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## Know before you vote:

# Amendment Four

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This is the fourth in a series of articles that will appear in the *Jefferson County Journal*. Each article will examine one of the 13 proposed constitutional amendments that will be appearing on the Florida elections ballot on Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018. This week's article takes a look at Amendment Four.

The proposed Amendment Four that will appear on this November's ballot deals with restoring voting

rights to convicted felons. If the amendment passes, convicted felons, with the exception of murder or felony sexual offenses, would have their voting rights automatically restored once they complete their sentences, including prison time, parole, probation, etc.

Currently in Florida, a convicted felon must wait five or seven years, then enter an appeal to the Executive Clemency Board in order to have voting rights restored. The Executive Clemency Board consists of the

Governor and members of the executive cabinet. On Feb. 1, 2018, US District Court Judge Mark Walker ruled that Florida's process for restoring voting rights for felons was unconstitutional, saying it violated the First and 14th Amendments of the US Constitution.

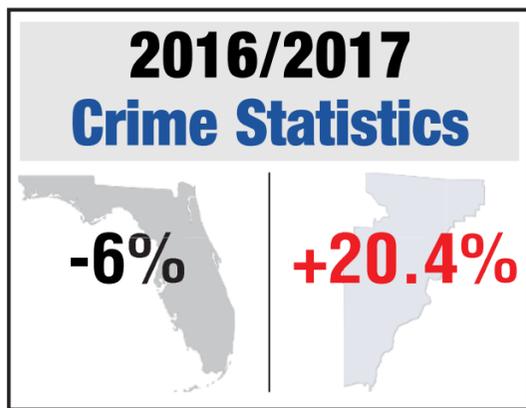
Gov. Scott appealed that decision to the US Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. The Eleventh Circuit stayed the lower court's ruling. Between 2011 and 2016, 27,696 applications were made to the

Clemency Board. Of these, 2,487, or nearly nine percent, were granted.

A 2016 report from The Sentencing Project, an organization that advocates for changing laws to restore voting rights for felons, estimates that 2.5 percent of the nation's voting age population are disenfranchised due to a felony conviction. In Florida, that percentage jumps to 10.43 percent of the state's voting age population, or a total of 1,686,318 convicted felons.

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## Local/State crime rates



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The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) last week released its Uniform Crime Report for 2017, an annual compilation of arrest and offense data from the countless law-enforcement agencies across the state and showing, as it were, the state's state of crime.

The statistics reflect what are called index crimes, which number seven and are divided into violent and property offenses -- the former consisting of murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault, and the latter consisting of burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft.

These latest statistics show that statewide the overall crime rate dropped six percent in 2017 compared with 2016, the lowest it's been since 1970, when the FDLE began keeping a record. Overall, violent crimes dropped 4.9 percent and property crimes dropped 6.2 percent across the state in 2017.

In Jefferson County, however, the report shows a slight increase in the number of reported offenses in 2017, up 20.4 percent from 2016. This translates into 354 reported offenses in 2017, versus 294 offenses in 2016, with aggravated assault and larceny the leading causes of the increase. At the same time, the overall clearance rate per 100 offenses dropped slightly, from 44.2 percent in 2016 to 43.5 percent in 2017.

Other of the major index crimes, however, dropped slightly or remained the same locally between the two years.

Florida overall had 612,374 index crimes in

Jefferson County Crime Breakdown		
	2016	2017
<b>Murder</b>	1	0
<b>Rape</b>	10	5
<b>Robbery</b>	3	3
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	93	110
<b>Burglary</b>	82	82
<b>Larceny</b>	89	139
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	16	15

2017, compared with 641,014 in 2016. Of the 612,374 crimes, 85,558 were violent and 526,816 were property-related, accounting for the 6.0 percent decrease from the previous year. In fact, with the exception of rape, which rose 4.6 percent in 2017, all the others index crimes declined statewide during the year.

A comparative breakdown of the index crimes across the state in 2017 and 2016 (shown in parenthesis) shows 1,057 murders in 2017 (vs 1,108 in 2016), a 4.6-percent decrease; 7,934 rapes (vs 7,583), a 4.6-percent increase; 18,583 robberies (vs 20,132), a 7.7-percent decrease; 57,984 aggravated assaults (vs 59,678), a 2.8-percent decrease; 88,778 burglaries (vs 100,090), a 11.3-percent decrease; 395,149 larcenies (vs 409,379), a 3.5-percent decrease; and 42,889 motor vehicle thefts (vs 43,044), a 0.4-percent decrease.

The trend in the dropping crime rate is reflected in a five-year comparison showing that total index crimes declined steadily between 2013

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## Man arrested

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A man who was placed on probation last year on charges of sexual battery and molestation is back in jail without bond for violation of one of the conditions of his sentence.

Gregory Jerome Hawkins, 58, of Tallahassee, was arrested on Friday, May 25, based on a warrant signed by Circuit Court Judge Dawn Caloca-Johnson. The judge issued her order on May 23, acting on the the sworn statement of probation officer Roderick A. Robinson that Hawkins had violated special condition number 19 of the order of probation, mandating no contact with a child under the age of 18.

As evidence of the violation, the officer offered Hawkins' alleged admission of "willful contact with a juvenile of fourteen years of age" on two occasions.

Hawkins was sentenced to 15 years of probation on Jan. 1, 2017. The charges against him were lewd and lascivious battery, sex with a victim 12 to 15; and lewd and lascivious molestation of a victim 12 to 15, offender 18-plus.

Hawkins is being held in the county jail without bond.



Gregory Jerome Hawkins

## 2018 Ballot promises to be challenging

Lazaro Aleman, *ECB Publishing, Inc.*

Come the Nov. 6 general election, Florida voters will be asked to decide on 13 constitutional amendments that touch on a host of issues.

Two of the amendments are citizen initiatives, three are lawmaker initiated and the rest are the product of the Florida Constitution Review Commission (FCRC), a group that meets every 20 years to review the state constitution and recommend changes. The 13 amendments that will appear in the Nov. 6 ballot address a variety of issues, including taxes, suffrage, education and gambling.

Aside from the cryptic legal language, which itself can be confusing, several of the proposed amendments are package deals, containing multiple components that will force voters into an all-or-nothing choices. Thank the FCRC for this piece of deviltry.

Take the amendment titled "The Florida School Board Term Limits, Allow State to Operate Non-Board Established Schools and Civic Literacy Amendment" as an example. This amendment contains three separate objectives.

The first is to limit school board members' terms

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## City may repair/replace more substandard houses

Lazaro Aleman, *ECB Publishing, Inc.*

Following the hiring in January of Summit Professional Services to pursue another Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), city officials this week took several more steps to the advance the application process.

Those steps, undertaken by

the Monticello City Council on Tuesday evening, June 5, included holding a fair housing public workshop, adopting a resolution authorizing signature on the 2017 CDBG grant application documents, and adopting an amended housing assistance plan.

Consultant Dennis Dingman, of Summit Professional Services, conducted the hearing,

as well as explained the application process.

The fair housing workshop was a summation of the 1968 Fair Housing Act, which basically protects individuals from discrimination when renting, buying or securing financing for housing. The prohibitions specifically cover discrimination because of race,

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# Deb's Notes

Drop a note to: [debbiesnapp@embarqmail.com](mailto:debbiesnapp@embarqmail.com)

\*\*\*\*Happy Anniversary today to Walt and Joan Moehle! I wish you many, many more!

\*\*\*\*Jefferson Somerset Volleyball Coach Alesha Dunlap mentions the start of



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the school's Summer Day Camps/Clinics. The first camp was held this past week. The next camp will be held on Monday, June 11, Tuesday, June 12 and Friday, June 15. The third camp will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, June 18-20. She may be contacted at [adunlap@somersetjefferson.org](mailto:adunlap@somersetjefferson.org) or (850) 997-3555 x0875 for more information. Space is limited. Call today.

\*\*\*\*Coming soon at the Monticello Opera House: *The Wizard of Oz*, presented by MadCo. Be sure to save your seat now for these upcoming productions at the Opera House June 13-16. This is the classic tale, based on the writings of Frank Baum, in which a Kansas farm girl travels over the rainbow to discover the magical power of home. Hum along to the famous tunes, "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," "If I Only Had a Brain," "Ding Dong the Witch is Dead" and more. Great entertainment for audiences of all ages. Summer Camp Matinees, with limited seating, on Wednesday, June 13 at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and on Friday, June 15 at 10:30 a.m. Public Performances on Friday, June 15 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, June 16 at 11:30 a.m. No meals are being offered with this event. For ticket reservations and information call (850) 997-4242.

\*\*\*\*Danielle Sprague, with the UF/IFAS Jefferson County Extension, reminds the community about the Small Ruminant Series being offered to community residents. The sessions held to

date focused on General Care and Management, Animal Husbandry, Hooves to Teeth, Herd Health, Vaccinations, Parasite Control, and Antibiotics. The next session will be held on June 14 and will focus on Sanitation and Nutrition including: Nutritional Demands, Supplements and Pasture Management. On June 28 the session will be about Reproduction: Anatomy, Labor and Delivery and Breeding Management Decisions. July 12 will conclude the series. Breed Selection and Marketing will cover Product Options and Marketing Your Product. There is a \$10 per person registration fee for each session and advanced registration is strongly encouraged. To register contact Sprague at [dsprague@ufl.edu](mailto:dsprague@ufl.edu) or call (850) 342-0187.

\*\*\*\*Florida Museum of Natural History visitors can take a surreal look at animals of the past in the new "Wondrous Creatures: Where Science and Art Intersect" exhibit now on display. This free gallery exhibition showcases five ceramic sculptures of prehistoric animals among 18<sup>th</sup> century furniture such as a bathtub, clock and bed. The exhibit also includes images detailing the sculpting process and symbolism of the art, as well as additional information on the creatures like pictures of fossils and artist renderings. For more information on her work, visit [arielbowman.com](http://arielbowman.com). For more information on the exhibit, visit [floridamuseum.ufl.edu/exhibits/wondrous](http://floridamuseum.ufl.edu/exhibits/wondrous) or call (352) 846-2000.

\*\*\*\*Donate to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Celebration now! American Legion Post 49 Commander Ken Faircloth says that we are still short of our goal for a dynamic pyrotechnic presentation. Contact him at (850) 509-2628 to make your generous donation. The display will be put on again this year by Bubba Bullock.

# Passing Parade

by Nelson Pryor, Guest Columnist  
**Tame the Court!**

One of the most destructive forces in these united States, has been, the Federal court system. This is as Thomas Jefferson predicted.

Of the three branches of government, it has been the judicial, which has forced upon the people: the withdrawal of school prayer; adoption of the homosexual agenda; loss of private property; legalized abortions; and on and on.

Each time, level headed people have tried to restore the Constitution. But each time there were those, in leadership, who counseled acceptance of those dictates, instead of sticking with the will of the people.

## Times have changed

Both the office of the presidency, and that of the Congress, has caved in to those court dictates, until now.

We voted last year to confront: we want those leaders not to accept, those infringements of the Constitution. We have voted to tame the courts, and restore the Constitution.

## Change is coming

President Donald Trump has had an opportunity, during his first year and a half, to change the judiciary. Openings caused by resignations, and retirement.

In the May 7, 2018 *Washington Post*, they said: "In a presidency that has been marked by Trump's notable successes in transforming the federal judiciary-15 circuit judges have already been installed under Trump, and the Senate is poised to soon confirm up to six more."

Conservative groups have been pleased with Trump's picks, over-all. "He tries to give them every benefit of the doubt in working with them," said Carrie Severino, the chief counsel of the conservative Judicial Crisis Network. "You can only go so quickly, in general."

## Obstacles

The big obstacles to seating judges, to vacancies, seem to be those Senators who are Democrats first, then, Senators.

The cases of Hawaii and Oregon, in the 9<sup>th</sup> circuit, are instructive.

One nominee is Mark Bennett, a former Hawaii attorney general recommended by his Democratic senators, Brian Schatz and Mazie



**Revolutionary judges, the third branch, thinks the American people want the second branch, to go along. This Fall, we can make a change. Let's restore the Constitution.**

Hirono, according to his questionnaire submitted to the Senate Judiciary Committee. Schatz had nothing but praise for the White House's process. "This is how it's supposed to work," he said, noting it was collaborative from the start.

But in Oregon, the White House has picked attorney Ryan Bounds, who is out of bounds for the home state Democratic Senators, Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley. Those Senators are testing President Trump's ability to secure confirmation.

Trump, as well as Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell needs minimal support from Democrats to confirm his nominations. They just need to stay on the job, as the Democrats slow walk the vote, for confirmation.

## The 3rd circuit

In the Pennsylvania part of the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Pittsburgh attorney David Porter has been nominated, but has been frustrated by Sen. Robert Casey, Jr., who is up for re-election.

In the New Jersey slot in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Trump has nominated Paul Matey, but again, has been stymied by one of the New Jersey Senators, Sen. Cory Booker.

## Stand Your Ground!

If we are to tame the court, we need to use this 2018 election to fill the U. S. Senate with those who will reign in these revolutionary decisions by the courts.

Personally, I like the "Old Time Religion."



## Don't throw trash in my yard and then claim I never clean up

Dear Monticello News:

I have a message for George Pouliette.

Your recent letter to the editor caught my attention and I am extremely curious to know why exactly you consider Katie Hopkins to be a "Liberal" TV personality. Because all other evidence points to otherwise.

I, personally, had never heard of her, but a simple google search told me the following things:

She isn't even American. In fact, she's British.

In childhood, she aspired to be a colonel in the British military, and was involved in military organizations throughout her educational pursuits.

In 2014 she was a columnist for the Sun, who advertised her as "Britain's most controversial columnist", before she left the Sun for the online version of the Daily Mail - which is like the Inquirer when it comes to journalistic credibility.

She just happened to be fired from this job a few days after she appeared in Florida and praised the military, the NRA, and openly said that there is a "Muslim mafia" in Britain and claimed that the UK was racist against whites as a whole.

In 2015, she wrote an article that compared migrants to "cockroaches" and "feral humans", and that they should be gunned down in the Mediterranean.

Her first husband was married to someone else when they met, and she admitted to having "stolen" him.

Multiple times, she and the publication that she worked for at the time have been sued for libel and had to pay out damages to people like a Muslim family she falsely accused of extremist links, Jack Monroe (a non-binary writer who campaigns against poverty), and a teacher.

In 2017 she was on a talk show on LBC, but was fired after making comments on twitter about the Manchester Arena bombing.

A few days later she appeared on FOX NEWS, saying she couldn't talk about it but suggested that it was a part of "silencing" people with right-wing views.

She also made headlines in 2017 for

traveling to Sicily and taking selfies with "Defend Europe," a group of white supremacists who tried to hamper organizations like Doctors Without Borders from rescuing stranded refugees.

Hopkins supported the nomination of Donald Trump for president, citing criticism of him that called him an idiot and relating to him by stating that "I have often been called a deranged fool."

And just this year (January of 2018), she joined The Rebel Media (a Canadian far-right website), who were involved in the 2017 Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, where Klansmen, Confederates and Nazis carried rifles, Confederate flags, and swastikas.

Just like you, she believes in the prevalence of "Liberal Media", as in her first post on The Rebel Media, she wrote, "When so many platforms are under the control of the Saudis, tied to fickle commercial advertisers or beholden to special interests and religious lobbyists, it is a real thrill to find a place for us to speak without censorship."

If you are so quick to critique this woman when you believe she is a "Liberal Personality", then you should be quick to denounce her and everyone she is party to now. And next time you see a story on your favorite "unbiased" right-wing facebook, page, maybe check [Snopes.com](http://Snopes.com) to see if what you are submitting to your local paper is even true. Because she made these comments in 2015, but recently they were reposted as fake news claiming she is a Liberal and NOT a far-right activist that shares many of your conservative views and would feel that you are on her side.

I don't know if you consider The Guardian to be "liberal media", but it did cover her comments back in 2015 when she actually said them:[www.theguardian.com/media/2015/jul/28/katie-hopkins-euthanasia-vans-old-people-sun](http://www.theguardian.com/media/2015/jul/28/katie-hopkins-euthanasia-vans-old-people-sun).

It is the far-right that is willing to get press by expressing a desire to euthanize the elderly, NOT the liberals. So come back here and pick up YOUR trash, because I'm tired of looking at it.

Sincerely,

Your friendly neighborhood fact-checker *Renee Jupiter*



## Flying cans of beans fell hammer-wielding suspect in Florida grocery store

A standoff in a Florida grocery store between a hammer-wielding suspect and local law enforcement ended in an arrest and multiple charges after one quick-thinking official dinged the suspect in the back with first one and then a second can of Bush's extra brown sugar baked beans.

Justin Tyler Stanford, 25, walked into a Bay County grocery store last Thursday morning after destroying his vehicle near the store, according to a statement released by the Bay County Sheriff's office.

Bay County Sheriff Tommy Ford and several other law enforcement personnel responded to the grocery store after receiving inaccurate emergency calls from inside the store that an armed man was holding hostages inside and that someone had been shot.

When the authorities arrived they were trying to establish communication with the suspect inside but he walked out of the store, pointing the hammer as if it was a gun.

"We quickly realized that he wasn't holding a gun but weren't sure if he had a firearm on him," Bay County Sheriff's Major Jimmy Stanford told *ABC News*. Stanford is not related to the suspect, who shares the same last name.

As the three officers approached the entrance where Stanford was standing

he started to swing his hammer at them, according to Major Stanford. The suspect then went back into the store.

In the store video of the incident, Major Stanford is seen positioning himself behind the suspect, whose attention is on Sheriff Tommy Ford and Chief Joel Heape - at whom he was continuing to swing his hammer at them.

Major Stanford was hoping to catch the suspect off guard and apprehend him from behind but the suspect realized he was also being approached from behind. "He saw me and then I saw the cans and it was almost like they were meant to be there," Stanford said.

He quickly threw two cans of baked beans at the suspect, subduing him for a second, before all three law enforcement officials were able to apprehend him.

Stanford, the suspect, was taken to a local hospital for his injuries, and tried to take a weapon from a deputy who was standing guard over him in the emergency room, according to Major Stanford.

Justin Stanford is facing charges of assault, assault with a deadly weapon on a law enforcement officer, and resisting arrest with violence. He is currently in Bay County jail, and it was not immediately clear whether or not he has an attorney.

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Locally, according to the latest data available from the Jefferson County Supervisor of Elections Office, there are five felons affected. This number, however, does not account for convicted individuals who may be in prison, who have since moved out of the county, or who are deceased.

There are supporters and opponents on both sides of this amendment debate. Floridians for a Fair Democracy, a committee in support of Amendment Four, has raised a total of \$5,610,109 as of Friday, June 1. The top contributors to this organization is the American Civil Liberties Union, which has contributed \$1,715,699. Other contributors to this organization include Laurie Michaels, Daniel Lewis, The Advocacy Fund, Civic Participation Fund, New Approach PAC, Organize Florida and Gamechanger.

During a recent town hall meeting in Madison, Sen. Bill Nelson voiced his support for restoring voting rights.

“My feeling is, if you've done your time and you're not still engaged in crime, you ought to have the right to vote,” said

Nelson.

Other notable political supporters of Amendment Four include US Rep. Charlie Crist (D), gubernatorial candidate Gwen Graham (D), gubernatorial candidate Andrew Gillum (D), gubernatorial candidate Phillip Levine (D) and gubernatorial candidate Christopher King.

“Americans believe in second chances,” states a statement from Floridians for a Fair Democracy. “We need to make sure that Florida Law does too. Nearly 1.5 million people in Florida are permanently excluded from voting because of a prior felony conviction. Florida is one of only four states that still has a system that excludes so many people from voting. These are our family members, friends, and neighbors who have already repaid their debts to society. Now is the time to restore the ability to vote to Floridians who have earned the opportunity to participate in and give back to their communities.”

On the other side of the coin, opposing Amendment Four, is the group Floridians for a Sensible Voting Rights Policy. As of Friday, June 1, this group had yet to raise any funds. Notable opponents to Amendment Four include Florida Speaker

of the House Rep. Richard Corcoran ( R ) and gubernatorial candidate Adam Putnam ( R ).

“Other than murder and sexual felonies, it [the initiative] treats all other felonies as though they were the same,” says Richard Harrison, executive director of Floridians for a Sensible Voting Rights Policy. “It's a blanket, automatic restoration of voting rights. If it gets on the ballot, your only choice will be an all or nothing, yes or no vote on the amendment. If it passes, neither you nor anyone else will ever be allowed to consider the specifics of the crime or the post-release history of the criminal before that new voter registration card is issued.”

A poll conducted by the Public Opinion Research Lab at the University of North Florida showed that 71 percent of respondents supported Amendment Four, 22 percent opposed it, and six percent were undecided. The poll was conducted between Jan. 29, 2018, and Feb. 4, 2018. There were 619 respondents and the poll had a margin of error of +/- 3.9 percent.

As with any issue, it would be wise for voters to carefully weigh both sides of this amendment and then make the wisest choice.

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and 2017, even as the state's population increased. In 2013, for example, the state had a total of 695,306 index crimes and a population of 19,259,543. Whereas in 2017, the index crimes numbered 612,374, and the population was 20,484,142.

Indeed, according to the FDLE, in the 20-year period from 1997 to 2017, violent crimes dropped 41.8 percent statewide, from 146,929 reported offenses in 1997 to 85,558 in 2017.

States the FDLE website, “The overall violent crime rate has had a significant decrease of 58.2 percent during the 20-year period, all the while that the state's population has increased 39.2 percent.”

In Jefferson County, the population likewise increased modestly between 2016 and 2017, from 14,498 to 14,611, respectively, according to the FDLE. Unlike the state, however, the number of reported index crimes increased, from 294 in 2016 to 354 in 2017.

A breakdown of the 354 offenses in 2017, compared with their 2016 equivalents (shown in parenthesis) shows: murder, 0 (1); rapes, 5 (10); robberies, 3 (3); aggravated assaults, 110 (93); burglaries, 82 (82); larceny, 139 (89); and motor vehicle theft, 15 (16). The combined overall clearance rate for the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) and Monticello Police Department (MPD) was 43.5 percent in 2017, versus 44.2 percent in 2016.

Aggravated assault includes aggravated stalking and involves the use of firearms, knives, cutting instruments and hands, fists, feet or other objects. Larceny includes pocket-picking, purse snatching, shoplifting, bicycle thefts and the like.

A breakdown of the 354 local crimes by law-enforcement agencies in 2017 shows the JCSO handled 287; the MPD, 66; and the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), one.

Of the 287 incidents that the JCSO handled, five were rapes; 100 were aggravated assaults; 58 were burglaries; 110 were larcenies; and 12 were vehicle thefts. The JCSO had a clearance rate of 45.6

percent.

Of the 66 incidents that the MPD handled, one was a robbery; 10 were aggravated assaults; 24 were burglaries; 29 were larcenies; and two were motor vehicle thefts. The MPD had a clearance rate of 33.3 percent.

The FHP handled one incident of motor vehicle theft.

A total of 460 arrests were made in Jefferson County in 2017, compared with 469 in 2016. Of the 460 arrests, 407 were adults and 17 juveniles. In terms of index crimes, 37 of the 460 arrests were for aggravated assault, 15 for burglary, 14 for larceny and four for motor vehicle theft.

The JCSO made 282 of the 460 arrests; the MPD made 103; the Jefferson Department of Corrections Inspector General made three; the Fish and Freshwater Conservation Commission made 21; and the FHP made 51. Aside from the index crime, the other arrests included one kidnap/abduction, 33 simple assaults, 100 drug-related offenses, 42 DUIs and 11 weapons violations.

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color, national origin, religion, sex, disability or the presence of children.

The reason for the amended housing assistance plan, Dingman explained, was to clarify the city's procedure for disqualifying vendors who did not perform adequately.

Dingman told the council that Aug. 13 was the deadline for submitting the grant application. He said the \$700,000 being sought would largely be used for housing rehabilitation, with \$105,000 of the amount going for administration of the grant and \$18,500 going for the temporary housing of homeowners whose houses had to be replaced, leaving \$576,500 for the actual work.

The plan, he said, was to rehabilitate 10 houses in the low to moderate income levels.

Overall, he said, \$5.6 million was available for distribution in this funding cycle, an amount that he expected would be increased. As things stood now, Dingman said the city had a score of 702 points, which was good. And if the county contributed additional funding for leverage, as it did the last time, it would make the city's score even better.

Jefferson County last time contributed \$50,000 in SHIP funding, which helped the city rehabilitate 11 instead of 10 houses. Such a contribution, Dingman told city officials at an earlier meeting, would put the city over the top, not to mention “put the icing on the cake and the candle on the cake.”

For a property to qualify for funding under the CDBG program, the property owner must fall within certain income

thresholds, live inside the city, and possess a deed to the property.

Eligible applicants are then ranked according to earnings, disability and age, with the lowest income earners scoring the highest score and extra points awarded to those who are 62 and older or handicapped.

The grant requirements stipulate that a minimum of 10 houses must be rehabilitated with the CDBG funding, two of which structures must belong to homeowners who are classified as extremely low income (30 percent of Jefferson County's median income), three of which must be classified as very low income (50 percent of the county's median income), and five of which must be classified as low-to-moderate income (80 percent of the county's median income).

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to eight consecutive years. Meaning that it would prohibit a person's name from appearing on the ballot if the person has already served for eight years on the school board. At pres-

ent, school board members can serve as many terms as voters are willing to elect them.

The amendment's second objective is to change the constitution to allow the state to operate, supervise and control public

schools not established by school boards. Or more specifically, it would allow different state institutions to oversee non-school board established schools, such as private charter schools, lab schools, collegiate high schools and the

like.

Third, the amendment would add language to the Florida Constitution allowing lawmakers to pass laws to ensure that students enrolled in public education “understand and are prepared to exercise their rights and responsibilities as citizens of a constitutional republic.”

The amendment, in other words, would require the promotion of civic literacy, which is defined as possessing the knowledge to actively participate and initiate peaceful change in a democratic society.

If approved, civic literacy would be the only K-12 education subject that would be specifically embedded in the state constitution.

Suppose a voter agrees with one or two of the components but objects to a third or fourth. The way certain of the amendments are struc-

tured, the voter will have to decide either to go with all the objectives or forego them all.

And five of the eight FCRC-generated amendments are so structured, as multiple component measures.

It therefore behooves voters to do their homework and educate themselves on the different aspects of each of the amendments prior to the election, so they understand the ramifications of each choice and hence make an informed decision.

It's a point that Elections Supervisor Marty Bishop emphasizes. He urges voters to study the sample ballot that his office will be mailing to registered voters near the general election. Meanwhile, he says, voters may want to research some of the amendments on their own.

**CORRECTION**



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**Lauren Davis was crowned the 10-12 Junior Miss Watermelon Queen along with the special awards of Prettiest Smile, Prettiest Hair, Best Attire and Best Stage Presence. She is pictured here, with her court. Pictured, from left to right, are: Junior Miss Watermelon Queen Lauren Davis; First runner-up, Shelby Howard; Second runner-up and Miss Photogenic, Miranda Smith; and Third runner-up, Jordian Boucher.**

# Is your item being recalled?

Compiled by: John Willoughby

### Bicycles



IKEA is recalling approximately 4,900 bicycles due to a fall hazard (in addition, about 200 were sold in Canada). The bicycle belt can break. Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled bicycles and return them to any IKEA store for a full refund. You may contact IKEA at (888) 966-4532 or visit them online at [ikea-usa.com](http://ikea-usa.com).

### Wireless Phone Chargers

Bluefin has recalled about 3,000 wireless phone chargers. The charger can overheat while in use, posing a burn hazard to consumers. Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled chargers and contact Bluefin for a full refund. You may contact Bluefin at (877) 211-7220, email them at [recall@bluefin.com](mailto:recall@bluefin.com), or visit them online at [logincluded.com](http://logincluded.com).



### Strollers



Jané is recalling approximately 800 strollers due to a violation of the Federal Stroller and Carriage Safety Standard; entrapment and strangulation hazards. The recalled strollers violate the federal stroller and carriage standard. An infant can pass through the opening between the stroller armrest and the seat bottom and his/her head and neck can become entrapped by the armrest, posing an entrapment and strangulation hazard. Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled strollers and contact Jané for a free repair. The repair consists of a free replacement armrest. Consumers can continue using the recalled strollers if they remove the armrest and harness the child properly until they receive the replacement armrest. You may contact Jané at (844) 200-7971, email them at [info@jane-usa.com](mailto:info@jane-usa.com), or visit them online at [jane-usa.com](http://jane-usa.com).

### Crayons

Discount School Supply is recalling 2,200 sets of crayons due to a laceration hazard. The red crayons in the multi-color sets can contain glass. Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled crayons and contact Discount School Supply to obtain a free full replacement set. Discount School Supply is contacting all known purchasers directly. You may call Discount School Supply at (800) 338-4430, email them at [recall@discountschoolsupply.com](mailto:recall@discountschoolsupply.com), or visit them online at [discountschoolsupply.com](http://discountschoolsupply.com).



### Spin Art Kits



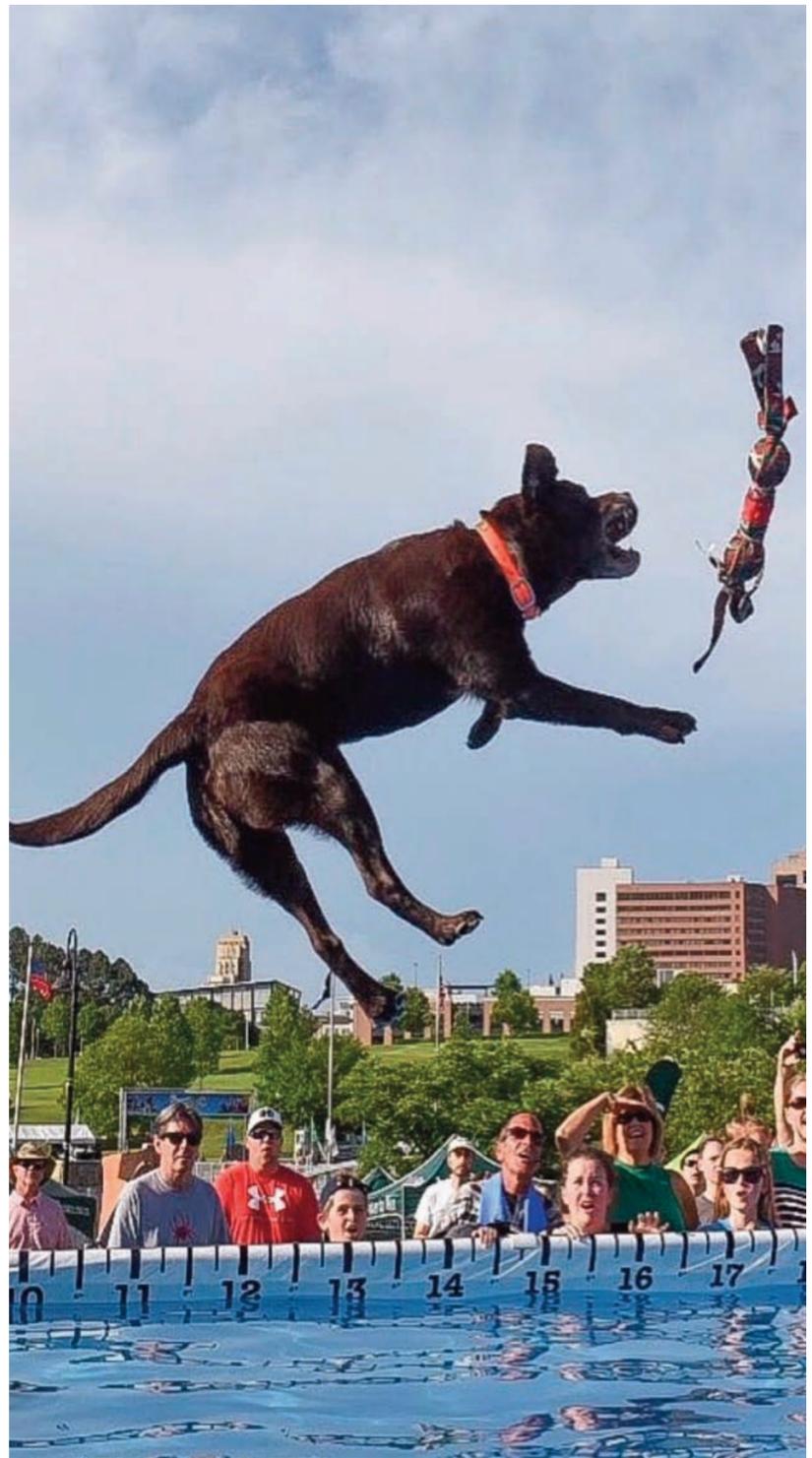
Michaels is recalling approximately 110,000 spin art kits. The battery compartment in the kit can overheat, posing a fire and burn hazard. Consumers should immediately take the recalled kits away from their children, stop using them and return them to any Michaels store for a full refund. You may call Michaels at (800) 642-4235 or visit them online at [michaels.com](http://michaels.com).

### Off-Highway Vehicles

American Honda is recalling about 65,000 recreational off-highway vehicles. The muffler can overheat, causing the plastic heat shield to melt or catch fire, posing a fire and burn hazard to consumers. Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled ROVs and contact an authorized Honda Powersports dealer to schedule an appointment for a free inspection and repair. Honda is contacting all known purchasers directly. You may call Honda at (866) 784-1870 or visit them online at [powersports.honda.com](http://powersports.honda.com).



# Enter your water-loving dog into the Ultimate Air Dog competition



Ashley Hunter, ECB Publishing, Inc.

One of the big attractions of the Jefferson County Watermelon Festival will be the Ultimate Air Dogs competition.

Founded by former Detroit Tigers pitcher Milt Wilcox and his son Brian, Ultimate Air Dogs is an opportunity for folks to bring their pooches of any size or breed to compete in the ultimate water sport.

From great danes to yorkies, purebred or mixes, if your dog is a confident swimmer with experience in the water, you can enter your dog into a competition that has been featured on the *Fox and Friends*, *The Late Show* with David Lettermen, and the nationally broadcasted *Purina Incredible Dog Challenge*.

There are a few rules: The entered dog must be a confident, above-average swimmer; no puppies under six months of age will be allowed to compete unless given special permission by the event judge. If your dog is a breed that typically requires a swim vest, you must bring one. This is also a "BYOT" (Bring Your Own Toy) event. Bring a water-safe toy that your dog loves to fetch and retrieve to bring out the best performance from your pooch.

The Ultimate Air Dogs will be taking place on the night of Friday, June 15 at 6:30 p.m., but it is recommended that dogs who will be trying out the competition for the first time arrive an hour earlier for a practice round.

On Saturday, June 16, the competitions will take place at 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. Again, first-time participating pooches are encouraged to arrive an hour early to practice the sport for safety and peak performance.

If you plan to enter your dog into the competition, the price will be \$15 for the one "splashes" session on Friday night, or \$20 for all three splash sessions on Saturday.

To learn more about the Ultimate Air Dogs and read the complete rules and requirements for entering your dog, visit them at their website on [ultimateairdogs.com](http://ultimateairdogs.com).

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# OBITUARIES

## Brandon Young



Brandon La'Rentez Young, 24, tragically passed in Monticello on Sunday, June 3, 2018. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 9 at Union Branch AME Church, with burial in Old Union Cemetery. Viewing-visitation is 3 to 7 p.m. Friday, June 8 at Tillman of Tallahassee.

Among his survivors are his father, Lemmon Young III; siblings, Tamia, Janiyah, Demetrice and Javarius Young and Antwan Huggins; grandmother, Viola Morris Young; great-grandmother, Mary Denmark; and numerous other relatives and friends.

## Charles Hayes



Charles "Bubba" Hayes, 74, passed in Tallahassee on Friday, June 1, 2018. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 9 at Greater Fellowship M.B. Church, with burial in Texas Hill Cemetery. Viewing/visitation is 3 to 7 p.m. Friday, June 8 at Tillman of Monticello. Bubba was a star high school quarterback and a retired lineman for Tri-County Electric Cooperative. Cherishing precious memories are his devoted wife, Mattie Mae Hayes; children, Andre, Maurice (Shavon), Darryl, Jacque, Tavaris and Shawn Hayes, Willie Mae (Torrance) Thomas, Tammy Everett and Laquan Everett; 15 grandchildren;

4 grandchildren; sister, Betty Chaney; brothers-in-law, Robert (Nadine), Edward and Earnest Williams and Henry Moore; sisters-in-law, Reverend Debra (George) Warner, Elouise (Louis) Dent and Daisy Williams; and a host of other relatives and friends. He was predeceased by his granddaughter, Vianna Hayes; parents, Joe Hayes and Rosa Hamm Hayes Bowen; stepfather, Steve Bowen; and siblings, Willie Pearl Chavers, Laura Hayes Huggins and Bertha Hayes Nealy.

# CHURCH NEWS NOTES

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### June 3-8

Wacissa United Methodist Church continues its Vacation Bible School through Friday from 6 to 8:30 p.m. for all ages. Dinner is served nightly. This year's theme is "Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus." To volunteer and for more information contact Pastor Steve Lenzo at (850) 264-0802 or [stephenlenzo@flumc.org](mailto:stephenlenzo@flumc.org).

### June 4-8

First Baptist Church of Lloyd continues its Vacation Bible School through Friday from 6 to 8:30 p.m. for children age 3 to fifth grade. Dinner is served nightly. This year's theme is "Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus." To volunteer and for more information contact Pastor Jared Day at (850) 509-8920 or (850) 997-5309.

### June 6-10

Faith and Worship Ministries will continue to celebrate its God-ordained leaders with the theme: "God's Love-It Is So! (Numbers 23:19, 20)". Services will be held nightly at 7 p.m. on Friday with Pastor Jacqueline Kennerly and the True Light Ministries of Jesus Christ Church family; and on Sunday beginning with Church School at 9:30 a.m. followed by a praise and worship experience at 11 a.m. with Pastor Earnest K. and Elect Lady Peggy Miller and the Mount Mariah Ministries of Lamont. For more information call (850) 509-5331 or (850) 545-4055 or (850) 728-8593. Church Pastors Kookie and Ron Rackley, Sr.

### June 9

New Bethel AME Church will hold its Third Quarterly Conference at 9 a.m. on Saturday with Presiding Elder Lee E. Plummer of the Monticello/Quincy District bringing the Message. Rev. Jimmie F. Dickey, church pastor.

### June 9, 10

AA meetings at 8 p.m. on Mondays, Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays at Christ Episcopal Church annex, 425 North Cherry Street. For information call (850)

251-0278. Father Jim May, church pastor.

### June 10

New Bethel AME Church will hold a Color Presentation during the 11 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship Service. Rev. Jimmie F. Dickey, church pastor.

### June 10

Memorial Missionary Baptist Church Youth Department will celebrate its anniversary this Sunday at 11 a.m. All are invited to come out and help celebrate this joyous occasion. Rev. J.B. Duval, pastor. (850) 997-4947.

### June 10-14

Elizabeth Baptist Church will hold Vacation Bible School for children grades kindergarten to fifth on Sunday through Thursday from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Snacks will be served nightly. This year's theme is "Game-On Sports". To volunteer and for more information contact Youth Pastor Brian Saylor (1-513) 254-2632 or (850) 997- 8444.

### June 11-15

Capital Heights Baptist Church Tallahassee will hold Vacation Bible School for children 3 years of age and up, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Snacks will be served each night. This year's theme is "Jungle River Adventure". To volunteer and for more information contact Pastor Derrick Burrus at (850) 345-0425.

### June 11-15

First United Methodist Church Monticello will hold Vacation Bible School Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. for children in kindergarten to fifth grade. This year's theme is "Splash Canyon-God's Promise on Life's Wild Ride". Middle and high school students are needed to serve as helpers and group leaders. Adults are needed to lead the different activity areas. To volunteer and for more information contact Kathy Hicks or Pastor John Hicks at (850) 997-5545 or [monticellofumc.org](http://monticellofumc.org).

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# American Legion to hold Officers Installation June 12

Debbie Snapp, *ECB Publishing, Inc.*

American Legion Post 49, its Auxiliary Unit and the Sons of the American Legion will hold ceremonies on Tuesday, June 12 for installation of the new year's officers. The event will take place at the Otto Walker Post, located at 1065 South Water Street in Monticello.

Post members have been keeping very busy of late with Memorial Day programs and the placing of flags on the graves of fallen heroes, collecting donations for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks Celebration, making plans for the upcoming Flag Day on June 14, participating in the Watermelon Festival Parade on June 16 and scheduling other community events.

The Legion Post is also a rental location for family and club events. Rental fees include the use of the facility, inside and out, the kitchen, banquet hall and bathroom facilities. Contact the Commander for more information.

During the 2017/2018 school year, Post members collected from the community, American flags to be placed in every classroom at the Jefferson Somerset Academy. The flag donation was accepted by 1SG Walker, US Army, and the school JR ROTC.

American Legion Post 49, Sons of the American Legion and the American Legion Unit 49 Auxiliary meet at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month for dinner together and separate meetings after the meal. Contact Post Commander Ken Faircloth at (850) 509-2628 or unit President Debbie Mitchem at (850) 997-5456 for more information about club meetings, programs, services and fundraisers.



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo By Debbie Snapp February 2018  
A veteran's goal is to see an American flag in every classroom. 60 flags were collected from the Jefferson County community. Pictured in front from left to right are: 1SG Terry Walker, US Army, American Legion Post 49 Commander Ken Faircloth and Legion member Ray Holland. Jefferson Somerset Academy JR ROTC, in no particular order are: Allen Washington, Katelynn Jimenez, Valandria Polite, Da'Shon Davis, Darius Jones, Ke'Myaus Bivins, Vlgeimir Polite, Elijah Belamy, Marquellus Hawkins, Jonathan Steen, Lukcilong Street, and Tammy Denmark.

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Flag Disposal Ceremony in 2017 at the American Legion Otto Walker Post 49. Pictured from left to right are: Ron Slik, Basil Perkins, Bruce Sandell, Richard Jones, Post Commander Ken Faircloth and Tim Wetherington.



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## Educational Summer Lunch Hour Webinars

This summer there will be several webinars on financial management and nutrition that will take place from noon to 1 p.m. (ET) over the lunch hour.

The webinars will be free, live, interactive online seminars with experts and extension professionals. You can watch from your computer or your phone.

The first webinar is Stock Basics, taking place on June 19, where we will discuss advantages and risks, basic terminology, how stocks are valued, and options for purchasing stocks. To register, go to: [attendee.gototraining.com/r/8433738360940602881](https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/8433738360940602881)

Taking Control of Spending and Saving will take place on Thursday, June 28, where we will discuss developing a spending and saving plan to help you reach your financial goals. Speakers will also discuss examples of typical income, expenses and savings strategies. To register, go to: [attendee.gototraining.com/r/5501146236254832642](https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/5501146236254832642)

On Thursday July 12, the webinar will be on Adding Flavor and Improving Nutrition with Fresh Herbs. Speakers will discuss how to grow, harvest, and prepare herbs, how to use different flavor combinations, and provide recipes. To register, go to: [ufl.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_oW8UlbeQD6-JeqvRYp9g](https://ufl.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_oW8UlbeQD6-JeqvRYp9g)

Bond Basics will be the topic for Tuesday, July 24th where we will discuss the different categories of bonds, their risks and returns and how they are valued. To register, go to: [attendee.gototraining.com/r/5120820766009694721](https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/5120820766009694721)

On Tuesday, July 31, the topic

will be Credit Scores and speakers will discuss the factors that impact your score and common myths about credit. To register, go to: <https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/5378008630525604098>

Introduction to Mutual Funds and Exchange Traded Funds will take place on Thursday, August 16. The webinar will discuss the types of mutual funds, exchange traded funds, tax implications, how to purchase funds, and the associated costs. To register, go to: [attendee.gototraining.com/r/250173371112843266](https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/250173371112843266)

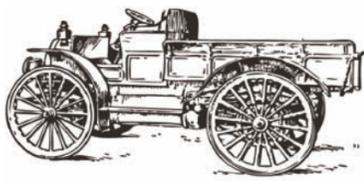
For more information on upcoming events, contact the UF/IFAS Jefferson County Extension Office at (850) 342-0187.

The next money management events coming up are Camp Real Life for ages 14 and up and Camp Show Me the Money. Camp Real Life is taking place on June 18-19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. At Camp Real Life, teens will participate in hands on workshops including car maintenance, cooking basics, money management, credit, interviewing, and a real life simulation.

Camp Show Me the Money for ages 8 to 10 will take place on July 23-25 from 8 a.m. to noon each day. Campers will tour a local bank, open their own savings account, participate in a create your own piggy bank contest, and learn about money through hands on activities and games.

The next health event for adults is the Dining with Diabetes class series from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on July 31, Aug. 7, 14 and 21. The class is free, but registration is required.

# WAY BACK WHEN



80 YEARS ago 1938

June 8, 1938

The graduating class is composed of 24 members. Miss **Miriam Grantham** is the valedictorian and **Douglas Cooksey** the salutatorian.

70 YEARS ago 1948

June 8, 1948

Miss **Frances Jane Sauls** is salutatorian for this year's graduating class and Miss **Gloria Dice** is valedictorian.

60 YEARS ago 1958

June 8, 1958

**Charles William Hayes** and **Eleanor Josephine Bilinski** received their degrees from Florida State University.

**Gloria Aligood, Mable Cooksey, Donna Jo Thomas, Katherine Davidson, Jean Holland, Laurette Herndon, Betty Lou Poole, Rose Stokley,** and **Joyce Gay** have been selected to represent the county at the 4-H girls short course in Tallahassee.

50 YEARS ago 1968

June 8, 1968

**Steve Bevis** and **Cal Reams**, students at Emory College (Oxford, GA) will arrive home this weekend for the summer holidays.

Miss **Anne Applegate** left by plane Wednesday for Sacramento, CA, where she will visit with relatives for the summer vacation.

40 YEARS ago 1978

June 8, 1978

The **1978 Watermelon Festival** dedicated to World War II hero "Boots" Thomas will kick off on Friday with the Festival Beauty Pageant under the direction of **Kay Foland**.

Dr. and Mrs. **William French** were honored at last week's Kiwanis meeting with the presentation of the **Kiwanis Club's** International Relations Award for 1978.

**Charles Lindberg** of Richfield, MN, the long survivor of the courageous group of men who placed the flag on the mountain top of Iwo Jima, will be the Grand Marshal of the 1978 Watermelon Festival parade.

30 YEARS ago 1988

June 8, 1988

As we observe June Dairy Month, it's serendipitous to report that agricultural researchers have made a **carbonated milk** that someday may muscle in on the soda market.

**Terry Gallon** and **Lavonia Williams** of Jefferson County High School have been named as winners of the 1988 Army Reserve National Scholar/Athlete Award.

Jefferson Elementary's **Nancy Driggers** took her fourth grade class to Tallahassee recently for a visit to the Museum of Florida History and the Capitol.

Making two holes-in-one is a rare accomplishment even for the best in golf, but Monticello's own **Wally Dunn** did just that on June 1 at the Jefferson Country Club.

**Mitchell McElroy** of Monticello has been appointed Jefferson County chairman by the Florida Forestry Association.

Airman **Cindy Mazza**, daughter of **Charles and Sandra Mazza** of Monticello, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force ground communications radio specialist course at Keesler Air Force Base, MS.

June 10, 1988

The recent Moscow summit between **President Reagan** and **Mikhail Gorbachev** opened a new state in U.S. – U.S.S.R. relations, where they formally signed the **Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty**.

Senator **Wayne Hollingsworth** and Representative **Gene Hodges** are beaming over their success in getting more than a million dollars for Jefferson County projects approved in the state's new budget.

20 YEARS ago 1998

June 5, 1998

**Jefferson Arts, Inc.** has been working diligently on renovating the former JCHS Ag Building for their new home since the open house held in 1997.

**Felix "Skeet" Joyner** announced Wednesday that he is seeking the District 4 County Commission seat.

**Christy Cooksey** of Jefferson County High School has been selected out of 60 applicants to participate in the Big Bend Area Health Education Center Health Careers Summer Camp, in Tallahassee.

**Kendrick Lydell Norton Jr.** will celebrate his 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday on June 7. He is the son of Kendrick Sr. of St. Phillip and Latess Tucker of Monticello.

**J.T. Surles** accomplished a remarkable feat by hitting three consecutive home runs for the **American Legion Post 13 Tallahassee** in a recent baseball game played in Lake City.

June 10, 1998

The United States Achievement Academy announced recently that **Emanuel Brockman Jr.**, from Lamont, has been named a United States National Award Winner in the honor roll.

10 YEARS ago 2008

June 6, 2008

The Grand Opening of the **Jefferson County Humane Society's Wag the Dog Thrift and Treasure Shop** was a huge success, which saw some 250 people stopping by during the day and purchasing some 189 shredded pork butt dinners.

June 11, 2008

The **Monticello Woman's Club** awarded \$500 scholarships to two local scholarships to two local seniors recently, **Stephanie Dobson** and **Hannah Sorensen**.

**Farmers & Merchants Bank** took both the Best Dressed Bed and the Traveling Bed Trophy, along with bragging rights as the winner of the **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Altrusa Bed Race**.

# 40 years of watermelon runners in Monticello

Story Submitted

It is easy to say 40 years is a long time to do just about anything; but for the Kiwanis Club of Monticello, an organization with 93 years of serving Monticello, 40 years has been a blink of an eye.

In 1978, a few dedicated Kiwanis members decided to present a 5K Melon Run into the 28<sup>th</sup> Jefferson County Watermelon Festival. Taking place well before Forrest Gump

made running trendy and decades before yoga pants became high fashion, the 1978 Melon Run was a massive success and was a starting point for a strong, Jefferson County tradition that continues today.

The race has grown over the last 40 years to be a premier regional event known by its North Florida and South Georgia participants as a scenic stroll through historic Monticello with a surprise at the end - 'heart-break hill'. But besides the 'heart-break hill', many local runners enjoy the event. As one of the Melon Run's long-standing runners, Al Cooksey pointed out that the event has been a wonderful opportunity for generations of runners to get out and run together.

"It is a great family event. What I enjoy most now is seeing families running together and young adults I taught in school competing," said Cooksey. "It is nice knowing about every third runner who passes."

As this year's Race Director, Kiwanian Floyd Faglie explained: "The longevity of the 5K Melon Run has caused the event to become a rare generational event. Some of the folks who ran the race as teenagers and young adults are now running the race with their children – I think we have a few grandparents huffing and puffing with their grandkids."

Funds raised during the Melon Run go directly to the Kiwanis Club of Monticello's non-profit Youth, Inc. and are used to financially support local youth organizations and provide college scholarships to local graduates. "It is easy to understand that the leadership and vision of those Kiwanis members who started the race in 1978 greatly helped enhance youth activities in our area and assisted local graduates to get their start in college," commented Kiwanis President Fred Beshears.

This year's 5K Melon Run will be held on Saturday, June 16 at 8:15 a.m. Registration will begin at 7 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Family Ministry Center. There is also a 4K (approx. 2.5 Mile) untimed Walk. Pre-register at [WatermelonRun2018.com](http://WatermelonRun2018.com).



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# THIS WEEK AT THE MOVIES



## Floating on Nothing

By Paul Hall

The new film *Adrift* is based on a true story of a blossoming relationship that quickly turns into a life-or-death struggle in the middle of the Pacific Ocean.

Richard Sharp (Sam Claflin) and Tami Oldham (Shailene Woodley) are a young couple in love. When the adventuresome pair get an opportunity to pilot a boat across the Pacific Ocean, they jump in with both feet. Weather is always a concern with such journeys, but the pair have no idea they will be sailing into one of the most catastrophic hurricanes in recorded history.

And that hurricane has a swift and devastating impact on the couple. Richard is swept overboard. When Tami finds him floating, she frantically pulls Richard back to the confines of the boat. This sets in motion the remainder of our journey, told through a mixture of the present struggle and flashbacks to a happy time for the couple. Survival will take each of them out of their comfort zones, and the strength Tami and Richard need to survive will be found within themselves and each other. But can they complete the daunting journey that faces them?

I knew very little about the story *Adrift* is based on when I sat down with the film. I knew to expect a longer time at sea than Gilligan's "three-hour tour", and with a lot less humor. I did expect an adventure-laden journey against the elements. But in reality this is a serious romantic struggle for survival, and romance trumps all other elements.

Woodley, who usually seems to elevate everything she does, just meanders through her time on the water. When she has scenes of bubbly personality, she is likable, but much of her screen time is on the boat with Claflin after the storm. Sure it's the nature of the story, but this film seems to wander without a compass to guide it during the couple's time lost at sea.

Situations feel slapped together and refuse to give us a more in-depth glimpse into the journey at hand. Instead of enhancing the story that at its core seemed really interesting, this trip seems lost at sea.

I really respect the true tale that is the basis for *Adrift*, but the story deserves more than just floating along.

**Paul's Grade: C**

*Adrift*  
 Rated PG-13  
 Stars: Shailene Woodley, Sam Claflin, Grace Palmer  
 Director: Baltasar Kormákur

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## NEW THIS WEEK



**Ocean's 8**  
 Rated PG-13  
 Stars: Sandra Bullock, Cate Blanchett, Anne Hathaway  
 Director: Gary Ross  
 Debbie Ocean gathers an all-female crew to pull off a seemingly impossible heist at New York City's yearly Met Gala. With the impressive crew Ocean has put together, this should work, right?



**Hotel Artemis**  
 Rated R  
 Stars: Jodie Foster, Sterling K. Brown, Sofia Boutella  
 Director: Drew Pearce  
 In a riot-torn, near-future Los Angeles, a nurse runs a secret, members-only hospital for criminals. There is a rule against killing other patients while in the facility, but can that survive the newest arrivals?



**Won't You Be My Neighbor?**  
 Rated PG-13  
 Director: Morgan Neville  
 An intimate look at the amazing story of Fred Rogers, the beloved host of the popular children's TV show *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* and his desire to be friends with all of us and bring the neighborhood closer to each other.



**Hereditary**  
 Rated R  
 Stars: Toni Collette, Gabriel Byrne, Alex Wolff  
 Director: Ari Aster  
 After the Graham family matriarch passes away, her daughter's family begins to experience terrifying events as secrets about their ancestry are revealed.

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**ASK MATT**  
 BY MATT ROUSH TV Guide Senior Critic

## Why can't season finales have happy endings?

**Question:** What is it with the same-old same-old ending for season finales? *NCIS: New Orleans* had *Pride* shot at the end. When are shows going to do something more creative???? (Hasn't the age of "Who Shot J.R.?" gone by?) I also wanted to cheer *Blue Bloods*, which DID have a terrific upbeat ending that was refreshing. More shows should follow their lead! —Donna

**Matt Roush:** Couldn't agree more. It's so tiresome to watch show after show putting characters in contrived peril between seasons. Now if the idea is to present an actual game-changer that will affect a series going forward, that's another story. While we're on the topic, I'd like to add *Grey's Anatomy* to the plus column, for choosing not to kill off either April or Arizona as those characters headed off to happy new (off-camera) futures.

**Question:** How worried are you about what will happen to *Speechless* now that ABC has exiled the show to Friday? —JL

**Matt Roush:** Trying to stay positive here, but Fridays aren't necessarily a TV graveyard for family comedies, and if *Fresh Off the Boat* and *Speechless* can revive the old "TGIF" franchise with any degree of success, maybe this will be a blessing in disguise, since expectations generally aren't as high for shows airing on Friday.

To submit questions to TV Critic Matt Roush, go to: [tvinsider.com](http://tvinsider.com)

# Japanese Taiko coming to Monticello

Ashley Hunter, *ECB Publishing, Inc.*

Tampa Taiko, a traditional Japanese Performing Arts group based out of Tampa Bay, FL, will be performing at the Jefferson County Library on Saturday, June 9 from 1 to 2 p.m.

The concert is completely free and is part of the library's "Libraries Rock" Summer Reading event series.



The event is sure to delight people of all ages, but the library especially encourages the event to families with deaf or hearing-impaired children.

Tampa Taiko is a professional drumming duo that has performed at a variety of venues, including festivals, concert halls, schools, and corporate or VIP events.

The drumming duo have developed a dynamic fusion of old and new styles of drumming to bring a contemporary vibrance to an ancient martial arts form.



Come experience a rich and vital part of Japanese history at the Jefferson County Library this weekend!

To learn more about Tampa Taiko, visit them online at [tampataiko.com](http://tampataiko.com).

# Put a Bird On It: Artwork by Debo Groover, Anne Hempel and Perdita Ross

Story Submitted

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. Birds take flight in the human imagination and the artists featured in this exhibition successfully depict their exuberance and spontaneity in their work.

Using polymer clay as a collage material, former Monticello resident Debo Groover has perfected a new technique to create colorful "paintings" filled with movement and energy. She founded Debortina Studio with her wife Tina Torrance and they work collaboratively, merging their creative and business talents. Groover creates the visible layers of each painting and Torrance builds the frames and paints the layers of color underneath. They bounce ideas around and come up with new patterns to evoke the fun, funky sensibility they both share.

Anne Hempel uses multiple layers of thickened acrylic paint creating an impasto style that reflects light and adds expressiveness to her paintings. She applies glazes and washes in between layers to build rich color and highlight the texture. Using a palette knife and various tools, she carves into the wet paint creating a three-dimensional sculptural rendering. Recently moss, ferns and feathers have found their way into her paintings, taking this exhibition's theme literally.

Local artist Perdita Ross has been hosting blacklight art events on First Fridays outside of her studio, Artisans, in Tallahassee's Railroad Square Art Park since 2005. She encourages visitors to create some of the background elements in her collages then, using her artistic vision, she adds the main components and arranges it all into cohesive compositions. These collaborative works are a reflection of the community and her own inclusive philosophy of the art making process.

Though they say "birds of a feather flock together," these artists' styles and creative processes could not be more different but their artwork compliments each other in a way that's whimsical and unexpected. Celebrating all things avian, this exhibit provides fresh interpretations of our fine feathered friends.

Meet the artists and enjoy refreshments during a free, public reception scheduled for Friday, June 8, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Guests are asked to park in short-term parking and present parking tickets at the gallery for complimentary validation.

The exhibition continues through Monday, July 16 and 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.

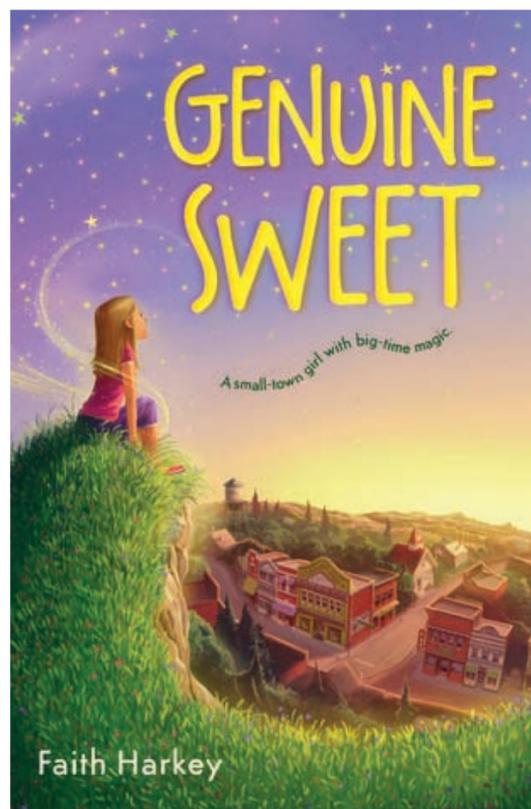
The Artport Gallery itself is located in the Tallahassee International Airport, 3300 Capital Circle SW, and is open daily from 8 a.m. until 11:30 p.m.

About COCA: *The Council on Culture & Arts is a non-profit organization that serves as a catalyst for development and support of arts and culture in Florida's capital region. For more information about the services and resources that COCA provides, please visit [tallahasseearts.org](http://tallahasseearts.org), email [info@tallahasseearts.org](mailto:info@tallahasseearts.org) or call (850) 224-2500.*



Photo Submitted

**Bird-inspired artwork by Debo Groover, Anne Hempel and Perdita Ross will be on display at the Tallahassee Artport Gallery within the Tallahassee International Airport from Friday, June 8 through Monday, July 16.**



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— *Genuine Sweet*.

# Children's author to hold book signing at Jefferson Library

Ashley Hunter, *ECB Publishing, Inc.*

Faith Harkey, a back-roads traveling author of children's books who 'recharges her batteries' in Tallahassee, will be at the Jefferson County Library on Friday, June 8

While visiting the library, Harkey will be sharing about her debut book, *Genuine Sweet*, a magical story about a little girl who discovers she is able to grant the wishes of those around her.

Harkey will be available to talk about her adventures and discoveries as an author to those who attend.

To read an excerpt from *Genuine Sweet*, as well as reviews, and places to purchase, visit Harkey's website at [faithharkey.com/novels/genuine-sweet](http://faithharkey.com/novels/genuine-sweet).

The library is located at 375 S. Water St. Harkey will be at the library from 1 to 2 p.m.



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# FFS opens incentive program to longleaf pine landowners

NFWF Longleaf Landowner Incentive Program 2018 Eligible Counties by Funding Pool



Story Submitted

The Florida Forest Service announced on Tuesday, June 5 that the Longleaf Pine Landowner Incentive Program will be accepting applications from eligible, non-industrial private forest landowners. Applications will be accepted now through Friday, July 13.

The goal of the program is to increase the acreage of healthy Longleaf pine ecosystems in Florida by helping non-industrial private forest landowners make the long-term investment required to establish and maintain this valuable ecosystem. The program offers incentive payments for completion of timber stand improvement, invasive species control, prescribed burning, planting Longleaf pine, native plant understory establishment and mechanical underbrush treatments. The program is offered for private lands in Florida counties located west of the Aucilla River and several counties near the Ocala National Forest.

Longleaf pine forests are native to the southeastern United States and are among the most diverse ecosystems in North America. Longleaf pines provide high quality wood products and are highly valued for their resistance to damage by insects, disease, wildfire and storms.

Longleaf pine forests have been dramatically reduced to less than four percent of historical area due to urbanization and conversion to other land uses. Florida is currently home to more than 2 million acres of Longleaf pine ecosystems, which is more than half of all known longleaf pine ecosystems.

Application forms and more information on program requirements and procedures can be found by visiting [FreshFromFlorida.com](http://FreshFromFlorida.com) or by contacting your local county forester. The program is supported through a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation with funding from the Southern Company, USDA Forest Service, The Nature Conservancy, Natural Resource Conservation Service, the U.S. Department of Defense and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

The Florida Forest Service, a division of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, manages more than 1 million acres of state forests and provides forest management assistance on more than 17 million acres of private and community forests. The Florida Forest Service is also responsible for protecting homes, forestland and natural resources from the devastating effects of wildfire on more than 26 million acres. Learn more at [FloridaForestService.com](http://FloridaForestService.com)

# What's happening to the bees?

Rick Patrick, *ECB Publishing, Inc.*

In many parts of the United States, agricultural lands are facing a shortage of native bees. This, in turn is causing problems for local farmers who depend on the buzzing insects to help pollinate their crops. Although many areas of the country are being affected more than others, North Florida has yet to feel the sting of bee population shortages, but that situation could change.

According to a report from the Center for Biological Diversity, more than 700 North American species of bees are declining. "We're on the verge of losing hundreds of native bee species in the United States, if we don't save them," said study author Kelsey Kopec.

Contributing factors to the loss of bee populations include loss of habitat, especially in urban areas, and increased use of pesticides.

The economic impact of bees on the agricultural industry easily reaches into the billions of dollars every year. Bee pollination is estimated to be worth \$15 billion to US agriculture every year. Areas of the US seeing the greatest difference between the availability of bees and the need for bee pollination service include the Mississippi River Valley, California and the Upper Midwest. In South Georgia and North Florida that difference may not be as great, but cause for concern still exists.



# Recreational red snapper season starts June 11 in Gulf state and federal waters



Story Submitted - [MyFWC.com](http://MyFWC.com)

The recreational red snapper season will start Monday, June 11 in Gulf state and federal waters and remain open through Friday, July 20, closing July 21. This year and next year are unique compared to previous years in that Florida's Gulf recreational red snapper season applies to harvest from both state and federal waters.

Anglers fishing from private recreational boats will need to have their recreational saltwater fishing license (unless exempt) and will need to have Gulf Reef Fish Angler on their license (includes those that are exempt) to target red snapper or other certain reef fish in Gulf state and federal waters (excluding Monroe County). You can get this printed on a license at no cost at [GoOutdoorsFlorida.com](http://GoOutdoorsFlorida.com) or by visiting any location you can purchase a license.

For-hire operations that do not have a federal reef fish permit may also participate in this 40-day season but are limited to fishing for red snapper in state waters only. These operations must have State Gulf Reef Fish Charter on their license to target red snapper and other reef fish in Gulf state waters (excluding Monroe County). This can be done at no cost at a local tax collector's office.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has also partnered with Snook and Gamefish Foundation on a new smartphone app specifically for voluntary reporting of red snapper catch information. This app will be available soon on your phone's app store by searching for iAngler Gulf Red Snapper for private anglers or iAngler Gulf Red Snapper Charter if you are a charter operation. Using the app is important because it will help us test real-time data collection.

To learn more about the 40-day recreational red snapper season in Gulf state and federal waters, including season size and bag limits, visit [MyFWC.com/Snappers](http://MyFWC.com/Snappers).

The federal season for for-hire operations with federal reef fish permits is June 1 through July 21.

Federal fishery managers are in the process of collecting input for a season in Atlantic federal waters. Learn more at [sero.nmfs.noaa.gov](http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov).

## Veterans Among Us

### Buck Bird

Army Veteran T. Buckingham Bird entered into military service in 1956-1966.

After four years of ROTC at the University of Florida, he entered into the Army as a Commissioned 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant. He was stationed at Ft. Benning, GA, for Basic Training and served on active duty. He continued into the Reserves and was promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Infantry. After his military service he went back to college to pursue a career in Law. He continues to practice law in Monticello.

He participated in various sports activities and was an Eagle Scout during his high school years in Jefferson County and concentrated on the studies he would need to continue his college education, with a career in Law. He is married and has a daughter and two granddaughters in the great state of Texas. He would encourage today's youth to consider a career in the military. It offers good retirement benefits and great opportunities.

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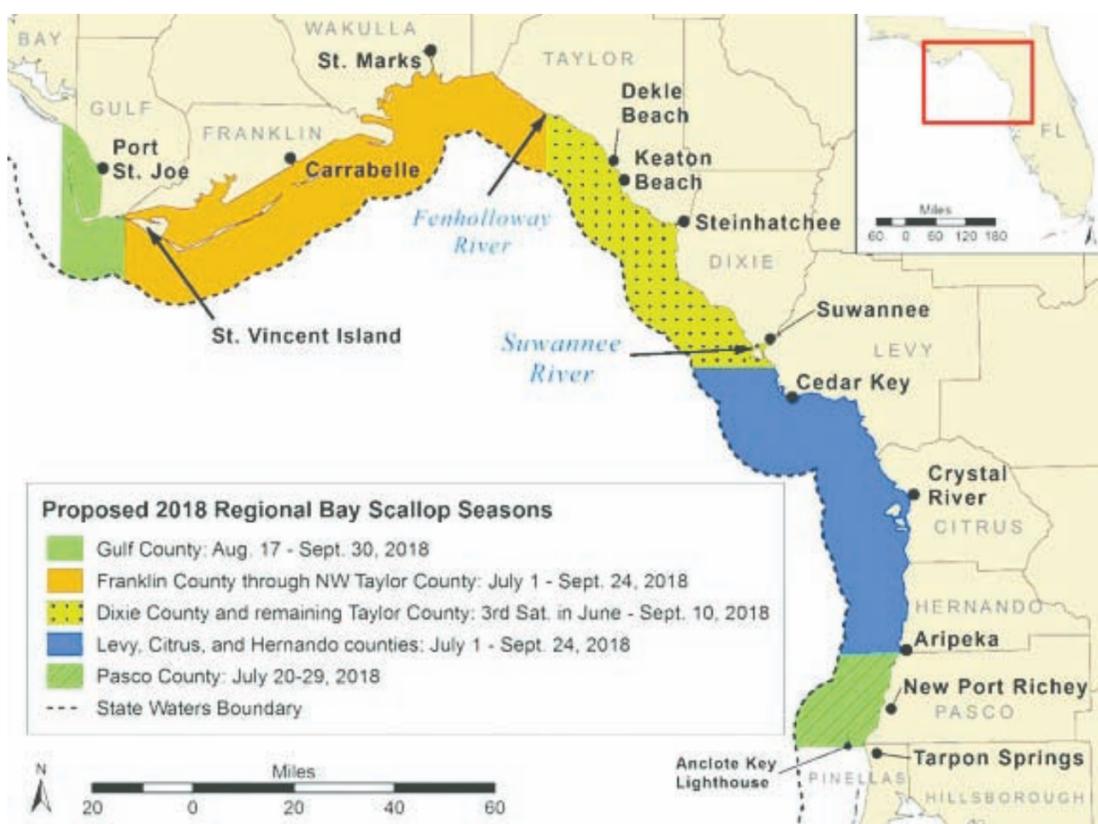
# Regional Bay Scallop 2018 season approved

Story submitted

At its February meeting near Tallahassee, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) approved regionally-specific bay scallop open season dates for 2018, including a change to the season for Levy, Citrus and Hernando counties that was proposed in December. The Commission also approved a trial bay scallop season in state waters off Pasco County in 2018.

The following regionally-specific bay scallop open seasons will be created by executive order for 2018 only:

- **Franklin County through northwestern Taylor County (including Carrabelle, Lanark, and St. Marks):** July 1 through Sept. 24. This region includes all state waters from the westernmost point of St. Vincent Island in Franklin County to Rock Island near the mouth of the Fenholloway River in Taylor County.
- **The remaining portion of Taylor County and all of Dixie County (including Keaton Beach and the Steinhatchee area):** the third Saturday in June (June 16) through Sept. 10. This region includes all state waters east of Rock Island near the mouth of the Fenholloway River in Taylor County and north of Alligator Pass Daybeacon No. 4 near the mouth of the Suwannee River in Levy County.
- **Levy, Citrus and Hernando counties (including Cedar Key, Crystal River, and Homosassa):** July 1 through Sept. 24 (previously slated for July 10 through Sept. 10). This region includes all state waters south of Alligator Pass Daybeacon No. 4 near the mouth of the Suwannee River in Levy County and north of the Hernando – Pasco county line.
- **St. Joseph Bay and Gulf County:** Aug. 17 through Sept. 30. This region includes all state waters from the Mexico Beach Canal in Bay County to the westernmost point of St. Vincent Island in Franklin County.
- **Pasco County:** Establish a trial 10-day open season to run July 20-29. This region includes all state waters south of the Hernando – Pasco county line and north of the Anclote Key Lighthouse in



northern Pinellas County and includes all waters of the Anclote River.

These changes are for 2018 only. In late 2018 or early 2019, the FWC will consider setting the 2019 seasons for Gulf and Pasco counties. They will also consider continuing the 2018 season structure for the remaining portions of the open scallop harvest area in 2019 and will work toward creating a more permanent season structure starting in 2020.

As the 2018 and 2019 seasons move forward, share your comments on what you would like to see for a future season structure at [MyFWC.com/SaltwaterComments](http://MyFWC.com/SaltwaterComments) or by email at [Marine@MyFWC.com](mailto:Marine@MyFWC.com). The FWC is very interested in understanding whether the public prefers regional differences in the season dates or if a consistent season across the harvest area is of greater value, as well as what season dates work best for various

regions. Public feedback will be important for determining whether further changes are needed when making a decision about the long-term season dates.

For more information about bay scallops or to view the presentation given at the Commission meeting, visit [MyFWC.com/Fishing](http://MyFWC.com/Fishing) and select "Saltwater Fishing," "Public Comments/Workshops," "Comments," and select the "February 2018 Commission meeting proposal" link under "Bay Scallops." Learn more about bay scallop regulations at [MyFWC.com/Fishing](http://MyFWC.com/Fishing), click on "Saltwater Fishing," "Recreational Regulations" and "Bay Scallops."

## Delicious 7-Minute Seared Scallops Recipe

Seared scallops can impress your guests at a dinner party, but you can also make this a staple dish in your normal family fare with this easy recipe. Scallops are an elegant, easy, quick-cooking, and delicious seafood dish but you'll have to be sure you pay close attention to each step to have the best seared scallops.

Here we share the best strategies for buying, preparing, cooking, and serving scallops. The trick is in buying the freshest scallops, preparing them to a T, and cooking them to perfection, not to mention serving them like a boss.

### Ingredients

- 1 pound scallops
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- ¼ teaspoon kosher salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper

### Preparation

Dry the scallops with paper towels. Salt and pepper both sides.

Heat a large regular (not non-stick) pan for 2 to 3 minutes on medium-high heat. Add the olive oil or butter, and then the scallops one by one, separating them so that they do not touch each other. If your pan isn't big enough to do them all at once, keep the first batch under a piece of foil and do two batches or more.

Cook the scallops about 1 1/2 to 2 minutes each side making sure that the pan is adequately heated before adding them. They should have a golden crust on both ends, and the center should still look translucent. Turn with tongs.

Serve immediately. One pound of scallops makes about 3 servings.



Nutritional Information: Each serving has 3.5 grams effective carbohydrate 25 grams protein, and 132 calories.

### How to Prepare Scallops

Fresh scallops should be placed on paper towels for preparation to get as much extra moisture out before cooking. Do not use the microwave or hot water to thaw scallops. Before seasoning them with salt and pepper, pat them dry.

### Serving Suggestions for Seared Scallops

Scallops can be a nice first course as well as the main course. As an appetizer with fresh fruit or avocado, with bacon, or on a bed of arugula or other small-leafed greens.

As a main entree, serve 2 to 3 large seared scallops with greens sauteed in garlic with a squeeze of lemon, with mushrooms in garlic and wine, as part of an elegant salad, or lots of other ways.

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## Learning to thrive at Twelve Oaks Farm

Photo Submitted  
**At Twelve Oaks Farm, Thrive Therapeutic Solutions Expert Tami Lewis works with one of her rescue horses.**

Debbie Snapp  
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You don't have to merely exist in life, you can thrive. To thrive is to grow, flourish and prosper. Perhaps you're looking for some self-exploration or to let go of unhealthy habits. Thriving happens when you are living your purpose and experiencing vitality, connection, growth and contribution. Developing the resilience to turn crisis into opportunity will ultimately serve you in every area of your life.

Twelve Oaks is a horse farm located in Monticello, home and business location of Tami Lewis, certified in Equine Facilitated Learning and Strategic Intervention Life Coaching and works with



Photo Submitted  
**Laura Bane is enjoying time with a rescue horse and her mom's dog at Twelve Oaks Farm Thrive Therapeutic Solutions (TTS). She is the daughter of Tami Lewis, TTS business owner/operator. Horses taught Laura everything about life. She has since enlisted in the United States Army.**

Human Needs Psychology. "We assist you from where you are, mindful of your deepest values, beliefs and guiding principles," she continues, "Coaching and coaching with horses is a co-creative, forward-moving and action oriented process designed to help you to recognize what is holding you back and to move beyond it. We take a mind, body, spirit approach with all of our programs."

Workshops are provided throughout the year and programs are available for groups and individuals.

Twelve Oaks specializes in EFL and Life Coaching. It's horses live naturally there among the oaks and assist in serving as a biofeedback mechanism in which we see ourselves and how we can measure our effectiveness, energy and non-verbal communication. By embracing the horse wisdom we are open to discovering new pathways to personal growth.

Thrive programs are designed to connect humans with horses to enhance confidence, communication and trust while building social skills, leadership and developing boundaries. Lewis has created a program for women with addiction and has partnered with a recovery center and a horse rescue.

Contact Lewis today for a complimentary session at (386) 295-5068 or [tlewis50@me.com](mailto:tlewis50@me.com).



Photo Submitted  
**Twelve Oaks Farm Thrive Therapeutic Solutions has partnered with a recovery center by creating a program for women with addiction and low self-esteem.**

# 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.

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

### Tuesdays

Flab-To-Fab weight loss support group at the Monticello Health & Fitness Center, 760 East Washington St. Weigh-in begins at 4:30 p.m. with guest speakers discussing healthy topics. For more information contact Coordinator Chelsey McCoy at (850) 342-0170.

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.

### Fridays

Monticello Jamboree Band performs music for dancing every Friday night at 7 p.m. at 625 South Water Street. This is a nonprofit charitable event. Donations are accepted. For questions

or concerns contact Bobby Connell at (850) 445-0049.

### Mon/Wed/Fri

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

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

### 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.

### 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. Contact Rural Outreach Manager Stephanie Pollack at (850) 386-2778, call the church at (850) 997-5545 or visit [alzheimersproject.org](http://alzheimersproject.org) for directions. A light lunch is provided.

### 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. Call toll-free (1-877) 848-6696, locally at (850) 224-1177 or [bigbendahec.org](http://bigbendahec.org).

### 1st Thursday

Tobacco Free Florida Group Meeting at 1 p.m. on the first Thursday at the Health Department annex, 1255 West Washington St. Call toll-free (1-877) 848-6696 or locally at (850) 224-1177 or [bigbendahec.org](http://bigbendahec.org).

### 3rd Thursday

Big Bend Hospice Caregivers Luncheon at 12 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month, at 1669 Mahan Center Boulevard. For more information, directions, and to register, contact Sharon Davidson at (850) 878-5310.

### Last Friday

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

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Hello everyone and welcome to our first health department article. We hope to share health information on different topics every month in the health section. Please feel free to contact us if there is a topic that you would like us to address by calling (850) 342-0170, x1228, or by emailing [Pam.Beck@flhealth.gov](mailto:Pam.Beck@flhealth.gov).

June 1 was the beginning of the 2018 hurricane season and we were given a preview of what could happen this year with the landfall of Tropical Storm Alberto.

Hurricanes and other natural and man-made disasters can present additional worries for people who have medical conditions. Health departments stand-up and run special needs shelters for those people whose medical needs meet our eligibility criteria.

Anyone in Jefferson County whose medical condition is too complex for a special needs shelter can get help with placement in a sound shelter environment by calling (850) 342-0211.

Eligibility criteria include those who need assistance with medication, observation by a health professional, electricity for life supporting medical equipment, basic nursing care and oxygen therapy.

If you or a loved one meet the criteria to be housed in a special needs shelter and have no other options for shelter during a disaster, it is a good idea to pre-register now so that we know to expect you. Pre-registration can be done by calling (850) 342-0211, or by completing an application online at [snr.floridadisaster.org](http://snr.floridadisaster.org) and choosing Jefferson County.

DOH-Jefferson partners with DOH-Leon to staff the special needs shelter in Tallahassee. We encourage all who go to the special needs shelter to bring a caregiver with them. Service animals are allowed in the special needs shelter but are the sole responsibility of the owner.

We would like to encourage all Jefferson County residents to have a plan for disasters and to include any medical prescriptions or equipment for yourself or your loved ones in that plan. Be healthy, be safe and stay tuned for our next article in July's edition.

## New monthly health department article courtesy of the Jefferson County Health Department

# Be strong. Be Healthy. Be Happy!

### ✓ LIST OF ITEMS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS RESIDENTS

#### Register with Your Local/County Emergency Management Office *(see above)*

#### Have a Personal Support Network

- Have at least three people in your Support Network.
- Give at least one trusted member of your Support Network a key to your house or apartment.
- Show your group where you store your emergency kit and review what is included.
- Arrange for more than one person in your network to check on you in an emergency.
- Teach caregivers, support members and others who may assist you, how to operate any necessary equipment.

#### Complete a Personal Assessment

- Make a list of your personal needs and your resources for meeting them in a disaster situation. This should include daily living needs such as personal care items, adaptive feeding devices and electricity-dependent equipment as required.
- Maintain a 7-day supply of all medications you take regularly.

#### Create a Plan

- Use the Florida Division of Emergency Management's Family Disaster Plan tool to create your own personalized disaster plan. [www.floridadisaster.org/getaplan](http://www.floridadisaster.org/getaplan)
- Learn about your community disaster plans and all warning systems that are in place.
- Know your community's evacuation routes.

#### Prepare an Emergency Kit

- Battery-powered flashlights/lanterns/radios
- Extra sets of batteries
- First aid kit
- Fully-charged cell phone with extra battery
- Duct tape, garbage bags and scissors
- Fire extinguisher
- Insect repellent (with DEET, picaridin, etc.)
- Heavy insulated gloves
- Manual can opener
- Generator (if required-operate outside only)

#### Have Safety Devices In Place

- Be sure everyone in the household, as well as caregivers, know where your fire extinguishers are located and how to use them.
- Keep the shut-off switch for oxygen equipment easily accessible in the event of a fire.
- Have properly working smoke alarms on every level of your home.

#### Gather Important Documents

- Keep copies of all important documents and records in a safety deposit box or other secure offsite location.
- Make a record of your possessions (in writing, photos or video) in the event of loss or damage.

#### Have a Plan for Your Pets

- Never abandon pets during an emergency.
- Have an ample supply of food and water, a copy of vet records, any medication(s), collar and leash, crate or carrier, favorite toy, kitty litter and container as needed.
- Know the location of local pet-friendly shelters (pre-registration is recommended). Service animals are accepted in all shelters (see above).

#### Additional Considerations

- Discuss emergency planning with your doctor or specialist.
- Know how to connect and start a backup power supply for essential medical equipment.
- If you use an electric wheelchair or scooter, have a manual wheelchair as a backup.
- Label all necessary medical equipment and attach instructions for their use.
- Store back-up equipment at an alternate location.
- If you use a personal care attendant from a home healthcare agency, check to see if the agency has special provisions for emergencies.
- Consider a medical alert system that will allow you to call for help in an emergency situation.



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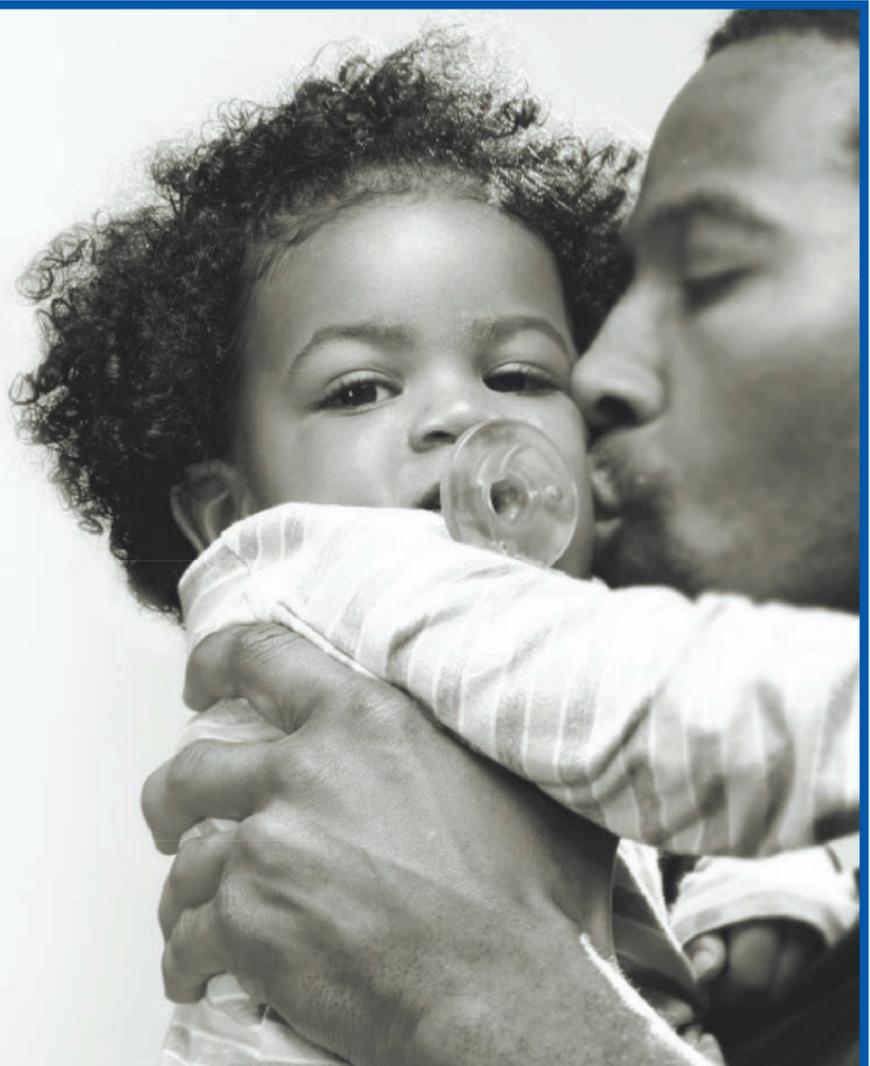
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**Deadline for Wednesday's Paper 3 p.m. on Mon.**

**Deadline for Friday's Paper 3 p.m. on Wed.**

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**North Florida Community College, Madison FL:** PT Truck Driving Instructor; Chemistry Instructor; Coordinator of Recruitment; English Instructor. See [www.nfcc.edu](http://www.nfcc.edu) for details. 6/6-22.c

**Super 8 Hotel -Monticello** is looking for professional part-time front desk clerk & house-keeper. Must be willing to work weekends. Local background check required. Call Flo at 850-997-8888 for interview. 6/6-15.cc

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## NOTICE

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2001 Toyota Avalon XL VIN # 4T1BF28B0V158000  
1994 Ford F Super Duty VIN # 1FDLF47G3REA28960  
1998 Ford Explorer 4D Utility Vin # 1FMZU32X7WUB57576  
To be sold AS IS at A-TECH, LLC  
1510 N. Jefferson St. Monticello, FL 32344  
Minimum accepted \$3000.00 per vehicle 5/30-6/20

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING:

The District Board of Trustees of North Florida Community College will have a budget workshop Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the NFCC Board Room, NFCC, 325 NW Turner Davis Dr., Madison, FL. The regular scheduled Board meeting will follow at 6:00 p.m. 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 [gaylardc@nfcc.edu](mailto:gaylardc@nfcc.edu). For disability-related accommodations, contact the NFCC Office of College Advancement, 850-973-1653 or [news@nfcc.edu](mailto:news@nfcc.edu). NFCC is an equal access/equal opportunity employer. 6/8

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners**, the holder/s of the following Tax Sale Certificate has filed said Tax Certificate for the Tax Deed to be issued thereon. The Certificate Number and year of issuance, the Description of the property, and the Name in which it is assessed as follows:

File Number: 18-000013-TD

Certificate Number: 2 Year of Issuance: 2014

Description of Property: 00-00-00-0201-0000-0020  
Lot 2 Alfred Subdivision  
ORB 104 PG 692 and ORB 578 PG 321

Site Address: 575 HAGAN ST

Name in which assessed: **WILLIE MAE WASHINGTON C/O CHARLES WASHINGTON**

All of said property being in the County of Jefferson, State of Florida. **This property when sold may be subject to the current year taxes.**

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Jefferson County Courthouse, North Steps on **July 12, 2018 at 11:00 A.M.**

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File Number: 18-000015-TD

Certificate Number: 41 Year of Issuance: 2014

Description of Property: 00-00-00-0250-0000-0093  
Lot 2 Dilworths Addition  
ORB 520 PG 373

Site Address: 535 S MARVIN ST

Name in which assessed: **RANIE JONES**

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File Number: 18-000011-TD

Certificate Number: 140 Year of Issuance: 2014

Description of Property: 00-00-0450-0010-0131  
W 1/2 of Lot 13, Blk 10  
Simons Addition  
ORB 52 PG 222

Site Address: FIRST STREET

Name in which assessed: **JOHNNIE & MARIE BLUE**

All of said property being in the County of Jefferson, State of Florida. This property when sold may be subject to the current year taxes.

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## NOTICE OF MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The City Council Budget Committee will meet on Monday, June 18th at 10:00 a.m. and on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. The meetings will take place at Monticello City Hall, 245 S. Mulberry Street. 6/8

## NOTICE

In accordance with Florida Statute an Auction will be held on JUNE 22, 2018 at 12:00 P.M.  
For: 1995 FORD VIN# 2FTHF26H2SCA18585  
To be sold AS IS at Tow & Stow at 8626 Old Lloyd Rd. Monticello FL 32344 6/8

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File Number: 18-000012-TD

Certificate Number: 9 Year of Issuance: 2014

Description of Property: 00-00-00-0210-0000-0441  
Lot 44 Barwicks Addition  
ORB 35 PG 259

Site Address: 560 CYPRESS ST

Name in which assessed: **ALBERT BROWN, JR, et al C/O CORA STOKES**

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File Number: 18-000014-TD

Certificate Number: 12 Year of Issuance: 2014

Description of Property: 00-00-00-0210-0000-0651  
Lot 65 and N 119 Ft of Lot 66  
Barwicks Addition  
ORB 109 PG 110 and ORB 635 PG 49

Site Address: PARRISH LANE

Name in which assessed: **GEORGE CARSWELL**

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## We'd Love To Hear From You

Let your voice be heard with "Letters To The Editor" or tell the world your pet peeve in our **Stingers!**

**GEMINI - May 22/June 21**  
Gemini, others may misinterpret your enthusiasm for a carefree nature. However, you are actually busy getting the job done - even if you're having some fun doing it.  
**CANCER - June 22/July 22**  
It's possible you may misread someone's intentions, and it could get you in a bit of hot water, Cancer. Don't make any assumptions and apologize if you make mistakes.  
**LEO - July 23/Aug 23**  
If your energy levels are waning, find a way to put some hop in your step. Take a break from work if necessary. This is a great way to recharge.

**VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Virgo, you haven't yet found your groove at work, but don't get discouraged because it will happen. Pay attention to others around you and how they act.  
**LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23**  
Even if others think you are ambivalent, you possess a clear picture of what you want and where you are heading, Libra. Don't let others' misconceptions sway you.  
**SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22**  
Scorpio, in order to own your devices, you can get your work done quickly. But overcoming distractions may be difficult in the days ahead. Do your best to stay the course.  
**SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21**  
Sagittarius, if you are feeling high strung or nervous, you may just need to take a little time away from a situation to reorient yourself. Come back with a fresh perspective.  
**CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20**  
Don't put others off by being too

serious. Learn how to let loose a little bit this week and your friends will flock to you in no time at all.  
**AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18**  
Aquarius, you're normally a people person, but every once in a while you enjoy solitary time to think and avoid crowds. This could be the week for that.  
**PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20**  
Everything seems to be unfolding on schedule, Pisces. This is advantageous because you don't have to put in extra effort or sweat the details.  
**ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20**  
Aries, this week seems like a race, but you may be losing steam. With a lot of distance still left to cover, it's time to conserve your energy and find some assistance.  
**TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21**  
Taurus, your imagination is very active lately, so much so that it may make it difficult to concentrate on anything else. Make an effort to get work done in spite of the distractions.

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