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School Resource Officers

How much are we willing to pay?

Rick Patrick, *ECB Publishing, Inc.*

In the wake of the tragic shooting at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in February in Parkland, FL, much discussion has taken place about School Resource Officers (SROs).

An SRO could be looked at as a uniformed law-enforcement officer – either a sheriff's deputy or city police officer – who is assigned to a school. These officers often serve many functions, but the primary one is to provide security for the students, faculty and school employees during school hours.

Following the Parkland school shooting, the Florida Legislature passed legislation that would, among other things, increase the number of School Resource Officers in Florida schools.

In a Major Action Plan dated Feb. 23, Governor Rick Scott proposed \$450 million for the purpose of increasing school safety. According to the plan, there would be "mandatory school resource officers in every public school. These law-enforcement officers must either be sworn sheriff's deputies or police officers and be present during all hours students are on campus. The size of the

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Man's driving gives him away

Lazaro Aleman
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The first mistake a Colorado Springs man made was driving without a driver's license. His second was carrying drugs in the vehicle. And the third was drawing the attention of law enforcement.



Dayan Gomez Brito

According to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) report, the deputy first took notice of the silver sedan that was traveling eastbound ahead of him because of the vehicle's failure to keep to a single lane. The deputy initiated a traffic stop and the instance the driver rolled down his window, the deputy got a whiff of green marijuana, according to the report.

Asked for his driver's license, 43-year-old Dayan Gomez Brito admitted that he didn't have one. The admission led to a search of the car and the discovery of a clear plastic baggy inside a rolled-up dollar bill, located between the center console and the driver's seat. The baggy contained a white powdery substance that proved to be 0.8 grams of cocaine, upon testing.

Brito was charged with possession of a controlled substance and driving without a license. He was released almost immediately on a \$2,500 bond.

Hurricane season is here

(NOAA updates forecast)

Lazaro Aleman, *ECB Publishing, Inc.*

If this week's pre-season Tropical Storm Alberto and the daily deluges aren't enough of an indicator that the 2018 Atlantic hurricane season may prove a doozy, NOAA's Climate Prediction Center just released its latest forecast, foretelling a 75-percent chance that the season will be near - or above - normal.

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We Will Not Forget

Since 1868, Americans have been pausing on Memorial Day to recall the men and women who died while serving in the military.

Three days of special Memorial Day services, programs and graveside visits were held in Jefferson County in order to remember those men and women who served their country but didn't make it home to their loved ones.

Jefferson County citizens remembered and honored fallen service members on Saturday, at Roseland Cemetery; Sunday, at Bethel AME Church Cemetery; and Monday at American Legion Otto Walker Post #49



Top: American Legion past Commander Bruce Sandell performs a POW/MIA ceremony for those lost at war

Center: LaTasha Jones lays flags at soldiers' graves in the New Bethel AME Church Cemetery.

Bottom: Chris Miller, with Finley's Brigade, Sons of the Confederate Veterans Camp #1614, perform a special ceremony at graves in the Roseland Cemetery.

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Did you know?
 Isaac Newton invented the cat door

Weather for this weekend



Deb's Notes

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***The Florida Department of Environmental Protection will partner with the Department of Children and Families during National Foster Care Month to celebrate foster families and adoptive parents of special needs children. This year, more than 7,200 children reside in foster care in Florida.



Debbie Snapp
Columnist

Florida State Parks will provide annual passes and discounts to support foster and adoptive families of special needs children to encourage outdoor recreation and create lasting memories. Families operating a licensed family foster home,

who have approved status from DCF, are eligible to receive a Florida State Parks Family Annual Entrance Pass and a 50-percent discount on base campsite fees at parks. Additionally, families who adopt a special needs child from DCF are eligible to receive a Family Annual Entrance Pass at the time of adoption. These passes make it easy for families to bond while enjoying Florida's outdoor adventures. Governor Rick Scott said, "As a father and grandfather, I am thankful for the many Florida families who have opened their homes to more than 20,000 foster children. I am proud to offer these families free entry into Florida State Parks as a small token of gratitude for their sacrifice and commitment to our children." Being a foster parent is a selfless act that should be commended and celebrated.

Experience beaches, freshwater springs, historic sites and recreational activities with the annual pass, and keep track of adventures with the Deluxe Real Florida Passport. This travel-sized journal is perfect for collecting memories and discovering new places for families to explore. Florida's 175 state parks, trails and historic sites inspire residents and visitors with recreational opportunities and scenic beauty that help strengthen families, educate children, expand local economies and establish community pride. Learn how to receive an annual pass to Florida State Parks by calling (850) 245-2157. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection is the state's principal environmental agency, created to protect, conserve and manage Florida's environment and natural resources. The department enforces federal and state environmental laws, protects Florida's air and water quality, cleans up pollution, regulates solid waste management, promotes pollution prevention and acquires environmentally sensitive lands for preservation. The agency also maintains a statewide system of parks, trails and aquatic preserves.

***Melissa Bass, Jefferson County Farm Bureau secretary, tells me that Farm Bureau members read to Aucilla Christian Academy students in grades K4 to Fifth during Ag Literacy Day. Those volunteering to read included Sarah Fulford, Megan Fulford,

Sean Allen, Danielle Sprague and Melissa Bass. Hope Adams also brought her bunny for the children to love on.

***Del Suggs and Friends return to the Monticello Opera House on June 2 for a special concert with special guest Brian Bowen. Known for his contemporary "Saltwater Music," Suggs is recognized as one of the founders of the Trop Rock (tropical rock) genre which has been popularized by Jimmy Buffet, Kenny Chesney, and Zac Brown. Joining Del is Jerry Thigpen (guitar and vocal), Pete Winter (bass and vocal), and Danica Winter (percussion and vocal). Brian Bowen will kick-off the evening performing songs from his latest recording, *Ten Mile Smile*. While his voice and his music are equally unique, and his songs are heard around the world, it's his live performance that really shines. Suggs is the epitome of a performer; his show is exciting, warm, funny, and meaningful without getting too deep. He is an award-winning ASCAP songwriter, and was named one of "Top Five Performers of the Past 25 Years" by *Campus Activities* magazine. The recent book *Trop Rock Songs: Stories and Tales* by Andy Forsyth devotes a full chapter to Suggs and his music. His songs are frequently covered by other Trop Rock artists, in fact his song "Magic Chair" was the title track of John Reno's third album, and is featured on Skip Crowther's latest release. Doors open Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for the show (discounts and upgrades are available). No meal is being offered with this show. Call (850) 997-4242 for more information and to purchase tickets.

***The Run 2-1-1 Big Bend event will take place on Saturday, June 2 at Railroad Square Art Park beginning at 8 a.m. for the 1-Mile Fun Run and 8:30 a.m. for the 5K Run; sponsored by Capital Health Plan. For information and registration go to 211bigbend.org/run211. 100 percent of the proceeds benefit this 24/7, free, confidential crisis counseling, information, and referral services hotline.

***The Council on Culture & Arts presents: "Put A Bird On It: Artworks by Debo Groover, Anne Hempel and Perdita Ross" on view at the Artport Gallery through July 16. A free, public reception is scheduled for Friday, June 8 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Given their aesthetic diversity and expressive qualities, birds have always been a popular artistic muse. These winged creatures offer inspiration and challenge artists to find new and innovative ways to capture their unique coloring, intricate patterns, and enchanting spirit. The exhibition is one of many rotating exhibitions curated by the Council on Culture & Arts on behalf of the City of Tallahassee as part of the Art in Public Places program. The Artport Gallery itself is located in the Tallahassee International Airport, 3300 Capital Circle SW, and is open daily from 8 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. For more information about COCA, this program, or to sign up to receive COCA's email blasts visit coca.tallahasseearts.org.

Passing Parade

by Nelson Pryor, Guest Columnist

A Message to Garcia

Do you know anyone, perhaps, someone like yourself, who is unstoppable? Well, in the Spanish American war, 1898, President William McKinley needed to get a message through. History records that someone was "Rowan," who would get the presidential message to "Garcia." This 1899 write up was by Elbert Hubbard, under the above title.

The Story

In all this Cuban business there is one man stands out on the horizon of my memory like Mars at Perihelion.

When war broke out between Spain and the United States, it was very necessary to communicate quickly with the leader of the Insurgents. General Garcia was somewhere in the mountain vastnesses of Cuba—no one knew where. No mail or telegraph could reach him. The President must secure his co-operation, and quickly.

What to do!

Someone said to the President, "There's a fellow by the name of Rowan will find Garcia for you, if anybody can."

Rowan was sent for and given a letter to be delivered to Garcia. How 'the fellow by name of Rowan' took the letter, sealed it up in an oil-skin pouch, strapped it over his heart, in four days landed by night off the coast of Cuba from an open boat, disappeared into the jungle, and in three weeks came out on the other side of the island, having traversed a hostile country on foot, and having delivered his letter to Garcia, are things I have no special desire now to tell in detail. The point I wish to make is this: McKinley gave Rowan a letter to be delivered to Garcia; Rowan took the letter and did not ask, 'Where is he at?'

By the Eternal! There is a man whose form should be cast in deathless bronze and the statue placed in every college in the land. It is not book-learning young men need, nor instruction about this or that, but a stiffening of the vertebrae which will cause them to be loyal to a trust, to act promptly, concentrate their energies; do the thing—'carry a message to Garcia!'

General Garcia is dead now, but there are other Garcias. No man who has endeavored to carry out an enterprise where many hands were needed, but has been well-nigh appalled at times by the imbecility of the average man—the inability or unwillingness to concentrate on a thing



The Unstoppable: Virginia Fuller, of Tallahassee. The model for "The Get It Done Woman."

Slipshod assistance, foolish inattention, dowdy indifference, and half-hearted work seem the rule; and no man succeeds, unless by hook or crook, or threat, he forces or bribes other men to assist him; or mayhap, God in His goodness performs a miracle, and sends him an Angel of Light for an assistant.

You, reader, put this matter to a test: You are sitting now in your office—six clerks are within your call. Summon any one and make this request: 'Please look in the encyclopedia and make a brief memorandum for me concerning the life of Corregio.'

Will the clerk quietly say, 'Yes, sir,' and go do the task?

On your life, he will not. He will look at you out of a fishy eye, and ask one or more of the following questions:

Who was he?

Where is the encyclopedia?

Was I hired for that?

Don't you mean Bismarck?

What's the matter with Charlie doing it?

Is he dead?

Is there any hurry?

Shan't I bring you the book and let you look it up yourself?

What do you want to know for?

And I will lay you ten to one that after you have answered the questions, and explained how to find the information, and why you want it, the clerk will go off and get one of the other clerks to help him find Garcia—and then come back and tell you there is no such man. Of course I may lose my bet, but according to the Law of Average, I will not.



Letters To The Editor

Letters to the Editor are typed word for word, comma for comma, as sent to this newspaper. Please keep letter to 600 words or less.

Friday May 25 the Jefferson Somerset Academy 2018 Pre-K class graduated to Kindergarten. This was a small event only an hour or so but a giant step for the children and the future.

The room was packed excited and balloons were everywhere. There were parents, grandparents, relatives and friends; and attending were board members Washington and Roann-Watson, Superintendent Arbulu, Sherriff McNiell and Librarian Heather McClelland.

The children encouraged and led by their teachers, Ms. Barrington, Ms. Carr and Mrs. McGale, performed songs and chants with enthusiasm and energy three and four year olds seem to have in unlimited supply. They were a joy to watch perform. The speeches were brief and relevant. Principal Oliver's point was attitude beats skill, advantage, and most everything else,

and that children and young people need continuous support and guidance over their life to make good decisions and stay the course for a good education and a good future. Positive attitude is a practice we all can follow. The graduates were given three books for the summer to continue their reading over the summer. Our county library has reading over the summer for children (342-0205). Jefferson Somerset (997-3555) requested the audience spread the word and help recruit children to join next year's Pre-K class.

The work the children, teachers and para-professionals did over the school year prepared the children in many ways to perform better and be happier in their higher grades. Children, parents and teachers keep up the good work and positive attitude.

Phil and Phleta Calandra
SEEDS Volunteers



The only reason the Somerset Charter School even exists in Jefferson County is because of

1) the repeated failure of the Jefferson County School Board

2) The repeated failure of the Jefferson County School system itself.

The State stepped in because of the repeated, failures of both entities.

The failures of the School Board have repeatedly occurred over the years.

This occurs when the same persons are reelected with the population expecting different results. This will not happen with the same individuals remaining on the School Board.

I would imagine that the Charter School looks at the situation much the same as I do.

Failure after Failure after Failure after Failure. It is way past time to let the current crop go and elect NEW BLOOD.

They certainly could do no worse than the existing board of nothing burgers.

As a population here in Jefferson County, we cannot keep on electing the same individuals and expect different results. Got it yet ??

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campus should be a factor in determining staffing levels by the county sheriff's office, and Governor Scott is proposing at least one officer for every 1,000 students. This must be implemented by the start of the 2018 school year."

It is not stated in the Governor's action plan how much of that \$450 million would be earmarked for SROs.

According to the website indeed.com, the average salary for a sheriff's deputy in Florida is \$44,138. According to ballotpedia.org, Florida in 2013 had 2,692,162 students enrolled in 4,269 schools in 67 school districts. Using the mandate of one SRO for every school, and using the average salary of \$44,138 per deputy, the total price tag for having just one SRO in each school would amount to \$88,425,122. One could easily expect that price to increase, considering that many schools in the state have a population of well over 1,000 students.

Section 42 of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act passed by the legislature and signed into law by Gov. Scott states that "for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, the sum of \$97,500,000 in recurring funds is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Education in the Aid to Local Governments Grants and Aids – Florida Education Finance Program category for the safe schools allocation.

"These funds are in addition to the safe schools allocation funds appropriated in the Florida Education Finance Program in the Fiscal Year 2018 – 2019 General Appropriations Act. From these funds,

HURRICANE SEASON

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More specifically, the NOAA forecasters are predicting a 35-percent chance of an above-normal season, a 40-percent chance of a near-normal season, and a 25 percent chance of a below-normal 2018 season, which officially begins this today, June 1, and runs through Nov. 30.

In terms of the number of possible storms, NOAA's forecasters are saying there is a 70-percent likelihood of 10 to 16 named storms, which are storms with winds of 39 mph or higher. Of the 10 to 16 named storms, forecasters say that five to nine could become hurricanes, with winds of 74 mph or higher. And one to four, they say, will become major hurricanes, which are category 3, 4 or 5 with winds of 111 mph or higher.

An average hurricane season, according to NOAA, produces 12 named storms, of which six become hurricanes, and three of which could be major hurricanes.

Two of the factors driving this latest outlook, according to forecasters, are the possibility of a weak El Niño developing,

\$187,340 shall be distributed to each school district and developmental research school to increase each school districts' minimum amount to \$250,000 when combined with the minimum amount appropriated in the 2018-2019 General Appropriations Act.

"Notwithstanding s. 1011.62(15), Florida Statutes, the balance of the funds appropriated in this section shall be distributed to school districts based on each district's proportionate share of the state's total unweighted full-time equivalent student enrollment. Each school district must also use these funds exclusively for hiring or contracting for school resource officers pursuant to s. 1006.12, Florida Statutes."

In Jefferson County, one SRO currently serves the district's one public school -- Jefferson Somerset. According to Sheriff Alfred "Mac" McNeill, the cost of a single SRO (including salary, benefits and equipment), can range from \$113,789 to \$130,105, depending on the officer's years of service. That's as far as the Sheriff could go in calculating the total cost, however, as it was unknown at the time how many resources officers the Jefferson County School District might require per the new legislation.

That's because Jefferson County is an almost unique situation in that its facility on Davis Road encompasses three schools: elementary, middle and high.

The question, as School Superintendent Marianne Arbulu explained it, was whether, per the new legislation, Jefferson Somerset counted as one facility (three schools in one), two facilities (elementary and middle/high school) or three separate schools. That's

in combination with near-average sea surface temperatures across the tropical Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea. The two factors, the forecasters say, form the backdrop of atmospheric and oceanic conditions that are conducive to hurricane development and have been producing stronger Atlantic hurricane seasons since 1995.

The NOAA forecast indicates a slightly more active season than the earlier ones from the The Weather Company and Colorado State University, which projected 12 named storms and five hurricanes.

Regardless of the number of storms that may develop, however, emergency management officials are urging disaster preparedness. This entails having on hand plenty of food, water, medical supplies, batteries, traps and flashlights. They remind residents, businesses and government entities alike that it only takes one storm to cause a disaster, regardless of the overall season.

NOAA will update the 2018 Atlantic seasonal outlook in early August, just prior to the peak of the season.

Following are some steps that emer-

gency management professional recommend that people take in readiness for the eventuality of a storm:

• Prepare a plan so that you know what you and your family will do in an emergency. Research the locations of hurricane shelters in your area and find out if you can take your pet. Make sure that everyone in the household knows the plan and where the emergency supplies are stored.

• Prepare a kit and stock it with emergency supplies. The kit should include a three-day supply of food and water for each family member and a gallon of water per person per day. Supplies should also include cash, blankets and sleeping bags, first-aid kits, battery-powered radios, flashlights and extra batteries, clothing, necessary medications, pet care, and a list of important phone numbers and important documents, stored in water-proof containers.

• Stay informed and up-to-date on the latest weather information. Watch local news and weather reports, listen for radio updates or stay informed with your computer or smartphone, assuming you have access to the last two.

the question that Arbulu put to the Florida Department of Education (FDOE).

"I'm trying to get clarity on this," Arbulu told the Monticello News in March.

There was also the possibility, she said at the time, that per the new law, the adult school and central office on West Washington Street would also each require a resource office. If that was the case, Arbulu said, it would be "disastrous," as the district's budget can't fund such an effort.

She also didn't know how much extra money the district might receive from the state.

"That's something I'm trying to buttoned down," she then said.

Last week, Arbulu emailed that she had finally gotten a response from the FDOE.

"We have agreed on two full-time resource officers for the 50 David Rd campus," Arbulu said. "In addition, we will have a resource officer who covers the Alternative School on Water Street and the Adult School at the district office. The total from the state for the resource officers is approximately \$290,000."

She added that the details on the agreements were still being finalized.

Critics have questioned the Governor's requirement to have SROs in each school, calling it "yet another unfunded mandate from Tallahassee." It yet remains to be determined just how much of that mandate will be funded from Tallahassee and how much will fall on the shoulders of local governments.

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US 19 landscaping back on track, maybe

Lazaro Aleman,
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Phase 2 of the long-in-hiatus U.S. 19 landscaping project may finally be getting back on track, if in a curtailed fashion.

It all depends on whether the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the City of Monticello agree to the changes that the Jefferson County Commission recently made to the project's design. That's because the FDOT is funding the landscaping via a grant, and the City of Monticello will be responsible for maintaining the trees and shrubs once they're planted if the project goes forward.

On Thursday evening, March 3, commissioners agreed to proceed with the project, provided that it could be reduced in scope to take in solely the stretch of roadway between Gulf Coast Lumber and the Waukeenah Highway. The original plan called for the landscaping of 10,500 feet of select sections

of US 19 between I-10 and Martin Road just south of Monticello.

"There is no way that the county is going to maintain five miles of road to I-10," said Commissioner Betsy Barfield, taking the lead. "So let's just limit it from Waukeenah Highway to just south of Gulf Coast Lumber."

The other commissioners agreed that the maintenance of five miles of road was more than the county could handle or was willing to undertake. They indicated that if it came to a choice between having to do the maintenance or foregoing the grant, they would choose the latter.

Engineer Rob Davis, of Dewberry Engineering, Inc., who is overseeing the project and acting as the go-between the FDOT and the county, said he thought the commissioner's request was doable.

"I floated that very idea past the FDOT and they were amenable to it," Davis said. "We

would then need to get agreement from the city officials that they would be willing to maintain it."

City Manager Steve Wingate, who was attending the meeting, suggested that it wouldn't be a problem to get the city's agreement.

"We're already maintaining U.S. 19 within the city limit, for which the FDOT pays us," Wingate said.

The way the matter was left, Davis was to approach FDOT and city officials to get the two's agreement to the changes and report back to the commission.

"It will of course require an amendment to the contract," Davis said, referring to the original grant that called for landscaping of selected sections of U.S. 19 from I-10 to the city limits.

These sections, according to landscape architect Winston Lee, would contain canopy trees, such as magnolias and live oaks, crepe myrtles or other flowering understory species,

and sabal and pindo palms or other hearty shrubs.

The phase-2 grant, which amounts to \$271,000, was recently in jeopardy because of FDOT's expressed concern that the county wasn't living up to its contractual obligations under the first grant. That first grant, which ultimately amounted to \$320,000, allowed for the phase-1 landscaping of the I-10 and U.S. 19 interchange.

Per the phase-1 contract, according to the FDOT, the county was required to maintain the trees and shrubs planted at the interchange, which maintenance the county failed to do. In fact, a half dozen of the newly-planted magnolias died in the first year and were never replaced, but that's another story.

It was the Kiwanis Club stepping forward and volunteering to do the maintenance on the trees and shrubs at the interchange that saved the second grant and that prompted Davis return to the commission to learn if phase-2 should proceed.

OBITUARIES

John D. Rupp

John D. Rupp, age 74, of Monticello, Florida passed away on May 27, 2018 following a long illness. Mr. Rupp was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to David M. and Anna E. Rupp, who preceded him in death. Mr. Rupp is survived by his wife of 54 years, Sandra Rupp of Monticello, FL; his children, David (Angela) of Dublin, Ireland; William (Andrea) of Camden-Wyoming, DE; Nancy Wilcox (Douglas) and Anne Polo (Jordan) of Gainesville, FL; brother, Michael (Leslie) of Tallahassee, FL; sister, Kathleen Knight (Gerald) of Penrose, NC; along with his eleven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and several beloved nieces and nephews.

Mr. Rupp served his country in the United States Navy, where he attained

the rank of Petty Officer 3rd Class, and during which time he earned his General Equivalency Diploma. Following his honorable discharge, he moved to Tampa, FL, started his family, and began his career as an operating engineer (IUOE Local 925) in Tampa and Brooksville, FL. He later moved to Monticello and undertook a second career as an officer in the Florida Department of Corrections in Jefferson County. Upon retirement, he enjoyed full-time pursuit of his lifelong activities of hunting, camping, and general outdoorsmanship.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made to the Jefferson County (FL) Humane Society, or the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Jerrall "Jerry" Donn Glenn



Jerrall "Jerry" Donn Glenn, 71, left this earth bound for Heaven on Monday, May 28, 2018.

He was born on November 4, 1946 in San

Antonio, Texas to Lynn Donnell Glenn and Blossom Brown. He attended Trinity University before coming to Tallahassee to complete his Masters in Physics at Florida State University. He quickly found a church home at Temple Baptist Church, where he met and married Beverly Danice Blair. He is survived by his beloved wife of 47 years, Danice Glenn; daughters, Brenda Kaye McClellan (Mac), Rebecca Sue Reber (Ed) and Sarah Elizabeth Enriquez (Dominick); sons, William "Billy" Joseph Glenn and Benjamin Blair Glenn (Abbie); grandchildren, Kevin Klempel,

Charles Glenn, Brooke Anderson (Garrett), Hannah Reber, Hylton Reber, Lauren Glenn, Megan Glenn, Drew Glenn, Grace Glenn and great-grandson, Hunter Anderson. He also had many nieces and nephews who will miss him greatly.

Jerry worked at several state agencies before settling in at MIS Software Development and Marquis Software Development for the final 35 years of his career.

Jerry loved reading, and watching old westerns with Danice. His favorite western was *High Noon*, whose theme was to stand, alone if necessary, to ensure justice and righteousness prevailed. Jerry was a man willing to stand alone against wrong and do the right thing.

Services will be Saturday, June 2, at First Baptist Church in Monticello, at 325 West Washington Street. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to noon and followed by the funeral service.

Eddie Thompson, Sr.



Eddie Thompson, Sr., 75, passed at Cross Landings on Friday, May 25, 2018.

Funeral services are 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 2, at Hickory Hill M.B. Church, with burial in the Church Cemetery. Viewing and visitation is Friday, 3 - 7 p.m., at Tillman of Monticello, (850) 997-5553.

Mr. Thompson was a deacon and usher at Hickory Hill and a retiree of Faircloth Construction Co. His love and legacy will be treasured forever by

his loving wife, Callie Johnson Thompson; son, Eddie Thompson, Jr.; daughters, Sabrina and Carolyn Thompson; surrogate daughter, Louise Hawkins; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild. As well as his sisters, Francis Hampton and Dorothy Ross; sisters-in-law, Alfreda Thompson, Henrietta Patrick, Vineva Payne, Lonnie Mae Lockett, Lynn (Gus Jr.) Kelly and Betty Mae (James) McFadden; brothers-in-law, Chester (Sylvia), Robert, Elder Jack (Doretha), Elder Walter and Elder Robert Lee (Debra) Johnson; and countless other relatives and friends.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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June 1
Rotary meets at 12 p.m. on Fridays at the First Presbyterian Church fellowship hall for a meeting, program and lunch. For more information contact President Mark Kessler at (850) 294-1323.

June 1
Monticello Jamboree Band performs at 7 p.m. on Fridays at 625 South Water Street. Join for dance music, door prizes, soft drinks and snacks. This is a nonprofit charitable event; donations are accepted. For more information contact Darlene Aldrich at (850) 556-5218.

June 1, 4, 6
AA meets at 7:30 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at the Lloyd Woman's Club, Old Lloyd Road. For information call (850) 251-0278.

June 2
HUGHES Community Center meets at the Teen Center, on Tiger Lane, at 4 p.m. every Saturday. All youth and parents are encouraged to attend. For more information contact Coordinator Lamar Hughes at (850) 300-9828 or (850) 300-8587 or go to hughescc.org or hughes011amar@gmail.com. Adult

volunteers needed for a one-on-one mentoring and flag football.

June 2
Jefferson County R.J. Bailar Public Library will officially kick off its Summer Reading Schedule on Saturday. Kids of all ages are invited to the free party from 10 to 11 a.m. and to pick up a free reading log to keep track of their summer reads as well as to take part in the food, crafts and fun.

June 2
Jefferson Arts Summer Members Show "Summer Time" begins with an opening on Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Gallery. All area artists are invited to participate in this special viewing. The show will continue through the summer months of June, July and August on Saturdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The artwork may be rotated by the artist. For those having questions or concerns contact Susan Rissman at srissman4766@embarqmail.com.

June 3
VFW Post 251 meets at 5 p.m. on the first Sunday at the Learning Center on Marvin Street. Contact Ned Hill at (850) 339-5524 for more information.

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'Summer Time' at The Arts

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Jefferson Arts will host its annual Members Show in the Gallery beginning with an opening preview and reception from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 2. All are invited to come, enjoy light refreshments, meet the artists and view their works.

The Summer Time exhibit will continue through August 29.

Regular Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays or you may call (850) 997-3311 for an appointment. Visit



Photo Submitted

"Still Life" by artist Melinda Copper.

jeffersonartsgallery.com for more information.

Jefferson Arts Gallery is located at 575 West Washington Street in Monticello.

Chamber Monthly Meeting June 5

Debbie Snapp, *ECB Publishing Inc.*

Monticello Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly membership meeting and luncheon at 12 p.m. on Tuesday, June 5 at 420 West Washington Street in Monticello.

Speaker will be Pat Cichon talking about "Non-profits and Churches," contributions to the

community.

Lunch will be catered by Brick House Eatery.

Members should come with their business cards to share during this time of networking and client/customer building.

For more information, contact Chamber Executive Director Katrina Richardson at (850) 997-5552 or info@monticellojeffersonfl.com.

CRIME BEAT

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Dayan Gomez-Brito, 43, of Colorado Springs, CO; arrested Sunday, May 20; charged with possession of a controlled substance (cocaine) and no driver's license. Bond set at \$2,500. Released same day.

Mark Herman Hezel, 49, of South Hampton, PA; arrested Friday, May 18; charged with failure to appear (FTA)/petit theft. Bond set at \$100. No released date information provided.

Robert Joseph Schweitzer, 41, of Alexandria, KY; arrested Thursday, May 17; charged with criminal mischief over \$1,000 in property damage and grand theft. No bond information provided. Released same day.

Davonte Tyre Clark, 22, of Tallahassee, FL; arrested Wednesday, May 16; charged with violation of probation (VOP)/robbery with gun or deadly weapon. No bond or released

date information provided.

Brittney Michelle Tisdale, 25, of Monticello, FL; arrested Tuesday, May 15; charged with VOP/possession of bath salts. No bond or released date information provided.

John Finlayson Boyd, 40, of Tallahassee, FL; arrested Tuesday, May 15; charged with resisting officer without violence; possession of methamphetamine; VOP/simple battery; and fugitive from justice out of state warrant. Bond set at \$500. No released date provided.

Delvontrez Vashawn Bellamy, 21, of Monticello; arrested Tuesday, May 15; charged with battery, domestic violence. Bond set at \$1,000. Released following day.

Jake Bradley Freeland, 18, of Monticello, FL; arrested Monday, May 14; charged with criminal contempt of court. No bond or released date information provided.

Seeking nominations for Women of Distinction Awards

Article Submitted

It's that time of year again that the Girl Scout Council of the Florida Panhandle, Inc. is looking for highly distinguished women in the community who truly stand out for their commitment to the community to nominate for the Women of Distinction Award.

Do you know an extraordinary woman who has distinguished herself as an outstanding member of the community? A program inspired by Girl Scouts nationally, the Girl Scouts of the Florida Panhandle Women of Distinction Awards honor women from across the Florida Panhandle who truly stand out for their commitment to the community. Nominations are now being accepted for the 2018 Women of Distinction awards program.

Since the Girl Scouts of the Florida Panhandle Women of Distinction Award program started in 1998 over 100 women have been honored. All nominees will be recognized during the Women of Distinction Awards Gala on November 8 at the Florida State University's Alumni Center.

"Through the Women of Distinction Awards we have had the honor of acknowledging the women in our community for their accomplishments, these women are the positive role models whom inspire girls to achieve

their goals and dreams and make the world a better place. Honorees truly exemplify the Girl Scout promise and law." stated Raslean Allen, Girl Scout Council of the Florida Panhandle, Inc. chief executive officer.

"We invite you to join us by nominating the distinguished women in our community for this esteemed award"

Nominees must live or work in Jefferson, Madison, Franklin, Gadsden, Lafayette, Leon, Liberty, Taylor, or Wakulla County. They should exemplify extraordinary civic, professional, and/or philanthropic commitment and achievement, be a role model for girls, and demonstrate a commitment to advocacy for improving the lives of women and/or girls. Nominees are to demonstrate initiative, integrity, and leadership characteristics and are not required to have been or currently be a Girl Scout. Nominations will be reviewed by an independent selection committee based on standardized criteria for nominees.

Suggested Categories include, but are not limited to lifetime achievement, challenges experienced, evidence of leadership, impact on the community, special talents or expertise and unique endeavors.

The deadline for nominations is 5 p.m. on August 31.

Nomination forms may be obtained by visiting gscfp.org to complete online or download.

Sponsorship investment opportunities are available. Girl Scouts of the Florida Panhandle's Women of Distinction Awards Gala is an opportunity for your company to be affiliated with a first-class event that recognizes inspiring women leaders and role models in the Florida Panhandle.

Tangible benefits include, but are not limited to, philanthropic contribution to our community, intimate contact with a receptive audience, and the opportunity to share the Awards experience with your clients or employees. For more information on becoming a sponsor contact Megan Washington, grant manager at (850) 434-1333 x1117, or toll-free at (888) 271-8778, or email mwashington@gscfp.org.

The programs and services of the Girl Scout Council of the Florida Panhandle, Inc., teach girls to discover, connect and take action, while building courage, confidence, and character, to make the world a better place. A United Way agency, the Council currently serves girls across 19 counties of the Florida Panhandle with the assistance of numerous dedicated volunteers. To volunteer or join Girl Scouts, call (1-888) 271-8778 or visit www.gscfp.org.

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Depot Day at Historic Lloyd Depot

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Members of the Gulf Wind Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society and their guests discuss the inner workings of a restored 1938 Fairmont motorcar the chapter displayed on Saturday, May 5 during Depot Day. One of two surviving antebellum train stations in Florida, the Lloyd Depot is on the National Registry of Historic Places.



Photo Submitted
Gulf Wind Chapter member Dan McDaniel (left) discusses railroad history with event guest, Dave Iden (right), of Tallahassee. The historic Lloyd Depot was open on Saturday, May 5 for Depot Day, which included exhibits of railroad artifacts and displays on the depot's history.



Photo Submitted
Various styles of railroad lanterns are displayed on an antique bench from the Lloyd Depot, which was open May 5 for Depot Day. The building, constructed in 1858, is owned by the Gulf Wind Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society.

Saying Goodbye to the title: Queen and Teen Miss Watermelon



Photo Submitted
The 2017 Teen Miss Watermelon Queen Anna Key will be handing her title over to another young lady of Jefferson County this weekend.

eleventh grade next year, says that her year spent as the Teen Miss Watermelon has helped her grow in a personal light.

"I feel like I've become more confident with myself," said Key, adding: "I've learned a lot of things that will help me in the future, like how to present myself better."

She also says that being Teen Miss Watermelon has expanded her knowledge of Jefferson County and Monticello and that her crown and sash have helped her learn more about the activities and passions of her county. "It's just been an amazing journey," said Key.

One of her favorite memories from being Teen Miss Watermelon was participating in the Springtime Tallahassee parade. "There was a whole lot of people, and I actually don't like being in front of a lot of people. It was a huge step for me!" said Key, who laughingly added: "There was lots and lots of people!"

Underneath her crown and sash, Key is a normal teenager who enjoys hanging out with her friends, spending time with her family, shopping, staying healthy and fit, and watching sports games; she claims that she is a bit partial to football and the Florida Gators.

Key will be handing over her title after this weekend's pageant and has nothing but best wishes and fond suggestions for the young woman who will be taking her place.

"She should live her life to the fullest, and not waste a minute," said Key, who suggests that the next Teen Miss shouldn't miss any opportunities to take pictures, wear her crown, and take part in events. "I hope she will have as much confidence in herself as I do now."

Key is the daughter of Jason Key and Allison Eades and the granddaughter of Debbie and Bill Eades.

Ashley Hunter
 ECB Publishing, Inc.

16-year-old Anna Key has been Jefferson County's Teen Miss Watermelon Queen since the 2017 pageant, has represented the county at various events, including the Springtime Tallahassee parade and Madison's Down Home Days parade; and has been a role model for younger girls since her inauguration in 2017.

Key, a student at the Madison-based James Madison Preparatory High School, and will be entering the

For Miss Watermelon Queen Emily Knowles, handing over her title as a queen will also mark the end of a chapter of her own personal life.

Knowles, a senior at Lincoln High, will be attending TCC after graduating and leaving behind the small town pageantry that has been a shaping factor of her childhood.

"I have always looked up to the Watermelon Queens from previous years and saw them as role models," said Knowles, who attended Aucilla Christian Academy until she was in second or third grade, and fondly remembered the Watermelon Queens visiting her classroom. "I saw how they were major role models and shone a positive light on everything. I wanted to be the role model that was set for me when I was little."

As a child, Knowles looked up to the Watermelon Queens. Upon taking up the crown and sash of the title, she set out to impact the younger generation. "When [I] go to all the parades, all the events and everything, [I] see all the little kids staring and I see the sparkle in their eyes and it makes me realize, 'I was once that kid who looked up to the Watermelon Queens,'" said Knowles.

Her love and passion for children is the guiding light for her future as well; Knowles plans to attend Tallahassee Community College on a full ride scholarship, then later transfer and graduate from FSU with the necessary degrees to teach seventh or eighth grade government or civics. In her spare time, Knowles is an assistant softball coach at Montford Middle School and has completed an internship at the Florida Senate.

Her time as a Watermelon Queen has been a fond one in which Knowles has learned more about herself. "Being the Watermelon Queen has made me become more open and helped me be less afraid to be myself," said Knowles.

To the future Miss Watermelon Queen, Knowles tells her to just be herself: "Be positive, be happy, and be a role model to the younger generation."

Knowles is the daughter of Tracey and Granville Knowles and the granddaughter of Allene McKinnon and Janice and Granville Knowles.



Photo Submitted
Emily Knowles, the 2017 Miss Watermelon Queen will be stepping away from her title and into a new chapter of her life after this weekend.



May 31, 1928

Nonnie Lou Lindsey is graduating from Philadelphia Conservatory of Music.

Charles Carroll will make a European tour this month with the Emory Glee Club.

Kenneth Williams, Claude Jernigan, Sidney Horne, and Parks Carmichael have arrived home from the University for the summer months.

Elsie Clark will leave in a few days for Farmville, VA, where she is a delegate from Kappa Delta Sorority.

Geraldine Sledge received her degree from the Brenau College, **Paul Whitaker** and **Hattie Sledge** attended the exercise.

May 31, 1938

The congregation of the Methodist Church and friends from all churches met in the church auditorium for the purpose of dedicating to God and His Holy Worship the new beautiful organ which was installed about a year ago.

May 31, 1968

Instead of the usual program Wednesday at **Kiwanis Club**, the club enjoyed a tour of the Buckeye Cellulose Plant in Foley, AL on Thursday.

June 1, 1978

A U.S. Marine Color guard, friends, townspeople and government leaders attended a special Memorial Day service honoring war hero **Sgt. Boots Thomas** at Roseland Cemetery on Monday.

A preliminary future land use plan for Jefferson County recommends incorporating the larger unincorporated towns in the county, three new parks and additional recreational facilities, and suggests that land use control prohibit the development of commercial or industrial activities on prime agricultural land.

The Jefferson County Curb Market is offering squash, cucumbers, beans, tomatoes and other vegetables again this year at the old peach packing house behind the Jefferson Square.

Mrs. Herbert Demott attended the Associational Leadership Conference at Lake Yale Baptist Assembly with other officers of the **Middle Florida Baptist Association**.

June 1, 1988

The Florida Association of State Troopers has moved its office from the post office building to the old Chancy-Stoutamire Insurance building on Washington St.

The Florida Department of Education's **Kitty Funderburk** honored **Howard Middle School** Home Economics Teacher **Maggie Huggins** with a 30-year certificate last week.

More than 50 people gathered at the **American Legion Hall** to observe Memorial Day on Monday.

Aucilla Warrior **Scott Copeland** has been chosen as a First Team All-Big Bend player in Class A by area coaches.

June 3, 1988

Hank Faglie, a recent honor graduate of Aucilla Christian Academy, has been named Presidential Scholar at Mercer University in Macon, GA.

Jefferson County High School honored its sports leaders with awards last month, including naming **Rodney Brown** to the Coaches Award, **Milton Woody** to Most Improved and **Calvin Robinson** to the Batting Award, all for baseball.

Aucilla Christian Academy piano students of **Linda Demott** and **Margaret Pfeifer** held their spring recital last month.

Congressman **Bill Grant** will play a major role in crafting the agriculture and rural development platform for the Democratic National Convention.

May 29, 1998

County Resident **Dr. James Muchovej** has announced his candidacy for the District 5 School Board seat held by **James Boland**.

Navy Chief Petty Officer **Shawn McPhail**, a 1983 graduate of Jefferson County High School, recently completed a five-month county-narcotics deployment to the Caribbean Sea, Gulf of Mexico and Pacific Ocean aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Scott.

June 3, 1998

Jefferson is among 31 districts which have been awarded 1998 **Technology Literacy Challenge Fund Grants**.

May 30, 2008

For the first time in seven or eight years, **Jefferson Elementary School** saw its first fifth grade class complete the DARE program on Tuesday.

June 4, 2008

North Florida Community College Vice President **John Grosskopf**, formerly of Jefferson County, was named acting president of the college during the last NFCC District Board of Trustees meeting.



First Grade Student Agricultural Poster Contest

Sponsored by Jefferson County Farm Bureau

Debbie Snapp, *ECB Publishing Inc.*

Jefferson County Farm Bureau (JCFB) held a pizza party and awards ceremony for the first grade students that participated in the Agricultural Poster Contest. JCFB members in attendance at Community Leadership Academy (CLA) included: Sarah and Ernest Fulford, Melissa Bass and Sean Allen.

JCFB fully understands the importance of children and their education. JCFB also understands the need for children to become even more aware of farms, and the people who grow food in America.

There are far too many children who just don't know what a real farm is all about. Children living in rural north Florida are very lucky, but they still need to know what a cow looks like, or

what a chicken looks like, or what a pig looks like, and the list goes on and on.

The JCFB Agricultural Student Poster Contest is meant to be fun, and educational. Students are encouraged to use their inner artistic abilities; to tell stories about real farms.

The goal of this contest is simple. JCFB wants students to learn more about their surroundings, and hopefully learn that farming can, and must be in those surroundings.

Each student was asked to make a poster depicting a farm. It can be of animals, crops, equipment, barns, or just about anything. They are asked to use their imagination and come up with any material or theme they may choose.

JCFB supplies poster paper for the contest, and the children can use crayons, pencils, water colors or just

about whatever.

All first graders compete against each other at their school and in each class room. The judging is done at the Farm Bureau in Gainesville, and is done by the public relations staff.

Eliza Moody was Overall/First Place winner at CLA, receiving \$20. Emery Simon was Second Place winner at CLA, receiving \$15. Jonah Atkins was Third Place winner at CLA, receiving \$10.



Photo Submitted
First Grade students at Aucilla Christian Academy participated in the Jefferson County Farm Bureau Agricultural Poster Contest. Pictured from left to right are: Sophie Ashworth, 3rd place; Macy Morgan, 2nd place and Jameriah Williams, 1st place. Not pictured is their teacher, Tonya Roberts.



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Blueberry season is upon us

Blueberry season in the Florida Panhandle is in full swing!

Luckily, we don't have to search too far to find fresh, delicious blueberries because Jefferson County is home to several blueberry operations. If you're looking for something fun to do this weekend, be sure to check out and support some of our local u-pick blueberry farms. You won't be disappointed!

Blue Sky Farm

Located at 1180 Ashville Highway in Monticello, just three miles from the courthouse, Blue Sky Farm is owned and operated by Pete and Dana Crosby. Blue Sky Farm uses sustainable farming practices. They will be open every Saturday in June from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., except for Saturday, June 23, when they will be open for a fun-filled evening pick from 6 to 9 p.m. with a bonfire and food truck. Be sure to check out their website, bskyfarm.com and like their Facebook page, "Blue Sky Berry Farm." They can also be reached at (850) 545-1780.

Green Meadows Farm

Located at 177 East Bluebird Road in Monticello. Green Meadows farm is owned and operated by Rodney and Deloris Green. The farm is USDA Certified Organic with exactly 2,528 blueberry plants and dozens of different rabbiteye blueberry varieties. They will be open June 1-2 from 7:30 a.m. until noon. During the month of June, they will be open Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. until noon, or until all of their berries have been harvested. Be sure to save room for some of their homemade blueberry ice cream! For more information, give them a call at (850) 997-4886 or check out their Facebook Page, "Green Meadows Farm."

Blueberry Springs Farm

Located at 383 Wacissa Springs Road in Wacissa. Blueberry Springs Farm was established in 1989 by Jack and Teresa Krause. This year is their 27th harvest of rabbiteye blueberries. They are open Tuesday through Sunday from 7 a.m. to noon and 5 to 7 p.m. through July, or until the berries are gone. If you don't have time to pick your own blueberries, Blueberry Springs has them pre-picked and ready for sale as well. For more information, they can be reached at (850) 997-1238 or by visiting their Facebook page, "Blueberry Springs Farm."

Myrtle Creek Farm

Located at 2184 Tram Road in Monticello. Myrtle Creek Farm is owned and operated by Scott and Jennifer Steele. Their farm has several varieties of rabbiteye and southern highbush blueberries. The farm will be open June 2-3 from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. For more information, give them a call at (850) 997-0533 or visit their Facebook page, "Myrtle Creek Farm."

Eco-logical Path Farm

Eco-logical Path Farm is a new farm owned and operated by Richard and Ashley Hotz. They currently have blueberries for purchase and not for u-pick, but hope to offer a u-pick option in the future. For more information, give them a call at (850) 997-6500.

No matter which blueberry farm you choose to visit, be sure to bring along plenty of water. You will want to stay hydrated as it gets hot quickly in the field. Be sure to wear closed toed shoes, a hat, sunscreen and insect repellent to protect yourself from the Florida elements! And last but not least, bring some extra cash. You'll want to purchase your blueberries of course, but it's likely the farm will have other farm fresh goodies for sale you won't want to miss out on!



Photo Submitted
First grade students at Community Leadership Academy in Tallahassee participated in the Jefferson County Farm Bureau Agricultural Poster Contest. The winners, from left to right, were: Emery Simon, 2nd place; Eliza Moody, 1st place and Jonah Atkins, 3rd place. Pictured with the students are: Melissa Bass (left) and Sarah Fulford (right).

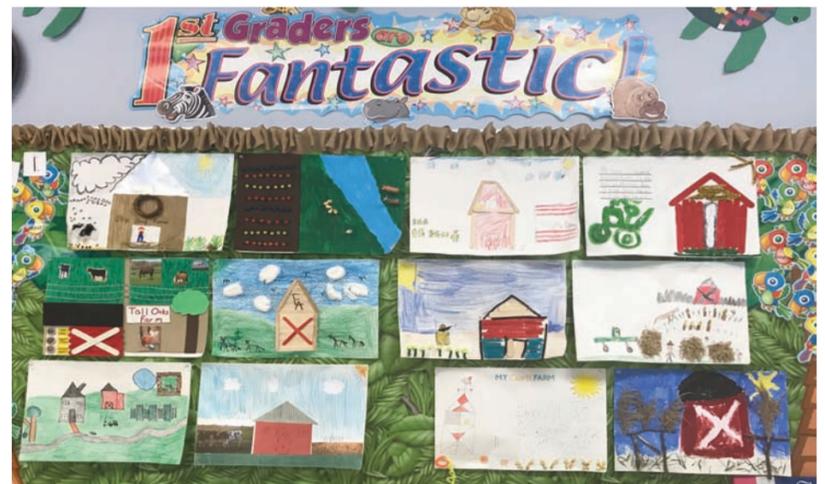


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First Grade Agricultural Poster Contest entries on display. They were sponsored by the Jefferson County Farm Bureau.

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Breakfast and Memorial program at American Legion

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American Legion Post 49 and its Auxiliary Unit hosted a breakfast and veterans program on Memorial Day to honor those military men and women who fought and died for America's freedom.

Retired Navy Chaplain Leonard Dodson shared service stories close to heart with the audience of 80+ in attendance.

A candle-lighting ceremony was held memorializing local Legion members who had passed away during this post year. Those lost this year included: Frank Blow, James Gomia, Gene Greenwood and Clyde Snapp.

A POW/MIA Ceremony was held for those lost in duty to their country. Post Commander Ken Faircloth read the poem "In Flanders Field" written long ago by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae of the Canadian Army.

A raffle drawing for an AR15 rifle Legion members previously sold tickets for was pulled and the lucky winner was Bob Perry. Funds raised from this fundraising effort will be used for local services and programs supported by the American Legion.

Old, faded, tired, and tattered flags were brought in and dropped off through the week for appropriate retirement in the manner approved by flag etiquette and law. A flag retirement ceremony will be held on Flag Day, June 14, to honor the United States flag.

Several Boy Scouts from Troop #803 were also in attendance and gathered after the morning event to pick-up and place flags on the gravesides of veterans laid to rest in Jefferson County cemeteries. Several other citizens traveled with the scouts to do the same.

For more information about the American Legion Post 49, Sons of the American Legion, and Auxiliary Unit contact Commander Ken Faircloth at (850) 509-2628.



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Boy Scout Troop #803 is ready with flags to place at the grave sites of Jefferson County veteran heroes.



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Ann Schaubel was just one of the 80+ people who attended the Memorial Day breakfast at American Legion Post 49.



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Bob Perry wins American Legion Gun Raffle fundraiser. Len Dodson pulled the winning ticket as Post 49 Commander Ken Faircloth looks on.



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American Legion Post 49 member and veteran Basil Perkins enjoys Memorial Day breakfast with others in the community.



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American Legion Post Commander Ken Faircloth and member Gil Martel enjoying breakfast and good company.



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The breakfast line on Memorial Day at American Legion Post 49. Auxiliary members are serving.



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More than 80 community members attended the Memorial Day breakfast and veterans program held at the American Legion Post 49. Speaker was Retired Navy Chaplain Len Dodson.

Memorial Service with New Bethel AME Church

Debbie Snapp, *ECB Publishing Inc.*

A Memorial Service of Remembrance for military veterans laid to rest at New Bethel Cemetery was held during the Memorial Day holiday weekend. Though the rain kept those attending inside New Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church building, it didn't darken the mood for honoring America's fallen heroes.

"God Bless America" started the program, followed by Rev. Evertt Allen offering a prayer. Sis. Brittany Harvey read Scripture from 2 Samuel 22:2-7. Sis. LaTasha Jones recited the poem "To The Vietnam War." Sis. Mary Madison lead the POW/MIA Ceremony, praying over the Missing Soldier Table.

Commander Ned Hill spoke briefly about America's freedom. "Freedom is not free," he went on to say. "These men and women were willing to do what they did for us. We need to keep veterans in our prayers." He then went on to read Psalms 91.

This annual service is a joint effort of the New Bethel AME Church family and its pastor Rev. Jimmie F. Dickey, VFW Post 251 and its Commander Ned Hill, and the VFW Unit 251 Auxiliary and its Service Member Mary Madison.

"I thank God every day for America," said Rev. Dickey. "It's still the best country. These men and women sacrificed their lives for our freedom."

The placing of American flags on the grave sites of these fallen heroes was done after the service and after the rain.



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LaTasha Jones recited the poem "To The Vietnam War."



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Mary Madison lead the POW/MIA Ceremony, praying over the Missing Soldier Table.



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Brittany Harvey read Scripture from 2 Samuel 22:2-7.



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Commander Ned Hill spoke briefly about America's freedom.



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Remembering our fallen heroes and pictured, from left to right, are: Rev. Dickey, LaTasha Jones, Ned Hill and Mary Madison.



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John Peck spoke briefly: "They took care of you when you couldn't take care of yourself. Let's take care of them now. Let's take care of their resting place."

Graveside Memorial Service held at Roseland Cemetery

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For more than 115 years, Alvin Brianard Munger, a 2nd Lieutenant and a Union soldier in the U.S. Army and William Allen Walker, a soldier of the Confederate Army, have been laid in unmarked graves at Roseland Cemetery in Monticello. They fought during the War Between The States and were brothers-in-law.

A Memorial Service was held on May 26 to honor these men and to dedicate their headstones, recently installed by members of the Finley's Brigade.

The Saturday program was hosted by the Finley's Brigade, Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp 1614 and the 2nd Infantry Regiment United States Colored Troops Living History Association. The program began and ended just after and before heavy afternoon rain showers. Over 40 guests attended the service, quite a few more than expected for two veterans who died so long ago.



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Stan Willis, with Finley's Brigade, Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp 1614, began the search for these two men. Every time he'd find a bit of information about this or that, he'd find a lot more than he set out to find, he told the 40+ guests attending the service.



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Kelly Crocker stands at the podium to remember two fallen soldiers of The War Between The States with members of the Finley's Brigade, Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp 1614 and the 2nd Infantry Regiment United States Colored Troops Living History Association.



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SGM Jarvis V. Rosier, with the 2nd Infantry Regiment United States Colored Troops Living History Association, spoke to the guests about his troops affiliation with these two men being recognized this day.



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Betty Davis and Melanie Davis, with the Daughters of Confederate Veterans Camp 1614, place flowers on the graves of the two soldiers recognized this day.



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The families of Alvin Brianard Munger, a 2nd Lieutenant and a Union soldier in the U.S. Army and William Allen Walker, were invited guests to the memorial service and placement of the two new headstones.

THIS WEEK AT THE MOVIES

TAKE THE KESSEL RUN

By Paul Hall

Travel with me to a galaxy far, far away. To a time that was a long time ago. Expand the Star Wars universe as we get the origin story for the classic character Han Solo in the new film *Solo: A Star Wars Story* from director Ron Howard.

Early in the Star Wars timeline, we are greeted by a young Han (Alden Ehrenreich), who simply dreams of becoming a pilot. But not just any pilot—the best pilot around. He acquires knowledge and flight skills by joining the Imperial forces and hones his craft. While on a mission, he comes across a criminal element led by Tobias Beckett (Woody Harrelson). With a need for another man, Beckett's team welcomes Han and so begins Han's life as a smuggler.

Along the way we meet a young Lando Calrissian (Donald Glover), a nearly 200 years young Chewbacca (Joonas Suotamo) and our hero's love interest Qi'ra (Emilia Clarke). Each of these characters helps to shape the Han all of us know. See how Han was introduced to the Millennium Falcon and how he came to eventually possess the iconic ship. It's all of the life that molded the Han Solo we



witnessed onscreen starting with *Star Wars: A New Hope*. Oh, and did I mention we do get to see that record-breaking Kessel run that is seemingly brought up in every film?

As a film that has big shoes to fill, *Solo* holds its own. Ehrenreich looks like a young Harrison Ford (our beloved original Han) and carries the attitude he needs to be believable. Cocky and confident, Ehrenreich owns the screen when given the chance. By his side for much of the movie, Harrelson brings his wealth of experience to create a character you love, then hate, then love. The real scene stealer is Clarke, continuing Star Wars' history of strong female characters. Clarke's Qi'ra knows what she wants and is unapologetic about how she gets it. Nothing and no one will stand in her way.

There will be those who don't like this film simply because it is fairly safe and by the numbers. It is something that will please the majority of the crowd and find its way in the summer marketplace. Where do we go from here? Outside of the original films, the possibilities are endless, the characters are endless and we can even go beyond the core to keep Star Wars front and center for years to come. As long as the quality is there, I won't tire of the ride. *Solo* isn't alone for this ride, and is able to smuggle a content look out of this critic.

Paul's Grade: B

Solo: A Star Wars Story

Rated PG-13

Stars: Alden Ehrenreich, Woody Harrelson, Emilia Clarke

Director: Ron Howard

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Marvel's Cloak & Dagger

Freeform, Thursday, 8 p.m.

New Series!

Freeform leaps into the superhero genre with this two-hour series premiere. The dark drama follows Tandy Bowen (Olivia Holt) and Tyrone Johnson (Aubrey Joseph)—two teenagers from very different backgrounds who are mysteriously linked to each other and discover they possess opposing powers of light and dark.

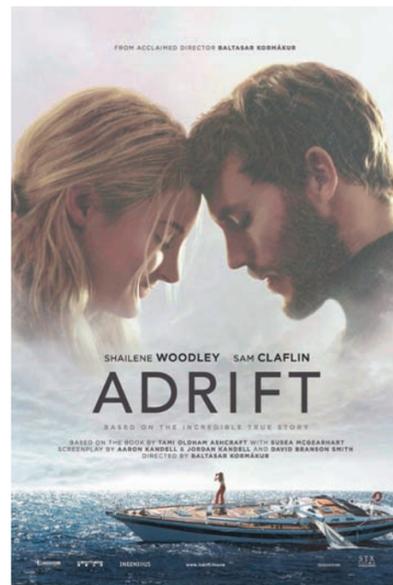
Adrift

Rated PG-13

Stars: Shailene Woodley, Sam Claflin, Grace Palmer

Director: Baltasar Kormákur

A young couple takes a small craft on an extended journey. They didn't plan on running into the largest storm in the Pacific Ocean. Adrift, confused and scared, will they survive? Based on a remarkable true story.



Action Point

Rated R

Stars: Johnny Knoxville, Chris Pontius, Eleanor Worthington-Cox

Director: Tim Kirkby

Before theme parks had rules governing safety for their rides, there was Action Point. When the owner of the park reminisces with his granddaughter, we get a glimpse into a crazy, no-rules amusement park with real stunts by the actors.



Designated Survivor a designated disaster?

Question: *Designated Survivor* was appointment TV for us—I say was, because we never watched it again after the winter hiatus. Seeing that it didn't get renewed, what do you think was the primary cause of death? The long hiatus, the first lady's death, or the constant churn behind the scenes? —Unsigned

Matt Roush: My own take on *Designated Survivor* was that soon after its gripping pilot episode, the show never really figured out what it wanted to be: a political procedural, a conspiracy thriller, a family drama. The elements didn't mesh easily—or worse, authentically—and I never felt the series truly lived up to its intriguing premise of an unlikely leader rebuilding a government after a horrific attack. ABC's decision to put the show on ice for so long didn't help, and killing the first lady seemed a needless tragedy and a desperate call for attention. So I'd think all of those elements, along with disappointing second-season ratings, led ABC to conclude there wasn't much growth potential here. I can't disagree.

Question: Why does Kiefer Sutherland whisper so much? —H.M.

Matt Roush: On the bright side, you won't have to put it with it any more. I always felt Kiefer Sutherland's quiet intensity worked well for Jack Bauer. For a commander in chief, maybe not so much.

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

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Steve Isbell: Common Items Become Uncommon Art

There is very little that Steve Isbell, a local artist and creator, cannot do. From putting together functioning instruments made from household items and cigar boxes, to electric lamps from old brass pieces, nautical art from gathered driftwood, cork wall art and animals made from an assortment of metal pieces, Isbell puts together inspired pieces that have gathered attention from around the country.

Ashley Hunter
ECB Publishing, Inc.

For most people, a roasting pan is a roasting pan, a spoon is just a spoon, and a teapot is just a teapot, but for Steve Isbell, those everyday items are the start of steampunk animal sculptures or a uniquely crafted electric guitar.

Isbell calls it 'opportunity art', and his various pieces are mostly made from thrift store or yard sale finds, used corks or driftwood he collects from the shores of lakes and beaches.

From old kitchens bits and bobbles, Isbell constructs a mouse sculpture. From old driftwood, a hat stand is born.

From a used cigar box or roasting pan, Isbell finds a guitar.

"It is opportunity art," said Isbell. "Whatever I have an opportunity to find here and there in my travels, that determines what I make."

Isbell takes common household objects and recycles them into unique pieces that are gaining attention around the United States.

"I've made hundreds and hundreds of pieces. They are all over the country," said Isbell. He used to try and keep track of the places where his guitars, sculptures or cork/driftwood wall art had gone, but had since lost track. "I've got [pieces] all the way from Washington DC to Washington state."



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Growing up on a ranch in the southwest, Steve Isbell learned the importance of making do and repairing what's broken, a skill he now uses to create art from kitchen items, wood, corks and other odds and ends that he collects and turns into creatures, wall art and instruments.

He isn't aware of anyone overseas owning his pieces, but does know that his driftwood art is hanging inside more than a few boat cabins. The uniquely nautical driftwood pieces attract a lot of South Florida boat captains. "I've got several sea captains who are sailing with my pieces on their boats," said Isbell.

For Isbell, tinkering and building comes natural to him, though it wasn't always an art form and income source. Growing up on a ranch out west, Isbell learned to accept a do-it-yourself attitude and fix what's broken rather than buy new...but he didn't always see a future in art and creation as his path. In fact, in high school, Isbell described himself as more of a 'jock' than an artist. He played on a number of high school sports teams and slated to receive a scholarship to play collegiate football at Auburn. An injury cut those dreams short, and while young Steve Isbell didn't let that deter him from his goals, his current life might have been vastly different had he been drafted into the Auburn Tigers.

After graduating college, Isbell ended up joining the Air Force and serving over in Vietnam, where his ability to tinker and fix resulted in him working on F-5 Fighter Planes.

Eventually, after Vietnam, Isbell's journey brought him to Tallahassee, where he worked with a ceiling company until he ended up being diagnosed with cancer, twice, and had to retire due to developing vertigo.

It was while he was fighting his cancer that his art was born.



Photo Submitted

Like every piece Steve Isbell constructs, this mixed media sculpture is one of a kind. Using driftwood that Isbell himself collects and recycling scrap metal, Isbell put together a unique display that cannot be easily replicated. Isbell sells his items at festivals or artist gatherings and has some of his pieces displayed in various homes around Jefferson County.

"It started out more as therapy than anything else," said Isbell. "I've always made stuff; my whole life I've been a creator of this and that."

What started out as a side project to keep him busy has bloomed and prospered into so much more.

"It ended up going pretty well. Everyone seems to like my stuff pretty well," said Isbell, humbly.

A little community has sprung around Isbell and his art. When he is set up at festivals or artisan markets, he has people who bring him corks or driftwood they saved for him. Musicians buy his cigar-box guitars as novelty items and at least one musician, a Fort Walton-based gospel singer, Susanna Lynn, uses an Isbell-created cigar box guitar in her act.

Isbell's house is a walk-in gallery of his projects, past and present. Throughout his home, you can find sketches that Isbell put down on canvas and covered in Isbell's own homemade frames, lamps made from old guitars, a lighthouse constructed out of plant pots, various wall art, or the one and only chainsaw sculpture that Isbell has ever made. There are a few casualties in his line of art, however.

"My wife doesn't have any silverware left," admitted Isbell, "and at Thanksgiving, we'll have to buy a new roasting pan."

Roasting pans, forks and spoons are just some of the interesting mediums that Isbell builds his creations out of. On his guitars alone, he uses old bullet casings for threat markers or a stove dial for a volume adjuster.

"When I see an object, I look at it a lot differently than most people. Where most people will see a garlic press, I'll see a pelican's head," said Isbell. "Where others see a teapot, I see a steampunk animal. It's kinda strange sometimes how the projects build themselves; I'm just the assembler."

One of the biggest problems he faces with his art is finding everything. If he has all the pieces together, and everything fits together the way he sees it in his head, he can finish a project in a day. It's often not that easy, though. "The biggest problem is getting all the parts together," said Isbell.

Once he works out that aspect of his project and figures out how to make the vision a reality, the rest is just assembling and attaching everything.

"The biggest thing about art that I've found is that you can't be afraid to try," said Isbell. "You can surprise yourself so much, and I do surprise myself."

Interested in Isbell's Driftwood Designs art? Want to get a closer look at the various pieces he has constructed? Steve Isbell sets up booths at a variety of local festivals and markets. But if you don't want to wait around for the next festival, you can contact Driftwood Designs at (850) 342-9884.



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Out in Steve Isbell's backyard, his creator's touch seeps into everything. Lush with plants and trees he planted himself, his backyard foliage frames a 'wishing well' that Isbell built in an attempt to try his hand out at masonry. Also pictured is one of Isbell's signature cigar box guitars.

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GEMINI – May 22/June 21
If you feel like something is lacking in your life right now, you may want to surround yourself with some friends who provide inspiration and compel change.
CANCER – June 22/July 22
Rather than looking to others for validation, take an inward look and praise yourself. There are so many things you do well, and these are deserving of attention.
LEO – July 23/Aug 23
You could have some psychically tuned feelings this week and will seem to know about things before they happen. Trust your instincts.

Pisces

Aries

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Make yourself more available to your loved ones over the next few days. Try connecting with them by discussing your goals and asking advice.
LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Compassion and understanding will drive your actions over the course of this week. You seem especially connected to others and their feelings.
SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
A hectic schedule may have you feeling tense and resentful of all your responsibilities. Concentrate on one task at a time rather than obsessing about it all.
SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Reminiscing about the past can be a good way to connect you with your history. Just do not dwell too much on what should've been. Use it as a chance to grow.
CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Strengthen relationships by letting other people know how much you appreciate them. This will help you feel a greater sense of joy as well.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
You may feel enthusiastic this week about what life has to offer. Make the most of your rejuvenated spirit. Make an effort to reconnect with an old friend.
PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Feeling nervous about the outcome of some endeavors is natural. But if you work through various scenarios, you will feel more relaxed.
ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
You feel especially creative this week and want to focus on the future. You may have concrete ideas, but don't know just how to put those plans into action. Seek assistance.
TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Learning to detach from thoughts and feelings can help you learn which ideas are important and which ones are extraneous. This can help you reduce stress.

Veterans Among Us

Airman Jerry Boatwright

Airman Jerry Boatwright is a Vietnam War Veteran, having served in the United States military from 1971-1977. He wanted to follow in his brothers' footsteps by enlisting in the Air Force. He was sent to Texas for Basic Training and Tech School, then deployed to Vietnam where he was an air cargo specialist assigned to a combat support group at Tan Son Nhat Airbase, just outside of Saigon.

When the war was winding down and his service was no longer needed, he enlisted into the Army National Guard in Tallahassee so he could be closer to home. Boatwright said he made some good friends while in the service, friends he is in touch with still today.

"Every young person should spend a couple years in the service," he says. "In the service, you learn respect and discipline; two things employers are looking for in a person."

After the service, Jerry continued his education at the University of Florida School of Banking and Louisiana University School of Banking. Jerry is recently retired from the banking industry after 42 years with FMB. He retired as senior vice president. He was born and raised right here in Jefferson County. He is married to the former HenryEtta Amen. They have six children. Three of their sons have served in the military, continuing the "family" military tradition.

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