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Fifth teen arrested for JES break-in

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Ezekial Gillyard

After sitting empty for the last few years, the Jefferson Elementary School was expected to receive a facelift and return to the community as a community center, which would be run by the 11th Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

The 11th Episcopal

District had planned to use the former school campus as a community center which would benefit Jefferson County youth and adults through the provision of proposed programs that would encompass child care, health care, job training and more.

Only months after coming to a lease agreement with the Jefferson County School District (which still owns the school campus), on Sunday, March 3, the 11th Episcopal District received a call that stated the JES building had been broken into and

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Clean up Monticello

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It's spring time! Time to open the windows, dust the furniture and air the rugs with spring cleaning. Then, while you are in the spring cleaning mood, why not help out with one of the two spring cleaning events planned for Monticello this weekend?

Taking place on Saturday, April 27, the Big Spring Clean 2019 will focus on the beautification and cleaning of downtown Monticello.

The event, hosted by MainStreet Monticello, is open to business owners and citizens alike.

Volunteers can stop by the hospitality tent, which will be located on 110 E. Dogwood St., around 8 a.m. in order to be given their assignments.

Cleaning projects will include landscaping, window washing, litter clean-up, pressure washing, and more.

For more information, contact Michele Arce-neaux at (678) 614-0130.

The second spring cleaning event is the Monticello Ecological Park clean-up, hosted by seventh grader Louis Dearman.

"Monticello Ecological Park is chocked with litter. You can help!" says Dearman.

Volunteers for the park cleanup will need to contact Dearman's team at eco.park.cleanup@gmail.com or Esther Warrendorf at (850) 491-2973.

Volunteers will be required to fill out a form prior to the event.

This will be a community-service-hours friendly event.

There will be plenty of opportunities to stay busy and clean up our beautiful, historic town this weekend!



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3-2 vote in favor of bid application

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Forty acres of land, bordering the Jefferson Somerset school campus, is currently up for bid after an interested party contacted the Jefferson County School Board (JCSB), asking for an opportunity to lease the land.

The property, which is a total of 40.12 acres and valued at \$200,600 (according to the Jefferson County Property Appraiser's land map), is located at the corner of Phelps Road and Old Drifton Road.

The property borders the southern boundary line where the Jefferson Somerset campus is located.

During the March 2019 meeting earlier this year, Buford Reedy and David Barnhart came before the JCSB to discuss the possibilities of leasing the land.

Barnhart and Reedy were given permission by the school board members to prepare and present a lease document, which the board members could view and base a decision upon.

Buford and Reedy returned before the board members on the

April meeting of the JCSB, on Monday, April 8, with a completed lease agreement.

The document laid out, in detail, how the property would be used, the rent amount which would be paid per year, and other additional terms.

According to the lease that was presented, the 40.12 acres of land would be rented out for \$500 a year (with an additional upfront \$500 security deposit at the start of the lease).

The lease would last until July of 2030 – a total of 11 years.

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Monticello man wins \$1 million in lottery

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Photo submitted

Carl Madison (center) poses with his family and the oversized check Madison received from the Florida Lottery. Madison, a Monticello local, claimed his \$1,000,000 prize at the Florida Lottery Headquarters, in Tallahassee.

Everyone dreams, at some point or another, of winning big in the lottery – and for a Jefferson County man, that dream has now become a reality.

On Friday, April 19, the Florida Lottery announced that Carl Madison, 60, of Monticello, was one of the lotto's newest winners.

According to the press release issued by Florida Lottery Communications, Madison purchased a \$5 Gold Rush Classic scratch-off game ticket at a Tallahassee gas station located off Capital Circle Southeast.

The scratch-off ticket was loaded with winning numbers, making Madison \$1,000,000 richer.

On Wednesday, April 17, Madison and his family gathered at the Tallahassee Florida Lottery

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Did you know?

George Washington's troublesome teeth were made of bone, hippopotamus ivory, human teeth, lead, brass screws, and gold metal wire- but not wood.

Weather for this week

Wed 4/24
85° | 58° F
Cloudy

Thu 4/25
85° | 65° F
Cloudy

Fri 4/26
79° | 60° F
AM
Thundershowers

Viewpoints



Letters To The Editor

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Wishful Hidden Treasure?

For those of you who thought Washington would finally get back to governing and undertaking the public's essential business once Special Council Muller's report was finalized, buckle your seatbelts!! The outright refusal by Democrats to accept the legitimate and constitutional outcome of the 2016 presidential election, has morphed into an irrational hysteria of Trump hatred which has spread like a deadly virus to significantly divide our great nation. For over two painstaking years, the Democrats have been ringing their hands and confidently expecting Special Council Muller and his henchmen to come up with a boatload of evil and unlawful accounts of President Trump and his associates colluding with Russia to guarantee his win. As a bonus, they were expecting the Special Council would also find damning and illegal accounts of Trump obstructing justice and interfering with the Special Councils investigation. Just like the 2016 election results, in this case the Democrats are not going to accept the Special Council's report of no Trump collusion or obstruction of justice. They needed a silver bullet from Muller to take down this president and overturn the results of the 2016 election. Crushed by the report's unexpected outcome, their Trump hating hysteria demands they waste even more valuable legislative time combing through Muller's report trying to find any shred of information they can blow out of proportion. They are now so invested, they must keep fanning the fire of presidential impeachment and wrong doing all the way to the 2020 presidential election.

This reminds me of the old story when a father took his young son to visit a farm for the first time. The father soon discovered his son in the barn digging feverishly through a nasty and large pile of manure. The startled father shouted to his son, "What in the world are you doing!?" To which his son replied, "There must be a pony in here somewhere!" Sound kind of familiar?

It's now high time for our country to get back on track and the Democrats to stop wasting time looking for the "pony." Unfortunately as long as Democrat voters do nothing and just accept the self-serving and arrogant actions of the "representatives" they put in office, we are going to be a stagnant nation for at least another two years! UGH!!

Dennis Foggy

Passing Parade

by Nelson Pryor, Guest Columnist

The Fight Continues

What's freedom worth? This writers generation assumed an obligation, that of going to war, to save Viet Nam. And then, in April, 1975, we declared victory, jumped on helicopters, and ships, and came on home.

Cut Their Legs Off

But there was one South Vietnamese fighter pilot who continued the struggle against communism over the last decades.

Le Van Tong, that fighter pilot, flying an A-37 attack plane, was shot down near Nha Trang shortly before the end of the war, where he was captured and sent to a

communist "reeducation" camp. Some of his toenails were ripped out, he was placed in solitary confinement inside a cargo container, and he was hung by his feet and beaten.

Mr. Tong escaped the "reeducation" camp, in 1980, and embarked on a 17-month trek through Cambodia, Thailand and Malaysia, traveling by bike, bus, rail and foot. Eventually arriving at the U.S. Embassy to request asylum.

He became an American citizen, even working on his PhD. Eventually, the April 9, 2019 *Washington Post* b4 obituary reported, that he aimed to make a revolution. He authored a 300-page autobiography, *Black Eagle*, which took its name from the fighter squadron he served in at the close of the Viet Nam war.



Ly Van Tong: One Man's Fight Against Communism

Push Back

On September 4, 1992, he continued his country's fight for freedom when he went on a journey to show what one man can do. He boarded an Air Vietnam flight, carrying 155 passengers from Bangkok to Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon), and took it over. He dumped tens of thousands of anti-communist pamphlets over the city urging residents to take up arms against the government.

"People of Saigon-fill the streets!" they read. "Occupy the radio and television stations! Ask the police to join the revolution or return to their barracks. An overseas invasion force is on the way! I will soon be there to lead the fight. Await instructions!"

Mr. Tong eventually threw himself out the window, using a secondhand parachute he had purchased in Bangkok, to land safely in a swamp. None of the passengers or crew was injured, but Mr. Tong was arrested within two hours.

He was sentenced to 20 years in prison. He was released early in 1998 as part of a general amnesty.

A Folk Hero

Returning to these united States, unrepentant, Mr. Tong went on to broaden his fight against communism, dropping leaflets over Havana on New Year's Day 2000 that urged Cubans to rise up against "the old dinosaur Fidel Castro." They were signed, "Commander in Chief of the Revolutionary Anti-Communist Forces of the World."

Mr. Tong returned to Florida, unscathed. He next traveled to Thailand where he hired a twin-engine plane and flew to Ho Chi Minh City to again, drop anti-communist pamphlets. Jailed for seven years, he said: "The only thing that matters is, the Communists still control my country. I'm a pilot. This is what I can do."

Christian Concepts... *The Resurrection*

During the Easter season our thoughts turn to the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the most pivotal event in human history. Christianity is founded upon it and human history is divided by it.

Indeed, Christianity stands or falls on its historical authenticity.

Do we as Christians ask the world to blindly embrace the reality of the resurrection? While faith is an essential component of Christianity there is a difference between faith and blind faith. We have not

been left totally in the dark. The evidence for the resurrection is clearly seen in the lives of the apostles and the faith that was founded on their eyewitness accounts.

I cannot formulate, nor have I ever read, a more compelling argument for the historicity of the resurrection of Christ than that offered by Scottish

theologian Dr. Principal Hill. The late Dr. D. James Kennedy in his book *Why I Believe* shares the following statement by Dr. Hill.

Hill said, "But if notwithstanding every appearance of truth, you suppose their testimony to be false, then inexplicable circumstances of glaring absurdity crowd upon you.

You must suppose that twelve men of mean birth, of no education, living in that humble station which placed ambitious views out of their reach and far from their thoughts, without any aid from the state, formed the noblest scheme which ever entered into the mind of man, adopted the most daring means of executing that scheme, and conducted it with such address as to conceal the imposture under the semblance of simplicity and virtue.

You must suppose that men guilty of blasphemy and falsehood, united in an attempt the best contrived, and which has in fact proved the most successful, for making the world virtuous; that they formed this singular enterprise without seeking any advantage to themselves, with an avowed contempt of loss and profit, and with the certain expectation

of scorn and persecution; that although conscious of one another's villainy, none of them ever thought of providing for his own security by disclosing the fraud, but amidst sufferings the most grievous to flesh and blood they persevered in their conspiracy to cheat the world into piety, honesty and benevolence.

Truly, they who can swallow such suppositions have no title to object to miracles."

History is replete with accounts of martyrs from different faiths who have died for what they believed, but they died believing those things to be true. There is not a single record of anyone who died for what they knew was a lie. If the disciples stole the body of Christ and hid it to feign Christ's resurrection, is it reasonable to believe they gave the remainder of their lives to suffer privations, persecutions and death knowing the resurrection was a lie?

This is the point that Dr. Hill makes so cogently. Ours is not a blind faith. An empty tomb gives mute testimony to the angel's words, "He is not here, but He has risen," (Luke 24:6).



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vandalized.

After meeting with members of the school district, as well as officers from the Monticello Police Department, it was discovered that several glass doors and windows had been broken by vandals.

The inside of the building also sustained extensive damage from the vandals, such as dispersed fire extinguisher agent throughout the campus' rooms and halls, scattered paperwork, damaged books that had been thrown "haphazardly" around the rooms, broken fluorescent light bulbs, as well as crude and profane graffiti drawn on the walls of the school.

Bookshelves were pushed over in the media center, with the books being tossed into piles. The windows to interior doors were broken.

Despite the extensive damage, law enforcement officers were able to determine that no items appeared to have been stolen.

With no witnesses to the break-in or vandalism, investigators at the MPD continued to review the case without many leads until Thursday, March 21 when Sgt. Tharpe made contact with a juvenile subject.

During an interview with the subject (post-Miranda rights reading and with a parent present), the juvenile provided information about the destructing vandalism at JES.

The juvenile explained that the group of young perpetrators had

planned to go to JES and "just explore" the empty building.

However, once inside the building, the juvenile claimed that another juvenile began "acting stupid" by spraying fire extinguishers while running down the hallways of the school.

The group continued to explore and vandalize the campus by breaking windows and trophy cases, pushing over bookshelves, tossing books throughout the media center, breaking lightbulbs and drawing graffiti.

The total amount of damages are estimated to be in the excess of \$30,000.

Over the course of several more days, Sgt. Tharpe interviewed four other subjects and each subject

corroborated the statements of the other juveniles.

Warrants were released for the five juvenile subjects, with four teens being arrested shortly thereafter.

The fifth juvenile subject, Ezekial Gillyard, was booked into the Jefferson County Jail on Wednesday, April 3, after Gillyard turned himself in to law enforcement officers.

As of the last meeting of the Jefferson County School Board, it was not determined whether the 11th Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church is still interested in leasing the elementary school or whether a community center will continue to be planned for the building.

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The land would be used for the farming of watermelons, livestock hay, and other agricultural cultivations.

Board member Charles Boland, who – during the March meeting – had voiced his interest in bidding out the land for lease or purchase options, addressed the estimated worth of the land.

"The property is appraised at \$5,000 an acre," said Boland, before strongly recommending that the board place the property up for bid before handing it off for 11 years at \$500 a year. "We could use the money in our system."

Board member Sandra Saunders felt differently, claiming that the land had been there for at least 20 years without anyone contacting the board during that time.

"Had anybody else been interested, I would have thought that they would have come tonight," said Saunders. "It's been sitting up there forever and ever."

Saunders also opposed Boland's recommendation of using a bid process to seek out a higher profit.

"I don't know what our district needs – we're not running a whole lot for us to need three or four million dollars here," said Saunders, adding that she liked what Barnhart and Reedy were proposing to do, agriculturally, with the land. "I'm not for the bidding process at this point."

After Saunders' statements, board member Bill Brumfield spoke up, advising that he was in support of Boland's recommendation to bid out the property before signing a lease agreement.

"I think that we need to advertise and give people a chance to say something – we can put it off for one more month, but I think we need to advertise," said Brumfield.

Board chairperson Shirley Washington, who had up to this moment remained silent with the exception of complimenting Barnhart and Reedy on their well-prepared lease, joined the discussion.

"People knew that land was there," said Washington. "It bothers me...that land could have laid there [for] 50 years, and until someone came and spoke about it, then everybody got interested. Then it's [all] money, money. The only thing I have heard about Jefferson County is about getting money for the county, money for the school system. No one has been concerned about the care, the safety and the educational curricular for these children."

Further, Washington accused "people" of trying to contradict or hinder "what someone else is trying to do."

"It's only ever about the dollar," Washington rebuked, asking what the JCSB would do with more money.

"Fix the auditorium," replied Boland, addressing the fact that the Kilpatrick Auditorium, located on Water Street, had been operating without a functioning air conditioning unit, as well as with multiple other maintenance issues for months.

"I respect that, but why don't a group of the citizens that [are] concerned about that go to the Department of Education (DOE) as a committee for Jefferson County...and get money to fix the auditorium if they are concerned?" asked Washington. "I agree, the auditorium does need air conditioning, but have you ever thought [about] organizing somebody, to just go to DOE? But no, we sit here and we bash and we talk and we criticize. I just don't believe in allowing people to keep this county down."

"Ms. Washington, would it hurt to put it off for one month and put it up for bid, and then if anybody didn't bid on the property, then we would go into our contract with Mr. Barnhart?" asked Boland. "I'm just saying, I think we will be in trouble somewhere along the line, cause they will take this land and make a profit on it. I think we may be in trouble by

"If anything is not written in the Monticello News the way I think it should be, if they put anything up in the way I handled myself or what I said, then you'll know because I'll retaliate."

- Shirley Washington during a discussion with Board member Brumfield during the Monday, April 8 public meeting of the Jefferson County School Board.

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not giving the citizens of Jefferson County – or any other county – the chance to look at the property and see that it is up for bid."

Boland also stressed that he felt as though it would be difficult for the JCSB to obtain funding for other projects from the DOE, should they decide to continue "giving property away" instead of making profits on the properties the board owns.

"I don't think we are doing the citizens of Jefferson County justice by not putting this up for bid."

Board member Brumfield rejoined the conversation, saying: "I don't want to do something that will come back and bite us."

Brumfield shared that, if the board did decide to bid out the property and not receive any acceptable bids, he would be more than supportive about handing the property over to the Barnhart/Reedy group.

Brumfield also declared that he had not been aware, after the March meeting, that the JCSB would be voting so quickly on the lease agreement with Barnhart and Reedy. Some of the school board members did not receive the agenda packets containing the lease until the Friday before the meeting, and others echoed Brumfield's surprise that the contract had already been placed before them for an official vote.

"I did not know we were voting on this tonight," said Brumfield. "I'm going to vote no until we do [things] the right way. I want to do what's right for this county."

Superintendent Marianne Arbulu advised the board that, around a year ago, the state's Department of Education requested that the school district look at all its properties and decide which properties would be held or sold.

The board had agreed to classify the Old Drifton/Phelps property as a hold.

"We never articulated why," said Arbulu. "It may behoove us to think about what is it that these properties are intended [for], what their intended use should be."

Maintaining a role as a peacemaker, Arbulu claimed that both sides made valid opinions about either moving forward or waiting to find the best financial offer.

"We're strapped for cash, we don't have students, a future, any plan for growth," added Arbulu before confirming that she would provide assistance for whatever the JCSB needed and decided.

Gladys Roann-Watson, the only board member yet to vie in, spoke up.

"I am on the same page as Mr. Brumfield and Mr. Boland," said Roann-Watson. "I am of the opinion that we could hold off another 30 days. Since it's been sitting out there that long, I don't think 30 days will make that much difference."

Upon Saunders request for clarification, School Board Attorney Reeves advised that there is no state statute that requires them to bid out for leases, however, Reeves did advise that bidding out would

be his suggestion.

Reeves also addressed the difference between this lease and the Jefferson Elementary School lease, which had been given to a private religious organization for \$1 earlier this year.

While the religious group planned to use the elementary school to improve the community through the provision of programs, child care, job training and more, the Phelps land would be used for private purposes, and the only benefit the school district would receive was through rental payments.

"The only benefit there is, is to receive money," said Reeves. "In my opinion, you should bid it out, because how else do you know you've gotten the best deal for the district?"

With the discussion primarily concluded, School board chairperson Washington called for a vote in favor of approving the lease agreement with Barnhart and Reedy.

Shirley Washington and Sandra Saunders voted in favor of the lease.

Bill Brumfield, Gladys Roann-Watson and Charles Boland voted against the lease.

With a 2-3 tally, the vote failed.

With the vote behind them, Brumfield again suggested that the board look towards advertising the property for bids.

Brumfield made a motion for the property to be bid out as a lease, and advertised right away, with Roann-Watson seconding the motion.

Before a vote could be taken, Shirley Washington criticized the board for 'flickering' on how they process and handle leases.

"I always like to be fair, honest and consistent," said Washington, claiming that the board complicates the lease process for some people, but not for others.

The vote was held, with Bill Brumfield, Gladys Roann-Watson and Charles Boland voting for the advertising of bids, and Shirley Washington and Sandra Saunders voting in opposition.

With the decision approved for the opening the Phelps property for bids from the community, the JCSB decided to accept bids until May 6.

Bids will be publically opened on May 7 and voted on at next board meeting, on May 13.

All bids must include the rental amount, which shall be no less than \$500 a year (which is a little over \$12 a year per acre).

Proposal specifications can be received by contacting Superintendent Arbulu at (850) 342-0100 or Marianne.Arbulu@jeffersonschooldistrict.org.

LOTTERY

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Headquarters in order for Madison to collect his lump-sum winnings and pose with representatives of the Florida Lottery for pictures.

The \$5 game, \$1,000,000 Gold Rush Classic, launched in January and offers more than \$200.5 million in prizes, including 32 top prizes of \$1 million. The game's overall odds of winning are 1-in-3.97.

Scratch-offs are an important part of the Florida Lottery's portfolio of games, as they generated more than \$871 million for the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund (EETF) in 2017-18, and comprised of approximately 69 percent of ticket sales.

The Florida Lottery is responsible for contributing more than \$35 billion to education and sending more than 808,000 students to college through the Bright Futures Scholarship Program.

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Community News

Victoria's Classy Attitude Boutique hosts April Business After 5



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo By Ashley Hunter, April 18, 2019

The April Business After 5 hosts were Tom and Victoria Randle, owners of Victoria's Classy Attitude Boutique.

On Thursday, April 18, Victoria's Classy Attitude Boutique owners Victoria and Tom Randle welcomed various chamber members into their business, which is located at 151 N. Jefferson St.

Business After 5 attendees enjoyed drinks and hors d'oeuvres while socializing and browsing the boutique.

In addition to the good food and conversation, Victoria's Classy Attitude Boutique provided two door prizes; the two winners were Pat Inmon and Edward Carraway.

In order to stay up to date on future Business After 5 events, and other chamber activities, services, and events contact Katrina Richardson, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, at (850) 997-5552 or email info@monticellojeffersonfl.com.

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Victoria's Classy Attitude Boutique, one of Monticello's downtown businesses which provides a shopping outlet for women's and children's clothing, home decor and fashionable accessories, recently hosted the April Business After 5 event.

Sponsored by the Monticello-Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, Business After 5 allows an opportunity for Jefferson County's business owners, community partners and chamber members to gather together for socializing and mingling "after five p.m."

These professional and recreational gatherings are designed with the mindset that "people do business with people they know."

Business After 5 events are free and open to the public, especially to chamber members.



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Everyone loves door prizes! The first door prize winner of the night was local historic home owner, community partner and chamber of commerce member, Pat Inmon. Pictured, from left to right, are: Victoria Randle, Pat Inmon, Katrina Richardson and Tom Randle.



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A winner for the Business After 5 cash prize was drawn by Victoria Randle (right) as Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Katrina Richardson (left) holds the box. A name was pulled, but due to the fact that the winner was not present, the cash prize will continue to accumulate until the next Business After 5 event.

The Jefferson County Advisory Council of Big Bend Hospice cordially invites you to

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The evening's second door prize winner was Edward Carraway (left), a community partner and staff member at The First Bank, in Monticello. Pictured with Carraway is Tom Randle (right).



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Business After 5 gives members of the Monticello-Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce the opportunity to socialize as well as learn more about one another's businesses. Pictured, *Monticello News'* Justice Barrington makes a purchase at Victoria's Classy Attitude Boutique, while conversing with owner Victoria Randle.

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Make a Joyful Noise at upcoming Big Bend Hospice banquet and fundraiser

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The Jefferson County Advisory Council of Big Bend Hospice has issued a cordial invite to their upcoming event: the Joyful Noise Banquet. The event will be held on Friday, May 17 at the First United Methodist Church of Monticello at 6 p.m.



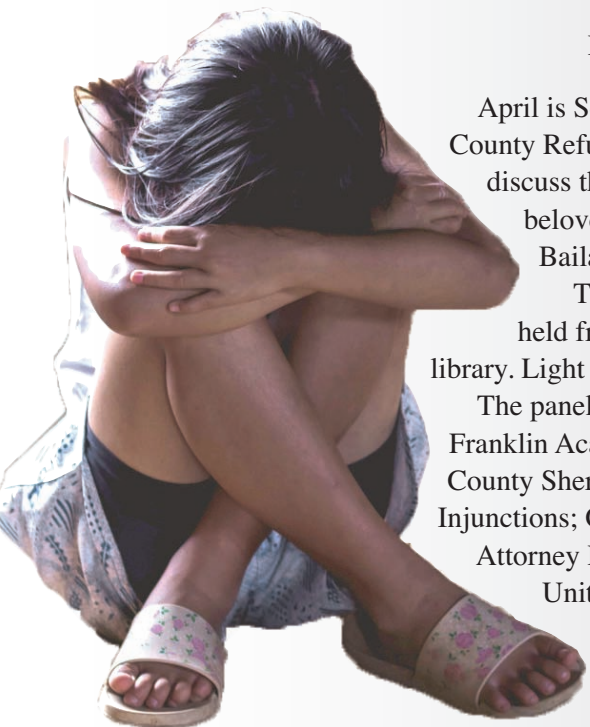
Big Bend Hospice

This evening will be a fundraiser, with all proceeds to benefit Big Bend Hospice. Tickets are \$30, and the evening will contain a splendid dinner, an entertaining concert and a live auction. Currently, sponsorships are being accepted for this event. Tickets for the Joyful Noise Banquet can be purchased at Carrie Ann & Company,

located at 925 E. Washington St., in Monticello. For more information about tickets, sponsorships or the event itself, contact Juanice Hughes at (850) 273-0705.

Day of Dialogue for Sexual Violence Awareness Month

Debbie Snapp, ECB Publishing, Inc.



April is Sexual Violence Awareness Month, and Jefferson County Refuge House representatives have invited guests to discuss this issue and other related issues about your role in our beloved community on Thursday, April 25, at the R.J. Bailar Public Library.

This Thursday's Day of Dialogue presentation will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the community room of the library. Light refreshments will be served.

The panel of invited guests will include Margaret Franklin, Franklin Academy; Marie Rigdon, Victim Advocate for the County Sheriff's Office; Crystal Gramling, Clerk of Court Injunctions; Chief Fred Mosley, Monticello Police Department; Attorney Hope Demps, FCADV; and Rev. John Hicks, First United Methodist Church pastor.

For more information contact Dr. Barbara Thomas-Reddick at (850) 363-0706.

Martin-Hamm Family Reunion on June 1



Photo Submitted

This group of 12 men and eight women were pictured at the Brown Farmstead in Dills Community of Jefferson County sometime between 1905 and 1910, during a church outing. Pictured are: Wilson M. Martin, Sr., seated in the center. On his right is Elder Jeff Brown. In the back row is Wilson Martin, Jr. and his wife Mamie (Sudie) Stebbins Martin. Unfortunately, the family today can't identify the others because the photo was not marked.

Debbie Snapp
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The Martin-Hamm Family Reunion has been held on the first Saturday in June for many, many years now and this year is no different. On Saturday, June 1 family members and friends will come together once again to share recent family happenings and reminiscence about days gone by.

Descendants of Mandy Hamm and Wilson Martin, Jr. will be hosting the 2019 Martin-Hamm Family Reunion. The event will be held at Lake Okahumpka Park, 6085 E. SR 44, in Wildwood, FL, beginning at 10 a.m.

For more information, contact family members Catrena Smith at (904) 238-4796 or catrenasmith@yahoo.com or contact Val Martin-Jeffrey at (813) 325-2270 or Janie Brockington (Wilson Martin, Jr's granddaughter) at (352) 461-4049.



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Wilson Martin, Jr. (1888 - 1980) and his wife Mamie (Sudie) Stebbins Martin (1888 - 1980) on the Brown Farmstead in the Jefferson County Dills Community, taken sometime between 1905 and 1910.



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If you work for a business that offers a 401(k) plan, consider yourself fortunate, because a 401(k), with its tax advantages and variety of investment options, is a great way to save for retirement. But what if you need to tap in to your plan before you retire? Is it a good idea to borrow from your 401(k)?

To begin with, you need to determine if a loan is even available. You can only borrow from your 401(k) if you're still working for the company that offers the plan, but even so, you'll have to check with your human resources area to determine if loans are allowed. If they are, you'll want to weigh the pros and cons before taking action.

On the "pro" side, it's pretty easy to get a 401(k) loan – there's no formal loan application and no minimum credit score required. Plus, you're only borrowing from yourself, and you can generally repay the loan with automatic paycheck deductions, typically over a five-year period.

However, you'll also encounter some "cons" when taking out a 401(k) loan, particularly concerning taxes. If you had not borrowed from your 401(k), the money you took out could have been growing on a tax-deferred basis, assuming you used pre-tax dollars to fund your plan, and your withdrawals will only be taxed once. But when you borrow from your plan, you will have to repay it, along with interest, with money you've earned – and been taxed on – and then, when you withdraw it later, you'll pay taxes on it again.

Furthermore, if you leave your employer before fully repaying your loan, the outstanding balance likely will be taxable, although you may have a grace period in which to pay it off and avoid taxes.

And perhaps even more important, taking money from your 401(k), even if you repay it later, will almost certainly slow the growth potential of your account – which, in plain terms, means you may have less money available for retirement.

Of course, if you encounter an emergency, and you have nowhere else to turn, you may need to borrow from your 401(k). And some plans allow hardship withdrawals for medical expenses and other needs, although you'll still be taxed on the amount you withdraw.

But you'd probably be better off if you can prepare, well in advance, for situations in which you need immediate access to a sizable sum. One way of doing this is to build an emergency fund containing six months' to a year's worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. You also might find some resources in the part of your investment portfolio held outside your 401(k). For example, you can always withdraw contributions to a Roth IRA without incurring taxes (although the earnings on these contributions could be taxable if you take the money out before you're 59½ and you've had your account less than five years).

In any case, you work hard to build your 401(k) – so, no matter where you are in life, think carefully about how you will use the money.

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Helen Louise (Brock) Montesano, 87, of Dowling Park, FL, passed away April 14, 2019.

She is survived by her sons Randall Lindsey, Stan Lindsey, Donald Montesano and Patrick Montesano; sisters Betty Driggers, Jane Moore and Emma Jewel Withers; brothers Gene, Jerry and Gary Brock; grandchildren Scott, Matthew, Travis

and Wesley Lindsey; and her great-grandchildren Asher and Tyler Montesano.

A memorial service will be held at Cherry Lake First Baptist Church, in Madison, FL, on Saturday, April 27, at 10 a.m., with lunch following at the parish hall. Donations may be made out to Haven Hospice – Suwannee Valley Care Center, in Lake City, FL.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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April 24, 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 call (850) 997-3311 for an appointment. The Jefferson Arts Gallery is located at 575 W. Washington St. in Monticello.

at lynn@kfrwfl.org or (850) 491-8755 or Karen Knox at (850) 251-0158. Visit KFRWFL.org.

April 25

Altrusa International Monticello meets at 12 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday at the First United Methodist Church Youth Center, providing community service and encouraging fellowship through its dedicated member activities and programs. For more information contact Linda Benedict at (850) 766-4997.

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. Contact Nellie Randell at (850) 997-5605 or Jackie Harvey at (850) 997-8410 to volunteer or for more information about this program.



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April 24
Jefferson Arts Gallery members meet at 11 a.m. on the fourth Wednesday. For more information contact Judy Miller at membership@jeffersonartsgallery.com

April 25

Keystone Federated Republican Women will hold a new member social at 5:30 p.m. prior to its monthly meeting on the fourth Monday at 7 p.m. at the Monticello-Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, 420 W. Washington St. For more information, contact Lynn Stafford

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Here's to our
ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS

spreadsheet generation to PowerPoint presentations to preparing schedules. Admins are often the unsung heroes of the workplace, and while they may not receive much fanfare, without the continued efforts of admins, businesses may grind to a halt.

In recognition of the roles they play, administrative professionals have been honored during a special week each April for the past 60 years. Called Secretary's Day upon its inception in 1952, the holiday was later expanded and the name changed to incorporate all of the employees who play pivotal administrative rolls in companies big and small. Managers and business owners may choose their employees, but the following ideas can breathe fresh life into festivities and help boost employee morale even further.

- **Spring for coffee.** Many employees require a caffeine buzz to get them through their busy days. The old pot in the break room may not deliver the best brews these days, and you can give employees another coffee fix to help them perk up. Check to see if independent coffee chains or even franchised businesses have to-go carafes. If not, consider purchasing a coffeehouse-inspired coffee maker, complete with the capabilities to make cappuccino and lattes.

- **Give the gift of time.** What worker couldn't use a few extra days off? Show gratitude by renegotiating vacation and personal time schedules with administrative professionals. Be open-minded to alternate work scheduled if they may keep employees happy and better able to serve the company.

- **Show your appreciation** through letters or certificates. Professional-looking certificates are easy to come by because they can be produced right in the office with some desktop publishing software. Some office-supply stores also may carry preprinted certificates. A heartfelt thank-you letter also is something that admins may appreciate, as it shows employees their efforts are not being overlooked.

- **Present tickets to a game or a show.** Many supervisors are given perks, such as free tickets to popular sporting events or other sources of entertainment at nearby venues. Pass on these free tickets to special employees who may not be able to afford box seats or front-row tickets to local theater productions.

- **Time pay raises to coincide with Administrative Professionals Week.** Use this week as an opportunity to give bonuses or raises, rather than doing so at the beginning or end of the year.

Administrative professionals do a lot to keep companies afloat and operating smoothly. Supervisors, managers and other higher-ups can take every opportunity to show their appreciation to these hard, yet often unsung, workers.

Peggye Bullock
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How to show administrative professionals they are appreciated

By Metro Creative

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Home Improvement Guide

Get more bang for your buck with these spring home improvements



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The warmer weather means it's time to start thinking about home improvement projects. Whether

you're getting your home in tip-top shape for your own enjoyment, or getting it ready to put on the market, not all home improvement projects are created equal when it comes to return on investment (ROI). Here are top areas on which to focus:

Interiors

The kitchen is the heart of the home and it's one of the best areas to renovate in terms of ROI, according to *Remodeling* magazine's annual Cost vs. Value Report, which puts the price tag of the average minor kitchen remodel at \$22,507, with 80.5 percent of the cost recouped upon resale.

To give the kitchen an updated appearance, replace the flooring, countertops, sink and faucet. A fresh coat of paint in a trendy shade, such as Living Coral, Pantone's Color of the Year, can add a vibrant pop of color to energize any kitchen. Not looking to go that bold? Consider an accent wall, or stick to a classic palate of gray and white in terms of cabinets and countertops. White on white is also a popular new style for kitchens and bathrooms.

Other features home buyers are paying close attention to are laundry rooms and such energy-saving elements as Energy Star appliances and windows, according to the survey "What Home Buyers Want in 2019" by the National Association of Home Builders.

Curb Appeal

The popularity of outdoor projects remains strong and it's for a good reason. According to the Cost vs. Value Report, the biggest bang for your buck in 2019 will come from replacing a garage door. The report says the average price is \$3,611, and 97.5 percent of it is recouped when the house is sold.

Other outdoor projects with high ROI include adding manufactured stone veneer to the exterior (94.9 percent), adding a wood deck (75.6 percent) and replacing siding (75.6 percent). Looking for a simpler way to make an impact? Sprucing up the landscape by planting flowers or bushes or even just clearing the yard of debris will make a big statement.

No matter what updates you end up making, it's always a good idea to notify your insurance agent. "Certain upgrades may change the value of a house, so homeowners need to make sure they're properly covered," says Bob Buckel, vice president of product management, Erie Insurance. "There are a few things to look for. Ask your agent about guaranteed replacement cost policies that can cover the cost to rebuild a home in today's dollars following a covered loss."

Some upgrades may also make you eligible for discounts, Buckel adds, especially if they make the home more secure. "For example, Erie Insurance offers certain safety discounts such as for installing smoke alarms or an automatic sprinkler system."

Now you have a checklist of DIY projects to focus on this spring. But before you start, take a moment to assess which ones are worth your time and money.

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School

A glimpse into the Jefferson Somerset Student Government

Debbie Snapp
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The mission of the Student Government Association (SGA) is to provide Jefferson Somerset students with representation, services and advocacy within the school structure.

The SGA provides quality leadership for, and accountability to, its constituency by recognizing that strength arises from diversity, engagement and dialogue.



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo By Debbie Snapp, February 8, 2019
Earlier this year the Jefferson Somerset Student Government Association held a gala themed 'The Beginning of The End' to promote unity in the community. Students, pictured from left to right, are: Wanda Gabriel, Jada Mosley, Cindy Le, Monsi Santillan and Alex Haseldon.



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Sandy Le, pictured on left, and Brooklynn Kirkpatrick, on right, are members of the Jefferson Somerset Student Government Association.

Three Jefferson Somerset seniors score above average ACT scores



Joshua Aiken



Terrence Mosley



Montserrat Santillan-Rodriguez

Story Courtesy of
Jefferson Somerset

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Jefferson Somerset is proud to announce that

three of their graduating seniors have exemplary ACT scores.

Joshua Aiken and Terrence Mosley both had a composite score of 29, and Montserrat Santillan-Rodriguez had a composite score of 28.

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STEM-related grant to benefit middle schools

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North Florida Community College (NFCC) will begin a new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) outreach program for area middle schools this fall thanks to a \$1.1 million federal grant awarded by the National Science Foundation (NSF).

The mission of the program is to enhance STEM awareness, motivation and skills for rural, middle school youth in Jefferson, Madison, Hamilton, Lafayette, Suwannee and Taylor counties. Selected middle school students will participate in engineering challenges using remote controlled robotic vehicles. Challenges will be performed on sea (water), air and land (SEAL). Each student will design and build their own robot and, equipped with a microcomputer, learn how to remotely control and move the robot. Students will also learn how to attach actuators and sensors to the robotic vehicle in preparation for a final STEM SEALs competition between participants. School and college faculty will serve as mentors throughout the project.

"The NFCC STEM SEALs program provides an exceptional opportunity to teachers and students in our district," said NFCC professor Dr. Guenter Maresch, the grants principal investigator. "The grant funding allows

NFCC to raise the educational experience while providing creative learning incentives that expose middle school students and teachers to practical applications of the science and mathematics curriculum."

"It is important to invest in the future of STEM," said Congressman Al Lawson (Florida-5), who helped secure the National Science Foundation grant. "STEM is the future of our society, and students should have the opportunity to explore their interests in this profession. The National Science Foundation grant will provide equal opportunity to learn more about STEM and potential careers in the field."

Teams of middle school students and teachers will form during NFCC's fall term, late August through December 2019. Selected students will design, construct and optimize their robotic vehicles during the college's 2020 spring semester, January through May. In the summer of 2020, the first NFCC STEM SEALs Engineering Competition will be held on the NFCC campus, in Madison. Applications will be made available to area middle schools this fall.

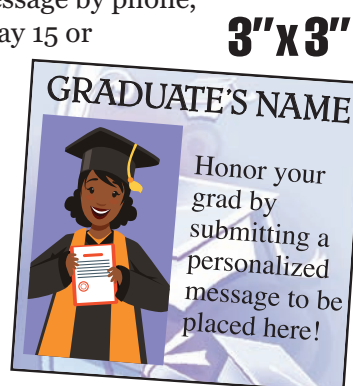
The NSF grant was awarded to NFCC on Monday, April 1, 2019 and extends over a three-year period through March 21, 2022. For more information, contact Dr. Guenter Maresch at (850) 973-1632 or mareschg@nfcc.edu.



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Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM
Adult Bible Study, Wednesday.....6:30-7:30 PM
Men's Breakfast, 2nd Saturday.....8:00 AM

From the Pulpit...

Priming the Pump

The good news is that Christ is alive. The bad news is how little impact that event is having in the world today.



Pastor John Hicks
First United
Methodist Church

There's an old story from the days of the Great Depression about an out-of-work, down-on-his-luck, drifter who got lost in the desert. Parched and dehydrated, he happened upon an old pump, holding the promise of water, life, and renewal. He jacked the lever up and down, but nothing happened.

It was then he noticed an old baking powder can that was attached to the pump. Opening the can, he found a folded note inside which said, "This pump works good as of June 1932. I put a new washer into it and it ought to last five years. But the washer dries up and the pump has got to be primed in order to work. Under the white rock I buried a bottle of water. There's enough water in it to prime the pump, but not if ya drink some first. Pour out about one fourth and let 'er soak to wet the leather washer. Then pour in the rest medium fast and pump like crazy. You will git water. The well has never run dry. Have faith. When ya get yerself all watered up, fill the bottle back up and and put 'er back like you

found it for the next feller." (signed) Desert Pete.

Faith in the life of a Christian is like Desert Pete's pump that needs to be primed before it brings forth the life giving water. Faith isn't always easy. In a world that wants black and white answers, meals in a minute, instant gratification, and reward without labor, faith sometimes requires a lot of real hard pumping. The flow of assurance that come from our efforts, however, is worth it.

For you see, faith affirms the Christian experience and promise is real, and what was true then is true now. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is available to us today. Our God who rolled the stone away then still moves stones for us now.

There are people around us who need to hear this. There are people around us who need to experience this. There are people around us who need to hear and experience that God can fix what's broken, heal what's wounded, and bring to life what has died or dried up. Maybe some of us need to hear and experience this as well.

The message of the empty tomb declares that no power on earth could keep Christ down then, and that no power on earth can keep us down now when we are in Christ Jesus. Living and sharing this faith message can impact our world now and for future generations.

Think of the note Desert Pete left. Think of the water he buried. Think of how he made it possible for water to flow in the desert. We need to do the same. Many of us have tasted the water and been blessed with its refreshing and life bring properties. We've experienced the joy and hope that it brings. But it doesn't just belong to us. The water is for all who thirst, and we need to share it so that those who come behind us can prime their pumps as well.

MONTICELLO

Greater Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church

690 Cypress St., Monticello • (850) 997-4375
"Still standing on the promises of God"

Dr. Melvin Roberts, Pastor

Sunday Church School.....10:00 A.M.
Sunday Praise & Worship.....11:15 A.M.
2nd Sunday.....Youth Praise & Worship
3rd Sunday.....Holy Communion
4th Sunday.....Individual Outreach Ministry
Wednesday

Prayer Meeting.....6:30 P.M.
Bible Study.....7:00 P.M.

Restored Glory Christian Center

1287 S. Jefferson St. • 997-RGCC (7422)
restoredglory.org

Pastor Eddie and Elder Veronica Yon

Monday Womens Fitness & Fellowship...6:00 PM
Sunday Church Service.....10:00 AM
Tuesday Night Taebo.....6:00 PM
Thursday Church Service.....7:00 PM
Pastor's Office by Appointment

Sardis United Methodist Church

4543 Waukeenah Hwy. • (850) 264-0802
sardismumc.org

Pastor Steve Lenzo

pastor@sardismumc.org

Sunday Worship Service9:30 AM
Sunday School To Follow
Tuesday Bible Study.....6:30 PM

Memorial M.B. Church

780 Second St. • Monticello • 997-4947

Moderator J.B. Duval, Pastor

Sunday Church School.....9:30 AM
Sunday Worship (2nd, 3rd, 4th Sundays)....11:00 AM
Youth Worship (2nd Sunday).....11:00 AM
Wednesdays
Prayer Meeting/Bible Study.....7:00 PM

New Hope Church of God

415 E. Palmer Mill Rd. • Monticello • 997-1119
newhopecog.net "The Sunday Place To Be"

Pastor Dr. E. Bob Kuschel

Sunday School.....10:00 AM
Worship Service.....11:00 AM
Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 PM

Olive Baptist Church

7369 Boston Hwy. Monticello
(850) 997-1596

Pastor David During

Sunday Bible Study.....10:00 AM
Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM
Sunday Evening.....6:00 PM
Wednesday Bible & Prayer Meeting.....7:00 PM

St. Rilla Missionary Baptist Church

13 Barrington Rd., Monticello
(850) 997-8747

Rev. James Mack, Pastor

Sunday School.....9:45 AM
Morning Worship (1st and 3rd Sundays)...11:00 AM
Thursday before Morning Worship
Bible Study/Prayer Meeting.....7:30 PM

St. Phillip A.M.E. Church

Hwy. 27 South (1 mile south of Hwy 59)
Monticello • (850) 997-4226

Rev. J. W. Tisdale

Sunday Morning.....9:30 AM
Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM
Tuesday
Basic English Class by Gloria Norton.....7:00 PM
Wednesday
Prayer & Bible Study.....7:00 PM

CHURCH NEWS NOTES

debbiesnapp@embarqmail.com OR (850) 997-3568

April 25, 27, 28, 29

AA meetings are held at 8 p.m. on Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays, Mondays at Christ Episcopal Church annex, 425 N. Cherry St. For information call (850) 251-0278.

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 the 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 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.

Bethel A.M.E. Church
Monticello, Florida

**A Very, Very Special
Happy 95th Birthday!!**

To: JENNIE MAE THOMPSON JONES
Monticello, Florida
***Born:** April 21, 1924
(Lloyd, Florida)
***Spouse:** John Smith Jones, Sr.
(Died: Feb. 25, 1980) Age 67
**"Best Wishes From Your Children,
Grandchildren, Great-grandchildren,
additional relatives and Friends!"**

***From: The Bassa Family**
(Lifelong Friends)
*Lloyd, Florida

Faith & Family

Fish Fry fundraiser nets \$1,610 for Senior Center

Debbie Snapp
ECB Publishing, Inc.

When their April 5 Fish Fry fundraising event was over and the money was counted, Greater Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church family and friends had raised \$1,610 for their efforts.

All of the funds raised from this luncheon event was raised especially for the Jefferson Senior Citizens Center, for its services to county citizens in need.

The Senior Center provides a variety of health, social and legal services to the aging community. To find out more about the Center call (850) 342-0271.

Pastor Melvin Roberts and the church family thank the community for its participation and support of their efforts and the Senior Center.

Tully Sparkman speaks at the Community Prayer Breakfast

Debbie Snapp
ECB Publishing, Inc.

The Thursday, April 4 Community Prayer Breakfast was hosted by the First Baptist Church of Lloyd Men's Ministry; serving 68 guests.

The Thursday morning meeting offered a full-spread buffet, with enough food for 100! The church family did a wonderful job of preparing and serving and were graciously rewarded for their efforts with thank you's and a round of applause.

The list of concerns for the sick and distressed was exceptionally long this morning and 95-year-old Captain Len Dodson, retired USN Chaplain, rendered appropriate prayers on behalf of the attendees.

The program and message given by guest speaker Tully Sparkman was a personal testimony of faith. He shared



Tully Sparkman spoke at the Monticello Community Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, April 4.

experiences from the combat zone of the Iraq war and how his Bible readings and

faith in God kept him strong; it strengthen him. It was inspirational.

Next month the group will meet to celebrate the 68th annual National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 2. The National Day of Prayer is designed to mobilize prayer in America and to encourage personal repentance and righteousness in the culture.

The gathering will be hosted by the Monticello Rotary Club at the First United Methodist Church Monticello, in the fellowship hall.

Community Prayer Breakfast is held from 7 to 8 a.m. on the first Thursday of each month, September through May, at a different location with a guest speaker and a program.

All are welcome to come and bring a guest.

For more information contact Coordinator Gary Wright at (850) 997-5705 or (850) 933-5567.

Gospel concert coming to Greenville



Photo Submitted

Chapel Road, including Greenville's Brian Norris, will be reuniting on Saturday, April 27 and Sunday, April 28. These are shows you do not want to miss! Pictured, from left to right, are: Brian Norris, Jacqueline Ratliff and Kristen Conatser.

John Willoughby
ECB Publishing, Inc.

Are you looking for a musically-good time?

You're in luck as Greenville's Brian Norris will be reuniting with band members to bring Chapel Road to two area churches near the end of April.

On Saturday, April 27, make the short trip over to Greenville for a gospel concert you do not want to miss.

Greenville-native Brian Norris, who has performed in Pigeon Forge, TN for a number of

years, will be reuniting with Chapel Road to bring you a special performance.

The performance will take place at St. John's Missionary Baptist Church, beginning at 7 p.m. The concert is free, however, a love offering will be received during the concert. St. John's Missionary Baptist Church is located at 5905 NW Lovett Rd., in Greenville. For more information, call

(850) 948-1689 or visit [SJMBC greenville.com](http://SJMBCgreenville.com).

If you're unable to make the Greenville performance, Chapel Road will be performing special music for Madison County's Cherry Lake First Baptist Church for a homecoming service on Sunday, April 28. The service will begin at 10:30 a.m. Cherry Lake First Baptist Church is located at 1308 NW CR150, in Madison.

St. John's Missionary Baptist Church announces VBS dates

John Willoughby
ECB Publishing, Inc.

Greenville's St. John's Missionary Baptist Church will be hosting a five-day VBS program, themed "In The Wild", which will take place from Sunday, June 2, to Friday, June 7, with activities nightly, beginning at 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. The kick-off celebration on Sunday, June 2, will begin at 6 p.m., as well.

Before VBS concludes on Friday, June 7, a commencement ceremony will be held, followed by dinner.

If you're interested in helping to make this VBS a memorable one, call (850) 948-1689. St. John's Missionary Baptist Church is located at 5905 NW Lovett Rd., in Greenville. Visit SJMBCgreenville.com or stay up-to-date by liking the church's Facebook page, @SJMBCGreenville.

The Green Family's Genealogical Tree

LLOYD, FLORIDA

***Patriarch:** Willie Green, Sr. (1859-1938)

***Matriarch:** Carrie Norton Green (1877-1953)

Saluting April Celestians

Apr.	Year	Age	Decedent
4	2012	80	• Willie (Ray) Lawrence (Grandson) Pittsburg, California
16	2003	26	• Lisa G. James (Great-granddaughter) Lloyd, Florida
20	2006	53	• Minnie Green Daniel-Kalio (Granddaughter) Miami, Florida

***Family Historian: Rosa Bassa (Granddaughter)**
Lloyd, Florida

Jefferson County School Board
Monticello, Florida

Honoring the 2019 Death Registry

Date	Age	Decedent
Jan. 4	96	Martha Stokes Hall (Elementary Teacher) *Monticello, Florida
Feb. 22	93	Emily Chancy Walker (Physical Ed. Teacher) *Wacissa, Florida
Mar. 12	83	Essie Zeigler Anderson (Cafeteria) *Lamont, Florida

***Compiler: Rosa Bassa (Class of 1968)**
*Former Student of Hall (1961-1962)

LLOYD

Transforming Life Church Assembly of God

1206 Springfield Rd., Lloyd
(850) 997-TLC7 [8527]
Pastors Tim and Beverly Buchholtz
TransformingLifeChurch.com

Sunday

Adult Grow and Connect Group..... 9:30 AM
Celebration • Children's Church.....10:30 AM
Evening Service.....6:00 PM

Wednesday

Youth Group.....7:00 PM
Fun & Fellowship

First Baptist Church of Lloyd

124 St. Louis St., Lloyd • (850) 997-5309
Pastor Jared Day
fbclloyd.net • fbclloyd1@embarqmail.com
Sunday

Sunday School.....9:15 AM
Praise & Worship.....10:30 AM
KidzQuest.....5:30 PM
Youth Group.....6:00 PM
Evening Praise & Worship.....6:00 PM

Wednesday

Family Supper.....5:30 PM
Children's Music, Missions and More.....6:30 PM
Youth Group.....6:30 PM
Worship on Wednesday.....6:30 PM
College and Career.....8:00 PM

Other

Crafty Ladies Thursday.....9:30 AM

WACISSA

Wacissa United Methodist Church

14492 Waukeenah Hwy., Wacissa
P.O. Box 411 • (850) 997-2179 • wacissaumc.org
Pastor Steve Lenzo
pastor@wacissaumc.org

Sunday School.....9:45 AM
Sunday Morning.....10:55 AM

Wednesday

Dinner & Prayer Meeting.....5:45 PM
Youth Group.....6:15 PM
Choir Practice.....7:00 PM

WAUKEENAH

Waukeenah United Methodist

81 Methodist Church Rd., Waukeenah
(850) 997-2171 • waukeenah-umc.org
Pastor Tim Luther
Sunday

Sunday School.....9:45 AM
Worship Service.....11:00 AM
Youth Group.....5:00 PM

Wednesday

Youth Group.....6:00 PM
Choir Practice.....7:00 PM
waukeenahcemetery.com

TALLAHASSEE

Capital Heights Baptist Church

7150 Apalachee Pkwy., Tallahassee
chbaptistchurch.org
Pastor Derrick Burr
(850) 345-0425

Sunday School.....10:00 AM
Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM
Children's Chapel.....11:00 AM
Sunday Evening.....6:00 PM
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 PM
Prayer Meeting and Bible Study
Classes for Students

Indian Springs Baptist Church

5593 Veterans Memorial Dr. (Hwy 59)
Tallahassee • (850) 893-5296
indianspringsbaptistchurch.com
indspgs@gmail.com
Rev. Greg Roberts

Sunday School.....9:45 AM
Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM

Wednesday

Fellowship Meal.....6:15 PM
Prayer Meeting.....7:00 PM
Children/Youth Programs.....7:00 PM

Classifieds

Deadline:
Mon, 3 PM

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Equipment Operator I

The Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners is seeking qualified applicants for full-time Equipment Operator, "Commercial Driver's License, CDL" - Desired
The successful applicant will demonstrate the ability to operate equipment with complex controls requiring a high degree of skill and manipulative ability. The Operator is required to exercise skill and care in the operation of assigned equipment and to perform service and inspection on the equipment as well as protect property from damage. Work is objectively performed to provide a service to the citizens of Jefferson County.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:

- Operates one or more of the following items most of the work day as assigned:
- Tractor with mower attachments, lawn mower
 - Miscellaneous hand and power tools
 - Compactor Equipment, pick-up truck, labor truck, etc.
 - Chain saws, weed eaters, and other various lawn equipment
 - Washes, cleans, inspects, and performs routine maintenance, minor repairs, and adjustments to assigned equipment.
 - Performs manual work associated with equipment usage.
 - Performs other job duties as assigned by supervisor including labor and semi-skilled assignments when necessary to maintain work schedule

Drug screening and background checks are required; Class B Driver's License or better in good standing desired. Veteran's preference will be given to qualified applicants. Starting salary up to \$13.00 per hour depending upon qualifications. Jefferson County is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer/Drug Free workplace.

To apply, send a Jefferson County Employment application to Jefferson County Road Department, 1484 S. Jefferson St., Monticello, Florida 32344. Applications may be obtained by visiting our website at www.jeffersoncountyfl.gov, or picked up at the Jefferson County Road Department. Questions? Please contact Tom Kisamore at (850) 997-3083. Closing date is Monday May 6, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. 4/19,24,26

Property Manager needed for Section 8 housing. Must have Section 8 or on-site experience. Please send resume to jefferson@apartmentcorp.com PLEASE EMAIL RESUMES. 4/5,rtn

Maintenance Tech position available. 24-28 hours per week. Call for more information: (850) 997-6964 4/10,rtn

Positions available at **North Florida Community College**, Madison FL: **Admissions and Records Specialist; Staff Assistant.** See www.nfcc.edu for details. 4/24-5/10

FULL TIME ENERGY SERVICES TECHNICIAN

Tri-County Electric Cooperative has an opening for a Full Time Energy Services Technician in our Madison Office. The primary responsibilities of this position include meter installations, inspections, service, and disconnects. The new employee will also work with members on energy efficiency initiatives through the completion of home energy audits. Previous electrical or HVAC experience is preferred, but not required. On the job training will be provided. The co-op is looking for a candidate with a high school diploma or equivalent. The candidate must live within approximately 30 miles from the Madison warehouse location at 2862 West US 90. The Cooperative offers a competitive salary, starting at \$19 an hour for this position, and benefits. Tri-County is an EOE and DFWP. Please send resume and completed Tri-County Employment Application Form, which is available at any TCEC office or online at www.tcec.com, before May 1, 2019 to: Andrew Pinkard Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. 2862 West US 90 Madison, FL 32340 4/24,26

FOR RENT

2 BR / 2 BA Mobile Home at Monticello Meadows on South Jefferson St. Call 850-997-3890. 5/11,rtn,c

915 sq ft Commercial Office Building; downtown Madison; Shelby Ave; across from the courthouse and post office. Call Emerald at (850) 997-3568 11/23,rtn,nc

FOR SALE

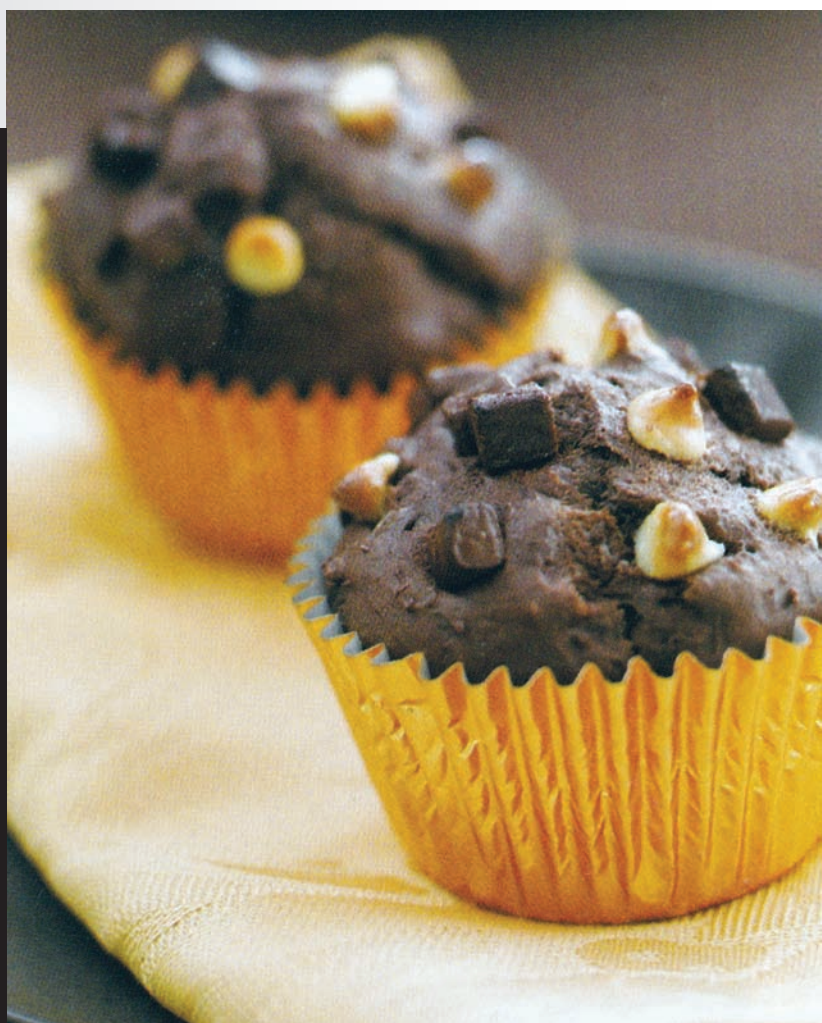
Male & Female 9 week old yellow labs with shots \$300. (850) 510-6816. 4/24,26

AUCTION

ANTIQUe AND ADVERTISING AUCTION Saturday April 27th - 10:00am Located at Pearl in the Wild 1848 Jefferson Road S Tallahassee, Florida 32317 Located off I-10 and CR 59 near the Lloyd exit Ramp. Auctioning off hundreds of antiques and advertising pieces. Early preview starts at 8:30am. For more information visit www.hickoryhillauctions.com or call 850-228-5228. AU 3968 / AB 2881 - 10% Buyers Premium 4/24,26

Warehouse Sale to the public
Friday, April 26 • 9 am - 3 pm
220 S. Cherry St. Monticello, FL 32344
850-508-9445
Lots of furniture, home decor, tools, pictures ... little of this, little of that!
2 OLD MEN

Bring the S'MORES indoors



- 1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup mini marshmallows
- 2 large eggs beaten
- 1 1/4 cup sour cream
- 6 tablespoons packed brown sugar
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted

- Preheat the oven to 400 F. Line a 12-cup muffin pan with paper liners. Sift the flour, cocoa, baking powder, and baking soda into a large bowl. Add the semisweet and white chocolate chips, and stir.
- Place the eggs, sour cream, sugar, and melted butter in a separate mixing bowl, and mix well. Add the wet ingredients to the dry ingredients, and stir gently until just combined.
- Using two spoons, divide the batter evenly among the paper liners. Then bake in the preheated oven for 20 minutes, or until well risen and firm to the touch. Remove from the oven and serve warm, or place on a cooling rack and let cool.

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To register: \$100 refundable cash deposit to bid. (800) 840-BIDS | info@moeckerauctions.com AB-1098 AU-3219, Eric Rubin

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ON APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

The Monticello City Council will conduct public hearings on Applications for Certificates of Appropriateness for the following:

- 450 W Madison Street – Fence Addition
- Various Downtown Locations - Signage

Public hearings will be held during the regular City Council meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 245 S. Mulberry Street, Monticello. Copies of the applications are available at City Hall. 4/24

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: 18-47-TD

Certificate Number: 115 Year of Issuance: 2015

Description of Property: 00-00-00-0370-0000-0190

PT OF LOT 19 & 20 PALMER & LYONS ADD
LESS LAND SOLD
ORB 57 PG 138 & ORB 76 PG 211 & ORB 697 PG 856

Site Address: 383 E YORK ST

Name in which assessed: Jefferson Properties Liquidation LLC

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Jefferson County Courthouse, North Steps on **May 6, 2019 at 11:00 A.M.**

Kirk Reams
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Jefferson County, FL

BY: Sherry Sears, Deputy Clerk 4/3,10,17,24

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File Number: 18-48-TD

Certificate Number: 49 Year of Issuance: 2015

Description of Property: 00-00-00-0250-0000-0244

LOT 52 X 105 FT IN LOT 24 DILWORTHS ADD
ORB 332 PG 67 & ORB 560 PG 276 & ORB 631 PG 744

Site Address: KING STREET

Name in which assessed: JENNIFER AND JHAZMINE ALLEN

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File Number: 18-49-TD

Certificate Number: 2 Year of Issuance: 2015

Description of Property: 00-00-00-0201-0000-0011

LOT 1 ALFRED SUBDIVISION
ORB 134 PG 536

Site Address: HAGAN ST

Name in which assessed: SIMON RANDOLPH JR

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NOTICE OF MONTECELLO CITY COUNCIL MAY MEETING

The Monticello City Council will conduct its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 7:00 p. m. at City Hall.

City Hall is located at 245 S. Mulberry Street, Monticello. Persons with disabilities who need an accommodation to participate in the meetings should contact City Clerk Emily Anderson at 850/342-0292.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Council, with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings; and for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

For agenda and packet materials, please contact City Hall or visit www.cityofmonticello.us. 4/24

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File Number: 18-50-TD

Certificate Number: 330 Year of Issuance: 2015

Description of Property: 25-1S-3E-0000-0040-0000

1 ACRE IN N ½
ORB 207 PG 94

Site Address: 572 BETH PAGE RD

Name in which assessed: FRED AND DAISY MAE WILLIAMS

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: 18-63-TD

Certificate Number: 546 Year of Issuance: 2015

Description of Property: 32-1S-4E-0000-0034-0000

.25 ACRES PT OF SW ¼ OF SW ¼
ORB 326 PG 35

Site Address: 1235 WALKER SPRING RD

Name in which assessed: BENJAMIN BOND

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Jefferson County Courthouse, North Steps on **May 14, 2019 at 11:00 A.M.**

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Description of Property: 32-1S-4E-0000-003F-0000

.527 ACRE IN SW ¼ OF SW 1/4
ORB 464 PG 5

Site Address: HORSESHOE ROAD

Name in which assessed: DORETHA MANNING

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Certificate Number: 495 Year of Issuance: 2015

Description of Property: 28-1N-4E-0000-011B-0000

.53 ACRE IN E ½ OF SE ¼
ORB 615 PG 392

Site Address: 1536 FREEMAN RD

Name in which assessed: STACY AND GURLY CAMPBELL

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File Number: 18-67-TD

Certificate Number: 605 Year of Issuance: 2015

Description of Property: 34-2N-4E0110-0000-2275

.75 ACRE PT OF LOTS 227, 228 AND 230
ORB 104 PG 172

Site Address: OLD LLOYD RD

Name in which assessed: JOHNNY JONES HRS

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NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS

The City of Monticello will receive sealed bids from any qualified person, company or corporation interested in constructing:

MONTECELLO ECOLOGICAL PARK – PAVILION CONSTRUCTION

This project includes the construction of a 16' x 20' picnic pavilion and concrete slab.

Plans and specifications may be obtained at Dewberry Engineers, Inc., 101 N. Monroe Street, Suite 710, Tallahassee, Florida, 32301. The bid must conform to Section 287.133(3) Florida Statutes, on public entity crimes.

Bids will be received by The City of Monticello at the City Hall, 245 S. Mulberry Street, Monticello, Florida 32344, (850) 342-0292 until **11:00 AM (EST) on May 8, 2019**. Bids will be publicly opened at **11:05 AM (EST) on May 8, 2019**. All Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked **"Sealed Bid – MONTECELLO ECOLOGICAL PARK IMPROVEMENTS – PAVILION CONSTRUCTION"**.

Completion date for this project will be 60 days from the date of the Notice to Proceed presented to the successful bidder.

Liquidated damages for failure to complete the project on the specified date will be set at \$200.00 per day.

Please indicate on the envelope **your company name**, that this is a **sealed bid**, and the **bid number**. **The original bid plus two (2) copies should be included.**

Hard copies of the Plans and Specifications will be \$ 50.00 per set and are non-refundable. Electronic copies may be requested at no charge. Checks should be made payable to DEWBERRY ENGINEERS, INC.

The City reserves the right to waive informalities in any bid, to accept and/or reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid that in their judgment will be in the best interest of the City.

If you have any questions, please contact Josh Baxley via email at jbaxley@dewberry.com or phone at (850) 354-5187. 4/24

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

CASE NO. 2018-20-CA

CAPITAL CITY BANK,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CLAYTON B. WALLER, TIFFANY J. WALLER, RUTH CONNELL, JAMES BURGIN and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) II (as to 5649 S. Jefferson Street, Monticello, Florida 32344),

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE is given pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 9, 2017, in Case No. 2018-20-CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit, in and for Jefferson County, Florida, in which CAPITAL CITY BANK is the Plaintiff and CLAYTON B. WALLER, TIFFANY J. WALLER, RUTH CONNELL and JAMES BURGIN are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door of the Jefferson County Courthouse, Room 10, 1 Courthouse Circle, in Monticello, Jefferson County, Florida 32344 at 11:00 a.m. on May 30, 2019, the property set forth in the Final Judgment of Foreclosure and more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST, JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA AND RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 08 SECONDS WEST 327.21 FEET FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 41 SECONDS WEST 715.82 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST-ERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF 200' U.S. HIGHWAY 19, THENCE NORTH 05 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 328.76 FEET ALONG SAID HIGHWAY TO A POINT, THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 41 SECONDS EAST 683.47 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 16 SECONDS EAST 327.07 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH A 2003 FLEETWOOD DOUBLE WIDE MOBILE HOME, SERIAL #GAF234A75629CY21 AND #GAF234B75629CY21

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

DATED: April 18, 2019

KIRK REAMS
Clerk of the Circuit Court

BY: Sherry Sears
Deputy Clerk 4/24,5/1

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TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Make the most of others' cooperative spirits to get things done, Taurus. It is always good to advocate for yourself, but more effective when others are receptive.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Focusing too much on one thing is not healthy, Gemini. It is better to diversify your thinking and surround yourself with as many ideas and perspectives as possible.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
A coworker may need your assistance in the weeks to come. You are ready and

Pisces

Aries

willing to put in the extra effort to help this person with no strings attached.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Focus on the positive things this week, Leo. Forget about what could go wrong. With the right mindset, you can accomplish anything you want.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
You are always willing and able to help a friend out, Virgo. That will prove true once again this week when a loved one calls you up and needs a shoulder to cry on.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Lately you have been a rock that others lean on, Libra. This is a good role for you, as you are compassionate but also fair. Just make sure you take care of yourself as well.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, just when you think you have everything figured out, a new challenge presents itself. Seek a second opinion to work it out if this nut proves tough to crack.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
A new idea could spark a big change in your life, Sagittarius. Are you ready for the adventure that is going to ensue? Look to others to join in the good times.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, many challenges have been coming your way, and you have handled them like a champion. Spend a little time pampering yourself as a reward.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, when others test your patience, find a healthy way to blow off some steam. Enlist the help of a fun-loving friend to get away for a little bit.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
For single Pisces, a new romance could be on the horizon. If you are attached, the romance may be kicked up a notch.

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Your emotions can be overwhelming, Aries. This encourages you to share your softer side with others. Embrace this sense of openness and others will reciprocate.

Local Crime News

Crime Beat: Recent felony arrests

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Doney Dustin – April 1

Doney Michael Dustin, 25, of Summerfield, FL, was arrested on charges of violation of probation – possession of paraphernalia by Monticello Police Department's (MPD) Officer Smith on Monday, April 1.



Doney Michael Dustin

According to the warrant that was issued for Dustin's arrest, he had violated the terms of his probation after being unable to live without violating any federal, state or local criminal law or ordinance

after Dustin was arrested in Marion County in March of 2019 for a driving under the influence offense.

The warrant for Dustin's arrest was signed by his probation officer as well as Jefferson County's Judge Plaines.

Dustin was arrested by MPD's Officer Smith at 1:44 p.m., then transferred into the care of Jefferson County Sheriff's Deputy Kalinowski at 2:07 p.m., before Dustin was booked into the Jefferson County Jail at 2:26 p.m. on April 1.

Calvin Scott – April 1

Calvin Dennis Scott, 35, of Tallahassee, was arrested by Jefferson County Sheriff's Deputy Carey on Monday, April 1 on charges of aggravated battery to a pregnant person.



Calvin Dennis Scott

On the above date, at around 7 p.m., Deputy Carey was dispatched to a residence off of Waukeenah Highway in reference to a physical dispute.

Upon arrival, Deputy Carey was advised by multiple

witnesses at the scene that a male suspect had attacked a young woman. The witnesses further pointed out the man, who was sitting nearby in a vehicle.

Deputy Carey immediately detained the subject and advised him of his rights.

The subject, who was identified as Calvin Scott, invoked his fifth amendment right and refused to speak.

With Scott detained, Deputy Carey made contact with the victim, who advised that she was pregnant.

According to the victim, she had been on her way to pick up her daughter when Scott noticed a phone call on the victim's cell phone. Scott began to yell at the victim and demand that she answer the phone; the victim also expressed that Scott had believed her to be cheating on him.

In an attempt to get away from Scott, the victim had left the vehicle that they had been sitting in, but Scott also left the vehicle and began to pursue her on foot.

The victim informed Deputy Carey that Scott had ran across the street and began to strike her, shouting "What's wrong with you?" before throwing her to the ground and stomping on her.

After the victim had finished providing her statement, Deputy Carey gathered more statements from witnesses and then placed Calvin Scott under arrest for aggravated battery on a pregnant woman.

While Scott was being transported to the Jefferson County Jail, the report issued by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office states that he made multiple spontaneous comments, such as declaring that when he got out of jail he would cause physical harm to the victim.

No bond information was provided in Scott's arrest report.

William Lewis – April 3

William Justin Lewis, 31, of Tallahassee, was arrested by Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) Trooper Swindle on Wednesday, April 3 on charges of driving under the influence (DUI) – alcohol or drugs and two drug-related charges.



William Justin Lewis

On the above date, Trooper Swindle was maintaining a patrol of Jefferson County and observed

a 2006 blue Honda four door car traveling west on US Highway 27 (State Road 20), east of Capps.

Trooper Swindle observed the vehicle at around 9 p.m., but the vehicle was traveling without tail lights.

Florida Statute 316.234 (pertaining to signal lamps and signal devices), requires any vehicle that is being operated by a driver to be equipped with rear stop lights.

As the vehicle was currently violating Florida law, Trooper Swindle conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle.

The driver was identified as William Lewis.

According to the report issued by the FHP, Trooper Swindle noticed that Lewis' eyes were watery and bloodshot with droopy eyelids. In addition, Lewis had a flushed face, was talkative and Trooper Swindle could detect the odor of alcohol from inside the vehicle.

When questioned, Lewis admitted that he had been drinking.

Trooper Swindle asked Lewis to exit the vehicle in order for a field sobriety test to be conducted; immediately after exiting the vehicle, Lewis began to sway in a circular manner while standing.

After Lewis exited the vehicle, Trooper Swindle was able to smell alcohol and marijuana on his person.

Trooper Swindle had Lewis perform multiple walking, standing, vision and motor function exercises as part of the field sobriety test.

Due to Lewis either failing or having difficulty completing several of the tests, the FHP report states that Trooper Swindle felt as though Lewis was impaired.

At 9:17 p.m., William Lewis was placed under arrest for driving under the influence.

After being read his Miranda Warning, Lewis expressed a wish to remain silent, however at 9:19 p.m., he made a "spontaneous utterance" that he had a pen with THC oil in the vehicle.

During an inventory of the vehicle, Trooper Swindle discovered a black and white vape pen; the pen's contents were later tested and identified as positive for marijuana.

Without further indictment, Lewis was transported to the Jefferson County Jail.

Earlier, Lewis had agreed to a breathalyzer test, but once at the jail, he declined the test.

Lewis was turned over to the jail staff for booking, where he was charged with possession of a controlled substance (liquid THC), possession of drug paraphernalia and driving under the influence.

Shadrick Norton – April 7

Shadrick Lavane Norton, 35, of Tallahassee, was arrested on Sunday, April 7 by FHP Trooper White after it was discovered that Norton was driving with a suspended license.



Shadrick Lavane Norton

At 1:53 p.m., on the above date, Trooper White observed a white GMC Envoy traveling on State Road 59, south of the interstate.

The vehicle bore two different validation stickers on the license plate, and Trooper White recognized the driver as Shadrick Norton, who Trooper White had previously interacted with.

Due to that prior contact, Trooper White knew that Norton's driver's license was suspended.

Trooper White performed a Florida Crime Information Center (FCIC) query on Norton, which confirmed that Norton's license was still suspended.

Trooper White conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle at the intersection of Gamble Road and East Notre Dame Street.

Upon making contact with the Norton (the driver) and informing Norton as to the reason for the stop, Trooper White was advised that the registered owner of the vehicle had been hospitalized and Norton was on his way to park the vehicle.

However, according to the report issued by the FHP, it was documented that Norton had been first observed leaving the liquor store located in a nearby Shell Station.

Norton provided his driver's license and Trooper White requested that the Tallahassee Regional Communications Center conduct a driver's license query on Norton's license in order to confirm the information that Trooper White had received from the FCIC query.

The information was confirmed and at 1:56 p.m., Trooper White placed Norton under arrest for driving with license suspended – third offense.

Norton was transported to the Jefferson County Jail without further incident.

Ronald Blue – April 7

Ronald E. Blue, 66, of Monticello, was arrested on Sunday, April 7 by Jefferson County Sheriff's Deputy Godwin after Blue violated the terms of his probation.



Ronald E. Blue

According to the warrant that was issued for his arrest and signed by Judge Caloca-Johnson on March 29, Blue was placed under probation in April of 2018 after being charged with aggravated assault – intent to commit felony.

In August of 2018, Blue violated the terms of his probation after failing a urine test analysis, which confirmed that Blue had used cocaine. Further, Blue continued to violate his probation by answering untruthfully when questioned by his probation officer about whether he had used cocaine.

Then, in March of 2019, Blue again violated the terms of his probation by failing a second urine sample analysis that again confirmed Blue's cocaine usage. On March 15, 2019, Blue was questioned by his probation officer and the warrant states that Blue answered untruthfully to the probation officer's inquiries.

Deputy Godwin arrested Blue on the violation of probation warrant, which was issued by the Department of Corrections.

The warrant states that Blue was to be held without bond.

How many people are in Florida's criminal justice system?

391,000 Florida residents are behind bars or under criminal justice supervision.

