-three, with one RBI.

The pitching duo of Morgan and Hightower pitched another great game, giving up just one hit, no earned runs, no walks and five strike-outs.

The ACA Lady Warriors will now make the familiar trip to Vero Beach for the state finals. They will face the Lady Patriots of Master's Academy from Vero Beach in the state semi-final game. The game is set to take place on Wednesday, May 16, at 10:35 a.m. Information on the web-cast of the game can be found at www.fhsaa.org.

"I'm not here to micromanage the deputies," McNeill said. "But if there is an incident we will now be able to find them by the GPS. This will also give us no dead zones. This is to get to deputies in a time of need. It will also allow us in times of emergency to operate out of the EOC, which we can't do now. It will also allow providing inmates with counseling via e-therapy, which can't be done now."

County Attorney Buck Bird noted that special circumstances existed that allowed the county to waive the standard bidding process even though the total cost of the system exceeded \$10,000. One, he said, was that the equipment was from a single-source provider. Two, the person making the recommendation was a consultant the county had long utilized. And three, a breakdown of the system's components put them under \$10,000 individually.

"What you've got is a recipe for a stew," Bird said. "If you don't put in the right ingredients, it won't work. They've got the best prices from people who provide the parts, so it's the best deal possible. This will give you a backup system that we don't have now."

The commission approved the purchase unanimously.

put it up for sale about three months ago, it had sat vacant. And although different groups and individuals had expressed an interest in acquiring at one time or other, none of the inquiries ever came to fruition, Barwick said. The Jefferson County Extension Office, which long inhabited the building, vacated it about five years ago when it moved its operation to the old IFAS station on U.S. 90 West. At the time, the building was already in need of extensive repairs.

According to the arrest report, Trooper Wright explained to Melvin that due to the cocaine being in plain sight and in the same compartment as her marijuana, Melvin would have observed the cocaine in her bag when retrieving her marijuana.

Melvin was placed under arrest for possession of marijuana (more than 20 grams), possession of a controlled substance while in physical control of a motor vehicle, possession of a controlled substance (cocaine), possession of a controlled substance without a prescription (Xanax bars) and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was also cited for her driving speed. Melvin was transported to the Jefferson County Jail by Deputy Boland and her vehicle was towed by County Line Towing. The report states that no bond was placed for Melvin's release.

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According to the arrest report, Trooper Wright made contact with Melvin and informed her of the reason he had pulled her over; Melvin stated she had been in a rush to get to Tallahassee, as her low oil light was on. While speaking with Melvin, Trooper Wright noticed the smell of marijuana emitting from inside her vehicle.

Asking Melvin to exit the vehicle to calm her down, Trooper Wright asked if she had any contraband within her vehicle, which Melvin denied.

Trooper Wright advised that it would be in Melvin's favor to tell the truth, at which point Melvin acknowledged that she had some marijuana and a pot brownie inside her backpack.

Upon searching the backpack, a plastic bag with marijuana and a pot brownie, which was wrapped in tin foil, was produced.

Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Deputy Boland arrived on scene to assist Trooper Wright with the search of the vehicle, at which point two marijuana grinders, a multi-colored pipe, a water bong, a bag of 20 white pill-like bars of Xanax, and a pill container containing a white powdery substance which, upon field testing, was identified as cocaine.

When questioned on the cocaine, Melvin stated that she knew it was cocaine, but did not know how it got there. According to Melvin, the cocaine did not belong to her, though she did know who it belonged to. The cocaine had been found in the top portion of her backpack, which had been in plain sight when the bag was opened.

MCLEMORE

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possession of contraband at a state correctional institution, and possession of more than 20 grams of cannabis.

Per the terms of the agreements negotiated between the defense and prosecution and accepted by the judge, McLemore received three years of probation, 90 days in the county jail with five days credit given for time served, 200 hours of community service and she is not to have any contact with detention facilities during her probation.

The judge withheld adjudication, but warned McLemore that if she violated her probation, she could be sentenced up to 50 years with the Department of Corrections.

Assistant Public Defender Davis Revell represented McLemore. Assistant State Attorney Andrew Deneen prosecuted the case.

Authorities arrested McLemore on Sunday, Sept. 24, for introducing contraband

into JCI. The contraband, according to the arrest report of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO), included 32 grams of marijuana, cocaine and methamphetamine.

According to the JCSO report, McLemore entered the JCI with the contraband concealed. Once inside the facility, she purchased a bag of potato chips and entered the ladies' room.

A JCI sergeant who observed McLemore go into the restroom and exit with the bag of chips instructed staff to recheck her person for contraband.

"Staff members discovered the listed substances inside the bottom of the potato chip bag," the JCSO's report stated. "The substances were sealed inside plastic wrappings."

Asked if she was bribed to bring in the contraband, McLemore responded yes, according to the report.

Her job at the time was listed as a sales associate at a Dollar General Store in Ocala.

CANDIDATES

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George Evans, who is seeking another term on the Monticello City Council, Group 1, seat; Charles Boland, also seeking another term on the School Board, District 5, seat; Shirley Washington, likewise seeking another term on the School Board, District 3, seat; and Keith Cook, No Party Affiliation (NPA), a newcomer seeking the County Commission, District 4, seat.

Cook faces District 4 incumbent Betsy Barfield, NPA, who has already signaled her intention to seek reelection, making this one of several contested races.

The other contested local offices and those who have pre-qualified for them:

Sheriff -- Alfred "Mac" McNeill, Republican (R), appointed Sheriff to serve the remaining two years of the late Sheriff David Hobbs' term; William "Bill" Massey, Democrat (D), a captain with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office; Mike Fillyaw, NPA, a trooper with the Florida Highway Patrol; Tully Sparkman (R), an investigator with the State Attorney's Office; Jerry Sutphin, NPA, a former Brevard County deputy and one-term commissioner here; and Eugene

Butler Jr. (D), a former trooper with the Florida Highway Patrol.

County Commission, District 2 -- incumbent Commissioner Eugene Hall (D), who is seeking another term, is being challenged by Derrick Jennings (NPA), a newcomer.

Finally, there is Judge Robert Plaines, who is seeking another term and has so far drawn no opposition.

The two other local offices up for election that have so far drawn no candidates are the District 2 seat on the School Board, and the Group 2 seat on the Monticello City Council.

Pre-qualification allows candidates to set up campaign accounts, name campaign managers and begin soliciting donations. Pre-qualification does not commit candidates to run. That occurs with the qualification, when candidates either pay the required fee, which is a percentage of the salary of the office they are seeking, or submit a voters' petition containing the signatures of a given percentage of registered voters.

Qualification for the 2018 election is set for the week of June 18-22, with the primary set for Aug. 28. As of Wednesday, May 9, Jefferson County had 9,590 registered voters, of which 5,547 were Democrat, 2,928 were Republican, and 1,115 were identified as other.

Look whose celebrating a birthday today!

Happy Birthday Loretha B. Young, a Monticello native is celebrating her birthday on May 11, 2018. She has been in Monticello all of her life. Young worked as a restaurant worker, seamstress, and later retired from the Jefferson County School Board Bus Driving Department. Loretha is the wife of L.C. Young, and the mother to James Bellamy, Earnestine, Darrell and George Young. She is the sister to Theola Scott, Willie Bellamy, and Earnest Bellamy.



CHURCH NEWS NOTES

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May 12

Saint Phillip AME Church will hold a Health Fair on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. with information on health, eating, exercise, blood pressure, breast cancer, heart problems, cholesterol and more. Rev. J.W. Tisdale, pastor. (850) 997-4226

May 13

New Bethel AME Church will hold its Sunday Morning Worship Service at 11 a.m. with Sis. Carla Breedlove, a member and under the leadership of Rev. Jimmie F. Dickey, pastor, bringing a 'Mother's Day Message' to the church congregation.

May 13

Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church, Dills Community, will celebrate its Mother's Day Program at 11 a.m. on Sunday with Minister Eric Evans, Minister Barry Graham and Minister O.J. Sloan. The theme will be 'Mothers, it's time to wake up Jesus!' This program is sponsored by the Men's Department. Pastor Willie D. Webster, Deacon George King.

May 13

Memorial Missionary Baptist Church will hold a Mother's Day program at 11 a.m. on Sunday. Dinner will be served after the program by the men of the church. Rev. J.B. Duval, pastor (850) 997-4947

May 14

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

May 16

First Presbyterian Church hosts EaglesWings, an outreach ministry serving the community, on the first and third Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.m. Volunteers are always needed to distribute food items and to donate non-perishable food items. Contact Coordinator JoAnne Arnold at (850) 997-2252 or eagleswingsmonticello@yahoo.com. Rev. R.C. Griffin III, church pastor.

May 17

Big Bend Hospice Breaking Bread

Clergy will gather from 12 to 1 p.m. on the third Thursday at the BBH Tallahassee Office, 1723 Mahan Center Boulevard, for a complimentary lunch, program, and speaker presentation. The public is invited. One-CEU will be provided. Reserve seating now by contacting Candace McKibben at candace@big-bendhospice.org or (850) 878-5310.

May 17

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

May 24

Philadelphia Missionary Baptist Church will observe its annual Family & Friends Day and Celebration on Sunday at 3 p.m. Rev. James Shaw and the New Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Madison will be in charge of the service. All are welcome to come out and be a part of this awesome time of worship and fellowship. Sis. Barbara Bruton and Dea. Charles Gilley and chairpersons. Rev. Ernest Bruton, church pastor, (850) 997-1139.

May 25

Christ Episcopal Church Food Share distribution from 9 to 11 a.m. on the last Friday at 425 North Cherry Street. Father Jim May, church pastor.

May 25, 26

USDA Commodities Food Program and Second Harvest Food Bank together with the churches of New Bethel AME, Elizabeth MB, Hickory Hill MB, Mt. Pleasant AME, and Philadelphia MB will provide food to those needing assistance monthly at 8 a.m. on the fourth Saturday with distribution at the New Bethel AME Church, 6496 Ashville Highway. Volunteers are also needed on the Friday evening before at 6 p.m. to help bag the food packages. Contact Nellie Randell at (850) 997-5605, or Jackie Harvey at (850) 997-8410 to volunteer or for more information about this program. Rev. Jimmie F. Dickey, NBAMEC pastor.

OBITUARIES

MALCOLM SAVAGE READ

Malcolm Savage Read, 68, passed away on Monday, April 30, 2018 at his home in Monticello, FL, after an extended illness. He was born on October 28, 1949 in Springfield, MO. to John H. Read, Sr. and Odell Green Read. The family moved to Monticello, in 1954, and, with the exception of serving in the Navy during Vietnam, he had resided there until his death. Malcolm was preceded in death by his parents, John H. Read, Sr. and Odell Green Read.

He is survived by his daughter, Amy Read Twieg (David) and 4 grandchildren, Brandon, Alex, Connor and Emily of Madison, WI; 2 brothers, John H. Read, Jr. (Beverly) of Jonesboro, GA and Calvin T. Read, Sr. (Erma) of Tallahassee, FL and numerous nieces and nephews. He is survived by a lifetime friend, Jerry Brock (Ethel) and lots of other friends. Malcolm was a unique and crazy guy. He would give you anything you needed. He had his own way of doing things. He was loved by family and friends and will be missed very much. Arrangements have been entrusted to ICS Cremation and Funeral Home. www.icsfuneralservices.com.

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Homestead Exchange at Tractor Supply May 12

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Tractor Supply in Monticello sponsors a Homestead Exchange from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second Saturday of every other month in its parking lot, located at 1575 South Jefferson Street.

Vendors will have for sale farm related items like fresh eggs, chickens, rabbits and other farm animals and supplies. There will also be homemade goods like baked bread, jams and

jellies, plants, produce, crafts and other such things.

There will be NO yard sale items.

Vendors are encouraged to come and setup free of charge.

There will be a raffle! Come out early for a great time with neighbors and friends, and to buy, trade and sell your local home-made, home-grown products. There will be in-store sales on this special day also.

For more information contact the store directly at (850) 997-0900.



Let's Stamp Out Hunger

Story Submitted

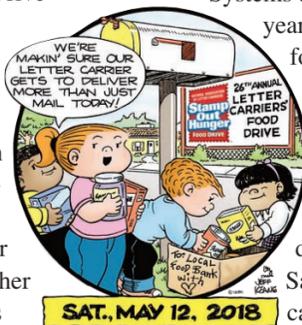
This Saturday, May 12, Monticello will join more than 10,000 other cities and towns across America whose letter carriers will participate in the NALC Stamp Out Hunger National Food Drive — the largest one-day food drive in the nation.

Led by letter carriers represented by the National Association of Letter Carriers (AFL-CIO), with help from rural letter carriers, other postal employees and other volunteers, the drive has delivered more than one billion pounds of food the past 24 years.

Carriers collect non-perishable food donations left by mailboxes and in post offices and deliver them to local community food banks, pantries and shelters. Nearly 1,500 NALC branches in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam and

the Virgin Islands are involved.

The United States Postal Service, National Association of Letter Carriers, National Rural Letter Carriers' Association, AFL-CIO, Feeding America, United Way, Valassis and Valpak Direct Marketing Systems are all supporting this year's Stamp Out Hunger food drive.



To donate, just place a box or can of non-perishable food next to your mailbox before your letter carrier delivers mail on this Saturday, May 12. The carrier will do the rest. The food is sorted, and

delivered to an area food bank or pantry, where it is available for needy families.

With 49 million people facing hunger every day in America, including nearly 16 million children, this drive is one way you can help those in your own city or town who need help.

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIME BEAT

All information is printed as taken from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. All Suspects Should Be Considered Innocent Until Proven Guilty In A Court Of Law

Natoria Lashay Gilley, 28, of Tallahassee, FL; arrested Tuesday, May 1; charged with affray, trespassing property other than a structure or conveyance. Bond set at \$250. Released same day.

Alex Loren Sweat, 31, of Monticello, FL; arrested Tuesday, May 1; charged with lewd and lascivious molestation of 18-year-old person, less than 12. No bond or released date information provided.

Dominic Levert Love, 28, of Monticello, FL; arrested Tuesday, May 1; charged with violation of injunction, domestic. Bond set at \$500. Released same day.

Tremaine Devonte Parker, 30, of Monticello, FL; arrested Tuesday, May 1; charged with simply battery. Bond set at \$500. Released same day.

Grace Marie Melvin, 19, of Miami, FL; arrested Tuesday, May 1; charged with possession of controlled substance without prescription; possession of marijuana over 20 grams; possession of drug equipment and or use; and possession of cocaine with intent to sell, manufacture or deliver. No released date provided.

Shelley Louise Irvin, 39, of Monticello, FL; arrested Monday, April 30; charged with failure to appear (FTA)/violation of probation (VOP) -driving while license suspended (DWLS); FTA/fraudulent use of credit card; and FTA/grand theft. No bond or released date information provided.

William Raymond Sullivan, 41, of Cove Springs, FL; arrested Thursday, April 26; charged with FTA/battery. No bond or released date information provided.

Edith Womack, 54, of Tallahassee, FL; arrested Wednesday, April 25; charged with FTA/burglary of a structure; FTA/grand theft; FTA/tampering with physical evidence; FTA/possession of cannabis; and FTA/possession of paraphernalia. Bond listed as zero. Released same day.

Isreal Iscariot Craddock, 33, of Madison, FL; arrested Wednesday, April 25; being held for Madison County. No bond or released date information provided.

Nicole Paige Little, 20, of Lamont; arrested Tuesday, April 24; charged with domestic battery. Bond set at \$1,000. No released date provided.

John Arthur Womack, 28, of Tallahassee, FL; charged with cocaine sale, manufacture or delivery. No bond or released date information provided.

Stephanie Lynn Burns, 44, of Crawfordville, FL; arrested Tuesday, April 24; charged with out-of-county- VOP dealing in stolen property; out-of-county -VOP defrauding pawnbroker; and out-of-county -VOP trafficking in stolen property. No bond or released date information provided.

Lovie Ann Scott, 54, of Lamont, FL; arrested Sunday, April 22; charged with DUI and permitting unauthorized person to drive. Bond set at \$500. Released same day.

Evelyn Marie Paramore, 26, of Monticello, FL; arrested Saturday, April 21; charged with habitual traffic offender and resisting officer without violence. Bond set at \$500. Released same day.

Brad Cameron Whitfield, 28, of Monticello, FL; arrested Saturday, April 21; charged with FTA -aggravated battery great bodily harm and FTA- petit theft. No bond or released date information provided.

Joseph Dwayne Story, 22, of Monticello, FL; arrested Friday, April 20; charged with DWLSR. Bond set at \$500. Released same day.

Tasfeyi Allan Laurenceau, 23, of Tallahassee, FL; arrested Friday, April 20; charged with possession of cannabis more than 20 grams and poss of controlled substance without prescription. Bond set at \$2,500. Released same day.

Jorge Martinez, 20, of Miami, FL; arrested Friday, April 20; charged with possession of cannabis concentrates and resisting officer without violence. Bond set at \$500. Released same day.

Lyndon Dawson, 20, of Monticello, FL; arrested Monday, April 16; charged with grand theft-firearm; concealed firearm; and assault/battery on a law enforcement officer. No bond or released date information provided.

2017 Personal Property Taxes For Jefferson County

All unpaid Tangible Personal Property Taxes assessed for the year 2017 became delinquent April 1, 2018. These taxes are accruing interest at the rate of eighteen percent (18%) per annum. 197.402 F.S. If the taxes are not paid, a warrant will be issued. The Tax Collector must then apply to the Circuit Court for an order directing levy and seizure of the personal property for the unpaid taxes. 197.143 F.S.

Lois H. Hunter, Jefferson County Tax Collector

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90004	P-0024100 5001573 ELBRICA INC DBA P S ART P O BOX 563 MONTICELLO, FL 32345-0563	\$1,946.86	90009	P-0042400 \$4,712.61 5002740 KDC TRUCKING INC 265 W SEMINOLE AVE MONTICELLO, FL, FL 32344
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Red Hatters to meet at Rev Cafe

Ashley Hunter, ECB Publishing, Inc.

The Rev Cafe (on the Monticello Courthouse Circle) will be the meeting place for the May gathering of the Scarlett O'Hatters, the Red Hat group of Monticello.

On Saturday, May 12, the Scarlett O'Hatters will meet in the



Rev Cafe at 11:30 a.m. for a delicious lunch and intriguing meeting. This month's gathering is hosted by Mary Cremins and Linda Sparks. The theme will be "Kentucky Derby."

For inquiries, contact Queen Mum Sherry Burnard at (850) 997-6298.

Chamber Bike Fest May 12

Debbie Snapp, ECB Publishing Inc.



The 4th annual Monticello Bike Fest is May 12, with rides beginning at the Chamber, 420 West Washington Street.

Join the Monticello Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce on Saturday and experience a change of venue: the quiet, canopied roads and rolling hills of Jefferson County.

Bikers may participate in a selection of rides including the 10-mile, 30-mile, 60-mile and 100-mile trails. Or, bring your family and enjoy a casual ride on a lovely spring day at your own pace.

Contact the Chamber at (850) 997-5552 for more details or register now online at <https://raceroster.com/events/2018/15739/monticello-bike-fest>.

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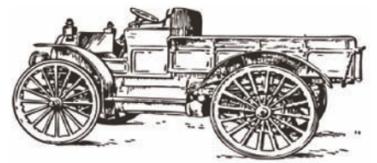
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WAY BACK WHEN



May 6, 1938

Richard Simpson leads for representative of Jefferson County in the first primary election held May 3, with **Maurice Tripp** running close second, and **Ed Willie** third in the heaviest balloting Jefferson County has known for many years.

May 7, 1948

Monticello's May Day festival was especially colorful this year, with **Jake Bassett** taking the role of the King and **Mary Nep Bishop** the Queen.

May 10, 1968

Awards certificates were presented to the Jefferson County Historical Association and to Mr. and Mrs. **Richard Simpson** by the Dominic Evardus Bogardus Chapter of Colonial Dames at an awards dinner held Monday night in the Duval Hotel in Tallahassee.

Lynda Willis, JCHS junior, spent Friday in Orlando where she attended an executive board meeting of the Student Nutrition Organization and chosen as chairman for Jefferson and the surrounding counties.

Mrs. **Betty (Raymond) Ganey** was the guest of honor at a surprise birthday party at the Woman's club.

The Friday night meeting of the **Monticello Jaycees** at the Capri Restaurant featured election of officers for the coming year, including **John Halpin**, president; **Billy Griffinn**, vice president; and **James Sledge**, secretary-treasurer.

May 11, 1978

City Superintendent **Lerbie Alligood** announced on Monday that the City of Monticello is ready to receive sealed bids from contractors for the Housing Rehabilitation Program.

Matt Brown, the 1978 chairman of the Watermelon Festival, will be included in this year's edition of Outstanding Young Men of America, a program endorsed by the **United States Jaycees**.

May 11, 1988

After winning its 18th District Track Title in 19 years recently, the Jefferson boy's track team competed at the State Track and Field Championship Meet on Saturday in Winter Park.

Supervisor of Elections, **Lois Ritter**, is expecting a big turnout at this year's September 6 primary election.

May 13, 1988

Susan Pittman has just been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by the Florida State University College of Education Alumni Association.

The Lady Bees softball team of **Howard Middle School** ended their season recently with a 6-4 record after being defeated by Aucilla. Howard Coach **Margaret Davis** said Howard had beaten Aucilla earlier this season and was really impressed with how well Aucilla had improved.

Sylvia Randall-Jones of Tallahassee recently received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Florida A&M University.

Kandice Lee Shiver has been named recipient of a George C. Wallace Leadership scholarship to Troy State University.

The winners of the Jefferson County Public Library Book Contest include seven-year-old **Carrie Crocker** and Mom, the after school winner is fifth grader **Shane Ramsey**.

May 8, 1998

Senior Special Agent **Wayne Dickey** of Monticello received national recognition for establishing *riss.net*, the National Gang Database of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, and first nationwide connection for criminal intelligence data-bases.

May 13, 1998

Wakulla County's acquisition of a computerized billing center that could employ as many as 110 people down the line may signal similar opportunities ahead of Jefferson County.

The United States Achievement Academy reports that **Beth Kathryn McCranie**, of Waukeelah, has been named a National Award Winner in Art, and will appear in the official yearbook of the organization.

Brittany Steen was crowned May Queen at the annual **Aucilla Christian Academy** May Day Program. She is the daughter of **Judy** and **Morris Steen** of Greenville, and was escorted by **Phillip Claiborne**, son of **Patti** and **Ed Claiborne**.

May 7, 2008

Virginia Blow, a realtor with Coldwell Banker Kelly & Kelly Properties, recently earned the Gold Individual Award from the Tallahassee Board of Realtors.

May 9, 2008

Founders Garden Circle celebrated Florida's beautiful spring weather of April by attending a private showing at O'Tooles Herb Farm in Madison.

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20 YEARS ago 1998

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Alison Arngrim remembers Casper, Gumby, Sweet Polly – aka her mom



Photo provided by Alison Arngrim
Alison Arngrim today.

Nick Thomas

Children raised by entertainers don't always follow in their parents' footsteps. But Alison Arngrim did, finding fame overnight at the age of 11 playing bratty Nellie Oleson in the hit NBC series *Little House on the Prairie*.

Arngrim's parents were captivated by the entertainment industry in their native Canada. Her father, Thor Arngrim (1928–2009), began working in theater and later became a Hollywood manager to entertainers such as Liberace and Debbie Reynolds while her mother, Norma Macmillan, (1921–2001) was best-known as a voice actor. She was, according to Arngrim, delightfully eccentric.

"They were both crazy show business folk," said Arngrim, from Los Angeles, laughing loudly.

"She was the voice of Casper the Friendly Ghost (in the 1963 series *The New Casper Cartoon Show*), Gumby in *The Gumby Show*, and Davey in *Davey and Goliath*. And she was Sweet Polly Purebred in

112 episodes of *Underdog*."

Those voices and others often made it home when young Alison asked for a bedtime story, which was never conventional.

"She didn't know any of the usual ones. Instead, she tended to retell plots of movies or historical dramas. I remember a favorite about Czar Nicholas, Alexandra, their hemophiliac son and their friend Rasputin—which was a hell of a bedtime story for a 6-year-old. Another featured a cowgirl with crazy friends. It was years before I realized she'd been describing the movie plot to *Cat Ballou*."

While young children of actors can initially find it confusing to see a parent on television, Arngrim readily accepted it.

"My mother took me to the studio a few times when I was very little, so I saw what she did and she explained it. She was in all the Saturday morning cartoons which I thought was great. She had a very distinctive almost childlike high-pitched voice which was perfect for cartoons."

Mother's Day gifts were also a little unusual for Alison.

"I had the weirdest Mother's Day gift list. She loved the opera, so there I was, a 10-year-old in a record store asking for specific opera company recordings of *Die Fledermaus* or *Der Rosenkavalier*—it was hysterical."

Not surprisingly, says Arngrim, even her mother's funeral was unique.

"She left pages of explicit handwritten instructions for her funeral which were so hilarious that the priest actually read them during the eulogy," recalled Arngrim. "She was an Episcopalian and they would usually sing 'Abide with Me', but her instructions read 'I cannot abide "Abide with Me," and she left a list of acceptable hymns."

Norma's death from an intestinal blockage was sudden and naturally devastating to the family. "True to form, she had not complained but was obviously much sicker than we knew."

Her wish was to be cremated and the ashes scattered in the Strait of Juan de Fuca off the coast of Canada (Victoria), a region her mother would often travel to by seaplane and tugboat and stay in remote island cabins doing research for a book (*The*



Photo provided by Alison Arngrim
Alison and her mom at a Hollywood event to salute Casper.

Maquinna Line) published after her death.

"We had tickets to fly up to Vancouver on Sept 12, 2001. We were half packed, and the morning of September 11 comes and all flights are grounded. So my mother remained in a box until next June when we took a yacht to the area with friends, a priest, and a bagpipe player. It was a fabulous ceremony."

Even though her mother was unconventional, Arngrim still has high praise for her.

"She didn't do many of the normal mother things. But she was still a loving, kind and good mom—exciting and different, like having a fascinating, historical character as your mother. She may have been Norma Macmillan professionally, but when she'd pick me up from school she was always Norma Arngrim."

Arngrim is author of the best-selling biography "*Confessions of a Prairie Bitch*" and currently tours with a presentation of storytelling and stand-up. She will be appearing on Mother's Day at the Laurie Beechman Theatre in New York City (her official web site: www.howiegreen.com/alison)

Nick Thomas teaches at Auburn University at Montgomery, Ala., and has written features, columns, and interviews for over 700 magazines and newspapers. See www.tinseltowntalks.com.

Women of Promise Salad Social May 12

Article Submitted

Women of Promise Ministry, a ministry of the Casa Bianca Missionary Baptist Church, Monticello, will host its 7th annual Salad Social on Saturday, May 12, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to recognize and salute Mothers. The speaker for this year's event is Dr. Elmira P. Davis. Dr. Davis also serves as founding pastor of New Destiny Church of Christ Written In Heaven, Inc. in Tallahassee and she is an author of inspirational books.

The Salad Social is free and the public is encouraged to attend. It is requested that each person attending bring a small salad to share with others as part of the fellowship. Casa Bianca is located on Highway 259, the old Waukeena Highway.

Traditionally held on the Saturday before each Mother's Day, the social provides attendees with an opportunity to share their favorite salad dish and join in a wonderful time of fellowship and learning. The Women of Promise Ministry will also give special recognition and a special tribute to its church mothers during the event.

Dr. Elmira P. Davis, an ordained Elder and author, was recognized by the Tallahassee Democrat Board as one of the 25 Women You Need To Know in 2017. Her community advocacy, tenacity and leadership skills were highlighted in a full feature article and online interview during Women's History Month.

Dr. Davis, a licensed-certified speech pathologist and CEO of Davis Communications Consultants, LLC, has published three inspirational books.

She has donated dozens of her books to at-risk teenagers, homeless women, single women, unwed mothers, domestic violence victims and others attending her seminars, conferences and empowerment groups. She miraculously balances these community efforts with her responsibility of caring for a learning disabled and medically fragile daughter.

In November 2017, Dr. Davis and her New Destiny Church congregation celebrated the



Photo Submitted
Dr. Elmira P. Davis.

completion and dedication of their brand-new sanctuary located at 5101 Tennessee Capital Boulevard, in Northwest Tallahassee.

She is a sought after and passionate motivational speaker, who reaches out to the often-forgotten segments of our community and encourages them step-by-step to embrace their inner worth and God-given potential. She is mother to two daughters and NaNee to two precious grandchildren.

She gives God ALL the glory and her greatest desire is to hear Jesus' voice say, "Well Done My Good and Faithful servant."

Since its founding in 2011, the Women of Promise Ministry has provided several worship, educational, fellowship and discipleship opportunities for the members of the Casa Bianca M.B. Church and others throughout the community. Rev. Tobbie Berrian, III is the church pastor and teacher. For more information about this Women of Promise event contact Tomica Jackson at (850) 524-3257.

A Very, Very Special Happy Mother's Day

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Age	Honoree *Nonagenarians
96	Rosa Trumpler Green (Miami, Florida)
94	Mary Jackson Denmark (St. Phillip Community)
94	Rachel Harrison Bright (Tallahassee, Florida)
94	Sarah Lawrence Simmons (Fayetteville, Georgia)
94	Jennie Thompson Jones (Monticello, Florida)
93	Lula Wilson Blake (St. Phillip Community)
93	Alberta Williams Leonard (Lloyd, Florida)
92	Tommie Lee Blake (New York)

Compiler: Rosa Bassa
*Niece of Green *First Cousin of Simmons

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Age	Honoree
100	Willie Mae Shingles Seabrooks (Elementary Teacher) Monticello, FL.
95	Flossie Hill Buggs (Elementary Teacher) Monticello, FL. *Affiliate Teacher
95	Martha Stokes Hall (Elementary Teacher) Monticello, FL.
91	Cora Laster Henry (Elementary Teacher) Monticello, FL.
90	Annie Collins Plair (Cafeteria) Monticello, FL.
90	Thelma Wade Canty (Cafeteria) Monticello, FL.
87	Elzora Thompkins Saunders (Elementary Teacher) Monticello, FL.
87	Josephine Perry (Special Ed. Teacher) Monticello, FL.
87	Emma Wilson Stokes (Physical Ed. Teacher) Monticello, FL.
86	Ruby Williams Caswell (Social Studies Teacher) Tallahassee, FL.
85	Naomi Woodson Cummings (Elementary Teacher) Monticello, FL. *Affiliate Teacher
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James, age 4, and Joshua, age 2, are the children of Sam and Jeri Richardson.



Jenna Brant, age 10, is the daughter of Mike and Debbie Brant.



Deven Davis, age 7, is the son of Kimberly Davis.



Asher, age 1, is the child of Casey and Nicole Anderson.



Emari Rushing, age 8, is the son of Opal Hall.



Brody Houp, age 7; Cannon Houp, age 5; Olivia Miller, age 5 and Lynlee Miller, age 6 weeks, are the children of Brett and Carrie Miller, Chris Houp, and Alyshia Kelley.



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Lily Ann, age 5, and Daisy Marie, age 10 months, are the children of Danielle Matthews.



Chloe, age 7, and Logan, age 4, are the children of Jack and Lyndsey Pitts.



Kyler, age 5, and Hanley, age 3 months, are the children of Matt and Kasey Rye.



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Jordian, age 11, and Dustin, age 6, are the children of Nicole Boucher and David Sego.



Maxwell, age 1, is the son of Matt and Sallie Murphy.



Raelyn, age 1, is the daughter of Brandon and Shumikia Duval.



James, age 9, and Jaxson, age 6, are the children of Ben and Katrina Croft.

Ag Literacy Day with Farm Bureau



Photo Submitted

Community Leadership Academy kindergarten students receive a new book 'Drive Through Florida: Fruit' from Jefferson County Farm Bureau members and friends. Pictured here from left to right with Greg Harden, Melissa Bass, Sarah Fulford, Hope Adams, Danielle Sprague and Ernest Fulford.

Oysters, beach cleaning, and estuaries for the Jefferson County 4-H'ers



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DSCN0286.jpg: 4-H teens from Jefferson County traveled to the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve (in Franklin County) on Saturday, April 7 to take part in the 4-H District III Council Meeting/Retreat. While in Franklin County, the teens participated in a beach clean-up service project, an Oyster Bar Animal ID activity, and were given a guided tour of the facilities at the estuary.

Story Submitted

Jefferson County's 4-H Teens traveled to Franklin County to participate in the 4-H District III Council Meeting/Retreat on Saturday, April 7. The retreat began at the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve. Teens were given a guided tour of the facilities by Erik Lovstrand, Franklin County Extension Director/Regional Specialized Sea Grant Agent. They enjoyed a variety of educational, interactive and live exhibits at the state-of-the-art Nature Center. The Aquariums highlight a connected watershed message and local fauna from the river, estuary, bay, and gulf. Other exhibits depict the ecological, cultural and historical aspects of the region.

The teens participated in a beach clean-up service project and collected

lots of trash. After the service project, the 4-H District Council Business Meeting was held at the estuarine. President, Allison Parker from Jefferson County presided over the meeting and covered all agenda items.

After the business meeting, the teens participated in the oyster bar animal ID activity. The teens opened oyster shells and identified pyramids snails, mud crabs, porcelain crabs, bristle worms, oyster springtails, and amphipods. Allison Parker said, "I never thought that just a little clump of oysters could provide shelter to so many kinds of animals."

Jefferson County 4-H Teens had an awesome time in Franklin County learning about Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve, exploring coastal habitat, and a having successful 4-H Business Meeting.

Debbie Snapp, *ECB Publishing Inc.*

Jefferson County Farm Bureau (JCFB) and volunteers read to the students in classes kindergarten to fifth grades at Community Leadership Academy in Tallahassee for Ag Literacy Day.

Florida Agriculture in the Classroom Agriculture Literacy Day was Tuesday, May 1, with the reading of 'Drive Through Florida: Fruit.'

This annual reading event is a great opportunity for farmers, ranchers, University of Florida IFAS extensions and 4-H agents and master gardeners, FFA teachers and students and agriculture industry representatives to go into elementary classrooms and read a children's non-fiction book about Florida's fruit industries to students.

Readers at this time included: Danielle Sprague, Jefferson County Extension Office; Ernest Fulford, president of the JCFB; Sarah Fulford, JCFB Women's Committee chairperson; Melissa Bass, JCFB secretary; Greg Harden, Florida Farm Bureau District 3 fieldman; and Hope Adams, an area home school student and her pet rabbit Thumper.

Florida Georgia Citrus donated satsuma juice for all the students to sip and taste.

Hope Adams brought in her bunny 'Thumper' for all the students to hold and pet.

For more information about this event and upcoming volunteer opportunities contact Melissa Bass at 105 West Anderson Street in Monticello or call (850) 997-221



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Jefferson County Farm Bureau readers for Agriculture Literacy Day, pictured from left to right are: Danielle Sprague, Jefferson County Extension Office; Ernest Fulford, president of the JCFB; Sarah Fulford, JCFB Women's Committee chairperson; Melissa Bass, JCFB secretary; Greg Harden, Florida Farm Bureau District 3 fieldman; and home school student Hope Adams (holding Thumper). Sharing a sip of satsuma juice donated by Florida Georgia Citrus in Monticello.



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Pictured from left to right are: Hope Adams, Sarah Fulford, Greg Harden and Melissa Bass after reading 'Drive Through Florida: Fruit' to Community Leadership Academy fifth grade students. The students each received a copy of the book and Farm Raised Farm Proud Farm Bureau Stickers, during Ag Literacy Day.

Veterans Among Us

Army Veteran Ron Matthews

Army Veteran Ron Matthews enlisted into military service just one month after his high school graduation, in 1958. For most of his service time he was a Spec 4 Crew Chief on a med-vac helicopter, transporting hurt service men and women to hospital locations.

After his basic training at Ft. Benning, GA., Matthews was stationed at Ft. Eustis, VA., then on to Germany and Vietnam.

He says he enjoyed the camaraderie of military life, and the discipline. "It was all great. We were all brothers. I had a good job." He was discharged in 1961 while stationed at Ft. Dix, NJ. He returned home to Ohio and became a state trooper. After retirement, he moved his family to Florida and eventually relocated to the Jefferson County area.

He is married with four children, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He is planning to attend his 60th Rising Sun High School Reunion in Ohio this year. His graduating class was only 27 seniors. He enjoys traveling, camping and flying, though he doesn't do much flying anymore. He is an active member of the American Legion Post 49 in Monticello.

Thank you, your service made a difference!



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Danielle Sprague, Jefferson County Extension Office, reads to Community Leadership Academy kindergarten students during Ag Literacy Day.



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Melissa Bass, JCFB secretary, reading to Community Leadership Academy kindergarten students during Ag Literacy Day.

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Using technology in Jefferson classrooms

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Technology is everywhere you look these days, from internet connected doorbells to the devices in the hands or pockets of almost everyone walking down the street. Today's classroom is no exception. Because of this, it is more important than ever to incorporate technology and computers into the classroom and the lives of students as early as possible.

Principal Cory Oliver says of technology and students: "Here at Somerset-Jefferson, we not only prepare our children for the future, we introduce them to it. We show them pathways and opportunities that may not have ever occurred to them."

Technology opens opportunities for students and broadens their horizons in new and unimaginable ways. The speed at which culture, specifically technology, is changing can be daunting, but introducing and preparing students at the youngest ages possible will only serve them better to handle change and adapt quickly.

Earlier this year in an overview video for Jefferson Somerset, Technology Instructor Lloyd Helms said, "In the classrooms we have new computers. We are starting a Drone and Robotics Club. We learn a lot of software in class, whether it be animation, game design, photo manipulation with photoshop, web design. We are going to be doing lots of hands-on software in labs and the new classrooms."

Jefferson Somerset has eight desktop computers per classroom and installed new ClearTouch Smartboards in every classroom. Smartboards are similar to a touchscreen computer or tablet, but the size of a large flatscreen TV. Jefferson Somerset uses a centers-based approach, as studies have found that students perform at a higher level when given varied tasks and time



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Technology is being incorporated into the classrooms of Jefferson Somerset to help students grasp the modern era they are growing up in. Technology is used by students and teachers alike to teach, learn, experiment and grow.

limits versus having their own laptop to distract them all day. At Jefferson Somerset, students perform at their highest level in 15-20 minute increments. During Tiger Time and tutoring students always have access to computers. In many cases students can even check out a laptop in the main office to use as long as the work is school related.

Teachers can use the Smartboards to do everything from play videos, write notes, show slide presentations, and even allow students to

come up to show their work or interact with the lesson. Teachers are using ClassDojo, a classroom communication app between teachers and parents, Edmodo for teacher student collaboration, i-Ready for diagnostic learning and pinpointing skill-level in mathematics and reading, and Achieve3000 that engages all learners at their individual reading levels and constantly challenges them to improve their literacy skills.

Lloyd Helms teaches computer classes concentrating on the software side, namely a suite of programs developed by Adobe that focuses on the creative side of technology. Helms' students learn photo manipulation with Photoshop, graphic design in Illustrator, print and publication design and layout with InDesign, coding and graphic web design via Dreamweaver, animation and game design in Animate, and video editing with Premier Pro. Most students are able to get their certifications in less than a year and learn software generalities that will help them on any computer.

Helms' class projects include poster travel projects, vacation projects and various holiday projects that are displayed in the school's hallways. Helms also hosts the Robotics club. The club has built a battle bot, and these students are hoping to compete during the next school year against other schools.

Technology is here to stay. For the students and teachers of Somerset-Jefferson K-12, technology is making a daily positive impact on educational outcomes. Students are being introduced to possibilities and futures they might not have otherwise ever been able to conceive of or even access. Somerset-Jefferson sees the value in computer-based curriculums and pathways and continuously works to incorporate these into all classes. Historically they also strive to create pathways where students can look at a career pathway holistically.

JROTC CARRY THE FLAGS



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Members of the Jr Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) Elijah Bellamy (left) and Jose Romero (right) carry the United States flag and Florida State flag during the Tuesday, April 17 Tigers Flag Football game against the Wakulla War Eagles. The Jefferson Tigers won the game 20-12.

NFCC business courses now available



Photo submitted

Business Accounting Students 2016 at Library.

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This summer, North Florida Community College (NFCC) is offering a variety of online courses designed to boost a resume or enhance current job skills and knowledge in business principles and practices. These courses begin May 14 and offer area businesses, small business owners and employees, and students the

opportunity to obtain or strengthen career-based skills in business, accounting and human resources.

Microcomputers in Accounting (ACG 2450) is a three-credit-hour course that familiarizes students with the latest cloud-based version of QuickBooks. Students learn how to utilize various functions in the program most commonly used by small businesses, such as generating and formatting various reports (common financial statements, vendor and customer reports, etc.); creating and maintaining vendor records, customer records, and inventory; paying vendors and accepting customer payments; generating receipts and invoices; and bank reconciliations.

Human Resource Management (MNA 2100) is a three-credit-hour course focusing on managing human resources in a small business. The course focuses on the human resource environment, including trends; hiring, training and developing human resources; assessing job performance; and appropriate compensation.

Other summer business and computer classes available online this summer are Introduction to Business, Principles of Marketing, Macroeconomics, Computer Applications I, and Spreadsheet Applications for Business. All courses are being taught online during NFCC's summer term and begin May 14.

In addition to individual business courses, NFCC also offers an Associate in Science (A.S.) degree in Accounting Technology and an A.S. in Business Administration. For more information, contact Sharon

Brave Heart at (850) 973-9449 or bravehearts@nfcc.edu.

To enroll, contact the NFCC Admissions Office at (850) 973-1622 or admissions@nfcc.edu.

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Pass the popcorn... it's time for the Summer Movie Season

By Paul Hall

Ladies and gentlemen, prepare yourself to be amazed by incredible people in animated form, dinosaurs roaming the earth again, Avengers beyond those who were in theaters last week and yet another impossible mission. Yes, the 2018 iteration of our favorite time of the year, Summer Movie Season, is upon us, so let's take a peek at what we can expect to see at the movies.

Look for laughs as Melissa McCarthy goes back to college in *Life of the Party* (May 11), while more mature laughs come your way as Diane Keaton, Candice Bergen and friends start to read *Fifty Shades of Grey* in *Book Club* (May 18).



Prefer irreverent comedy with your action? *Deadpool 2* (May 18) features Ryan Reynolds returning as our favorite superhero not bound by a PG-13 rating.



Memorial Day weekend takes us to a galaxy far, far away for *Solo: A Star Wars Story* from director Ron Howard. Wait, who shot first again?

Ocean's 8 (June 8) has women doing the caper, with Sandra Bullock leading the way for her friends.



Our favorite animated superhero family is back in *Incredibles 2* (June 15), and we can't wait.

What if a game of tag was never-ending? That's part of the premise behind *Tag* (June 15) with Ed Helms and Jeremy Renner.



The dinosaurs roam the earth for *Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom* (June 22) in a film that looks to be larger than life.

And *Sicario: Day of the Soldado* (June 29), a second chapter from my favorite film of 2015, will close the month out with a bang for sure.

See *The First Purge* (July 4) as we celebrate the holiday with another chapter in the horror franchise.

While *Avengers: Infinity War* kicked off the summer, *Ant-Man and the Wasp* (July 6) keeps it going with more of what we have come to expect from Marvel.

The weekend of July 13 has something for the kids with *Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation* and an action film with Dwayne Johnson set high in *Skyscraper*.

Don't worry, Denzel Washington fans, *The Equalizer 2* (July 20) brings him back to the big screen for more of the same.

Those who are saying, "Where's the musical?" *Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again* (July 20) arrives just in time for you.

July closes with the superheroes we are all waiting for in *Teen Titans Go! To the Movies* (July 27).

And if that wasn't what you expected, maybe the incredible blockbuster franchise film *Mission: Impossible – Fallout* (July 27) will impress you, with Tom Cruise rocking a lot of his own stunts yet again.

If there is one thing we know, it is that we already know a lot about what to expect this summer, given the number of sequels coming to theaters. But this is just scratching the surface on what looks to be good fun at the box office, as a slew of smaller films will hit theaters in the coming months, so keep watching right here for some of the best all summer long. Pass the popcorn—large, of course.

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degree. But guess who is attending the same college as Dee Rock (as she's soon known)? Yep, her daughter!

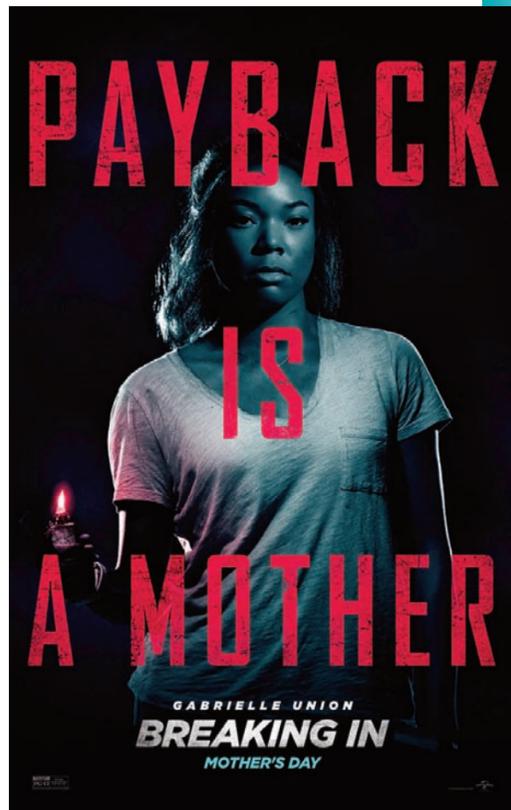
Breaking In

Rated PG-13

Stars: Gabrielle Union, Billy Burke, Richard Cabral

Director: James McTeigue

Shaun Russell is a woman who will not go quietly into the night. During a home invasion, she decides to fight back to protect herself and her family.





“Spring Visions” brings old and new styles to Jefferson Arts Gallery

Ashley Hunter
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ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo By Ashley Hunter, May 5, 2018
Linda Van Beck's gesso paint pieces on display at the Jefferson Art Gallery are a mixture of landscapes, floral and fauna sceneries. Many of the pieces, even the larger ones, are cut down from even bigger, complete pieces that portray rolling landscapes inspired by Van Beck's travels.

Sculptural forms with ancient charm and black and white landscapes inspired by the artist's own travels are on display at the Jefferson Arts Gallery through May 30.

The artists with work on display for this month are Linda Van Beck and Judith Birtman. Birtman's pieces, a variety of clay sculptures, stoneware pottery and hanging wall murals are reminiscent of an age long gone. Especially the nude female form pieces, Birtman says were inspired by the pieces found in ancient temples. Using a method known as pit firing, Birtman smokes her pieces with natural materials, such as oak leaves and moss and using gold, copper and silver leaf to achieve the rich, metallic colors. Birtman's work has been displayed overseas at the National Ceramic Museum of China.

Linda Van Beck is an award-winning artist with years of background and experience in the regional artist community.

Van Beck's black and white Gesso paintings perfectly complimented the glimmering earth tones of Birtman's clay forms. Many of Van Beck's paintings depicted either flora and fauna, or landscapes that Van Beck had gained inspiration from during her travels. Gesso is a thicker paint, and Van Beck uses tools to form and cut away at the paint, bringing to life coastlines, mountain ranges or lush forests.

The life and breath of her subjects soaks into each piece even through the black and white coloring.

Van Beck and Birtman's art will continue to be on display and open for purchase at the Jefferson Arts Gallery, located at 575 W. Washington St., until Wednesday, May 30.

The gallery is open Wednesday and Saturdays from 10 a.m. through 2 p.m., but special appointments can be made available by calling the gallery at (850) 997-3311.

Visit the gallery online at jeffersonartsgallery.com or their Facebook, *JeffersonArtsGalleryJAG*. If you stop in at the gallery, be sure to sign their guest book! The signatures of guests helps the gallery apply for and receive grants to help them provide a place for local artists and art enthusiasts to gather and display their works.



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The sculptural clay forms brought to life by Judith Birtman are a work of simple grace, ancient elegance and complex patterning. No one piece is alike. Reminiscent of the female forms found in temples from the ancient world, Birtman's sculptures bring an old-world charm to a new-world audience.



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If you visit the Jefferson Art Gallery to view Van Beck and Birtman's pieces, be sure to sign the guestbook!



3 Doors Down to appear at Wild Adventures this weekend

Ashley Hunter
ECB Publishing, Inc.

Three-time Grammy Award nominee and multi-platinum rock band, 3 Doors Down will play at Wild Adventures Theme Park in Valdosta, GA this weekend on Saturday, May 12.

The performance is part of the 2018 Flash Foods and Circle K Summer Concert Series which continues through August 11 at Wild Adventures.

"This show has generated a lot of excitement, and we can't wait for our guests to come spend a day at Wild Adventures and Splash Island Waterpark and cap it off with an incredible performance from 3 Doors Down," said Patrick Pearson, marketing director for the theme park.

3 Doors Down has consistently captivated audiences worldwide with hits such as "Kryptonite," "When I'm Gone" and "Here Without You." Ignited by the single "In The Dark," 3 Doors Down recently unleashed their

sixth full-length album, *Us and the Night*, which debuted in the Top 10 on the Billboard Top 200.

3 Doors Down in concert begins at 8 p.m. and is included with park admission or a season pass. Discounted group rates are available at WildAdventures.com.

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- Learn First-Aid and CPR.
- Discuss basic safety rules.
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- Plan for elders or disabled family members and neighbors.
- Include pets in your family emergency plan.
- Discuss the different hazards with your family.
- Monitor TV, radio or trusted Internet sites for information.
- Stay calm, have plans ready, and listen for instructions from local officials.
- If you have questions, call your county emergency management office.

In an emergency you need to be ready to make it on your own. What should you have in your disaster supply kit?

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- You should have enough water for at least three days. If you have four people in your family, you should store one gallon of water per person X3 days = 12 gallons of water
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- Manual can opener
- Sleeping bags or cots
- Flashlight or lantern with batteries
- First-Aid kit
- Bathroom supplies
- Medicines
- Prescription drugs
- Emergency Contact list
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- Face masks

- NOAA All-Hazards Weather Radio or battery-powered radio
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 - Hearing aid batteries
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 - Pet supplies such as a cage, leash, food and vaccination papers
- Have two kits:**
1. A large kit with three days of supplies.
 2. A smaller kit if you must evacuate.

Florida faces early tropical storm season

Lazaro Aleman, ECB Publishing, Inc.

Florida, along with other southern states, can expect persistent storms and the threat of an early tropical impact this summer, according to AccuWeather, a media company that provides commercial weather forecasting services worldwide.

AccuWeather is forecasting that a barrage of showers and thunderstorms will target the Southeast beginning in June, with Florida expected to bounce back from its severe drought conditions.

"They're going to see some more action across the peninsula throughout the summer, which is good for them," said Paul Pastelok, AccuWeather's expert long-range forecaster. "I don't see any dry conditions developing like we saw a couple of years ago."

On the downside, Pastelok said, the heavier storms will pose a risk of flooding, with the Tennessee Valley and Central Gulf Coast facing the greatest threat.

Meanwhile, the entire southern region will be at risk of an early tropical storm, he predicted.

"The last several years we've seen early tropical hits,"

Pastelok said. "I don't see anything against that this year. Whereabouts? That's a tough call. Anywhere is possible along the Gulf Coast this year."

If a tropical system does impact the region, it will most likely be a tropical storm, which would pose a greater risk for flooding rainfall, he said.

Pastelok had this to say about other parts of the country:

* Northeast and mid Atlantic states: Expect a bit of every kind of weather, from heat to humidity and severe weather, with a few hot periods taking hold, although not persistently.

"I think there's going to be surge later in June when we really start to

feel some heat here in the Northeast," Pastelok said. "But will it stick around the whole summer? I don't think that's going to happen."

* Ohio Valley, Midwest, central/northern Plains: Expect temperatures to bounce up and down throughout the summer, with a short-term high heat blast in June.

"June, I think, will be the month for the severe weather in the Northern Plains,"

Pastelok said. "It could linger a bit into July, but it will take a break before coming back in August."

* Southern plains: Expect to be gripped by intense heat and severe drought, with June possibly one of the top-five hottest on record for the region, spelling bad news for cattle ranchers and consumers alike.

"The Plains drought could have an effect on agriculture and grazing for cattle," Pastelok said. "The grass is not going to grow as much, so farmers are going to end up spending more on feed."

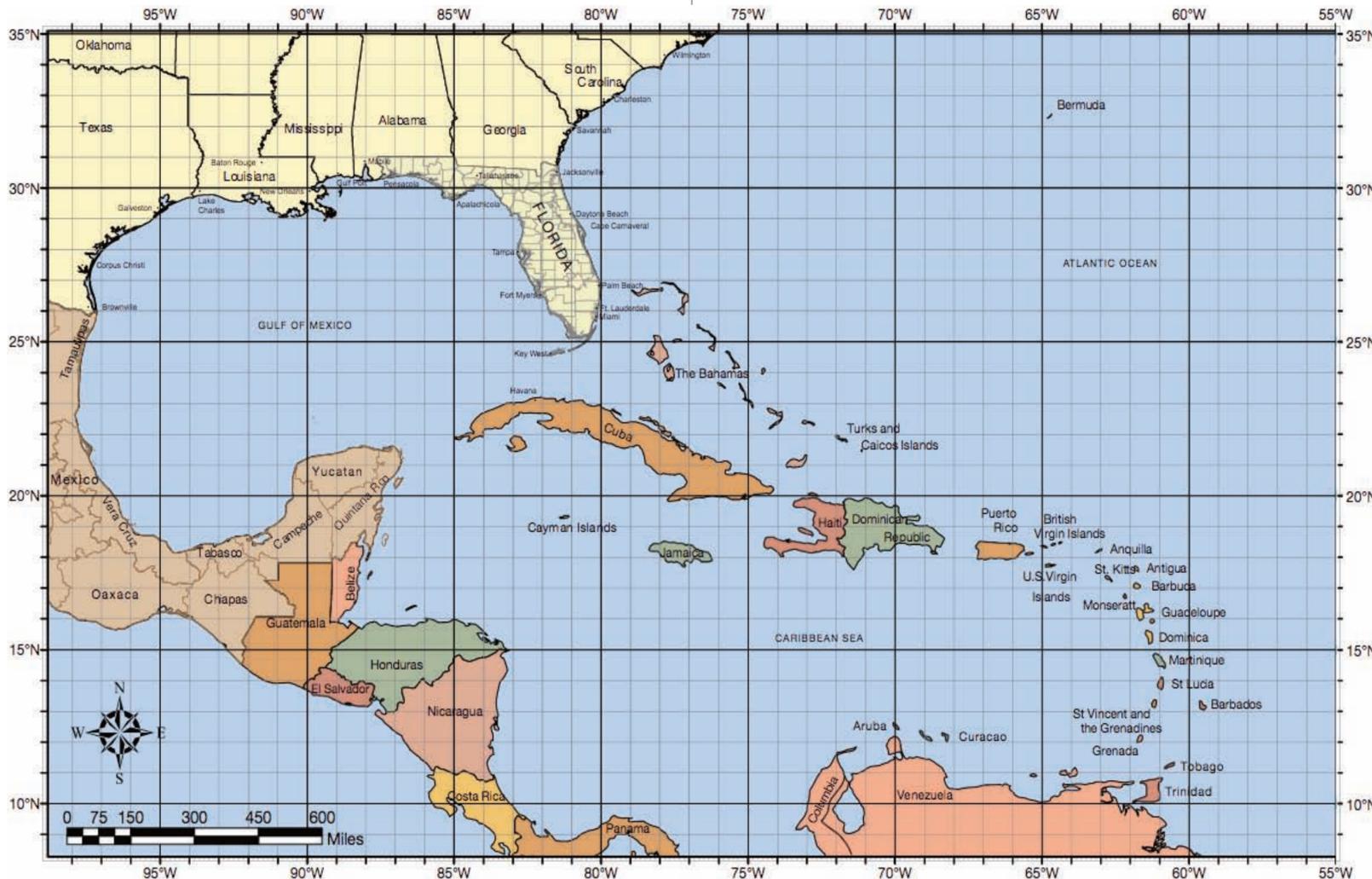
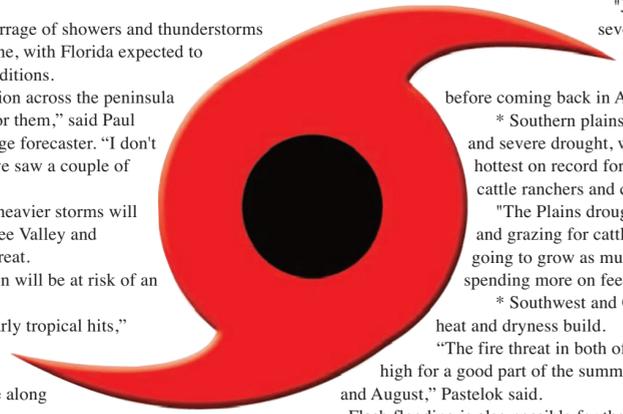
* Southwest and California: Expect a high fire threat as heat and dryness build.

"The fire threat in both of places will arrive early then remain high for a good part of the summer before rainfall increases into July and August," Pastelok said.

Flash flooding is also possible for the interior Southwest and the central Rockies around the midpoint or latter half of the season as precipitation increases.

* Northwest and Rockies: Expect typical summer weather to transpire, following a typical pattern of a late spring and early summer that remain mostly wet and cool.

"The transition to warmer and drier summer weather won't arrive until later in the season," Pastelok said, adding that as the warmth increased it was possible that drought conditions could develop, resulting in the threat of fires from late summer and into the fall.



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Florida Health in Jefferson thanks Florida's nurses during National Nurses Week

Story Submitted

The Florida Department of Health recognizes May 6 through May 12 as National Nurses Week as a time to honor the crucial role nurses play in keeping Florida's residents and visitors healthy and safe. The department commends the many nurses that volunteered to provide care in special needs shelters during Hurricane Irma for their hard work and sacrifice.

"Without nurses, we would not be able to serve the residents of Jefferson County," stated Kimberly Allbritton, Administrator for DOH-Jefferson. "Nurses are the county's primary service providers for immunizations, communicable disease treatment, disease intervention, family planning, prenatal and school health services. In addition, our nurses serve as a source to link patients to care services not provided by the health department and provide care to patients in our Special Needs Shelters during emergency events."

Nursing is a diverse field, and public health nurses can work in many different settings. They work in clinics to provide immunizations, conduct testing for diseases and infections, help people manage chronic conditions like diabetes and asthma and inspire people to achieve a healthy lifestyle.

We would like to publicly recognize the efforts of Jackie Guyton, RN, DOH-Jefferson Nursing Supervisor, Danette Turner, ARNP, Ashley King, RN, Jenny Wigglesworth, RN, Montollis Roberson, LPN, Errin Mays, LPN and Angela Bennett, Health Support Technician. Please join us in thanking them for all they do to make Jefferson County a healthier community.

Public health nurses also help communities prepare for natural disasters

and assist in disaster relief efforts. During Hurricane Irma, Florida's dedicated nurses and nurses from other states volunteered to staff more than 90 special needs shelters in 53 counties, providing mass care for people who could not safely remain in their home.

Nurses continue to be in high-demand in Florida. The Florida Center for Nursing (FCN) estimates that by 2025 Florida will have a shortage of at least 50,300 registered nurses, or 56,000 registered nurses and 12,500 licensed practical nurses.

To respond to the growing nursing shortage, the department joined the enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact in January 2018, allowing registered nurses and licensed practical nurses who hold licensure in one Compact state to practice in any of the 27 Compact states without having to obtain additional licenses. Florida now issues a multi-state license to new applicants who meet the Compact licensure requirements; nurses who reside in Florida and hold an active, unrestricted license will also have the option to convert from a standard Florida license to a multi-state license.

For more information regarding the enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact please visit the Florida Board of Nursing web page at floridanursing.gov. To learn more about obtaining a license as a nurse, visit www.flhealthsource.gov.

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Health Fair May 12

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Saint Phillip AME Church will hold a Health Fair on May 12 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The Saturday event will be filled with booths and representatives from area health related agencies sharing information on healthy eating, exercise, blood pressure, breast cancer, heart problems, cholesterol and more. This is a free event and a great opportunity to take a good look at your health condition and local healthcare solutions!

Dining with Diabetes workshops take the guesswork out of healthy cooking

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Dining with Diabetes workshops will be offered weekly through the month of May beginning on May 15 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.; and continuing on the following Tuesdays of May 22, 29 and concluding on June 5. The Tuesday workshops will be held at the Jefferson County Extension Office, located at 2729 West Washington, Highway 90.

Do you have diabetes? Do you want to make the best choices for your health? If you answered yes, this program is for you. Nutrition and physical activity are keys to managing type 2 diabetes. This program will help you learn skills needed to promote good health.

The program is taught by trained and caring educators and will include planning meals and snacks with delicious and healthy recipes; cooking demonstrations and food sampling; motivation and support and connecting with others who are living with diabetes.

Participants will receive a full meal as part of each session; educational handouts, recipes, portion-control plates, and a food scale.

There is no fee but registration is required. For more information contact Family and Consumer Sciences Agent Julianne Shoup at (850) 342-0187 or (618) 203-3374 or juliannes@ufl.edu.

Health and Wellness Calendar

Mondays

AA meeting at 8 p.m. on Monday at the Christ Episcopal Church Annex, 425 North Cherry Street. For more information call (850) 251-0278.

Mondays

Breastfeeding Support Classes at 11 a.m. on Mondays at the Jefferson County Health Department, 1255 West Washington Street. For more information call (850) 342-0170.

Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays

AA meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at the Lloyd Woman's Club, Old Lloyd Road. For more information call (850) 251-0278.

Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays

Praise Boogie Exercise Classes at 10:30 a.m. and Senior Stretch Gentle Yoga at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Family Life Center, 1590 North Jefferson, in the gym. For more information contact Instructor Doris DeMauro Bishop at (850) 591-0085 or doris@praiseboogie.com.

4th Monday

Alzheimer/Dementia Support Group meets at 11:30 a.m. on the fourth Monday at the First United Methodist Church Family Ministry Center. Alzheimer's Project, Inc., a non-profit organization, extends a warm supportive welcome to caregivers. Any questions or comments may be relayed to Rural Outreach Manager Stephanie Pollack at (850) 386-2778 or visit www.alzheimersproject.org. Call the church at (850) 997-5545 for directions. A light lunch is provided. This is a free monthly program offering a time of sharing and learning with each other. Bring another caregiver with you.

Tuesdays

Flab-To-Fab weight loss support group meets on Tuesday at the Monticello Health & Fitness Center, 760 East Washington Street. Weigh-in begins at 4:30 p.m. with guest speakers discussing healthy topics. Discuss your problems and find the solutions. This support group is free of charge to anyone; donations are accepted. Share recipes, stories, and ideas. For more information contact Coordinator Chelsey McCoy at (850) 342-0170. She will guide you into choosing the right foods, how to read and understand product labeling, substitute better foods and drinks; things we all should be aware of. Fun and educational all at the same time. Be on the road to better health.

Tuesdays

AA meeting at 8 p.m. on Tuesday for those seeking help. The class is held at the Harvest Christian

Center, 1599 Springhollow Road. Contact Marvin Graham, pastor, at (850) 251-0278 for more information.

3rd Tuesday

Tobacco Free Florida Group Meeting from 5 to 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday at the Jefferson County R.J. Bailar Public Library. Learn how to develop a successful quit plan. Learn to live without tobacco. Help is free! Call toll-free 1-877-848-6696 or locally at (850) 224-1177 or bigbendahec.org to select a program that will benefit you.

1st Thursday

Tobacco Free Florida Group Meeting at 1 p.m. on the first Thursday at the Health Department annex, 1255 West Washington Street. Learn how to develop a successful quit plan. Learn to live without tobacco. Help is free! Call toll-free 1-877-848-6696 or locally at (850) 224-1177 or bigbendahec.org to select a program that will benefit you.

3rd Thursday

Big Bend Hospice Caregivers Luncheon at 12 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month, at 1669 Mahan Center Boulevard. These monthly gatherings are offered to give caregivers a break from their daily routine. Caregivers are invited to come enjoy a light meal and the opportunity to share care giving experiences with others who are caring for their loved ones. There will be a short program during the luncheon to help remind the caregivers that they can't care for anyone else unless they first take care of themselves. For more information, directions, and to register, contact Sharon Davidson at (850) 878-5310.

Fridays

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

Last Friday

Nazarene Church Family Skate Night 6 p.m. on the last Friday evening of every month. Light snacks and soft drinks are available. For more information contact the church at (850) 997-3906.

Sundays

AA meeting at 8 p.m. on Sunday at the New Hope Church of God, Palmer Mill Road. For more information call (850) 251-0278.

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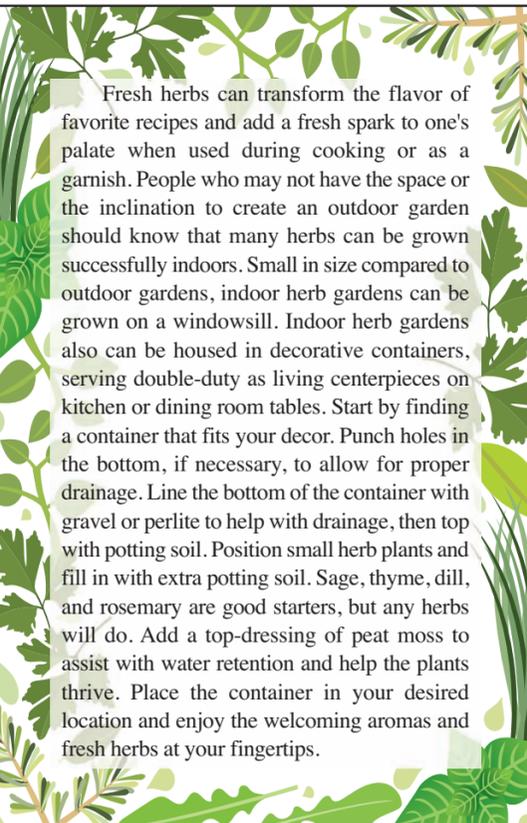
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The District Board of Trustees of North Florida Community College will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the NFCC Board Room, NFCC, 325 NW Turner Davis Dr., Madison, FL. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: NFCC, Office of the President, 325 NW Turner Davis Dr., Madison, FL 32340, 850-973-1618, or email garylarde@nfcc.edu. For disability-related accommodations, contact the NFCC Office of College Advancement, 850-973-1653 or news@nfcc.edu. NFCC is an equal access/equal opportunity employer. 5/11

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of RUTH B. NEWCOMB, a/k/a RUTH NEWCOMB, deceased, whose date of death was January 18, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Jefferson County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Jefferson County Courthouse, One Courthouse Circle, Monticello, Florida 32344. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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