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POLITICAL FORUM

Commission candidates address the issues

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It was an unusual candidates' forum on Tuesday night, given that the question and answer session combined candidates from two separate County Commission races, Districts 2 and 4.

The reason for the combination was the absence of two of the five invited candidates. The two missing were Derrick Jennings, a No Party Affiliation (NPA)

candidate in the County Commission District 2 race, and Keith Cook, an NPA candidate in the County Commission District 4 race.

Present were District 2 incumbent Eugene Hall, a Democrat; his NPA challenger, Adam Fato; and District 4 incumbent Betsy Barfield, also an NPA. Hence, the decision to combine the two races for the sake of time and efficiency.

Jay Adams moderated the forum in place of Ron

Cichon, who was out of town; Bob Davison and David Ward comprised the panel; and the Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce sponsored the event.

The three candidates appeared poised and prepared for the questioning, with each touching on his or her strengths in the opening remarks.

Barfield largely touted her record in office the last eight years, citing such accomplishments as the

improvement of infrastructure (particularly roads and bridges), lowering property taxes, promoting economic development, and protecting water quality.

"Your commission works well together and that speaks volumes," Barfield said in closing, an argument for maintaining the current commission intact.

Fato focused on his business experience and family ties, speaking of the illness of one of his two children as an event that

"rocked his world" and caused him to seek office. He wanted, he said, to repay the many citizens who helped him during his and his family's hour of need.

"I want to give back to my community," Fato said, promising to represent all residents and be open-minded if elected.

Hall touted his longtime community service, first as a city councilman and then a commissioner. He was for diversity and spoke up for

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Fall Festival

Fall festival set for Oct. 26-27

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If you're wondering about why all the scarecrows are around town, they've accomplished part of their purpose, which is to draw attention. The various scarecrows, Michelle Arceneaux, the past president of MainStreet of Monticello, said, are intended to promote the fall season, a sense of fun and

the town. They're also part of a contest, with a prize to be awarded for the most compelling creation. "We're encouraging local businesses and organizations, and even individuals, to put a scarecrow up and make it an annual tradition to bring a little fun to the community," Arceneaux said. As of Monday, she said the contest had attracted 16 entries, which

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City handles land-use issues

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The Monticello City Council recently considered two land-use related issues.

The first involved the approval of the site plan for a 3.2-acre property that holds All Star Storage at 1495 S. Jefferson Street, with a second address at 1550 South Jefferson Street. The applicant, Katrina Walton, plans to add a 3,600 square foot building and new storm-water management facility on the site. The new building will be identical to the existing ones, according to the application.

Which application the Local Planning Agency (LPA) reviewed on Sept. 19 and recommended for approval, as did the engineer who conducted the site review.

Following a brief public hearing on Tuesday evening, Oct. 2, that was absent public input, the council approved the project unanimously.

The second application involved the old bus barn at 705 S. Water Street, a proposal that first came before the council in July. The original application called for a comprehensive plan amendment and a rezoning to change the property's designation from educational and agricultural to

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Dr. Sledge receives due recognition

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After decades of faithful devotion to keeping alive the memory of his boyhood friend and World War II hero, Sg. Ernest I. "Boots" Thomas, Dr. James Sledge is finally getting his due recognition.

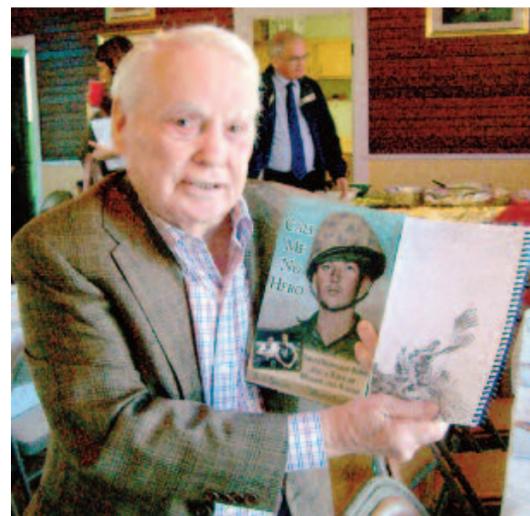
On Thursday evening, Oct. 4, the Jefferson County Commission adopted a

resolution recognizing Dr. Sledge for his long service to the memory of his friend, in the process setting an example for others to honor fallen military heroes.

The resolution's many whereases establish the facts of Thomas' heroism and Dr. Sledge's exemplary devotion to the upkeep of his friend's memory.

Thomas was among a

handful of U.S. Marines who first raised the American flag on Mount Suribachi on the island of Iwo Jima in the Pacific on Feb. 23, 1945. Most people, however, are more familiar with the second flag raising, which occurred several hours later on the same day and involved a different group of Marines. This second flag raising, captured by AP photographer Joseph Rosenthal, went on to become



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Deb's Notes

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Waukeelah United Methodist Church is seeking to hire a music director. Duties would include serving as church pianist, directing the choir at rehearsals one evening a week and coordinating the selection of music for services and special events. This is a part-time, paid position.



Debbie Snapp
Columnist

The church uses predominately traditional music with some contemporary mixed in. Interested persons should contact Staff Parrish Relations Committee Chairman Paul Zajicek at (850) 443-3456 or Choir Member Stephen Monroe at (850) 410-0944 or (850) 274-3667. Here's a description of the church by former Music Director Wesley Roy: "Waukeelah is a small church located twenty miles east of the Florida Capitol on U.S. Highway 27. It is centered in the middle of a rural community full of several generations of loving, Christ-centered individuals and families. They call themselves "The little church with a big heart," a motto they truly live up to. In addition to a salary, the person lucky enough to serve as music director at this church will receive love, food and acceptance into a community that considers them family."

The regional Farm Tour scheduled for October 13-14 has been rescheduled to October 27-28.

The books are still good to use for the rescheduled dates. For more information contact Christine Golden at christinelgolden@gmail.com.

The Tallahassee Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) will present its 9th annual Halloween Spooktacular Concert on Friday, October 19 at 7 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 211 North Monroe Street. This fun, family-oriented event will feature AGO members performing Halloween-themed music in costume in a darkened church, specially decorated for the occasion. Audience members, particularly children, are encouraged to attend in their scariest costumes. In addition to Halloween-themed tunes, short works by Bach and Reubke will be performed. Audience members are invited to a yummy 'Spooktacular Reception' immediately following the recital, where they will be treated to hot cider and Halloween candy, cookies and cupcakes. Free parking is available in the two St. John's Episcopal Church lots off Call Street, between Calhoun and Gadsden streets. Admission to this event is free and open to the public; donations will be accepted at the door.

Monticello Garden Club Founder's Circle will host a Charity Plant Sale on October 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Wirick-Simmons House on North Jefferson Street, downtown Monticello. The Saturday event will feature the sale of annuals, perennials, veggies, landscape plants and day lilies. Funds raised will be used for scholarships to help support children wanting to attend 4-H Summer Camp. **All Aboard! The Ghost Train will be departing from the Tom Keenan Depot in Veterans Memorial Park in Bristol** on October 19, 20, 26, 27 and 31. Times for departing are 7 to 10 p.m. The jewel of the railroad, the authentic coal-fired Crown steam train, will also run on October 20 and 27, along with the non-steam trains. It is a spectacular and spooky train ride over one mile of track through the Park. Beware of witches, pirates, spiders, snakes, skeletons and dinosaurs from Jurassic Park. You will visit the 'Walking Dead' Cemetery, a complete western town, Ghostville and many other sites along the way, including the Ghostbusters' Special. Cost per ride for non-steam trains is \$10 per person; steam train is \$15 per person. Children two and under ride for free. To avoid the long waiting

lines, 'fast track' tickets may be purchased online at veteransmemorialrailroad.org. For additional information call (850) 643-6646. The Ghost Train event and the Polar Bear Express in December are major fundraisers for Veterans Memorial Railroad, to cover expenses for maintenance of the track and trains, fuel, coal and the development and construction of the amazing scenes. Veterans Memorial Railroad is sponsored by the Liberty County Board of Commissioners and is a not-for-profit group of volunteers who operate and manage the park.

Santa Clause has been around town lately offering his 'Santa' services during the Christmas holiday.

He's available for all your holiday functions, to provide Christmas cheer. Contact Roger Hughes at (850) 445-0678.

Lieutenant Jack Pitts announces that on October 12, Monticello Police Department Chief Fred Mosley hired on two new officers, Patrolman Jack O'lantern and K9 Treats. Officer O'lantern likes to be referred to as Officer Straw. Officer Straw and his K9 companion will be assisting the department through the month of October. Residents are invited to come visit the new officers on the bench just east of the *Monticello News* office, Little Rebel Hydrographics and Splish N Splash. **Bond Community will head up two Farm Share trucks at its location,** 1720 Gadsden Street, with non-perishable items for all who need them according to Cindy Hutto, at cjhutto@healthystartjmt.org. For more information, contact Joseph Ward, outreach specialist for the Neighborhood Medical Center, at jward@neighborhoodmedicalcenter.org or call (850) 567-3322.

A program inspired by Girl Scouts nationally, the Women of Distinction Awards honors women who truly demonstrate their commitment to the community. On Thursday, November 8, the community will celebrate the remarkable accomplishments of 18 local women whom have been nominated for the 2018 Women of Distinction awards, which is a primary fundraising event which proceeds support the Girl Scout Council of the Florida Panhandle. The Awards Gala is a major fundraiser for the Girl Scout Council of the Florida Panhandle and will be at the Florida State University Alumni Center, the event commences at 5:30 p.m. with a social hour, with live entertainment and a signature drink, Girl Scout Cookie inspired, and a cash bar. There will also be a silent auction and live auction, auction items available include themed baskets, gift certificates, fine jewelry from local jewelers and overnight trips; all monies made goes directly to the Girl Scouts of the Florida Panhandle. The dinner and awards program begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be emceed by WCTV's Julie Montanaro. Tickets for the event are available at www.gscfp.org, the Girl Scout Council of the Florida Panhandle's Service Center, 250 Pinewood Drive Tallahassee, and at eventbrite.com. Sponsorship opportunities are still available to support the Girl Scout Council of the Florida Panhandle. Information about sponsorships can be found at www.gscfp.org under support us tab. This event is a great opportunity to spotlight your business and help the Girl Scout Council of the Florida Panhandle, which builds girls of courage, confidence and character to make the world a better place. "The annual Women of Distinction awards gala is a tradition that recognizes the positive impact made by women throughout the Florida Panhandle," stated Raslean M. Allen, Girl Scout Council of the Florida Panhandle, Inc. chief executive officer. "These women are leaders, mentors and an inspiration to our girls and community."

Passing Parade

by Nelson Pryor, Guest Columnist

100 Years of John Deere Green



Virginia Fuller, of Tallahassee, says John Deere's are everywhere.

Do tractors only come in green? You would have trouble taking odds over that question with earlier generations of rural folks. As John Deere's famous slogan was: "You can have any color you want, so long as its green!" was literally true.

It started 100 years ago, when John Deere, his company engineers and board members just simply bought the Waterloo Gasoline Engine Co. of Waterloo, Iowa, and its products, one being the simple, lightweight Waterloo Boy. John Deere had dithered for years over their design. They were now in business. They now had a model tractor.

According to the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, 2018 is the year of the Tractor. The exhibit, entitled: "Precision Farming," has a spare, rude piece of machinery painted a garish green, yellow and red, the 1918 Waterloo Boy Tractor.

Tinkering with the products that the company had bought, they came up with the tractor that made John Deere, and vice versa, the 1923 Model D.

In farm country, these machines became holy relics, icons in an undiluted sense, of having a magical presence. Tractors like this powered the 20th-century agricultural miracle. They replaced manpower fleeing rural areas for cities, and made it possible for one-man farms to survive and conquer the American continent.

These machines also permanently retired equine suffering in the fields. The dream of Rudolf Diesel-that mechanized agriculture would give farmers and planters push back power

against urban areas, briefly changed the farm states of America's bread basket; but, now, just 100 years later, these rural areas are reduced to just being "fly over" country between urban areas.

North Florida

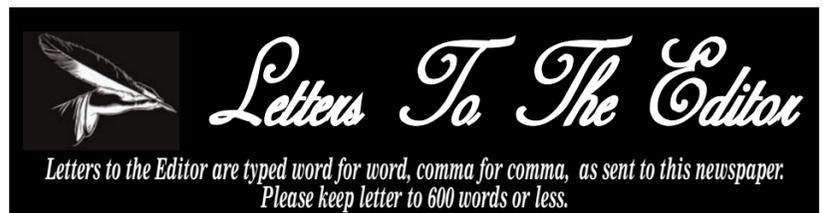
Were you one of those who spent four weeks annually cropping tobacco behind a John Deere tractor? That row harvester that consisted of eight little seats on a framed apparatus that got pulled between the tobacco stalks?

Some now consider this experience as "Devil's Island quality misery," as the nicotine leached into pickers' skin, making all the kids sick and later turning them into pack-a-day smokers. Oh well, so much for the necessity of survival on the farm of ages ago. It was just what one did, in ones growing up experience.

Fordson

One of the contemporary competitors was the Fordson tractor. In 1923, three out of four tractors sold in these united States were Fords. But that same year John Deere began producing the Model D, and by 1928, Ford abandoned the U.S. tractor market altogether.

The big green American machine is 100 years old. Think of that? It has changed America. Perhaps one wonders what possible connection this Waterloo Boy tractor, this quint clodhopper has to tell us about the gargantuan heavy equipment company of today? It's the ur-color, its John Deere green. And in North Florida, that's a color that a man could live with, and personify.



7th annual Jefferson County Veterans Celebration, November 3

An Armistice is an agreement to stop all fighting, in other words a truce. The truce I write of was signed on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month ending World War I in 1918 to be known as Armistice Day. Around the year 1953, people began calling it Veterans Day. This was in thanks and remembrance to the Veterans in their towns. Congress decided to change the day to an occasion to honor those who had served America in all wars. In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11th each year as Veterans Day.

To allow for more participation and involvement, the entire community is invited to the celebration beginning at 11 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Monticello. Doors will open at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 3. There will be a short tribute followed by a barbecue-style lunch (Veterans eat free with a suggested donation of \$5 for all others). We currently have a rolling video of Veteran's pictures that will be shown during the event and welcome more pictures for addition (email to jandkhicks@aol.com or drop off at the church office). Our Veteran of Honor will be Captain Len Dodson, US Navy, Ret.

Let's show our local Veterans how much we appreciate what they have done and what they are doing. All Veterans are requested to share their pictures, name, rank, branch and period served with us to be included in the celebration for recognition. Any Veterans requiring transportation to the celebration should also email to Nan Baughman at sbaugh8307@aol.com or Frank Kolb at lonasailor84@outlook.com.

As Thomas Paine once wrote,

"Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom, must first undergo the fatigue of supporting it."

Nan Baughman

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 she considered a good showing, given it was the first year. The idea, she stated, is to make it an annual event and maybe assign a different theme every year and award prizes for the most creative or spookiest creation.

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 industrial. After a couple of citizens objected to validating a non-compliant use, however, the motion to approve the request failed to get a second, in effect killing it.

This time around, the applicant asked for consideration of a limited-use industrial zoning for the property to address the earlier expressed concerns. The new proposal significantly limits the allowed uses on the property, with the restrictions tied to the parcel, so that even if it were to sell in the future, the new owner would have to abide by the limitations.

Attorney Donna Wiehaus represents the applicant, Larry Casey. Wiehaus argued that the request for the new designation would give her client the ability to lease the property to small businesses that engaged in light manufacturing or assembly

work and that might have an accompanying retail or professional office in front.

“The existing facilities are suitable for a number of purposes since infrastructure improvements are in place,” Wiehaus said. “The property is within the urban services area. The only outward appearance change to the property would be signage for a business should there be a retail component to the business and possible improvements to the entrance and parking area and interior drives.”

A light industry limited-use district, as defined in the paperwork that Wiehaus submitted, would allow manufacturing and assembly, packaging, the finishing of manufactured components, and the treating or repairing of products, provided that the activities were carried on completely within the confines of the structure and involved no permanent

outside storage of equipment or materials.

“Light industry,” states the language, “shall not be interpreted to include an industry, the operations of which would cause danger of fire or explosion or result in objectionable vibration, noise, smoke, fumes, odor, dust, gas fumes, chemicals, radiation or other waste materials which would constitute nuisance or which would be adversely affect other private or public properties.”

Others of the cited restrictions: operational hours would be limited to 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday; refuse containers and dumpsters could not be stored in front of any principal structure; on-site lighting would have to be directed inward into the site and away from adjacent properties; and ground, free-standing signage would not be allowed.

The council members

place from 7 to 10 p.m. on both days.

Arceneaux said the festival is free and will feature a bounce house, face painting and other activities.

Meanwhile, children and others can take a tour inside, if they dare, what the MVFD is calling a ‘haunted hotel.’

A \$5 donation is suggested for the tour.

seemed disposed to approve the application as presented this time around, given that it satisfactorily addressed the earlier voiced concerns and that the LPA had reviewed the application and recommended its approval. The council scheduled the two accompanying ordinances for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment and zoning map amendment for a final hearing and expected approval at its November meeting.

The 2.5-acre property sits in the midst of a residential neighborhood, with a school, a library and an ecological park is near proximity. In the past, the site has housed an auto repair shop and a small awning manufacturing operations, both of which constituted non-compliant uses under the present zoning designation of agricultural and educational. It is the non-compliant situation that the proposed change aims to correct.

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 one of the most iconic images of World War II.

Thomas, meanwhile, was killed in battle eight days after his participation in the first flag raising, just shy of his 21st birthday.

And although he was awarded the Navy Cross posthumously for his bravery and his body was eventually reburied in Monticello, Thomas' life, heroism and involvement in the first flag raising would likely have been forgotten in time but for the efforts of Dr. Sledge and others like him.

Devastated by his friend's death, Dr. Sledge struggled for years with his anguish and finding a way both to express his grief and honor the memory of his friend. Out of that anguish and struggle came the idea for a memorial monument, which now stands on the north side of West Washington Street in Monticello, about half mile from the courthouse.

Dedicated on February 22, 1981, the eight-by-five foot structure depicts in relief the first flag raising over Mount

Suribachi.

Dr. Sledge didn't stop there, however. Besides personally maintaining the grounds of the monument ever since its dedication, he has taken every opportunity afforded him to talk about his friend, whether in school classrooms, civic club functions, patriotic affairs, informal gatherings, or wherever.

Or as the resolution states, “Dr. Sledge has indefatigably labored to preserve and honor the memory of Sergeant Thomas and his heroic deeds since his premature death on Iwo Jima.” And in the process, the resolution continues, Dr. Sledge's actions have “provided a stirring example to young and old alike of the solemn duty we as citizens have to preserve and honor the military memories of our fallen heroes.”

Through the years, Dr. Sledge's efforts have contributed directly or indirectly to the enhancement of the West Washington Street monument and the site's conversion into a veterans memorial park in 2007; the restoration of Thomas' grave

marker and memorial plaque at Roseland Cemetery in 2015; the publication of a book about Thomas and Dr. Sledge's boyhood adventures in Monticello, titled *Call Me No Hero: Two Ordinary Boys and a Tale of Honor and Valor* in 2016; and most recently, the renaming of the VA Clinic in Tallahassee after Thomas in 2018.

Dr. Sledge and others like him across the country promoting recognition of the Marines involved in the largely forgotten first flag-raising received a huge boost in 2006, when Clint Eastwood co-produced and directed the movie *Flags of Our Fathers*, which became a national hit. Based on a 2000 book of the same name by James Bradley and Ron Powers, the movie told the story of the five Marines and one Navy corpsman who participated in the original flag raising.

Bradley's father, it turned out, was John Bradley, the Navy corpsman misidentified as one of the figures involved in the second flag raising and incorrectly depicted as the third bronze statute in the iconic Iwo Jima Memorial in

Washington D.C. The book was an attempt to set the record straight and give recognition to the Marines in the first flag raising.

Concludes the Jefferson County Commission resolution:

“Whereas, Dr. Sledge has never received proper recognition for his continued labors and service on behalf of Sgt. Ernest I. ‘Boots’ Thomas;

Now therefore be it resolved, the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida join the citizens of Monticello in recognizing and commending the selfless devotion and untiring labor which Dr. James Sledge has displayed in preserving the life and memory of Sgt. Ernest I. 'Boots' Thomas for the past seventy years;

And be it further resolved that the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida urge all citizens to remember the brave service of Sgt. Ernest I. 'Boots' Thomas and other veterans of World War II and to follow the footsteps of Dr. James Sledge in preserving their memory. Truly, their example is our heritage.”

City officials pleased with US 90 improvements

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Monticello officials are pleased with the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) response to their suggestions for desired improvements in the section of US 90 that runs through the city.

City Clerk Emily Anderson told the Monticello City Council recently that the FDOT's plans for the resurfacing of US 90 from the city's west boundary to the Madison County line were 60 percent complete and incorporated many of the city's

recommendations.

“They've instituted a lot of what we wanted,” Anderson said.

She said that among the suggestions incorporated, the plan included more road bump-outs or curb extensions, improved lighting at the bike trail crossing, reduced signage pollution around the courthouse circle, and the creation of a bike lane alongside the road.

“They will have a better approach coming into town from the east,” Anderson said. “It will be reconfigured and the speed reduced. They're still fine-tuning the plan, but we're very excited.”

She said the FDOT planned to hold an open house sometime in October to let the public see the plans and she encouraged the council members to attend the event and interact with the FDOT officials.

The city submitted

its requests to the FDOT nearly a year ago via a memo titled “Comments for Design Consideration”, asking the state agency to address the city's safety and mobility challenges while ensuring the town's historic integrity.

Among city

officials' many requests, the list included implementation of speed-reduction measures, more protections for bicyclists, pedestrians and trees, better ADA accessibility and correction of curbing and slope deficiencies.

Correction

John Willoughby
ECB Publishing, Inc.

In the Wednesday, October 17, edition of the *Monticello News*, in a front-page article titled “Local man drowns,” we incorrectly identified the person who was with the victim at the time.

The person with Odom was identified in the Sheriff's report as a female friend, not a girlfriend. We greatly apologize for any inconvenience and turmoil this may have caused to our readers and Odom's family.

Celebrating World Heart Day & heart health with a local fair

Debbie Snapp
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World Heart Day was recognized in Monticello on Sept. 29, with a Heart Health Fair, sponsored by the Florida Department of Health in Jefferson County.

World Heart Day, created by the World Heart Federation, informs people around the globe that cardiovascular disease is the world's leading cause of death. This is a global campaign and individuals, families, communities and governments around the world participate in activities to take charge of their heart health.

The Heart Health Fair provided literature on heart health education and information about cardiovascular disease.

For more information about this event, contact Chelsey McCoy, human services program specialist and Healthiest Weight Florida Liaison, at (850) 342-0170 x1230 or (850) 251-2154.



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Refuge House representative Nan Baughman and Big Bend AHEC representative Artaveya Ingram shared information about their agencies on World Heart Day.



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo By Debbie Snapp, September 29, 2018

Area agencies shared information about services available in the Jefferson County area on World Heart Day. Pictured, from left to right, are: Pam Beck and Chastity McCarthy, JC Fire Rescue Derrick Burrus, Nan Baughman and Artaveya Ingram.



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo By Debbie Snapp, September 29, 2018
Florida Department of Health in Jefferson County personnel Pam Beck and Chastity McCarthy shared information to the public about heart health on World Heart Day.

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the disenfranchised and those left behind, he said. He also educated himself on the issues, participated in various statewide boards and stayed in touch with legislators, he said.

“I want to continue to work for all the citizens of Jefferson County and for low taxes and public safety,” Hall said.

Barfield was asked to identify what was needed to bring economic development to the county?

She said that fostering economic development was an extremely difficult task for a county the size of Jefferson. Many things had been tried in the past to no avail, she said. But the two things that she saw as necessary to foster economic development, she said, was to improve the school system and complete the industrial park.

Fato, who in his opening remarks had said that the efficient expenditure of public monies would be one of his goals, was asked how he proposed to save the county money?

Fato said officials could do better by looking at grant options to fund projects. He argued that bringing water and sewer to the Lloyd interchange would allow businesses to locate there, and in turn, provide a big economic boost to the county. Grants could also be used to help homeowners connect to the sewer system, he said.

“Right now, people aren't stopping there,” Fato said of the Lloyd interchange, meaning the motorists traveling on the interstate. “Lloyd could be profitable for the tax base and the county.”

Hall, who in his opening remarks had talked about the county having one of the lowest tax rates, was asked if the revenues that the low tax rate produced were sufficient to accomplish what had to be done?

“Yes, I think it is,” Hall said, going on to say that one of the critical things that needed to be done to promote economic development was an assessment by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (FDEO).

He said such an assessment was needed to increase the economic footprint at the interchanges, as well as to streamline the county's land-development policies and procedures and the permitting processes.

The next question was addressed to all three candidates. It asked each of them what their philosophy was in terms of the formulation of the budget and millage rate, given that the two actions constituted “the commission's single biggest function”.

Hall said he relied on best management practices as set forth by the Florida Association of Counties, as well as taking a holistic approach to the process and keeping an open mind. He said the process entailed getting revenue projections, weighing unfunded mandates, and listening to the department heads, who best knew their operations.

“A lot of times it's important to ask the right questions,” he said, adding that teamwork was very much a part of the process.

Barfield likewise described the budget process in terms of getting state revenue projections, department heads' wish lists and other pertinent information. Sometimes, she said, the numbers showed a surplus and sometimes they showed a deficit. The commission, she said, then responded accordingly.

“Every department head is asked to prioritize their needs,” Barfield said. “We also have to save money for a rainy day, something like a Hurricane Michael. If a department head is asking for a significant increase, we ask him to explain it and we work through it together.”

The question was rephrased for Fato, who hasn't served on the commission. The question put to him was, “How would you do the budget better than they're doing it now?”

Fato said he didn't know how it could be done better, but what he knew was that what needed to be done better was to look closely at what was

coming in versus what was going out. The only ways to bring in more money, he said, were to raise taxes or attract businesses.

He cited Hamilton County, whose tax rate he said was at 10 mills, versus Jefferson, which was at 8 mills. Hamilton County, he said, raised \$13 million in taxes compared to Jefferson's \$4 million, yet the former only had a handful more people. The answer, he said, was that more businesses needed to locate here.

“We have to build up our businesses so they provide us with tax revenues so that we don't have to go up on property taxes,” Fato said.

The candidates were next asked what it would take to develop the Lloyd interchange, given that past efforts to develop the site with a petroleum tank farm, a racetrack and an amateur sports facility had met with fierce opposition?

Barfield said one of the things needed was a developer with deep enough pockets to finance whatever the project. The problem in the past, she said, was developers came expecting the county to carry the heavier load.

“They have to come with money,” Barfield said. “We can't do it all.”

She said the other things needed, which were already in play, were putting in place the appropriate policies and procedures and tax abatement incentives.

Fato said that in his campaigning about the county, one of the main questions he got was what was he going to do to create jobs? But the real question, he said, was what was Jefferson County, as a whole, willing to support?

He agreed with Barfield that the county was not a bank. A developer had to have enough money to finance whatever the proposed endeavor, he said. The one thing that the county had to provide was water and sewer service, he said. Thereafter, he said, the sky was the limit.

Fato postulated that if the Lloyd interchange received water and sewer service, it and the area within a mile radius of it would become economically vibrant and bring more money into the county.

“Right now, there's not a truck stop between I-75 and Midway,” Fato said, underscoring the point that sewer and water were vital to the interchange's development.

Hall agreed that the establishment of infrastructure at the interchange was critical. He said county staff needed to be directed to apply for federal funds to bring in the needed sewer and water service.

“The growth is coming,” Hall said. “We just have to prepare for it.”

As for the amateur sports facility, he said the citizenry had expressed its opposition, referring to the referendum that showed a majority of voters opposed the county funding the project.

How did the candidates feel about borrowing money and putting the county in debt?

Hall said he wasn't a proponent of borrowing; he preferred to go after grants.

Fato said he also wasn't a fan of borrowing money. However, if the \$17 million in BP oil spill money was as assured as officials said, he wouldn't be adverse to borrowing against the BP money in order to install the needed sewer and water service.

“I don't like debt but if there is guaranteed money to pay for it, I don't have a problem with it,” Fato said.

Barfield said she also didn't like borrowing but it was sometimes necessary. Borrowing required calculation and determining the return on the investment, she said. It also required knowing who in the community would benefit and who would help repay the loan.

“To borrow money you have to be smart about it and evaluate the risks,” she said.

Only one question came from the audience. That question was, given the huge money drain that the A-Building had become, what was its purpose, and how could the high cost be justified?

All three candidates basically

agreed that costly as the restoration had proven so far, the county had little choice but to continue, given the building's historical value and the likelihood of it attracting visitors once restored.

Barfield noted that the majority of the \$4 million expended so far on the building had come from state grants, money that she said would have to be repaid if the county aborted the project.

A money pit, Fato called it, adding, “When you're as deep as we are, you have no option but to finish it.”

Hall recalled that he had attended classes in the building when it had been a viable school. More than bricks and mortar, it represented a vault of memories for many, he suggested. Moreover, the longer the county delayed the completion, the more expensive it would become, he said.

As for its purpose, Barfield and Hall said that the plan was to convert the upstairs into a courtroom and use the downstairs for county offices, with the possibility of also housing on the bottom floor a small museum that would showcase the artifacts recovered from the Aucilla River.

Keith Cook answers forum's questions



Keith Cook, Candidate for County Commissioner, District 4

Good day Jefferson County residents,

My name is Keith Cook and I am running for County Commissioner for District 4. I am a registered Republican, a Constitutional conservative. I believe in small government, low taxes, and a government doing more with less by managing resources responsibly. The government has the responsibility to the taxpayers to not spend their money recklessly or frivolously. It is the responsibility of elected officials to vote on topics in a timely manner, thereby reducing the cost of re-addressing the

issue time and again. If conservative leadership traits are followed by elected officials in fulfilling their responsibilities to their constituents, the results will invariably be effective and efficient government, saving valuable tax dollars.

Having lived in Jefferson County for 18 years and deeply rooted in the community, we are blessed to live in a close-knit place with such great friends. My family and I are members of the First United Methodist Church of Monticello. My extended family has enjoyed a history in the Thomas County, GA, area for the last 100 years.

Having a professional background in the electric utility industry with over 30 years experience has taught me a great deal about all types of construction crafts. My knowledge, skills and abilities in budgetary issues, administration, and management further enhance my qualifications. My previous positions provide me with the experience to assess situations and make timely decisions. Prior to working in the electric utility industry, I was a land surveyor. This knowledge gave me hands on experience in property rights, easements and right of ways. Having had some excellent mentors in these fields provides me a solid background to serve on the commission.

My leadership skills in dealing with people in an honest and forthright manner are time tested. Being goal oriented will enable me to be an outspoken advocate for the people in District 4.

I would like to take this opportunity to answer the questions that the County Commission Candidates were asked at the forum on 10/16/18.

Question #1 “How would you bring economic development to our county?”

We can advertise Jefferson County as a retirement destination. Building small retirement communities within Jefferson County, with the hopes of pulling retirees from around the country. When you look at other counties around the state that have done this, it generates millions in revenue. This would allow our community to grow without losing the small town atmosphere.

Question #2 “Name a specific way to save the county money?”

We could employ full-time grant writer; to be shared with the sheriff's department, city council, and county commission.

Question #3 “Is the millage rate for the county sufficient for what needs to be done?”

Yes it is, provided that the commission manages the resources properly.

Question #4 “How would you do a better job of preparing the budget?”

I'm not sure we need to do a better job preparing the budget. We need to plan for short term and long term goals; which includes a plan for saving. We need to prioritize our spending needs, what are fixed expenses and what are flexible expenses. We need to be good stewards of our finances.

Question #5 “How would you develop the Lloyd interchange?”

Advertise the advantages in Jefferson County over Leon County as a less costly county to build your home. Jefferson County has lower taxes and fewer restrictions. The Lloyd interchange would be the most likely place for this to have an impact.

Question #6 “Would you Borrow money for County infrastructure development?”

No, I would not borrow money for county development infrastructure. I would look for grants and apply a five percent impact fee on all new home construction.

Question #7 “What is the purpose for Building ‘A’?”

It has cost the tax payers over 4 million dollars in grant money to date and is still incomplete. The original bid was 1.5 million dollars. Who on the county commission was responsible for the budget oversight?

Thank you for your time and consideration. Your vote for me as County Commissioner District 4 is deeply appreciated.

If you have any questions please contact me at (850) 320-1068, keithcookdistrict4@gmail.com, or thru Facebook, “Elect Keith Cook for Jefferson County Commissioner District 4.”

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Florida honors a local invisible hero

Story Courtesy of Rebekeh Sheats

73 years, seven months, and three weeks ago, a young Monticello boy stood on the deck of Admiral Kelly Turner's flagship off the coast of Iwo Jima.

Only 20 years old, this young man – Platoon Sergeant Ernest Ivy “Boots” Thomas – was being interviewed by various news correspondents and was being photographed with General Holland Smith, one of the highest-ranking officers present at the historic battle for Iwo Jima. The position Boots held that day was a position of honor.

He, a mere platoon sergeant, was being recognized and congratulated by the top brass, and his name was being broadcast around the world.

In the midst of this fame, in the midst of this moment of unlooked-for glory, what was young Thomas doing?

He was protesting. “No, Mr. Pryor,” he told the CBS news

correspondent, and firmly explained that he alone wasn't responsible for the historic flag-raising atop Mount Suribachi. “I didn't do a thing,” he protested to technical sergeant Keyes Beach who asked him about the part he played in breaking through the Japanese defenses surrounding the base of Suribachi; “The men that were with me should be out here, too.”

Throughout his time aboard ship, Thomas protested the recognition he was given. He didn't want the glory. He wasn't looking for praise for what he did. All he wanted to do was set the record straight and be permitted to return to his men.

73 years after a modest young Marine from Monticello stood bewildered by the recognition and

applause he received from a jubilant nation for his heroic deeds, the citizens of Monticello gathered to recognize and applaud the labors of another Monticello native, Dr. James Sledge.

Though Jim Sledge was also twenty years old when Boots Thomas raised the flag on Iwo Jima, his youthful days have long since passed him by. Last Thursday, October 4, was Dr. Sledge's 94th birthday.

On that day, an appreciative crowd from Monticello and the surrounding area gathered at the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce to honor Dr. Sledge for 70 years of labor in preserving the memory of Platoon Sergeant Ernest I. “Boots” Thomas.

In attendance were local Monticello and Tallahassee residents as well as out-of-town guests who had traveled from as far as Atlanta, GA, to be a part of the evening's events.

Young and old joined together to honor Jim Sledge, and children of all ages listened eagerly as Dr. Sledge shared stories about his childhood and about Boots' heroic life and death.

In attendance at the ceremony was county commissioner Betsy Barfield, who presented Jim Sledge with a resolution from the

Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners. The resolution noted that “the history of Sgt. ‘Boots’ Thomas would have been forgotten apart from the labors of Dr. James Sledge and others like him,” and that “Dr. Sledge has never received proper recognition for his continued labors and service on behalf of the memory of Sgt. Thomas.” The Board therefore resolved to “join the citizens of Monticello in recognizing and commending the selfless devotion and untiring labor which Dr. James



The event also served as the launch for a new book, *Invisible Hero*, that retells the story of Sgt. Thomas for young readers. The book is a companion to the adult variant of Sgt. Thomas' tale, *Call Me No Hero*. Both are authored by R.A. Sheats.



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo By Ashley Hunter, October 4

On Thursday, October 4, Monticello residents, as well as visitors from around the surrounding area, gathered at the Monticello-Jefferson Chamber of Commerce to celebrate the birthday of Jefferson County's Dr. James “Jim” Sledge and honor the man who has worked to preserve the heritage and memory of Dr. Sledge's childhood friend and Monticello's hero – Sgt. Boots Thomas. Pictured, from left to right, are: Sheriff McNeill, Dr. Sledge, Becca Erwin, daughter of Dr. Sledge; and Author Rebekah Sheats.

Sledge has displayed in preserving the life and memory of Sgt. Thomas for the past seventy years” and urged all citizens to “follow in the footsteps of Dr. James Sledge” in preserving and honoring the memory of Boots Thomas and other local heroes.

Sheriff Mac McNeill was also in attendance and read a letter from Governor Rick Scott, who congratulated Jim Sledge on his 94th birthday and recognized him “for your dedication and commitment throughout seven decades to honor the courageous sacrifice during World War II of United States Marine Platoon Sgt. Ernest I. ‘Boots’ Thomas.” Governor Scott thanked Jim for his untiring labors which ensured that “the Monticello community, Florida and our nation will never forget the sacrifices made by Sergeant Thomas.”

Chamber of Commerce executive director Katrina Richardson coordinated the event and provided birthday cake and refreshments for the celebration. She also live-streamed the presentations and Jim's talk. Both videos are available for viewing on the Chamber's Facebook page.

A new book on the life of Boots Thomas and Jim Sledge premiered at the event Thursday evening. Titled *Invisible Hero*, the book is a biography for young people written by local author Rebekah Sheats. *Invisible Hero* chronicles the stories of Boots and Jim's childhood in Monticello and captures the exciting tale of Boots' time in the Marine Corps and

his heroic actions and premature death on Iwo Jima. The book also records the selfless part Jim Sledge has played over the past seventy years in preserving the memory of his fallen friend and shows that, though Jim may be an invisible hero, he is a hero indeed. Copies are available for purchase at the Chamber.

Despite his untiring labors and undaunted courage in keeping Boots' story alive, Jim Sledge has never sought recognition for his work. Whether he was helping to organize fundraising to erect a memorial to Boots and his platoon members in the 1970s or whether he was retelling the stories of the Iwo Jima flag-raising to a group of middle-schoolers, Jim never asked for credit or praise. When he was honored last Thursday he was quick to note: “So many people have contributed to this.” “I just happened to get the ball rolling,” he continued; “I didn't do anything.”

As Proverbs states, “The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold, and a man is valued by what others say of him.” Even though Jim, just like Boots Thomas, may protest the credit given him, he deserves it nonetheless. The recognition he received on his 94th birthday was truly well-deserved—and long overdue. The evening's presentations and thanks were only a small token of the gratitude that this and future generations owe him for his selfless dedication in preserving the memory of Boots Thomas. Truly his example is our heritage.

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| <p>October 19
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.</p> <p>October 19
Monticello Jamboree Band performs at 7 p.m. on Fridays at 625 South Water Street. This is a nonprofit charitable event; donations are accepted. For more information contact Darlene Aldrich at (850) 556-5218. Come out and</p> | <p>learn to line dance.</p> <p>October 20, 21
Indian Springs Baptist Church, 5593 Veterans Memorial Highway Tallahassee, will honor its pastor's 20th Anniversary, Pastor Greg Roberts, with a two-day celebration. On Saturday at 5 p.m. there will be a barbecue dinner followed with a Church Sing with special guest singers. On Sunday during Morning Worship Service be ready for special speakers, special music, a special presentation and a</p> | <p>surprise or two. For more information call (850) 893-5296, visit indianspringsbaptistchurch.com or email indsps@gmail.com.</p> <p>October 20
Waukeenah United Methodist Church, 81 Methodist Church Road, 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 Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.</p> |
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Over the last year I have been teaching classes on diabetes and how to manage it. Throughout those classes, there are some questions that seem to come up in every class so I wanted to share some Q and A with you.

average of your blood sugar for approximately the past three months. Someone without diabetes would have an A1C of 5 or below and for someone who is diabetic, a common goal would be seven or below.

How do I know if I am diabetic?

When you have your blood work done doctors will look at your fasting blood glucose level and your A1C to diagnose pre diabetes or diabetes. You may experience symptoms such as urinating often, being irritable, being more hungry than usual, being more thirsty and more tired than usual, having blurry vision, wounds that won't heal, or numb or tingling in the hands and feet. Some people have symptoms while others do not.

How often should I check my blood sugar?

You should check your blood sugar before every meal and two hours after. A general guideline to aim for is to be between 80-130 before eating and below 180 two hours after eating. Your doctor may have different guidelines for you depending on your goals.

What does my A1C mean?

A1C is a percentage that represents an

What is the most important thing to look at on the label?

All of the information on the label is important, but for a diabetic the Total Carbohydrates is one of the most important items. Many people think the Sugar is what they should be looking at, but that isn't the case. Sugar is a type of carbohydrate and that is why it is listed under Total Carbohydrates. All or most of the carbohydrates will raise blood sugar. The exception is part of the fiber. A general rule is that if a product has more than five grams of fiber you can subtract that from the Total Carbohydrates.

How many carbohydrates can I eat in a day?

Each person is different so there is not a hard and fast rule. The general recommendation to start with is 45-60 grams of carbohydrate per meal. This may vary, depending on your doctor's recommendations, your

medications, or how active you are. The recommendation is per meal and not per day.

What foods have carbohydrates in them?

Fruits, milk and yogurt, grains, starchy vegetables, beans and legumes all have around 15 grams of carbohydrate in a serving. Non starchy vegetables do not have many carbohydrates, but they do have some. Typically non starchy vegetables such as green beans, salad, broccoli, etc. have about five grams of carbohydrates in a serving. A serving is typically one half cup of cooked vegetables or one cup of raw leafy greens.

Meat, fish, poultry, and cheese do not typically have carbohydrates unless they have been added. For example, breading on fish or meat. Nuts vary by type, but many nuts are not a significant source of carbohydrates.

Can I use honey instead of sugar?

You can, but honey has sugar in it and will also raise your blood sugar.

Will using sweeteners give me cancer?

There are a variety of sweeteners approved by the FDA on the market and they are considered safe for human consumption based on the current body of research. Research is always ongoing and recommendations may change in the future, but currently there are average daily intake limits for different kinds of sweeteners. This means you should not have more than so many packets in a day. When I talk to people about sweeteners, it comes down to everything in moderation. The average daily intake limits vary depending on the type of sweetener and there are some sweeteners that should not be consumed by pregnant women. Sweeteners are also hundreds of times sweeter than sugar so consuming sweeteners may affect how naturally sweet foods taste to you.

For more information on diabetes you can go to diabetes.org or contact the extension office at (850) 342-0187.

Keystone Federated Republican Women's Club attends meeting

Debbie Snapp
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Several Keystone Federated Republican Women's (KFRW) Club members attended the Florida Federation of Republican Women (FFRW) Fall Conference in Orlando in September. They received their official charter and proudly displayed it during the club's September 24 meeting.

KFRW is a new addition to Jefferson County's list of groups and clubs, forming in late July. The group meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. The next club meeting is October 22.

For membership information or questions about joining the club, contact Karen Knox at join@kfrwfl.org or call (850) 251-0158 or Lynn Stafford at (850) 491-8755.

To see more about this group, its accomplishments and events for the future, check out their blog or events at kfrwfl.org.



Photo Submitted
Keystone Federated Republican Women's Club President Lynn Stafford accepted the official charter for KFRW at the Florida Federation of Republican Women's Fall Conference on September 22. Pictured from left to right are: Lynn Stafford, Robbie Ford of the Orlando club and Dena DeCamp, president of FFRW.

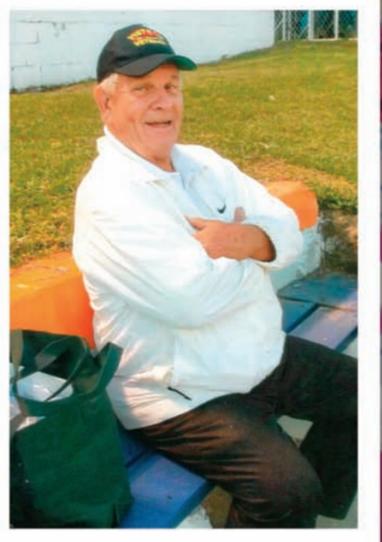
Veterans Among Us

Army Veteran Max Bilinski

After serving in Vietnam, Army Veteran Max Bilinski returned to the United States in order to finish his two years of active duty at Fort Benning, GA. He was discharged in June of 1967. He and his wife Sharon Miles Bilinski returned to Monticello, where he began teaching Vocational Agriculture at Jefferson County High School.

In December, their son Miles was born, and the following November, Catherine Emily was born, and the young Bilinski family was all set. In the Spring of 1968 Max found himself coaching football. He liked it and continued to coach for the next 28 years. He retired from the school system in 1995 and began working for the Jefferson Country Club as a golf course superintendent for the next 11 years. He fully retired in 2006. Having moved onto his family homestead in 1975, Max and Sharon continue to live in and maintain the home that was built in 1920. Today they enjoy several grandchildren and are active members of St. Margaret Catholic Church. Max is also an active and longtime member of the Monticello Kiwanis.

In 1966 Max says he prayed to God for his safe return home; by 1967 he was back home and teaching at the local high school. He wrote a book about his reflections on Vietnam. When asked why, he said that it was important to get his thoughts down on paper before he forgot.

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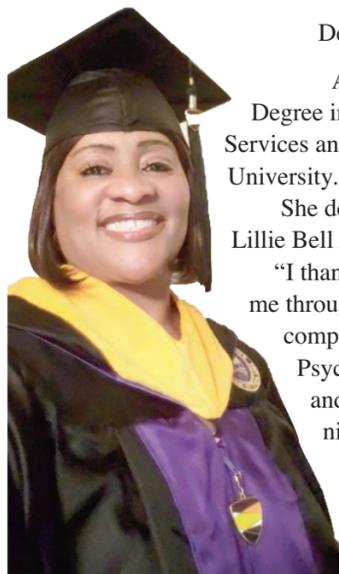
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There are so many people to thank and express all my gratitude to; I thank them all now. My wish is to be able to inspire others to accomplish their goals in life as well. It is never too late to learn. To God be the Glory!"

Debbie Snapp, *ECB Publishing, Inc.*

Annie Mae Severin earned her Master of Arts Degree in Psychology, in the College of Health, Human Services and Science, this past summer from Ashford University.

She dedicates her efforts to the late Sam (Buck) and Lillie Bell Alexander.

"I thank the almighty God for His strength in getting me through the long nights and short days of completing my Master of Arts Degree in Psychology. I also thank my husband, my children and my family for inspiring me day after day, night after night, homework after homework and test after test. It is truly a blessing from God to be able to accomplish this long-awaited goal in my life. I also thank all my friends who encouraged me to move forward, no matter the struggle.

Pigskin Poet

As we go into this season we look for the big upset, Don't blame me because I am a poet not a prophet. But starting off this week I'll give you a little prophecy, You can bet your sweet apples Alabama will roll all over Tennessee.

Georgia and Florida are off this week as they prepare to meet in River City, This will be a mighty battle, it will get down to the nitty gritty. Last week Ohio State routed Minnesota in the Big Horseshoe, The Buckeyes have no weaknesses as they easily beat Purdue.

Clemson is back in action taking on the NC State Wolfpack, The Tigers win easily stepping up that awesome attack. Iowa State knocked West Virginia out of contention, The Mountaineers pass by the Baylor Bears seeking redemption.

Last week Colorado's winning streak came to an abrupt end, This week Washington puts them in the loser's column again. Penn State tiptoes over to play Indiana in Bloomington, Just beating the Hoosiers is not going to get the job done.

UCF extends their winning streak up at East Caroling U, I think the Knights just might make it all the way through. Last week Texas beat Baylor extending the game to the 4th quarter, The Longhorns will stampede by Oklahoma State in Stillwater.

Oklahoma makes a short journey over to TCU, The Sooners win but they still have some work to do. Michigan beat Wisconsin to move back into contention, A solid win over Michigan State will get my attention.

Last week LSU's victory was very, very sound, This week the Tigers put the

Mississippi State Bulldogs back in the pound. Wisconsin wins big over Illinois running up the score, Sorry Badgers, you are no longer gonna make the final four.

Oregon beat the Washington Huskies in overtime, The Ducks beat Washington State this week and continue to shine. Kentucky gets back on track taking down Vandy, Instead of bourbon, the Wildcats fans will celebrate with brandy.

Cincinnati brings that 6 and 0 record over to Temple, The Owls pull a big upset, it is just that simple. The South Florida Bulls beat Tulsa to move to 6 and 0, Connecticut falls as the Bulls continue to put on a good show.

Arkansas State hosts Georgia State up at Jonesboro, The Panthers victory will be very thorough. Stanford will try to regain some respect down at Tempe, The Sundevils are improving, the Cardinal will comes up empty.

Colorado State gets bounced by the Broncos in Boise, Air Force bombs UNLV in Vegas but it won't be noisy, Army outmaneuvers the Miami Red Hawks, Northwestern shuts out Rutgers, no runs, no hits, no walks.

Buffalo extends their streak up at Toledo, What has happened to the Rockets I just don't know. Syracuse takes down North Carolina to move to 5 and 2, The Orange are much improved and know what to do.

Auburn tries to rebound at Ole Miss on the road, Somehow the Tigers must get back in the winning mode. Arkansas will pick up their 2nd win in Fayetteville, Iowa's victory Maryland will be all downhill.

Virginia took out Miami and I was quite impressed, The Cavaliers rolling over Duke will be my best guess. Liberty had a great win over the Trojans from Troy, This week the Flames down Idaho State, oh boy.

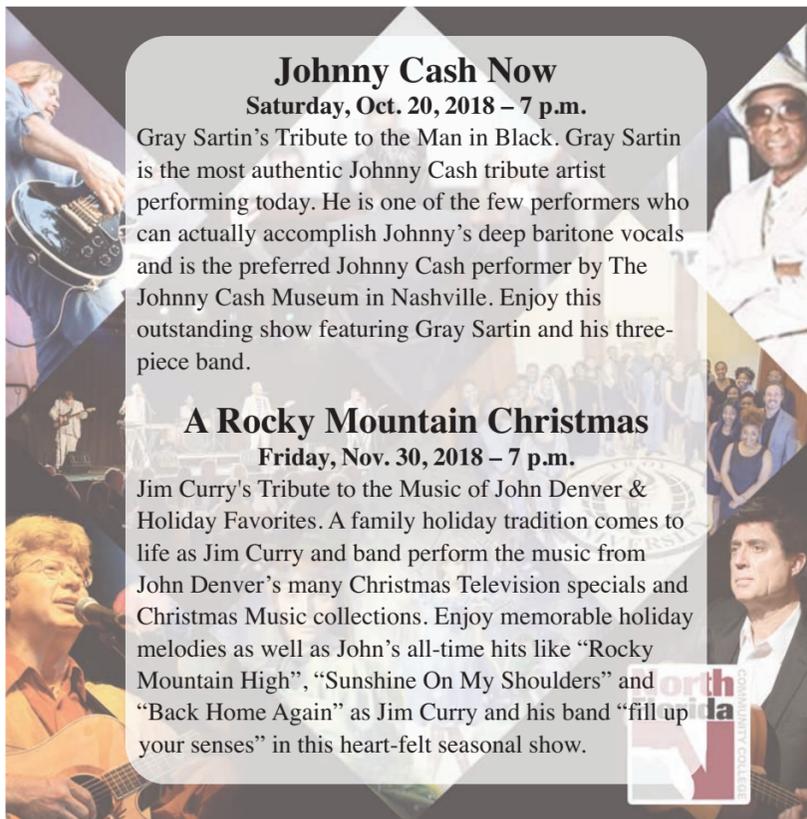
Florida State returns to the friendly confines of Tallahassee, The Seminoles scalp Wake Forest, now we wait and see. Tulane eases by SMU down in old New Orleans, Houston sinks Navy making them eat pork and beans.

Memphis falls to the Tigers up at Ole Mizzou, Last week both Tigers just couldn't come through. The Ragin' Cajuns fall to Appalachian State up at Boone, Kent State falls to Akron, the Flashes' season can't end too soon

California bounces back, beating the Oregon State Beavers. Texas Tech beats Kansas with all those great receivers. Bowling Green will be grounded by the Bobcats of Ohio, New Mexico is outclassed by the Bulldogs of Fresno.

Middle Tennessee will nail the Charlotte 49'ers, Louisiana Tech will blitz the UTEP Miners. Texas State will fall hard down at Louisiana Monroe, Stop the presses because that's all I know.

Upcoming North Florida Community College Artist Series Performances



Johnny Cash Now

Saturday, Oct. 20, 2018 – 7 p.m.

Gray Sartin's Tribute to the Man in Black. Gray Sartin is the most authentic Johnny Cash tribute artist performing today. He is one of the few performers who can actually accomplish Johnny's deep baritone vocals and is the preferred Johnny Cash performer by The Johnny Cash Museum in Nashville. Enjoy this outstanding show featuring Gray Sartin and his three-piece band.

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Friday, Nov. 30, 2018 – 7 p.m.

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Jefferson Somerset

Erion Wade



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13-year-old eighth grader at Jefferson Somerset, Erion Wade has been a cheerleader for the Tigers for eight years – most of her years as a student of Jefferson County has been dedicated to cheering on the Tiger athletes. She can't recall why she chose to start cheering, saying it was just something she always enjoyed doing.

Spending time with her fellow cheerleaders, her cheer-sisters, is one of her favorite aspects of being a member of the Tigers Cheer Squad.

Erion Wade is the daughter of Cheerleading Coach Errin Mays.

Aucilla Christian

Ansley English



Ashley Hunter
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Ansley English is a 16-year-old old cheerleader at Aucilla Christian Academy.

A cheering veteran of six years, this eleventh grader loves the performing aspect of being a cheerleader as well as the friendships she has made within the squad itself.

"I really have always loved watching cheer," said English, adding that she loved admiring the performances of the cheerleaders before she became one herself.

Outside of cheering, English enjoys drawing and exploring the outdoors.

Fun fact about Ansley English: "I used for dance for 10 years, plus [I] competed."

Ansley English is the daughter of Mark and Angi English.

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80 YEARS ago 1938

October 19, 1938

Hubert Collins, who recently accepted a position in Quincy, joined his family here for the weekend.

October 19, 1948

Helen Campbell, Mary Helen Arrants, Edith Pope, Jeanette Folsom and **Jackie House** spent the weekend at Daytona Beach attending a Tri-Hi-Y Convention.

October 19, 1958

Richard Simpson was elected Chamber of Commerce president at the annual meeting held at the court house on Tuesday.

October 19, 1978

City Council Chairman **Vaughn Evans** and council members **Eddie Miles** and **Lewis Maddox** will retain their seats on the Monticello City Council as no one has qualified to challenge them for the positions.

Matt Brown has been promoted to Branch Coordinator for First Federal Savings and Loan Association offices in Monticello, Madison and Branford.

Marian Sumner, a former teacher with a major in psychology, will be the new head librarian at the Jefferson County Library.

October 19, 1988

Thanks to the concerted efforts of the **Monticello Garden Club**, the City Council and the Department of Forestry, Monticello now enjoys the distinction of being designated a tree city.

October's Fuel Gauge Report from **AAA Clubs of Florida** show gasoline prices have declined slightly for the second month in a row.

As Jefferson Homecoming Queen **Vandra Gilley** looks on, last year's queen, **Sylvia Deary**, crowns 1988 Homecoming King **Leman Ulee** at halftime in Friday's Homecoming activities.

CDC President and City Councilwoman **Johnann Murdaugh** has been named one of five recipients in 32 Florida counties as a Florida Power Scholarship winner.

4-H Dairy Goat Club members **Barbara Hampton** and **Kristy Vanderslice** brought home one reserved grand champion ribbon, one first-place ribbon and three second-place ribbons from the second annual "Goat Day" held in Blountstown.

Dave Clark, spokesman for the Jefferson County Teacher's Association and association president **Anita Furrow** reached what was termed a successful conclusion to negotiations Monday when the school system and union reached agreement on a \$1,000 across-the-board pay hike for teachers.

October 16, 1998

Katina Manning, a graduate of West Point, was recently in town to visit with her family before proceeding to her new assignment in Germany.

Wilderness Coast Public Libraries Administrator, **Cheryl Turner**, was voted in as a member of the Board of Directors at the Panhandle Library Access Network meeting in Panama City.

October 19, 2008

Jakarri Markez Bellamy celebrated his first birthday while surrounded by family and friends. He is the son of **Keonjala Jones** and **Montrell Bellamy** of Monticello.

70 YEARS ago 1948

60 YEARS ago 1958

40 YEARS ago 1978

30 YEARS ago 1988

20 YEARS ago 1998

10 YEARS ago 2008

SNIPPETS IN TIME

October 19, 1645: The Dutch and the Hudson River Valley Native Americans conclude peace after four years of warfare.

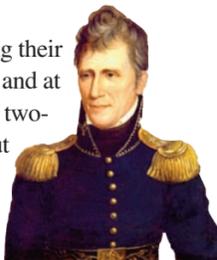


Col. George Washington

October 20, 1754: The French and Indian War erupts as a result of disputes over land in the Ohio River Valley. In May, George Washington leads a small group of American colonists to victory over the French, then builds Fort Necessity in the Ohio territory. In July, after being attacked by numerically superior French forces, Washington surrenders the fort and retreats.

October 21, 1867: Today (through October 28) starts the biggest US-Indian conference ever held. The conference is held near Fort Dodge, Kansas near what is called Medicine Lodge Creek. The name comes from a Kiowa "medicine lodge" which is still standing from a recent Kiowa "sun dance" ceremony. Of the Kiowa and Comanche treaty (15 Stat. 589), some of the ten Kiowa signers are: Satanta, Satank, Black Bird, Kicking Bird, and Lone Bear. Ten Comanches, including Ten Bears sign, as will six Apaches. The United States is represented by Commissioner N.G. Taylor, William Harney, C. C. Augur, Alfred H. Terry, John B. Sanborn, Samuel F. Tappan, and J. B. Henderson. Representing the Native Americans are 10 Kiowas.

October 22, 1813: The Creek War was instigated by General Andrew Jackson who sought to end Creek resistance to ceding their land to the U.S. government. The Creek Nation was defeated and at the Treaty of Fort Jackson, the Creek lost 14 million acres, or two-thirds of their tribal lands. To count the Creek dead, whites cut off their noses, piling 557 of them. They also skinned their bodies to tan as souvenirs. This was the single largest cession of territory ever made in the southeast.



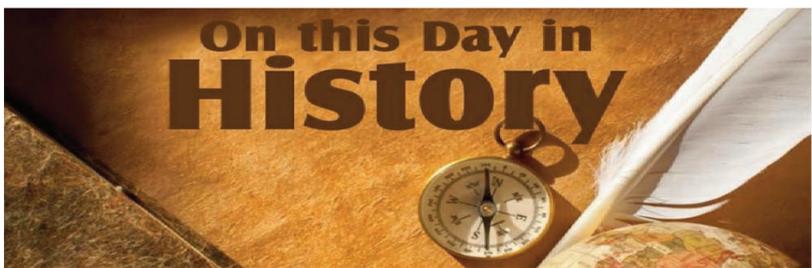
Gen. Andrew Jackson

October 23, 1895: Chief Lomahongyoma and eighteen other Hopi individuals were placed in Alcatraz for their resistance to government attempts to erase the Hopi culture. The 19 Hopi were jailed for their resistance to farm on individual plots away from the mesas and for refusing to send their children to government boarding schools.

October 24, 1785: U.S. representatives attempt to hold a treaty conference with the Creek. Few Native Americans will attend the meeting.

October 25, 1805: The Cherokee sign a treaty with Return Meigs on the Duck River at Tellico, covering land north of the Tennessee River in Kentucky and Middle Tennessee (7 Stat. 93).

October 26, 1897: In his annual address to Congress, President William McKinley reports about difficulties negotiating with the Five Tribes in Native American Territory (present-day Oklahoma), who show "a decided disinclination to meet with favor" the extinguishment of titles to their lands.



1990 Dances with Wolves, directed by Kevin Costner and starring Kevin Costner and Mary McDonnell, premieres in Washington, D.C. (*Academy Awards Best Picture 1991*)



Kevin Costner

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40 YEARS OF HALLOWEEN

29-year-old John Carpenter had no idea his film would become a phenomenal success



By Donald Liebenson

On Oct. 25, 1978, *Halloween* unleashed babysitter stalker Michael Myers on unsuspecting moviegoers. Forty years later, Myers lives again in the new *Halloween*, an eagerly anticipated series relaunch that serves as a direct sequel to the 1978 classic and is due for release.

Director John Carpenter, Myers' father, so to speak, couldn't be more proud of the character he created with producer Debra Hill – not of Myers' penchant for stabbing and slashing

and silly sequels, but of their creation's enduring status as a horror icon.

Who knew? Certainly not Carpenter. "No way," he laughed during a phone interview with ReMIND. "No one knew" that the film would become a phenomenal success that would spawn seven sequels, a 2007 reboot and yet another sequel. How could they? Carpenter filmed the original *Halloween* in a mere 20 days on a budget of \$300,000. Except for revered actor Donald Pleasence (*The Great Escape*, *You Only Live Twice*, *Fantastic Voyage*), the cast was made up of unknowns. The reviews, overall, were not kind. But *Halloween* went the 1978 equivalent of viral through word of mouth. It earned \$70 million worldwide to become the most profitable independent film of its time.

Halloween was conceived by producer Irwin Yablans, whom Carpenter affectionately

called "one of the most famous hustlers of Hollywood" when it came to raising money. His idea for a movie that would appeal to teens – especially teenage girls – was originally called *The Babysitter Murders*. He later tweaked the concept by adding the element of having the events unfold on Halloween night. Carpenter had impressed Yablans with his second feature film, *Assault on Precinct 13*, and was offered the job to direct. The 29-year-old demanded creative control and his name above the title. He also composed the film's nerve-jangling theme.

For the uninitiated, *Halloween* is set in the bucolic small town of Haddonfield, IL, where escaped mental patient Myers returns after killing his sister 15 years earlier. His psychiatrist (Pleasence) races against time to stop him before he inevitably kills again. Jamie Lee Curtis stars as babysitter Laurie Strode, who, along with two friends (P.J. Soles and Nancy Loomis), will be terrorized by the masked Myers before the night is through.

Pleasence was a casting coup after Christopher Lee and Peter Cushing turned Carpenter down. "We needed a name [actor], and he was in some of my favorite movies," Carpenter said. "He didn't know who I was. We had lunch, and he said, 'I don't know why I'm doing this movie. I don't understand the character.' But his daughter thought the music [that Carpenter composed] for *Assault* was good. He also said he needed money to pay alimony."

The horror movie gods were smiling when Curtis, then 19 years old, auditioned to portray the resourceful and levelheaded Strode. She is the daughter of Janet Leigh, who starred in Alfred Hitchcock's

Psycho and is forever linked to one of the most shocking moments in movie history, the classic shower murder. *Psycho* loomed large for Carpenter, who took his cue from the Master of Suspense in keeping his audience on the edge of their seats. *Halloween* has its shocks, but it is not overly graphic. "The audience knows what a knife does," Carpenter explained. "I don't have to show it; [it's more effective when] the audience use their imaginations."

Time and budget constraints led to fortuitous allowances. Not able to afford a custom mask for Myers to wear, the production designer bought a William Shatner Captain Kirk mask for \$2. He widened the eyes, removed the eyebrows and spray-painted it white.

It has been almost 10 years since Myers haunted the screen. Carpenter had not been involved with the franchise since the Myers-less *Halloween III: Season of the Witch*. Producer Jason Blum, whose credits include *Get Out*, *Whiplash* and the *Paranormal Activity* series, issued Carpenter a challenge. "He said, 'You're sitting on the sidelines. Instead of taking potshots at the franchise, why don't you do something constructive and help?'" As executive producer, Carpenter describes his role on the new film as a "shepherd." (He once again composed the music.)

But *Halloween* and the new \$10 million sequel share one basic tenet. They were each made with care and craft, yes, but at their heart, Carpenter proclaimed, "It's a little low-budget horror movie; that's all it is. It is meant to entertain audiences and make them scream. It's a movie you want to take a date to so they will hold you close. That's why young people go to these movies."

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Rated R

Stars: Jamie Lee Curtis, Judy Greer, Andi Matichak

Director: David Gordon Green

Four decades earlier, Michael Myers stalked the small town of Haddonfield, and Laurie Strode narrowly escaped his clutches. Now she returns for one final confrontation with the masked killer.



HALLOWEEN



The Hate U Give

Rated PG-13

Stars: Amandla Stenberg, Regina Hall, Russell Hornsby

Director: George Tillman Jr.

Starr takes on two different personas in two very different worlds: one as the student athlete in the private school and another in the presence of her friends in the neighborhood. After an incident, she is forced to make a stand for what's right – even if it is unpopular.

Rebekah Aman: local author of four novels

Early in the morning, Rebekah Aman Griffin gets up, and starts writing. Before the sun is even fully up, the Monticello native and resident is creating worlds, spinning words, and breathing life into the books she writes.

Ashley Hunter
ECB Publishing, Inc.

Sitting in her dining room, facing her sun room and surrounded by the plants and water fountain in her home, Aman (she drops her married surname and goes by just 'Rebekah Aman' on her published works) fills up the quiet peace of the early morning with the tapping of her computer keys as she immerses herself in her book series, *Keepers of the Essence*.

Later, she'll head out to her job at a CPA firm in Tallahassee, where Aman will assist clients with their bookkeeping, audits and tax return needs.

She had always dreamed of becoming a published author.

"I had written little, ridiculous stories from the time I was itty bitty," said Aman. "Every day, after school, I would sit down and write."

She admits now that most of her early works were far from perfect, but she enjoyed the craft of writing, of spinning words and capturing her imagination on paper (she hand wrote many of her earliest pieces).

It wasn't until, as a 15-year-old student enrolled at Aucilla Christian Academy, that Rebekah Aman grew serious about that dream of publication.

Having been inspired through a friend, young Aman began the process of writing the first book in her *Keepers of the Essence* novel series.

Two years later, now 17 years old, Aman would complete the first book – *Tiweln's Redeemer*.

"It was very rudimentary," admits Aman. Later, when she decided to look towards sending her first novel to publishers, she ended up rewriting whole pieces of it to help the writing flow and better capture the story she was trying to tell.

All the same, Aman would not receive positive news from any of the publishers who received her novel until she was enrolled at FSU and in her 20s.

While enrolled at Florida State University, majoring in Accounting, Finance and Psychology (with a minor in English), Aman – now a published author – continued writing and would end up being twice published before she married her husband, Chris Griffin, in 2015.

Chris and Rebekah Aman Griffin live in Monticello, where Rebekah Aman continues to write her novels and has recently published her fourth book – *Legend of Ashneer* – in August of this year.

All four novels are in the *Keepers of the Essence* series, and Aman says that while each book may be a companion or sequel to the others, they all tell their own stories and are set in varying realms (or planets).

The first book, *Tiweln's Redeemer*, Aman says, is set in a world of pixies and elves, a world that Aman calls 'fantastical'.

The second novel, *Savior of Randor*, is placed in a world more similar to Victorian England, with traces of fantasy still threading throughout the story.

Faencina's Hope, the third novel, resides in a world of watery magic and mermaids (and is the winner of a Bronze President's Book Award from the Florida Writers and Publishers Association).

The thing that intertwines all three preceding novels, however, is addressed in the fourth and most recent novel, *Legend of Ashneer*, which tells the story of the man who embodies the antagonist in all three of Aman's former novels.

"*Legend of Ashneer* is a little bit different than the other three," said Aman, adding that while it may be her newest novel, it is a sort of prequel to the other three – as it tells the antagonist's story before he ever became the villain that he is known to be in the rest of the series.

While all four books do have a chronological order, Aman says that readers don't necessarily have to read them in order.

"I have had people read them in all kinds of order," she says, though she would recommend potential readers read the second and third book in their correct order.

"The second book ends on a cliffhanger that resolves in the third. So I would highly recommend that those two be read in order," adds Aman.

Every story told in her four novels, and the worlds that are depicted in those stories, are contrasts of each other, and Aman admits that she's not entirely sure if she can point to one source of inspiration for her entire series.

"I feel like, depending on what each book is about, I've created the planet to compliment that, in a sense," said Aman. "I came up with my idea of how I wanted a universe to be."

An avid reader, Aman says that she absorbs the styles of storytelling and varying aspects of other fictional creations and uses those to create her own fantasy realm – in this way, her inspiration is varied, and is a collection of aspects used by other storytelling masters and Aman's own desire to create something new, unique and truly hers.

In particular, Aman says she loves the style of writing, unique fantasy and vivid imagery in Patrick Rothfuss' *Kingkiller Chronicles*, the quest-focused plot of the *Lord of the Rings* series, and the writing styles of Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child in their *Pendergast* series.

As far as future projects are concerned, despite having just recently published a novel, Aman has plenty to keep her busy. *Keepers of the Essence* will be receiving additional books, and Aman says the series may also be complimented by companion stories.

Another prospect that Aman is planning to undertake is the retelling of her *Keepers of Essence* series, but for younger readers.

"When I go to the Decatur Book Festival, I dress up as an elf. A lot of younger children really love that, and they aren't old enough to read my book, so all I can do is give them a bookmark," said Aman.

With that in mind, Aman plans to partner with her mother, a retired elementary teacher, and recreate the worlds in *Keepers of the Essence*, but with themes and reading levels that will be more tailored to younger readers.

"I just want people to read my books and enjoy them," said Aman. As with any author, she would love the idea of making a living on her writing and spending her days penning words, but says she doesn't really expect for that to happen. Instead, Aman just hopes that her novels might be enjoyed by her readers. "My main goal is to try to get some group of people who just thoroughly enjoy reading my books and really want more to come out."

Rebekah Aman Griffin is the daughter of James "Jimmy" Griffin (a former Aucilla Christian Academy principal) and Carol Aman (a former teacher at Aucilla), and she is married to Monticello resident Chris Griffin.

Interested in learning more about Aman or her novels? *Amazon.com* has paperbacks and E-books of her first three novels, and paperback of *Legend of Ashneer* (the e-book version is still in the process). In addition, Aman has a

Facebook page for her series, which can be found by searching for "Keepers of the Essence." as well as a website for her book, *keepersoftheessence.com*.

Tomorrow, on Saturday, October 20, Rebekah Aman will be holding a book signing at My Favorite Books, located at 1410 Market St., in Tallahassee. The book signing will begin at 1 p.m.

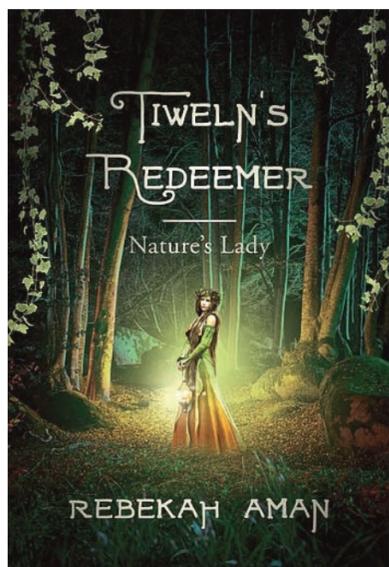


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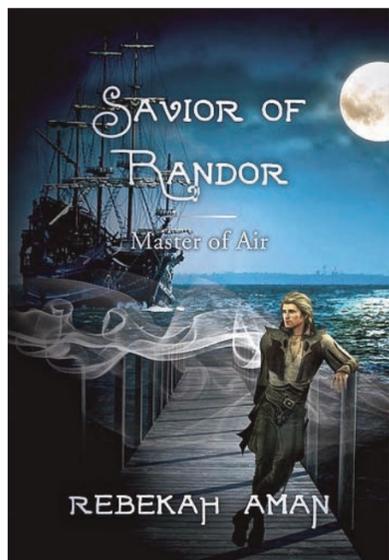


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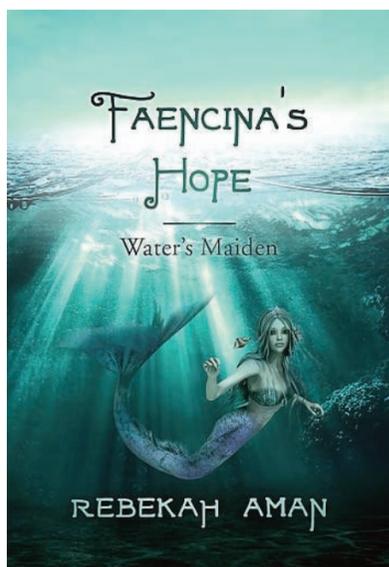


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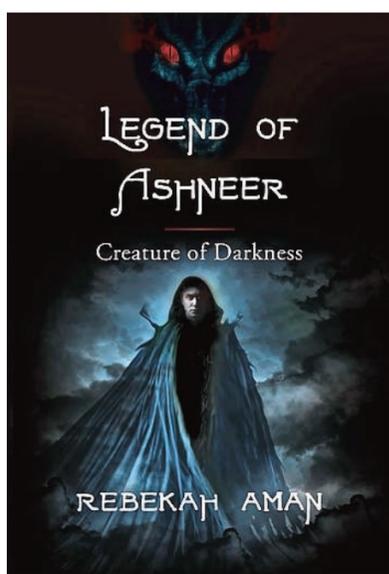


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Legend of Ashneer



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo By Debbie Snapp, September 22, 2018

On Saturday, September 22, Author Rebekah Aman held a book signing for her newest novel, *Legend of Ashneer* – which was published in August – at the Jefferson County Public Library.

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PICK YOUR FAVORITE SCARECROW

Debbie Snapp
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It's finally fall and to celebrate Main Street Monticello is holding its first Scarecrow Competition.

Businesses were invited to create scarecrows to add a festive and creative touch to the downtown area. The scarecrows, placed in storefront windows and on town benches, will be on display until Thursday, Nov. 1.

Judging is open to the public. To vote for your favorite scarecrow, pumpkin ballot boxes may be found at the following locations: Two Sisters, Vintage Treasures, Soulshine Vintage, Wag the Dog, Tupelo's Bakery, Traditions Embroidery and Carrie Ann & Co.

Community members will have until 12 p.m. on Thursday, October 25 to vote. The competition winner will

be announced and awarded a prize at 7 p.m. on Friday, October 26 during the Fall Festival held at the Old Jail Museum on West Dogwood Street.

Main Street Monticello would like to thank the following businesses for their excellent creativity and cultivating a fun environment for our community:

- Monticello Police Department and Vintage Treasures scarecrows are located at the northwest corner of North Jefferson Street at West Washington Street.

- Traditions Embroidery & Screen Printing scarecrow is located at the northeast corner of North Jefferson Street at East Washington Street.

- Two Sisters...New Beginnings and Jefferson Arts scarecrows are located on North Jefferson Street in front of Vintage Treasures.

- Tupelo's Bakery &

Café and MADCo and Naked Ewe scarecrows are located on North Jefferson Street to the west of the old Courtyard Cafe.

- Jefferson Senior Citizens Center scarecrow is located on East Dogwood Street to the south of the old Courtyard Cafe.

- Wag the Dog scarecrow is located at 315 North Jefferson Street in front of the thrift & treasure shop.

- Soulshine Vintage scarecrow is located at 195 North Jefferson Street at the storefront.

- ECB Publishing, Inc. scarecrow is located at 180 West Washington Street in front of the Monticello News building.

- Kelly & Kelly Properties, Inc. scarecrow is located at 205 West Washington Street in front of the building.

- Monticello Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce scarecrow is located at 420 West Washington Street in front of the building.

- Carrie Ann & Co. scarecrow is located at 925 East Washington Street on the property.

Due to Hurricane Michael, some businesses were unable to have their scarecrows in place by the deadline.

If you see one that is not on the list, please feel free to place a write-in vote.



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Armyworms

Guests which are picky eaters are no fun, especially for a host who is attempting to please. No matter what dish is served, there is always something wrong with it.

It can be the wrong flavor, incorrect seasoning, improperly prepared or some other culinary crime which repels the persnickety visitor, and frustrates the gracious and long suffering person who is making all attempts to satisfy the invitee.

Among Jefferson County's many butterflies and moths, there are plenty of finicky caterpillars which will consume only one or a very limited list of plants. Depending on the situation, these larval-states can be a minor annoyance or at most a manageable problem.

It is the easy-to-please which can be a real problem, particularly when they invite the entire extended family and friends to join them. Chief among these is the southern armyworm.

This insect is native to the warmer regions of both American continents. It occurs widely in Central and South America, and the Caribbean. In the United States, the southern armyworm is found principally in the southeast with its range extending as far west as parts of New Mexico.

The number of generations has been estimated at four annually in Florida. About 30 to 40 days on average is required for a complete generation, with environmental factors restraining even more reproduction.

In northern Florida moths which produce this caterpillar can be found throughout the year and have the capacity to withstand several days of freezing weather. Eggs are laid in clusters, and covered with scales from the body of the moth.

Duration of the egg stage is four to six days and they are placed on or very near potential food. When they hatch, the problems for gardeners and homeowners begin.

The larvae undergo six instars or development phases as they grow to attain a terminal length of about an inch and a half. In this stage of life they are defoliators and feed aggressively for the first few weeks, often skeletonizing leaves with only the main stems remaining.

Initially they remain in groups, but as they mature they become more solitary. As they grow they will bore readily into fruit, often damaging it and



This armyworm had plenty to choose from in a well-stocked vegetable garden.

rendering it unusable. When stressed by a lack of food they will eat the portions of branches, bore into stem tissue, and attack tubers near the surface of the soil.

Larvae usually are found on the lower surface of leaves, and well hidden from birds and other potential predators. With no defensive ability except hiding in the foliage, they are most active at night.

The length of the larval stage is normally 14 to 20 days, but weather conditions and temperature can influence the timing. All this time they are eating, and the menu offerings in Jefferson County is substantial.

This species will consume vegetable, fruit, field and ornamental crops, including beets, cabbage, carrots, collards, cowpeas, eggplants, okra, peppers, potatoes, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, and watermelons.

Other crops include citrus, peanut, sunflower, and various other ornamental flowers. Turfgrass and forage crops are rarely eaten by this species of armyworm, but other species will readily consume them.

Many weeds are munched by this pest, but pigweed (*Amaranthus* spp) and pokeweed (*Phytolacca americana*) are especially favored. Sometimes these weeds are the deposit point for the female moth's eggs and the larvae move to the home garden or landscape as they grow.

This caterpillar is best controlled with foliar insecticides when larvae are small, but there are natural enemies too. Several wasp parasitoids utilize this species to feed its young.

Still, a frustrated gardener waiting for peppers to ripen can be vengeful when they contain a fat and, at least for the moment, happy armyworm.

To learn more about southern armyworms and their control in Jefferson County, contact your UF/IFAS Extension Jefferson County office at (850) 342-0187 or visit jefferson.ifas.ufl.edu

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63rd Annual Florida Forest Festival next weekend

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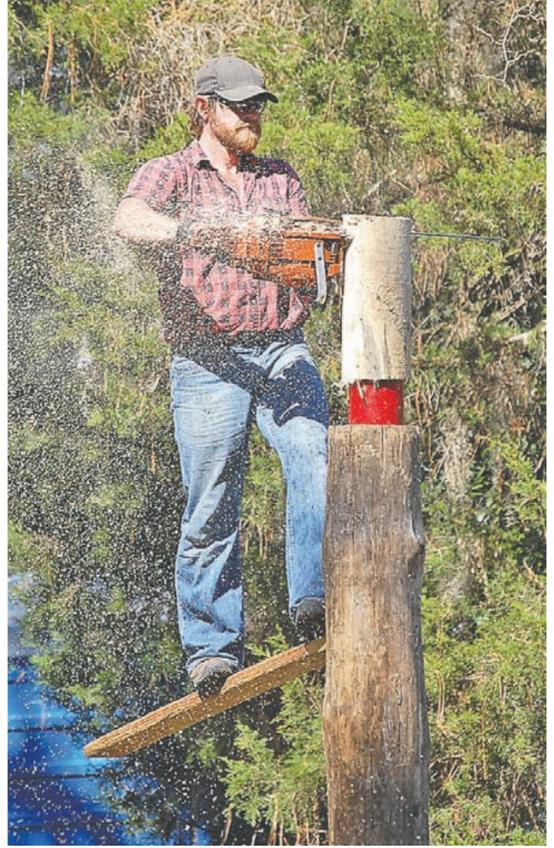
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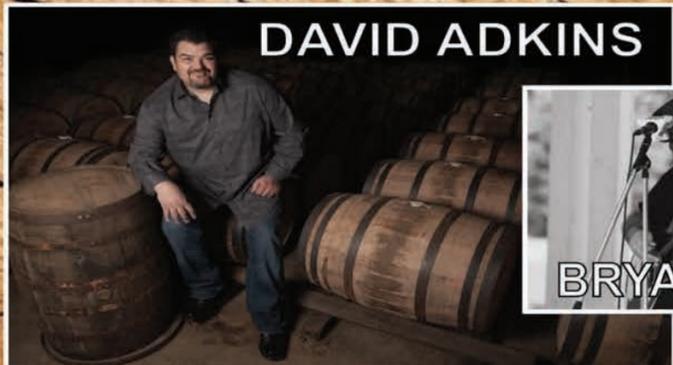
The devastation from Hurricane Michael in the Panhandle area of Florida is heartbreaking and our neighbors in that area continue to seek help and assistance. Many individuals and churches in Taylor County are sending basic necessities over to people who live in the area.

On Saturday, Oct. 27, we will gather for the 63rd Annual Florida Forest Festival, at the Forest Capital Park, in Perry, Fla. If you plan to join us at the festival, please bring a donation of non-perishable food, basic hygiene products, cleaning supplies and/or pet food. Our friends at Big Bend Technical College (BBTC), across the street from Forest Capital Park, will be collecting the items and driving them to our neighbors in the Panhandle area.

BBTC will be driving a bus of donated items to the devastated area on a daily basis. If you have any questions, please contact Liddie Davis at (850) 838-2545.

On behalf of the Florida Forest Festival Board of Directors, we want to thank all of those who are helping with this effort. For more information about the Florida Forest Festival, call (850) 584-TREE (8733).

63rd Annual Florida Forest Festival October 27, 2018 Forestry... Forever! FOREST CAPITAL PARK - PERRY, FL Hwy 19 S.

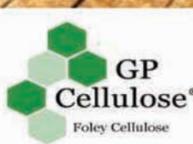


SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday October 13: Little King & Queen Pageant & Miss FL Forest Festival Pageant—Forest Capital Hall 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday October 24 -Saturday October 27: Carnival Opens Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 25th: Fireworks at 8:00 p.m. at Perry-Foley Airport
Friday, October 26th: Downtown Events - Strutt Your Mutt Contest, 5:30pm Kids' K Fun Run 6:00pm, Kid's Parade 7:00pm and the Gaslight Parade 7:30pm (Music at Rosehead)
Saturday, October 27th FESTIVAL DAY!!
 Downtown Events: 5-K Run 8:00 a.m. King Tree Parade 10:00 a.m. (Jefferson St.)
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 Entertainment 12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

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OCTOBER IS National Breast Cancer AWARENESS MONTH



Your Stories: Judy Pickle recalls her brush with breast cancer

Debbie Snapp
ECB Publishing, Inc.

Judy Pickle is a Survivor! She has survived breast cancer and colon cancer. 27 years ago Judy found a lump in her right breast. She didn't want to believe it was cancer so she blew it off hoping it would just go away. After all, she was in her early 40s and this just couldn't be happening to her, she thought. So, she ignored it.

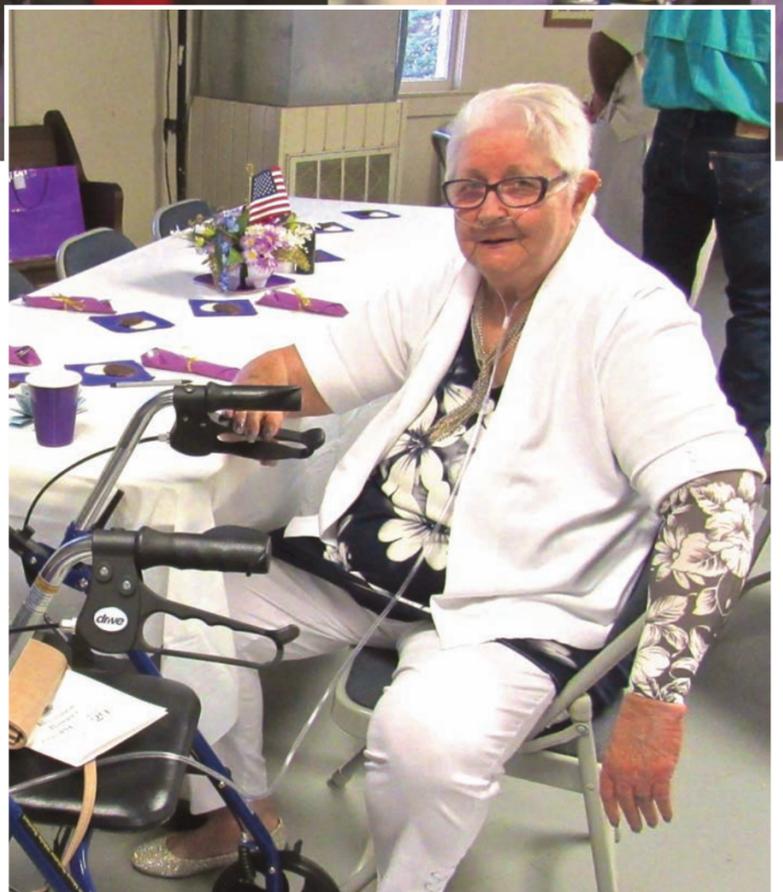
After her doctors recommended she have a mammogram and a sonogram, the results were made clear to her: she had cancer, and she had to do something about it immediately. It was five days before Christmas.

It took 36 radiation treatments over a period of six weeks to rid of the lump, and the removal of 13 lymph nodes to free her of cancer. The discomfort was awful she says, especially because she was still gainfully employed full time. Her employer and co-workers worked with her through the ordeal, but she felt tired and weak all the time.

In 2016, cancer knocked at Judy's door once again. This time she wasted no time accepting it. She went to her doctor and began attacking her enemy immediately. She made the decision to have a radical mastectomy this time. She was older now and reconstructive surgery was not an option. She watched a friend go through reconstruction and knew that it was a long and painful procedure. Something she did not want to go through, not at her age. She never liked wearing a bra anyway, she says.

She and her partner were and still are comfortable with her decision.

After this surgery and six chemo treatments, each three weeks apart, she is cancer-free again. She lost her hair this time but it has grown back. Steroid medications have also helped increase her energy levels



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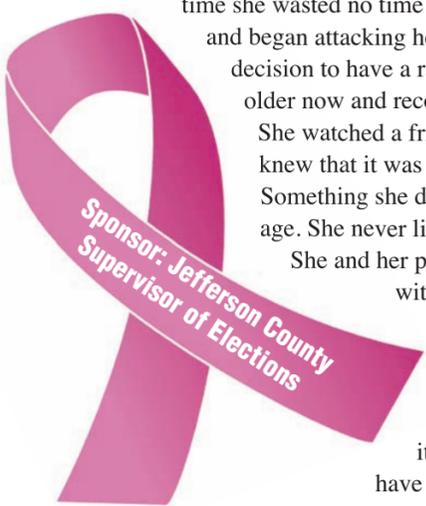
this time around. When asked about how she feels about her ordeal she says, "It's all been so inconvenient."

She adds that she would love to have butterflies tattooed on her chest, but with the blood thinning medicine she's on, "That ain't gonna happen!" She got her first tattoo after her last cancer treatment 27 years ago.

Judy is on oxygen 24/7 now and has been for about a year and a half. The doctors are still doing tests to find out why. It seems the bottom of her lungs are damaged, possibly from the radiation treatments 27 years ago.

She is retired now and living her life as best she can. Enjoying the company of her friends and playing BINGO whenever she can get a friend to go with her. She likes time with friends, and life!

Her philosophy in life is "Life is what it is and with God's help I will continue on my journey."



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**REMINDER: OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH!
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Kimberly Allbritton

Jefferson County Health Department
Administrator, FDOH – Jefferson and Madison
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Attention ladies, this article is a reminder to take a little time off from caring for your loved ones and to care for yourself. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and we want to stress how important it is to perform breast self-exams once a month. Breast exams help to detect breast cancer early, and can increase your chance of finding breast cancer before it spreads.

Since 2010, 26 women in Jefferson County have died due to breast cancer. 20 of the 26 deaths occurred in white, non-Hispanic women and six occurred in black, non-Hispanic women. No Hispanic women have died due to breast cancer in Jefferson County since 2004.

There are risk factors that women cannot change. Consider the following when deciding your personal risk for breast cancer.

The risk for breast cancer increases with age; most breast cancers are diagnosed after age 50.

Women with dense breasts are more likely to get breast cancer. This means your breast has more connective tissue than fatty tissue. It is harder to find breast cancer tumors if breasts are dense.

Women who have had breast cancer are more likely to get breast cancer a second time.

You are at higher risk for breast cancer if your mother, sister or daughter has had breast cancer. Multiple members on either your mother or father's side of the family can also mean an increased risk. Inherited changes (mutations) to certain genes, such as BRCA1 and BRCA2. Women who have inherited the BRCA1 or BRCA2 gene mutation are at higher risk of breast and ovarian cancer.

Women who had radiation therapy to the chest or breasts for other diseases have a higher risk of getting breast cancer later in life.

Women who took the drug diethylstilbestrol (DES), which was given to some pregnant women in the United States between 1940 and 1971 to prevent miscarriage, have a higher risk. Women whose mothers took DES while pregnant with them are also at risk.

There are also risk factors that you can change which can decrease your risk:

Become physically active. Women who are physically active decrease their risk for getting breast cancer.

Maintain a healthy weight. Older women at a healthy weight have less risk of getting breast cancer than women who are overweight or obese.

Discuss hormone therapy and birth control pills with your physician. Some forms of hormone replacement therapy and some birth control pills increase your risk for getting breast cancer.

Pregnant women should breastfeed. Breastfeeding reduces your risk of getting breast cancer.

Limit alcohol. Women who drink alcohol less often reduce their risk for breast cancer.

Research suggests that other factors such as smoking, not having children or not being able to carry a pregnancy to full term may increase breast cancer risk later in life.

We encourage all women to perform self-exams at least monthly. The health department has shower cards available to show you how to do a self-exam. Here are some things to look for; however, all of these listed below can be a sign of problems that are not cancer. If you notice any of these, make an appointment with your physician:

- New lump in the breast or armpit
- Thickening or swelling of part of the breast
- Irritation or dimpling of breast skin
- Redness/flaky skin in the nipple or breast area
- Pulling in of the nipple
- Nipple discharge other than breast milk, including blood
- Any change in the size or shape of the breast
- Pain in any area of the breast

Due to Hurricane Michael, we rescheduled the mobile mammogram unit event to Monday, Oct. 22, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Women's Club in Monticello. There will be a second event in

Greenville on Saturday, Oct. 27, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Hayes Park.

Most insurance is accepted. If you have Medicaid or no insurance, you may qualify for a voucher. Please call us at (850) 342-0170 if you are interested in having a mammogram during these two events.

If you have a low income or do not have insurance and are between the ages of 50 and 64, you may qualify for free or low-cost breast and cervical cancer screenings through the Department of Health Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program. Please call us at (850) 342-0170 or come in to speak with one of our nurses.

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Monticello, FL 32344

Medicare and most other insurance is accepted. Medicaid is not accepted. If you do not have insurance or your insurance does not cover this service, there are vouchers available based on financial eligibility.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

Jefferson County School Board will hold an expulsion meeting, Monday, October 22, 2018 at 5:00 pm, for expulsion #2018-2019-01. The meeting will be held at the district office located at 1490 W. Washington Street, Monticello, Florida 32344. This meeting shall be closed to the public unless parent(s) or guardian chooses otherwise. 10/17

NOTICE OF MEETING OF CITY HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

The City Historic Design Review Board will meet on Thursday, November 1, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at City Hall, 245 S. Mulberry Street, Monticello. Items to be discussed include a city historic property survey and historic district tax incentives. The meeting agenda is available for inspection at City Hall 245 S. Mulberry Street. For further information, contact City Clerk Emily Anderson at 850/342-0292. 10/19

NOTICE

Jefferson County School Board will hold an executive session on Monday, October 22, 2018 at 4:00 pm., The meeting will be held at the district office, located at 1490 W. Washington Street, Monticello, Florida 32344. The following persons will be attending the session: Board members, Sandra Saunders-Chair, Shirley Washington-Vice Chair, Bill Brumfield, Gladys Roann-Watson, Charles Boland, Superintendent, Marianne Arbulu, Attorney Tommy Reeves. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and review the school safety plan. Meeting is closed to the public. 10/17

NOTICE OF VACANCY ON MONTICELLO LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY

The Monticello City Council is seeking to fill a vacancy on the Local Planning Agency. The position is voluntary. Experience or knowledge in community planning, construction, engineering or architecture would be helpful. Board meetings are usually held after 5:00 p.m. on an "as-needed" basis. A letter of interest outlining experience and knowledge should be submitted to City Clerk Emily Anderson, by mail at 245 S. Mulberry Street, Monticello, Florida 32344 or by e-mail at eanderson@mymonticello.net by Monday, September 29, 2108 at 5:00 p.m. 10/10,17,19

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: 18-000043-TD

Certificate Number: 610 Year of Issuance: 2014

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Tim Sanders
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Jefferson County, FL

BY: Sherry Sears, Deputy Clerk

10/5,12,19,26

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Family ties have you pulled in one direction when you may have your eyes focused in another, Libra. With some careful shuffling, you can likely find a balance.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Awkward situations give you the opportunity to think on your feet and find amenable solutions to problems. Don't underestimate the advantages of this skill.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
A few changes may

be heading your way. These are nothing you cannot handle with grace. Look for opportunities for growth with anything that comes your way.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, sometimes the best ideas come when you aren't focused on finding solutions to problems. Keep an open mind and all types of different ideas can arrive.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Certain things are inevitable, Aquarius. But you can adapt to many different situations and make them work for you. Do not be scared off by larger projects on the horizon.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, channel your creative energy into something lucrative

this week. This may be just what you need to turn a passion into a career.

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
If you want to be a pioneer, you have to trust yourself and take some risks. Find ways to expand your social circle and attend as many events as you can.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Do not worry about pleasing everyone, Taurus. Doing so is impossible and will zap you of the energy you need to devote to those who truly matter to you. Value their opinions.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21
You are in an amorous mood this week. Focus your energy on romantic plans. Develop an idea for a dinner as a couple, or a friends' night out with others.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
If you want to improve your bottom line, you may need to seek the advice of a professional. Make an appointment to see how to better manage your funds.

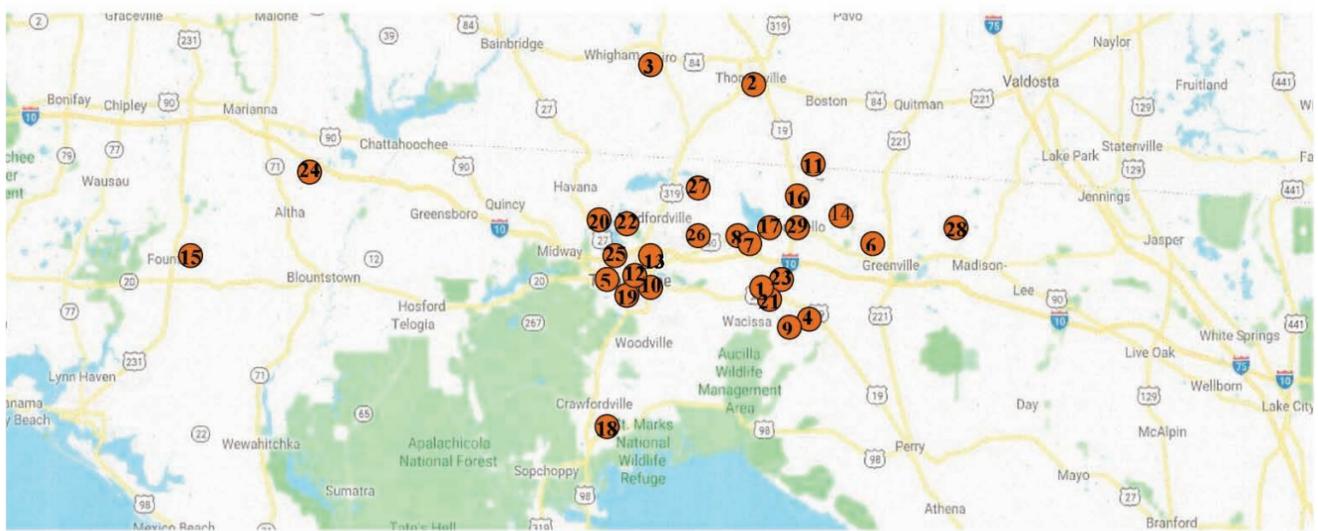
LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, keep close friends close, but see if there are any opportunities to widen your network. Networking is an important skill to master. It could serve you well.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
It is okay to make mistakes if it is a matter of personal growth. Sometimes the most valuable lessons are learned by making a mistake and correcting it.

Farm Tour has been rescheduled!

11th Annual Farm Tour 2018

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Farm Tour 2018

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- 7—Dickerson
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- 9—Earthshine
- 10—Florida Cracker

- 11—Florida/Georgia Citrus
- 12—Frenchtown Farmer's Market
- 13—Frenchtown Urban Farm
- 14—Glendowner
- 15—Glory Shine
- 16—GoldenAcres Ranch
- 17—Johnston's Meat Market
- 18—Just Fruits & Exotics
- 19—Liberty Farm
- 20—Longview

- 21—McClellan Family Farm
- 22—Millstone Plantation
- 23—Monticello Vineyards
- 24—Ocheesee Creamery
- 25—Orchard Pond
- 26—Paradise Found
- 27—Redemptive Love
- 28—Serenity Acres
- 29—Timber Bamboo

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