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## Highway renamed in honor of fallen Deputy Chris Smith



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The unveiling of the Deputy Christopher Smith Memorial Highway road sign followed a brief ceremony on Tuesday morning. Pictured, from left to right, are: Jefferson County Sheriff Mac McNeill, Senator Bill Montford, Erika Smith, Gabbie Smith, and Hunter Pittman.

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About 150 people gathered on the parking lot of the Hilltop Country Store in Leon County on Tuesday morning, Sept. 25, to honor the memory of Deputy Christopher Smith, who was killed in the line of duty in 2014.

Those assembled for the occasion, which was the dedication of the section of U.S. 90 from the Chaires Cross Road to SR-59 that takes in a piece of Jefferson County, included family and friends of Smith, state and locally elected officials from Leon and Jefferson counties, law-enforcement personnel from the two counties, and not a few dignitaries and regular citizens.

Among the speakers who addressed the large crowd were Leon County Sheriff Walt McNeil, Jefferson County Sheriff Mac McNeill, State Senator Bill Montford, and Erika Smith, who had much to do with the honor bestowed on her late husband.

McNeil in his brief remarks recalled  
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Leon County Sheriff Walt McNeil spoke about Smith's dedication to service and community and told of the fateful day when Smith was killed.



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Deputies, with the Leon County Sheriff's Office, raise bottles of Dr. Pepper in a toast to Smith, after it was told at the ceremony how Smith started every shift with a Dr. Pepper drink.

## Monticello burglar gets five years

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The Georgia man responsible for a rash of burglaries in town earlier this year received a five-year prison sentence earlier this week.

Herman Lamar Gifford, 31, of Valdosta, GA, pled no contest to 11 charges on Monday, Sept. 24, and got 60 months with the Department of Corrections, to be followed by two years of probation.

Had Gifford chosen to go to trial and risk a jury conviction, he could have received life imprisonment solely on the count of burglary of a structure causing over \$1,000 in damages, a first-  
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Herman Lamar Gifford

## Meet the Candidates... Three more times

Debbie Snapp and Ashley Hunter  
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To keep county voters better informed, there will be three political forums held in the upcoming two weeks.

On Tuesday, Oct. 2, the Monticello Woman's Club will be hosting an open house meet-and-greet and question and answers forum for the public to get to know and mingle with the four candidates that are running for the title of Jefferson County Sheriff.

The Woman's Club will be open to the public at 1 p.m. for the meet and greet.

Each candidate will be allowed a three to five-minute window to speak to the public about their views, goals and eligibility as the potential Sheriff of Jefferson County.

Following, the forum attendees will be able to pose questions to the candidates.

After the candidates speak and answer any questions, the Woman's Club will host a cake and  
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## City budget, millage rate approved

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The Monticello City Council broke its own record for speedy proceedings, holding two public hearings of three-minute each on the budget and millage rate.

And not one citizen in attendance at either meeting, signaling either the citizenry's resounding approval of the job that the council is doing or showing total apathy for the process.

The hearings on Wednesday, Sept. 12, and Monday, Sept. 24, lasted exactly three minutes each, beginning at 7 p.m. and ending at 7:03 p.m., long enough for the officials to announce the budget and millage rate, adopt the corresponding resolutions, and adjourn the meetings.

The votes on the budget were unanimous both  
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In 1872 Yellowstone in the US was the world's first national park

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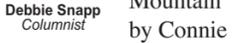
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# Deb's Notes

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**Happy Birthday** today to David Wimberly!

**Monticello Acting & Dance Co.** presents 'Smoke on the Mountain' by Connie



Debbie Snapp Columnist

Ray, conceived by Alan Bailey, musical arrangements by Mike Craver and Mark Hardwick, and directed by Melanie Mays on September 28 to October 14, on Fridays and Saturdays. Dinner begin at 7 p.m. Show time is at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees are September 30 and October 7 at 2 p.m. and October 14 at 12:30 p.m. Back by popular demand, MADCo

returns with this gospel, bluegrass musical that's fun for the whole family. You'll sing along and tap your toes to your favorite songs like 'Church in the Wildwood,' 'Angel Band,' 'Taking a Flight' and more. The year is 1938 in Mount Pleasant, North Carolina. Through song and testimony and some hilarious shenanigans, you meet the family and laugh and cry with them through their trials and tribulations. Love conquers all. Enjoy a wonderful evening with your family. Tickets are \$12 to \$47. Catering is by Cruton & Company. The menu is Autumn salad with fresh apple slices, craisins, candied pecans, and balsamic vinaigrette, beer braised pork shoulder, smashed sweet potatoes, southern style collard greens, and apple dumpling with a dollop of whipped

cream. For more information contact the Monticello Opera House at (850) 997-4242.

**Caregivers Celebration Day** will be held on Friday, September 28 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 1700 North Meridian Road in Tallahassee from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join for a day to celebrate and thank family caregivers for all they do. The day will be filled with upbeat guest speakers and a catered lunch with topics such as laughter, ageless grace and music. To register call (850) 386-2778 or [stephanie@alzheimersproject.org](mailto:stephanie@alzheimersproject.org) if you will be needing respite.

**Jefferson County Lions Club** is holding its first 'Car Show' fundraiser from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 6 at Jefferson Square, in front of CarQuest Auto Parts. Registration will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. with a \$10 registration fee for those wanting to compete for a trophy. Everyone is invited to come out to meet and greet and show your awesome antique cars, trucks, bog trucks, side by sides, motorcycles, or whatever you may have that you would like to show off. Support your community by supporting this event. The event will include doorprizes and a 50/50 raffle. For more information contact Chairperson Shanna Boutwell at [spcountrygirl16@yahoo.com](mailto:spcountrygirl16@yahoo.com) or call (850) 694-3509.

**Monticello Community Prayer**

**Breakfast** will be held next week on Thursday, October 4 from 7 to 8 a.m. in the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church, 325 West Washington Street. Debra Pottorff, coordinator for the Big Bend Tallahassee Area of 'Operation Christmas Child', will present the program. Plan to join for a great program, breakfast, fellowship, prayers and song. Contact Gary Wright at (850) 997-5705 or (850) 933-5567 for more information.

**The Jefferson County Democratic Executive Committee** invites the public to a Democratic Get-Out-the-Vote Rally on Thursday, October 11, from 6 to 8 p.m. on the grounds of The Mays House, 925 East Washington Street. Finger foods and beverages will be catered by Carrie Ann & Company with rousing political songs by acoustic duo Hot Tamale. Remarks will be made by the candidates, or their representatives. And a \$5 donation is requested but is not required. For more information go to [democratsofjeffersoncounty.com](http://democratsofjeffersoncounty.com) or [democratsofjeffersoncounty@gmail.com](mailto:democratsofjeffersoncounty@gmail.com).

**American Legion Otto M. Walker Post 49** has tickets for sale for its annual fundraising effort, a Gun Raffle, with the winning ticket to be drawn on during the Veterans Day weekend. The ticket winner does not need to be present to win. The grand prize drawing is for a Mil Spec AR15, custom built by Robinson Gunworks. For ticket information contact Post Commander Ken Faircloth at (850) 509-2628.

Visitors can discover what Earth was like before the arrival of dinosaurs and mammals in the **Florida Museum of Natural History's newest exhibit 'Permian Monsters: Life Before the Dinosaurs'**, opening September 29. The museum will host a free, fun-for-all-ages opening day celebration from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with hands-on activities, fossil displays and a dig pit. Admission to 'Permian Monsters' is \$8 for adults; \$7 for Florida residents, seniors and college students; \$5.50 for ages 3-17 and free to museum members and UF students with a valid Gator 1 card. The Florida Museum will display the exhibit through May 5, 2019. This exhibit was created by Gondwana Studios and sponsored in part by contributions from Visit Gainesville/Alachua County, University of Florida Student Government and the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs. For more information, visit [floridamuseum.ufl.edu/exhibits/permian](http://floridamuseum.ufl.edu/exhibits/permian) or call 352-846-2000.



## Defending Freedom

What are my principles? What are your principles? What are the principles of the United States of America?

Reading from our nation's birth certificate, the Declaration of Independence, 4 July 1776:

*We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.*

-- That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, -- That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

The Republican Party Platform was revised and restated at the Republican National Convention in Cleveland the summer of 2016. The Platform states the Party's principles. It is very well written and worth reading. References to God are stated at least 10 times.

Page 9, "We the People", states: *We are the party of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. The Declaration sets forth the fundamental precepts of American government: That God bestows certain inalienable rights on every individual, thus producing*

*human equality; that government exists first and foremost to protect those inalienable rights; that man-made law must be consistent with God-given, natural rights; and that if God-given, natural, inalienable rights come in conflict with government, court, or human-granted rights, God-given, natural, inalienable rights always prevail; that there is a moral law recognized as "the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God"; and that American government is to operate with the consent of the governed. We are also the party of the Constitution, the greatest political document ever written. It is the solemn compact built upon principles of the Declaration that enshrines our God-given individual rights and ensures that all Americans stand equal before the law, defines the purposes and limits of government, and is the blueprint for ordered liberty that makes the United States the world's freest and most prosperous nation.*

Florida Republican Party Vice Chairman Mike Barnett has stated, "For the Republican Party to be successful, the party must strongly adhere to its principles while welcoming others who share its conservative values."

Read the 66 page Republican Party Platform at the link below: [https://prod-cdn-static.gop.com/media/documents/DRAFT\\_12\\_FINAL\[1\]-ben\\_1468872234.pdf](https://prod-cdn-static.gop.com/media/documents/DRAFT_12_FINAL[1]-ben_1468872234.pdf)

Bill Snyder

## What is a progressive?

Proclaiming, oneself to be a Progressive makes oneself sound so insightful and the bearer of great knowledge. When in fact, it is a code name for someone who thinks that the government knows how to spend your earnings more wisely than you yourself could ever do. They believe that government is far better at job creation than anyone in the private sector ever could be. They sincerely believe that raising taxes on corporations or individuals would not affect private sector job creation or jacking up the minimum wage (training wage) to \$15.00 per hour or more, would cause employers to seriously consider employees' productivity, with lay offs likely to follow such increases! Most so-called Progressives have little or no knowledge of how the private sector functions nor do they care. Progressives look at existing private sector income as a natural resource, which should be tapped through new taxes at their whim, to fund their next great brain storm!

We just finished 8 years of watching and experiencing President Obama (a self described Progressive), waste nearly \$800,000,000,000 (that's 800 billion) of our hard-earned tax dollars, on his dreamed-up stimulus bill, to create shovel ready jobs. When all the stimulus money was spent and wasted, The Great Progressive laughed and said that "maybe those jobs weren't so shovel ready after all". That was about as callous of a remark as any President had ever made. It shouldn't have come as any big surprise to anyone that the idea was pushed by a Progressive President, who has never even run a lemonade stand. It's economics 101, which Progressives must have skipped while in college, or maybe it's not even taught in Ivy League schools.

Progressives actually believe that they can improve the lots of the poor by increasing the taxes on the wealthy. If government Progressives actually wanted to contribute to private sector job creation, they should have left that \$800,000,000,000 in the hands of the people who had earned it. They in turn would have spent it on goods and services that they wanted and needed, thus creating new private sector jobs, as a result.

This is not just an economic theory, it has been proven over the last 20 months of the Trump Presidency. An estimated 4 million people have left the welfare rolls and have taken new private sector jobs. This was triggered by the Trump tax cuts and the tremendous reduction in business regulations. In a short 20 months, small/large corporations and individuals have gained confidence and a renewed optimism. Leading businesses to start drawing up expansion plans, for the first time in years. Workers started enjoying more take home pay, following the Trump tax cuts! Please remember that not one Democrat in Congress voted for your tax cut (larger take home pay). Millions of workers have also enjoyed bonuses in addition to their new tax cuts. The new tax cuts mean there is less money for Washington to waste, and more money for private job creations! A Win Win situation for all of our great American workers, both old and new ones to come!

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There will be a \$10<sup>00</sup> charge for Affidavits.

**SMITH**

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 the fateful Nov. 22 incident when Smith was shot by what the Sheriff called "an evil man", an individual who had set a house fire in Tallahassee for the expressed purpose of luring and shooting first responders.

"Today we assemble at this roadway connecting Jefferson and Leon counties, which Chris Smith so dearly loved and served, so that future generations will see his name, read the words and appreciate his sacrifice and service," McNeil said.

McNeil's Jefferson County counterpart, McNeill, in his turn told how Smith had come to join the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department. A grocery store manager originally, McNeill said

Smith had decided on law-enforcement as his calling after helping former Sheriff Ken Fortune pick up a suspect. Starting out as a dispatcher, Smith worked his way up to deputy, McNeill said.

Montford, who sponsored the legislation dedicating the section of highway, praised Smith as a genuine hero.

"You look at history, you see a lot of heroes that started at the local level," Montford said, noting "that Chris knowingly entered dangerous situations to save others."

The dedication of state roads wasn't something done lightly, Montford said. The Legislature, he said, received countless such requests every year. "But a lot of those requests don't make it through the process," he said.

"It was an honor and a privilege to sponsor this bill," Montford concluded.

Erika offered that if her husband were alive, he would have been celebrating his 51st birthday. She called the occasion "a day to celebrate the life of a man larger than life."

The reason she had wanted U.S. 90 to be named after her husband was because he was part of both Jefferson and Leon and the road traversed the two counties, she said.

"He left one county for another but the two were bonded by the road," Erika said.

Others of his law enforcement colleagues recalled Smith as dedicated and family-oriented officer who was fondly known as "Taters" and who loved Mexican food and California

burritos.

Following the unveiling of the state sign by Erika, daughter Gabbie Smith, and Smith's stepson, Hunter Pittman, everyone was handed a Dr. Pepper drink to toast the occasion. The Dr. Pepper, McNeil explained, was Smith's drink of choice before starting every shift.

Leon County commissioners initiated the resolution to rename the section of U.S 90 as the Christopher Smith Memorial Highway in honor of Smith, an action duplicated by Jefferson County commissioners for the section of highway within its jurisdiction. Smith served 20 years in the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department before transferring to the Leon County Sheriff's Department.

**BURGLAR**

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 degree felony.

Prior to accepting the plea and imposing sentence, Judge Dawn Caloca-Johnson satisfied herself of Gifford's competency to enter the plea by reviewing an expert's evaluation of the defendant and asking him several questions herself.

Did he understand, the judge asked, the charges that he faced and the possible sentence? Gifford responded that he understood that he could receive "five to 15 years apiece for each count."

Plus, the judge informed him, he could face a life sentence on the first-degree felony count alone.

And did he understand, the judge continued, that if he violated his post prison probation he could face life imprisonment?

Gifford indicated that he understood. Satisfied of Gifford's competency and that he understood the possible consequences should he violate probation, the judge proceeded to impose the sentence per the terms of the agreement worked out between the state and defense.

Judge Caloca-Johnson adjudicated Gifford guilty on all counts, sentenced him to five years of imprisonment to be followed by two years of probation, assigned him 290 days credit for time served in the county jail, and ordered that he pay restitution to the businesses that he burglarized.

Among the restitutions that Gifford was ordered to pay: \$1,500 to Rancho Grande Restaurant; \$1,433 to the Naked Ewe; \$340 to Vintage Treasure; and \$500 to Everything Realty.

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

Gifford was arrested in January of this year after being identified as a person-of-interest by the Monticello Police Department (MPD) and his photo printed in the *Monticello News*, following a rash of burglaries in town.

Gifford was identified as a result of his image being captured on the security cameras of several of the businesses that he burglarized.

"Several of the businesses burglarized were able to provide camera footage of a

subject inside their stores," Police Chief Fred Mosley said at the time.

One of the things that helped authorities identify Gifford was a distinctive image of a skull with a jester's hat tattooed on his outer left forearm, an image captured by the security cameras.

Based on information developed by the investigation, the MPD secured six warrants for Gifford's arrest. The chief himself took Gifford into custody several days later when a citizen who had seen Gifford's photo in the *Monticello News* informed the chief that the suspect was at the public library. Officers were then able to recover the crowbar that Gifford had used to break into the various businesses.

Gifford was charged with five counts of burglary of a structure, five counts of grand theft, and one count of burglary of a structure causing over \$1,000 in damages and his bond set at \$10,000-plus.

All told, according to the MPD, Gifford broke into at least seven businesses during the course of several weeks, in each case taking cash and various items, many of which he pawned and were later recovered.

**FORUMS**

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 coffee social to allow the candidates to mingle with the attendees.

The Monticello Woman's Club building is located at 875 E. Pearl St., in Monticello.

And then, that same evening, Tuesday, Oct. 2 at 7 p.m., the Monticello-Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce

is sponsoring a forum at the Jefferson County Courthouse. This forum will also be for the candidates running for Jefferson County Sheriff, a two year finish term. The candidates are: Sheriff Mac McNeill, Republican; Bill Massey, Democrat; Mike Fillyaw, No Party Affiliation; and Jerry Sutphin, No Party Affiliation.

One week later, on Tuesday, Oct. 9, at 7 p.m., the

Monticello-Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring another forum at the Jefferson County Courthouse.

This forum will be for the candidates running for the offices of County Commissioner Districts 2 and 4 and the City Council 2 seat. These include: Jefferson

County Commission District 2 candidates Adam Fato, No Party Affiliation; Derrick

Jennings, No Party Affiliation; and Gene Hall, Democrat; Jefferson County Commission District 4 candidates Betsy Barfield, No Party Affiliation and Keith Cook, No Party Affiliation; and Monticello City Council Group 2 candidates Gloria A Cox and Sara Lynn LaDelfa-Kirsch.

The three events are free to attend and the public is encouraged to attend.

**BUDGET**

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 times. The votes on the millage rate were 4-1 each time, with Councilman Steve Rissman the lone vote. Otherwise, the proceedings were largely formalities.

For anyone interested, if after the fact, the budget is \$4,394,468, and the millage rate 7.200 mills, which is 2.31 percent over the rolled-back rate and represents a tax increase.

The budget includes salary increases for

city employees and the council members plus special allocations for the upgrade of the downtown district and the completion of the City Hall repair, among other things.

The budget assigns \$2,000 to Main Street Monticello; \$2,000 to the Fourth of July Fireworks Committee; \$1,000 to the Monticello-Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce; and \$5,000 to the Jefferson County Humane Society.

A breakdown of the projected expenditures show \$493,750 is going for

general administration; \$813,109 for law enforcement; \$37,338 for fire control; \$266,096 for garbage pickup; and \$720,025 for streets, parks, cemeteries and animal control, for a total of \$2,336,318.

Projected expenditures for the water and sewer operations are \$361,459 and \$826,691 respectively, for a total of \$1,208,150.

A detailed copy of the budget is available at City Hall for anyone interested is knowing how their tax dollars are being spent.

*Compiled by: John Willoughby*

**Virginia:** When you can't get people to stop disrespecting your land, what do you do? A Virginia man erected an electrified fence. Students coming onto the homeowner's property while waiting at a nearby bus stop influenced his decision to ensure the students would get the message. "They don't respect other people's land," the man told a local news station. "I pick up trash every day." Parents are outraged however because there is a possibility that the children could get hurt by the fence. "One of them could touch it, fall into it and get shocked," said a neighbor.

**Florida:** A Florida restaurateur is accused of shooting into the home of an upset diner who took a punch at the restaurant in an online review. Normal Auvil, 42, of Orlando, was arrested Thursday, Aug. 30, and was charged with

"shooting into a dwelling and abuse of a disabled adult." The Orange County Sheriff's Office stated that Auvil was drinking beer with the restaurant owner's son, who was upset about the review. Auvil, who was in an SUV at the time of the incident, shot at the home of the reviewer three times. "I actually could feel the air from the bullet as it passed by me," said Ken Walley who was inside the home when they were shot at on Saturday, Aug. 20.

**Minnesota:** It was a rather stinky situation when a burglar's pickup truck got stuck in a large pile of smelly manure during a getaway. Matthew Bloomquist, 29, of Hawick, Minn., was found on the side of the ride, covered in manure from his waist down when deputies arrived to

investigate Wednesday, Aug. 31. Bloomquist was caught snatching lumber and other items from a farm shed. "The trip to the jail was made with the windows open," said Stearns County Sheriff Don Gudmundson.

**Pasco County, Fla.:** On Thursday, Aug. 30, the Pasco County Sheriff's Office responded to a call about an alligator on school property. A photo of the alligator being apprehended was posted on Facebook asking anyone if they had a good caption for the photo. One social media enthusiast commented, "Just when you thought all you had to fear at school was the teachers." Another Facebook user stated, "Another angry parent detained!" The post received

approximately 490 reactions, 210 comments and 500 shares as of Sunday, Sept. 1.

**Moscow:** Where is Actor Samuel L. Jackson when you need him? A passenger flying from Germany to Russia caused an uproar when 20 snakes in his bag were discovered. The snakes were bought at a market in Germany and according to reporters, no documents were provided for the reptiles. Carrying snakes on a plane isn't illegal, however, proper permission is necessary.

**Sarasota, Fla.:** Employees at the Pines Thrift Store in Sarasota, Fla. received a rather unusual donation on the week of Wednesday, Aug. 30. Approximately 4.7 pounds of marijuana, in four separate vacuum-sealed bags, showed up near the clothing drop-off area outside of the store in a tote bag, according to the Sarasota Police Department. The weed is worth an estimated \$5,400, according to ABC News.



# COMMUNITY Prayer Breakfast

## gets off to great start

Debbie Snapp  
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The Monticello Community Prayer Breakfast got off to a great start with a nice crowd of 70 in attendance at the First United Methodist Church fellowship hall, to take in a heartwarming talk from guest speaker Alex Sanchez, CEO of the Florida Bankers Association and a FOX Business News personality.

Sanchez attended with FBA's Twana Carter. After thanking his longtime associate and friend Gary Wright, he spoke to the audience about his coming to America as a young boy and his love for America. He came to the United States from Cuba during President Kennedy's 'Freedom Flight', on September 3, 1962, and to this day he will tell everybody that he loves America and all America has done for him and his family. "America is the greatest nation in the world," he proudly states. "There's more opportunity here than anywhere else."

He was raised in the Bronx, in New York City, and entered into the military to thank America for



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo By Debbie Snapp, September 6, 2018

**Alex Sanchez was guest speaker for the Community Prayer Breakfast.**

accepting him. He went on to ask that everyone thank a military person whenever the opportunity shows itself.

In speaking of God and religion, Sanchez shared that "We walk by faith not by trust. Dependence is a



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**Alex Sanchez, on right, was guest speaker of the first of the new year meeting of the Monticello Community Prayer Breakfast. He's pictured here with Coordinator Gary Wright, on left.**

sign of weakness in this world but, in His World of Faith, it's a sign of strength. My strength comes from Him. I'd rather live my life believing in Him and finding out later that it's not true than to live life not believing only to find out later that He does exist."

The breakfast meal was prepared and served by the Methodist Men's Ministry and was delicious according to all who were asked.

The fellowship was again special for all attending.

The Community Prayer Breakfast, celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> year, 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 October 4 meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church Monticello, in the fellowship hall, beginning at 7 a.m.

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# Celebrating VFW Day on Sept. 29

Debbie Snapp, *ECB Publishing, Inc.*

Each year on September 29, VFW Day is celebrated at VFW Posts and in communities around the world. It's a day devoted to the organization and its dedicated members who are so deeply committed to serving those who bravely serve this nation.

This year marks the 119<sup>th</sup> year since the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) was established. On September 29, 1899 a small group of Spanish-American war veterans joined together to form what would become the nation's largest and most dedicated group of combat veterans.

VFW and its Auxiliary members carry out this



mission every single day. Their commitment is demonstrated through national veterans and legislative services, military assistance and community service programs, youth activities and scholarship programs, as well as millions of volunteer hours in their local communities each year.

The local VFW Post 251 invites organizations, churches, families and local officials to join with its members at the full service building and VFW meeting headquarters located at the corners of Mamie Scott Drive and Chestnut Street in Monticello on Saturday, September 29 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for food and a fun gathering of neighbors and friends.

Ned Hill, Jr., commander; Rev. Ben Ransom,

Jr., Sr., vice commander; Kent T. Watson, Jr., vice commander; Robert Walker, quartermaster; Muriel Pollee, adjutant; and John R. Nelson, Sr., judge advocate and program chairman.



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A Ribbon Cutting for the re-opening of the putting greens was held Friday afternoon at the Jefferson Country Club, sponsored by the Monticello Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce. Pictured from left to right are: Katrina Richardson, Sean Gray, Dwayne Wirtjes, Dori Collins, Jim Purvis, Van Collins, Kevin Barnwell, John Todd, Tom Ishording, Ken Faircloth, Jay Walton, Nancy May, Mike Carney and Geri Ann Driggers.

## Jefferson Country Club holds greens re-opening ceremony

Debbie Snapp  
*ECB Publishing, Inc.*

Monticello Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce sponsored a Ribbon Cutting for the reopening of the greens at the Jefferson Country Club, located on Boston Highway.

General Manager Van Collins welcomed Chamber members and other guests to the facility and especially to the newly re-planted and improved putting greens, which re-opened for golf on September 22.

Golf rates for members are \$13 on weekdays and \$15 on weekends. For non-members, who must be out of the county residents, the rate is \$18 weekdays and \$25 on weekends.

Hours of operation are from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday and from 1 to 8 p.m. on Monday.

Membership is available. For more information regarding golf or memberships, contact the Country Club at (850) 997-5484.



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# CHURCH NEWS NOTES

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## September 28

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 28, 29, October 6, 13, 20** Waukeelah United Methodist Church Missions & Outreach Committee announces the closing of the WUMC Thrift Store on October 20. Until then, sales will be held with all items sold for \$1 per item. Sales will be held on Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## September 29

Saints Tabernacle Church of God in Unity is holding a Solo Service at 7 p.m. on Saturday. All are invited to come participate in this special service. Rev. Elder Christopher Stevens, Sr., pastor. (850) 242-2679

## September 30

New Bethel AME Church will host a 5th Sunday Missionary Coalition Worship Service at 11 a.m. along with Mt. Pleasant AME Church and its pastor, Rev. Eric Evans and the Philadelphia AME Church and its pastor, Rev. David Williams. Rev. Jimmie F. Dickey, pastor.

## September 30

Greater Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church and its pastor, Rev. Melvin Roberts will host a 5th Sunday Community Worship Service at 11:15 a.m. along with Memorial Missionary Baptist Church and its pastor, Rev. J.B. Duval and Bethpage Missionary Baptist Church and its pastor, Rev. Issac Manning, Jr. will be in charge of the program. (850) 997-4375

## September 30

First United Methodist Church Monticello will host 'For The County' a new weekly worship service designed to be modern, welcoming, casual and open to all people. The service will be held every Sunday evening at 7 p.m. in the Family Ministry Center. A nursery will be provided. For more information contact Josh Hawkins at (850) 766-3990. Church Pastor John and Kathy Hicks, [jandkhicks@aol.com](mailto:jandkhicks@aol.com).

## October 3, 17

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 [eagleswingmonticello@yahoo.com](mailto:eagleswingmonticello@yahoo.com). Rev. R.C. Griffin III, church pastor.

## October 4

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. October meeting will be held at First Baptist Church Monticello, in the fellowship hall.

## October 4, 6, 7, 8

AA meetings are held at 8 p.m. on Mondays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays at Christ Episcopal Church annex, 425 North Cherry Street. For information call (850) 251-0278. Father Jim May, church pastor.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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## September 28

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.

## September 28

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 29

World Heart Day will be celebrated on Saturday with a Heart Health Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot across from the First Baptist Church Monticello, 325 West Washington Street, sponsored by the Florida Department of Health in Jefferson County. The health fair will provide heart health education and will raise awareness for cardiovascular disease. For more information contact Chelsey McCoy, human services program specialist and Healthiest Weight Florida Liaison, at (850) 342-0170x1230 or (850) 251-2154.

## October 1

ABC, Simple as 1, 2, 3 Family Event for children ages 3-11 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Monday at the Public Library sponsored by the Jefferson County All Hands On Books Literacy Alliance. Come enjoy food, fun, books and more! For questions call (850) 342-0205.

## October 1

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.

## October 1

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](mailto:arudd@att.net).

## October 1

Jefferson County Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. on Monday at the county health department annex. For more information about this service organization and its fundraising

efforts, contact Lion June at (850) 997-1754.

## October 1

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

## October 2

ABC Infant & Toddler Family Event from 10 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday at the Public Library sponsored by the Jefferson County All Hands On Books Literacy Alliance. Come enjoy books, toys, songs, fun and more! For questions call (850) 342-0205.

## October 2

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.

## October 2

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.

## October 2

Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce Membership meeting will be held on Tuesday from 12 to 1 p.m. at 420 West Washington Street for a program, speaker, and lunch. Call (850) 997-5552 for more information. October speaker will be David Ward and Jack Carswell with Aucilla Research Institute.

## October 2, 16

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.

## October 3

Kiwanis Club meets at 12 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Jefferson Country Club for a program and lunch. For more information contact President Fred Beshears at (850) 997-2516.

## October 3

Cub Scout Pack 803, sponsored by Monticello Kiwanis, will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the Eagles Nest on South Water Street, for boys and girls ages 6-10. Contact Phil Smith at (850) 342-0196 or (850) 509-1873.

# Thank You!

The family of the late Evangelist Josephine Perry extends its most sincere thanks to everyone who helped us to get through the illness and recent passing of our dear loved one. We thank you for your prayers, donations of food, phone calls, sympathy cards, visits and other acts of kindness. A special thank you to: Health South of Tallahassee, Jefferson County Ambulance Service, Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, Monticello Police Department, Jefferson Senior Center, Big Bend Transit, Jefferson County Retired Educators' Association, Greater Fellowship M.B. Church, Howard-Ulee Caterers, Jefferson County School Board and Tillman Funeral Home. May our Lord continue to richly bless each of you!

The family of Evangelist Josephine Perry

## Veterans Among Us

### Navy Veteran Carl Edward Nelson

Carl Nelson enlisted into the Navy in 1954, right out of high school, and before Uncle Sam got the chance to draft him, he says. He ran track at his Miami high school and shares that he competed on occasion against the late actor Burt Reynolds. He enlisted because he wanted a choice, and the Navy offered him the programs he wanted...or did they? He wanted to enter into Ariel Photography School but after joining, there was no slot open for him at the time. Boot Camp was at a Marine Camp in Opelika. He was then stationed at a Naval Base in Jacksonville. His job while serving in the military was to take pictures of gatherings, parties, special programs, and all happenings worthy of pictures. He was given a big, old, Speed Graphic press camera and from there the traveling began, from one event to another. He did a lot of flying but says he never stepped foot on a boat. He says the guys were mad at him quite often because his job had him taking pictures of everything. They didn't like that because sometimes they were doing things that they weren't always proud of at the time.

After the service, Nelson got a college degree in Citrus and Biology from Florida Southern and the University of Miami. He went on to the Forestry School in Columbia County. He later got a job working for the Florida Department of Agriculture and also traveled to Georgia and South Carolina inspecting plants and insects for disease and such. He retired after 30+ years. He's been a Farm Bureau member since 1965 and relocated from Hendry County to Jefferson County about 13 years ago. He's married to Suzanne and has three grown sons.



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## Books, food and fun for library events

Ashley Hunter  
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The Jefferson County Literacy Alliance will be hosting two monthly family-focused events starting in October.

Both events will be held at the Jefferson County Public Library.

The first event, geared towards children between the ages of 3-11, will be held on Monday, October 1 and will follow on the first Monday of each following month.

The second event will be primarily focused towards infants and toddlers and will begin on Tuesday, October 2 – it will follow every first Tuesday a month.

Both events will involve fun activities, food and books. The infant event will also include songs and toys for the toddlers and infants attending.

The 3-11 year old event will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m., and the infant/toddler event will be held from 10-11 a.m.

Following the October events, the next scheduled event will be held on Monday, November 5 and Tuesday, November 6.

For more information or to ask questions regarding the event, call the Jefferson county R.J. Bailar Public Library at (850) 342-0205.

The library is located at 375 S. Water St.

# What's been happening at Jefferson-Somerset?

Story Submitted

## Jefferson County Health Department Hosts "The Tie That Binds"

On Tuesday, Sept. 18, the Jefferson County Health Department hosted "The Tie That Binds," featuring guest speaker SRO Daniel Jones who encouraged the young man at Jefferson Somerset to be respectful of others and understand compliance.

Another speaker, founder of the Kingsman Club Marvin Boatman, also spoke to the sixth-twelfth grade boys concerning how to dress for success to instill confidence.

Resource Officer Jones spoke on such topics as appropriate touch, on how what you post on social media will follow you the rest of your life, see something-say something, hear something-say something. He also spoke about the need to comply with those in authority, teachers and obeying the law. SRO Jones ended his talk by speaking to the students about personal responsibility.

Boatman has a passion to mentor young men and helps young men through advising them on how to dress for success and present themselves with confidence in their future aspirations. Watch both excellent presentations from Jefferson Somerset's Video Gallery. Boatman, a native of Tallahassee, speaks to students on other topics such as etiquette, personal grooming, job readiness skills, college prep, community service, personal finance skills, help with applications, job interview preparedness and more.

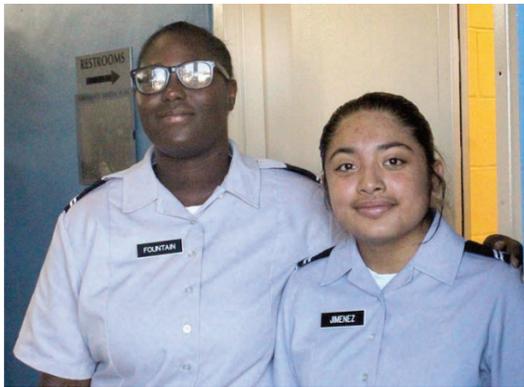
## Jefferson K-12 Somerset Leadership Expose

The Student Government Association (SGA) hosted a leadership day for community leaders that showcased the various leadership opportunities available for students at Jefferson K-12 Somerset School.



Appreciation plaques were accepted by Betsy Barfield on behalf of the County Commissioners, who have supported various organizations financially. Senior leaders Amantez Ford and Joshua Aiken thanked Parrish Barwick and the County Commissioners for supporting the athletic program financially. Betsy Barfield accepted an Honorary plaque on behalf of the County Commissioners and praised the various student-led organizations for their awesome display of leadership.

Principal Cory Oliver said, "This is the vision for our school, to be a leadership school and to be a part of something bigger than ourselves."



# Jefferson students enjoy safe roads

Lazaro Aleman  
ECB Publishing, Inc.

Fifty-seven million kids in the United States daily walk, bike, take the bus or get a ride to school during the school year, a necessary journey that can sometimes turn dangerous, according to a newly-released study.

School children in Jefferson and Madison counties, however, are among the safest in the nation when it comes to the risk of a traffic injury or worst, according to the just-released School Safety Snapshot by Zendrive, a California-based company whose mission is to make roads safe through data and analytics. Jefferson and Madison's ratings, moreover, come despite Florida's poor overall ranking and drivers in general not improving their driving behavior.

When it comes to road safety, the study rated Jefferson County an A- and Madison County a B+, whereas Florida overall received an F, ranking 44 of the 50 states plus the District of Columbia.

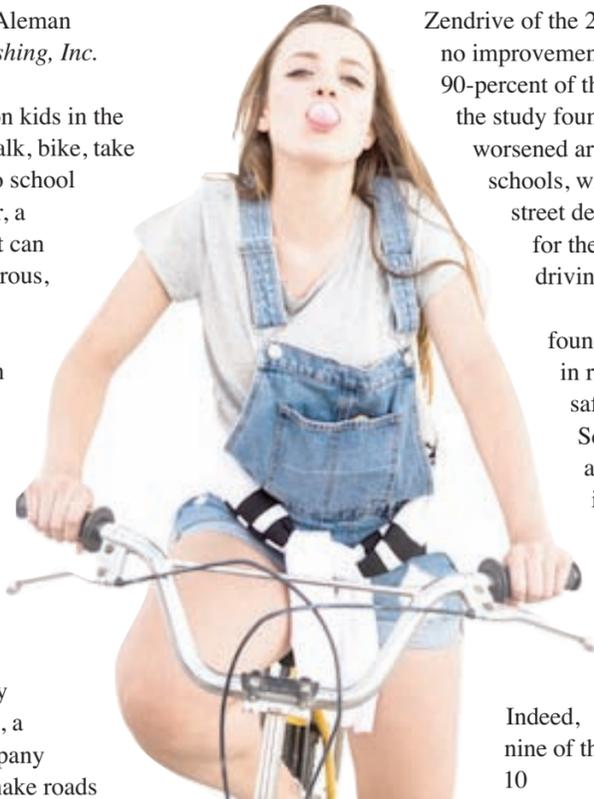
To come up with its conclusions, Zendrive's data scientists analyzed driver behavior around more than 125,000 elementary, middle and high schools around the country (representing 90-percent of all U.S. schools) and issued a traffic safety score for each school.

The methodology entailed looking at the number of trips that crossed through each school area and the number of events that occurred within each school area, then rating the safety based on the number of events within the school area per trip.

The more unsafe driving events that were documented per trip (such as hard braking, phone fiddling, etc.), the lower the grade the school received, with the state's score the aggregate of its counties' scores.

Florida counties that received an F grade included Broward, Clay, Collier, Hamilton, Hillsborough, Leon, Marion, Miami-Dade and Santa Rosa.

Overall, a comparison by



Zendrive of the 2018 and 2017 data showed no improvement in driver behavior around 90-percent of the country's schools. In fact, the study found that driver behavior worsened around 30 percent of the schools, with school location and street design contributing factors for the increased level of risky driving.

Not surprisingly, the study found that nationwide, schools in rural areas tended to have safer drivers than in cities. Schools near busy roads like arterials, state highways and interstates, however, were plagued by dangerous traffic, even in rural areas.

Indeed, nine of the 10 schools

with the most dangerous traffic in the country were school adjacent to heavily-travelled roads in rural areas.

Generally, however, the study found that cities, given their density and higher competition for road space, saw more risky driver behavior than rural areas.

"Shockingly," the report notes, "traffic crashes are the number one cause of injury death for school-aged children in the country, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention."

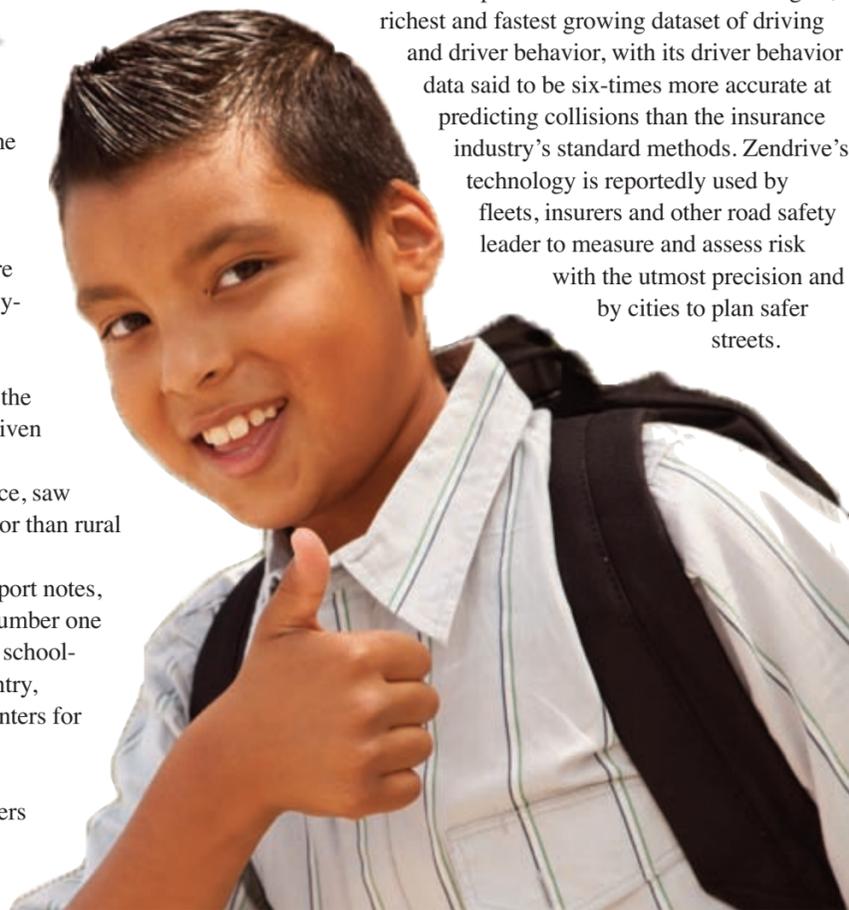
"As parents, caregivers and members of our school communities, we have the ability to

make the trip to and from school safe," said Jonathan Matus, Zendrive's CEO and co-founder. "To prevent these crashes, injuries and fatalities, we need to prevent the driver behaviors that contribute to them, and to manage these behaviors, we need to measure them. With the School Safety Snapshot, Zendrive aims to empower communities to do this."

The type of poor driver behavior that leads to dangerous traffic includes distracted driving, phone use while driving (including texting or emailing), speeding, rapid acceleration and hard braking.

The 2018 study looked at 10.5-billion-miles of data from around the United States, driven by 9.1-million anonymous drivers, who took 1-billion trips in April 2018. All told, data scientists looked at risky events that occurred within a quarter mile of 125,703 schools in 3,094 counties across the country and documented 4.6-billion unsafe driving events.

Zendrive represents itself as the world's largest, richest and fastest growing dataset of driving and driver behavior, with its driver behavior data said to be six-times more accurate at predicting collisions than the insurance industry's standard methods. Zendrive's technology is reportedly used by fleets, insurers and other road safety leader to measure and assess risk with the utmost precision and by cities to plan safer streets.



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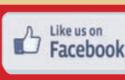
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# Senior Night in

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Senior Night was held in Tiger Territory on Friday evening, Sept. 21, just before a home football game against Florida A&M.

The bleachers were filled with excited fans cheering and hoping for the win!

Jefferson Somerset Seniors lined up before the game with their family members, friends and coaches to strut down to the 50-yard line and be introduced to their audience of screaming fans. The School Board's Sandra Saunders announced and introduced each student individually to the crowd.



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**Yu'Nijha Cooper** is a Jefferson Somerset Senior and Captain of the Cheerleader Team. She is the daughter of Bernard and Yolanda Cooper of Lamont. After graduation she plans to enter into the United States Army. She aspires to be a Human Resource Specialist.



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**Miguel Barrone** is a Jefferson Somerset Senior and plays Trombone in the school band. He is the son of Fidel and Mendoza Barrone of Monticello. After graduation he plans to attend Lively Technical Center. He aspires to be a Mechanical Engineer.



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**Alantez Ford** is a Jefferson Somerset Senior and plays Baritone in the school band. He is the son of Aisha Conner of Monticello. After graduation he plans to attend Florida State University. He aspires to be an artist.



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**Mya Jordan Trammell** is a Jefferson Somerset Senior and plays flute in the school band. She has also made herself available to sing the national anthem whenever called upon. She is the daughter of Nikki Ransom-Trammell of Monticello. After graduation she plans to attend Florida Agriculture and Mechanical University. She aspires to be a Music Educator, singer and musician.



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**Danzell Crumitie** is a Jefferson Somerset Senior and plays Defensive Linebacker on the school football team. He is the son of Tonechia and David Crumitie of Monticello. After graduation he plans to enter into the Military. He aspires to be a State Trooper.



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**Phillip Harris** is a Jefferson Somerset Senior and plays trombone in the school band. He is the son of Melissa and Phillip Harris of Monticello. After graduation he plans to attend Florida Agriculture and Mechanical University. He aspires to be a Music Educator and a Photographer.



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**Josh Aiken** is a Jefferson Somerset Senior and plays Quarterback on the school football team. He is the son of Ted and Kristi Aiken of Tallahassee. After graduation he plans to attend college. He aspires to become a pastor.



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**Tahja Chavis** is a Jefferson Somerset Senior and plays in the school band. She is the daughter of Latrese Rivers of Monticello. After graduation she plans to enter into the United States Military. She aspires to be an author or a psychiatrist.

# Tiger Territory



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**Da'Shon Davis is a Jefferson Somerset Senior and plays Wide Receiver and Defensive Back on the school football team. He is the son of Malinda Williams of St. John Quincy. After graduation he plans to attend a University and major in Environmental Science.**



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**Amantez Ford is a Jefferson Somerset Senior and plays Center on the school football team. He is the son of Aisha Conner and Arthur Ford of Monticello. After graduation he plans to attend the University of Florida. He aspires to be a law enforcement officer.**



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**Ohijay Mashburn is a Jefferson Somerset Senior and plays Defensive End on the school football team. He is the son of Derrick Mashburn of Quincy. After graduation he plans to attend Florida State University and major in Criminal Justice.**



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**Lamontrez McMillan is a Jefferson Somerset Senior and plays Running Back and Linebacker on the school football team. He is the son of Ron McMillan of Gretna. After graduation he plans to attend Alabama State University. He aspires to be a Sports Commentator.**



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**Cameron Morris is a Jefferson Somerset Senior and plays Running Back on the school football team. He is the son of Tonya Ford of Aucilla. After graduation he plans to attend Grambling State University. He aspires to be an Electrical Engineer.**



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**Javion Patrick is a Jefferson Somerset Senior and plays Quarter Back, Wide Receiver and Safety on the school football team. He is the son of LiWonda Barrington of Monticello. After graduation he plans to attend South Alabama or Alcorn State. He aspires to be a Professional Football Player.**



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**Zhyki Price is a Jefferson Somerset Senior and plays Corner Back, Wide Receiver and Running Back on the school football team. He is the son of Sean and Tameka Price of High Bridge Quincy. After graduation he will attend college on a full scholarship to major in Finance. He aspires to be a business owner and play in the NFL.**



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**Kimir Thomas is a Jefferson Somerset Senior and plays Defensive End, Official Tackle and Full Back on the school football team. He is the son of Tawana Harris and Kean Thomas, Sr. of Monticello. After graduation he plans to attend Florida State University. He aspires to be an entrepreneur.**



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**Lazarus Tucker is a Jefferson Somerset Senior and plays Offensive and Defensive Line on the school football team. He is the son of Leola Tucker of Monticello. After graduation he plans to attend Tennessee State. He aspires to be a Sports Commentator and a Culinary Chef.**



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**Armon Williams is a Jefferson Somerset Senior and plays Receiver and Defensive Back on the school football team. He is the son of Mozella Andrews and Amos Williams of Quincy. After graduation he plans to attend a University on a full scholarship. He aspires to be a business owner.**

# BROOKLYN KIRKPATRICK:

## *A clawing, fighting Tiger*

Ashley Hunter  
ECB Publishing, Inc.

She's only 14 years old, and she is already making Jefferson County history.

Brooklyn Kirkpatrick, the daughter of Elizabeth Kirkpatrick and granddaughter of Charles "Chuck" Kirkpatrick, is an eighth-grader at Jefferson Somerset High School and the only female member of the Jefferson Tigers football team.

"I've always enjoyed playing sports," said Brooklyn. "But I never really believed I could go out there and do it with the guys until recently."

Her beloved 'Papa' – Chuck Kirkpatrick says that the subject of Brooklyn playing football was an unexpected surprise.

"It really just came out of the woodwork," said Chuck Kirkpatrick, who is a fan of football, but his family has never been extensive football enthusiasts.

In fact, when Brooklyn first broached the topic, Kirkpatrick was less than ecstatic about agreeing to let her play.

"I kinda just said no. I said 'you could get hurt!'"

But Brooklyn kept insisting, and Chuck Kirkpatrick says that she grew up memorizing the Bible verse Philippians 4:13, which reads: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Armed with the verse and her belief that she had what it took to play on the field with the boys, Brooklyn finally convinced her family to allow her a shot at trying out for the team.

"I told her to speak with Coach Smith," Kirkpatrick said.

After Brooklyn went to the Tigers' Head Coach, she was given the coach's approval to join the team – if that is, she could get a parental signature giving her the permission to try out.

"Coach Smith asked me, 'are you sure about this?', and I said no. But it was what Brooklyn wanted to do, and I supported her," said Kirkpatrick.

So Brooklyn was allowed to participate in this year's spring training leading up to the Tigers' Spring Game, and that, Kirkpatrick says, is when the first and only glimmer of doubt appeared within Brooklyn herself.



After seeing the boys who she would play alongside, and realizing she had not trained for this prior, Kirkpatrick said that his granddaughter hesitated – but he wouldn't let her quit; she'd gone this far and, if only for her own benefit, he wanted her to finish the spring training at the very least.

However, after completing the spring game, Brooklyn was hooked.

"She's a hard worker and she's worked hard," said Kirkpatrick of his granddaughter. It took Brooklyn awhile to earn her gear during the spring training, meaning she couldn't spar or practice with any of the boys who had their gear. Not one to be deterred, Brooklyn practiced with the coaches and earned her gear later into the spring session.

Outside of practicing alongside her teammates, Brooklyn put in extra work to perfect her game on the field. After two hours of practicing, her male teammates would leave the field – but not Brooklyn.

"Me and her, we'd be down there practicing by ourselves," said Kirkpatrick.

After the Spring Game, when she could've easily said that football wasn't for her and thrown in the towel, Brooklyn's momentum kept going. She spent the summer months conditioning and weightlifting, and Kirkpatrick says that she managed to gain a lot of muscle.

Already standing at around six feet, Brooklyn Kirkpatrick was quickly becoming a force to be reckoned with. By the time that the fall football season rolled around, Brooklyn was already getting the hang of the game.

"Coach Smith says that she has better techniques than some of the boys," Kirkpatrick says proudly of his girl. Unlike the boys who grew up playing football in the backyard or park with their friends or relatives, Brooklyn was new to the game and its rules. Some of the athletes that appear on the Tigers' roster have had to unlearn 'bad habits' that have hindered their game – but Brooklyn was a blank slate for her coaches to mold and model into the perfect athlete.

"She's very coachable. She never complains. She picks up fast," added Kirkpatrick.

Coach Leroy Smith, the Head Football Coach for the Jefferson Tigers, agrees: "I'm very impressed by not just her play on the field but by her willingness to come out here every day and compete with the guys. She's an inspiration to me and I know she's an inspiration the guys."

Her goals were realized when she was drafted on the team as Tiger #70.

According to Chuck Kirkpatrick, their expectations for Brooklyn's first year on the team was not to see her score any touchdowns or making any winning passes, but just to see her grow and learn and experience what it was to be a part of the Tigers team.

But Brooklyn is hungry for more. The athlete has had experience playing soccer and volleyball and now dreams of making the list of Big Bend athletes, although she does admit that the dream may require some time to fulfill.

According to Kirkpatrick, his granddaughter yearns for more time on the field, though he feels like the limited amount of time that she is given is due more to the fact that she's an eighth grader, and would technically be a Junior Varsity player, rather than the fact that she's a girl.

"She has good days and bad days on the field – but boys do too."

The is new grounds for everyone, but both Kirkpatrick and Coach Smith agree that Brooklyn has been mostly supported by her male teammates.

"They treat her like she's their little sister. They don't want anything to happen to her. And when they do drills, they always encourage her and they always push her to be the best," said Coach Smith. "When they see her working hard, it pushes them to work hard."

**"When they see her working hard, it pushes them to work hard."**

She's a girl on the Tigers team, but Brooklyn says that her biggest disadvantage isn't her gender, but rather the public's perceptive of her.

"People look at me differently," said Brooklyn. "At the school, it's a normal thing; but from the outside, with other people looking in, they might not see it how everybody else sees it."

Needless to say, Brooklyn has felt the most support not from her teammates or classmates, but rather from her family.

"At first they were kinda timid to let me join," Brooklyn admits. "But they came to the conclusion that they believe I can do it." And they do believe that she can hold her own against the boys on her team and on the opposing teams.

"I'm overwhelmed and I'm proud of her," said Chuck Kirkpatrick. "It just hit me one day: she can do this."

This is technically Brooklyn's second year back in the Jefferson County School District, after spending time in Leon County schools since she was pulled from Jefferson County after the third grade.

Playing on the Offensive and Defensive Line, Brooklyn has fought hard to be where she is at.

"This is new to everyone," said Kirkpatrick, though he praised Coach Smith's handling of Brooklyn joining the team, saying that he believes the head coach really seems to like having Brooklyn on his team.

"She was adamant about coming out there and I had to test her at first to see if she really wanted to come," said Coach Smith. "It's been amazing to see her come out here every day, give it her all and learning and wanting to learn and wanting to play – not just be on the sidelines and be on the team. She actually wants to play. It's encouraging to me."

Brooklyn Kirkpatrick isn't just a token female athlete on the Tigers' team, she's a fighting, roaring, clawing Tiger like any of the boys – and she wants to inspire other women to fight, claw and roar for what they want too.

"I just want to inspire other females to do anything they want," said Brooklyn. "Believe in yourself before anything; if you don't believe in yourself, no one else can and don't let what anybody will say about you affect you."



**"Are you sure about this?"**

**No. But it's what she wants to do, and I support her.**



Photo Submitted

Brooklyn Kirkpatrick stands shoulder to shoulder with her male classmates and athletes on the Tiger Football Team as Tiger #70. Brooklyn Kirkpatrick is more than just an athlete at Jefferson Somerset – she's the only girl on the Tigers' Football Team and is working to inspire the women around her to fight for what they want, even if it's unorthodox.



**Jefferson Somerset**

**Monae Keaton**



Monae Keaton is a 10-year-old fifth grader at Jefferson Somerset, and a member of the cheer squad.

According to Keaton, she has been a cheerleader for the past three years.

"I wanted to show sportsmanship and show spirit around school," said Keaton, adding that the sisterhood relationship that the cheerleaders all share with each other was another reason that caused her to choose cheerleading.

When she's not cheering, Keaton plays basketball.

Her friends know her by her laugh. "I laugh out loud, even when something isn't funny at all," said Keaton. Monae Keaton is the daughter of Monique and Travis Keaton.

**Aucilla Christian**

**Amelia Lovett**



An eighth grader at Aucilla Christian Academy, 13-year-old Amelia Lovett has been cheering on her school's team for two years.

"I've always wanted to [be a cheerleader] since I was little," said Lovett.

For Lovett, the enjoyment in her sport comes from the team itself and the girls who stand with her as they cheer on the ACA Warriors.

"I love being with the team and cheering for the football players," adds Lovett.

Outside of cheering, Lovett stays active while playing basketball and softball. Outside of sports, she also enjoys fishing and hunting in the outdoors. Amelia Lovett is the daughter of Laura and Jesse Lovett.



# Pigskin Poet



Things are heating up as we move into the fall, You cannot find anything as exciting as college football. Alabama throttles the Ragin' Cajuns and are starting to cruise, I'm beginning to wonder if the Tide will ever lose.

Clemson avenges last season's loss to Syracuse over in Death Valley, There will be little need of a second half rally. Texas Tech hosts West Virginia way out in Lubbock, The Mountaineers are awesome and will have all the luck.

Oklahoma State cruises by Kansas in Lawrence, The poor old Jayhawks simply have no defense. Texas A&M bounces back with a win over the Razorbacks, Boston College takes down Temple with lots of quarterback sacks.

Miami has a big win over North Carolina, UCF crushes Pittsburgh, nothing could be finer. Auburn exploits the Eagles from Southern Miss, Michigan rambles by Northwestern as they move up the list.

Dan Mullen takes Florida on the road to Starkeville, When the Gators win it will be quite a thrill. Virginia plays at Duke who is 4 and 0, The Hokies are steaming, they don't want to lose two in a row.

TCU hosts the Iowa State Cyclones from Ames, The Frogs cannot afford to lose any more games. Ohio State beats Penn State on the road, Can Urban Meyer keep the Buckeyes in a winning mode?

Notre Dame hosts the Stanford Cardinal

in South Bend, Stanford finds a way but it will go to the bitter end. Washington humbles the Cougars of BYU, The Huskies will be back in the hunt before we are all through.

LSU crushes Ole Miss on the way to 5 and 0, How good can the Tigers be, I just don't know. Oregon lost a heartbreaker to Stanford, The Ducks beat Cal, another loss they simply cannot afford.

UCLA picks up their first win over at Colorado, Army falls short up at Buffalo. Memphis grounds the Green Wave of Tulane, Indiana beating Rutgers will be an awful shame.

Virginia falls hard to the NC State Wolfpack, Tennessee is overwhelmed by Georgia's terrific running attack. Old Dominion beat Virginia Tech to everyone's surprise, This week that East Carolina Pirate crew will cut'em down to size.

The Ohio Bobcats claw the Minutemen of U Mass, Cincinnati's win over Connecticut will be as smooth as glass. The Louisville Cardinals are on a slide, Florida State adds another victory to winning side.

Georgia State falls to the Warhawks from Louisiana Monroe, North Texas beats Louisiana Tech to go to 5 and 0. Middle Tennessee is beaten by the Owls from FAU, Houston Baptist is dunked by the Mustangs from SMU.

South Carolina heads up to Lexington for a big game,

Sorry Gamecocks, this year Kentucky is not the same. Northern Illinois rebounds over Eastern Michigan in Ypsilanti, Arkansas State beating Georgia Southern will be like taking candy.

In San Antonio the Roadrunners will run past the UTEP Miners, At Birmingham the Blazers will blast the Charlotte 49'ers. Fresno State extinguishes the Rockets from Toledo, Western Michigan stampedes past the Redhawks from Ohio.

Bowling Green is overpowered down at Georgia Tech, I hope Central Michigan survives Michigan State without a broken neck. Kent State flashes by Ball State over in Muncie, Hawaii surfs over San Jose State for all to see.

Boise State will break the Cowboys in Laramie, Michigan will demolish Northwestern as far as I can see. Nevada shoots down the Falcons from the Air Force, Does Purdue beat Nebraska, why of course.

Baylor loses big down at Oklahoma in Norman, The Sooners are hot and will be stormin'. South Alabama gets overrun by the Mountaineers up at Boone, Coastal Carolina's game with Troy can't get over too soon.

Arizona State does a number on Oregon State down in Tempe, And against USC the Arizona Wildcats come up empty.

Washington State comes up short to a good Utah team, What a year, I think this is the most upsets I have ever seen.

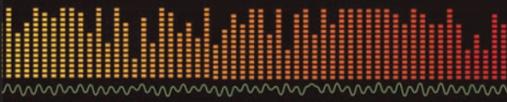
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# THIS WEEK AT THE MOVIES

By Paul Hall

Mysterious old houses have been the centerpiece of many films through the years. Think of the creepy factor behind the *Psycho* house or the domicile in *The Amityville Horror*.

Each is an additional character in their respective films. In the new film *The House With a Clock in Its Walls*, there is a creaky old house filled with the tick tock that itself is a character.

Young Lewis Barnavelt (Owen Vaccaro) has had tragedy strike his life. Lewis has lost both of his parents and is being sent to stay with his uncle Jonathan (Jack Black). It's a new school, a new start and a new creepy old house. This house holds a secret, and before you know it, Lewis will find out about the clock that ticks within.

Lewis' uncle just happens to be a warlock, and his neighbor Florence (Cate Blanchett) is a witch; together they are searching to find the source of the house's ticking. The pair believes that the house is counting down to something, but what?

When Lewis finds out his uncle is a warlock, he wants to learn all the tricks of his trade. Although reluctant at first, Jonathan agrees to teach him the ways of magic. Not only will the magic will help him in school and in his attempts to win friends, but it also may just be the thing to help his uncle defeat old friend Isaac Izard (Kyle MacLachlan), who seems to have something to do with the mysterious clock.

From director Eli Roth, who has a history with more hardcore horror

films like *Hostel* and *The Green Inferno*, we get a film that is geared for the whole family and falls more in line with the *Goosebumps* idea.

Black is a great choice for Uncle Lewis. He brings his ability to be silly but serious and to be both father figure and friend. And the marvelous Blanchett is, well, Cate Blanchett – she's great in everything she does.

My issue with the film spawns from the tone throughout. *House* never finds a way to walk the line between true PG-rated scares and its darker undertones. It felt as if something was missing throughout the film, and many of the stories start but aren't seen through.

For a family-friendly scary movie, it's decidedly just average. It will most likely go over as simply agreeable. Some sequences are a bit on the scary side, and the magic can be a bit disturbing. But more than any disturbing nature is the fact that it could have been so much better. Unfortunately *The House With a Clock in Its Walls* doesn't keep good time.

**Paul's Grade: D**

### The House With a Clock in Its Walls

Rated PG  
Stars: Jack Black, Cate Blanchett, Owen Vaccaro

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## ASK MATT

BY MATT ROUSH TV Guide Senior Critic

### Since when can you say the f-word on TV?

**Question:** My husband and I were watching an episode of Season 2 of *The Sinner* on USA and the naughty "F" word was said 2 or 3 times in a scene. Since when is it OK to use that word on a network channel?  
—Natalie

**Matt Roush:** The lines are blurrier nowadays, but USA is a cable network, and not subject to the content restrictions that still more or less apply to the broadcast networks. Even so, it hasn't been that long since networks like FX or AMC (reliable envelope pushers) would edit out or mask the hardest of profanities, but now it's fairly common. It was especially noticeable this summer on Paramount Network's *Yellowstone*, a show about which I fielded many complaints about the excessive foul language – maybe not on the level of *Deadwood*, but enough to rattle a number of Western fans hoping for something a little less dark and profane.

**Question:** *The Orville* is the cleverest send-up of and homage to Star Trek. Is it coming back?  
—EBP

**Matt Roush:** I wish I had a better sense if this show was a send-up or an homage, but yes, while it's not on the fall schedule, *The Orville* will be back by midseason. There are reports it will premiere on Dec. 30 and resume its Thursday night operations in January when football season is over.

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

## NEW THIS WEEK

### Hell Fest

Rated R  
Stars: Bex Taylor-Klaus, Reign Edwards, Tony Todd  
Director: Gregory Plotkin  
Friends journey to a traveling amusement park for a scary good time, but when the screams turn real, they will struggle just to get out alive.



### Little Women

Rated PG-13  
Stars: Sarah Davenport, Allie Jennings, Lea Thompson  
Director: Clare Niederpruem  
It's the 150th anniversary of the classic tale, which is being told here as a modern-day story with today's women.



### Night School

Rated PG-13  
Stars: Kevin Hart, Tiffany Haddish, Rob Riggle  
Director: Malcolm D. Lee  
Teddy is back in school – night school. Intense and unique, his teacher will help the entire class get their GEDs.



### The Old Man & the Gun

Rated PG-13  
Stars: Robert Redford, Casey Affleck, Sissy Spacek  
Director: David Lowery  
Forrest Tucker robs banks. Now over 70 years young, he is still doing what he is good at, and he is polite when he does it. Based on a true story.



### Smallfoot

Rated PG  
Voices of: Channing Tatum, James Corden, Zendaya  
Directors: Karey Kirkpatrick, Jason Reisig  
The legend of a creature with small feet has run rampant in the Bigfoot community. When Migo is banished for insisting that he has seen a smallfoot, he sets out to prove the existence of the mythical creature known as a "human."



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# Leah Aman: CREATING



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“I’ve been crafting as long as I can remember,” said Leah Aman, a local artist and creator who has a small studio in downtown Monticello. “When I was a kid, it was called ‘making do’. If you needed something, you figured out how to get it and how to make it.”

Aman calls her current style, which is often a combination of mixed media, acrylic paints and any other medium she wants to add, a mixture of crafting and ‘making do’.

Her need to create is almost biological.

“My mother has been painting for as long as I can remember. She’s always painted or she was beading or something,” said Aman.

As a child, Aman said making crafts and art was common in their home, but as she grew older, she also grew away from the arts that she had so often been surrounded by.

After being diagnosed with an auto-immune disease and losing a family member, Aman began the process of retracing her steps to her artistic roots when her mother asked her to paint a sunflower.

“She decided that she wanted me to paint her a sunflower; she got me this whole kit,” said Aman.

While it took some time for the sunflower to be completed and a friend of Aman’s mother ended up paying for the flower to be finished, the process reunited her with the method of painting and creating.

As for the sunflower artwork: “It’s sitting in her living room, and I keep telling her that I’m going to steal it and redo it,” said Aman.

Jefferson County has been Leah Aman’s home since her parents moved their family here when she was 12-years-old.

They had come to Florida from Wisconsin, and Aman had been born in Alaska. Her family moved a lot while Aman was growing up.

“My dad wanted to see the world, I guess,” said Aman.

The family eventually ended up placing their roots in Monticello after her mother received a job through a magazine ad, and they never found a reason to leave.

“We got here, and we just never left,” Aman adds.

As an artist, Aman has been involved with the art community in Monticello through various ways, such as her membership through the Jefferson Arts Gallery as well as helping build up an art-related



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**Bright colors and a variety of subjects is just some of the charm that can be found within Artist Leah Aman’s pieces. From paintings and mixed media pieces, to decoupage and gesso, Aman works with a variety of mediums – sometimes blending the processes together – in order to create the pieces that are uniquely her own.**

“There are still people who come for the art journaling, but for me, it’s the matter of sitting at a table with a bunch of people who like to do art and getting together and communing.”

The group started with only a few artists but has since grown into the double digits with more than a few active and constant attendees.

In addition to her involvement with the Jefferson Arts Gallery, Aman also has an artwork sale display at Vintage Treasures (located on N. Jefferson St., in downtown Monticello) and has shown her art at the Valdosta Spring Fling art show for the last couple of seasons.

As if all that doesn’t keep her busy enough, Aman also offers art classes from time to time.

The last several classes have featured owls or sunflowers, but Aman is working on a class that will begin in October and features a favorite seasonal subject: pumpkins.

“The classes are a lot of fun,” Aman admits.

“I have these paintings that come from an intuitive place, and now I’m teaching other people how to paint them.”

For some artists, painting and creating works best when they have a detailed plan and outline of what they are looking to create; but whether Aman is working with acrylic paints (her favorite), gesso, mixed media or decoupage, she prefers letting the art tell her what it plans on becoming.

“I just love to do it intuitively. If I’m going to relax and enjoy the process, then it’s going to be intuitive,” says Aman. “But if I have an end goal in mind, then I’ve drawn it several times and I’ve painted it in my head.”

With the understanding that she needs to

group called ‘Hooterberries’.

The group meets usually once a week and focuses on art journaling, which is a sort of visual and artistic diary that allows artists and aspiring artists – as well as those who just love to create – a way to express their feelings, describe their day and record their thoughts through paint and paper.

“I was looking for somebody to paint with. It’s hard to find other people just out and about who are just doing and thinking the way you think,” said Aman.

possess of her own art and her own skills, Aman has her own way of knowing when a piece is ‘done’.

“Usually, you’re either really happy with it, or someone takes it out of your hand and says ‘this is mine,’” says Aman, before adding: “And if you’re never happy with it, then you just paint it over – or put it away and paint it later.”

Aman says that having people ‘take it out of her hand’ happens frequently, and many of her favorite pieces tend to sell right away. “All the pieces I like best always sell,” she laughs.

However, one of her favorite pieces has been kept aside; the painting depicts an angel robed in red with large white wings.

“She was the first piece that I really just loved,” said Aman.

The canvas that the angel is painted on is rather large, and though the piece had been placed for sale, it never sold. Eventually, the piece became a figurehead of Aman’s business and was the art piece chosen to be depicted on Leah Aman’s business cards, so Aman removed the folk-art style angel from her list of art merchandise.

“I just never sold it...so I took it off the market completely and decided not to sell it,” said Aman.

Outside of selling her paintings at Vintage Treasures, Aman owns a pet sitting service and is a temp at Farm Bureau (both Madison and Monticello).

For Aman, her paintings come from a place of instinct and feeling and she says that the process of painting is what she loves the most.

“For me, painting is cathartic and the process is why I like to do it,” said Aman. “I like being able to get into my own head and have something appear from it.”

And others seem to love her art too.

From the selection of what she sells at Vintage Treasures or the attendance count at her art classes, Aman is building up a following of those who enjoy her art and the way she creates.

*Want to learn more about Artist Leah Aman or view details about upcoming art classes? Visit Aman’s art Facebook page at [facebook.com/pg/aocstudio](https://www.facebook.com/pg/aocstudio) for photos of her art and information about her classes.*

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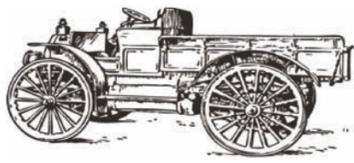
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**Leah Aman is one of Jefferson County’s many talented artists and creators who bring color and art into this small, rural county. Having lived in Monticello since she was a child, Aman is involved with other local artists and art sources, such as the Jefferson Arts Gallery and an art journaling group called Hooterberries.**

# WAY BACK WHEN



70 YEARS ago 1948

September 28, 1948

**Jake Bassett** and **Sammy Plaines** have entered school at Florida State University, and **Francis Mathers** is leaving for Lakeland to enter Florida Southern College.

60 YEARS ago 1958

September 28, 1958

Local citizens have pledged \$50,155 toward an industrial building so that a factory can locate here.

Mr. and Mrs. **Ray Harris** left this week for Auburn, AL, where they will resume their studies at the University.

September 28, 1978

Friends of the Jefferson County Historical Association who attend the annual Mullet Roast on Thursday will enjoy mullet prepared in a special way. The method was developed by **Little Rainey**, a Monticello resident who is now deceased.

A two-year contract between the Jefferson County school administration and the **JCEA**, the teachers bargaining unit, was unanimously ratified by the teachers on Thursday, which means they will be receiving an approximate 6 to 7 percent increase in salary.

A new irrigation dealership will locate in the **Arthur Watson Industrial Park** with construction of a sales and service facility to begin in mid-October.

September 28, 1988

Jefferson County Forester **Michael Humphrey** has been selected as "Service Forester of the Year" by the Florida Forestry Association.

With just days left, **greyhound racing at Monticello** is assured of more than 200,000 attendance for this 30<sup>th</sup>-anniversary season.

September 30, 1988

It was out with the old, in with the new for Radio Shack Manager **Ernest Larry**, as the North Jefferson Street shop converts its movie gallery into a toy store.

September 25, 1998

**Mary Kate Swann**, 13, recently won several ribbons in gymnastics competitions in Tallahassee.

September 30, 1998

Jefferson County High School **JROTC** cadets took part in a neighborhood cleanup of about two miles of CR 259 near the KOA Campgrounds this week.

October 1, 2008

**Dee Counts**, president of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, presented a program during their last meeting recognizing heroes and law enforcement officers in and around Jefferson County.

10 YEARS ago 2008

## Famous Last Words

"It's okay! Gun's not loaded... see?"  
— **Johnny Ace**, 1950s rhythm and blues singer.

Ace was playing Russian roulette (or something similar; exact accounts vary) with his revolver on Christmas Day 1954, during a backstage break in his concert that day. Someone told him "Be careful with that thing..." and he replied "It's okay! Gun's not loaded... see?" Contrary to Ace's assertion, there was a bullet in the chamber, which, when he pulled the trigger with the barrel of the gun to his face, killed him instantly.

"Don't cry for me, for I go where music is born."  
— **Johann Sebastian Bach**, Baroque composer.

Said to his wife on his deathbed.  
"Oh, you young people act like old men. You have no fun."  
— **Josephine Baker**, a dancer, jazz and pop music singer, and actress.

The famed starlet was reportedly attempting to seduce a man several decades younger than she was. She died of a stroke later that night.

"Tell [Carl] Mays I'm okay."  
— **Cleveland Indians' baseball player Ray Chapman**.

Chapman had been accidentally hit in the head by a pitch from Carl Mays, and died from complications of a skull fracture (1920). This was 32 years before batting helmets were first worn (Pittsburgh Pirates, 1952), and 50 years before Major League Baseball had made them mandatory (1970). To this day, Chapman is the only Major League Baseball player ever to die as a direct result of injuries sustained during a game.

# SNIPPETS IN TIME

**October 1, 1990:** Starting today, the Cherokee Nation becomes one of six tribes which have assumed responsibility for the disbursement of Bureau of Indian Affairs funds for their tribe. Prior to this Native American self-governance agreement, the B.I.A. decided how the funds should be spent.



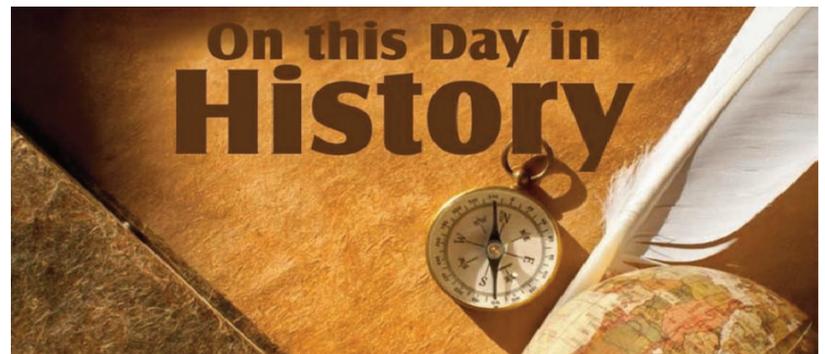
Chief Joseph

**October 2, 1877:** Nez Perce leader, Chief Joseph, surrenders to the US Army in Montana. Forced from his eastern Oregon homeland, Chief Joseph and approximately 700 of his people traveled three months, 1,300 miles, through four states toward Canada. After the surrender, they are forced onto an Oklahoma Reservation, where they suffered greatly. In 1885, survivors were permitted to return to the Pacific Northwest area, but only to Idaho and Washington, not their ancestral homelands in Oregon.

**October 3, 1763:** As a part of "Pontiac's War," Native Americans will ambush a force of five dozen rangers in western Virginia. Fifteen of the soldiers were killed in the fighting. After tracking the Native Americans, a force of 150 Virginia militia and volunteers, led by Charles Lewis, will find them on the South Fork of the Potomac River. The Europeans will kill 21 of them without suffering a single loss.

**October 4, 1838:** Elijah Hicks, and 748 Cherokees will be the second group of Cherokees to leave the Tennessee Cherokee Agency area under their own supervision. They are part of the forced removal of the Cherokees to the Indian Territory. They will arrive on January 4, 1839.

**October 5, 1801:** The Choctaw sign the Treaty of Ft. Adams. They consent that a "wagon way" may be built through Choctaw lands, allowing for more white settlements in the Mississippi Territory. The tribe loses 1.5 million acres of land, under the pretense of returning to an old boundary.



## September 28

**1829** Walker's Appeal, racial antislavery pamphlet, published in Boston.

**1850** U.S. Navy abolishes flogging as punishment.

**1864** Battle of Fort Harrison, VA (Chaffin's Farm New Market Heights).

**1867** The United States takes control of Midway Island.

**1868** Opelousas Massacre at St Landry Parish Louisiana (200 African Americans killed).

**1892** First night football game played (Mansfield, PA).

**1904** Woman arrested for smoking a cigarette in a car on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, NYC.

**1906** U.S. troops reoccupy Cuba, stay until 1909.

**1919** Fastest major league game (51 mins), Giants beat Phillies 6-1.



Golfer Walter Hagen

**1921** 4th PGA Championship: Walter Hagen at Inwood CC Far Rockaway NY.

**1923** Radio Times first published.

**1923** Yanks defeat the Red Sox 24-4.

**1924** Two U.S. Army planes end around-world flight, Seattle to Seattle, with 57 stops.

**1928** First recording session in Nashville (Warmack's Gully Jumpers).



Baseball Player Lou Gehrig

**1930** Lou Gehrig's errorless streak ends at 885 consecutive games.

**1932** 1932 Baseball World Series opens with the Chicago Cubs vs. NY Yankees (6-12).



Humorist Will Rogers

**1934** Judge Priest film directed by John Ford, starring Will Rogers is released.

**1936** Brooklyn & Boston play a penalty free NFL game.

**1940** Bud Brennan, a fan at Memorial Stadium, races out of stands and attempts to tackle Tom Harmon at three-yard line, Harmon easily evades Brennan.

**1941** Phillies lose club record 111<sup>th</sup> game.



Baseball Player Ted Williams

**1941** Ted Williams ended the baseball season with .406 batting avg.

**1942** NY Americans NHL team folded.

**1948** WBAP-TV, (NBC affiliate) Fort Worth Texas, begins broadcasting.

**1968** Janis Joplin announces she's leaving "Big Brother & Holding Co."

**1972** David Bowie sells out his first show in NY Carnegie Hall.



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## Air Potato Leaf Beetles are here to help

I'm sure many of you could easily recognize air potato with its winding vines and heart-shaped leaves climbing high along roadsides, fence rows and natural vegetation, but could you recognize its key predator, the air potato leaf beetle? Believe it or not, a small, red leaf-feeding beetle is here to give the invasive air potato vine a run for its money!



United States Department of Agriculture discovered the air potato leaf beetle (*Lilioceris cheni*) that feeds on air potato in its native range of Asia.

After extensive testing, scientist found that the beetle is species-specific and poses no risk to other plant species.

In 2012, air potato leaf beetles were released in Florida to help battle the air potato. Adults are bright red with a black head and legs and about the size of your pinky fingernail. The females lay white, pale eggs on the underside of leaves. The egg-laying process causes the leaves to curl and cup. In addition to that, larvae feed on the leaves and skeletonize the plant leaves. Feeding by the beetle negatively affects the growth and reproduction of the plant.

### Air Potato Leaf Beetles in Jefferson County

Last week, I found several air potato leaf beetles feeding on the air potato vine we have at the Extension Office. I returned a week later and found the same vine was completely demolished by the air potato leaf beetles! It's likely the beetles have traveled from Tallahassee after a recent release back in May. Scientists are still evaluating the long-term

impact on the beetle, but the initial results look promising for helping us combat the invasive air potato.

Think you've seen an air potato leaf beetle? Give the Extension Office a call at (850) 342-0187 or snap a photo and send it in for identification to [dsprague@ufl.edu](mailto:dsprague@ufl.edu).

### The Issue with Air Potato Vine

Air potato (*Dioscorea bulbifera*) is a plant species that is native to Asia and was first introduced to the United States as a landscape plant but has now become one of Florida's most problematic invasive plants. Air potato has spread to 60 of the 67 counties in Florida, including Jefferson County. Air potato vines can grow up to 8 inches per day! The dense vines smother vegetation and displace native plants, trees and animals. The air potato vine is on the Florida Noxious Weed List. This means that is illegal to plant, propagate or move the air potato unless you have a permit.

The air potato vine spreads by vegetative reproduction. This is through the formation of aerial tubers, or bulbils that are formed in the leaf axils. The aerial tubers are roundish and vary in size. In addition to aerial tubers, air potato also produces underground tubers, making control that much more difficult. During the winter, the aerial tubers will drop to the ground and give rise to new vines in the spring.

Park managers and homeowners throughout Florida have battled with the air potato as its covered our landscape. For years, the primary means of control were by manually pulling, digging and destroying the tubers or by herbicide applications, until recently.

### Classical Biological Control of the Air Potato Vine

Another method for controlling invasive plants is with classical biological control. This method involves searching for insects that feed exclusively on a plant in its native range and releasing them in an area that has been invaded by the plant. Scientists with the



The invasive Air Potato (*Dioscorea bulbifera*)

## Aquifer alert system keeps residents informed

Story Submitted

With aquifer levels reaching record-breaking highs in some areas, the Suwannee River Water Management District has released a new alert system to keep local governments, residents and stakeholders informed on the changing groundwater conditions.

"In some areas of the District we continue to see flooding that began in early July, which is very unusual especially since there have been no tropical systems yet," said Fay Baird, senior hydrologist for the District. "In many places, the Floridan Aquifer is more saturated than it has been for numerous years."

Aquifer Alert, the new alert system, allows users to sign up for automatic notifications through text and/or email whenever new groundwater or hydrological information is posted. The District is currently updating the information twice per week.

Over half of the 88 long-term groundwater gauges across the District are showing groundwater levels above the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile – the highest on record in many areas. High groundwater levels increase the risk for flooding if a major rainfall event were to occur because the ground is already saturated.

"If a significant weather system occurs over our already-wet conditions, we will very likely see localized flooding in many areas across the District," said Baird.

Although no major storms have been predicted for the area, residents should take action to get prepared now. The District recommends residents take the following precautions:

- Make a plan for an alternate exit route in the event your main route is flooded.
- Identify a location to move low-lying valuables and animals to higher ground.
- Clear drainage ways and ditches of fallen trees or debris.
- Become familiar with past flood water levels in your area.

For more information on water level information throughout the District or to sign up for Aquifer Alerts, visit [MySuwanneeRiver.com/alertcenter](http://MySuwanneeRiver.com/alertcenter).

The mission of the Suwannee River Water Management District is to protect and manage water resources using science-based solutions to support natural systems and the needs of the public. The District holds true to the belief of water for nature, water for people. Headquartered in Live Oak, Florida, the District serves 15 surrounding north-central Florida counties.

For more information about the District, visit [mysuwanneeriver.com](http://mysuwanneeriver.com) or follow us on Facebook and Twitter, search @SRWMD.

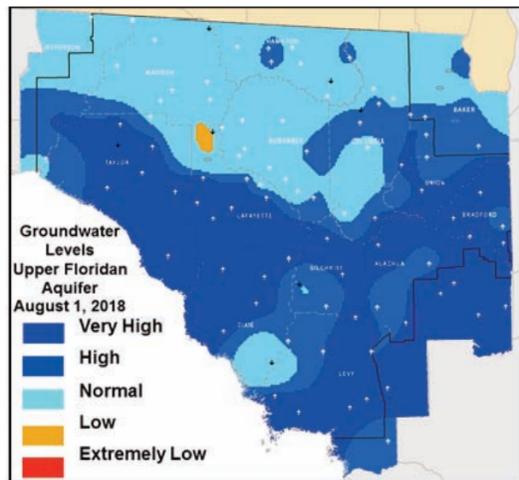


Photo submitted

Groundwater levels across the southern portion of the District remain very high, which increases the potential flooding if a major rain event were to occur.

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**Positions available at North Florida Community College, Madison FL:** Associate Dean of Economic Development and Technical Programs; Coordinator of Recruitment; Instructional Coordinator of Criminal Justice; Staff Assistant (PT) See www.nfcc.edu for details. 9/21-10/3,c

**The City of Madison, FL seeks applicants for the position of Maintenance Laborer in the city's Water Department.** For a job application and job description, go to www.cityofmadisonfl.com or contact Lanee Pike, Human Resources, at 850-973-5081 or by email at Lanee.Pike@cityofmadisonfl.com. The deadline for submission of job applications and references is 5:00 p.m., October 5, 2018. Applicants must be 18 years of age, possess a valid commercial driver's license (or, acquire one within six months of hire date), have a high school diploma or GED, and pass a physical exam, background check and drug test. The City of Madison is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 9/26,28,c

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# LEGAL NOTICES

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Jefferson County School Board will hold its Regular School Board Meeting on Monday, October 8, 2018 at 6:00 pm, at the district office located at 1490 W. Washington Street, Monticello, FL 32344. The public is invited to attend. 9/28

### NOTICE OF SALE

In accordance with Florida Statute a public auction will be held on October 15, 2018 at 10:00 am for 2006 Ford VIN # 1FAPP23176G118901 to be sold AS IS for towing and storage charges conditions and terms at auction. Stewart's Towing 175 South Jefferson Street, Monticello, Florida 32344 PHONE: 850-342-1480 9/28

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Jefferson County Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, October 11, 2018, to review a minor site application from T & T Property Investments for the installation of guest cottages located at 5929 S. Jefferson Street, Lamont, FL 32336. There will also be a discussion regarding corrections and/or changes needed in the Land Development Code. The meeting will be held in the County Courthouse Annex located at 435 West Walnut Street in Monticello, FL at 7:00 PM. The meeting may be continued as needed. The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the procedures set forth in Jefferson County Land Development Code. Information concerning the meeting is available at the Jefferson County Planning Department, 445 West Palmer Mill Road, Monticello, FL 32344, Telephone 850-342-0223. 9/28

### ATTENTION: NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

There will be a public meeting held on Thursday, October 4th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. (EST) at the Jefferson County Courthouse Annex; 435 W. Walnut Street, Monticello, FL 32344

This meeting will be to discuss improvements to the Jefferson County Recreational Park using funds provided through Florida Department of Environmental Protection FRDAP grant program.

All interested individuals are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Parrish Barwick at the Jefferson County BOCC at (850) 342-0287. 9/28

### REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR GFWC MONTICELLO WOMAN'S CLUB, MONTICELLO FLORIDA:

The Monticello Woman's Club Board of Directors solicits qualifications from Florida certified architects, qualified and experienced in both new construction and historic property renovation, to provide an architectural and engineering assessment report for the GFWC Monticello Woman's Club located at 975 East Pearl Street Monticello, Florida 32344. Specific experience in historic property renovation is required. The anticipated scope of work will include structural, roof and trusses, insulation, floor joist, windows, plumbing and electrical components. Interested firms or individuals should submit two (2) copies of their qualifications to the Woman's Club Designee, Deborah D'Attilie, 760 East Washington Street, Monticello Florida 32344, no later than **October 17, 2018**. A mandatory meeting of interested parties is scheduled for **October 10, 2018 at 10am EST** so interested parties may inspect the subject property and ask questions. For additional information contact Deborah D'Attilie at (954) 325-7308. This project is sponsored in part by the Department of State, Division of Historical Resources and the State of Florida. 9/26,28

### 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: 18-000035-TD  
 Certificate Number: 55 Year of Issuance: 2014  
 Description of Property: 00-00-00-0260-0001-0010  
 Lots 1 & 2 Blk 1 Fla Land & Abstract Co Add  
**Site Address: First St**  
 Name in which assessed: Hattie Swindle

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 8, 2018 at 11:00 A.M.**

Tim Sanders  
 Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 Jefferson County, FL  
 BY: Sherry Sears, Deputy Clerk 9/7,14,21,28

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File Number: 18-000036-TD  
 Certificate Number: 63 Year of Issuance: 2014  
 Description of Property: 00-00-00-0270-0000-0041  
 S 1/2 Lot 4 FL Simmons Addition II  
 DB 1 Pg 299  
**Site Address: S Railroad St**  
 Name in which assessed: James Wornor HRS  
 c/o Wille Fred Parker

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**LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23**  
 Life is going well for you in most respects, Libra. But there is always room for a little improvement. Now is a great time to take advantage of good fortune and push ahead.

**SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22**  
 Scorpio, this week you are likely working out something important in your mind that can help clarify your emotions. The answer you get may be different from what you expected.

**Pisces**

**Aries**

**SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21**  
 Be careful not to overdo things this week. You may want to jump right in to a gym workout or financial project. It's good to be exuberant, but exercise caution, too.

**CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20**  
 It is challenging to prevent your temper from getting the best of you sometimes. But hostility is not the way to handle a sticky situation.

**AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18**  
 Aquarius, don't be surprised if one day this week you wake up with inspiration that wasn't there the night before. Keep an eye out for strokes of genius.

**PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20**  
 Sometimes you are prone to acting on impulse, Pisces. This week you

need to align your head and heart on the same plane to forge ahead.

**ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20**  
 Review your schedule frequently. You never know which learning experiences will come your way. Think about how they make you feel.

**TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21**  
 Taurus, your mind is buzzing like a bee and it can be challenging to find some time to relax. Do not worry, your thoughts will soon put you on the path you need to take.

**GEMINI – May 22/June 21**  
 Gemini, some hectic mornings may be on the horizon. Schedule meetings in the afternoon when you are ready and have full brain power in effect.

**CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22**  
 Things may seem tight and rigid this week, Cancer. That just means it is up to you to lighten things up. Consider a few jokes to put coworkers in a good mood.

**LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23**  
 You need to look at your emotions intellectually this week; otherwise, your feelings may be hard to discern. Think through actions before you put them in motion.

**VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22**  
 Prepare for some surprises this week, Virgo. Processes will be introduced either by you or someone close to you, with interesting results. This is your time to excel.