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After sitting vacant for more than four years, the Harrell Nut Company building was purchased in late March by a multimillion, award-winning Tallahassee company.

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Multimillion-dollar company coming to Monticello

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The large sign outside the former Harrell Nut Company building in the industrial park tells the story: SOLD – it proclaims in bold letters on the NAI Talcor realty sign.

The buyer, Alpha Foundations, is a Tallahassee-headquartered full-service foundation repair company that specializes in residential, commercial and industrial foundation services in north Florida and beyond.

Lisa Scully, marketing director for Alpha Foundations, confirmed the sale on Tuesday, April 23. She said her company purchased the building in late March for \$1.5 million and plans to relocate its operation here by the end of

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the year.

“There are few renovations that we have to do first,” Scully said, adding that the reason for the move was that the company had outgrown its Tallahassee facility.

Did that mean Alpha Foundations would be headquartered in Jefferson County?

It did, Scully said, noting that the company employs a staff of about 100 people, some 60 or 70 who will be coming to this location.

She said the company also foresees additional hirings.

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She said Alpha Foundations looked forward to coming to Jefferson County

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Reams' legal fees will be settled in court

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Strip away the gobbledygook of the legal and actuarial language in the recent seven-page memo from Summit Risk Services to the Jefferson County Commission regarding Clerk of Court Kirk Reams' legal fees and it comes down to the county's insurance carrier declining to cover the costs.

Summit Risk Services describes itself as having partnered with Preferred Governmental Claim Services (PGCS) as a third-party administrator on behalf of the Preferred Governmental Insurance Trust, the county's public liability carrier.



Clerk of Court Kirk Reams

In the memo, Edward A. Kron, of Summit, acknowledges receipt of the commission's request for a determination of coverage relative to reimbursement of Reams' legal fees and costs arising out of the criminal case brought against him by the state and his subsequent successful effort to overturn the Governor's suspension.

Kron likewise acknowledges receipt of the complaint filed by Reams and Attorney David Collins against the county for payment of the legal fees and other costs.

The answer, however, remains the same.

“We have determined that there is no coverage for this loss under the Public Official Liability Coverage Plan,” Kron basically states.

County Attorney Scott Shirley gave commissioners a simplified version of the seven-page memo on Thursday evening, April 18. He noted that Summit had reviewed the county's claim twice, once prior to litigation being filed, and again as a consequent of the lawsuit that Reams and Collins filed.

“It made no difference that the lawsuit was filed,” Shirley said. “They are still denying coverage.”

The main reason for the denial, he said, was that the claim arises out of an allegation of criminal activity. And even though Reams had been exonerated of the charge, it was Summit's position that it was still an allegation of criminal activity, which was expressly excluded from the policy.

The claim also, Shirley said, arguably arises out of a contractual agreement that Reams has with

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City readies to revise sidewalk ordinance

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Monticello City Council members now have in hand a rough draft of the revised sidewalk ordinance for their review and expected action in May.

The revisions – which largely reflect the changes that downtown merchants recommended – replace about three pages of the original ordinance.

The revisions address the placement of obstructions and encroachments on streets, sidewalks and public rights-of-way, which obstructions and encroachments it forbids, with the exception of specified permitted uses in the downtown business district.

These permitted uses are retail

merchandise and decorative displays and restaurant tables and seating, specifically limited to commercial establishments that abut sidewalks.

The revisions do away with the temporary permit and its related requirements. In its place is a single sentence stating that “The owner of the business where such activities take place must execute an indemnification and hold harmless agreement with the city and must provide evidence of liability insurance, in an amount determined by the city, with the city named as an additional insured.”

The revisions maintain the basic requirements on merchandise and decorative displays, such as that displays must be parallel to the abutting business front entrance, may



occupy no more than 60 percent of the building's sidewalk frontage and allow an unimpeded pedestrian path of 42 inches minimum.

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Did you know?
Bats take care of us. They're a big part of the reasons why we can enjoy bananas, avocados and tequila, because their guano spreads seeds that help to pollinate at least 300 fruits.

Weather for this weekend

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Deb's Notes

Drop a note to: debbiesnapp@embarqmail.com

• **Happy Anniversary** today to Barbara and Jack Wirick!

• **Hallelujah Sunday** will be celebrated at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 28 at Springfield AME Church, 1734 Piney Woods Road. Guest preachers will be Rev. Ronnie Johnson with Memorial Missionary Baptist Church and Rev.



Debbie Snapp
Columnist

Annie Byrd Farlin with Vision of Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Thomasville, GA.

The program theme will be "Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord." (Psalms 150:6). Church Pastor Rev. Gloria A. Cox welcomes the community to come visit with others

together in the Name of the Lord. For more information and directions call (850) 879-4425 or (850) 997-5400.

• There is a **'Safe Infant Sleep Project'** getting underway for African American pregnant women in Jefferson and Madison counties.

Black babies are two times more likely to die from SIDS than White babies. Participation in this study will help researchers to understand why this is by learning about the sleep practices of moms and babies. This will help to keep babies safe while they sleep. Participants will be asked to fill out a questionnaire; they should be at least 18 years of age; and be within their eight or ninth month of pregnancy. If you are interested in receiving up to \$50 call, text or email Marie at (912) 515-1172 or mdenisluque@fsu.edu because every baby deserves a Healthy Start.

• **The Florida Peanut Producers Association (FPPA) announces the opening of its 2019 Scholarship Award Program.** Two \$1,200 scholarships will be awarded to deserving high school seniors and/or college students. The applicant, or someone in the applicants family must be an actively producing peanut grower, not necessarily a member of the FPPA. Each winner will receive \$600 when the scholarship winners are announced. The remaining \$600 will be awarded after the completion of one semester and documentation of passing grades is submitted to the FPPA office. The FPPA is committed to helping further the education of young people in Florida and the scholarship program is evidence of its commitment. The FPPA welcomes all applicants. The final selection will be made by the committee, and all applicants will be notified by mail, as will the scholarship winners. For an application contact the FPPA office located at 2741 Penn Ave., Suite 1, Marianna, FL. 32448, call (850) 526-2590 or you can print the application off the FPPA website at fpeanuts.com. The application must be returned/postmarked by July 1, 2019.

• **Pas de Vie Ballet presents its annual performance of Spotlight on Dance** featuring original choreography as well as traditional works. The vibrant mixed repertoire performance will be held Friday, May 17 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, May 18 at 2:30 p.m. in Lee Hall at FA&M University. Reserved seating tickets are \$15 for children, students, seniors and \$25 for adults and are available at pasdevieballet.com or at the theatre one hour before each performance. The annual Children's Performance featuring the beloved symphonic fairy tale, Peter and the Wolf performed with a live orchestra will be held Friday, May 17 at 10:30 a.m. also in Lee Hall. This educational presentation, approximately one hour in length, includes a glimpse of the action 'behind the scenes' and a short question/answer session with the choreographers and dancers. General seating tickets are \$10, \$8 for a group of 10 or more and are available at pasdevieballet.com or at the theatre one hour before the performance. Contact Pas de Vie Ballet at (850) 290-2247.

• **KidsFest, sponsored by Kids Incorporated of the Big Bend**, will get underway at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 4. Admission is free with over 100 free children's activities. There will be live music and refreshments will be available for sale until 3 p.m.

Reporter's Corner: For such a time as this



Ashley Hunter
Columnist

"...And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?" (Esther 4:14).

The Biblical account of Esther is one of the most popular, well-known accounts of a Biblical heroine.

Everyone who has spent any time at all in Sunday school or browsed through a child's illustrated Bible knows of Esther's bravery, of her voice against wrongdoing and of her stand for what is true and good.

Esther 4:14 and it's rallying cry of "for such a time as this" is well-known – but here within the last couple months, this verse has become increasingly important to me.

Like all living, breathing adults (or just human beings in general), I have experienced things in my past that were perhaps less than ideal. There are experiences that I likely would not have put into plan for myself if someone had sat down next to me and asked: "how do you want your life to go?"

But that is the thing about living – you don't get to plan it.

Sure, you can plan what you are going to have for breakfast, or whether you go to the beach on Saturday, but the big-events, the ones that shape and mold you into the person who you will be, those are as unplanned and unpredictable as anything could possibly be.

And those events, those things about my history of living that I'm less than happy about?

Those things have also shaped me.

I am blessed to be a listener; I can listen easily to people. I might not have the best words of wisdom and comfort, but I can listen easily and well to those who just need an understanding nod, a cup of hot tea, and someone to care.

I enjoy that aspect about myself, I am proud of that spiritual gift of being able to listen completely to others as well as the ability I possess to understand the things people don't say.

I can judge a room's tensions fairly well; I can understand the emotions behind the words of those who are hurting.

But despite the fact that I would not ever change the gift God has given me, I recently realized that I was regretting every opportunity I had in my past to grow and

culture that spiritual gift.

As a young teenager, I never had a "cliche" of my own; the girls I knew weren't interested in being around me and I – more often than not – sat with the older ladies at church or social events, listening to their conversations and soaking up their words.

Often, I knew the friends of my mother better than their daughters.

Of course, this was less than ideal – but it also meant that I learned how to sit quietly and let someone else tell the story; I learned how to listen with no other intention but to hear the other person; I learned that sometimes a pause between words can say more than any sentence can.

But for years, I felt bitter towards the girls of my age who excluded me in our youth, who let me sit on the sidelines of their social circle.

I never once connected the dots and realized that if I had been allowed to grow up alongside them, and not quietly bloom on my own, I would be a very different person than who I am today.

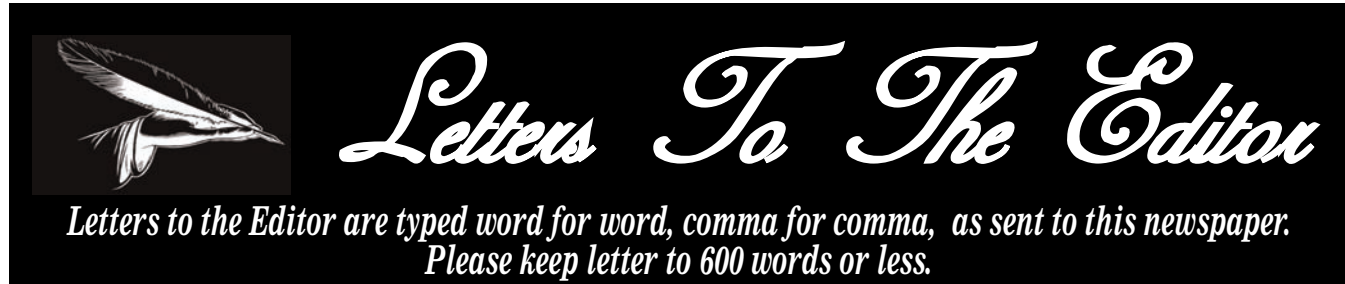
I think often about Esther – not the queen of the Persian Ahasuerus, but the little Jewish Hadassah who existed long before a crown was put on her head. I don't believe Esther suddenly became brave, or that she suddenly knew what she had to do to make things right; Esther wasn't just suddenly aware of the bad treatment of her people or of those who would harm her.

Esther's daily experiences as Hadassah shaped her into being the Biblical heroine who remains as beloved and well-known as she was then.

How many times did Hadassah experience something less than ideal, and wish it were not so – not knowing that every experience, every moment of her life was building up to a loud crescendo that would save the lives of her people?

For me, "for such a time as this" means more than being plopped, without preparation or understanding, in an unfamiliar environment, not knowing how to proceed. For me, "for such a time as this" means that with every experience, every struggle, every joy and tribulation, I am being prepared for something in my future, I am being given a tool, a skill, an understanding so that someday I will be ready for the time to which I have been called.

I might not be destined to marry a Persian king and save my people from a massacre, but with each less-than-ideal scenario, I will seek to stop looking at it as a difficulty, and instead consider it as a training exercise for the time that will, eventually, come to pass.



Big Bend Hospice - Jefferson County Advisory Council to hold its Joyful Noise Dinner

Joyful Noise has become a well-attended and anticipated event in our County. We appreciate the support for Big Bend Hospice (BBH) that has been provided for our community for many years. We are pleased to announce that all proceeds from the 2019 Joyful Noise will be utilized to construct a new Big Bend Hospice Facility in downtown Monticello. Property on U.S. 19 (adjacent to the Gerry Medical Center) has been purchased and the selection of the contractor is underway. This facility will enhance Big Bend Hospice's ability to serve the needs of our community.

Joyful Noise sponsorships and tickets are currently available through all BBH Advisory Council members and at Carrie Ann & Company on U.S. 90. We promise this event will provide an excellent dinner, outstanding music by the Purvis Brothers, and an exciting live auction. We hope you will join us for a high energy and exciting evening. Tickets are available for \$30 per person, with sponsorship minimums at \$250. Tickets

are being sold now, and we encourage you to secure your ticket(s) and sponsorship(s) as soon as possible.

When you serve on an advisory council, you want to ensure that the organization you represent is fulfilling its vision and mission statement. Without any doubt, our Advisory Council believes BBH is meeting all of these, as well as accomplishing its short-term and long-term goals. We can say this because we consistently see the heart and soul of this organization and have the privilege to work with an outstanding team of professionals whose goal is to meet the needs of those individuals facing their end of life, as well as assisting their families and care givers. BBH ensures patients and families live as comfortably as possible by managing pain and providing compassionate care. Thanks to generous community support, BBH offers a wide range of services. In addition to outstanding medical care, these include music therapy care and art therapy, grief support for children and adults, spiritual care, end-of-

life planning, and support for Veterans and caregivers. Patients receive care wherever they live – in their own home, in a nursing home, in the hospital, or in an assisted living facility. The Margaret Z. Dozier House in Tallahassee is also available for continuous care and respite.

If you have not utilized BBH's services for yourself or a loved one, chances are you will one day. Our goal is to secure that the assistance of BBH is available to you. It is important to note that in the years of its service, BBH has never turned anyone away because they could not afford services. With the assistance of our community, BBH never will. Whether a contribution is time, talent or money, you can make a difference for your community by supporting BBH.

We ask you to consider supporting Big Bend Hospice and assist us in funding our new BBH facility. We hope to visit with you during our Joyful Noise celebration.

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and getting involved in the local community.

“We're excited,” Scully said. “As I said, we've outgrown our Tallahassee facility. We didn't have a special area that we wanted to move to. We saw this building and it fit our longterm needs. We really are excited.”

A multimillion award-winning company founded in 2002, Alpha Foundations specializes in leveling foundations, stabilizing structures and repairing cracked, bowing and buckling foundation walls, as well as repairing crawl spaces, seawalls and

sinkholes. Its current service area extends from Jacksonville on Florida's east coast to Mobile, AL, on the west; and from the Macon, GA, area on the north to the Gainesville area in central Florida.

Commissioner Stephen Fulford, who, with a few other key individuals, has informally led the local economic development effort since the demise of the Economic Development Council, welcomed the addition, but conceded his group had no involvement in the decision.

“We had nothing to do with it,” Fulford said. “But we're glad to have them. It's a great addition to the industrial park. And it's good to see the

Harrell Nut building finally being put into active use.”

The Harrell Nut Company building has been vacant since 2014. The Georgia company moved here with much fanfare in 2012, after constructing the building at the industrial park and promising to bring 50 full-time jobs upfront and growing that number to 180 at peak. Harrell Nut, however, never achieved its much-vaunted goal. Barely two years after coming here, it was acquired by Golden Peanut and Tree Nut, a Fortune 500 Company and a subsidiary of the Chicago-based Archer Daniels Midland Company (ADM). Soon thereafter, Golden shuttered the

operation.

Meanwhile, in other industrial park news, construction is moving forward rapidly on a building just west of what is to be the Alpha Foundations headquarters. The building under construction will be occupied by an electrical contracting company that is also relocating from Tallahassee.

By the terms of the agreement that the Jefferson County officials and the business owners signed in January 2019, the company must employ a minimum of 10 employees within 24 months and must remain viable for a minimum of 10 years or it forfeits the \$40,000 incentive the county provided in the form of a two-acre parcel.

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his attorney, and that is also excluded – claims arising out of contractual obligations.

“And some other basis that I thought were weak,” he said, without going into the details.

His recommendation, he said, was that the board ask Paul Dawson, of Preferred Governmental Insurance Trust, to explain his earlier statements to Commissioner Stephen Walker. Which comments, Shirley said, had either been misunderstood, misinterpreted or not clearly communicated. Dawson supposedly advised that the board, through Walker, not bother discussing the lawsuit and simply refer it to the insurance carrier for a determination.

Shirley also recommended that the board hold an executive session with the outside counsel who is defending the county in the lawsuit. He advised the session be scheduled at the board's May meeting, by which time the county's response to the lawsuit would have been filed in court. The board, he said, could discuss litigation strategy at the executive

session.

The reason that neither Shirley or Attorney Buck Bird are representing the county is that both are claiming a conflict because of their relationship with both Reams and the board.

Reams and Collins filed their lawsuit against the county on March 28, seeking payment of the legal fees arising out of Reams' criminal and civil cases in 2018. The lawsuit, in brief, asks the court to order the county to pay the Collins Law Firm more than \$100,000 in legal fees, accrued interest and other related costs stemming from the two cases.

More specifically, the lawsuit seeks not only the \$114,163 in combined legal fees from the criminal and civil cases, but also the interest from Jan. 11, 2018 (when Reams was exonerated on the criminal charges) and from Dec. 1, 2018 (when he was reinstated to office), plus the costs arising from the current proceedings.

The lawsuit argues that the criminal charges against Reams and his subsequent suspension by the Governor arose out of the performance of the former's official duties. Hence, goes the argument,

Reams was entitled to a defense, and having been exonerated of the criminal charges and later reinstated by the Governor, he is entitled to have the county pay his legal fees.

A separate motion from Reams and Collins asks for recusal or disqualification of the judiciary in the Second Circuit Court, arguing that Reams may not receive a fair hearing because of his work relationship vis-a-vis the circuit's chief judge.

Former Governor Rick Scott suspended Reams from office in October 2017 after the latter was charged with petit theft for allowing his former girlfriend to use a county-owned laptop for her personal use for almost a year without authorization. In January 2018, a local jury exonerated Reams of the charge. Still, the Governor and Florida Senate refused to hold a hearing either to reinstate or remove him from office permanently.

Reams sued Scott and the Senate President in federal court in March 2018, arguing that he was been denied due process. The federal court agreed, and in December 2018, Scott signed an order reinstating Reams to office.

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“Placement of the display must adhere to the requirements of the ADA and all other applicable standards and not obstruct the storefront entrance or corner sight visibility,” the language states.

The revisions specifically allows advertising signage in outdoor display area to include “sandwich signs.”

In terms of benches, tables, seats and floral decorations on the sidewalk, the ordinance continues to

allow these, provided that they don't violate ADA requirements and conform to the stated stipulations.

Otherwise, the document remains largely unchanged.

The council has scheduled the revised ordinance for a first review and public hearing on Tuesday evening, May 7. Ordinances require two public hearings for adoption.

Officials are hopeful that by doing away with the permit requirement in particular, it will put an end to the issue of merchants' noncompliance with the ordinance.

The merchants themselves proposed the solution in a recent meeting with Councilwoman Julie Conley and Leinback.

“We need to put this to bed,” Conley told the council on March 5, reminding her colleagues that they had been tinkering with the ordinance for more than two years, trying to find a way to make the merchants comply.

She then introduced the merchants recommendations, which essentially consisted of doing away with the \$25 permit and permit

application requirements.

Officials have maintained all along that the purpose of the ordinance was not to penalize merchants or make money for the city, but rather to spur economic development by attracting more visitors and activity in the downtown area.

In the same vein, the council also discussed placing historically appropriate signage around certain areas of town to direct traffic to off main street businesses and the ecological park and other city assets.

Bill Briefing:



Driving while using an electronic device

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Under current Florida law, it is illegal to text while driving. However, if Senate Bill 76 passes (SB76), any use of an electronic communication device will be prohibited while driving. This would include looking at

or listening to such a device while driving. Cell phones are the obvious target here, but a laptop using a hot spot would also be problematic, as would any device that can be used to send messages, such as Kindles.

Lawmakers were in agreement that the current law does not do enough to

stem the growing tide of drivers who are distracted by their phones while driving. Right now, law enforcement officers are not allowed to stop a driver for texting unless some other infraction has occurred. SB76 would also expand officers' abilities to secure phone records for evidence in cases involving

injury or death that are possibly related to distracted driving. First-time offenders may also be required to attend wireless communications device driving safety programs.

The new bill will also allow for drivers to be stopped if they are holding an electronic communication

device while driving. Only hands-free cellphone use will be allowed under the provisions of the latest bill, which was sent to the Special Order Calendar for further consideration on Tuesday, April 23.

ECB Publishing, Inc. will provide updates on the bill's progress as it develops.

Hurricane Michael reclassified; deemed a Category 5

John Willoughby
ECB Publishing, Inc.

More than six months after the devastation caused by Hurricane Michael, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) is officially reclassifying the storm as a Category 5, following post-storm analysis finds evidence of sustained 160 mph winds. The originally-thought landfall category was a Category 4.

The catastrophic storm that ravaged the Florida panhandle formed over the central and western Caribbean Sea, swallowing the remains of Tropical Storm Kirk at the beginning of October 2018.

According to a report by NOAA's National Hurricane Center experts John L. Beven II, Robbie Berg and Andrew Hagen, a slight northeastward turn resulted in the eye making landfall as a category 5 on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale, near Tyndall Air Force Base, southeast of Panama City Beach, FL. Landfall was made on Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2018, and was responsible for 16 direct deaths. Upon weakening as the system moved northeast, Hurricane Michael dissipated on Monday, Oct. 15, 2018, west of northern Portugal.

Associated with 43 currently-known indirect deaths in Florida, approximately 1,584 buildings in

Mexico Beach, FL. were reported damaged; 809 were destroyed. In the metropolitan region of Panama City, FL., more than 45,000 structures were damaged. Two hospitals in Bay County were among the 1,500 structures destroyed. Including multiple structures damaged in Florida, Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia, the total damage estimates to \$25 billion.

Locally, power outages and scattered debris were the result of moderate winds as Jefferson County caught the tail of storm bands.

The highest wind experienced in Jefferson County was approximately 50-60 mph, compared with 70-80

mph winds experienced in Tallahassee, FL.

This upgrade makes Michael the first Category 5 hurricane to hit the United States since the 1992 devastation caused by Hurricane Andrew. Hurricane Michael is only the fourth Category 5 storm to make landfall on record.

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MAJOR PICKENS BIRD CAMP #1327 THE SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS ANNOUNCE

* On Sunday, April 28 at 2 p.m. the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the United Daughters of the Confederacy will have a Memorial Service at the Old Monticello Cemetery. The public is invited.

* The Sons of Confederate Veterans purpose is to honor and preserve the history, legacy, honor, and patriotism of the Confederate soldier and the Southern Cause.

• Over 50,000 civilians were killed during the war, with most being from the South.

* Over 14,000 Floridians entered Confederate Services and over 5,000 died from wounds or disease.

* Over 290,000 soldiers died while serving the Confederacy versus 365,000 for the Union.

* The south put 82% of its male population into Confederate Service compared to 37% for the Union.

Obituaries

Melinda Heins Ramsey

Melinda Heins Ramsey passed away on Tuesday, April 23, 2019.

She was born in Jacksonville, FL on Aug. 26, 1946, and she lived in the Tallahassee area after 1985.

She leaves behind her very close friends and beloved cats and dogs. Melinda was an involved animal activist and supported many agencies

throughout the world. She will be sorely loved and missed forever.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 27, at the Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery, in Monticello.

Arrangements are being handled by Beggs Funeral Home in Monticello.

Mattie R. Story Boland



Mattie R. Story Boland, age 88, of Wacissa, passed away peacefully in her sleep around 2:20 a.m. on Tuesday,

April 23, 2019, at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital (TMH). She was surrounded by her loving family. She received many visits and calls by family and friends.

Born Aug. 8, 1930, in Jefferson County, she was the daughter of James Bird Roach Story and Mary Elizabeth Tharp Story.

She was a compassionate, kindhearted and hardworking woman who always put others first. She was a loving, dedicated wife for 64 years and a wonderful mother. She talked a lot about her memories working at TMH as a nurse's aide. She also worked at Rose Printing Company, S&H Green Stamp Store, and the Leon County school system.

She loved bright colors and all things that sparkled. She loved going to the beach, the flea market, cooking for the family, riding the golf cart down to the pond to go fishing, tending to her dogs, cats and chickens, and playing and swimming

in her pool.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Wilton Boland and her sisters, Mary Irene (William Clark), Rochelle (James Bailey) and Lilly Florence (Pete Spratt). She lived a happy life dedicated to God and her family, including: her husband Wilton Boland; their son Donnie Boland; their daughter Connie Boland Lord (husband Bobby); her grandchildren: Jimmy Boland (Monica), Danny Boland, Debra Boland-Mims (Jeff), Tamela Lord-Penrod, Tasha Lord (Shawn), Tara Lord (Billy), Tyler Boland and Trevor Boland (Caitlin); great-grandchildren: Charlie, Kyle, Airon, Wesley, Mallory, Hunter, Thomas, Heidi and Owen; great-great-grandchildren: Jonce, Elizabeth, Abigail, Marcus, Aza, Cole, Siren; and numerous nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, April 26, at Wacissa Pentecostal Holiness Church with the family receiving friends an hour prior to the service. Burial will follow at Beth Page Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Wacissa Pentecostal Church (152 Tram Rd., Monticello, FL 32344) or Big Bend Hospice House (1723 Mahan Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32308).

Honor A Grad

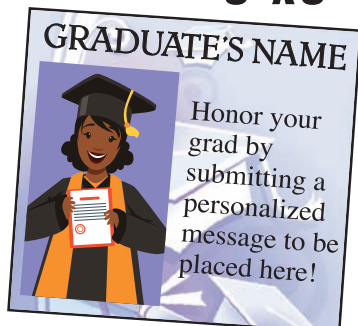


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What better way to honor a high school graduate than in print? For just \$39, you can pay tribute to a son, daughter, niece, nephew or friend in the Monticello News. To place your personal message by phone, call Justice at (850) 997-3568 prior to May 15 or complete the order form below and send it in, along with:

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Sierra Anderson visits Chamber, represents Rick Scott



Photo Submitted

Sierra Anderson is a representative for Senator Rick Scott. She spoke briefly to the Chamber membership during their March meeting, updating them on the positive changes happening at his office and sharing about what is coming for the state of Florida, and how these changes will impact Jefferson County.

Community News

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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April 26

Christ Episcopal Church Food Share distribution from 8 to 10:30 a.m. on the last Friday at 425 N. Cherry St. Contact Susan Craig at (850) 841-0842 for more information.

April 26-27

USDA Commodities Food Program and Second Harvest Food Bank together with the churches of New Bethel AME, Mt. Pleasant AME, Elizabeth MB, Hickory Hill MB and Philadelphia MB will provide food to those needing assistance monthly at 8 a.m. on the fourth Saturday with distribution at the New Bethel AME Church, 6496 Ashville Hwy. Volunteers are also needed on Friday evening before at 6 p.m. to help bag the food packages. Contact Nellie Randell at (850) 997-5605 or Jackie Harvey at (850) 997-8410 to volunteer or for more information about this program. Rev. Jimmie F. Dickey, New Bethel church pastor.

April 26-27

Monticello Tabernacle of Praise Ministries will host an April Praise-A-Bration beginning with a Friday Night Musical at 7:30 p.m. featuring choirs and musical groups and a Saturday Night Church Program at 7 p.m. with Dr. Kenneth Dupree from Gainesville. Rev. Elder Willie C. Cuyler, Sr. is church pastor.

April 27

The Big Spring Clean is a day of beautification in downtown Monticello beginning at 8 a.m. on Saturday (rain date is May 4). Volunteers and donations are needed. Check in at the hospitality tent on East Dogwood Street. Contact coordinator Michele for more information at (850) 614-0130.

April 27

Union Branch Missionary Baptist Church will honor and thank Elect Lady Belle Presley for her dedicated service at 3 p.m. on Saturday at 9701 Wadesboro Rd., in Tallahassee. For more information call (850) 590-1267. Rev. Terry Presley is church pastor, (850) 509-3351.

April 27

Jefferson Arts has on display in the gallery its annual 'Student Art Show', on exhibit through May 1 and open for viewing during regular gallery hours, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or you may call (850) 997-3311 for an appointment. The Jefferson Arts Gallery is located at 575 W. Washington St. in Monticello.

April 27

Enjoy baby animals, a field of wildflowers, farm tours and barrel train rides at Aunt Louise's Farm. In addition, an extra special event will be the tethered hot air balloon rides! The farm will be open from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Admission to the farm is \$8 per person, and children under age three are free. Aunt Louise's Farm is located at 8101 Waukeenah Hwy., in Monticello.

April 27-28

Casa Bianca Missionary Baptist Church Choir will celebrate its anniversary with a Music Extravaganza at 7 p.m. on Saturday. All choirs, soloists and groups are invited to come join the program. On Sunday at 11 a.m. Pastor Tony Jackson and the Magnolia Missionary Baptist Church from Hahira GA will be in charge of the program. Rev. Tobbie Berrian, III is church pastor.

April 28

Philadelphia AME Church will celebrate its 132nd anniversary at 3 p.m. on Sunday with guest speaker Bishop Anthony Webster from Tallahassee. For more information contact Eddie Gallon, Jr. at (850) 567-8002.

April 28

Elizabeth African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2728 Thompson Valley Road, will celebrate Men's Day at 11 a.m. on Sunday with Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Carlton Taylor, presiding elder. Rev. Stefon McBride, church pastor.

April 28

Shiloh AME Church, in Aucilla, will be celebrating their annual Family and Friends Day on April 28, at 3 p.m. The guest speaker for this occasion will be Rev. James Redmon along with Mt. Morilla MB Church Choir.

April 29

Family Heirs' Property in North Florida workshop series will be held on Monday, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the VFW Post 251, 910 Mammie Scott Dr. (the old Jefferson Elementary building). For more information contact Sandra H. Thompson at (850) 997-3546 or sandra.thompson@fam.u.edu.

April 29

Jefferson County Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. every Monday at the Health Department Annex, 1225 W. Washington St., for a program and meeting. For more information contact Lion June at (850) 997-1754.

Cleanup Day at New Bethel AME scheduled for April 27

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New Bethel AME Church Pallbearer Society Lodge #2 will host a Cleanup Day, beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 27 at the New Bethel Cemetery, located off North Salt Road.

Everybody who has loved ones buried in the cemetery are

especially asked to come and participate.

This is a cleanup of love for those who have moved on before us. Please plan to help.

For more information contact Bro. David Alexander, president, at (850) 997-3242 or (850) 999-5442. Rev.

Jimmie F. Dickey is the church pastor.



Annual Depot Day at Historic Lloyd Depot

Ashley Hunter
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On Saturday, May 4, the historic Lloyd Depot, located at 8781 Old Lloyd Rd., will be presenting its annual open house from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The free event is open to the public and hosted by the local branch of the Gulf Wind Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society.

As with the other open house events that have been hosted during previous years, the Gulf Winds Chapter will display various railroad artifacts and memorabilia that is unique to the history of the Lloyd station.

In addition to the displayed artifacts, there will be a restored 1938 Fairmont motorcar, original station equipment, and some displays that will pertain to the depot's continued restoration.

Nearing noon, Gulf Winds will have grilled hot



dogs and soft drinks available for the event's attendees.

For more about the Gulf Wind Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society, you can visit gulfwindnrhs.org or on Facebook at [facebook.com/GulfWindNRHS](https://www.facebook.com/GulfWindNRHS).

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American Government Essay Contest deadline is May 1

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Keystone Federated Republican Women (KFRW) is conducting its first American Government Essay Contest for Jefferson County middle and high school students, for the 2018-2019 School Year.

All Jefferson County students currently enrolled at Jefferson Somerset Academy, Jefferson County Adult School, Florida Virtual Instruction Program, Aucilla Christian Academy, Franklin Academy and registered homeschooled students are eligible to enter this essay contest.

Middle School students in grades sixth to eighth must compose a 400-600 word essay on the topic, *'What do you need to know and do in order to fulfill your responsibilities as an American citizen?'* As part of your essay, explain why the knowledge and duties are important to our democracy

and use historical examples of citizens who meet your criteria you have set forth.

High School students in grades ninth to twelve must compose a 600-1000 word essay on the following topic, *'Describe, define and contrast socialism, communism and the United States' constitutional republic form of government with an economy based on capitalism.'* As part of your essay, students are asked to provide historical examples of each form of government and what impact that form of government has had on the economic prosperity and political freedom of their citizens.

The essay requirements are:

- The essay is to be typed using black type in a non-script font no smaller than 12 point and no larger than 14 point, and double spaced.
- The essay must have a bibliography listing references utilized, including a list of any

internet resources. If internet resources are used, add the electronic address used to access the document.

- A separate cover sheet must accompany the essay.
- Do not include your name or the school's name on any of the pages of the essay.

The essays will be judged on quality of analysis, quality of research and writing ability and mechanics (punctuation, grammar.)

The essays must be postmarked no later than May 1, 2019 and mailed to:

KFRW, P.O. Box 45
Monticello, FL 32345

KFRW will recognize the writers of the top three winning essays for each topic. First Place Winners will receive an Award Certificate and \$100. Second Place Winners will receive an Award Certificate and \$50. Third Place Winners will receive an Award Certificate and \$30.

Winners will be announced in mid-May. An Award Ceremony will follow.

If you have questions or need additional information, contact Gretchen Wallace at (850) 997-1968 or Lynn Stafford at (850) 491-8755 or visit kfrwfl.org/kfrw-1st-annual-essay-contest/.

Help clean up the Monticello Ecological Park this weekend



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo By Ashley Hunter, April 24, 2019

The Monticello Ecological Park, one of Monticello's most beautiful and natural parks, has become choked with litter and debris – but a seventh grade student is planning and hosting a clean up of the park this weekend in order to return the park to its natural beauty.

Ashley Hunter
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Positioned off Water Street, at the intersection of Seminole Street, the Monticello Ecological Park is a nature abode for visitors and residents of Monticello alike.

The park is at least 20 acres of old growth forest, with the varieties of pine and hardwoods being home to turkeys, warblers, hawks, owls and many other song birds.

In addition to the beautiful forest, the ecological park provides a nature trail that winds its way through the gorgeous terrain.

The nature trail includes exercises stations and a wooden boardwalk over a bubbling spring-fed stream.

This “urban forest” nestled into Monticello is a prize gem of the city.

However, a local seventh grade student, Louis Dearman, who frequents the Monticello Ecological Park, has noticed that the natural beauty of the park's wild forest has become tainted with trash, litter and debris.

“Every time I went to the park, it really bugged me due to the amount of litter and large pieces of trash that I saw,” said Dearman.

A student at Tallahassee's Magnolia School, Dearman said that it was a school project that opened his eyes to the ways he could help improve and promote the Monticello Ecological Park.

With assistance from his parents, Dearman has been organizing and will host a special cleaning project that will focus on removing the trash and litter from the ecological park.

This clean-up session will be held on Saturday, April 27, and Dearman says the cleaning squad plans to start their efforts at around 8 a.m. and continue until they are done.

“When I got an opportunity to do

this as a school project, I really jumped on it,” said Dearman.

The cleaning session will include walking around the park, cleaning up litter and any large trash items.

Dearman advises that the spring-fed stream that runs through the ecological park has also accumulated trash and debris, so he suggests that those coming to assist in the cleaning project bring a sturdy pair of waterproof boots.

Dearman and his parents are planning to supply some gloves, cleaning items and insect repellent, but also encourage volunteers with their own repellent or gloves to bring their items as well.

As the clean up will be taking place through the majority of the day, volunteers are encouraged to bring a packed meal.

Volunteers for the park clean up will need to contact Dearman's team at eco.park.cleanup@gmail.com or Dearman's mother, Esther Warrendorf at (850) 491-2973 in order to sign up for this project.

Volunteer waivers will need to be signed, and this will be a community-service-hours friendly event.

“Monticello Ecological Park is choked with litter. You can help!” says Dearman.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

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Law enforcement carries the flame for the special olympics

ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo
By Ashley Hunter, April 15, 2019
The three law enforcement agencies of Jefferson County ran for almost a mile, starting at the Courthouse Circle and ending at the Winn-Dixie parking lot plaza. While all three agencies participated in the run, the event was organized and planned by the Jefferson Correctional Institution.



Photo Courtesy of Catherine Tuten
On Monday, April 15, the Jefferson Correctional Institution, the Monticello Police Department and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office carried the torch through Jefferson County as part of the Law Enforcement Torch Run, which is held each year to benefit the athletes of Special Olympics Florida. Pictured are the officers, deputies and staff members of the three agencies.

Ashley Hunter
ECB Publishing, Inc.

Law enforcement officers from the three Jefferson County-based agencies gathered at the courthouse in Monticello on Monday, April 15.

Dressed in matching special Olympics t-shirts, the deputies, correctional officers and police officers gathered with one specific cause in mind – carrying the torch for the Florida Special Olympics.

The torch and flame are iconic and enduring links between the ancient and modern Olympic games; the lighting or carrying of the flame remains an integral part of the modern Olympics, just as much as it was in Ancient Olympia when the now world-renowned games began.

In ancient Greece, athletes and onlookers to the Olympics believed that the torch carried a sacred flame that was lit from the sun's rays.

Today, the flame and its torch are more iconic than truly symbolic, but all the same, the act of carrying the flame in any form of the Olympics is still a worthy goal.

On March 14-21, the 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games was held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, but on Friday, May 17, Florida will host their State Summer Games for the Special Olympics.

The Special Olympics is a global movement that seeks to provide an opportunity for inclusion, where every person is welcomed and challenged, regardless of their abilities or disabilities.

Whether it is the world or state-wide games, the Special Olympics provides a platform for people of all abilities to compete in the sports that joins the world together.

Each year, beginning months before the Florida Special Olympic games are held, the Olympic torch is carried by local and state law enforcement officers all the way to the Opening Ceremony of Florida's annual State Summer Games.

Known as "The Law Enforcement Torch Run," the run began nationally in 1981 when a former Wichita, KS police chief created the event with the hope of helping law enforcement officials become more active in their community and support their local Special Olympic games.

In Florida, the Law Enforcement Torch Run is the largest fund-raising event for the state's Special Olympics.

All throughout the state, police chiefs, officers, sheriffs, deputies, agents and cadets from virtually every branch of federal, state, county and municipal law enforcement gather to carry the torch and run in honor of the games.

Funds for the state's Special Olympics are raised for the games through the sale of the Torch Run clothing and local fundraising events.

Florida's Law Enforcement Torch Run began at the end of March, with Escambia County's law enforcement taking the torch first on March 25.

From there, the torch passed into the hands of Santa Rosa County law enforcement (March 26), Okaloosa County law enforcement (March 27) and Walton County law enforcement (March 28).

Throughout the end of March and beginning of April, the torch made its way through the counties until reaching Madison County on April 12, then Jefferson County on April 15.

Beginning at 9 a.m., the law enforcement officers who serve and protect Jefferson County through the Monticello Police Department (MPD), Jefferson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) and Jefferson Correctional Institution (JCI) gathered at the Courthouse Circle in Monticello to begin their leg of the Torch Run.

Beginning at the Courthouse Circle, the staff and law enforcement officers from Jefferson County's three agencies progressed down South Jefferson Street for almost a mile before ending their public torch run at the Winn-Dixie parking lot plaza.

Officers at JCI would eventually hand over the torch into the care and keeping of Wakulla County Law Enforcement.

"The staff at Jefferson Correctional Institution were honored to participate in this worthy cause for the Special Olympics," said Catherine Tuten, the Secretary Specialist at the Jefferson Correctional Institution. Jefferson County Sheriff Mac McNeill echoed

Tuten's sentiments.

"JCSO is proud to support the exceptional athletes who will compete in this year's Florida Special Olympics," said Sheriff McNeill. "This is truly a worthy cause."

Sheriff McNeill also commended the staff and officers at JCI, who planned this year's Jefferson County torch run.

"They really spearheaded this event. Their dedication made it possible for us to participate," adds McNeill.

"We were happy to assist," says Monticello Police Chief Fred Mosley. "Anything we can do to get involved in and support the community, we will be happy to do at any time."

The Law Enforcement Torch Run will be continuing until May 17, when the final leg of the run will lead into the summer games' opening ceremony.

The torch and flame will be carried by law enforcement into the Disney ESPN Wide World of Sports complex, in Lake Buena Vista, FL, as the highlight of the game's opening ceremony.

For more information about the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics, visit letr.org.

Honoring Our Military

Army Private Brock Boyatt

Private Brock Boyatt graduated from Wakulla High School. He worked for several years in civilian life before entering into the United States Army. He completed his Basic Training at Fort Leonard, MO in February of this year. He was then transferred to Fort Sill, OK, where he started training in the Infantry Division. After completing this phase of service, he was stationed at Fort Carson in Colorado Springs, CO.

Private Boyatt is the son of Nigel Brock Boyatt of Crawfordville and the grandson of Pastor Ralph and Judy Wrightstone of Monticello. He is the brother of Charlsie Boyatt Register of Monticello and the nephew of DeWayne Brock and Dara Davis of Monticello.

His family is very proud of him for choosing to serve his country, the USA, in the United States Army.

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Local Crime News

Crime Beat

Ronald Edward Blue, 66, of Monticello, FL; arrested Sunday, April 7; charged with violation of probation (VOP) on original charge of aggravated assault with intent to commit felony. No bond amount or release date information provided.

Shadrick Lavane Norton, 35, of Tallahassee, FL; arrested Sunday, April 7; charged with driving while license suspended or revoked (DWLSR), third or subsequent offense. Bond set at \$1,000. Released same day.

Shonta Nicole Bryant, 34, of Tallahassee, FL; arrested Saturday, April 6; charged with DWLSR. Bond set at \$500. Released same day.

Anthony Eugene Fishburn, 61, of Wacissa, FL; arrested Friday, April 5; charged with solicitation of prostitution.

Bond set at \$500. Released same day.

Marcilene Ranata Custis, 39, of Monticello, FL; arrested Friday, April 5; charged with VOP, battery; VOP, resisting merchant; VOP, petit theft; offered, committed, or engaged in prostitution; and giving false name to law-enforcement officer. No bond amount or release date information provided.

Caleb Ansel Norton, 21, of Monticello, FL; arrested Thursday, April 4; charged with failure to appear in court (FTA) on charge of no valid driver's license. Bond set at \$100. Released same day.

James Frances Hemry, 30, of Monticello, FL; arrested Wednesday, April 3; charged with giving false name to law-enforcement officer and out-of-

county warrant. No bond amount provided. Released on April 5.

William Justin Lewis, 31, of Tallahassee, FL; arrested Wednesday, April 3; charged with DUI, possession of drug equipment and possession of controlled substance without prescription. Bond set at \$500. Released on following day.

James Lamar Horne, 47, of Monticello, FL; arrested Monday, April 1, on a writ of attachment, cash only, \$1,890. Bond amount, \$1,890. Released same day.

Dustin Michael Doney, 25, of Summerfield, FL; arrested Monday, April 1; charged with VOP, possession of paraphernalia and VOP, possession of cannabis. No bond amount or release date provided.

Joshua Donald Chandler, 28, of Monticello, FL; arrested Monday, April 1; charged with DWLSR with knowledge, and possession of cannabis less than 20 grams. Bond set at \$500. Released on following day.

Calvin Dennis Scott, 35, of Monticello, FL; arrested Monday, April 1; charged with aggravated battery of pregnant person. Bond set at \$10,000. No release date provided.

Mami Latoya Fead, 34, of Greenville, FL; arrested Monday, April 1; charged with driving with expired license more than six months. Bond set at \$500. Released same day.

Joseph Jabba Herring, 34, of Monticello, FL; arrested Monday, April 1; charged with no valid license. Bond set at \$100. Released same day.

Circuit Court felony docket, April 2019

Alexander, Genna Defaye, 34, entered plea of no contest possession of contraband at a state correctional institution. The judge withheld adjudication and sentenced Alexander to 36 months of probation, with the conditions that she complete 200 hours of community service and have no contact with inmates or state facilities.

Alexander was given credit for one day served in jail. The judge also warned that if she violated the probation, she could face up to 15 years in prison.

Ball, Johnny Lorenzo, 45, admitted to violation of probation on four charges dating from 2015 and including possession of controlled substance with intent to sell and sale of controlled substance. The judge adjudicated Ball guilty and reinstated the probation and modified it by extending it a year and adding community service to it. The judge warned that if he violated the probation, he could face up to 20 years in prison.

Cofield, Cedrick Bernard, 36, entered a plea of no contest to possession of controlled substance with intent to sell and resisting officer without violence. The judge adjudicated Cofield guilty and gave

him two years of drug offender probation, with the conditions of a 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. curfew, no illegal drugs, random urinalysis, to be followed by a year of regular probation. The judge warned that if he violated probation, he could face up to five years in prison. Cofield was credited with two days served in jail.

Cook Jr., Bobby Brinson, 44, charged in two cases that include felony domestic battery by strangulation and false imprisonment. His attorney filed a motion asking the judge to set a bond so that his client could be released while waiting for trial later this month. The attorney argued that his client had been in jail for more than 270 days and needed to be out so that he could earn money mowing yards, which was his primary source of income. The state, however, argued against the release, citing Cook's previous convictions for violent offenses, including a murder in the 90s. The judge declined to set bond, finding that Cook posed a danger to the community.

Dawson, Lyndon, 21, entered a plea of no contest in two misdemeanor cases and admitted to violation of probation in two other

cases that stemmed from charges of battery on a law-enforcement officer and carrying a concealed weapon in early 2018. The judge adjudicated Dawson guilty on all four cases and sentenced him to 20 months in prison overall. She credited him with time served in the county jail.

Harris, Dominick Tyron, 32, entered a plea of no contest to aggravated battery of a pregnant victim and petit theft. The judge adjudicated Harris guilty and sentenced him to two years of probation, with the condition that he complete a battery intervention program and have only peaceful contact with the victim. She warned that if he violated probation, he could face up to 15 years in prison. She credited him with 35 days served in jail.

Johnson, Samuel Michael, 30, entered a plea of no contest to lesser included offense of child abuse. The original charge was aggravated child abuse by great bodily harm. The judge adjudicated Johnson guilty and sentenced him to 18 months in prison, to be followed by three years of probation, with the stipulation that he attend counseling and reunification classes. The judge warned that if he

violated probation, he could face up to five years in prison. He was credited with four days for time served in jail.

Lamar, Auntra Deshone, 34, entered a plea of no contest to lesser included offense of driving while license suspended or revoked (DWLSR). The original charge was DWLSR, habitual offender. The judge adjudicated Lamar guilty and sentenced him to six months of county probation, with the stipulations that he not drive without a license and do 15 hours of community service. The judge warned that if he violated probation, he could face up to 11 months and 29 days in the county jail.

Parker, Barry Eugene, 52, entered a plea of no contest to lesser included offense of trespassing and battery. The original charge was burglary of dwelling, person assaulted. The judge adjudicated Parker guilty and sentenced him to 11 months and 29 days in the county jail on each of the charges, to be served consecutively. Followed by two years of probation. He was credited with 121 days served in the county jail. The judge warned that if he violated probation, he could face up to five years in prison.

Purkey, Jonathan Colin, 31, admitted to violation of probation stemming from charges of dealing in stolen property from 2015. The judge adjudicated Purkey guilty, revoked the probation and sentenced him to 17.25 months in prison, with 97 days credited for time served.

Rollison, Antonio Tyquan, 26, admitted to violation of probation, stemming from charges of lewd or lascivious battery in 2012. The judge adjudicated Rollison guilty, revoked the probation, and sentenced him to 63 months in prison, with 569 days credited for time served in the county jail. The judge told him that the Department of Corrections would determine any credit owed to him for previous time served in prison on the original case. The sentence was to be concurrent with another case that Rollison had in Leon County.

Steen, Yakira Michelle, 22, entered a plea of no contest in three cases that included charges of throwing a deadly missile and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. The judge withheld adjudication and sentenced Steen to 36 months of probation, with the conditions that

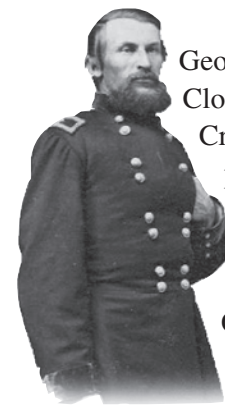
she undergo anger management counseling, do 100 hours of community service and have no contact with the two other people involved in affray. She was credited for 63 days served in the county jail. The judge warned that if Steen violated her probation, her withheld adjudication would be withdrawn and she could face up to 20 years in prison.

Sullivan, Matthew Bass, 31, entered plea of no contest to various charges, including grand theft of motor vehicle, possession of controlled substance and grand theft. The judge adjudicated Sullivan guilty and sentenced him to three years of probation, with the conditions of participation in a treatment program, no illegal drug use and random urinalysis. He was to remain in the jail until a bed became available in the treatment program. He was credited with 119 days served in the county jail.

Walker, Reginald Vandoren, 28, entered a plea of no contest in two cases of burglary of an occupied dwelling, battery, and criminal mischief under \$200. The judge adjudicated Walker guilty and sentenced him to four years of probation, with the conditions of no illegal drug use, random urinalysis and no contact with his codefendants. The judge warned that if he violated probation, he could face up to seven years in prison. He was credited with 57 days served in the county jail.

Williams, Brock Terrel, 28, admitted to violation of probation stemming from charges of felony fleeing or attempting to elude officer and driving while license revoked (habitual offender) from 2017. The judge adjudicated Williams guilty, revoked the probation and sentenced him to 90 days in the county jail. He was credited with 62 days served.

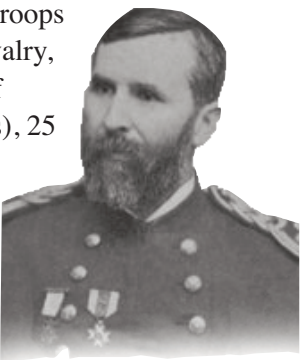
Snippets In Time



April 27, 1877: General George Crook contacts Red Cloud with a message for Crazy Horse. Crook promises that if Crazy Horse surrenders, he will get a reservation in the Powder River area. On this date, Red Cloud delivers the message to Crazy Horse. Crazy Horse agrees and heads to Fort Robinson, in northwestern Nebraska. Where he will surrender to the U.S. Army.

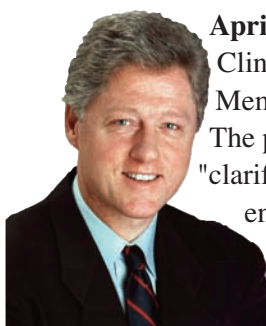
General George Crook

April 28, 1882: Remnants of Locho's Chiricahua Apache, who fought in the battles south of Stein's Pass, and in Horseshoe Canyon, on April 23, 1882, are attacked by U.S. troops led by Captain Tullius Tupper (Troops G, and M, 6th Cavalry, and a company of indigenous scouts), 25 miles south of Cloverdale, AZ. Six Apache are killed, and 72 head of livestock are seized,



Captain Tullius Tupper

according to Army reports. The surviving indigenous people head toward Mexico.



April 29, 1994: President Clinton's Executive Memorandum, April 29th. The president sought to "clarify our responsibility to ensure that the Federal Government operates within a government-to-government relationship with federally recognized

President William Clinton

Native American tribes. I am strongly committed to building a more effective day-to-day working relationship reflecting respect for the rights of self-government due the sovereign tribal governments.



Camp Grant, Arizona

April 30, 1871: White and Mexican vigilantes killed 118 Apache adults at Camp Grant, AZ, and kidnapped 28 children.

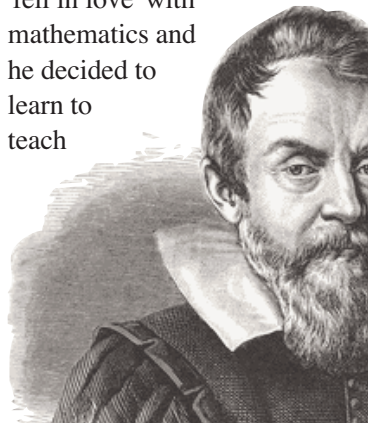
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Galileo

His Early Life

Galileo Galilei was born on Feb. 15, 1564 in Pisa, Italy. (He is one of the few famous people known by his first name rather than his surname). Galileo was the first of six or, some say, seven children. His father was a musician and although the family were fairly well off, they were by no means rich.

In 1581, Galileo started studying medicine at Pisa University. However he soon 'fell in love' with mathematics and he decided to learn to teach



mathematics and philosophy. (Much against his father's wishes!) Galileo left the university in 1585 and began privately teaching mathematics. He soon gained a reputation as a brilliant mathematician, and in 1589, he became a lecturer in mathematics at Pisa University.

Galileo never married but he did have three children, two girls and a boy.

In 1609, Galileo heard of a new invention from Holland. A man named Hans Lippershey had invented the telescope. Galileo made his own telescope and soon improved it.

Using a telescope Galileo was able to see several things invisible to the naked eye.

Firstly, he could see many stars not visible without a telescope. Secondly the ancient Greeks believed that

the Moon was smooth. Looking through a telescope Galileo could see the Moon's surface is actually rough, with mountains and craters. He also discovered four small 'moons' orbiting the planet Jupiter. At the time these were astonishing discoveries. Until then, nobody knew that any of the other planets, apart from Earth, had 'moons'.

Also in 1610, Galileo discovered that Venus has phases like the Moon.

At that time astronomers were debating sunspots. A German named Christoph Scheiner claimed that they were satellites of the sun. In 1613, Galileo argued that sunspots are actually on the surface of the sun.

Galileo and the Inquisition

Meanwhile, in 1543, a theory by the Polish astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus was published. Until his time, people believed that the sun, moon and planets orbited the earth. Copernicus argued that the earth and the other planets orbit the sun. At first the church did not have a problem with his theory. However, opinion

gradually hardened and in 1616 the Copernican theory was declared heretical.

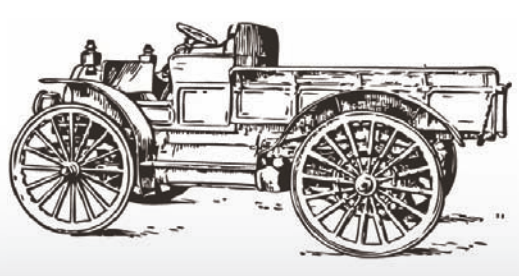
There is a passage in the Old Testament where a prophet named Joshua commanded the sun to stand still in the sky (Joshua 10:12-13). Some scholars said this meant the sun must move. Of course, Joshua knew nothing about astronomy. To him the sun appeared to move across the sky. Naturally he would command the sun to stand still and to him it would have appeared to stand still. The church's objection to the Copernican theory was based on a misinterpretation of the Bible.

However, Galileo was a resolute supporter of the Copernican theory. As a result, he was summoned to Rome to be examined by the inquisition. He arrived in January 1633. Galileo was threatened with torture unless he renounced the Copernican theory. Not surprisingly, he agreed to do so. Nevertheless he was still put under house arrest for the rest of his life.

Galileo Galilei died on Jan. 8, 1642 at age 77.

History

WAY BACK WHEN



70 YEARS ago 1949

April 26, 1949
Some of the children mentioned in the cast of the May Day program at school are: **Tracy Buzbee, Harvey Reams, Bobby Milton, David Simmons, Eva Ward, Bryan Cooksey, Benji Hodges, Jimmy Reichert, Bill Haynes and Ella Jo Bilinski.**

60 YEARS ago 1959

April 26, 1959
The County Historical Committee of the **Chamber of Commerce** held its initial meeting Tuesday night at the home of **Mrs. Thomas Bird** with **Charles Anderson**, chairman, **Mrs. Thomas Braswell, Frances Ann Braswell, Mrs. Birney Linn and Mrs. Richard Simpson** present.

Monticello merchants announced the first Merchant's Dollar Day on Saturday. Thirty businesses are participating and many bargains are being offered.

50 YEARS ago 1969

April 26, 1969
Mr. and Mrs. G. Miller returned home on Wednesday from a week in Washington, D.C. on businesses connected with the Tri-State Peanut Association of which he is an officer.

Rena Carney, a freshman at Young Harris College has been named to the Dean's List for the winter quarter.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Peacock were in San Francisco last week as the guests of Chevrolet Motor Company, a trip won by Mr. Peacock in a sales event.

40 YEARS ago 1979

April 26, 1979
The **Jefferson County School Board** put its stamp of approval on a pilot program which will offer school dropouts a second chance.

30 YEARS ago 1989

April 26, 1989
Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Maloy of Wacissa are celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Their children include **Jeanette Brown** of Tallahassee, **Joval Rinkle** of Clearwater, **Harold Maloy** of Tallahassee and **Joan Stanley** of Perry.

Geneva Miller, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. C.P. Miller, Jr.**, celebrates her first birthday this week.

Aucilla art student **Charles Walker** had one piece given the Judge's Award in the recent **North Florida Junior College Fine Arts Festival**.

Tanya McGrady, a sophomore at **Aucilla Christian Academy**, has been

30 YEARS ago 1989

selected to participate in this year's North Florida Youth Leadership Seminar.

Mitch McElroy of Monticello has been appointed Jefferson County Chairman by the **Florida Forestry Association**.

The **Jefferson County High School band** brought home a plaque for being the most outstanding auxiliary unit in the street parade competition at the Daytona Music Festival last weekend, despite only participating in one competition.

20 YEARS ago 1999

April 26, 1999
The **American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Post #49** held its annual Americanism Essay Awards Presentation Banquet, where the subject of the contest was "Voting - A Privilege and a Responsibility." **Jennifer Cook** was the first place winner in the tenth-twelve grade division and was presented with a \$100 Savings Bond.

Jefferson County High School Curriculum Coordinator Jan Bennett notes that the "**Flying Tigers**" Program, devised to help students pass the Florida Comprehensive Achievement Test (FCAT) has been chosen to receive a \$30,000 grant from the Department of Education.

Beth Kathryn McCranie, a ninth grade student at **Aucilla Christian Academy**, received notification recently that she has been named to the United States Achievement Academy in the field of art.

10 YEARS ago 2009

April 26, 2009
North Florida Community College celebrated its outstanding students at the Fine Arts Auditorium in an honors night ceremony paying tribute to their outstanding students, including these Jefferson County residents: **Vandela Johnson**, Administrative Assistant Student of the Year; **Rachel Frey**, Economics Student of the Year; and **Alexandra Prentice**, History Student of the Year.

Savanna Eringer, a ninth grader, took first place in the painting category at NFCC's 32nd annual High School Art Festival.

Reginaldo Watkins has been invited by People To People to act as an ambassador student as he travels and studies in Italy, Sicily and Greece.

Scammers gonna scam

Excerpt from the *Monticello News* 30 years ago today!

Beware of IRS Impersonators

A word to the wise - be wary of people who visit you and claim to be collectors for the Internal Revenue Service.

Most initial IRS contacts are made by telephone or mail. According to James J. Ryan, district director of the Jacksonville IRS District, this is the time of the year when impersonation problems may occur as people have taxes on their mind and apparently are ready to pay. Often the elderly fall prey to these schemes.

Recently, a woman went to the home of a senior citizen and bilked him out of \$2,500 cash. She said she was an IRS employee, indicated he owed back taxes, and escorted him to his bank where he drew out the money.

Film and Television

Phil Keoghan talks Season 31 of

THE AMAZING RACE



"This really was the fans speaking to us, and us listening to the fans."

-Phil Keoghan

By Barb Oates

What were you doing 18 years ago? These would be the days before Facebook and Twitter, and when TV was pretty much limited to what's on is what's on. For Phil Keoghan, host of *The Amazing Race*, he was embarking on what would become one of the longest-running careers in reality TV history. As the race-around-the-world series began its 31st season on April 17 on CBS—yes, 31st season!—Keoghan shares with us what's in store for the new season and why fans will be excited to see the show's newest theme that pits former contestants of *The Amazing Race*, *Big Brother* and *Survivor* against one another.

"It's been something that's been suggested by CBS reality fans for a very long time," Keoghan says. "As far as the pairings go, this really was the fans speaking to us, and us listening to the fans. There's always been this sort of banter between fans about whether a *Survivor* team could beat out a *Big Brother* team or an *Amazing Race* team, and vice versa. So, it was just something we wanted to experiment with."

Competing in a house where you're loafing around completely shut off from the world or surviving on an island with little food and in harsh environments is considerably different from *Race*'s fast-paced, get-up-and-go competition, so *Survivor* and *Big Brother* alums better be

prepared to lighten up on some of the strategizing and get moving.

Last season, *The Amazing Race* saw a sizeable ratings spike, largely due to scheduling (Wednesday nights on CBS work!) and some refreshing additions to the show's format (looks like the head-to-head challenge could be back!).

In the end, however, it's all about the cast.

"What you're doing is you're throwing interesting people into an interesting scenario. And those challenges that we put together, and what we're asking them to do, that's where the content comes from," Keoghan says. "How do they deal with that situation, because they are essentially writing the script. What they say, how they react, is what we have as content to entertain people."

This season some of the destinations racers will travel to include Japan, Uganda, Switzerland, Croatia, the Netherlands and England.

"You think about how much the world has changed in 18 years," Keoghan concludes. "I can watch the show now and, in real time, converse with the fans about what they like and don't like. I'm getting real-time feedback, and people are, as you know, they don't hold back, especially on social media."

There's a lot to like about this season, including the unknown on who will ultimately end up with bragging rights.

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NEW THIS WEEK



Avengers: Endgame

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Stars: Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans, Mark Ruffalo

Directors: Anthony Russo, Joe Russo

The devastating events of *Avengers: Infinity War* have set the table for the Avengers to do whatever it takes to rectify things and bring the universe back from the brink of collapse.

Food, Fun and Entertainment



Foreigner playing at Wild Adventures this weekend
Jeremy Camp to perform next week

Story Submitted

Wild Adventures Theme Park in Valdosta, GA will welcome the legendary rock band Foreigner to the All-Star Amphitheater this weekend, on Saturday, April 27.

"Few bands have become part of the fabric of people's lives the way Foreigner has," said Jennie Boyer, director of entertainment at the theme park.

"Foreigner's music is the soundtrack behind important moments in life for so many people, and we couldn't be more excited to share that with our guests live on stage."

Foreigner is universally hailed as one of the most popular rock acts in the world with a formidable musical arsenal that continues to propel sold-out tours and album sales, now exceeding 75 million.

Responsible for some of rock and roll's most enduring anthems, including "Juke Box Hero," "Cold As Ice," "Hot Blooded," "Waiting For A Girl Like You," "Feels Like The First Time," "Urgent," "Head Games," "Say You Will," "Dirty White Boy," "Long, Long Way From Home" and the worldwide #1 hit, "I Want To Know What Love Is," Foreigner has continued to rock the charts for more than 40 years.

Recently, the band celebrated four decades of hits with the release of *40*, a double CD set which includes 40 songs recorded between 1977 and 2017.

In August, a brand new stage musical, *Juke Box Hero*, debuted in Canada and features many of Foreigner's iconic Top 30 hits.

Foreigner will take the stage at Wild Adventures' All-Star Amphitheater at 8 p.m. on April 27.

The show and every performance and event in the 2019 All-Star Concert and Special Events lineup is included with park admission or season pass.

Next week, on Saturday, May 4, Wild Adventures welcomes Christian music artist, Jeremy Camp.

You could win free tickets to see Jeremy Camp!

Find out more at [Facebook.com/ECBPublishing](https://www.facebook.com/ECBPublishing)

For more information, including park operating days and hours, visit WildAdventures.com.

Wild Adventures Theme Park is located at the halfway point between Atlanta and Orlando, off I-75 and is home to more than 40 family and thrill rides, hundreds of exotic animals, dozens of concerts and special events each year and Splash Island Waterpark, named in 2018 as one of the "Top 30 Waterparks" in the country by *U.S. News and World Report*.

Beau Turner 12th annual Outdoor Experience returning on April 27



Photos Submitted

Ashley Hunter
 ECB Publishing, Inc.

For the twelfth year in a row, the Beau Turner Youth Conservation Center (BTYCC) will be hosting their annual Outdoor Experience event.

This free, family-friendly experience has been an opportunity for the youth and families of Jefferson County to get outdoors, understand the importance of conservation, learn

about archery and black powder rifles, interact with some of Florida's wild creatures and critters and enjoy plenty of other outdoor activities.

This year, the BTYCC ensures that aside from the live animal exhibits, and shooting sports, there will also be hayrides, fishing, bounce houses, live shows "...and much more!"

This year's special guest will be one of the most accomplished and recognized names in the

shooting sports industry, Patrick Flanigan.

Flanigan, an exhibition shooter, will demonstrate his shotgun skills at the BTYCC's Outdoor Experience at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The Outdoor Experience will be held on Saturday, April 27, at 9194 S. Jefferson Hwy, in Lamont, FL, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

This event could not be made possible

without the support and hosting of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC).

Monticello's own Johnston's Meat Market will be selling food and beverages during the event, although attendees are more than welcome to bring their own picnic lunch, snacks and drinks.

For more information, visit BTYCC.org or contact Brandon.Stys@MyFWC.com.



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Nationally-recognized exhibition shooter Patrick Flanigan will be providing a live shotgun demonstration at the 12th annual Beau Turner Outdoor Experience this weekend.

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Sports

Lady Warriors win second victory

Rick Patrick
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The Aucilla Christian Academy (ACA) Lady Warriors managed to pick up their second win of the season when they faced the Lady Rattlers of FAMU High School at home on Thursday, April 18.

The Lady Warriors dominated the contest from the opening pitch. It only took the Lady Warriors three innings to dismantle the Lady Rattlers, 15-0. The Lady Warriors tallied five runs in their opening inning, before adding two more in the second inning. The Lady Warriors capped it off with eight runs in the third inning before the game was called.

Lena Kimmell went three-for-three with two RBIs for the Lady Warriors. Ali Townsend had two hits in three at-bats with six RBIs. Isabella Gray went one-for-two with one RBI. Esther Fulford was one-for-one at the plate, with one RBI.

Kimmell picked up the win in the pitcher's circle, yielding no hits and one walk, while striking out five batters.

The next home game for the Lady Warriors is set for Tuesday, April 30, against the Lady Rattlers of FAMU High School. The first pitch

Bryson Cooksey pitches a strong game



Debbie Snapp
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Bryson Cooksey pitched a strong game for the Chiles Timberwolves varsity baseball team against the Nease Panthers in Ponte Vedra on Saturday, April 13, defeating them with a 1-0 score. He allowed two hits and zero runs over eight innings, striking out nine and walking one.

Photo Submitted
Bryson Cooksey #24 pitches a win for the Chiles Timberwolves varsity baseball team.

Bryson is a junior at Chiles High School in Tallahassee.

He is the grandson of Al Cooksey and the nephew of Bert Teasley both of Jefferson County.



Photo Submitted

Al Cooksey is pictured here (in back from left to right) with his son Keith and grandson Bryson and (in front from left to right) daughter-in-law Mary Beth and granddaughters Amy and Carolyn at a University of Alabama football game in December 2018.

Track Spotlight: Vargas and Nealy

Debbie Snapp
ECB Publishing, Inc.

Elias Vargas and Detrevian Nealy run track for the Jefferson Somerset Tigers under Coach Harry Jacobs. They recently came back from running track in the district meet.

Vargas runs the 110 meter hurdles. He finished first in the 110 meters and second in the 300 meters and 400X400 meters. He is a homeschooled eleventh grader; his favorite subject in school is English; and he is a scholarship hopeful. He plans to dual enroll at North Florida Community College this fall and study technical engineering.

Vargas was born in Iowa and raised here in Jefferson County. He is the son of Gerardo and Susanna Vargas and is one of eight children. He plays soccer and softball for fun and enjoys all outdoor sports.

Vargas helped in the rebuilding of the storm damaged Mexico Beach during his Spring Break. He worked alongside of his brother, who owns a construction company.

Detrevian Nealy runs the 100 meters, 200 meters, 400 meters and 400X400 meters. At the recent district meet Nealy



Elias Vargas

finished first in the 100 and 400 meters, and second in the 200 and 400X400 meters.

He is an eleventh grader at Jefferson Somerset; his favorite subject in school is social studies and he is also a scholarship hopeful. He plans to continue his education at Florida State University, the University of Florida or Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University to study something in a sports related field.

Nealy was born and raised in




Detrevian Nealy

Monticello. He is the son of Yolanda Nealy and has three siblings. He enjoys video games in his free time, and family trips.

Varga and Nealy are scheduled to run in the Jacksonville Regionals on Saturday, April 27.

"These two young men are dedicated to track," says Coach Jacobs. "They are two of the best and have the potential to go far in their sports and education. I am so proud of them. I've worked with them since they were youngsters."



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The Jefferson Journal Fish & Game Feeding Chart

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

The week of
April 26-May 3, 2019
Major feed times are marked by an asterisk (*)

Friday, April 26 1:30AM *6:18AM 12:06PM *6:42PM	Saturday, April 27 2:13AM *7:05AM 1:00PM *7:28PM
Sunday, April 28 2:52AM *7:51AM 1:54PM *8:13PM	Monday, April 29 3:27AM *8:35AM 2:47PM *8:56PM
Tuesday, April 30 3:59AM *9:18AM 3:40PM *9:39PM	Wednesday, May 1 4:31AM *10:00AM 4:35PM *10:21PM
Thursday, May 2 5:03AM *10:43AM 5:29PM —	Friday, May 3 5:34AM *11:05PM 6:26PM *11:27AM

Tropical soda apple

Spring is here and that means that plants are actively growing, including our pesky weed species. One weed in particular that is widespread and can be problematic is tropical soda apple. Tropical soda apple can become a serious problem for perennial pastures as well as in native areas. This invasive weed is unpalatable to livestock and can rapidly infest a pasture, resulting in reduced forage production. Tropical soda apple is commonly found along tree lines, fence lines and livestock feeding areas.

Tropical soda apple produces a small, golf ball sized fruit. Young fruit have the coloration of a watermelon, whereas mature fruit are yellow. Each fruit contains about 200-400 seeds. Fruit production occurs throughout the year but is common September through May. Many species of wildlife such as birds, hogs, raccoons and deer feed on the fruit and spread the seed through their feces. Livestock may also consume the fruit and spread seed as well. The seed can also be spread through contaminated hay.

Tropical soda apple is a perennial shrub that belongs to the tomato family (Solanaceae). A mature tropical soda apple plant can range in size from three to five feet tall and can be just as wide. The leaves are shaped similar to oak leaves. The stems, leaves, flower stalks and calyxes have a broad-based thorns up to 0.4 inch long. The flowers are white with yellow stamens.

There are several different herbicides labeled to control tropical soda apple. For a full list, contact the extension office. Regardless of which herbicide is



used, regular scouting is necessary after treatment. It's important to scout pastures to ensure that no plants are reestablished and producing fruit.

Populations of tropical soda apple continue to increase throughout the Southeastern United States so it is important to continue to prevent the spread of tropical soda apple. Although the spread of seed by wildlife cannot be prevented, movement of seed can be limited in some ways. One way to prevent the spread of tropical soda apple is to clean all equipment when leaving a pasture or area infested with tropical soda apple. This includes vehicles, tractors, mowers and even shoes.

For more information on tropical soda apple or for assistance identifying weeds, contact the UF/IFAS Jefferson County Extension Office at (850) 342-0187.

Prescribed fire practices benefit the environment and communities

Story Submitted

Prescribed fire, also known as controlled burning, is used by the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) to maintain natural resources and reduce the risk of wildfires. The District recognizes the importance and benefits of prescribed fire for land management.

“Controlled burning is a necessary tool used to improve the health of District lands and create a safer environment for the community by decreasing the chance of wildfires,” said Hugh Thomas, executive director of the District. “Our land management staff are focused on improving wildlife habitat and controlling invasive plants through prescribed fires.”

Prescribed fire helps facilitate overall ecological restoration by enhancing native upland and wetland vegetation and improving habitat for native wildlife. Prescribed fire is also used to reduce fuel levels in the forest to help lower the intensity of possible wildfires. Other benefits of controlled burns include plant disease control, soil nutrient restoration and aesthetic improvement.

Burn seasons are divided into dormant season and growing season. Dormant season consists of fall and winter months, while growing season includes spring and summer months. Each burn area is given a burn season prescription depending on weather conditions, fuel levels and the burn objective for the area.

Burn frequency for each tract of land is based on how frequently those areas would burn naturally. Ultimately, weather patterns determine how many acres are burned. Too much rain can make burning ineffective or even impossible. Too little rain can lead to unsafe conditions for any type of open fire.

Approximately 8,000 acres are planned for burning during the 2018-2019 burn season from November 2018 through September 2019. To date, 400 acres have been burned since November 2018. Higher than average rainfall in the region has



delayed burn opportunities across much of the District. Prescribed burns will be conducted in the following counties the burn season: Lafayette, Dixie, Taylor, Suwannee, Jefferson, Hamilton, Levy, Madison, and Gilchrist. Control burns on District land are conducted only by contractors or agency personnel that are certified by the Florida Forest Service. On average 7,000-12,000 acres are burned each year.

For the safety and consideration of residents, the District posts prescribed fire information on its website. Visit mysuwanneeriver.com for updates on scheduled burns and locations.

Prescribed fire is used by the District to maintain an ideal habitat for native wildlife and reduce the risk of wildfires.

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

For more information about the District, visit mysuwanneeriver.com or follow them on Facebook and Twitter, search @SRWMD.

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29	4:57	0.9	5:19	1.5
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Farm & Outdoors

How "Well" Is Your Private Well?

Story Submitted by FWC

There are many responsibilities that come with owning a home. One responsibility includes taking care of the domestic self-supply well that provides families with water for drinking, bathing and cleaning. If the well is not cared for properly, then water quality can be impacted.

To educate home owners and businesses about how to be a responsible well owner, the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) developed a Well Wellness educational campaign that focuses on well ownership, maintenance, codes and proper abandonment.

"Domestic self-supply wells are widely used in North Florida. They draw water directly from the Floridan Aquifer which is an excellent water source of high quality" said Hugh Thomas, executive director of

the District. "It is important for citizens to understand that poor maintenance and lack of care of a well can impact the Floridan Aquifer and overall water quality."

To minimize impacts on the Floridan Aquifer and water quality, well owners must follow specific guidelines. Domestic self-supply wells must:

- Maintain a water tight seal,
- Be located at least 75 feet away from the nearest septic system, and have at least a 12-inch stick up.

Flooding and high-water events can sometimes impact wells. If a well owner or resident lives near a water body that has flooded, the District recommends having the water tested. Additionally, a well owner should also test the water quality of their well annually to ensure contaminants or other bacteria have not infiltrated his or her drinking water. Florida Department of Health (DOH) county offices will



provide residents and businesses with the necessary information and materials to test for nutrients and bacteria in the wells.

Warm spring weather means it's time to brush up on tips for living with alligators

Story Submitted by FWC

The American alligator, Florida's state reptile, is an important part of Florida's wetland habitats. This large reptile is found throughout the state in fresh water lakes, ponds, swamps and slow-moving rivers.

During spring, alligators become more active and visible. When temperatures rise, their metabolism increases and they begin seeking prey. Although alligator bite incidents resulting in serious injury are rare in Florida, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) recommends taking precautions when having fun in and around the water.

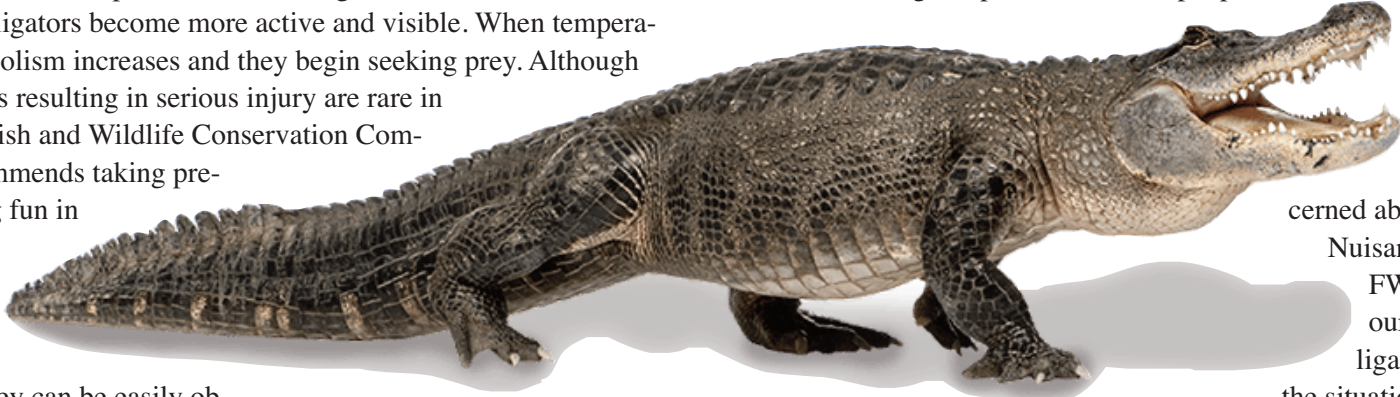
Because alligators control their body temperature by basking in the sun, they can be easily observed. If you see an alligator, keep your distance. Also, never feed alligators because it is dangerous and illegal. When fed, alligators can overcome their natural wariness and learn to associate people with food.

Alligators are most active between dusk and dawn. To reduce the chances of conflicts with alligators, swim only during daylight hours and in designated

swimming areas.

The FWC also recommends pet owners keep their animals on a leash and away from the water because pets can resemble an alligator's natural prey.

The FWC places the highest priority on public safety and urges people who believe an alligator poses a threat to people,



pets or property to call FWC's toll-free Nuisance Alligator Hotline at (866) 392-4286.

When someone concerned about an alligator calls the Nuisance Alligator Hotline, the FWC will dispatch one of our contracted nuisance alligator trappers to resolve the situation. The FWC also works

diligently to keep Floridians and visitors informed, including providing advice about living with alligators.

The American alligator is a conservation success story. Florida has a healthy and stable alligator population, which is estimated at 1.3 million alligators of every size. Learn more about alligators at MyFWC.com/Alligator.

Fishing in Florida: Alligator Gar

Ashley Hunter
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The torpedo-shaped body and dual row of large, sharp teeth are some of most the distinctive features of one of Florida's freshwater fish species.

Perhaps unsurprising, due to their name, alligator gar are predators that will also ambush and eat smaller fish, as well as unlucky water fowl and small mammals that venture into the gar's hunting grounds.

An alligator gar's preferred method of hunting is to float a few feet below the surface of the water and wait for unsuspecting prey to swim within reach.

Diet studies have shown alligator gar to be opportunistic piscivores and occasional scavengers, depending on the accessibility of their preferred food sources.

Occasionally, alligator gar will hunt sport fish, but stomach content studies of alligator gar suggest they feed predominately and prefer on forage fishes, such as gizzard shad and invertebrates, with the occasional water fowl.

Diet studies on alligator gar have also revealed fishing tackle and boat-engine parts in their stomachs.

Due to habitat destruction, unrestricted harvests and indiscriminate culling (as gar were considered "nuisance fish" for nearly half a century), many of the gar's historic habitats has been eliminated.



Despite those trials, alligator gar made a surprising comeback and have been identified as a euryhaline species that can adapt to a range of varying water salinities, such as freshwater lakes, swamps, and even brackish marshes and estuaries.

Numbers for alligator gar are dwindling due to habitat loss and over-fishing, and in many areas, local ordinances and rulings are being made to protect Alligator Gar from further loss.

While it's believed that the habitats of alligator gar once stretched further northward, alligator gar are usually found throughout several southern states, including Mississippi, Alabama, Florida and Georgia.

This cunning and predatory fish is not an easy catch; experienced anglers will have to fight against the gar's huge size and great strength.

While not every alligator gar is a giant, this species can grow to weigh over 300 pounds and up to 10 feet in length.

In addition to being a river monster, the alligator gar resists even experienced anglers by cutting through most fishing lines easily with its sharp teeth.

Those sharp teeth can also provide a nasty bite to incautious fishermen, though there is no recorded incident where an alligator gar went out of its way to attack or harm swimmers.

A particularly interesting ability of the alligator gar is their ability to breathe air when out of the water. This also adds to the fight that fishermen must prepare for when setting lures for the gar, as the fish is not immediately subdued even while it appears to be 'resting' in the bottom of the boat; the



gar can put up a second fight. With renewed energy, even after being captured.

The best lures to use when fishing for alligator gar is a cut bait, jigs, live minnows, or spoons.

Experts recommend using bait casting, drift fishing or still fishing methods when trying to secure an alligator gar on your fishing line.

While the alligator gar can be found in a wide variety of fresh and brackish waters, and slow moving rivers are the ideal environments for these tough, hardy fish.

Alligator gar can also be found in spring holes, around sunken or submerged objects, in open water, near gradual shores, under walkways and bridges, inside turns and coves, in outlets and inlets, shoreline shallows, and around points and break lines.

Little is known about the life history of alligator gar. These slow-growing fish can live up to 50 years old and the adult gar have very few natural predators (aside from humans).

It is believed that alligator gar spawn in late spring, between April and

June.

Alligator gar have a long history alongside fishermen; Native Americans in the south, and Caribbean peoples used the alligator gar's thick, armor-like scales for arrow heads and breastplates.

Early settlers tanned the skins to make a strong, durable leather to cover their wooden plows, and make purses and various other items.

These prehistoric river giants have long lived alongside the people of the south, but with modern flooding preventatives (alligator gar's preferred habitat is flood plains), as well as the fact that the fish is rigorously hunted due to its trophy size and tarnished reputation as a "trash fish", the alligator gar might be facing troubling times in the future.

In the state of Florida, it is illegal to possess alligator gar without a permit; these fish must be released immediately.

Through only taking what is needed and observing catch-and-release tactics for snared gar, fishing for alligator gar can be an exciting thrill for generations of fishermen to come.

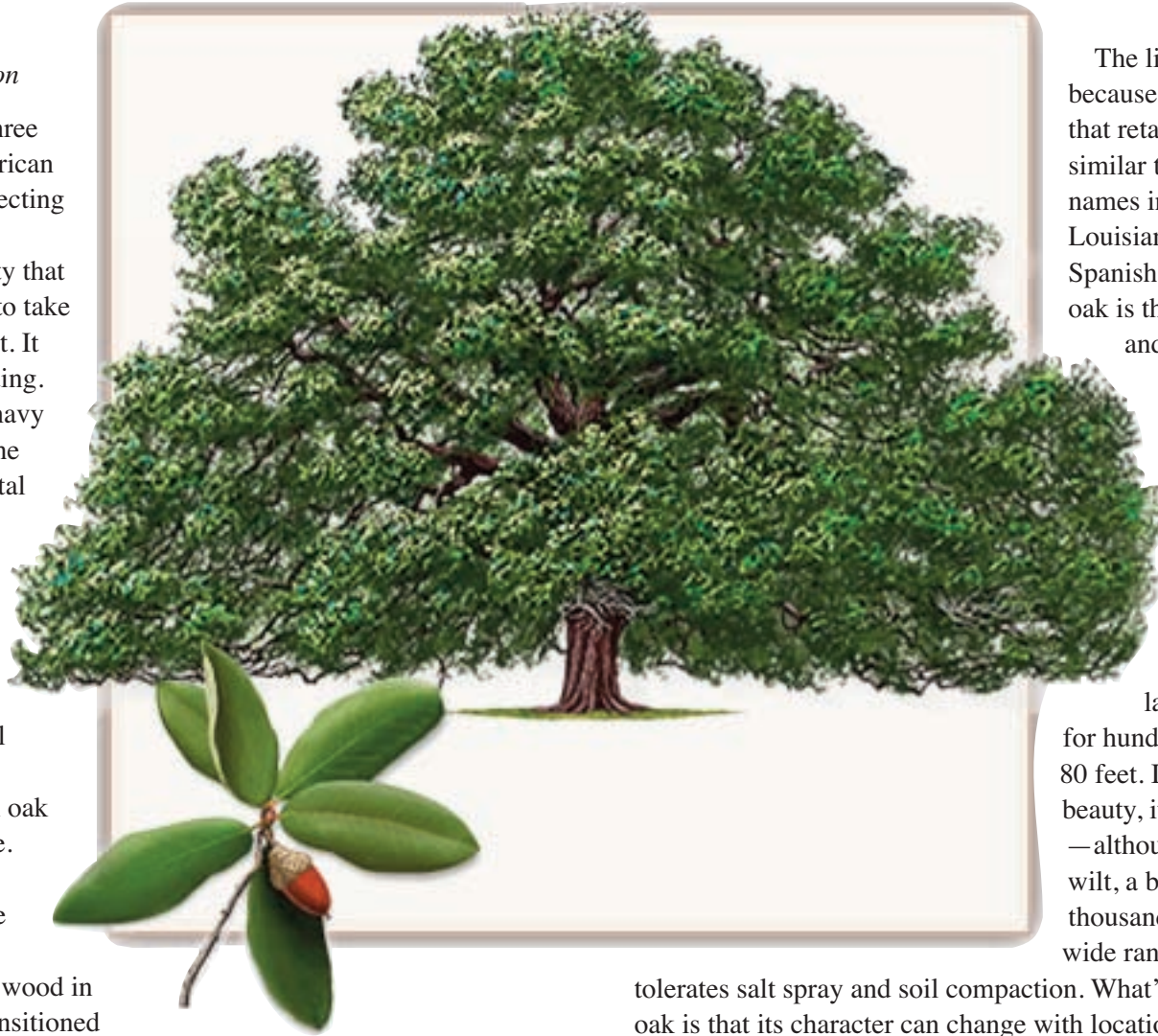


Live Oak: Heart of the Southern Landscape

Story Submitted
by Arbor Day Foundation

Did you know the first three forestry laws passed by American Congress were aimed at protecting live oaks? Live oak were so valuable to America's security that it prompted the government to take measures toward protecting it. It was widely used in shipbuilding. But when a secretary of the navy discovered that almost half the live oaks from southern coastal lands were gone — much of it exported to foreign nations — it prompted president John Adams to persuade congress to establish a plantation to grow future crops. The Naval Appropriations Act of 1828 allowed the navy to maintain oak forests for their exclusive use.

A lot can be said about a tree so beloved it inspired the administration to preserve it. Once metal began to replace wood in shipbuilding, the live oak transitioned from a staple in vessels to a shade tree, and with good reason. The tree's branches spread nearly twice the distance of its height and form rounded canopies, making it ideal in the heat of the south.



What's in a Name?

The live oak earned its common name because it is one of a few broad-leaf trees that retains its green foliage year-round, similar to an evergreen. Other common names include Virginia live oak, Louisiana live oak, southern live oak, Spanish oak and Spanish encina. The live oak is the namesake of Live Oak, Florida and the state trees of Georgia.

In the landscape

The arresting beauty of the live oak doesn't go unnoticed. Live oak trees are often draped in Spanish moss, alluding a sense of romance and mystique on old southern plantations. It is the most widely planted landscape tree in Texas. They live for hundreds of years and can reach up to 80 feet. In addition to the tree's physical beauty, it is hardy and generally care-free — although it can fall victim to deadly oak wilt, a battle Austin, Texas has lost thousands of oak trees to. It grows in a wide range of soils (zones 7-10) and tolerates salt spray and soil compaction. What's more interesting about the live oak is that its character can change with location. In the south, the tree keeps its leaves year-round, but in northern parts of its range, the tree sheds its leaves in the fall and can assume a dwarf form on drier sites.

The History of Arbor Day

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Among the pioneers moving into the Nebraska Territory in 1854 was J. Sterling Morton from Detroit. He and his wife were lovers of nature, and the home they established in Nebraska was quickly planted with trees, shrubs and flowers.

Morton was a journalist and soon became editor of Nebraska's finest newspaper. Given that forum, he spread agricultural information and his enthusiasm for trees to an equally enthusiastic audience.

His fellow pioneers missed their trees. But, more importantly, trees were needed as windbreaks to keep soil in place, for fuel and building materials, and for shade from the hot sun.

Morton not only advocated tree planting by individuals in his articles and editorials, but he also encouraged civic organizations and groups to join in. His prominence in the area increased, and he became secretary of the Nebraska Territory, which provided another opportunity to stress the value of trees.

On Jan. 4, 1872, Morton first proposed a tree planting holiday to be called "Arbor Day" at a meeting of the State Board of Agriculture. The date was set for April 10, 1872. Prizes were offered to counties and individuals for planting properly the largest number of trees on that day. It was estimated that more than one million trees were planted in Nebraska on the first Arbor Day.

Arbor Day was officially proclaimed by the young state's Governor Robert W. Furnas on March 12, 1874, and the day itself was observed April 10, 1874. In 1885, Arbor Day was named a legal holiday in Nebraska and April 22, Morton's birthday, was selected as the date for its permanent observance.

According to accounts from the Nebraska City News, April 1885, the city celebrated Arbor Day with a grand parade and a speech by J. Sterling Morton. Students of different grades met at their respective school rooms in the morning for the purpose of planting at least one tree. Each tree that was planted was labeled with the grade, the time planted, and was to be specially cared for by that grade. In the parade, each class carried colorful banners made of satin with silk lining and trimmed with gold fringe. The letters on the banner were painted in oil colors. By the time the parade reached the opera house, the throng numbered well



over 1,000 as townspeople joined the march. Every available foot of space in the opera house was occupied, the students having the front seats and gallery, while the older persons stood. When the plantings were completed, 1,000 students formed a line to begin the parade from the various schools to Nebraska City's opera house.

During the 1870s, other states passed legislation to observe Arbor Day, and the tradition began in schools nation wide in 1882.

The throng of celebrants was addressed by J. Sterling Morton. Mr. Morton was listened to with much attention, and loudly applauded at the close of his address. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, the students sang "America," and the large audience was dismissed. This ended the first celebration of Arbor Day as a legal holiday, and, as reported by the newspaper, "To say that it was a complete success but faintly expresses it. A celebration of this kind results in good to all, and is worthy of imitation by every school in the state."

Today the most common date for the state observance is the last Friday in April, and several U.S. presidents have proclaimed a national Arbor Day on that date. But a number of state Arbor Days are at other times to coincide with the best tree planting weather, from January and February in the south to May in the far north.



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The historic City of Monticello, Florida is accepting applications for the position of City Manager. The City Manager will be responsible for administration and operations of water and sewer utilities, solid waste, streets, animal control, code enforcement, parks, cemeteries, environmental regulation compliance and economic development programs. Located in North Florida 25 miles east of Tallahassee, Florida, the city is administered under a weak-mayor City Council form of government with an elected City Clerk/Treasurer, an elected Police Chief, a volunteer fire department, and 42 full-time employees.

JOB DESCRIPTION:

This will be a professional position within Monticello city government. He/She is hired by, and serves at the pleasure of, the five-member City Council. The City Manager is responsible for the administration, planning and monitoring of all city affairs placed in his/her charge by the City Council or under the City Charter.

SPECIFIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The City Manager will analyze all departments and programs under his/her control; create quality control standards; and establish operational guidelines, priorities, and objectives for department supervisors. The City Manager will work with the City Council, City Clerk/Treasurer and Police Chief to monitor the financial condition of the City and estimate present and future financial needs. The City Manager will also closely work with state and county officials, the media, and citizens. Duties will include: Managing operational functions and personnel under the city manager's authority; developing programs to reward employee efficiency and productivity; preparation of departmental budgets and developing accountability systems to monitor performance and expenditures; seeking and administering grant programs; developing operational task lists and monthly reporting of significant department activities; participating in comprehensive planning and review of proposed city developments; attending City Council and other Board meetings as required; and other duties as outlined by the City Council, City Charter and Code, and personnel policies.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- *A bachelor's degree in public or business administration or similar degree in management, engineering or related profession; or a combination of experience, education and certifications which would demonstrate the ability to administer the multitude and variety of tasks involved in municipal operations.
 - *Five years of progressive administrative and/or supervisory experience in local government
 - *Knowledge of personnel relations, utilities, planning, finance, public safety essential
 - *Requires office work as well as field work which involves the ability to perform occasional moderate physical exertion
 - *Excellent communication, interpersonal, and computer skills
 - *The successful applicant will reside in Jefferson County within 45 days of hire
 - *Current Valid Driver License
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City Clerk/Treasurer
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NOTICE OF MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

The City Council Budget Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 11:45 a.m. The meeting will take place at Monticello City Hall, 245 S. Mulberry Street. Two or more City Council members are expected to be present at this meeting. 4/26

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JENNIFER'S GARDEN



Photo Courtesy of Jennifer Mason

At the Jefferson County R.J. Bailar Public Library, the Garden Club of Monticello has planted bright dianthus and impatiens in order to enhance the entrance to the public building.

Beautification and the native blooms of May

Jennifer Mason, *Guest Columnist*

The Garden Club of Monticello and its satellites have been working hard to beautify our city.

If you go to the public library, the perimeter is planted with bright dianthus and impatiens. This border really enhances the entryway to the building.

There is also a vegetable garden in the fenced yard at the library, which will be planted with seasonal plants.

At the Garden Club's last meeting, we spoke about the Spring Charity plant sale that was held last Saturday in Monticello. This sale benefited the Jefferson County 4-H Club. Our garden club is fun and active in the community.

New flowers are beginning to show off now.

Oak leaf hydrangea is a rangy, magnificent, native shrub. You can prune it to a manageable size or let it get tall. The full, creamy clusters of flowers are long lasting, even after they dry. I have had no pest problems with this hydrangea.

Red spikes of Cherokee bean are popping up in the woods. Down south, they don't get killed back in the winter and obtain a shrub stature. Here they stay fairly small, but the blooms are spectacular and serve as a nectar source for hummers.

The red and yellow Spigelia, or Indian pink, is a perfect wildflower that is adaptable for the garden. It also feeds the hummers and is bright and beautiful. It likes a little shade and provides color for quite a while. Coral honeysuckle is blooming now too. This native vine is bright red with a yellow or orange throat. It is never invasive and is a nectar source for butterflies and hummers. There are several cultivars available now that sport larger flowers and different colors!

Another native vine is the passion flower, of which there are many hybrids. This stunning vine is loved by the Gulf Fritillary butterfly.

This is a great time to plant dianthus, impatiens, heat hardy petunias, geraniums and pentas. All these cultivars are easy to maintain and provide color for most of the summer.

Assorted aster or daisy hybrids are in the nurseries now and are striking in the garden. Some varieties don't bloom until fall. Mums are a part of this group and do very well here.

We are being blessed with adequate rain this spring and it seems to me that the flowers are putting on a more spectacular show than usual. I remember a Mother's Day about 10 years ago when it hadn't rained for at least a month and the air was filled with smoke from Perry through Jefferson County to Tallahassee from wildfires. Nothing I planted did well that spring. I am grateful for the rain.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**, the holder 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: 18-51-TD

Certificate Number: 450 Year of Issuance: 2015

Description of Property: 18-1N-4E-0112-000F-0080

3.36 ACRES LOT 8, BLK F LLOYD ACRES
ORB 59 PG 715

Site Address: 289 QUAIL LN

Name in which assessed: LINDA P REID

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

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File Number: 18-52-TD

Certificate Number: 392 Year of Issuance: 2015

Description of Property: 02-1N-4E-0000-0090-0000

¼ ACRE IN NE 1/4
ORB 259 PG 269

Site Address: WAUKEENAH HWY

Name in which assessed: ELVIRA D THOMAS
c/o Richard Thompson

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File Number: 18-53-TD

Certificate Number: 222 Year of Issuance: 2015

Description of Property: 15-1N-3E-0000-0170-0000

.50 ACRE IN NW ¼ OF SW ¼
ORB 637 PG 718

Site Address: GAMBLE RD

Name in which assessed: TOM C CHRISTIE c/o Marquita Veira

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File Number: 18-54-TD

Certificate Number: 387 Year of Issuance: 2015

Description of Property: 02-1N-4E-0000-004K-0000

1.32 ACRES IN SW ¼ OF SW ¼
ORB 398 PG 138 & ORB 422 PG 593

Site Address: CASA BIANCA RD

Name in which assessed: JENNIFER L HOWSE

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File Number: 18-62-TD

Certificate Number: 598 Year of Issuance: 2015

Description of Property: 34-2N-4E-0110-0000-1663

PT LOT 166 NORTH FLA PECAN CO SUBD
ORB 625 PG 679

Site Address: 1316 OLD LLOYD RD

Name in which assessed: MAGGIE KILLINGSWORTH

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

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File Number: 18-68-TD

Certificate Number: 606 Year of Issuance: 2015

Description of Property: 34-2N-4E0110-0000-2282

1 ACRE PT LOT 228 NORTH FLORIDA PECAN CO SUBD
ORB 80 PG 253

Site Address: OLD LLOYD RD

Name in which assessed: JOHNNY JONES HRS

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

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File Number: 18-69-TD

Certificate Number: 666 Year of Issuance: 2015

Description of Property: 21-1N-5E-0000-0043-0000

1 ACRE IN NW COR OF SE ¼ OF NW ¼
ORB 580 PG 503 AND ORB 630 PG 220

Site Address: THOMPSON VALLEY RD

Name in which assessed: IRETTA AND CURTIS FARLEY

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

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File Number: 18-70-TD

Certificate Number: 748 Year of Issuance: 2015

Description of Property: 29-2N-5E-0000-0632-0000

1 ACRE IN SW ¼ OF SW ¼
ORB 536 PG 419

Site Address: FIRST STREET

Name in which assessed: CLARK AVENUE GAS COMPANY LLC

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File Number: 18-71-TD

Certificate Number: 747 Year of Issuance: 2015

Description of Property: 29-2N-5E-0000-0631-0000

1 ACRE IN W ½ OF SW ¼
ORB 536 PG 419

Site Address: FIRST STREET

Name in which assessed: CLARK AVENUE GAS COMPANY LLC

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File Number: 18-72-TD

Certificate Number: 487 Year of Issuance: 2015

Description of Property: 26-1N-4E-0000-0320-0000

2 ACRES IN NE COR OF SW ¼ OF NW ¼
ORB 487 PG 2015

Site Address: RED FISH RD

Name in which assessed: T C CATO

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File Number: 18-73-TD

Certificate Number: 692 Year of Issuance: 2015

Description of Property: 22-1S-5E-0170-000N-1700

LOT 170 BLK N – VILLA NOVA SUBD
ORB HHH PG 13

Site Address: 85 VILLA NOVA RD

Name in which assessed: ANDREW AND BLOSSOM DICKEY

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File Number: 18-74-TD

Certificate Number: 828 Year of Issuance: 2015

Description of Property: 08-1N-6E-0000-0050-0000

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ORB HHH PG 13

Site Address: 8183 E WASHINGTON HWY

Name in which assessed: MICHELLE WAHLIG

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File Number: 18-76-TD

Certificate Number: 533 Year of Issuance: 2015

Description of Property: 14-1S-4E-0000-0052-0000

1.275 ACRES IN NW ¼
ORB 630 PG 420

Site Address: 37 KAMERON DRIVE AVALON SIDE RD

Name in which assessed: EDDIE LEE JONES

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File Number: 18-79-TD

Certificate Number: 60 Year of Issuance: 2016

Description of Property: 00-00-00-0270-0000-0120

S 75 Ft Lot 12 FL Simons Add
ORB 313 PG 126

Site Address: Fourth Street

Name in which assessed: THEODOSIA BLUE AND THEODORE BLUE JR

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File Number: 18-80-TD

Certificate Number: 539 Year of Issuance: 2016

Description of Property: 26-2N-4E-0000-0015-0000

Strip of Land 15 x 137.5 FT
OB 373 PG 288

Site Address: W BRYANT CIR

Name in which assessed: NANCY L GILL

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Homeowner's Guide

SWIMMING POOL SAFETY

Pool safety starts with prevention

Metro Editorial

Pools can make your backyard the place to be in late spring and throughout summer. Lazy summer afternoons are a lot more enjoyable when they're spent in or alongside a pool, and kids tend to say "I'm bored" with considerably less frequency when a pool is within arm's reach.

Pools are certainly fun, but they're only as fun as they are safe. According to the USA Swimming Foundation, between Memorial Day and Labor Day in 2018, at least 148 children younger than age 15 fatally drowned in swimming pools or spas. While those figures represented a nine percent decline from the year prior, 148 deaths is still 148 lives lost too early.

Pool safety need not come at the expense of summer fun. In fact, homeowners can employ various preventive measures to reduce the risk of pool-related accidents on their properties.

- **Inspect gates around your pool.** The International Code Council®, a member-focused association dedicated to the construction of safe, sustainable, affordable, and resilient structures, advises homeowners to inspect all pedestrian gates in the barrier fences around their pools. Such gates should be self-closing and self-latching, as both features ensure gates are always closed. In addition, the ICC recommends padlocking other gates around the property.

- **Remove objects around pedestrian gates.** Kids can climb up on chairs, tables, large toys, and other objects left around pool gates to gain access to pools even when their parents aren't looking or even home. Such items should be removed.

- **Install a pool alarm.** Pool alarms can alert homeowners to accidental or unauthorized entrance into the water. The ICC recommends installing such alarms while noting that they should not be considered a substitute for barrier fences or safety covers.

- **Install automatic or manually operated pool covers.** Pool covers can effectively prevent access to pools, spas or hot tubs. At the end of each pool session, cover the pool, even during the height of summer when pools are used daily. The minor task of covering the pool is worth the considerably lower risk of accident or injury if pools remain uncovered.

Summer afternoons at the pool can be made much safer by adhering to a few safety tips.

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Metro Editorial

your kitchen layout

According to the Bureau of Labor, the average person spends just 68 minutes each weekday consuming food and only 37 minutes preparing meals. The kitchen is not just a spot for food. It also is a gathering place for conversation, homework and family time.

In recognition that so much time is spent in this heart of the home, many people are embracing some of the more popular trends concerning kitchen layouts to maximize the comfort and efficiency of these rooms.

Communal zones

Unlike the days of yore when the kitchen was utilitarian, today's home floor plans make kitchens a focal point of a home. Food preparation also is no longer a solitary task. Thanks to larger kitchen footprints and multiple zones set up for meal creation, a greater number of people can hang out in the kitchen and help with meals. You'll find multiple sinks, large islands and more counter space are key components of modern kitchen layouts.

Dining nooks

Kitchen designs are bringing back banquette seating in a cozy nook. This design is a practical use of space, and can fit in large and small kitchens alike. It also can give a kitchen a high-end look, as built-in banquettes can highlight a bay window or seem custom-made for the space. Banquette seating can fit a number of people comfortably and provides a sensible and casual dining spot solution.

Family table

Formal dining and living rooms are now used infrequently. As a result, kitchens have evolved to accommodate meal prep and dining. A large family table in the center of the room brings people into the kitchen to get more involved with food, according to San Francisco designer David Kensington.

Counter culture

Taking a page out of a favorite corner diner or bar, kitchens are increasingly outfitted with a large

island flanked by chic counter stools. Family members can pull up a stool and grab a quick snack. It's also a great place for friends to engage in conversation while a host or hostess prepares cocktails and appetizers for an evening soirée.

Work zone

Many families like to have an area of the kitchen set up as a tech zone where kids can do their homework and even parents can do some work, such as paying bills. Setting aside an area of counter space as a small desk area can be a great idea. Such areas also help parents keep a watchful eye on children while they're surfing the internet. Kitchens are the hub of the household, and modern design trends cater to a growing need for a multipurpose space.

/ CAUTION: BATHROOM AHEAD! /

Metro Editorial

Although anywhere in a home can be the scene of an accident, bathrooms tend to be the most dangerous room in the house. Slippery tile, the presence of water, stockpiled medications, and many sharp and hard edges in a small space pose several different hazards in the bathroom, particularly for young children and people age 65 and up. Some easy modifications can prevent bathroom accidents.

1. Reduce slippery surfaces.

Wet tile is a recipe for slick conditions. Bath rugs with rubber backing can provide traction in the bathroom, as can nonslip mats placed on the floor of the bathtub or shower enclosure. Water-resistant flooring made from recycled rubber is another option. It is softer, less slippery and more forgiving than traditional tile flooring.

2. Install lever-style fixtures.

Round knobs in the bathroom can be difficult to grasp, especially for the elderly or those with arthritis. Lever-style fixtures are easier to maneuver and can help alleviate scalding from not being able to adequately adjust the water temperature.

3. Utilize transfer benches and shower seats. A transfer bench can help reduce injuries that occur when trying to climb over a tub wall. Benches are placed outside of the tub and a person sits and then swings his legs over the ledge. Transfer benches also can be used in conjunction with shower seats. This is a chair or bench that allows people to sit while they shower.

4. Discard old medications.

Clean out the medicine cabinet of old or expired medications, including both prescription and over-the-counter drugs. This

reduces the likelihood of medication confusion, and does not put potentially harmful pills and syrups into the hands of children.

5. Install grab bars. Properly installed grab bars around the shower and toilet area can provide leverage and stability. AARP says many injuries to seniors occur when they are attempting to sit or get up from the toilet. Grab bars or an elevated toilet seat can help.

6. Install motion-detecting lights. These lights turn on automatically upon detecting movement, making them beneficial for people who routinely visit the bathroom in the middle of the night. Adequate illumination also can help reduce fall risk.

Bathroom safety should be made a priority. Various modifications can make bathrooms safer for people of all ages.

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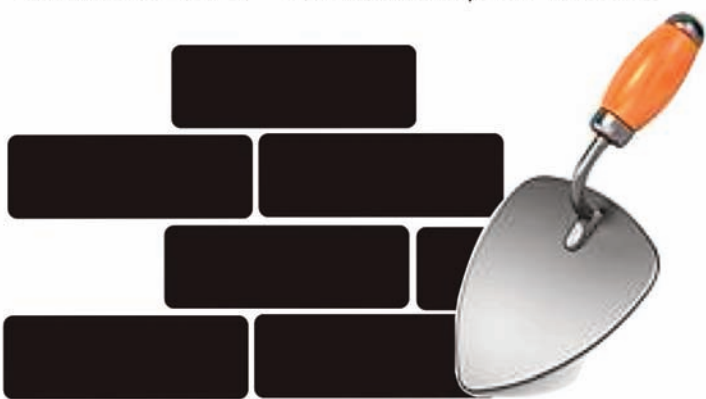
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Did you know?

When tending to their lawns, homeowners are advised to pay attention to areas that may feature standing water. According to the World Health Organization, standing water is a breeding ground for mosquitoes, which can breed in great numbers in pools of water.

Mosquitoes are known to carry diseases like malaria, West Nile virus and Zika. Furthermore, mosquitoes that bite pets can transmit heartworms, a serious problem if gone it goes undiscovered.

Standing water also can be a haven for bacteria, mold and parasites that are dangerous to human health. If standing, stagnant water is a problem in your yard, remediation is necessary. Directing downspouts away from the house can remediate standing water. Changing the grading of soil so that low spots are elevated is another way to reduce instances of standing water. This may be a project that requires the assistance of a drainage professional. In addition, homeowners can remove standing water from empty flower pots, pool covers, bird baths, and more to reduce the likelihood that mosquitoes will appear on their properties.

How to identify termites

Metro Editorial

Few things elicit fear in the minds of homeowners like termites. Termites are voracious and can turn wood to pulp wherever they take up residence. Termites have felled massive trees, but they also can bore through the wood in homes, wreaking havoc as they go.

Ants and termites can look similar, so homeowners who suspect they have a termite infestation should learn to distinguish one from the other. A close look at termites can make it easy to identify them. Unlike ants, termites have no "waist;" their bodies are more rectangular. A termite also has straight, beaded antenna, while an ant's antennae are bent or elbowed. Termite wings are equal in size, uniform in shape and much longer than their bodies. Ants have a reddish hue, while termites are gray or creamy white.

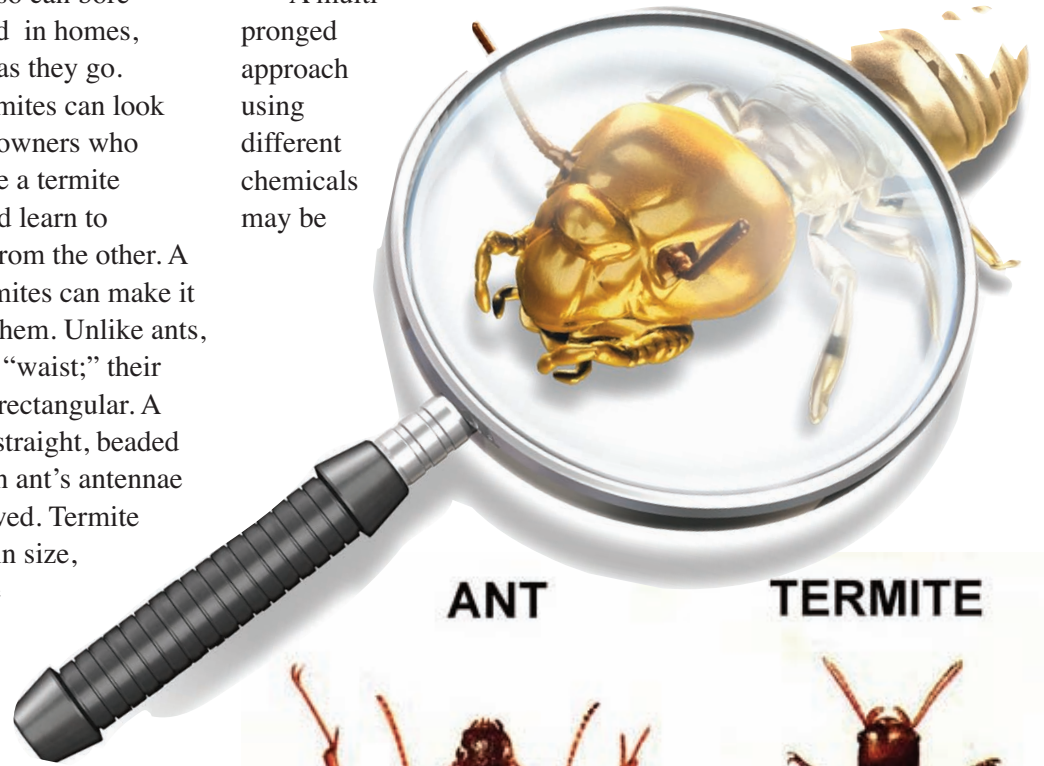
Prevention is always preferable to having to treat termites after they are established. Termite Web, a site devoted to termite information, states that treating home foundations and surrounding soil with termite spray is often the best course of action to stop subterranean termites from taking hold. If termites are already present, drilling into the floor surrounding the building and using a

termiteicide may be necessary. Baiting termites outside with wood that is tainted with slow-acting insecticide can eliminate an entire colony in one to four months.

Termite control methods may need to be repeated.

A multi-pronged approach using different chemicals may be

necessary to kill existing insects and repel further infestations. Trial and error can help homeowners rid their spaces of termites so that they can repair damaged wood and ensure structures are sound.



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