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Massey, McNeill win in Sheriff's race (Gillum, DeSantis, Scott prevail statewide)



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William "Bill" Massey, Democratic nominee for Sheriff, waves a thank you at supporters on the courthouse circle on Wednesday morning.

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Statewide, the big story on Tuesday night was the upset victory of Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum as the Democratic nominee for Governor. Not as surprising, although still noteworthy, was Congressman Ron DeSantis' victory over Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam as the Republican nominee for Governor.



ECB Publishing Inc. Photo By Laz Aleman, Aug. 29, 2018
Sheriff Mac McNeill, Republican nominee for Sheriff, thanks supporters on the courthouse circle on Wednesday morning. With him is his wife Catherine.

Then there was Governor Rick Scott's easy win over businessman Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente as the Republican nominee for the U.S. Senate, an outcome that was almost a foregone conclusion. Scott now faces Democratic incumbent Bill Nelson in the fall.

At the local level, the race that captured attention - the only local race on the ballot for that matter - was that of Sheriff, with
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RE-ELECT Betsy Barfield County Commissioner District Four

Betsy Barfield has announced her intention to run for re-election to the Jefferson County Commission - District Four. Please join in this important effort by voting to keep responsible leadership in our county government.



Betsy is a native of Jefferson County and a product of public schools. She earned an AA degree from Tallahassee Community College, graduating with honors. She is a successful small business owner and an involved community supporter. She has served 8 years on the Jefferson County Commission. Betsy is the candidate best able to represent Commission District Four on those issues important to everyone including:

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- Encourage & Retain Existing Area Businesses

Environmental Preservation to conserve and enhance the quality of our lives.

- Improve Water Quality & Environmental Review Processes
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- Support Proven Growth Management Principles

Transportation & Infrastructure Improvements for better roadways, bridges & public service.

- Improve Existing Roadways, Bridges & Roadway Funding
- Develop Infrastructure using "Smart Growth Methods"
- Support Improved Medical, Fire & Other Emergency Services

Betsy Barfield has been married to Mack Barfield, Jr. for 38 years. She is the daughter of Tony & Isabelle de Sercey.

As a Commission appointee she represents Jefferson County/Monticello on the Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA), Gulf Consortium BP Oil Spill Consortium and the Tourist Development Council.

Betsy Barfield's dedicated community involvement includes membership in many civic, social and professional organizations including Monticello-Jefferson Chamber of Commerce, Jefferson Arts, Florida Farm Bureau and Tall Timbers Research Station and Land Conservancy.

"You can count on me to help preserve those values which keep our families and communities safe, secure and healthy as I continue to serve on the County Commission. I am committed to equal opportunity for all. My leadership skills will help keep Jefferson County moving forward in a fiscally responsible manner fair to all citizens." -Betsy Barfield

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County votes No

Adult Day Care facilities not allowed in residential areas

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Following a brief public hearing on Thursday, Aug. 16, county officials decided not to amend the Land Development Code (LDC) to allow residential care facilities of six or fewer

clients in land-use districts where family residences are allowed, in effect challenging the state.

The proposed amendment, Attorney Scott Shirley explained, would remove the existing prohibition on residential care facilities in land-

use districts where family residences are allowed, so long as the former housed six or fewer clients. The amendment, Shirley said, would not apply to facilities of seven and more clients, which would still be excluded.

Shirley barely finishing reading the title of the proposed ordinance before three commissioners expressed their opposition to its adoption. The
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Man in critical condition after Saturday wreck

Ashley Hunter
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Jefferson County's stretch of I-10 became the location of a three-car wreck on Saturday, August 25.

William Hendry, 74, of Tallahassee, was traveling west on I-10 in the outside lane.

Traveling eastbound in the outside lane was a semi-truck driven by Stormy James, 45, of Wesley Chapel, FL, and passenger Wayne Brackins, 52, of Sebring, FL.

A third vehicle, a Dodge Big Horn driven by Preston Hancock, 28, of Fredonia, AZ, was traveling eastbound in the

inside lane.

According to the report issued by the Florida Highway Patrol, Hendry blacked out (reasons not shared in report) while behind the wheel, which caused his vehicle to steer across the westbound inside lane, narrowly missing another

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Did you know?

Did you know that The Florida Everglades are the only place in the world where alligators and crocodiles co-exist?

Weather for this weekend

Fri 88° 72°
Sat 88° 72°
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Second Front

Friday, August 31, 2018



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How safe are your child's school supplies?

Ashley Hunter, *ECB Publishing, Inc.*

When it comes to diet, playtime and education, parents try to do what is best for their children to ensure a happy and healthy childhood. However, a recent laboratory evaluation of school and craft supplies, held by the U.S. Public Interest Research Group (PIRG), has discovered that many popular brands of school supplies contained harmful chemicals such as asbestos, phthalates, benzene, and others.

PIRG conducted laboratory tests on the various supplies, which were purchased from a wide variety of stores around the country in order to obtain the most definitive results.

The school supplies were purchased from big box stores, dollar stores, drug stores, online retailers and arts and craft stores.

"The presence of toxic hazards in school supplies highlights the need for constant vigilance on the part of government agencies and the public to ensure that school supplies containing toxic chemicals are removed from store shelves," writes the PIRG in the executive summary for their findings.

The supplies tested were crayons, 3-ring binders, lunchboxes, water bottles, markers, glue, spiral notebooks, and rulers.

Crayons

Playskool Crayons (36 count), which PIRG purchased from Dollar Tree for \$1, tested positive for trace amounts of Asbestos. The other crayon brands tested were Crayola (purchased from CVS Pharmacy), Target's Up & Up Classic Colors crayons (purchased from Target), Cra-Z-Art Crayons (purchased from Party City), Disney Jr. Mickey and The Roadster Racers (purchased from Dollar Tree) and Roseart Crayons (purchased from *Amazon.com*), which were all negative for asbestos. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) have all associated asbestos with many forms of cancer which have proven to be deadly. Asbestos is an extremely toxic substance and inhaling or ingesting any form of asbestos can lead to serious health conditions. Even at low exposure, asbestos has been linked to an increased risk in cancer rates.

Markers

Four washable and dry erase markers were tested for toxins, with both washable brands returning from the lab negative for BTEX compounds. Meanwhile, the two brands of dry-erase markers were tested positive for various BTEX chemicals. EXPO brand dry erase markers (scented ink) tested positive for 98 ppm (parts per million) xylene, 9 ppm toluene, and 12 ppm ethylbenzene; the EXPO markers were purchased from *amazon.com*. The Board Dudes 6-set magnetic dry erase markers, purchased from *Amazon.com*, tested positive for four BTEX chemicals: 87 ppm toluene, 0.78 ppm benzene, 0.52 ethylbenzene and 1.3 ppm xylene. BTEX – which stands for benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylene – is found widely in many consumer products despite the health concerns linked to BTEX. Benzene, in particular, gives a cause

for concern, as individuals who breathe benzene in for long periods may experience blood-related health problems and harmful effects to the tissues that form blood cells, especially the bone marrow. Exposure to benzene has been associated with Myeloid Leukemia.

Rulers

Three brands of rulers were tested for BPA and phthalates, with all coming back negative for both chemicals. The tested ruler brands were Jot 3-count plastic rulers (red, green, blue) from Dollar Tree; Westcott shatterproof 12-inch ruler (green) purchased from Michael's; Sparco 12-inch standard ruler (clear) purchased from Walmart.

Spiral Notebooks

The metal spirals on three brands of spiral notebooks were tested for the presence of lead in their metals. All brands came back clear of any lead presence. The tested brands were Jot 1-subject college ruled notebook (100 sheets) from Dollar Tree; Norcom 1-subject wide ruled (70 sheets) from Target; Mead 1-subject wide ruled (90 sheets) from Target.

Glue

Two brands of liquid glue and two brands of glue sticks were tested for the presence of lead. None of the tested glue products were found to contain any lead traces. The tested glue brands were Elmer's School Glue (liquid), purchased from Target; Elmer's washable color (green) glue (liquid), purchased from Target; Playskool washable glue stick (jumbo), purchased from Dollar Tree; Elmer's washable glue pens (3-count), purchased from Dollar Tree.

3-Ring Binders

Three brands of 3-ring binders were purchased and tested for phthalates, with two of the three coming back clean. Jot's 1-inch 3-ring binder (purchased from Dollar Tree) tested positive for DEHP (240,000 parts per million) and DINP (8,000 parts per million). The chemically-negative brands were Avery's 1-inch 3-ring binder from Target and Yoobi's 1-inch D-ring binder from Target. Phthalates are chemicals used to soften and increase the flexibility of plastics and can be commonly found in solvents, lubricants, glues, paints, sealants, insecticides, detergents and inks. The problem arises due to the fact that the chemicals can leak from their intended product and be ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin. Research has documented damages caused by phthalates to be especially potent during the early stages of development for the male reproductive system and childhood puberty. Phthalate exposure has also been linked to irregular fetal growth during pregnancy and at least one type of phthalates is suspected to be cancer causing. Other effects of phthalate exposure can include asthma, childhood obesity, and lower IQ scores. While phthalates are allowed in many consumer products, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has set the limit that the parts per million shall not extend over 1,000.

Lunchboxes

Two brands of school lunchboxes were tested for phthalates and none of the boxes returned from the lab

positive for the chemical toxins. The two tested lunch boxes were Thermos' Disney Star Wars Lunchbox (purchased from Target) and Disney's princess lunchbox (purchased from *amazon.com*).

Water Bottles

Two water bottles were tested for lead and both bottles were found to contain no lead. The two bottles were produced by Thermos and were the purple and pink bottles, both purchased from Target. The PIRG also reviewed recalls from within the Consumer Product Safety Commission and found two brands of children's water bottles that had recently been recalled for containing lead traces. The two bottles were the Base Brands Reduce Hyrdo Pro Furry Friends Water Bottle and the GSI Outdoor Kids' Insulated Water Bottles. The Reduce Hyrdo bottles depicted a lamb and bear character, had a removable lid gasket and rubber carry strap; they were sold through *amazon.com*. The GSI Outdoors Kids' insulated bottles The following color patterns were: dino bones, flower power, orange grid camp, purple tie dye butterfly, and robo shark; the bottles were sold through L.L. Bean. While both brands of lead-containing bottles are no longer being sold, PIRG suggests parents check to make sure they did not previously purchase any of the children's water bottles prior to the recall alert.

In conclusion, PIRG recommended that the brands and stores that were selling and producing the products containing harmful levels of toxic chemicals should recall and remove their products from store shelves.

Parents and teachers who may have purchased these products should take a pro-active step against the companies and stores that are continuing to produce and sell these toxin-bearing products and make the choice they feel will ensure the safety and well-being of their children and students.

"Some of these school products [contain] toxins that, while not banned by the federal government, could possibly pose a risk to children," writes the PIRG. "It is legal to have asbestos in crayons. However, scientists and government agencies point out that it is unnecessary to expose children to asbestos."

School products containing phthalates are also not illegally produced, but the harmful effects of exposing children to high levels of phthalates should not be taken lightly or ignored.

PIRG suggests concerning parents look for two things when purchasing school or craft supplies for their children: look for the Art and Creative Materials Institute (ACMI) "AP" label, which lets consumers know that the product is non-toxic; or if there is no AP label, look for the manufacturer's "children's product certificate" on the product, which assures parents that the product has been tested in a third-party laboratory under government specifications.

"Parents should demand that manufacturers without a label start carrying a label and that the products meet the safety guidelines," suggested PIRG in closing.

To read the full report yourself, visit uspirg.org/reports/usp/safer-school-supplies-shopping-guide and click on 'Download Report (PDF)'.

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the field narrowing to four candidates after Tuesday's election. The winners in the primary were Republican Mac McNeill and Democrat Bill Massey. The two will now face each other and No Party Affiliation (NPA) candidates Mike Fillyaw and Jerry Sutphin in November.

All told, 4,791 of the county's 9,704 registered voters cast votes in the primary, including voters registered as Independents or No Party Affiliation. Percentage-wise, according to the elections office, the turnout was 49.37 percent, giving Jefferson County the third highest turnout in the state. Only Liberty and Franklin counties did better, said Elections Supervisor Marty Bishop.

"The turnout was maybe down a little," Bishop said. "I was expecting it to be a little more. But for an off-year primary, 50 percent is decent."

Early and absentee voting also increased this election, with 1,065 such votes cast between Aug. 13-25, compared with 541 in the 2014 primary, attributed in large part to the high-profile Sheriff's race.

As of Wednesday, Aug. 29, the county had 9,728 registered voters. Of which 5,411 identified as Democrats; 3,170 as Republicans; and 1,147 were listed as "other."

Come November, three other

local races besides the Sheriff's will be on the ballot, which should increase the local turnout. The three races are County Commission, Districts 2, which pits Democratic incumbent Gene Hall against NPA challengers Adam Fato and Derrick Jennings; County Commission District 4, which pits NPA incumbent Betsy Barfield against NPA challenger Keith Cook; and the Group 2 Monticello City Council race, which pits newcomers Gloria Cox and Sara Lynn LaDelfa-Kirsch against each other.

In the Sheriff's race on Tuesday night, McNeill got 1,038 votes (55.87 percent), to Tully Sparkman's 820 votes (44.13 percent). All told, Republicans cast 1,858 votes in the Sheriff's race.

On the Democratic side, Massey received 2,213 votes (84.98 percent), to Eugene Butler's 391 votes (15.02 percent). All told, Democrats cast 2,604 votes in the Sheriff's race.

In the U.S. Senate race, Scott handily defeated De La Fuente for the Republican nomination, a win reflected in the local votes. Scott received 1,628 votes (87.90 percent); De La Fuente, 224 (12.10 percent).

In the Second Congressional District race, Bob Rackleff beat Brandon Peters, winning the Democratic nomination for U.S. Representative. Rackleff got 117 votes (60.62 percent) to Peters' 76 (39.38 percent). Rackleff now goes on to challenge Republican

incumbent Neil Dunn in November.

In the Fifth Congressional District race, Democratic incumbent Al Lawson easily fended off a challenge from Democratic Jacksonville Mayor Alvin Brown to win the nomination. Lawson received 2,133 votes (85.66 percent), to Brown's 357 votes (14.34 percent). Lawson will face Republican candidate Virginia Fuller in November.

In the Democratic race for Governor, Gillum outperformed the other six candidates in the field to win the nomination, with the local results indicative of the statewide trend. The local results: Gillum, 1,391 votes (51.65 percent); Gwen Graham, 854 (31.71 percent); Jeff Greene, 147 (5.46 percent); Chris King, 49 (1.82 percent); Phillip Levine, 182 (6.76 percent); Alex Lundmar, 21 (0.78 percent); and John Wetherbee, 49 (1.82 percent).

In the Republican race for Governor, DeSantis shut out Putnam statewide for the nomination, although Putnam won locally. The local results for the eight candidates in this race were Don Baldauf, 10 (0.54 percent); DeSantis, 667 (36.15 percent); Timothy Devine, 11 (0.60 percent); Bob Lanford, 21 (1.14 percent); John Joseph Mercadan, 5 (0.27 percent); Bruce Nathan, 7 (0.38 percent); Putnam, 1,103 (59.78 percent); and Bob White, 21 (1.14 percent).

In the Florida Attorney General race, the Republican candidates were Ashley Moody and Frank White. Moody won the Republican nomination, a win reflected in the local numbers. Moody received 1,175 votes (66.16 percent), to White's 601 votes (33.84 percent).

On the Democratic side in the Attorney General race, Sean Shaw beat Ryan Torrens, a win also reflected locally. Shaw got 1,979 votes (80.41 percent), to Torrens' 482 votes (19.59 percent).

In the race for Florida Agriculture Commissioner, Matt Caldwell won the Republican nomination and Nicole "Nikki" Fried won the Democratic nomination, results reflected locally.

On the Republican side, the local results were Caldwell, 835 (47.04 percent); Denise Grimsley, 685 (38.59 percent); Mike McCalister, 154 (8.68 percent); and Baxter Troutman, 101 (5.69 percent).

On the Democratic side, the local results were Fried, 1,330 (52.82 percent); Jeffrey Duane Porter, 450 (17.87 percent); and Roy David Walker, 738 (29.31 percent).

In the nonpartisan Second Judicial Judge race, the local results were Lisa Barclay Fountain, 921 votes (20.43 percent); David Frank, 1,911 votes (42.40 percent); and D. Christine Thurman, 1,675 votes (37.16 percent).

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three were Commissioners Betsy Barfield, J.T. Surlis and Stephen Walker.

The commissioners' concern, as Walker expressed it, was that allowing such facilities in residential areas would in effect commercialize the areas without the benefit of public hearings or public input.

The question also arose whether the particular applicant that had triggered the amendment's consideration couldn't be granted a special exception, thus limiting the allowance to the specific facility. That option, however, was not available, Shirley said.

"There is no mechanism under our current Land Development Code to give a special exception," Shirley said.

That said, the board voted 4-1 not to amend the LDC, with Commissioner Gene Hall the exception. Seconds later, however,

Hall appeared to reverse his vote, making for a unanimous decision.

The commissioners wanted to know what would be the likely repercussions of their action in terms of the state, given that state law allows residential care facilities in all land-uses where residential homes are allowed.

It depended, Shirley said, whether the state decided to push back on the county's decision.

"We don't know what position the state is going to take," he said.

Should the state push back, however, there were other approaches that the county could possibly try, he suggested.

"Let's just wait and see," Shirley said.

Only two members of the public spoke on the issue. The two, Corwin Padgett and Phil Calandra, both expressed support for the commissioners' decision.

Thursday's public hearing was a continuation of a July 19 hearing, when the

issue first came up before the board as a recommendation for approval from the Jefferson County Planning Commission.

The proposed amendment, as Shirley then explained it, was to bring the county into compliance with Section 419.001(2) of Florida Statutes.

"By statute, we have to allow it," Shirley told commissioners of the care facilities, adding that if the commission denied the application, the action could arguably constitute a statutory violation.

He also explained at the time that by law, such facilities were licensed by the state and required to house two residents per bedroom maximum. The homeowner, however, did not have to live in the house, he said.

The only other restriction that he was aware of with regard to the facilities was that one couldn't be within a thousand feet of another, Shirley said. He likened the facilities to adult daycare.

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vehicle. Then, Hendry's vehicle entered the eastbound lanes, and crossed the inside lane.

Coming into the outside lane, Hendry's Dodge Ram struck the left side of James' trailer and rear tandems before glancing off the

side and traveling back into the inside lane, now facing eastbound.

At that point, the front of Hancock's Big Horn semi truck collided head-on with Hendry's truck before the Big Horn semi spun 180 degrees and overturned onto its right side before coming to a final rest on the inside lane, facing northwest.

James' semi rotated 180 degrees as well, but came to a final rest partially on the median and partially on the roadway, facing east.

William Hendry was transported to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital with series injuries, but Preston Hancock is reported to have received critical

injuries and was rushed to Tallahassee Memorial's ER following the wreck.

Stormy James and her passenger, Wayne Brackins, both received no injuries.

According to the FHP, charges are pending.

The responding trooper from FHP was Trooper W.E. Harrell.

County seeks \$750,000 to upgrade houses

Lazaro Aleman
ECB Publishing, Inc.

After holding the prerequisite public hearing, fair housing workshop and adopting sundry resolutions, Jefferson County is again embarked on pursuit of another Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

This time the grant the county is seeking is for \$750,000 in the housing rehabilitation category, to be leveraged with \$50,000 from the SHIP program for a total of \$800,000.

David Fox, with Fred Fox Enterprises, facilitated the hearing and workshop on Thursday, Aug. 2, taking the commissioners through the various steps.

Fox said the aim of the grant was to repair or replace a minimum of 11 low-to-moderate income owner-occupied houses, all of which had to be located within the unincorporated areas of the county.

He said that to qualify for the funding, the total household income of occupants of two of the 11 houses had to be between 0 and 30 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI); the income of three had to be between 30.1 and 50 percent of the AMI; and the remaining six had to earn less than 80 percent of the AMI.

Fox said the county was okay because it had incorporated in its Housing Assistance Plan (HAP) the minimum green standards

and supplemental green standards recommended by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (FDEO).

As part of the process, he said, the county would utilize the CDBG funding to temporarily relocate families while their houses were being repaired or replaced.

A breakdown of the money shows that \$615,500, plus the \$50,000 of SHIP, will actually go for the repairs or replacements of houses; \$22,000 will be set aside for relocations; and \$112,500 will go for the administration of the grant.

It is expected that it will take about 24 months for the project to be completed, including an environmental review, client selection, site specific environmental reviews, the development of the rehabilitation/replacement bid specifications, project bidding and construction and the grant closeout.

As part of the proceedings, Fox recited parts of the Fair Housing Act, which forbids discrimination based on race, creed, color, sex, religion, ethnicity, handicap, age, national origin or family status.

Following Fox's presentation, the commission approved four resolutions to accomplish the following: authorize the submission of the application; authorize the use of the \$50,000 in SHIP funding; authorize the implementation of the long-

term and short-term objectives of the county's community development plan; and authorize the adoption of the Housing Assistance Plan.

The CDBG program dates from 1974, when Congress passed the Housing and Community Development ACT. Funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the program consists of two parts: an entitlement component that provides funds to urban areas; and a non-entitlement component that provides funds to the states to award to smaller, mostly rural communities.

Entities eligible to participate in the Florida Small Cities CDBG Program are cities with populations under 50,000, and counties with populations of under 200,000 in their unincorporated areas, unless they've accepted special entitlement status or have opted to join an urban entitlement program.

Funding is available in four categories: commercial revitalization, economic development, housing rehabilitation and neighborhood revitalization.

Overall, at least 70 percent of the state's funding must benefit low and moderate income persons and must meet one of three objectives: benefit low and moderate income persons, aid in the prevention or elimination of slum or blight, and meet urgent community development needs.



Letters To The Editor

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

My Thoughts of McCain

I heard the news last night that John McCain died. The tributes have already started coming in. I now refuse to watch or listen to any of them. Here is everything you need to know about this man and his "legacy":

He left his sick bed last year and flew to D.C. in order to cast the deciding vote on abolishing Obamacare. The man voted to keep it! The signature, and clearly unconstitutional and hated law that defined the presidency of his one-time opponent, Barack Obama, and this man saved it! I believe he would do anything to stick it to we conservatives and fellow republicans.

McCain-Feingold. Again, another clearly unconstitutional attempt to infringe on we Americans' first amendment rights! McCain would take away our freedoms and attempt to solve a problem that never existed! McCain became a champion of campaign finance reform; he collaborated with the liberal Democratic senator Russ Feingold of Wisconsin, and, after a seven-year battle, the pair saw the McCain-Feingold Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act signed into law in 2002. The legislation, which restricted the political Parties' use of funds not subject to federal limits was McCain's only signal achievement on Capitol Hill.

The Keating Five. The scandal that nearly ended his Senate career. McCain became embroiled in the most spectacular case to come out of the savings and loan scandals of the 1980s, as a result of his connections with Charles Keating, Jr., the head of the Lincoln Savings and Loan Association of Irvine, California, had

engaged in fraud. And of course cleared by the Senate in 1991 of illegalities in his dealings on Keating's behalf, McCain was merely mildly chewed out for exercising "poor judgment."

The Gang of Eight, a group of republicans and democrats who thought they were the elite and wrote immigration laws in secret and then had a republican president sign it.

In his entire Senate career he did absolutely nothing for veterans including to never investigate the VA scandal, nor to introduce a single bill to correct the corruption of the VA. Yet his tributes will call him a "hero" and pro-military positions. However, the captives held with him in Nam talked of him as being "well being nice", a scumbag.

McCain was not a "Maverick" as he will be described. He was a misguided totalitarian who when faced with a choice between protecting Americans constitutional rights or promulgating laws that increase the size and power of government over its citizens he always chose the government.

McCain was captured in Vietnam and served his Country well at that time, refusing to be freed unless all Americans held with him were to be freed with him. For this, I applaud him.

My thoughts are, John McCain is resting in hell today.

George Pouliotte



Deb's Notes

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Happy Birthday Today to Julianna French!

The family of the late Lettie Dixon Hall will hold a Hat & Suit Sale from Lettie's extraordinary collection. The Sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Labor Day Monday, September 3 at Memorial Missionary Baptist Church, in the fellowship hall. For more information contact Diane Hall at (850) 544-3324.



Debbie Snapp

The Opera House Stage Company will present 'The Sound of Murder,' by Tim Hass, an audience interactive dinner theater production at the Monticello Opera House, 185 West Washington Street.

Audience members are invited to crack the case, with prizes awarded to successful sleuths. Ticket cost will include dinner catered by Carrie Ann & Co. Reservations are required and must be made more than 48 hours before the show. Make your reservations now by calling (850) 997-4242 or director@monticellooperahouse.org.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Dinner and the Show begin at 7 p.m. on the Fridays and Saturdays of September 7, 8, 14, 15, 21 and 22. "The Sound of Murder" is directed by Jack "I didn't do it" Williams.

The Lunch and the Launch of Safe Kids Big Bend will be held from 12 to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, September 18 at the Goodwood Museum and Gardens Carriage House. Preventable injuries are the number one killer of children in the United States. Join with others in supporting the safety of children in our community by attending the launch of 'Safe Kids Big Bend', one of the newest community coalitions of Safe Kids Worldwide. Plan to be a part of this afternoon discussion, over a free lunch, as ideas are shared on how to make Safe Kids Big Bend a successful resource for this region. Lunch will be provided. If you know someone else who would like to be part of this event contact Child Health Promotion Special Felicia Green now to reserve by calling

(850) 431-4036. This event is sponsored by Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare, Wolfson Children's Hospital of Jacksonville, The Players Center for Child Health and Safe Kids Big Bend.

The 4th semi-annual Country Market & Craft Fair is scheduled to be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 10 at 252 Gamble Road and will include a bounce house, sand art and face painting for the children; food trucks, raffles, hay rides and many, many vendors.

To any interested organization or client, there will be a **Florida Department of Children and Families/Farm Share** distribution in Crawfordville on Friday, November 16. This is a free community event and everyone is invited to participate. There is no registration form to complete in order to participate. The location is: 18212 Blue Star Highway. Call (850) 627-9500 for more information. Vendors should arrive before 8:30 a.m. to set up and network with other partners; volunteers should arrive on site by 8:15 a.m.; and clients can pick up groceries and such from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Several organizations will be providing health screenings and other information. Farm Share will distribute free food to residents from surrounding counties. For more information contact monica@farmshare.org or dave@farmshare.org or sandra.porras-gutierrez@myflfamilies.com or call (850) 488-0684

There will also be a free health and community partner event at the **Christ Church Anglican in Crawfordville** on Saturday, October 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Several organizations will be providing health screenings and other information. Farm Share will distribute free food to residents from surrounding counties. For more information about this particular event contact Marva at eyemblessed@embarqmail.com or dave@farmshare.org or sandra.porras-gutierrez@myflfamilies.com.

Letter to my Boss

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Despite this, I plan to take the next 12-18 months to find a new position. During this time I will show up for work when it is convenient for me. In addition, I fully expect to draw my full salary and all the other perks associated with my current job.

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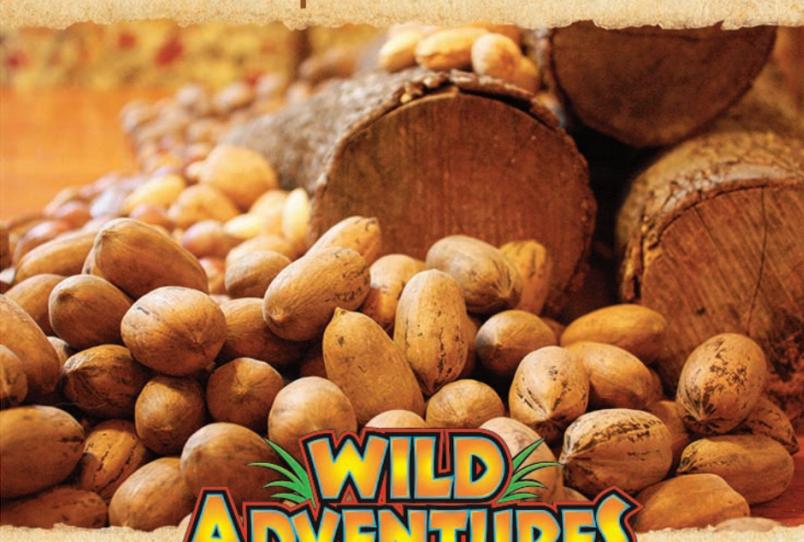
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Members of the 4-H Club - Monticello, Florida - 1930's

Gators and Tegus at the Rotary Club

Ashley Hunter, *ECB Publishing, Inc.*

“You can be the best naturalist, you can be the best educator, but when you bring out a live animal, kids and adults love it,” said naturalist, teacher and educator Jerry Walls during his presentation to the Monticello Rotary Club on Friday, August 24.



Amazing Animals program in 2009, although he'd been active on the benefit of nature long before Amazing Animals' official birth.

With a focus on getting into schools, libraries and camps, Walls searches for ways to bring nature to today's youth, if today's youth are going into nature on their own.

Walls offers over 20 different programs, such a “Animal Tracks – Nature Detective”, “More Bees Please”, “Trees – Rivers of Life”, and “Amphibians – The Amazing Double Life).

A resident of Live Oak, FL, Walls brings his programs to local homeschool co-ops, schools, libraries, summer camps, birthday parties, museums and anywhere else he can go to bring nature into focus.

Walls describes himself as a 'salmon swimming upstream', swimming against a current that pushes against him, that is focused on the future and doesn't look back or around to take in the beauty of our natural world.

“What I do is not a necessity. It's not medicine. It's not an attorney,” said Walls. “I know there's a need for it.”

So far, he has had an amazing turn-out from the Tallahassee area, and is looking to get more involved in Jefferson County.

“We're losing our Earth,” said Walls. “When it's gone, it's gone.”

After his presentation before the Rotary Club, Walls brought his 'stars' of the show – a large Argentine Black and White Tegu and a young alligator.

While circling the room and allowing each Rotarian an opportunity to meet with his reptiles, Walls provided more information about the programs he offers as well as the animals themselves.

To learn more about Walls programs or book him for your event, visit him online at amazinganimalsprogram.weebly.com.

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One of the special guests at the Friday, August 24 Rotary meeting was this large Argentine Black and White Tegu. Like Burmese Pythons and Lionfish, black and white Tegus like this one are an invasive and nonnative species in Florida. Unlike the Burmese Python, however, potential pet owners don't need permits or micro chipping in their lizards in order to own a Tegu. The Florida Fishing and Wildlife Commission expresses high environmental, economic and social concerns regarding Tegus.

Walls is the creator behind the Amazing Animals Program, an affordable and educational experience that introduces all ages to the wonders of nature and the animal kingdom.

For Walls, it is a labor of love, since he offers his program at a cost that is usually less than three dollars per person; he doesn't do it to 'make a buck', but rather to bring nature back to a generation that has grown up apart from the outdoors.

“We're losing children to nature. They don't get outside the way they used to,” said Walls to the Rotarians.

“They don't climb trees like they used to, they don't get outdoors like they used to. Kids don't climb trees, they don't get in ditches, they don't catch butterflies – they don't get outside.”

Walls even has a name for it: Nature Deficit Disorder.

According to Walls, nature has become a part of life that is no longer important to most people.

“People don't understand what I do,” added Walls. “They don't understand the importance of nature.”

Walls also provided a quote from actor Harrison Ford: “Nature doesn't need man, but man needs nature.”

In a response to the decline of natural animal habitats, of the increasing disregard for nature and lack of basic knowledge, Walls formally started his



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Representing Florida's natural apex predator and largest reptile, this tiny gator made an appearance at the August 24 Rotary club meeting and made its way around the room as handler and teacher, naturalist and educator Jerry Walls shared information about his program.



Community Prayer Breakfast on September 6

Debbie Snapp, *ECB Publishing, Inc.*

Monticello Community Prayer Breakfast will begin again after a summer hiatus for its attendees on September 6.

According to Coordinator Gary Wright, a full calendar has been established for another season of monthly meetings. There are still a few openings for speakers, but locations are locked down.

Beginning at 7 a.m. on Thursday, September 6, the meeting will be held at the First United Methodist Church, in the fellowship hall, 325 West Walnut Street.

The Methodist Men's Ministry will kickoff this first meeting for the 2018/2019 year by preparing a delicious breakfast with all the trimmings.

Alex Sanchez, CEO of the Florida Bankers Association and a FOX Business News 'celebrity of sort,' has committed to be the first guest speaker.

“It is with your support and the community at large that this activity continues”, says Wright. “I look forward to seeing you and breaking bread together again.”

So, mark the date on your calendar now so that you will be in attendance to this wonderfully planned gathering. You will surely not want to miss this time with friends and good, Christian fellowship.

Community Prayer Breakfast is held from 7 to 8 a.m. on the first Thursday of the month at a different location with a guest speaker and a program. All are welcome to come and bring a guest. For more information contact Gary Wright at (850) 997-5705 or (850) 933-5567.

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Susie Ruth Jones



Susie Ruth Jones, 78, of Monticello, went home to be with the Lord on August 28, 2018.

The funeral is 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 1, 2018, at Cody Pentecostal Holiness Church, 3812 Tram Road, Monticello, Florida 32344 with burial in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends an hour prior to the funeral at the church.

The daughter of the late Charlie Eugene and Bessie Estelle Allman Horner, she was born in Monticello on April 29, 1940. She was a retired Data Entry Supervisor II with the State of Florida and a faithful member at Cody Pentecostal Holiness Church.

She enjoyed gardening, knitting, crocheting, sewing and especially cooking.

She is survived by her children, Mary Jane Vann, William Harley Jones, Jr. (Ann), Valinda Karen Buzbee (Neal); grandchildren, William Harley "TJ" Jones, III, Benjamin Neal Buzbee, Nicholas Delano Buzbee (Windsor), Megan Nichole Vann; great-grandchildren, Addeline Rose Buzbee and Lilianna Kate Buzbee. Also surviving are sisters-in-law, Norma Jean Horner, Peggy Horner and Ernestine Horner; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her brothers, Leroy Horner, Leonard Horner, Julian Horner, Jack Horner and David Horner.

Susie Ruth will be dearly missed and her children want to say "Thank you Momma for your unconditional love, your support, and all you did for us and the family."

Memorial donations may be made to Cody Pentecostal Holiness Church. Online condolences may be expressed at abbeyfh.com.

Woman's Club seeking new members

Debbie Snapp, *ECB Publishing, Inc.*

The Monticello Woman's Club (MWC) is having a membership drive and invites all the local ladies to consider joining for a fun-filled year of activities planned by the newly elected officers and members.

The mission of the MWC is community-oriented. Members raise funds and redistribute those funds to different community organizations and to individual community needs. Some of those needs include: NFCC Scholarship, for county resident students only; books to children, from Pre-K and up; sending a child to 4-H Cherry Lake Camp; Refuge House, towards its abused spouse program; Jefferson County Humane Society, Wolf Creek Pet Adoption Center and Wag the Dog Thrift Shop; gift bags to the elderly for the holidays; A Doctor's Heart, donating medical supplies and clothing; and Christmas bicycles for area children, a program honoring the late Sheriff David Hobbs.

MWC members also participate in

local festivities and events including: the annual County Watermelon Festival Luncheon & Fashion Show, Main Street Monticello Florida events, Downtown Halloween and Christmas events, Tour of Homes and other activities requested throughout the year.

The club promotes education through literature and encourages awareness through its guest speakers at monthly lunch meetings.

A historical library defining the past 100 years of the Monticello Woman's Club Activities is maintained within the Clubhouse.

The historic Woman's Clubhouse, located at 975 East Dogwood Street, is available to rent and can accommodate receptions, showers, reunions and the like. Anyone interested in rental information can contact any officer for availability and scheduling.

If you are interested in becoming a member, or if you have questions, contact Dianne Braren at (850) 264-6533, Jennifer King at (850) 443-9887 or Deborah D'Attila at (954) 325-7308.



CHURCH NEWS NOTES

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August 31

Christ Episcopal Church Food Share distribution from 8 to 10:30 a.m. on the last Friday at 425 North Cherry Street. Father Jim May, church pastor.

September 1

New Bethel AME Church will host its last Quarterly Conference for the year, beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday with Presiding Elder Lee E. Plummer of the Tallahassee Monticello District bringing the message. Rev. Jimmie F. Dickey, pastor.

September 2

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate its 120th Anniversary at 3 p.m. on Sunday with guest speaker, Rev. Shirley A. Washington, pastor at Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Rev. Cassandra Brockman, pastor. (850) 688-5865

September 5, 19

First Presbyterian Church hosts EaglesWings, an outreach ministry serving the community, on the first and third Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.m.

Volunteers are always needed to distribute food items and to donate non-perishable food items. Contact Coordinator JoAnne Arnold at (850) 997-2252 or eagleswingsmonticello@yahoo.com. Rev. R.C. Griffin III, church pastor.

September 6

Community Prayer Breakfast is held from 7 to 8 a.m. on the first Thursday of the month at a different location with a guest speaker and a program. All are welcome to come and bring a guest. For more information contact Coordinator Gary Wright at (850) 997-5705 or (850) 933-5567. The

September meeting will be held at First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall with breakfast prepared by the Methodist Men's Group. Speaker will be Alex Sanchez.

September 9

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church will host a Family and Friends Day at 3 p.m. on Sunday with guest speaker Rev. Paxton Rogers, pastor at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church. Rev. Cassandra Brockman, pastor. (850) 688-5865

September 11

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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August 31

Rotary meets at 12 p.m. on Fridays at the Jefferson Senior Citizens Center for a meeting, program and lunch. For more information contact President Matt Coniglio at (850) 566-0271.

August 31

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

September 1

Jefferson Arts will host the Opening Reception of 'Growing Wild,' a Profusion of Wildflowers by Anne Hempel from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 1 in the Gallery. Light refreshments will be made available on

Saturday afternoon, and the artist will be available to talk about her art on display. The exhibit will be on display though the month of September. Regular Gallery hours are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays, or you may call (850) 997-3311 for an appointment. Jefferson Arts is located at 575 West Washington Street, with parking in the rear of the building. For those having questions or concerns contact Susan Rissman at srissman4766@embarqmail.com.

September 2

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

September 3

EOC Amateur Radio Operators net call at 8 p.m. on Mondays on repeater WX4JEF (145.430, minus offset, pl

tone 94.8) All are invited to tone in and licensed operators are urged to check in. For text alerts of Club news and events to your smart phone text JEFFARES to 84483. For information contact Andy Rudd at (850) 694-6006 or arudd@att.net.

September 3

Happy Labor Day! This is a district-wide school holiday for all Jefferson County (Somerset and Aucilla) students.

September 3

VFW Post 251 Auxiliary at 6:30 p.m. on the first Monday at the Learning Center on Marvin Street. Contact member Mary Madison at (850) 210-7090 for more information.

September 4

Community Friends of Jefferson County will meet at the RJ Bailar Public Library at 6 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month to empower individuals to change their communities through education and involvement. For more information contact Franklin Brooks at (850) 509-7506 or Ann Herring at (850) 997-2463.

September 4

Monticello Woman's Club at 11:30 a.m. on the first Tuesday at the clubhouse on East Pearl Street for a program, lunch, and a meeting. Contact President Diane Braren at (850) 264-6533 for more information. September 4, 18 Knitters & Crocheters Group meets at 10 a.m. on the first and third Tuesday at the RJ Bailar Public Library. Bring your projects to work. Someone is available to help. Contact Nancy Banks at (850) 948-2829 for more information.

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Children's Advil recalled due to overdose concerns

Ashley Hunter, *ECB Publishing, Inc.*

Pfizer Consumer Health, a division of Pfizer, Inc., the producer of children's Advil, has recalled one lot of their bubblegum flavored, 4-oz bottles of children's Advil after receiving customer complaints that the provided dosage cup for the Advil is marked in teaspoons, while the instructions provided on the medication's label are described in milliliters (mL).

After looking into the situation, Pfizer concluded that the unmatched dosage cup and dosage instructions could result in the chance of a potential and accidental overdose.



The medication bottles were distributed nationwide to wholesalers, retailers and distributors throughout the United States between May and June of this year.

"Pfizer, Inc. places the utmost emphasis on patient safety and product quality at every step in the manufacturing and supply chain process," reads the press release issued by the company.

All businesses who sell the bubblegum flavored Advil have been advised to remove the product from their shelves.

In addition, consumers who have experienced any problems with the recalled Advil are advised to contact their healthcare

provider.

Overdose symptoms are commonly identified through nausea, vomiting, headache, drowsiness, blurred vision and dizziness.

If consumers have questions regarding this recall or to report an adverse event, please contact the Pfizer Consumer Healthcare Information Line at 1-800-88-Advil (1-800-882-3845). Their hours of operation are Mon-Fri, 9 a.m. through 5 p.m. EST.

Chamber offers free Business Website Workshop

Debbie Snapp
ECB Publishing, Inc.

The Monticello Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce is offering a free Business Website Workshop at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 19 at the Chamber location, 420 West Washington Street.

This is the third monthly workshop of this kind hosted by the Chamber; the other two were very well received by the membership.

Chamber member Christine Golden of CLGolden Webcode will conduct this class and will be discussing social media, *business.google.com*, mailchimp, websites and more. Other discussion topics are welcome. Contact Chamber Executive Katrina Richardson at (850) 997-5552 if you plan to attend.



Christine Golden



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Recent winners Jimmie Cone, Sr. (left), and Shantavia Miller (right), hold up the four tickets each won for the Valdosta-based Wild Adventures theme park after being randomly selected as a ticket winners through *ECB Publishing's* Facebook giveaway.



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A Gem of Floridian History

A look at the process of renovating Jefferson High School

Ashley Hunter
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It was the first brick schoolhouse built in Florida, its history dates all the way back to 1852 – 166 years ago – and the original bricks used to construct the school house were all handmade in Jefferson County at the George Taylor Plantation.

On Wednesday, August 22, the old Jefferson High School was the subject of discussion during the week's Kiwanis Meeting.

Bill McRae led the discussion by sharing the history of the schoolhouse, as well as a brief overlook at the grants that had been obtained and the work that had been made in order to bring back to life a crumbling treasure.

McRae is a former Superintendent of Schools for the Jefferson County School District as well as a former teacher at the old high school in the days when it still served as an educational institute for the county's students.

McRae began his presentation by sharing a bit about the school's birth and the events that led to it being constructed.

According to McRae, the school was paid for by the community, especially the Masons and Odd Fellows Organizations within Jefferson County; the deal made with the groups was that they would have a 100 year lease for the second floor of the school – which, at the time was nothing more than a large open space.

“Long before the 100 year lease ran out, they built their own building, moved out and it became one big school,” added McRae.

The schoolhouse existed for 63 years before it had its first bout of major renovations in 1915; the western and eastern point of the building added new wings, complete with a basement under each wing, cement porches on both the front and back of the schoolhouse were added, the large white columns were built, classrooms were added in both wings and floors, indoor restrooms were added for the first time into the building, and electricity was a new aspect added to the school during the 1915 renovations.

Another addition during that year's renovations was a boiler that was placed in the western wing – directly under the classroom McRae would later teach.

“That boiler was there before I

was,” said McRae. “When they fired that thing up, the floor would get hot, the wall – which was one of the original walls of the old school building – would get so hot you could hardly put your hand on it. But, in the wintertime, that was a nice, toasty room.”

All the 1915 renovations cost \$21,000.

By 1922, the school was growing.

The high school published their first annual (yearbook), which was named *The Perian*.

McRae showed a copy of *The Perian*, and a flip-through revealed the goals, hopes and history of that year's graduating class as well as pictures, class poems, and ads from several business establishments that are still common names around town.

By 1933, the growth of the school had resulted in the need for another school, an elementary school, to be built.

In 1938, the school printed their second annual – this time titled *The Jeffercello*. In this annual, of which McRae also had a copy, some familiar faces and names could be seen and noted, such as Monticello's Iwo Jima hero, Ernest “Boots” Thomas.



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Bill Douglas, a guest speaker, Rotarian and longtime resident of Jefferson County, shared details on the recent development at the old high school following the county taking ownership of the school. Douglas is the architect hired by the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners to oversee the renovation of the old high school's 'A' Building.

Near where the Kilpatrick Auditorium now stands, an elementary school was constructed and assisted in easing the weight of students, as the enrollments continued to grow for the Jefferson High School.

In 1957, the second floor was renovated again; this time, a hall ran through the main portion and divided the library from the Home Economics classrooms.

In 1972, tragedy struck as the elementary school that was built behind the high school burned down and was a complete loss.

“It burned to the ground on a Sunday night, following a football game where Jefferson beat Chipley 21-20 in the semi-finals in the state play-offs,” said McRae. “We blamed that fire on Chipley. But, I don't think they burned it down.”

Four years later, in 1976, the Kilpatrick Auditorium was built where the elementary schoolhouse once stood.

“In 1980, the old ‘A’ Building was beginning to show it's age,” said McRae.

By this point, the schoolhouse was already 128 years old. It had water leaks, the slate tiles on the roof were weighing down the old wood



Photo Courtesy of Florida Memory

The Old Jefferson High School (formerly called Monticello High School) was the topic of the program at the Monticello Kiwanis Club meeting on Wednesday, August 22. Former teacher at Jefferson High School and former Superintendent of Jefferson County Schools, Bill McRae, and Jefferson County native and Rotarian, Bill Douglas, shared about the history of the school, the progress made towards renovating the old school building and an estimation on what it will take to complete the renovation process. This photograph of the school was taken sometime during the 1930s, when the school was still in use.

beams supporting the roof structure and there were termites throughout the west and east wings.

“Pigeons were our biggest problem,” said McRae, who was School Superintendent at the time.

“We had two or three hundred pigeons roosting and nesting in the attic of the old building.”

With the large colony of pigeons only adding to everything else, the schoolhouse was beginning to reach a point of dire straits.

After a series of inspections and surveys, the old Jefferson High School was ordered to close their doors in 1985, as it was no longer deemed safe for students.

Those enrolled at the high school were moved to the buildings built behind original schoolhouse, and life resumed.

Though, it resumed without the old schoolhouse structure, which was called the 'A Building' after the state numbered all the school buildings on the Jefferson High School campus.

“Now, the old high school was sitting there all by itself; locked up, empty, not in use,” said McRae.

McRae was superintendent, and said that he had attempted to find a way to fix the old building, but never found the way (or the funds) to completely bring the building back into service.

Then, in 1998, Jefferson County resident Tim Perry informed the Jefferson County School Board about Florida's Historic Preservation Grant.

“It sounded great,” said McRae. However, there was one major problem: submissions for the grant were due the next week, and the grant was heavy in text.

McRae didn't believe it was possible to have the grant completed in time for the submission deadline.

“A few days later, my wife walks into my office and she said 'that grant that Tim [Perry] was talking about? I've been looking at it and I've gone out and found all the information and I'm filling this thing out. I think I can get a grant together that I can turn in next week.'”

With a willing volunteer to put together the grant, the Jefferson School District moved forward – and the grant submission was accepted.

In 1999, the Jefferson County School District received their first grant towards the renovating of the now-closed schoolhouse – over 10 years after the school had shut its doors.

“That was probably the beginning of the saving of ‘A’ Building,” said McRae.

After being awarded the \$375,000 grant, the school district went about removing the colony of infested pigeon and enclosing the attic so the birds would also stay out.

“Those pigeons still fly around and try to get into that building. You drive by and look up there, you'll still see those pigeons trying to get in,” added McRae.

More Historic Preservation Grants followed after the schoolhouse was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. In 2000-2001 a \$299,000 grant was awarded to the district, followed by a \$331,000 in 2002.

“A lot of work has gone on in that building now,” said McRae. “All the grants we (school district) had, we fixed a lot of things in there; repaired rotten wood and the walls....Those grants were a lot of work, but it was worth every penny.”

A third grant was received in 2006 for \$347,000.

Some time after the 2006 grant, Jefferson County purchased the schoolhouse from the School District, transferring the care, keeping and reconstruction into the County Commissioners hands.

According to McRae, the building sat empty and untouched for a couple of years before then-Clerk of the Court Kirk Reams decided to renew the renovation process on the old building.

At this point, Jefferson County citizen of 40 years and Rotarian Bill Douglas joined McRae to provide information about the renovation related undertakings that the county had performed as the current owners of the schoolhouse.

In 2015, the county received their first grant for ‘A’ Building, which was a \$350,000 Historical Preservation Grant.

With that grant, the renovation team went into the center part of the main school building and rebuilt the center to be able to hold the load of people that will be required after the building is complete.

“When you walk into the building, you'll see that it's soft and you can feel it move. When you cross over that threshold to the center section, it is [firm]. You can jump up and down, you could put an elephant in there,” said Douglas.

In 2016, another \$525,000 grant was obtained to take care of the elevator shaft, electrical 'rough ends' and miscellaneous exterior restorations.

A third grant was received by the county in 2017 – which is the grant that the current restoration process is still drawing funds from.

With the 2017 grant, the old boiler was removed due to it containing asbestos. The walls, first story ceiling and basement structure was also completely removed in order to make repairs and add drainage for the water table under the basement. Ultimately, all the structure that was removed will be rebuilt, Douglas says.

Throughout the renovations done by the county, the mindset to preserve and not throw out and dated materials has been paramount.

Some of the ceramic bathroom toilets and sinks that were installed in 1915 were still in use when the

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Bill McRae, a former Superintendent of Schools in Jefferson County, provided a presentation regarding the Old Jefferson High School (located on Washington Street). McRae, who is a former teacher at the old high school, shared a history of the school as well as information regarding to slow progress towards its completion.

HIGH SCHOOL
from page 8

school was shut down in 1985. Many original radiators were also still within the building when the county took over the renovations, and all of those original accessories are being kept to eventually return to the building and show for historical context.

“The idea is to not throw anything away – we want to reuse it,” said Douglas.

While the old Jefferson High School has seen progress and made gains to be once more an aspect of historical pride, it still has a long way to go.

“Total, where we stand right now, is the state grants through the school board amount to \$1.8 million. With the added county grants it is \$3.8 million,” said Douglas.

That \$3.8 million is already over what the school district expected repair costs to amount to in 1999, when they provided an estimate of \$2 million.

“When we started the first grant in 1999, when we estimated what is was going to cost, we were at \$2.6 million. Here we are, 20 years later,

and we are only about not halfway through,” added Douglas, further explaining that since all the repairs have been made in small increments, the cost for labor and materials have gone up throughout the years and have resulted in escalated costs.

“Right now, the county is searching for other means to augment the state grants so maybe we can finish it a bit quicker.”

Already, \$3.8 million has been deposited into the old Jefferson High School – but it is nowhere near complete; in fact, Douglas' estimations add another \$4 million to the funds that will be needed to bring the high school back to its former glory, as long as the price for labor and materials don't continue to rapidly escalate. If they do, that \$4 million estimation may end up rising as well.

After the completion, there is no doubt that 'Building A' will be a historical marvel for Jefferson County, but the completion may be far off and cost the county greatly before it is all said and done.

“It's a building that really needs to be saved and we saved it,” said Douglas. “This is really a little gem.”



70
YEARS
ago
1948

August 31, 1948

The Misses **Wilhelmina Anderson, Lucille Simmons** and **Ava Ruth Sawyer** spent last weekend at Jacksonville Beach.

50
YEARS
ago
1968

August 31, 1968

Those from Monticello attending a soil conservation meeting were **John Finlayson; T.B. Bird, Jr** and **Frank Norris**.

August 31, 1978

Central Telephone customers in the Jefferson County area will save 35 percent on all long distance calls placed on Labor Day, said **John Fain**, customer services manager.

40
YEARS
ago
1978

Several efforts will be made this weekend to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy drive, beginning with **Jaycee's** roadblock on the courthouse circle, Saturday morning from 10 to 12.

August 31, 1988

The Jefferson County High School cheerleading squads have welcomed **Elizabeth Shelly**, a former 4-year high school cheerleader, as a new sponsor.

September 2, 1988

Robert Nutting, resident agent in charge from U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, gives Sheriff **Ken Fortune** checks representing appreciation for cooperation extended by local deputies during a Bay County drug seizure.

30
YEARS
ago
1988

A bicycling group of thirty riders traveling from San Diego peddled their way to Monticello on Monday. Monticello was one of the group's last stops before reaching its destination in Jacksonville.

Army National Guard Private **Devan R. Duncan**, son of **Peggy Duncan** of Monticello, has completed basic training at Fort Benning in Columbus, GA.

The County now has a fully chartered **Jefferson County Democratic Women's club**, as the group's charter was presented last week by State President **Gwen Humphries**.

August 28, 1998

As part of the 650 cultural grants totalling more than \$26.3 million awarded in the state this year, the **Opera House** received \$8,083 for upcoming programs.

20
YEARS
ago
1998

Shirley Washington was named Volunteer of the Year this week by the board of directors of the Jefferson Senior Center.

September 2, 1998

Army National Guard Pvt. **Dallas S. Campbell** has graduated from advanced individual training (AIT) as an infantryman at Fort Benning in Columbus, GA.

August 29, 2008

In the property appraiser race, Democratic challenger **Angela Gray** received 2,538 votes (59.7 percent) to **David Ward's** 1,707 votes (40.2 percent). Gray must now face Republican candidate **SW Ellis** in the November election.

September 3, 2008

In the continual effort to better serve and inform the citizens of Jefferson County, Sheriff **David Hobbs** and his staff are currently in the process of creating a website.

Steve Weeks is the new Transportation Mechanic at Aucilla Christian Academy.

ABORIGINAL HISTORY
AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 7

August 31, 2009: Florida's Gov. Crist signed a 20-year gambling pact with the Seminole tribe, which agreed to pay Florida \$12.5 million a month for 30 months for running, currently illegal, slot machines and blackjack games.

September 1, 1875: The U.S. government attempts to purchase Paha Sapa (the Black Hills) and fails. Second Sioux War erupts after the Sioux refuse to sell the lands north of the Platte to the federal government.

September 2, 1779: General John Sullivan, and his force of 4,500 men continue their attacks on Native Americans in New York who he suspects are British Allies. His forces level Catherine's Town.

September 3, 1783: The Treaty of Paris is signed by the United States and Great Britain. Congress will ratify the treaty on January 14, 1784.

September 4, 1863: The Concow-Maidu had ancestral homes in the Butte County area of northern California. Eventually, they were forced to move to different lands. Many die or are killed along the way to these distant, hostile places. One group of 461 Concows leaves Chico, but only 277 will survive the two-week trip to Round Valley.

September 5, 1877: Crazy Horse killed - Oglala Sioux, Crazy Horse, is fatally bayoneted by a U.S. soldier after resisting confinement in a guardhouse at Fort Robinson, Nebraska. A year earlier, Crazy Horse was among the Sioux leaders who defeated George Armstrong Custer's Seventh Cavalry at the Battle of Little Bighorn in Montana Territory. The battle, in which 265 members of the Seventh Cavalry, including Custer, were killed, was the worst defeat of the U.S. Army in its long history of warfare with the Native Americans. After the victory at Little Bighorn, U.S. Army forces led by Colonel Nelson Miles pursued Crazy Horse and his followers. His tribe suffered from cold and starvation, and on May 6, 1877, Crazy Horse surrendered to General George Crook at the Red Cloud Indian Agency in Nebraska. He was sent to Fort Robinson, where he was killed in a scuffle with soldiers who were trying to imprison him in a cell.

September 6, 1778: Ohio, a network of trails leading from Detroit and the Illinois settlements, (British) to Fort Pitt and Kentucky, was the scene of many skirmishes, and the famous exploits of George Rogers Clark, Daniel Boone, Simon Kenton and William Crawford. Their opponents included Sir Henry ("Hair-Buyer") Hamilton and the renegades, Simon Girty, Alexander McKee and Matthew Elliott. Fort Laurens was constantly under Native American attack and was evacuated in August, 1779.

September 7, 1972: The Commissioner of Indian Affairs in a memorandum extended federal recognition to the Chippewa tribe of Sault Ste. Marie in Northern Michigan. The meaning of this federal recognition was further clarified in a memorandum by the Associate Solicitor for Indian Affairs on February 27, 1974.



1997: Diana, Princess of Wales, dies in a car crash in a road tunnel in Paris



1897: Thomas Edison patents the Kinetoscope [kinetographic camera], a device which produces moving pictures.



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DESIGN A MORE FUNCTIONAL PANTRY

kitchen. What is the climate? Will food spoil? Is there a possibility that vermin or insects can infiltrate the room and access food? These factors will dictate whether to have closed cabinets, air-tight bins or open shelves or if other modifications must be made to the room prior to building.

Choose the type of pantry

Accessibility is essential in a pantry. Everything should be easily reached and grabbed as needed without having to move too many things. Ideally, foods should be arranged in a single layer so that all items can be viewed at a glance. Shelves of various depths and heights can accommodate items of different sizes. Adjustable shelves are ideal because they can be modified as foods change. Sliding drawers can improve reach in cabinets.

In smaller spaces, French door-style reach-in cabinets are convenient and flexible. In complete kitchen remodels or new constructions, walk-in pantries offer the most space and flexibility.

Must-have features

Pantries serve different functions in different homes. For the bulk shopper, a pantry with plenty of room for large items will be needed.

Lighting can be beneficial in all pantries. Lights can improve visibility when trying to locate items. Others prefer an outlet for charging hand-held vacuums or other small appliances. Counter space in the pantry enables homeowners to unload groceries directly onto pantry shelves.

For pantries located outside of the kitchen, built-in freezers can maximize storage possibilities, especially for those who freeze-and-eat after bulk shopping ventures.

Pantries are popular features that homeowners can customize depending on their storage needs

and the amount of time they spend in their kitchens. A pantry is the most desirable kitchen feature for buyers in the market for a new home.

Metro Editorial

Many homeowners wish they had more storage space, and kitchens are one area where people seemingly can always use more storage.

Despite a desire for more kitchen space, until recently, kitchen pantries fell out of favor. Builders and architects may have thought that close proximity to supermarkets as well as multi-use cabinets in kitchens would offset the need for pantries. But

according to a recent survey from the National Association of Home Builders, a kitchen pantry is the most desirable kitchen feature for buyers in the market for a new home.

According to a 2016 survey from ReportLinker, 98 percent of Americans say cooking at home is their preferred way to prepare a meal. And despite the wide array of restaurants, prepared meals and fast food options nearby, more than one-third of people cook at home daily, with nearly 50 percent cooking between three and six days a week.

In order to accommodate for spending more time in the kitchen, homeowners are directing additional attention to kitchen preparation and storage features. In fact, one recent trend in kitchen renovations is creating custom-designed pantries.

Locate the appropriate space

Ideally, pantries should be in or adjacent to the kitchen. But not every home layout allows for this setup. Some homeowners need to move storage

pantries into the garage, the basement or a mud/laundry room.

Various factors should be considered before placing a pantry outside a

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Air conditioner buying guide

Metro Editorial

Window air conditioning units help people who do not have a central cooling system stay cool when temperatures rise.

When shopping for window air conditioners, consumers will no doubt encounter the acronym BTU. BTU stands for British Thermal Unit, which is a traditional measurement of heat, defined as the amount of heat required to raise the temperature of one pound of water by one degree Fahrenheit at sea level. While BTUs may make sense when determining heat output of gas grills or the warming capacity of a heating appliance, just what do heating units have to do with air conditioners?

According to Compact Appliance, when BTUs are used in relation to air conditioning systems, the

measurement expresses how many BTUs can be removed from the air per hour, essentially reflecting how well heat can be extracted from a room and cooled by the unit.

While it may seem like having the highest BTU rating would always be ideal, this isn't always the case. Cooling a room too quickly with an oversized unit may result in the appliance having to cycle on and off frequently, eventually overworking the air conditioner's compressor and potentially shortening its life span.

Similarly, using a unit that doesn't have enough BTUs will prevent the air conditioner from making a room comfortable, potentially compelling users to run the appliance in excess.

Instead, consumers need to find the right unit for their needs. Measuring the square footage of a room

and then comparing it against BTU guidelines for particular air conditioner units is a great way to ensure you find the right window unit. According to the home improvement experts at Lowes, the following are the advised BTU ratings matched up with room sizes:

- 150 to 350 sq. ft.: 5,000 to 8,000 BTUs
- 350 to 550 sq. ft.: 8,000 to 12,000 BTUs
- 550 to 1,050 sq. ft.: 12,000 to 18,500 BTUs
- 1,050 to 1,600 sq. ft.: 18,500 to 25,000 BTUs.

Other factors will influence cooling capability as well. Consider whether a room gets a lot of sun or shade, and then adjust the BTU rating accordingly. Second-story rooms may have more ambient heat. Also, the number of occupants in a room may drive up the temperature, which may require purchasing a large unit.



Run air conditioners without wasting energy

Metro Editorial

Few people can make it through the dog days of summer without turning on their air conditioners. Men and women concerned about the environment and conserving energy may try to avoid using their air conditioners, but doing so on especially hot days can be challenging and potentially even deadly.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that roughly 600 people die from complications related to extreme heat each year. Heat stroke can result when a body overheats after prolonged exposure to or physical exertion in high temperatures. The Mayo Clinic notes that the condition is most common in summer and that a lack of air conditioning during periods of sustained hot weather is a risk for heat stroke.

Conserving energy during summer is a noble pursuit, but people should not jeopardize their health in an effort to conserve energy. Air conditioners might not be the most eco-friendly appliances, but there are ways to

run them without wasting energy.

• **Use a window unit or zoned system overnight.** The U.S. Department of Energy notes that central air conditioners are more efficient than room air conditioners, which are typically installed in windows. But central air conditioning systems that are not zoned may be cooling empty rooms overnight. Apartment dwellers may find window units less wasteful, while homeowners who can afford to install zoned air conditioning systems may rest easier knowing they are only paying to cool certain parts of their homes overnight. Zoned systems come equipped with programmable thermostats that homeowners can adjust when they go to bed, ensuring they won't be cooling empty living rooms and basements overnight.

• **Have units serviced before summer begins.** Well-maintained central air conditioners will work more efficiently. Routine maintenance of air conditioning systems will ensure that systems aren't working harder,

and therefore consuming more energy, than necessary to cool a home.

• **Let fans and air conditioners work together.** The DOE notes that using fans and air conditioners simultaneously is an effective way to circulate cool air throughout a home. By running both fans and air conditioners at the same time, the air conditioners won't have to be run as long or as hard as they would if no fans were turned on.

• **Conserve energy in other ways.** Because the dangers of heat stroke and heat exhaustion are so considerable, men and women should never keep their air conditioners off on hot days simply to conserve energy. Finding safer alternatives to conserving energy on hot days can be just as effective and won't put consumers' health at risk. Unplug appliances that are not being used and prepare cold dinners so ovens that can make home interiors feel hotter won't need to be turned on. In addition, take advantage of the longer daylight hours in

summer and keep lights off until the sun goes down. These are safe ways to conserve energy on hot days.

Air conditioners can keep people safe during summer, and there are ways to use them and still conserve energy.



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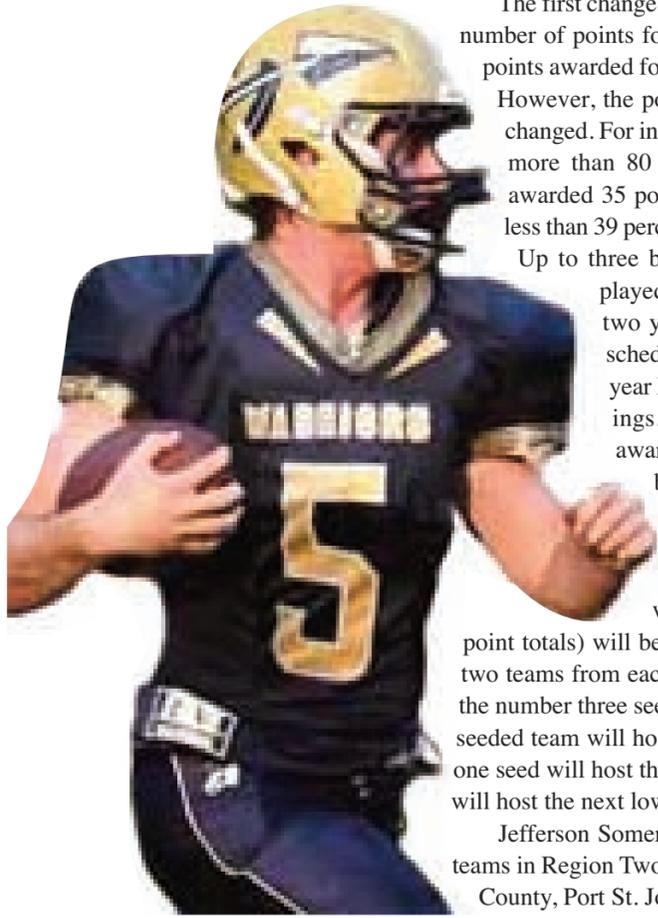
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New changes for football playoffs

Rick Patrick, *ECB Publishing, Inc.*

In a continuing effort to make the high school football season more competitive, the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) has announced a few changes to the football playoff system. Last year, the FHSAA instituted a point system for determining playoff participation for teams in Class 1A. This year, the point system remains, with some minor changes.



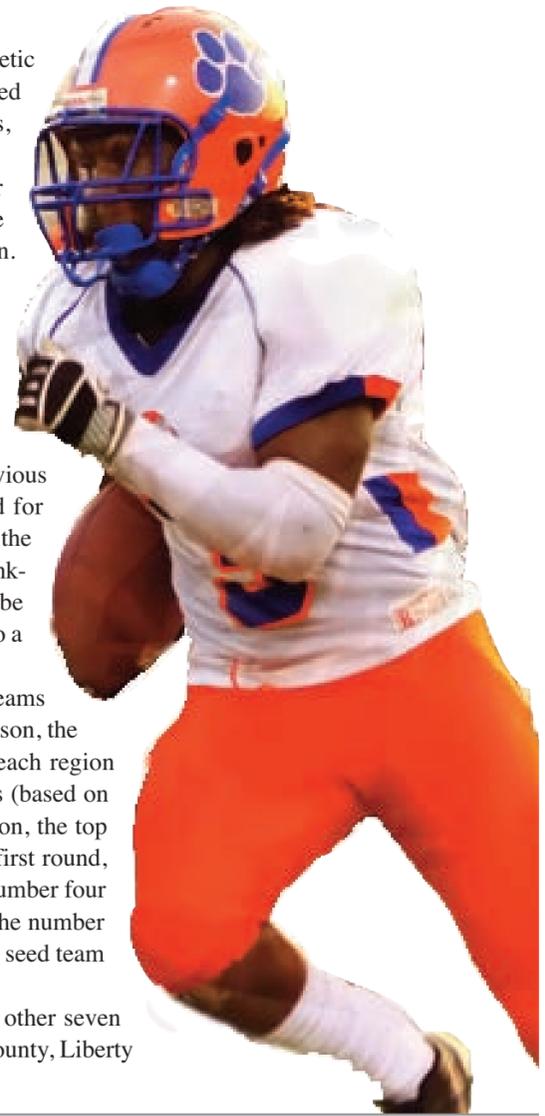
The first change is that teams will be rewarded a potential greater number of points for scheduling more challenging opponents. The points awarded for winning games remains the same as last season.

However, the points for losing games to better opponents has changed. For instance, if a team loses to an opponent who wins more than 80 percent of their games, that losing team is awarded 35 points. If a team defeats another team that wins less than 39 percent of their games, they get the same 35 points.

Up to three bonus points are awarded for each opponent played that participated in the playoffs during the previous two years. Three bonus points can also be awarded for scheduling teams that were listed in the top 25 end of the year MaxPreps or USA Today final expert football rankings. A maximum of three points per game can be awarded. So, a team can get more points by losing to a better team than by beating a weaker team.

Another change is in the number of teams participating in the playoffs. Whereas last season, the top four teams (based on point totals) from each region were in the playoffs, this year the top six teams (based on point totals) will be in the playoffs. At the end of the regular season, the top two teams from each region will receive a first-round bye. In the first round, the number three seeded team will host the number six team. The number four seeded team will host the number five team. In the second round, the number one seed will host the lowest remaining seed team. The number two seed team will host the next lowest remaining seed team.

Jefferson Somerset remains in Region Two for Class 1A. The other seven teams in Region Two include: Blountstown, Cottondale, Franklin County, Liberty County, Port St. Joe, Sneads and Wewahitchka.

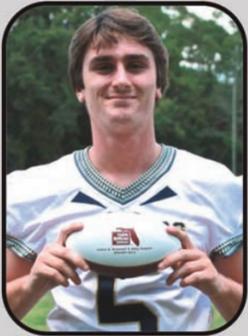


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Sam's 50 Free Haircuts/Supplies another success

Story Submitted by Mary Madison

"The August 11 Madison Avenue for Kids Foundation's Free Haircuts/School Supply giveaway was another success," stated event coordinator Mary Madison, mother of Jefferson County native Sam Madison, Jr., who offered the haircuts and school supplies to young men in grades PK through 12 at no cost to them or their families.

Mary expressed the pleasure it has been to coordinate "Jr's" (as he is affectionately called by her as well as Sam Madison, Jr.'s family and peers) outreach, and giveaways over the 15 years, beginning in 2003.

With his annual Educational Partnership Rallies (5 years), the first one-day Professional Football Camp for 100 students at no cost, corporate sponsors and Jefferson County Sam Fans and Friends paying the cost (\$25) of each participant and all proceeds going to the Jefferson County Recreation Park to purchase youth equipment; a Bed, Bath and Beyond Brunch for young ladies and their mothers; and of course, his current event.

"I've always tried to instill in my children [and] grandchildren, not to live a 'cosmetic' life – looking good on the surface with nothing good on the inside to show your beauty on the outside from within," stated Mary. "They all have caring, good hearts."

"I would like to give a decade of heartfelt thanks to Mrs. Angela Gray for her school supplies partnership contributions. I personally told her how proud I was of her giving spirit when I read of her donating her hair. Thanks goes to Barber Kendrick Norton for his decade of cutting and for bringing Barber Tereé Dunlap in to the partnership," added Mary Madison.

The traditional 29th Backpack Recipient was Devonte Hawkins.

Besides the school supplies, Devonte received the backpack filled with other items including socks, varied personal hygiene products, flip flops, a dictionary, index cards, post-it notes, legal pads, highlighters, a word search book, and additional note paper, tablets and composition books.

The number 29 originated from Sam Madison, Jr.'s NFL Jersey number when he played with the Miami Dolphins and the New York Giants.

Another annual event Sam conducts in April is the Sam Madison Series of the North Florida Classic of the 7 vs. 7 Tournament Qualifier.

This three-day event brings high school teams in the local area and north, west areas to compete for individual team trophies while trying to qualify and to move to the national championship.

Sam has retired from playing football on the field, but his football involvement is stronger than when he played.

He is assistant defensive coach at his older son, Kellen's high school – The Saint Thomas Aquinas Raiders; before pre-season, NFL coaches invite him to coach their Cornerbacks and now that preseason has begun, he announces games for the Dolphins on local media.

Football is his passion and career.

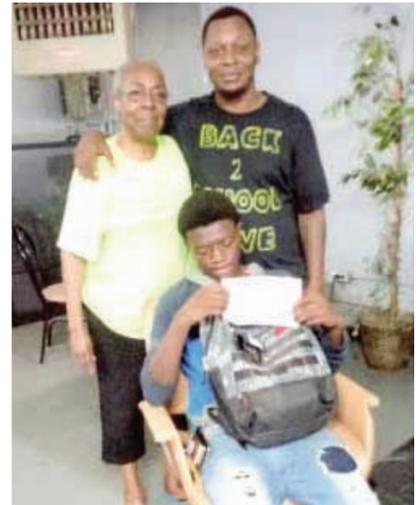


Photo submitted
Pictured above is the 29th Backpack Recipient, Devonte Hawkins (seated in chair), with Mary Madison and barber Kendrick Norton.

Veterans Among Us

Navy Veteran Gene Hall

Veteran Reservist Gene Hall is proud to have served eight years in the United States military as a Reservist. The first six years he spent in the U.S. Naval Reserves, and the last two years were spent in the U.S. Army Reserves 708 Maintenance Unit, stationed in Quincy, FL. His Naval unit was stationed primarily in Norfolk, VA; Pascagoula, MS; and finally Mayport, FL. He served on the USS John Rogers and subsequently on the USS Flatley.

"The best part of my service was having the opportunity to travel on ships and airplanes," he shares. His deployments were for training as an Operations Specialist at various sites within the United States, mostly with the Atlantic Fleet. His bootcamp was at Great Lakes, IL, while his 'A' school training was at Dam Neck, VA. During his tenure with the U.S. Army Reserves, his unit was scheduled to deploy to the Persian Gulf and provide support for Operation Desert Storm. At the very last minute, President George H.W. Bush signed an Executive Order to end that conflict.

"Although I am not a military hero, I would like to take this time to acknowledge some of my friends who are the ones who paid the ultimate price for America's freedom: Willie James Johnson, Richard Russ and Clyde Alexander are just a few of our comrades from Jefferson County who, as Veterans of Foreign Wars, lost their lives to save others. Let us therefore honor these heroes by being the dedicated, industrious, caring and concerned citizens we are all called to be." Hall is at this time County Commissioner for District 2 in Jefferson County, Florida.



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Preparing for the Fall Garden



Believe it or not, fall is around the corner and that means it's time to start thinking about a fall vegetable garden! Fall in Jefferson County is a wonderful time for leafy greens, onions, and salad crops such as lettuce, arugula, and spinach as well as numerous other cool-season vegetables.

Garden site selection and soil preparation are two important components to any productive garden. Select a garden site that is well-drained and gets at least six hours of sunlight. If you're planting your fall garden in an area that was used for a spring or summer garden, be sure to get rid of any dead or diseased plants. Remove any weed growth and prepare the soil by tilling or plowing to a depth of 6-8 inches.

If spring and summer crops were heavily fertilized, you may not need to make a pre-plant fertilizer application. If you're unsure, you may want to have your soil re-tested to check the pH level and to determine which nutrients you may need to add. Soil pH is important because it determines how available nutrients are to plants. An ideal soil pH is between 5.5 and 7.0. Add a fresh layer of organic matter such as animal manure, compost, rotted leaves and/or commercial soil mixes.

If you're interested in learning more about fall vegetable gardening, come on down to the Extension Office and join us for our Fall Backyard Gardening Series! This is a two-part series that will run from 6 to 8 p.m. on Sept. 20 and 6 to 8 p.m. on Sept. 27 at the Jefferson County Extension Office (2729 W. Washington Hwy, Monticello, FL 32344).

The first session will focus on garden site selection, soil preparation and fertilization. The second session will discuss fall planting and gardening techniques, beneficial and harmful insects found in the garden, and integrated pest management.

Participants will get hands-on experience seeding vegetables seeds and leave with some for their garden.

Please call the Extension Office at (850) 342-0187 to register. The cost for both evenings is \$10 and refreshments will be provided. For more information on the gardening series or on backyard gardening, contact the Jefferson County Extension Office at (850) 342-0187 or by email at dsprague@ufl.edu.

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Dirty Pecan raises \$13k to send more kids to camp



Photo Submitted

Pictured in front row, from left to right, are: John Webb, Ray'nesiah Hawkins, Tamirical Crumity, Haley Holmes, Tessia Brookins, Nicholas Brookins, London White, Petra Brookins, Alexis Costanzo, Isabella Costanzo and Betsy Barfield. Pictured in back row, from left to right, are: John Lilly, Alexis Hawkins, Rick Ashton (Dirty Pecan blogger), Genesis Johnson, Aaliyah Smith and Fantasia Hawkins.

Story Submitted

On the first weekend of March this year, over 400 cyclists from across the country travelled to Monticello to ride together on North Florida and South Georgia's pristine dirt roads in support of the Jefferson County 4-H. The Dirty Pecan ride is free, but thanks to the donations from cyclists who attended the event, and generous sponsorships from local businesses, \$13,000 was raised, which helped 103 kids go to the 4-H camp at Cherry Lake recently, who otherwise wouldn't have been able to attend.

"My hope is that 4-H Camp will open their eyes to new wonders," said Jefferson County Commissioner Betsy Barfield, who, along with John Webb of Tallahassee, founded the Dirty Pecan event five years ago as a fundraiser for the local 4-H club.

At Cherry Lake camp, the children learn about the environment, technology, shooting sports, outdoor cooking, and leadership. "These kids deserve every advantage we can give them to grow up and be successful members of our community," Barfield said.

In addition to camp scholarships, proceeds from Dirty Pecan also helped over 75 children, who demonstrated leadership skills, attended leadership

focused events such as 4-H University, County Council, 4-H Showcase, Leadership Adventure Weekend, NW District Teen Retreat, and Southern Regional Teen Leadership Conference.

John Lilly, Extension and 4-H director for Jefferson County, says he has witnessed 4-H make a huge difference in a teen's life. "I'm so grateful to our sponsors and community leaders who make this event such a success."

Halsey Beshears, owner of Bird Legs Bicycles, and the presenting sponsor for Dirty Pecan, said, "We are pleased to be the major sponsor for the Dirty Pecan since it's inception five years ago. Part of our mission at Bird Legs Bicycle is to promote good health, friendships, positive experiences, outdoor life and most of all FUN!"

The next Dirty Pecan will be held Saturday, March 2, 2019. In addition to the 150, 100, 80 and 60 mile options, next year's event will also feature a 200-mile route.

The Jefferson Journal Fish & Game Feeding Chart

How to use: the major and minor feeding times for each day are listed below. The major feeding times are the best for the sportsman and last about 2 hours, the minor feeding times can also have good success, but last only about 1 hour.

The Week of Aug 31 - Sept. 7, 2018

Major Feed Times are marked by an asterisk (*)

Aug 31	11:01AM	Sept 4	12:52AM
	*3:57AM		7:28AM
	10:36PM		3:06PM
	*4:21PM		7:57PM
Sept 1	----	Sept 5	1:49AM
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	12:00PM		4:05PM
	*5:10PM		8:58PM
Sept 2	11:16PM	Sept 6	2:52AM
	5:36AM		9:28AM
	1:01PM		5:02PM
	6:03PM		9:59PM
Sept 3	12:01AM	Sept 7	3:58AM
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THIS WEEK at THE MOVIES

My Happy Time is Dead

By Paul Hall

My youth was filled with songs about rainbows and what's on the other side. Frogs weren't gross, and pigs always got what they wanted – especially when it came to their man. Ah, it was a happy time for me. But with the new film *The Happytime Murders*, the puppets that used to provide me with hours of enjoyment are now much more concerned about their own enjoyment.

Of course, as we get older, our tastes change. Challenges are different as humans grow up, so why shouldn't the puppets have adult issues as well?

In *The Happytime Murders*, we get to see what happens when puppets grow up – and it isn't pretty. A popular human and puppet show is heading to syndication, and the Happytime gang is due for an equal share of the lucrative proceeds. But someone wants a bigger piece of the pie, leading to cast members being eliminated one at a time.

Phil Philips (voice of Bill Barretta) knows the Happytime gang. His brother worked on the show, and he hung out with the cast. But more importantly, Phil used to be a cop. He worked alongside Detective Connie Edwards (Melissa McCarthy) until an unfortunate incident that changed both of their lives. Now the two ex-partners must work together again to get to the bottom of this baffling case in the city of angels.

Let me be clear – this is not a film for kids. Although the general look of the puppets harkens back to other Henson creations, these are not the stars of your favorite films and the television shows you watched as a kid. From a mere couple minutes in, when Phil starts lighting up a cigarette, your classic memories are smashed. And before it's over, the film will truly obliterate them.

Sure, I laughed at a couple of the jokes, but I found myself shaking my head far more frequently. Jokes went on far too long, and there was no middle ground. It felt like the film was purposely trying to put people and puppets into the absolute worst situations they could find instead of toning it down just a bit. I wanted to see some "average" guys and girls who grew up. Instead there are more strippers, drunks, adult film creators and addicts than any ordinary town can hold.

There is a place for adult humor, but in *The*

Happytime Murders, I found a lot of adult and very little humor. Much of the film tries to shock instead of entertain. And it's the amount of entertaining that is lacking.

I will say, I found the credit sequence interesting, so stick around – it starts with watching the puppeteers perform, and I'm pretty sure they weren't sitting around the dinner table telling their family what they shot that day. The background for the credits is witty and adult-oriented, if you read between the scroll. But that said, this opportunity to be different just seemed to trample on my childhood a bit.

My happy time is dead, but it will always remain in the back of my head – now where's the shower? I feel dirty after watching this and will never look at silly string the same way again.

Paul's Grade: C-

The Happytime Murders

Rated R

Stars: Melissa McCarthy, Elizabeth Banks, Maya Rudolph

Director: Brian Henson

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NEW THIS WEEK



Kin

Rated PG-13

Stars: Jack Reynor, Zoë Kravitz, Carrie Coon

Directors: Josh and Jonathan Baker

Jimmy sets out on the run with his younger brother Eli. Together, with only a mysterious otherworldly weapon to defend themselves, they try to survive despite the plethora of people looking for them.

The Little Stranger

Rated R

Stars: Ruth Wilson, Domhnall Gleeson, Josh Dylan

Director: Lenny Abrahamson

Dr. Farady checks on a patient at the iconic Hundreds Hall. Now simply a shell of its former building, the hall houses a mother, son and daughter who are haunted by something. But what?



Operation Finale

Rated PG-13

Stars: Oscar Isaac, Ben Kingsley, Mélanie Laurent

Director: Chris Weitz

Based on a true story of Hitler's deadliest lieutenant, who ordered the massacre of countless individuals, and the attempt to bring him to trial.

Ya Veremos

Rated PG-13

Stars: Mauricio Ochmann, Fernanda Castillo, Emiliano Aramayo

Director: Pedro Pablo Ibarra

Santi is a child struggling with his parents' separation. When he is told he may need surgery to keep from losing his sight, his parents agree to a list of activities they will complete as a family before the necessary surgical procedure.



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Monticello's Under-Water Experience



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Georgia Florida Motel offers an underwater view by Artist Brook Ramsey.

Debbie Snapp,
ECB Publishing, Inc.

Monticello has a beautiful, under-water seascape, with the bright colors of sea life, so real-like the artwork gives one the feeling of being right there, at the bottom of an ocean.

Brook Ramsey is the contemporary artist of this masterpiece. She was hired here to paint the Georgia Florida Motel at 850 North Jefferson, in the city limits.

She traveled much of the east coast before settling in Jacksonville. She left her home and life in Pennsylvania when she turned 21, venturing out to find her artistic purpose.

"My work explores the complexity of the human condition and the beauty in overcoming one's struggles," she shares. Through times of turbulence in her life, she has found the human spirit to exist in two formats. "One that guides our journey that can be depleted and broken by our experiences and the conditions we live in. Then there's its source, which resides as a place of sanctuary in the soul and has a purity that can't be corrupted by the world," she continues.

Her work illustrates this otherworldly place of the spirit where fish fly free in the air, where life offers no confines, and the individual is safe from any corruption in their reality. Through her artwork, Ramsey hopes to help people find true inner peace and balance that is unaffected by life's chaos.

Drive through the under-water seascape motel tunnel any time, and experience Ramsey's world of beauty through her artwork. Some of the Georgia Florida Motel is open for business, and the hand-dipped Blue Bell Ice Cream Parlor will be opening soon.

The Sound of Murder

Article Submitted

The Opera House Stage Company will present another Murder Mystery Dinner Theater this year. *The Sound of Murder*, by Tim Hass, is an audience interactive dinner theater production at the Monticello Opera House, 185 West Washington Street.

Radio station WMDR, broadcasting from Chicago in 1943, is in financial trouble. The owner hopes that his new show, a murder mystery, will save the station. Unfortunately, someone else wants the station to fail. There is a real murder, and everyone connected with the show is a suspect. Audience members are invited to crack the case, with prizes awarded to successful sleuths.

Tickets cost \$35 to \$45, including dinner catered by Cruton & Co. and sponsored by Carrie Ann & Co. Reservations are required and must be made more than 48 hours before the show.

Make your reservations now by calling (850) 997-4242 or director@monticellooperahouse.org

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Dinner and the Show begin at 7 p.m. on the Fridays and Saturdays of September 7, 8, 14, 15, 21 and 22. *The Sound of Murder* is directed by Jack "I didn't do it" Williams.



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The beauty of the ocean and its inhabitants may be enjoyed at the Georgia Florida Motel on North Jefferson. Artwork by Brook Ramsey.

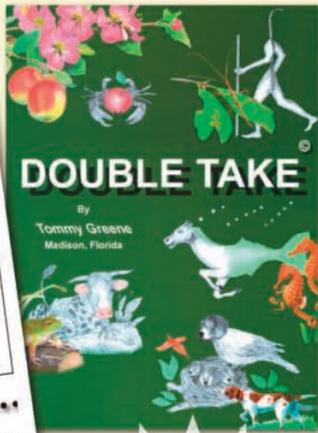
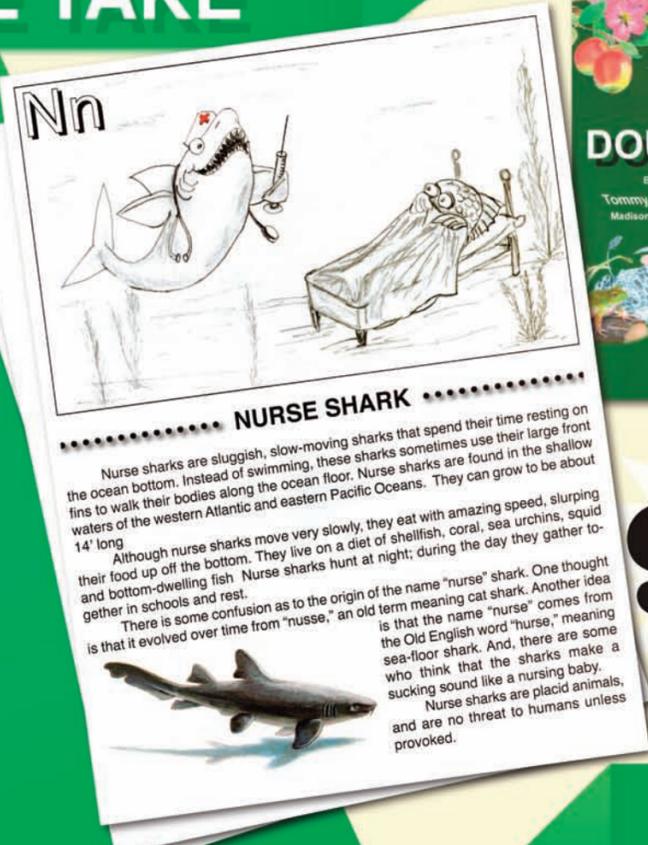
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The City of Monticello is accepting applications for the **FULL time position of Dispatcher.** Duties include answering multiple phone lines, taking citizen complaints, using radio to dispatch officers to calls. Computer literacy is a must, as well as general office duties. Must possess a high school diploma or equivalent and be able to work under pressure, training is provided. Salary and benefit information is available upon request. Submit application and resume to Monticello Police Dept. 195 S. Mulberry St. Monticello, FL 32344, by 12:00 pm Tuesday September 4, 2018. EOE/Drug-Free Workplace. 8/22-31.c

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The City of Monticello is seeking applications for a **Collector II in the Solid Waste Department.** Essential Duties include collecting household garbage from residences and disposing in garbage truck, connecting commercial dumpsters to garbage truck for dumping and various other duties. Must have a High School Diploma or equivalency diploma. A CDL license a plus but not mandatory. Complete job description and application available at City Hall; (850) 342-0153. Application deadline 12:00 pm, Tuesday, September 4 2018. Submit to City Hall, Attention Steve Wingate, City Manager, 245 S. Mulberry St. Monticello, FL 32344 EOE/Drug Free Workplace. 8/22-31.c

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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: 18-000034-TD

Certificate Number: 75 Year of Issuance: 2014

Description of Property: 0-00-00-0320-0000-0041

Lot 56 Barwicks Add or Pt of Lot 4 Letchworth Add
DB 1 PG 84

Site Address: Mamie Scott Drive

Name in which assessed: Mary Tucker HRS

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 **October 2, 2018 at 11:00 A.M.**

Tim Sanders
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Jefferson County, FL

BY: Sherry Sears, Deputy Clerk 8/24,31, 9/7,14

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

CASE NO. 2018-75-CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF
ADAM JONES
Deceased.

NOTICE OF ACTION (FORMAL NOTICE OF PETITION FOR SUMMARY ADMINISTRATION)

TO: PATRICIA FREDERICK COLLUMS
UNKNOWN ADDRESS

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Petition for Summary Administration, in the above estate has been filed in this Court. You are named as a beneficiary in this estate. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses and or responses, if any, to it on Davis, Schnitker, Reeves & Browning, P.A., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Post Office Drawer 652, Madison, Florida 32341, on or before September 12, 2018, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise relief will be granted as stated in the Petition for Summary Administration, without further notice.

Defenses objections and responses not so served and filed will be forever barred. Dated August 3, 2018.

TIM SANDERS,
CLERK OF COURT

BY: Crystal Gramling
Deputy Clerk 8/10,17,24,31

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File Number: 18-000030-TD

Certificate Number: 705 Year of Issuance: 2014

Description of Property: 22-1S-5E-0000-004C-0000

PT of SW ¼ of NE ¼ also known as TR 9
ORB 105 PG 135

Site Address: LAMONT SUBDIVISION RD

Name in which assessed: JOHNNIE BROOKS & ALMA M LEWIS

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Tim Sanders
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Jefferson County, FL

BY: Sherry Sears, Deputy Clerk 8/17,24,31, 9/7

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File Number: 18-000026-TD

Certificate Number: 19 Year of Issuance: 2014

Description of Property: 00-00-00-0220-0000-0220
Lot 23 & Lot 22 Ex E 20 Ft Bowmans Add
ORB 464 PG 172 & ORB 669 PG 348

Site Address: MAYS ST

Name in which assessed: VASHTI H GRIFFIN, et al

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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Clerk of the Circuit Court
Jefferson County, FL

BY: Sherry Sears, Deputy Clerk 8/10,17,24,31

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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File Number: 18-000033-TD

Certificate Number: 77 Year of Issuance: 2014

Description of Property: 00-00-00-0330-0000-0170
Lots 17, 27, 28 New Hope Subdivision
DB FFF PG 385 & DB FFF P 592 & DB KKK PG 386

Site Address: 1245 E Clark Ave

Name in which assessed: OLLIE HARLEY HRS
C/O ROOSEVELT HARLEY

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 **October 1, 2018 at 11:00 A.M.**

Tim Sanders
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Jefferson County, FL

BY: Sherry Sears, Deputy Clerk 8/24,31, 9/7,14

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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File Number: 18-000031-TD

Certificate Number: 895 Year of Issuance: 2014

Description of Property: 20-1N-6E-0000-0320-0000
½ Acre in NE ¼ of SW ¼
ORB 34 PG 693

Site Address: THOMAS RD

Name in which assessed: CLARENCE JONES HRS

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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 **September 25, 2018 at 11:00 A.M.**

Tim Sanders
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Jefferson County, FL

BY: Sherry Sears, Deputy Clerk 8/17,24,31, 9/7

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 18-144-DR
Division:

Brenda E. James,
Petitioner,
and
Dion Willie James,
Respondent,

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (NO CHILD OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT)

TO: Dion Willie James
275 John Knox Rd. Tallahassee, FL 32303

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Brenda Edwina James, whose address is 33 Rudolph Lane, Monticello, FL 32344 on or before 9/15/18, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 1 Courthouse Cir, Monticello, FL 32344 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. **If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.**

The action is asking the court to decide how the following real or personal property should be divided: NONE

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the address(es) on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Dated 8/15/18

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Sherry Sears, Deputy Clerk 8/24,31,9/7,14

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“Shoddy”

Modern recycling, aimed at saving our environment, is not a totally new concept. Scarcity of wool long

ago led to the salvaging of rags in order to turn them back into yarn and make new cloth. Arising from the slang of textile workers, such recycling was called “shoddy”.

Shoddy came into its own during the U.S. Civil War. Demand for uniforms was so great that it could not be met by conventional

means. Mills began shredding old woollen goods in order to turn out shoddy uniforms. They looked all right at first, but didn't hold up to wear and tear.

So many Union soldiers were forced to wear shoddy that anything of second-rate quality took the name of cloth from recycled wool.

