



Honor Flight

Area veterans travel to Washington, D.C.



Local fire departments shoot water cannons over the plane carrying Honor Flight guests taking off in Tallahassee with six Jefferson County war veterans and heading for a day-tour of the monuments in Washington, DC. See page 7 for full story.

Traffic Stop Leads To Pursuit

Ashley Hunter, *ECB Publishing, Inc.*

On Sunday, July 8 at around 12:31 p.m., Jefferson County Sheriff's Office's Cpl. Boland was traveling northbound on Waukeenah Hwy when he observed a gold-colored sedan pass another vehicle.

According to Cpl. Boland's report, the sedan was traveling at what appeared to be a high rate of speed.

Cpl. Boland activated his in-car radar and clocked the vehicle traveling 70 mph in a 55 mph zone.

Upon timing the speed of the gold sedan, Cpl. Boland activated his vehicle's emergency lights and siren in an attempt to make a traffic stop.

The vehicle, however, continued to travel north on Waukeenah Hwy. and failed to stop.

Instead, the vehicle turned west on Rabon Road and maintained a speed of 60-65 mph.

While continuing to follow the fleeing vehicle, Cpl. Boland contacted dispatch and requested contact with the Florida Highway Patrol and a supervisor.

Meanwhile, the gold sedan turned south on Old Lloyd Road and continued traveling at an accelerated rate of speed.

Cpl. Boland made several attempts to get in front of the vehicle and force the sedan to come to a

stop, but with every attempt to get in front of the vehicle, the driver of the sedan would respond by swerving his vehicle into Cpl. Boland's lane and forcing Cpl. Boland to return to traveling behind the sedan.

JCSO's Sgt. Rigdon attempted to assist Cpl. Boland by intercepting the fleeing sedan through an approach from the north end of Old Lloyd Rd.

However, when Sgt. Rigdon came into the sedan's oncoming lane of travel in an attempt to force the sedan to cease fleeing law enforcement, the driver of the sedan refused to stop and the front driver's bumper of the sedan side-swiped Sgt. Rigdon's patrol vehicle before continuing to travel southbound on Old Lloyd Rd.

Turning around, Sgt. Rigdon followed the pursuit of the sedan, traveling behind Cpl. Boland's patrol vehicle.

According to the report issued by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Sgt. Rigdon traveled around Cpl. Boland's vehicle and drove in the oncoming lane, parallel to the fleeing sedan.

Upon Sgt. Rigdon's vehicle coming alongside his vehicle, the driver of the sedan came into the other lane and collided with the front passenger side of Sgt. Rigdon's patrol vehicle.

The collision caused the driver of the sedan to



Johnny Day

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County starts on new budget

Lazaro Aleman, *ECB Publishing, Inc.*

The Jefferson County Commission got its first look at the budget for Fiscal Year 2018/2019 (FY-18) on Tuesday morning, July 17.

The 43-page document, prepared by the Clerk of Court's Office, is still in its preliminary form, but it gives an idea of the county's expected revenues and expenditures in the coming year.

As Finance Director Charles Culp explained it, the document presented a conservative picture of the county's expected financial situation, both in terms of revenues and expenditures.

"It's more or less a continuation of last year's budget," Culp said. "There are no glamorous figures so far. No significant needs that have shown up."

Meaning that, unlike in past years, departments so far are not asking for large increases, while the projected revenues are trending upward.

A sampling of the general revenues shows the following amounts expected: \$538,664 from the Amendment 1 offset (homestead and portability); \$204,362 from the Amendment 4 offset (conservation easement); \$761,750 from the fiscally-constrained funding; \$590,574 from state revenue sharing; \$1,379,252 from the local government half-cent sales tax; and \$1,194,232 from the sales tax.

Meanwhile, the budgeted expenditures, based on the departments' requests so far, show mostly moderate increases, with a few small decreases. The biggest increases are \$85,950 for administrative building overhead; \$36,094 for EMS; \$27,935 for code enforcement; and \$40,000 for impact fees stemming from the \$5 million road bond issue.

The departments showing budget decreases are the Sheriff's Office, which covers the jail and Emergency Management, \$19,200 less than last year's budget; Property Appraiser, \$8,739 less; Office of State Court Administration, \$1,885 less; and Building Inspections, \$12,742 less.

The total budget (based on 8.000 mills, the same as the current year and including ad-valorem and non-ad-valorem revenues) is projected to be \$9,497,870, which is \$587,452 more than the

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Archaeological park meeting set for Tuesday

Story submitted

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) will hold a public meeting next week on the Letchworth-Love Mounds Archaeological State Park in Jefferson County.

The meeting will be held 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 24, in the main courthouse on the circle. A brief presentation will take place at 6 p.m.,

with staff available before and after to answer questions and take public comments.

The FDEP is considering upgrading the park during the next 10 years. The contemplated improvements include the additions of a visitor center, expanded picnic opportunities, support facilities to better manage the property, a nature trail and new interpretative programs.

The park is located on Sunray Road, off US 90.

WHAT: Public Meeting
WHEN: Tuesday, July 24, 2018
 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
WHERE: Jefferson County Courthouse in the circle.



Deb's Notes

Drop a note to: debbiesnapp@embarqmail.com

******Happy Birthday** today to Dianne Knecht, Jeanne Odom and Pat Johnson! Happy 81st birthday tomorrow to Ann Schaubel! **Happy Anniversary** today to Mike and Adie Price!

******Saint Leo University will host a free General Knowledge Workshop from 5:30 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, July 26 on the campus of North Florida Community College.** Those interested in attending should contact the Madison Education Center via phone or email to reserve seating, (850) 973-3356, or email madison@saintleo.edu.

******The Council on Culture & Arts presents "Dance With Me: Artworks by Marina Brown" on view at the Artport Gallery through September 10.** With the swish of a skirt, the tap of a toe and a clap of the hands Brown's artworks come to life. They pulsate with energy in celebration of how we move through space and express ourselves through dance. From ballet to hip hop and everything in between, Brown depicts dance through diverse media such as watercolor, pastels and oil. Her works are dynamic and fluid in their depiction of movement and she exalts dancers of all shapes, sizes and

abilities. Her own background as a professional ballet dancer and a flamenco and Argentine tango practitioner guide her art making practice and lead to works that are organic and fluid in their depiction of movement. A Renaissance woman in the true sense of the term, Brown is a registered nurse which provides a familiarity with human anatomy that informs her figurative works. She is also a novelist and often imbues her art with an overt or covert narrative foundation. Brown rounds out her many talents as a journalist with the Tallahassee Democrat and four magazines, an experienced ocean sailor and a cellist. Her artwork has been displayed in many other showcases in the Big Bend area as well as other venues in Florida. This exhibition, however, is unique in honoring her dance background and highlights the joy of movement that Brown so appreciates. The exhibition is one of many rotating exhibitions curated by the Council on Culture & Arts on behalf of the City of Tallahassee as part of the Art in Public Places program. The Artport Gallery itself is located in the Tallahassee International Airport, 3300 Capital Circle SW, and is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.



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.

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Thank you to the Jefferson County community and to those who generously donated to this year's 4th of July Firework's and Program with special thanks to Jefferson Somerset (use of football field and facilities), W.O. 'Bubba' Bullock and Pyroworks, LLC., the Monticello Police Department, Jefferson County Fire Rescue/EMS, Richard Connell and G-FAST, Attorney Robert Morris, ECB Publishing, Inc. and to the Monticello Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce.

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Funds collected paid for the 2018 Fireworks Display and Program, and all funds collected over the amount needed this year will be put toward the 2019 Firework's Display and Program. Thank you again for your continued support of the Jefferson County Fireworks Program. We could not have this great fireworks program without the support of the community and especially our local businesses.

Ken Faircloth,
American Legion Post 49
Commander



Passing Parade

by Nelson Pryor, Guest Columnist

Senate Deadline: Oct. 1



Virginia Fuller, of Tallahassee, talks over the need for Judge Brett Kavanaugh's confirmation to the U. S. Supreme Court, with Governor Rick Scott.

For such a time as this: we need heroes. One of a very few, known to history, as the "Fighting Parson," is one John Muhlenberg, a Revolutionary War general.

John Peter Gabriel Muhlenberg (1746-1807) was a Lutheran pastor who is most famous for the dramatic way in which he announced that he had decided to fight the British with more than just scripture. From the pulpit of his church in Woodstock, Va., Muhlenberg ended his final sermon with these words: "In the language of Holy Writ there is a time for all things...there is a time to pray and a time to fight...and that time has now come."

As David Barton, of the Wallbuilders, says: Then came the big reveal. Muhlenberg opened his clerical robe. Underneath was his army uniform. The agony of tyranny called him from the altar with a voice that touched every chord of his soul. After descending from the pulpit, Muhlenberg instructed that drums be struck to summon recruits for Virginia. Some 300 parishioners enlisted.

That Battle Continues

On July 9, the President entered the East room of the White House, and described the selection made to round out the U. S. Supreme Court, for its Fall, October 1, schedule. That selection was Brett M. Kavanaugh of Maryland, now a judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Something Is Happening

The June 29, 2018 *New York Times*, 18A, ran the following story: "For Conservatives, Fight for Court Is on Their Turf and in Their D. N. A."

For years, conservatives, constitutionalists really, had been seeing their country upended by radical court decisions that rendered the Constitution, the founding document agreed to and ratified by the States, as just a piece of paper.

This nomination of Judge Kavanaugh has united the coalitions of evangelicals, social, and small government conservatives, libertarians, First and Second Amendment enthusiasts, Ninth and Tenth Amendment and pro-business Republicans.

Judicial Crisis Network

In less than 24 hours after Justice Anthony M. Kennedy announced his retirement, scores of conservative leaders and grass-roots strategists dialed into a conference call to gear up for their most significant Supreme Court nomination battle in decades.

"There are so many issues conservatives care about that they feel the courts have taken away from the American people," said Carrie Severino, the chief counsel and policy director of the Judicial Crisis Network, who organized the conference call, and who has been working for the past 18 months on a campaign anticipating the Kennedy vacancy. Check "#Another Great Justice."

Russell Moore, president of the public policy arm of the Southern Baptist Convention, recognizes the importance of this nomination, and of the need for a nine member court for the October 1 convening of the next court.

The Family Research Council, has started a three-year, \$22 million plan several months ago to engage pastors and voters through the 2020 election, and has eight mobilization events planned with pastors in midterm battleground States this summer.

Florida's Bill Nelson suggested last week he expected to vote against any Trump nominee, as he did against Justice Neil Gorsuch, although after the nomination, Nelson now says "he looks forward to talking with Judge Kavanaugh."

Remember, October 1 is when the new Supreme Court session begins, and it's supposed to have nine members.



How does the state come up with a "B" and "C" for our schools when all achievement scores are below state averages? Still looks like a "F" or a generous "D" to me, charter school bias perhaps?

What I have noticed is: "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State" (2nd Amendment) is before "right to bear arms". So where is that well regulated militia that is supposed to be bearing those arms? Oh yes that most important 1st Amendment is in front of these "arms" as well, you knew that, correct?

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lose control of his vehicle before it drove off the roadway and collided with two trees.

Once the sedan had come to a rest, Sgt. Rigdon removed a passenger who had also been traveling in the sedan.

According to the report, the passenger informed both law enforcement officers that he had asked the driver, who was identified as Johnny Day, 39, of Monticello, to pull over and let him out multiple times throughout the pursuit, but Day had refused.

Cpl. Boland removed Day from the vehicle and instructed Day to lay on the ground and place his hands behind his

back.

Day was given multiple opportunities to comply and refused at each demand.

As a result, Cpl. Boland was forced to deploy his taser in an attempt to subdue the noncompliant Day.

Day was placed in double-locked handcuffs before he stated that the reason he did not stop and pull over during Cpl. Boland's original traffic stop was due to the fact that he did not have a valid driver's license.

Day was arrested and brought to the Jefferson County Jail on charges of fleeing/attempting to elude with great bodily injury, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon on a law enforcement officer, false imprisonment, criminal

mischief of \$1,000 or greater, driving with license suspended or revoked (habitual offender), reckless driving, and resisting an officer without violence.

BUDGET

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current budget was projected to be at the point last year.

The commission will conduct a second review of the budget at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 24, in the courthouse annex. The commission must decide the millage rate before Thursday Aug. 2. The millage rate, in combination with a property assessed value, determines the amount of the taxes.

Economic development revisited

Lazaro Aleman
ECB Publishing, Inc.

Jefferson County commissioners are once again talking about economic development, spurred by the enthusiasm of a local businesswoman who has been educating herself on the subject and shared some of her ideas and experiences with the commission recently.

Manju Kundra is a managing member of Eshden Partners LLC, which operates the Capital Travel Center in Lloyd with her husband, Arun Kundra. She appeared before the commission on Thursday, June 21.

In introducing her to the board, Commission Chairman Stephen Fulford noted that he and Kundra had been in communications lately as a result of her ideas on economic development. Kundra, Fulford said, had taken advantage of every opportunity in the area to educate herself on subject, such as enrolling in Leadership Tallahassee, a program of the Greater Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce, and taking classes at the FSU Jim Moran

School of Entrepreneurship. The idea, Fulford said, was to start a conversation about the possibility of starting an entrepreneurial academy here.

Kundra, in her turn, offered that for the last 18 years she and her husband had been managing businesses and soon would be reopening their renovated truck center and hiring people for about 100 jobs. The question, she said, was how to fill these jobs with qualified people?

This was the reason, she said, that during the downtime when their operation was closed for the renovation, she had decided to educate herself on economic development.

"I'm trying to learn what they're doing in other areas and how they're developing and meeting their economic needs," Kundra said.

The key to success, she said, was that everyone had to think like an entrepreneur, from the business owner to the least of the employees.

"Everyone has to think like a business owner no matter what position they fill," Kundra said.

She shared a PowerPoint

presentation titled Vision - Think Like Entrepreneurs, which focused on the ways that innovative entrepreneurs could drive thriving and sustainable local economies.

Kundra described the desired mission as being to promote innovation and spur economic vitality through an integrated network of entrepreneurship programs that included chambers of commerce, economic development councils, school boards, career sources and banks, among others.

She talked of building a local entrepreneurial ecosystem by taking advantage of the existing resources, such as the TCC innovators programs, Domi Station innovation center, Jim Moran Institute and University of Florida extension services.

"We already have some of the ecosystem in Jefferson County," Kundra said. "There are also grants available for economic development."

As there were other opportunities available, she said, such iphones, ipads and other giveaways from Apple, Microsoft and other Silicon

companies, provided one applied and met the qualifications. She touched on rural business initiatives and the aquaculture industry that was developing in Wakulla County.

The next step, she said, was to collaborate and tap the resources that already existed.

"It's not a one-person job," Kundra said. "The commission, chamber, schools banks, businesses have to get involved."

Fulford noted that Jefferson County had one of the highest poverty levels in the state, which is why it was critical to spur economic development, he said. It was also a typical complaint of businesses that good employees couldn't be found, he said. But it required education and working together to succeed, he said.

"Just because you have a skill doesn't mean that you can run a business," Fulford said. "You have to develop the skill."

He urged anyone who had ideas on how to improve the local economic situation to contact him. He also said that the conversation that Kundra had initiated would continue.

May's jobless rate drops to 3.8%

Lazaro Aleman
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Florida's unemployment rate dropped to 3.8 percent in May, the same as the national rate, and down 0.1-percentage point from April's rate of 3.9 percent.

Jefferson County's rate, meanwhile, remained at 3.5 percent, and Madison's rose to 3.9 percent, from 3.7 percent in April.

This according to the latest jobless release from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (FDEO).

Statewide, 391,000 Floridians found themselves unemployed in May out of a labor force of 10,217,000, not counting persons who had given up the job search, were underemployed, or employed part time.

Florida's seasonally-adjusted total nonagricultural employment was 8,746,800 in May, an increase of 15,100 jobs over the month, according to the FDEO.

Seasonally adjusted means that the numbers have been purged of seasonal and other factors that could skew the results. The numbers for the individual counties, however, are not seasonally adjusted.

For Jefferson County, the 3.5 percent rate translates into

193 jobless persons out of a labor force of 5,485 in May, compared with 191 jobless persons out of a labor force of 5,507 in April, when the rate was also 3.5 percent. All told, 5,292 people were employed in Jefferson County in May, compared with 5,316 in April.

In May 2017, the comparable figures were 234 jobless persons out of a workforce of 5,446 and 5,212 employed when the unemployment rate was 4.3 percent.

For Madison County, the 3.9 percent rate translates into 284 jobless persons out of a labor force of 7,360 in May, compared with 268 jobless persons out of a labor force of 7,275 in April, when the rate was 3.7 percent. All told, 7,076 people were employed in Madison County in May, compared with 7,007 in April.

In May 2017, the comparable figures were 310 jobless persons out of a labor force of 7,481 and 7,171 employed when the unemployment rate was 4.1 percent.

Statewide, the industry gaining the most jobs continued to be professional and business services, up 39,200 jobs; followed by leisure and hospitality, up 37,200 jobs; construction, up 31,300 jobs; education and

health services, up 24,500 jobs; financial activities, up 17,200 jobs; trade, transportation and utilities, up 15,400 jobs; manufacturing, up 12,100 jobs; government, up 1,200 jobs; and other services, up 4,100 jobs.

The only industry that continued to lose jobs in May was information, down 2,200 jobs.

St. Johns and Okaloosa

counties continued to have the state's lowest unemployment rate in May at 2.6 percent, followed by Monroe County at 2.7 percent, and Wakulla County at 2.8 percent.

Hendry and Sumter County had the state's highest unemployment rate in May at 5.0 percent, followed by Citrus County at 4.8 percent, and Putnam County at 4.5 percent.



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CHURCH NEWS NOTES

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July 16-20
New Bethel AME Church and its pastor Rev. Jimmie F. Dickey will continue its Joint Revival Meeting with Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church and its pastor Rev. W.W. Williams through Friday at 7 p.m. nightly. Guest speaker is Rev. Dr. John Manning with the St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church in Valdosta, GA.

July 16-20
Bethel AME Church will continue its Vacation Bible School through Friday. 'Jesus, The Kingdom Builder' is held from 6 to 8 p.m. for attendees of all ages. Light meals are served nightly. For more information, contact Coordinator Bro. Eric Evans at (850) 694-0905. Rev. Jeffrey T. Graham is church pastor.

July 21
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church will host a Musical Program at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday at its location, 1702 Thompson Valley Road in Lamont. All soloists, duets, choirs and groups are invited. Rev. Cassandra Brockman, pastor. (850) 688-5865

July 22
Refuge House of God Outreach Ministry will host a Pre-Anniversary Worship Service at 11 a.m. on Sunday for its pastor Elder Lucius K. Wade. Guest speaker will be Minister LaRhonda Henry Burgess and her Friendship Missionary Baptist Church congregation will be in charge of the service. All are invited and dinner will be served. (850) 815-0474, (850) 728-9466

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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July 20
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.

July 20
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. Join in celebrating July birthdays!

July 21
HUGHES Community Center meets at the Teen Center, on Tiger Lane, at 4 p.m. every Saturday. All youth and parents are encouraged to attend. For more information contact Coordinator Lamar Hughes at (850) 300-9828 or

(850) 300-8587 or go to hughescc.org or hughes01lamar@gmail.com. Adult volunteers needed for a one-on-one mentoring and flag football.

July 21
Eastside Neighborhood Association meets at 11 a.m. on the third Saturday at the Public Library to address observations and to offer recommendations for neighborhood revitalization and overall enhancement of the 'Roostertown' neighborhood. Your reliable involvement and support is requested. For more information contact vivian.royster@yahoo.com.

July 21
Back-2-School Drive 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday at the Sparkman For Sheriff Campaign Office, 290 West Washington Street. Donors may also drop off school supplies and canned food items at The Mays House, 925 East Washington Street.

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Lions Club holds Installation and Banquet

Funding available to assist those caring for elders in their homes



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Jefferson County Lions Club installs its 2018-2019 officers. Pictured from left to right are: Roy Campbell, treasurer; Lion Ed Vollertsen; June Campbell, director; Debbie Snapp, secretary; Nancy Miller, director; Pam Beck, president; Pam West, director; Elaine Kaschmitter, tail twister; Shanna Boutwell, director and Lion Judi Pickle.

Story Submitted

Funds are currently available to provide a variety of services to persons 60 and above who live with a caregiver and need assistance with self-care, nutrition and/or homemaking activities because of chronic health conditions or other problems of aging.

A small stipend for the caregiver is part of the benefit. Income and asset restrictions apply.

For more information or to access the services provided under the Home Care for the Elderly program through the Jefferson Senior Citizens Center, please contact the Elder Helpline at (1-800) 953-5337.

Caregiving is at once an act of love and a physical, emotional and financial challenge.

The Home Care for the Elderly Program recognizes these challenges and seeks to provide supportive services for the caregiver.

Back to School event looking for vendors



Ashley Hunter, ECB Publishing, Inc.

On Saturday, July 28, All God's Children Outreach Ministry will be hosting a Back To School Community Event from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The event will be an opportunity for children from the community to come and receive free school supplies. The community event will also include a bounce house for children, a hotdog

or hamburger lunch, and booths from various local organizations or groups.

The event will be held at 1380 Mamie Scott Dr., in Monticello.

Are you with a civic groups that would like to offer your services and build up this event?

Call event organizer Willie Ann Dickey at (850) 519-1801 or WillieAnnD@embarqmail.com to arrange setting up at the community event.

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Jefferson County Lions Club held its Installation Ceremony and Banquet on Friday evening, June 29 at the American Legion Post 49.

With tables set for 42, the ceremony got underway with President Debbie Snapp calling the meeting to order and introducing the guest speaker, Buddy Henry Wells, to the guests.

Buddy proceeded with the Installation Ceremony of the newly elected 2018-2019 Officers. They are: President Pam Beck, Secretary Debbie Snapp, Treasurer Roy Campbell and Tail Twister Elaine Kaschmitter. Directors are: Pam West, Nancy Miller, June Campbell and Shanna Boutwell.

New Lion members were introduced and lots of pictures were taken.



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Pam Beck, incoming president of the Jefferson County Lions Club (right), accepts the gavel and bell from Outgoing President Debbie Snapp (left), during the Friday evening Installation Ceremony and Banquet.



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Two newest members of the Jefferson County Lions Club sponsored by Debbie Snapp and introduced at the Installation Banquet. Pictured with Outgoing President Debbie Snapp (center), are Ken Faircloth (left) and Cheryl Bush (right).



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Lion Elaine Kaschmitter sells tickets for the Chinese Auction fundraiser held during the Jefferson County Lions Club Installation Ceremony and Banquet.

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Computer Classes at the Library

A series of computer basics classes for adults will be hosted by Extension at the Jefferson County Library September through January. These classes will cover a wide variety of topics from basic computer navigation to Microsoft Office to social media. These classes are ideal for those looking to gain work place skills and also for those just looking to improve their skills for their personal use.

As people age and technology advances at a rapid pace, it can be easy to fall behind. Where more and more communication takes place online, technology skills are important not only in the workplace, but also for communicating with family and friends.

Classes will be taught by Family and Consumer Science Extension Agent Julianne Shoup and will be held from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Thursdays at the Jefferson County Library Computer Lab. The topics for each class are listed below.



- Sept. 13 - Computer Basics
- Sept. 20 - File Organization Basics
- Oct. 4 - Internet Basics
- Oct. 11 - E-mail Basics
- Oct. 18 - Intro to Facebook
- Nov. 1 - Intro to Microsoft Word and Copy and Paste
- Nov. 8 - Practicing with Microsoft Word
- Nov. 29 - Intro to Microsoft Excel
- Dec. 6 - Practicing with Microsoft Excel
- Jan. 10 - Intro to Microsoft PowerPoint (Creating a Presentation)
- Jan. 17 - Intro to Microsoft Publisher (Creating a Flyer)
- Jan. 31 - Creating a Resume
- Feb. 7 - Applying for Employment

Participants are asked to arrive a few minutes early to familiarize themselves with their library computer before class as it may be different from their home computer. These classes are sponsored by the Jefferson County Library and UF/IFAS Extension and there is no fee to participate, but registration is required. Sign up sheets are available at the Jefferson County library. To register call (850) 342-0205. Participants must register by the Tuesday before each class.

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

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

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Could you be a child's advocate?

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There is a need in Jefferson County.

According to Deborah Moore, Circuit Director for the Second Judicial Circuit within the Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) office, the GAL program is currently serving 21 children in Jefferson County, while only three advocates in the program reside in Jefferson County.

The Guardian Ad Litem program is a volunteer-powered network with a commitment to children. They partner with volunteers within the community who serve as advocates for the children in the child welfare system.

The volunteering advocates work alongside the program's attorneys and case managers to represent the best interest of the children in their community.

"We have a desperate need for more advocates in this community," said Moore, who spoke to the Monticello Kiwanis Club on Wednesday, July 11. "We don't have enough advocates here."

Currently, the program is drawing advocates from Tallahassee to come and serve the children in Jefferson County, but that situation is not ideal to the program, the advocates or to the children themselves.

"My goal is to have people who reside here in Jefferson County serve as an advocate," said Moore.

Advocates who live and work within the communities that their children live in are able to provide more detailed information, have a better understanding of the child's social needs, and are able to give more time to the children in their case.

Ideally, according to Moore, Jefferson County needs, at the least, 10-15 more people to serve as advocates for the children within the welfare system.

Advocates are expected to visit with the children and their caregiver, help identify needs (such as clothing or school supplies) and make sure those needs are met.

"The advocate is the one that gathers information and helps us (the Guardian Ad Litem group) understand what those needs are by forming a relationship with the child and caregiver," said Moore.

It might sound like a big deal, but becoming an advocate for the struggling children of Jefferson County is less extensive than you would think.

Advocates are expected to give anywhere between 8-10 hours a month to the children in their case. Advocates need to be able to attend any court hearings involving the child, and court sessions usually take place during the day, within work hours; flexibility of schedule is required.

An advocate will also need to go through about 16 hours of combined online and classroom training; some of which, Moore is willing to work with advocates to help them achieve.

"Our plan is to condense that training and come here, in Jefferson County, on two Saturdays and train whoever is interested so they don't have to travel to Tallahassee," said Moore.

Advocates will also be expected to be able to use a computer comfortably. Extensive skills are not required, but Moore advises that the ability to communicate through email, utilize a data system and type up reports will be expected.

"Everything with the child welfare system is online," informed Moore.

Most advocates will only have one case, although that might entail more than one child within that case.

"It's manageable," said Moore. "But it does take devotion and commitment."

Advocates will routinely contact and communicate with their children's teachers, therapists, counselors, and pediatricians to make sure they are overcoming the academic hurdles that frequently come with a transition in a child's home life, are getting the emotional and mental aid they need and are receiving the healthcare required to keep them healthy.

Working with teachers may also entail making sure the children have the supplies they need to attend school.

"Working collaboratively with the teacher is important," said Moore.

Another issue facing Jefferson County's child welfare system is the lack of foster homes within the county.

This means that children from Jefferson County frequently end up being placed outside of the county. This makes a difficulty for the children in the system, as they are uprooted not only from their home but also their schools, families, friends, environment, and communities.

"There is a great need for foster parents as well so that we can keep the children in their community, their school, their familiar surroundings and allow them to be able to visit with their parent or parents on a regular basis," said Moore.

Currently, there are three people who reside in Jefferson County who are volunteering as children's advocates with the Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) program, one of which is Beth Davis.

"I have been volunteering as a GAL for just at 10 years now and have found the work to be extremely rewarding. There are so many children and families in need of services to help them rebuild and restore broken relationships," said Davis. According to Davis, through working with GAL, she has been able to provide a voice for the children who cannot always speak for themselves or who have no one else to provide guidance as they struggle in their everyday lives.

"Over the years I have met some really amazing children and acting as their GAL, I have been able to make a change in their lives and give them a second chance. Being a GAL has been one of the most rewarding experiences I have had in my lifetime," said Davis, adding: "Children are our future and we want to be able to provide them with as much stability and support as possible to ensure they are successful in life."

Another advocate is Jane Vollertsen, who has been a part of the program for nine years.

"Over the years, I have advocated for many children who were put into the dependency of the court system through no fault of their own. I have visited and gotten to know these children and their background so I could make educated recommendations for their best interest to the court," said Vollertsen. "It is a responsibility I take very seriously and one I feel very passionately about."

Those interested in learning more about being a Guardian Ad Litem's Children Advocate can do so by contacting Deborah Moore at (850) 606-1200 x1218 or deborah.moore@gal.fl.gov.

You can also learn more about the Guardian Ad Litem program by visiting www.gal2.org.

Veterans Among Us

Army Veteran Fred Shofner

Army Veteran Fred Shofner enlisted into the Army National Guard in 1965. He was in the Infantry and a drill Sergeant, among other positions. During his military service, Shofner traveled overseas to Germany, the Netherlands, Italy, Switzerland, Japan and Korea.

After retiring from the service in 1992, he became a school teacher, teaching in the great state of Texas. He relocated to the Monticello area initially to start up the Jefferson County ROTC program, teaching students responsibility and leadership. The program has since grown and continues at the public high school with new instruction and the want for a career beginning into military service from the students.

"I would invite today's young men and women to enter into a branch of the service for the new experiences they will receive, for the challenges the military has to offer and for the patriotic spirit they feel for this country... their country," he says. "The military is what you make of it. It's a different world; a protected environment. I'm proud of those who did go in and I'm just as proud of those kids that make good civilian career choices."

Shofner is married and the father of two children and two grandsons.



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Area veterans travel to Washington D.C.



Air Force veterans and Honor Flight recipients Bill Moon (right) and George Pittman (left) arrive back home from their trip to Washington, D.C.



Honor Flight recipients and veterans Jerry Boatwright (right); his nephew, Tom Wright (left) and Randall Handley (seated), visited the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Debbie Snapp,
ECB Publishing, Inc.

The price for freedom is high. In reverence to those World War II, Korean and Vietnam War veterans who served, fought and fell for this country, Honor Flight Tallahassee salutes their service each year by

sponsoring a flight to Washington, D.C. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for military veterans to visit the various monuments raised in their honor; a not-for-profit organization dedicated to giving veterans honor and closure.

Since 2013, Honor Flight has been transporting veterans, at no charge to them, to commemorate their bravery, gallantry and sacrifice. Honor Flight Tallahassee is part of the Honor Flight Network, a national organization that is unwavering in its quest to ensure that each veteran has the chance to tour the memorials



Vietnam veterans and Honor Flight recipients, Randall Handley (seated) and Jerry Boatwright (right), visit the Vietnam Memorial during their trip to Washington, D.C.



Army Veteran Ron Matthews is saddened by the sight of Arlington Cemetery during his Honor Flight visit to Washington, D.C.

built in appreciation of their service.

This past May, Tallahassee Honor Flight transported 80 veteran heroes and 80 guardians for a day of pampering and recognition. The veterans were given special gold shirts to wear, their guardians were given blue shirts. Six of those heroes were Jefferson County residents, they include: Bill Moon, Ron Matthews, Jerry Boatwright, Gene Timmons, George Pittman and Randall Handley.

Our local heroes left the General Aviation Hangar in Tallahassee early in the morning and returned later that night after visiting the monuments in our Nation's Capitol. When they returned, local students greeted them with handmade 'thank you' cards, one to each veteran.

Comments from the honored veterans included: "Every time we turned someone was saying 'thank you for your service.'" "The changing of the guards was somber and really quiet and when the Taps played you could watch the tears in almost every eye watching." "All were awesome sights." "We received a police escort while touring and traveling from one location to the other. Each stop was one-hour long." "Absolute beautiful sights." "The monuments were life-size and it was the expressions on the faces of these statues of the men hit me the most." "There were so many names on The Wall." "We met other veterans from other states; some were 96 years of age."

Sights included the Korean War Memorial,



Honor flight recipient George Pittman visits the Iwo Jima Memorial in Washington, D.C.

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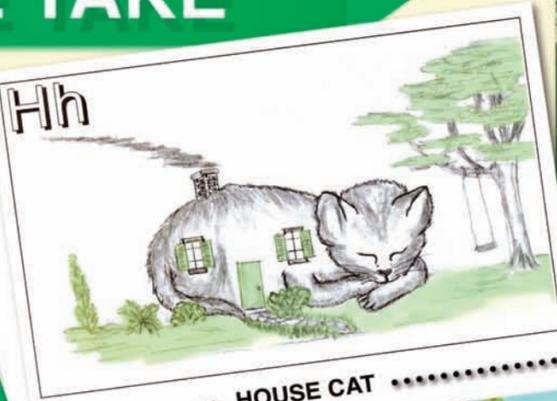
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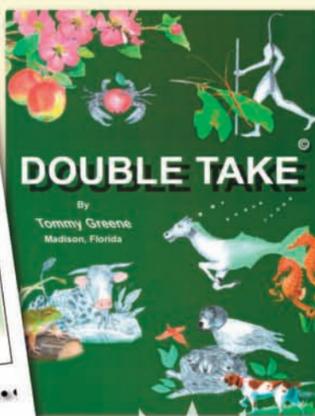


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Jefferson Somerset Improves State Rated Grades At All Levels

Story Submitted

Jefferson County has a new reason to be hopeful and optimistic about the future. Our children are always the brightest reason for hope and hard work to come together to forge something new and better.

This year, in its first year as a charter school in partnership with Somerset Schools, Inc., Jefferson County did what most folks thought would take a few years at least: At every school level, the elementary school, the middle school, and the high school, Jefferson Somerset improved on its previous years' rating from the State of Florida.

These improvements and increased grade ratings were all due to hard work and cooperation between the students and the faculty and staff led by Cory Oliver, the

school's new principal.

Principal Oliver was chosen for the position in part for his previous leadership and experience in turning Florida schools around. Oliver acknowledges that the students of Jefferson County rose to the occasion this year. The students were willing to put in the hard work and partner with their teachers and the school leadership to create a new determination and drive to work as a team to improve. Kids are resilient, and nothing in their mindset says the past has to be repeated. When the students partner with leaders and teachers who have a plan to ensure they can improve and succeed the children rose to the occasion.

The elementary and middle schools grade rating from the State of Florida improved from Ds to Cs. The

high school received a B rating from the state. The school as a district received an overall C grade which is the highest grade for Jefferson County since 2011. According to Principal Oliver the school also ranked first overall in the State of Florida in combined learning gains and said all this is motivation to work twice as hard next year.

So the future is bright for our Jefferson County children and the future of our community as the children and faculty/staff at Jefferson Somerset work together. The caring dedication of the teachers and staff to build confidence and determination in the students in year one of the partnership has created something for the entire school to build on. That is something the whole community and county can get behind and support.



Photo Submitted

Dedicated teachers and hardworking students are just two of the many defining factors that led to Jefferson Somerset's high school, middle school and elementary school receiving learning gains and obtaining an improved grade from the State of Florida.

NFCC offers new Engineering Technology degree and certificates



NFCC student in Engineering Technology lab

North Florida Community College recently expanded its Career and Technical Education offerings with the addition of a two-year Engineering Technology degree and three related college credit certificates: Engineering Technology Support Specialist, Lean Manufacturing, and Pneumatics, Hydraulics and Motors for Manufacturing.

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The 60-credit-hour A.S. in Engineering Technology degree

generally takes a total of two-years to complete at NFCC (classes begin Aug. 15 for Fall Term) and gives students the opportunity to earn three separate college credit certificates and related certifications along the way:

1. Engineering Technology Support Specialist,
2. Lean Manufacturing, and
3. Pneumatics, Hydraulics and Motors for Manufacturing. The certificates can be used as building blocks to the A.S. degree or taken individually for specific training and industry certifications in each certificate area.

Jobs in Engineering Technology are focused around the process and technology-driven environment of advanced manufacturing, applied engineering and production technology and can include quality control, product assembly, testing, machining, process development and project management. Engineering Technology graduates have been successful in industries

as diverse as aerospace, medical devices, chemical processing and beverage and food processing across the state of Florida.

The A.S. in Engineering Technology at NFCC can also transfer to a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology at Daytona State College as well as other four-year degree programs.

Find out more by contacting the NFCC Career and Technical Education Center. Call (850) 973-9470, email zimmerlyc@nfcc.edu or visit their website: nfcc.edu/academics/programs-of-study.

Cheerleaders host Dance Competition



Photo Submitted

Saturday, June 9 was the 2nd Annual Dance Competition hosted by the Jefferson Somerset cheerleaders. The event drew contestant teams from as far away as Daytona, FL.

Ashley Hunter
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The cheerleaders at Jefferson Somerset hosted their 2nd Annual Dance Competition on Saturday, June 9.

Four teams competed during the dance competition: Top Notch Divas out of Gainesville, Dancing Lady Cats out of Daytona, Inspiration Dance Team out of Tallahassee and Dance Nation Balzettes out of

Valdosta, GA. As special Guest Celebrating Judges were hit tv-show *Bring It's* Dancing Dolls, Jenjane, Makya and Dannisha.

For the winner of the event, a Grand Champ Trophy was prepared along with a \$500 cash prize.

Tallahassee's Inspiration Dance Team

was the winning team at the stunning dance-filled event.

The cheerleaders express their sincere gratitude to everyone who came out and took part in the 2nd Annual Dance Competition, especially cheerleaders DJ Quale, Alexis Walker and Tamara Johnson.

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Did You Know? American recycling is older than you think

Ashley Hunter, *ECB Publishing, Inc.*

Recycling might seem like a new movement, but the concept of repurposing and reusing has been around almost as long as humans have.

The 1960's and 70's might seem like the 'birth' of recycling, but early American recycling systems date back far longer.

In the colonial era, new materials would've been hard to come by, especially metals.

Early American metal workers, like Paul Revere, would have likely had a scrap-metal yard near their shop where they would melt down old metals to reuse for their goods.

Then, peddlers in the 19th century were often purchasers and sellers of manufactured goods as well as recyclable products. Rags could be turned into paper, and cattle bones were bought by peddlers to in turn sell as fertilizer.

Many Victorian Era American

women would simply alter their dresses to reflect new European styles, rather than waste the cloth to construct a brand new gown.

Recycling carried on through the Great Depression, when many families could not afford to simply throw something out when it became worn out.

Manufactures encouraged reuse of products by making their packaging dual-purpose.

Flour sacks became clothing

fabric, food tins became lunch boxes for school children and working members of the family.

During World War II, recycling was further supported by encouraging Americans to collect scrap metal, paper and cooking oil for war causes.

The 60's and 70's might have been the birth of recycling for the sake of the environment, but the concept of reusing and repurposing dates back long before the age of environmental awareness.

Stick to the basics: Recycling properly in Jefferson County

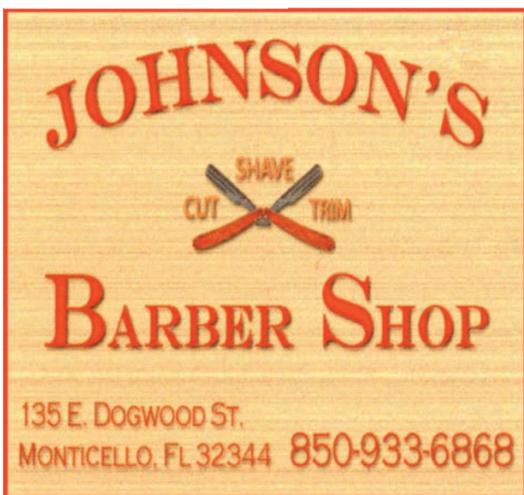
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When it comes to recycling, Solid Waste and Recycling's Non-DC Inmate Supervisor (and Monticello's mayor) John Jones has one thing to say: "Stick to the basics."



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo By Ashley Hunter, July 18, 2018

Are you recycling properly? According to John Jones, Jefferson County's citizens are great at recycling, but lack in making sure they are following the recycling rules and guidelines. The recycling bins at the Solid Waste and Recycling Center on Waukeelah St. have signs above each bin, such as the one pictured, but the signs are frequently ignored by the county's recyclers.



Jones has been with Jefferson County's solid waste/recycling departments since 1993, and says that the residents of the county are exceptional at bringing their trash in for recycling, but the citizens are far from knowledgeable about what to do with it.

"We get plenty, but a lot of it is un-recyclable," said Jones. "They put stuff in there that really shouldn't be there."

Items like greasy pizza boxes, styrofoam and dirty or contaminated waste items often find their way into the recycling bins around the county, and crews have to work to pull out the non-approved garbage from what can be recycled.

Staffing at the Solid Waste and Recycling

center is minimal, and depends heavily on the inmate crews Jones oversees. With small crews, the time that it takes to separate the recyclables from the non-recyclables that get mixed together often sets the center back and causes other areas of work to pile up.

"We put our whole effort into it until we leave," said Jones. "If we could just get people to cooperate, everything would work better."

At the Solid Waste Office, located on Waukeelah St., off of U.S. 19, Jones' crews work hard to push out the waste and recyclables that are brought to them for processing, but there are steps that Jones recommends to make the task easier and to ensure that the items you are setting aside to be recycled actually get processed as recyclable goods.

"Stick to the basics," says Jones, adding that a lot of people 'wishcycle', meaning they believe they are recycling more than they actually are.

There are five recycling bins at the Solid Waste Office, and each has a sign above and behind the bins that shows recyclers what can or cannot be recycled. But most people don't even acknowledge the signs, according to Jones.

For example, the cans, tins and aluminum recycle bin clearly reads: "No plastic bags," but Jones attests that many people leave their beverage or food cans in plastic bags when they deposit them within the bin. This means that later on, a recycling center employee or inmate worker has to go out and remove the cans from the bags in order for the goods to be processed. In fact, all the recycle bins have "No Plastic Bags" signs, but very few people acknowledge the signs.

Jones says that people regularly don't follow the recycling guidelines, such as flattening their cardboard boxes, or washing out their recyclables before throwing them in.

The Solid Waste and Recycling Center isn't equipped to clean every soup can or soured milk jug, which creates a problem for the center when they get contaminated recycle goods that they aren't able to send out.

So how can you make sure you are recycling properly?

- **Read the signs.** The signs above the Solid Waste and Recycling's bins tell you what, exactly, can and cannot go in each bin. Make sure you follow the directions on the signs and don't cause more work for the employees and the center. Not sure where you need to leave your special recycled products, like electronics or hazardous materials (such as oil)? Ask one of the employees for assistance before tossing it in a bin.

- **Clean your recyclables.** Before tossing your recyclables, make sure to rinse out all contaminates from inside it. This includes cans, plastics, and even shampoo bottles. If you can't clean your recyclables,

such as pizza boxes or paper napkins, look into lower-tech recycling options, such as composting.

- **Break down your cardboard boxes.** Someone has to do it before the boxes are shipped out to be recycled, and the signs clearly requests citizens to make sure their cardboard boxes are broken down before throwing them in the bin. Take a moment and make sure your boxes are broken down flat before you toss them in to be recycled.



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John Jones, the Non-DC Inmate Supervisor at the Solid Waste and Recycling Center, and Monticello's mayor, has a few suggestions to help Jefferson County's recycling citizens optimize their recycling.

Where are the collection sites?

Ashley Hunter, *ECB Publishing, Inc.*

Pinckney Hill Site: Located at 6640 Ashville Hwy (one mile east of 257). The collection site is open Monday-Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., on Saturdays from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Sundays from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Fulford Road Site: Located at 2576 Fulford Road (west of Boston Hwy). The collection site is open Monday-Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., on Saturdays from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Sundays from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Bassett Dairy Site: Located at 30 Bassett Dairy Road. The site is open all week (Monday-Sunday) from 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

New Monticello Site: Located at 405 New Monticello Road (approximately half a mile north of U.S. 90). The collection site is open Monday-Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., on Saturdays from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Sundays from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Recreation Park Site: Located at 1490 Mamie Scott Drive (north of the recreation park). The collection site is open Monday-Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., on Saturdays from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Sundays from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Lloyd Site: Located at 8540 Old Lloyd Road (east of the Volunteer Fire Department). Site is open Monday-Sunday from 6:30 to 10:30 a.m. The site then closes for a few hours and reopens from 3 to 7 p.m.

Wacissa Site: Located at 10705 Gamble Road. Site is open Monday-Sunday from 6:30 to 10:30 a.m. The site then closes for a few hours and reopens from 3 to 7 p.m.

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Jefferson County Solid Waste & Recycling Center

Recycling

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- **Cans:** tin & aluminum (examples: food, dog & cat food, soda, beer)
- **Paper goods:** newspapers, magazines & office paper
- **Plastics:** soda & water bottles, milk jugs, laundry detergent bottles
- **Cardboards:** cereal & food boxes, laundry detergent boxes, shipping boxes, brown grocery bags. Note: Wax coated cardboard (example: meat and produce boxes) are not accepted.
- **White goods:** refrigerators, freezers, washing machines, dryers, air conditioner units, (anything metal)
- **Glass:** all clear, brown and green glass and jars

This program is partially funded by our recycling sales. Unfortunately, there is a high level of scavenging and theft of metal and aluminum cans from our collection sites, resulting in a loss of income to the County.

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The common spiny oakworm population is currently at work eating their way through the several native oak tree species. Luckily, the oaks grow faster than these caterpillars can eat.

The Oakworm caterpillar

“The quality of mercy is not strained, it droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven,” so wrote the Bard of Avon, William Shakespeare in his classic play the *Merchant of Venice*.

The rains of 2018 in Jefferson County have been gentle, and not so gentle at time, but at least there has been plenty of them. The muddy roads and full ditches are mute testament to this bounty from above along with the lush growth of crops, plants and trees.

The ample development of foliage county-wide had proven to be an unending buffet for all those insects and arthropods dependent upon a leafy diet. Their days are spent eating, moving to new dining options and producing replacements that can begin the cycle again.

Included among the ala-carte insect menu items are the plentiful oaks in north Florida. Unfortunately, for anyone who tarries too long beneath one of these oak trees which is, at the time, functioning as a caterpillar café will experience something else dropping from above.

Local oakworms are hard at work preparing to preserve their species for the waning days of autumn. Their numbers are building up in the favorable weather conditions of a wet summer which produces the nourishment to consume and support their reproductive efforts.

One of the active species frequently encountered is the Spiny Oakworms (*Anisota Stigma*). This is one member of a moth genus which is actually a caterpillar not a true worm.

The difference between worms and caterpillars is substantial, but caterpillars are often misidentified as worms. Their tubular shape is a stage of life for a caterpillar which ultimately becomes a butterfly or moth.

The tubular shape is usually the development pinnacle of the worm’s life cycle. Most caterpillars tend to eat live vegetation while worms usually consume dead plants or animals which accelerates their decomposition and returns to the nutrients to the soil.

Healthy small oaks usually have enough vigor to leaf-out and survive the assault carried out by the Oakworms. Larger oaks have enough leaf producing capacity to out produce the caterpillars’ collective ability to eat.

In addition to the Spiny Oakworms, there are Red-humped Oakworms and Yellow Striped Oakworms which are native to Jefferson County. As their name implies, oak leaves are the nourishment of choice.

All the oakworms are about an inch in length with bristly hairs, especially in the case of the Spiny Oakworm. Colors and body patterns are the simplest way to identify the species in this genus.

These caterpillars are rarely seen alone in a tree. They are commonly found in colonies of 50 or more, each dining on a leaf and their droppings literally rain down on anything or anyone below them.

When threatened, they curl into a U shape and remain still. Predators are commonly confused by the behavior and seek other meal choices.

Home owners and landscape managers sometimes seek methods for controlling these caterpillars, but nature does the best job. Caterpillar population’s will peak in late summer to early autumn with birds, bats and others feasting on the defenseless moths before they can lay eggs.

The best advice is not to look up when under an oak tree as there may be an unpleasant surprise dropping.

To learn more about Jefferson County’s oakworms, contact your UF/IFAS Jefferson Extension Office at (850) 342-0187 or jefferson.ifas.ufl.edu.

Safety tips for parents of young farmers

People who live in cities or suburbs may not come across farms very frequently. But millions of people, including children, still live on farms. In fact, in 2009 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention noted that more than one million children under the age of 20 lived, worked or had a regular presence on farms in the United States.

Protecting children from injury on farms, especially those who perform work on farms, is of paramount importance. The American Society of Safety Engineers offers the following safety tips to parents of children who will be spending time on farms.

- **Know and obey the laws.** Various state and federal laws are in place to protect young children from farm-related accidents and injuries. Age requirements dictate which jobs children can perform on a farm, and parents should adhere to those requirements. Asking children to do more than they’re physically capable of can lead to accident, injury or even death.

- **Review equipment operation instructions.** Before assigning children a task on the farm, parents should review the equipment operation instructions. Doing so can help parents reacquire themselves with tools and equipment they may not have used in awhile, and that can make it easier for them to teach kids how to use such equipment. In addition, reviewing equipment instructions may provide insight to parents unsure if their children are old enough to use certain tools.

- **Inspect equipment.** Before children perform any tasks on the farm, parents should inspect the equipment their children are likely to use to make sure each tool is safe. Make sure tools are in proper working order, as broken or poorly working equipment increases the risk of accident or injury.

- **Enroll children in farm safety camps.** The ASSE recommends that parents contact their local Cooperative Extension and Farm Bureau offices to enroll children in farm safety camps. Such camps can teach kids safe farming techniques and the proper ways to use age-appropriate tools.

- **Set a positive example.** Another way for parents to protect their children on the farm is to set a positive example. Parents can do so in various ways. Using equipment properly, removing tractor keys from ignitions when tractors are not in use and exercising caution when using hazardous materials shows kids the importance of caution when working on farms.

Hundreds of thousands of children perform jobs on farms across the country. Parents who want to teach their kids to farm should always do so with safety in mind.



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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 July 20-27, 2018

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July 23	2:42AM 9:09AM 4:41PM 9:33PM	July 27	5:49AM 11:58PM 7:51PM 12:22PM

THIS WEEK AT THE MOVIES



Forget the Physics, Pass the Popcorn

By Paul Hall

Summer movie season is in full swing and we have really been salivating for a big action disaster film. Never fear, fans of beating the heat in your local multiplex, *Skyscraper* is here to give you an action fix.

This movie starts fast and refuses to tap the brakes throughout. Will Sawyer (Dwayne Johnson) runs his own security firm. A friend put in a good word and Sawyer is soon investigating a new building in Hong Kong, the world's largest. If they get his seal of approval on the various fire and security systems, they'll be able to open the rest of the building to the public. But sinister forces are at work behind the scenes.

Sawyer has one last area to check before he signs off on the project, but that gets compromised and fire breaks out at the building. The fire was intentionally set, but our bad guys didn't count on Sawyer's wife,

Sarah (Neve Campbell), and children still being in the building.

Nothing can compare to a parent's motivation to protect their family. Sawyer works to get back into the building while Sarah ferociously protects the kids while inside. It will take all the ingenuity the pair have to save both children and themselves.

I need to say this up front—this movie is crazy ridiculous, but I still dug it. Okay, so let me explain.

Plot points and even some dialogue are laughable. Johnson plays a character who feels like MacGyver with muscles (and duct tape). And he continuously does the unthinkable. Interactions bring about a chuckle and will make you wonder what you are watching.

That said, I found myself smiling, in a good way. Because of Johnson and Campbell's personalities along with some wild action sequences, I really enjoyed the film. I don't believe a bit of what went on, but for a check-your-mind-at-the-door, devour-a-

giant-bucket-of-popcorn summer movie, it works.

Skyscraper begs to be seen on the biggest screen possible, if just to see how big Johnson's muscles look. The setting is enormous and some of the best parts of the film are when the entire screen is filled with explosions, gunfire or raging flames.

We haven't seen a full-scale disaster film in this setting in quite some time. Perhaps with some of the unrealistic action in the film, it keeps from being too close to home for those who have suffered through some of the tragedy in the world. The lightness of dialogue keeps the film from ever feeling too serious.

Despite much of a lack of realism, *Skyscraper* does one thing very well: It entertains. With the charismatic Johnson, the effervescent Campbell and explosive action, *Skyscraper* is a welcome addition to the summer movie season. It may not be realistic, but it does entertain. Now if someone could just deliver my refill on the popcorn bucket to my seat, I'll keep munching away here with a smile on my face.



Paul's Grade: B-

Skyscraper

Rated PG-13
Stars: Dwayne Johnson, Neve Campbell, Pablo Schreiber
Director: Rawson Marshall Thurber

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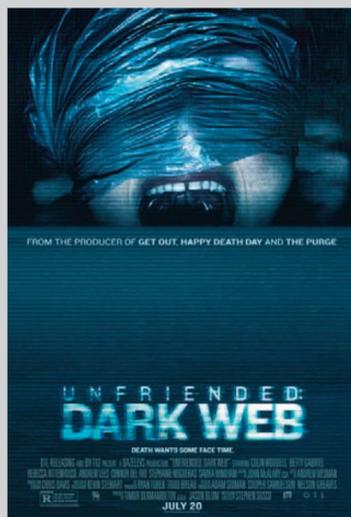
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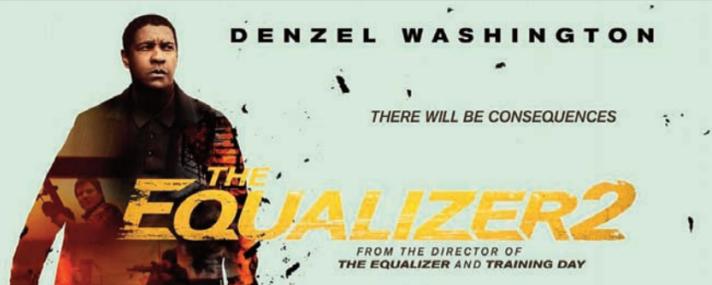
Rated R
Stars: Colin Woodell, Betty Gabriel, Rebecca Rittenhouse
Director: Stephen Susco

After a teen comes into possession of a new laptop, he quickly finds that the owner is watching him and all his friends and will stop at nothing to get it back.

Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again

Rated PG-13
Stars: Lily James, Amanda Seyfried, Meryl Streep
Director: Ol Parker

Travel back to when it all began as the story of Donna meeting Harry, Sam and Bill is told via flashback and, of course, song.



The Equalizer 2

Rated R
Stars: Denzel Washington, Pedro Pascal, Bill Pullman
Director: Antoine Fuqua

Robert McCall is back, and he is dishing out his unique brand of justice for the exploited and oppressed. His advocacy for those less fortunate is unmatched, but what extremes will he go to when someone he loves is impacted?

FREE ADMISSION DAY AT GULF SPECIMEN MARINE LAB

Ashley Hunter
ECB Publishing, Inc.

Learn more about marine life at Gulf Specimen Marine Laboratory (located in Panacea at 222 Clark Dr., approximately an hour from Monticello) during Free Admission Day on Saturday, July 21.

Anyone who comes to the lab and mentions Visit Tallahassee's T.O.U.R. Guide will receive a free admission on July 21. View hundreds of species of fish, algae and invertebrates as well as the sharks and sea turtles that contribute to marine life in the Gulf of Mexico.

The family-friendly marine lab offers some tanks that allow children to get hands-on with marine life, while other tanks are for viewing only.

Unlike the big aquariums that focus on big fish, Gulf Specimen Marine Laboratory focuses on the smaller marine specimens that contribute to the watery ecosystem, such as electric rays, crabs, seahorses and many other unique, interesting aspects.

The lab is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

To learn more about Gulf Specimen Marine Laboratory, visit them online at gulfspecimen.org.



Free evening concert at Cascades Park



Ashley Hunter, ECB Publishing, Inc.

On Saturday, July 21, head on over to the Capital City Amphitheater in Cascades Park for a free concert from River Whyless and Neighbor Lady.

River Whyless is an American folk band from Asheville, NC, that have been cited as a group that puts a "haunting sweet spin" in their music performances.

Neighbor Lady is a band hailing from Atlanta, GA. Playing selections from their genre of indie rock and classic country western, Neighbor Lady calls their songs founded with a

"country-kissed alt-rock" feel.

The free concert is part of Cascades Park's Sundown Series. In addition to the live music, there will be a kids zone complete with fun activities and food trucks, not to mention the great walking trails, playgrounds and Imagination Fountain within the park itself.

The concert will begin at 7 p.m., and last until 10 p.m. that evening. Cascades Park is located at 1001 S. Gadsden St., in Tallahassee. Learn more about the performing bands by visiting their Facebook pages at facebook.com/riverwhyless or facebook.com/Neighborladymusic.

Geocaching: Scavenger hunts for people of all ages

Ashley Hunter
ECB Publishing, Inc.

Who doesn't love a good, old fashioned scavenger hunt?

That's just what geocaching, a world-wide outdoor recreational activity, is bringing into the 21st century.

Combining the excitement of a treasure hunt with technology many people use daily, geocaching is a community-based scavenger hunt that depends on people to hide and find the 'geocaches'.

But what is a geocache, and how do you play?

To start with, you'll need to create an account at geocaching.com or on the Geocaching App (Google Play and Apple Store). The basic account is free, but there will be a yearly fee if you decide to upgrade to premium.

Second, you can either download the app, or choose to find nearby caches on the website and print off the cache directions and information.

From there, follow the map, the directions and the hints to find the cache.

Typically, a cache is a waterproof container of varying sizes; you may be on the hunt for a small cache, which could be an empty pill bottle or waterproof M&M container, or a large cache, which can be a sealed plastic container, or even a military ammunition box. Some caches will have treasure (called 'swag' by geocaching.com) hidden inside. Usually, the treasures are small trinkets, such as a toy, ornamental buttons, or pins; food, drugs and weapons are items that are not allowed in a geocache.

Even if there are no trinkets or treasures inside a geocache, there will usually always be a slip of paper where geocachers are invited to sign the date of the find and their username before returning the paper to the cache and resealing it.

Since the game's birth in 2000 in Oregon, there are now over 190 countries that have geocaches hidden in them (even Antarctica has geocaches!).

In Jefferson County, there are quite a few geocaches, definitely enough to get a determined cache-hunter started!

And, if you find all the geocaches in the area, you can always hide your own! If you or your family is interested in hiding and registering a geocache for others to find, visit geocaching.com/play/hidden for the rules and instructions for hiding a cache.

What are some benefits to geocaching?

It's good, outdoor fun for the whole family. Getting outdoors as a family might be difficult, but who won't enjoy a scavenger hunt? Mom and dad can help read off the map while the kids hunt down the cache.

It encourages you to experience new places. Geocaches are typically hid in tiny parks, unique corners or tucked in parts of cities and town you might not have stumbled upon if it weren't for geocaching. One of the benefits of the game, according to geocaching.com, is that you can 'experience new places like a local'. If you are traveling and stop in a small town, hunting for a geocache might take you off the beaten path to a hidden treasure larger than the cache itself. Even if you are looking for geocaches in your own neighborhood, there is always the chance to find some interesting little place you never knew existed.

There are many different types of caches. You will typically find a normal cache, such as those in pill bottles or Tupperware containers. But there are some special caches for the adventurous geocachers, like the Night Cache, which can be found at night by following a series of staged reflectors; an Earth Cache, which are virtual caches organized by the Geological Society of America that requires the geocacher to perform a task that provides an educational lesson in Earth science; Moving/Traveling Caches, which encourage the finders to re-hide and update the coordinates of the cache upon finding it; or Puzzle Caches, which require geocachers to solve a riddle or puzzle in order to find the cache.

So, are you or your family looking for a fun summer activity within these last few weeks of summer vacation?

Look no further than geocaching, which is a free, family-friendly, engaging way to get outdoors, stay active and have fun all at the same time!



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo By Ashley Hunter, July 17, 2018

It might not look like much, but little containers like this one are hidden all over the world, including Jefferson County. According to the Geocache website, there are 530 geocaches in the Tallahassee area. This cache, titled "a service to the public" is hidden along W. Washington St.



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Date & Time: Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.

Place: Jefferson County Courthouse Annex
County Commission Chambers
435 West Walnut Street
Monticello, Florida 32344

Purpose: To continue preparation of the Jefferson County 2018-2019 fiscal year budget.

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Posted on July 17, 2018.

Board of County Commissioners of Jefferson County, Florida

By: Tim Sanders, Clerk Ad Interim 7/20

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

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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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Tim Sanders
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Jefferson County, FL

BY: Sherry Sears, Deputy Clerk 7/13,20,27,8/3

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File Number: 18-000025-TD

Certificate Number 24 Year of Issuance: 2014

Description of Property: 00-00-00-0230-0000-0010
Lot 1 and PT of Lot 2, Carrolls Subd
ORB 8, P 77, ORB 166, P 515
Site Address: **1050 E Branch St**

Name in which assessed: **Lamar Simpkins**

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 **August 15, 2018 at 11:00 A.M.**

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File Number: 18-000022-TD

Certificate Number: 163 Year of Issuance: 2014

Description of Property: 00-00-00-0470-0010-0051
S 1/2 of Lot 4 & S1/2 Lot 5 BLK 10 Wiricks Add
ORB 29 P 257 & ORB 61 P 565 & ORB 223 P 255
Site Address: **660 Wirick St**

Name in which assessed: **Leroy Reese c/o Duane J Reece**

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File Number: 18-000024-TD

Certificate Number 147 Year of Issuance: 2014

Description of Property: 00-00-00-0450-0016-0080
NW 1/4 Lot 8 BLK 16
DB 1 P 195, ORB 602 PG 460 & ORB 602 PG 463
Site Address: **S MLK Jr**

Name in which assessed: **Patricia Jennings**

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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LEGAL NOTICES

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The Jefferson County School Board will hold a Special Meeting on Tuesday, July 24, 2018, at 5:15 pm to approve advertisement of the FY18-19 District Summary Budget and Capital Outlay Budget. The meeting will be held at the Jefferson County District Office, located at 1490 W Washington Street, Monticello, FL 32344. The public is invited to attend. 7/20

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

In accordance with Section 865.09, Florida Statutes NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of: " JAZZ THE NANNY " mailing address of 645 EAST MADISON STREET, MONTICELLO, FL 32344 located in Jefferson County, Florida Owner intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Owner: JASMINE BROWN Dated this 20TH day of JULY, 2018 7/20