

Toll road debate continues unabated



Betsy Barfield
County Commissioner

Barfield under fire for missed forum

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Jefferson County Commission Chairwoman Betsy Barfield recently came under fire at a board meeting because of her absence from a public forum on the proposed toll road, the opposition to which continues unabated.

On Thursday evening, Nov. 7, Michele Arceneaux, of Concerned Citizens Committee of Jefferson County, a group that opposes the Suncoast Connector, accused Barfield

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of cowardice for not attending the forum and called for the latter's resignation.

"You are fully aware of the will of the people and yet you downplay the opposition to the task force," Arceneaux said. "If you can't honestly represent the people you should resign the task force and your commission position. We want someone who represents us."

Barfield apologized for not attending the forum that the Jefferson County Republican Party had hosted on

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Lane Closure Alert: U.S. 19

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The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has advised that on Thursday, Nov. 21, and Friday, Nov. 22, motorists can expect intermittent lane closures on U.S. 19 over the Aucilla River Bridge.

These closures will take place so that FDOT work crews will be able to pour new concrete in the area.

Any driver who drives through this area should expect a delay in their travel time, are advised to take an alternative route.

The FDOT states that all

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Opera House ranked best in entertainment

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The Monticello Opera House is now ranked the best entertainment venue in the Big Bend area, as determined by a poll among the readers of *Tallahassee Magazine*.

Conducted by Rowland Publishing, Inc., (RPI), the publisher of *Tallahassee Magazine*, the annual poll – named the Best of Tallahassee and now in its 21st year – asks readers to vote on the best businesses in 100 categories.

The choice of the Opera House as the best entertainment venue was announced on Wednesday, Nov. 6, at a gala event at the FSU Champions Club in Tallahassee. The runner-up in the entertainment category was Cascade Park, which received honorable mention.

Ron Cichon, vice-chair of the Monticello Opera House Board of Directors, attributed the recognition to the venerable institution's continuing strides toward excellence, evident by what he called its superlative shows and increasing attendance.

As a first-place winner, the Opera House gets to use the Best of 2019 logo in its advertisement until Dec. 31, 2020, when the logo will be retired. After that, the Opera House will still be able to continue advertising the recognition, only it must alter the verbiage to read, "Voted Best Entertainment Venue in 2019 by the readers of *Tallahassee*

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Best of Tallahassee



County sets new policy for sale of surplus properties

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County officials now have a framework for the disposal of surplus properties, should they ever have the need to do so.

By a unanimous vote on Thursday evening, Oct. 17, the Jefferson County Commission adopted a resolution providing for the disposition of surplus lands. Not that the county didn't previously dispose of surplus lands, but now it has a formal document that codifies the process.

"What this does," explained County Attorney Buck Bird, "is it allows the county to set up its own procedures to determine what properties you have and consider surplus and set up a method to dispose of them."

The local measure, he said, tracked the state statute that gave local government the authority to set up such a policy, which is only applicable to real property.

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Goodbye, 850 448 area code to precede all new numbers

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On Tuesday, Nov. 5, the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) approved an area code overlay that will add a new 448 area code to the area now served by the existing 850 area code, including Jefferson County. The PSC's action was prompted by a high demand for new phone numbers in the Panhandle. The change is expected to begin in mid-2021 and the new area code overlay will affect only new phone numbers.

"Florida's 850 area code is running out of telephone numbers, so this plan is needed to ensure a continuing supply of numbers," said PSC Chairman Art Graham. "Now, the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) can begin processing the new area code for efficient implementation in 2021."

According to the PSC, new customers, or requests for additional lines, will be assigned the new area code.

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Did you know?

The sentence "the quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter in the English alphabet.

Viewpoints & Opinions

Emerald's Gem Box...

Trump's impeachment – 3 years ongoing and counting

Impeachment is something that is supposed to be exceptionally unusual. It is supposed to be bipartisan and it is supposed to be fair. None of these statements hold true to the last three years of Donald Trump's presidency.

Emerald Greene Parsons
Publisher

The left "Trump Haters" have been screaming "impeachment" since Nov. 2016... before Donald Trump even took office.

For any of you readers that have not watched any of the impeachment proceedings on the television or on YouTube, please do so. And don't just watch it on your favorite media, for that might be a little misleading.

I really hope Americans are researching this and seeing all of what is happening. Watch both sides' (Democrats and Republicans) sets of questions. The end result of this impeachment process should not have anything to do with if you like Donald Trump or not. Nor should it have anything to do with if you want to see him re-elected or not. This has to do with the process of impeachment; is it fair and balanced and is there really any proof or evidence that it is called for.

As this process has unfolded, the Democrats have been allowed to call as many "witnesses" as they desire.

Yet, the Republicans cannot. The Democrats have delegated themselves to hand-pick who the Republicans can call to the stand and who they cannot. How can that be? When does a defense not get to call witnesses to defend themselves?

Adam Schiff is not being fair. Nancy Pelosi is not being fair. This entire process is not fair. Schiff even tried to keep members of Congress from asking questions to witnesses. He has repeatedly tried to silence them with the gavel and tell them they were not being "recognized." Schiff is also withholding transcripts from certain members of congress; thus, they are not able to see them nor can the American people see or hear what is in them.

And now here we sit in a full-blown impeachment process. With no actual evidence and no real witnesses to any wrong-doings.

There is nothing in the transcript.

There was no pressure, according to the Ukraine Prime Minister, himself.

Ambassador Bill Taylor admits that his testimony is from six people having four conversations...all of which were hearsay. He admits that he never heard President Trump say anything to President Zelensky that was a bribe or quid pro quo; nor did he ever talk to the Chief of Staff; nor has he met the President and that President Zelensky never told him about a bribery or quid pro quo. (But the funniest thing to see was the smile and look on Ambassador Taylor's face when he is told he is

considered the "star witness.")

Ambassador Marie Yovanovitch, all throughout all her testimony about how "bad" President Trump is, finally did admit that she has no information, at all, of President Trump accepting any bribes, nor does she has any information, at all, of any criminal activity that the President of the United States has been involved in.

So, what we truly see here is a trend of "I heard it from a friend, who heard it from a friend, who heard it from a friend." But, one of the best quotes yet is the remark from Rep. Mike Quigley, who actually said, "Hearsay can be much better evidence than direct."

WHAT???

Did he actually say that??? So not only are the Democrats admitting their entire impeachment process is based on hearsay ... but now they are trying to defend it! What court of law are we actually in?

This goes to show that the Democrats, on the Hill, are not interested in the facts. They started this impeachment process without having seen a shred of evidence. It was hearsay from a whistleblower whose testimony was another hearsay. It was all based on anonymous gossip.

This all boils down to the fact that President Trump was elected on his promise to "clean up the swamp" and what we see is the "swamp" fighting back. This is career government bureaucrats doing what they do best!

This process has never been

about evidence or actual wrongdoing. Democrats and the leftist media will settle for ridiculous smears and anonymous claims just as long as wrongdoings are perceived.

In all three years that Trump has been president, the Democrats have not done one single thing to help this country. Nothing to make us safer. Nothing to move America forward. In fact, the USMCA (the trade agreement for the United States-Mexico-Canada) has been sitting on Nancy Pelosi's desk for nine months.

This agreement would create hundreds of thousands of American jobs and a huge boost to the American economy. Yet, she doesn't care about that! Why? Because it would give Trump a win. Pelosi knows the USMCA would pass with flying colors with bipartisan support but, she won't bring it up so that Trump won't get any credit. THAT is the type of hatred we are having to live through, sit through and now watch.

There are real issues that America is facing. Real issues that President Trump is trying to fix and help America grow. Real issues that we face every day are being ignored by certain parties and certain members of Congress.

I hope America is watching and paying attention. I hope the American citizens are doing their research during this process and are really seeing what is happening. America could truly become "great again" if everyone in the sandbox would just play nice and get along.



Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor are typed word for word, comma for comma, as sent to this newspaper. Please keep letter to 600 words or less.

Toll Road – Critics and Criticism

Those who are honestly raising the flag for the environmental cause are doing the right thing for the environment and future generations of outdoors enthusiasts. This is important! Past highway projects mostly had been built without enough consideration for animals their habitat, water ways and the long term.

Today's social conscience is more in tune with environmental needs.

Remember the turtle tunnel that was installed under the highway near Lake Jackson? Aside from the embarrassment it was wildly expensive to do after the construction. Environmental needs should be built into the construction and according to plan. Proper construction can protect animal habitat and movement, and minimize animal/vehicle contact. Google Wakiva Highway to see what can be accomplished.

Tall Timbers has taken a firm position of No Toll Road. If their strategy by saying no is to elevate the environment conversation, okay. This no strategy could also be coming from influential individuals who want to keep things exactly the way they are. And who are they?

What's the demographic of Jefferson County and what part of it is saying no? And why are they saying no? At the top are plantations and large land owners followed by wealthy business people and wealthy retirees. Next might be what is referred to the middle

class. I'm not sure what the exact definition of 'middle class' is, but for me it's people working to pay their bills, keep up a decent standard of living, and save for their children's education and their own retirement. The next group is not so well off struggling to make ends meet. Some may be living in generational poverty.

What part of the demographic do you think is saying no and why are they saying that? Who is putting up the money to fund this campaign, its signs, mailings and internet media campaign? You decide if, it's the top, middle or bottom of the scale? What are they afraid of losing and where is their focus; past, present or future?

I drive to St. Petersburg a couple of times a year to visit my brother. I use the Sun Coast Highway because it's safer and less tense than taking I-10 to I-75, it's scenic until it hits urban area sprawl and it has much less 18-wheel commercial vehicle traffic. The toll road is not the I-10 and I-75 nightmare drive. Taking traffic off these main highways is safer for everyone, including the truckers.

The criticisms have mostly been intended to keep supporters behind no and fearful of everything they love being ruined. Please consider benefits to the tax revenues (lower millage and stable school finances), possibility of good residential developments, job training for project needs and future opportunities, revitalized/ expanded retail, possible businesses

locating here, assistance from state agencies for roads (SCRAP and SCOP funds), planning assistance and so on. Also consider our ability to strengthen our local comprehensive plan and its future land use map.

Building the toll road is a major undertaking taking tens of millions of dollars to deliver hundreds of miles of road. Programs of work like this have many subordinate projects and stages. We are in first phase planning which will have cooked for two years (2019 – 2020) before detailed planning really kicks into gear. Then you have another two years plus before construction starts ("no later than December 31, 2022 and ending 2030). Planning is a key to success.

Another myth is that the financial plan for this is no good. Where did the money come for I-95, I-75, H-98, H-27 or any of the free/non-toll roads? It came from federal and state resources. The money to pay for our toll road will likely come from the Division of Bond Finance and Florida Department of Transportation Financing Corporation. Toll-Road and Expressway System fees not required for paying debt, and operations and maintenance expenses are returned to the State Transportation Trust Fund. A relatively quick (10 year) program to completion understands the time value of money and the non-stop march of population growth.

Phil Calandra



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the previous week, but she assured Arceneaux that she had no intention of resigning the task force or her commission seat.

“I don't plan to resign,” said Barfield, who is Jefferson County's representative on the Suncoast Connector Task Force, the advisory board helping guide the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) on the toll road that stands to impact Jefferson County – one of three proposed corridors that officially are called Multi-Use Corridors of Regional Significance (M-CORES).

The SunCoast Connector is an extension of the Suncoast Parkway, which presently terminates in Citrus County. The legislation that lawmakers approved in the last session calls for this road to cross Jefferson County on its way north into Georgia and beyond.

The local opposition to the road centers on its potential to harm the county's natural environment, the downtown's economic vitality and residents' quality of life in general.

Doug Darling, president of Citizens for Responsible Government of Jefferson County, was another who took Barfield to task for not attending the forum and suggested that resignation might be in order.

“We need to have another forum and you need to be there,” Darling said. “If not, you need to resign.”

Others of the several citizens who addressed the issue included Mike Willis, Jack Carswell, Byron Arceneaux and Phil Calandra.

Willis, whose Jefferson County roots date to the 1800s, started out by defending Arceneaux.

“Michele didn't want to say what she said, but she felt it needed to be said,” Willis said.

He called the forum a joke, given that it was supposed to have been to inform citizens about the toll road and the county's other controversial project – the proposed high-voltage transmission line – only to have four of the five advertised speakers not show up.

Willis asserted that the overwhelmingly majority of county residents opposed the toll road. People in Jefferson County, he said, didn't take kindly to being told what to do, even if came from legislators.

“We're different here,” Willis said. “We're not used to having people telling us what to do. I ask that you take a stand against the toll road the same as you have on the transmission line.”

He was referring to the high-voltage transmission line that NextEra plans to run across the county, against which project the commission has hired an attorney to fight, even if it requires going to federal court.

Willis urged the commission at minimum to pass a resolution asking the Legislature to remove Jefferson County as the named terminus for the Florida leg of the new road.

“As a native of Jefferson County, I don't want to see myself staring across the turnpike one day and saying, 'Where the hell was our leadership?'" Willis said.

Calandra, the sole citizen to speak in favor of the road – or more accurately, question the size and motive of the opposition – brought down some fire on himself.

“I think it has a role to play in the county's future,” Calandra said of the road, adding that as vocal as the opposition group was, it didn't represent the entire county.

He likewise took issue with the results of the poll conducted by the *Monticello News* relative to the toll road, which found that 92 percent of the 1,609 people who voted online or in person at the newspaper office, opposed the road.

“What concerns me is the misrepresentation that everyone in the county is against the road, and that's not so,” said Calandra, questioning if the poll results had been vetted to determine how many out-of-county people had cast votes.

He labeled the opposition as a well-funded special interest group with an agenda of its own.

Calandra's remarks drew an immediate rebuttal from Carswell, who is also deeply rooted in the county.

A self-described retiree and “busybody” who regularly roamed the county visiting friends and family, Carswell said he could vouch for the widespread opposition to the toll road.

“I can tell you that my friend Mr. Calandra doesn't know what he's talking about,” Carswell said good-naturedly. “The 1,609 people in the survey, that's a pretty good representation of 10 percent of the people in the county.”

Byron Arceneaux also took issue with Calandra's representation that the survey had not been vetted and the results were somehow skewed by the votes of out-of-county residents. His wife Michele, he said, had taken the trouble to examine the online votes and stripped out those that weren't from the county.

And when one did, he said, the number who voted in favor of the toll road actually dropped in number. The overwhelming majority of people, Byron asserted, had in fact voted against the project.

Darling, meanwhile, suggested that Calandra might be complicit in a group that was apparently promoting the toll road, based on the content of postcards mailed from an address associated with an economic development group.

“I find it ironic that Mr. Calandra is impugning the survey results when his name is listed with the group,” Darling said.

Calandra denied having any knowledge of whatever postcards might have been mailed. But one thing he knew, he said, was that it felt like the opposition was a well-orchestrated and well-funded interest group that didn't represent everyone.

“It's what special interests do,” he said. “Some people tell me this is the best thing that can happen for the county.”

Which latter comment triggered another onslaught of comments and refutations from opponents of the project, including Jana Grubbs, Susan Stubbs and Justin Johnson. All told, the discussion on the toll road took up a good portion of the commission meeting, even though the item was not even listed on the agenda.

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planned construction activities are weather dependent and may be delayed or rescheduled in the event of inclement weather.

Motorists are reminded to pay attention to the speed limit when traveling through the construction area, to watch for construction equipment entering and leaving the roadway, and to use caution when driving through the work zone. Speeding fines double when workers are present. Under the new hands-free law, using any handheld device while traveling in a construction zone (while workers are present) is illegal.

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Magazine.”

The poll's results, featuring the top two businesses in each of 100 categories, appear in the November/December issue of the magazine.

“The 2019 winners and runners-up reflect the business establishments that serve our favorite meals, provide the highest quality of health care, dress us in the latest fashions, manage our finances and every service that makes life in the Capital City the best,” states the introduction to the *Tallahassee Magazine* article celebrating the winners.

Executive Director Michael Herrin learned that the Opera House was in the running for the recognition about two months ago, when he received word from RPI Publisher Brian Rowland that it had been selected as a 2019 finalist in the

Best of Tallahassee annual contest.

David Doll, account executive at RPI, explained that unlike previous years, when the poll was conducted via mailed-in responses, the format this year had been changed to online submissions to widen the audience. The result, he said, was surprising.

“We found results for venues that we'd never even heard of before,” Doll said, citing the Monticello Opera House as an example.

It was, he said, a significant accomplishment for the Opera House, considering that it had beat out larger and better-known Tallahassee venues, such as Fifth and Thomas Kitchen and Music House, The Moon and The Pavilion.

Built in 1890 by Monticello businessman John H. Perkins, the first floor of the landmark two-story brick building on the corner of Jefferson and Washington Streets has served multiple functions

during its near 130-year history, including once being a general store, a sewing machine shop and farm implement supply store.

The upper floor, however, was an opera house from day one, even if it ceased to serve in that capacity after its early years and eventually succumbed to partial ruin. Indeed, the building was set for demolition in the early 1970s, when a group of concerned citizens – galvanized by the possibility of losing the historical structure – banded together to rescue it. The group not only purchased the building, but they set out to restore and preserve it.

Those efforts are evident today, with the Opera House considered one of the premier venues in the area, boasting unparalleled acoustics and the largest stage in the region, and serving as a venue for plays, musicals, dinner theatre, concerts and weddings, among other functions.

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Per the policy, the commission will sell or lease county-owned real property only if the parcel has been identified as surplus and the board determines that such a sale or conveyance is in the county's best interest.

Sales and leases will be to the highest and best bidder for the particular use, and the highest and best use of the property, as deemed by county officials, and for as long and under what conditions as they determine.

The policy instructs the county coordinator, or a designee, periodically to review county-owned real properties that may be considered eligible to be declared surplus. If identified as a potential surplus property, the following information must be prepared on the property: the county's date of acquisition and cost; the original reason for the acquisition; and a description of the property – complete with its size, location, zoning classification and estimated market value.

“A property shall not be

considered surplus unless there is no known potential future county use,” the policy states.

The Board of County Commissioners has the sole discretion to determine if a real property is surplus.

Sales of real properties determined to be surplus are subject to the same public notice advertisements and bidding requirements that apply to all government transactions.

The board may, however, under specified situations, forego the advertising, provided that the following conditions exist: The property is of insufficient size and shape to be issued a building permit for any type of development; the board finds that the value of a parcel is \$15,000 or less; or when, due to the size, shape, location and value of the parcel, the board determines that it is of use only to one or more adjacent property owners.

In the latter case, the board may sell the parcel to the adjacent property owner, provided certain specified conditions are met and in accordance with the method prescribed in the resolution.

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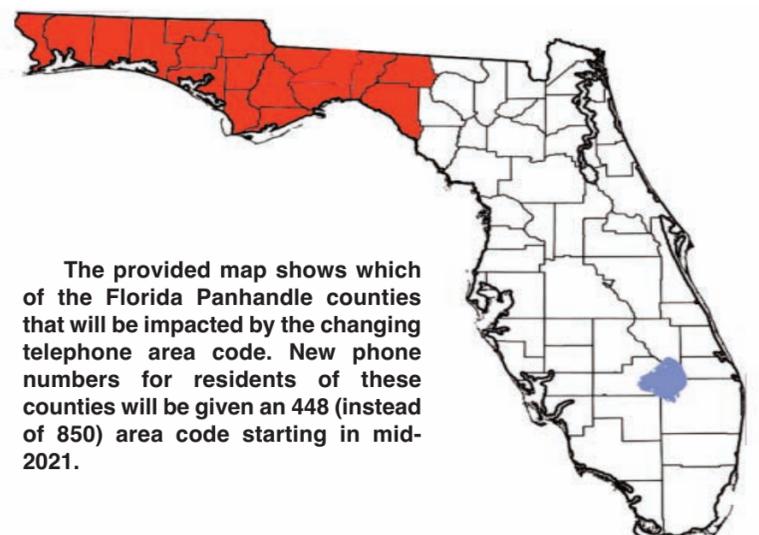
Existing customers will keep their current telephone numbers, including the area code. Additionally, once the overlay is fully implemented, all calls—including local calls—will require ten-digit dialing.

The PSC asserts that NANPA is the neutral third-party administrator responsible for forecasting and planning for the exhaust of geographic area codes. An area code

reaches “exhaust” when nearly all of the telephone prefixes within that area code are assigned. Prefixes follow the area code and are the first three numbers of a customer's local phone number. A growing population and new technologies that require telephone numbers continue driving the demand for new numbers.

The 850 area code region consists of 18 counties in the Florida Panhandle, including Jefferson.

For additional information, visit floridapsc.com.



The provided map shows which of the Florida Panhandle counties that will be impacted by the changing telephone area code. New phone numbers for residents of these counties will be given an 448 (instead of 850) area code starting in mid-2021.

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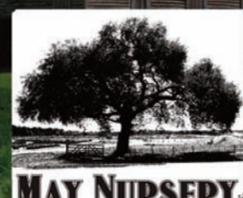
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The benefits of quitting

Article Courtesy of Metro Editorial

Smoking has been linked to a number of negative side effects, including raising smokers' risk of cancer and cardiovascular disease. Quitting smoking can greatly reduce the likelihood of both of those outcomes, but the additional benefits of kicking tobacco to the curb may surprise smokers.

According to the American Lung Association, smokers' heart rates drop to normal levels within 20 minutes of quitting smoking. While not all side effects of quitting smoking are so immediate, many are just as impactful.

The health benefits of quitting smoking are seemingly endless. The Office of the U.S. Surgeon General says quitting smoking is the single most important step smokers can take to improve the length and quality of their lives. The health benefits of quitting smoking are too numerous to list them all, but the following are some of the ways that quitting can improve smokers' overall health.

• **Quitting benefits blood pressure.** Smokers' blood pressure levels can return to normal levels within two hours of quitting. Smokers may also

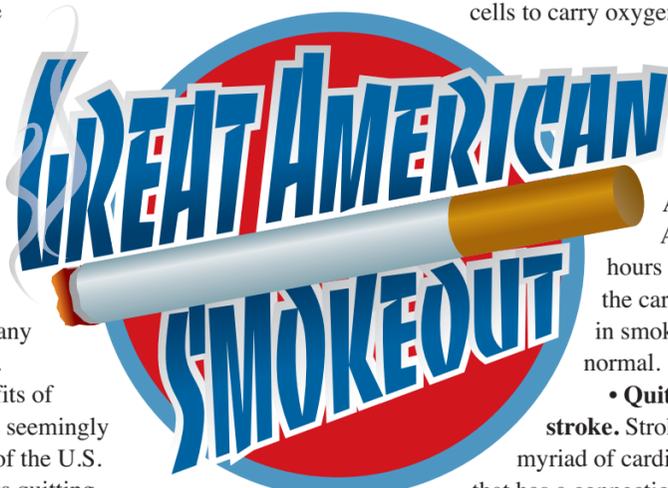
notice their fingers and toes starting to feel warm shortly after they quit. That sensation occurs because quitting smoking also improves circulation.

• **Quitting decreases levels of carbon monoxide in the body.** When smoked, lit cigarettes release carbon monoxide, which compromises smokers' ability to absorb oxygen into the bloodstream. That makes it difficult for red blood cells to carry oxygen. Body tissue that

does not receive an adequate supply of oxygen can cease to function. But according to the American Heart Association, after 12 hours of smoke-free living, the carbon monoxide levels in smokers' blood return to normal.

• **Quitting reduces risk of stroke.** Stroke is another of the myriad of cardiovascular diseases that has a connection to smoking.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, stroke occurs when the blood supply to the brain is blocked or when blood vessels in the brain burst and cause brain tissue to die. Smoking increases the buildup of plaque in blood vessels, which can block blood from getting to the brain. Smoking also causes blood vessels to thicken and narrow, again compromising the body's ability to get blood to the brain. Within five to 15 years of



Did you know?

Smoking is an unhealthy habit for anyone, but can be especially harmful to people who begin smoking before the age of 21. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention, people who start smoking before the age of 21 have the hardest time quitting. In addition, people who begin smoking as teenagers are more likely to use alcohol and illegal drugs than teens who do not smoke.

A recent report on the health consequences of smoking from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services noted that, if smoking rates among American youths continue at their current rates, more than 5.5 million Americans currently under the age of 18 will die early from a smoking-related illness. That equates to roughly one in 13 of today's teenagers.

Teenagers should know that cigarettes are not the only tobacco products that threaten their health. The CDC notes that low-tar and additive-free tobacco products also are harmful, as are chewing tobacco, e-cigarettes and cigars.

quitting smoking, smokers' risk of having a stroke is the same as that of nonsmokers.

• **Quitting can make it easier to exercise.** Many smokers experience shortness of breath, which can make it difficult to commit to the kind of exercise that promotes short- and long-term health. Smoking damages the cilia, which are tiny structures that push mucus out of the lungs. Cilia damaged by smoking begin to repair within one month of quitting smoking, resulting in fewer coughing fits and instances of shortness of breath.

Smokers interested in quitting can visit smokefree.gov for more information and support.



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- Worldwide, tobacco use causes more than five million deaths per year.
- Current trends show that tobacco use will cause more than eight million deaths annually by 2030.
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- In the United States, cigarette smoking is responsible for about one in five deaths annually, or about 443,000 deaths per year.
- An estimated 49,000 of these deaths are the result of secondhand smoke exposure.
- On average, smokers die 13 to 14 years earlier than nonsmokers.
- For every person who dies of a smoking-related disease, 20 more people suffer with at least one serious illness from smoking.
- Cigarette smoking increases the length of time that people live with a disability by about two years.



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American Legion Post 49 prepared and served a bountiful breakfast to local veterans on Veterans Day... and at no charge!

The Legionaries and Auxiliary Unit had been planning for this special day of giving since last year. The breakfast and program went off without a hitch, with more than 100 veterans, friends and neighbors partaking in a delicious meal of sausage patties and gravy, eggs, biscuits, grits, fruit cocktail, orange juice and coffee.



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Army Veteran Jon Nikitin (left) and Navy Veteran Don Ledbury (right) enjoyed breakfast and good fellowship during the Veterans Day breakfast hosted by the American Legion Post 49.

Children attending helped with the passing out of American flags and poppies to all the guests, to display at the parade that followed at 11 a.m.

Retired WWII Marine Major John Haynes was the speaker for the event, applauding the veterans in attendance and

thanking them for their service. He spoke about the contribution of veterans to the United States and encouraged everyone present to support all those who have fought previously and also for those that are still fighting to keep America free.

Post 49 Commander Ken Faircloth and County Commissioner Gene Hall announced the winning ticket holder for the Mossberg Model 930 semi-automatic shotgun raffle. The winner was Tony Brock.



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Grilling sausage patties for the American Legion Post 49 Veterans Day breakfast are, pictured from left to right, Rachael McClellan, Samantha McClellan and their grandfather, Army Veteran Ray Holland.



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American Legion Post 49 members, Army Veteran Ed Gifford (left) and Marine Veteran Gill Martel (right), prepared eggs for the Veterans Day breakfast.



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American Legion Post 49 Commander Ken Faircloth (left) invited County Commissioner Gene Hall (right) to pull the ticket for the gun raffle winner of the Post's fundraiser.



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Retired Marine Major John Haynes was speaker for the Veterans Day breakfast hosted by the American Legion Post 49. He spoke about the contribution of veterans to the United States of America. He began his military service career in WWII.



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo By Debbie Snapp, November 11, 2019
Air Force Veteran George Pittman enjoyed the Veterans Day breakfast with friends.



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Beth and Dale Young were guests to the Veterans Day breakfast, hosted by the American Legion Post 49.

Financial Focus...

Share Your Bounty with Family

As Thanksgiving approaches, it's meaningful to reflect on the origin of the holiday—Native Americans and pilgrims sharing their bounty of food with each other. As you gather with your loved ones this year, perhaps you can think of ways to share not only your dinner, but also your financial bounty.

In terms of bounty-sharing, here are some suggestions you may find helpful, no matter your age or that of your children:

- **Make appropriate gifts.** If you have young children, you may want to get them started with a savings account to help them develop positive financial habits. You could even make it a Thanksgiving tradition to measure how their accounts have grown from year to year. But you can go even further by starting to fund an education savings vehicle such as a 529 plan. This account can provide valuable tax benefits and gives you total control of the money until your children are ready for college or trade school. Other education-funding options also are available, such as a custodial account, commonly known as an UGMA or UTMA. If you have grown children, you could still contribute to a 529 plan for your grandchildren.
- **Develop – and communicate – your estate plans.** While you may want to be as generous as possible to your loved ones during your lifetime, you may desire to leave something behind as part of your legacy. And that means you will need to develop a comprehensive estate plan. Such a plan will allow you to express your wishes about where you want your assets to go, who will take care of your children if something happens to you, how you want to be treated should you become incapacitated, and other important issues. Your estate plan will need to include the appropriate documents and arrangements – last will and testament, living trust, power of attorney, health care directive, and so on. To create such a plan, you may need to work with a team of professionals, including your financial, tax and legal advisors. And it's essential that you communicate the existence and details of your estate plan to your loved ones. By doing so, you can help them know what to expect and what's expected of them to help avoid unpleasant surprises and familial squabbles when it's time to settle your estate.
- **Solicit suggestions for charitable giving.** Sharing some of what you have with charitable or community organizations will also help fulfill the spirit of Thanksgiving. And you can make it a family affair by asking your loved ones which groups they would like to support. Not only will you be helping a worthy cause, but you'll also be teaching your children about the value of money – in this case, the ability to use money you've saved to help make a positive contribution to society.

By sharing your bounty with your loved ones and your community on Thanksgiving, you'll help create a more memorable holiday for everyone. So, be generous, be creative – and be prepared for how much satisfaction you can get from your actions.

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Keystone Women to meet Monday, Nov. 25

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Keystone Federated Republican Women (KFRW) will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 25 at the Monticello-Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, located at 420 W. Washington St.

Guest speaker for this November meeting will be Charlie Strickland with Talon Range & Training.

Guests are invited to arrive at 6:30 p.m., prior to the meeting, to learn about KFRW and how you can join. The members meeting will follow the speaker.

If you are interested in attending the KFRW Christmas Party on Monday, Dec. 16, or would like more information about KFRW, contact President Lynn Stafford at lynn@kfrwfl.org or call (850) 491-8755.

Visit KFRWFL.org to find what the women in red are doing.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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November 20

First Presbyterian Church, 290 E. Dogwood St., will host EaglesWings, an outreach food ministry serving the community, on the first and third Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.m. Volunteers are always needed to distribute food items and to donate non-perishable food items. Contact Coordinator JoAnne Arnold at (850) 997-1084.

November 20

Workforce Wednesdays at the public library every Wednesday from 9:05 a.m. to 5 p.m. to help you find your next job. Prospective professionals can meet with CareerSource of North Florida for resume writing, interview training, job placement and career guidance. CareerSource professionals will be at the library For more information on this free program, call (850) 342-0205

November 20

Kiwanis meets at 12 p.m. on Wednesday at the Jefferson Country Club for lunch and a program.

November 20

Jefferson Arts Gallery will have on display in the gallery "Flavors of Fall" by artist Karen Stewart, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Wednesday and Saturday through November. The Arts is located at 575 W. Washington St.

November 21

Robinson Gunworks, a locally-owned gunsmith and custom firearm manufacturer, will be hosting a Business After 5 social and professional gathering on Thursday, Nov. 21, from 5-6:30 p.m. at the business's new location at 705 S. Water St. Tour the business' new facility, enjoy food and drinks and socialize with the other business owners, professionals and community members who contribute to the Monticello community.

November 22

Rotary meets at 12 p.m. on Friday for lunch and a program at the Monticello-Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, located at 420 W. Washington St.

November 22

Monticello Jamboree Band performs music for dancing every Friday night at 7 p.m. at 625 S. Water St. Everyone is welcome to come to dance, listen to some of the finest music, door prizes and just enjoy some fun and camaraderie with neighbors and friends. This is a nonprofit charitable event. Donations are accepted. For questions or concerns contact Darlene Aldrich at (850) 556-5218.

November 23

Jefferson Arts Gallery will have on display in the gallery "Flavors of Fall" by artist Karen Stewart, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Wednesday and Saturday through November. The Arts is located at 575 W. Washington St.

November 24

A community Thanksgiving celebration will be hosted by the Jefferson County Ministerial Association on Sunday, Nov. 24 at 6 p.m. There will be a night of fellowship, singing and giving of thanks. The event, which is free to all, will be held at the Monticello Opera House (located on the Courthouse Circle).

November 25

CareerSource North Florida will hold a Career Fair at Jefferson Somerset from 9 a.m. to noon. Meet employers in many industries, including corrections, public service and retail. Dress for success; interviews will be conducted on-site. Bring proof of identity, and ability to work in the United States, along with copies of any credentials you would like considered. Veterans should bring a copy of their DD-214. Jefferson Somerset is located at 50 David Rd.

November 25

Monticello Support Group meets from 12 to 1 p.m. quarterly on the fourth Monday at the public library. Alzheimer's Project, Inc. is a non-profit organization extending a warm supportive welcome to caregivers. Questions and comments may be relayed to Rural Outreach Manager Stephanie Pollack at (850) 386-2778 or alzheimersproject.org. This is a free program offering a time of sharing and learning with each other. Bring another caregiver with you.

November 25

Keystone Federated Republican Women will hold its monthly meeting on 7 p.m. at the Monticello-Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, located at 420 W. Washington St. Speaker will be Charlie Strickland with Talon Range & Training. Come at 6:30 p.m., prior to the meeting, to learn about KFRW and how you can join. A member meeting will follow the speaker. KFRW Christmas Party will be held on Monday, Dec. 16. For more information, contact President Lynn Stafford at lynn@kfrwfl.org or call (850) 491-8755.

November 28

Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner will be held at the First United Methodist Church from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This traditional Thursday afternoon meal is free and will be prepared and served by volunteers. All the community is invited to come to enjoy a delicious meal and good friendly fellowship. Donations of food, pies, monetary gifts and help are always appreciated. If you would like to participate in this annual event contact Coordinator Dean Jerger at (850) 997-1653 or call the church at (850) 997-5545. Deliveries will be made to shut-ins and transportation will be provided to and from, but arrangements must be made in advance by calling (850) 997-2110.

RECALL: Nestle Toll House cookie dough

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Cookie-lovers have long been told to not eat raw cookie dough based on food poisoning concerns, as cookie dough often contains raw eggs and could be contaminated with E. Coli.

No one, however, thought that eating raw cookie dough might result in eating pieces of rubber and plastic.

The discovery of foreign pieces of rubber in tubs and packages of Nestle Toll House cookie dough flavors has prompted the United States company to issue a voluntary recall of several ready-to-bake cookie doughs.

In a press release issued on Thursday, Oct. 31, Nestle advised that the recall was being put into place due to the "potential presence of food-grade rubber pieces" in the dough.

The potentially contaminated tubs of cookie dough were reportedly distributed to retailers throughout the United States as well as Puerto Rico.

The recalled cookie dough varieties are:

- Simply Delicious Nestlé Toll House Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough
- Simply Delicious Nestlé Toll House Peanut Butter Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough
- Simply Delicious Nestlé

Toll House Sugar Cookie Dough

- Nestlé Toll House Chocolate Chip

- Nestlé Toll House Fall'n Leaves Cookie Dough

- Nestlé Toll House Frozen II Cookie Dough

- Nestlé Toll House Holiday Chocolate Chip Tree Sprinkle

- Nestlé Toll House Monster Munch

- Nestlé Toll House Pinch of Grinch Cookie Dough

- Nestlé Toll House Triple Chip Cookie Dough Bar

- Nestlé Toll House Ultimate Chocolate Chip Lovers

- Nestlé Toll House Ultimate Turtles Cookie Bar

- Nestlé Toll House White Chip Macadamia Nut

- Nestlé Toll House Chocolate Chip Bar

- Nestlé Toll House Mini Chocolate Chip Bar

- Nestlé Toll House Peanut Butter Chocolate Chip Bar

- Nestlé Toll House Sugar Cookie Bar

- Nestlé Toll House Oatmeal Raisin Cookie Bar

- Nestlé Toll House Peanut Butter Cookie Bar

- M&M'S Everyday Cookie Dough

- M&M'S Ghouls Mix Cookie Dough

- M&M'S Holiday Cookie Dough



All the recalled products can be identified by their batch codes, which will range from 9189 through 9295.

Batch codes are located directly

after the cookie dough's "Best-By" date, but before the number of "5753".

"Nestle is taking this action out of an abundance of caution after receiving reports of food-grade pieces of rubber in some of these products," writes the company. "We have identified the source of the rubber and have already fixed the issue."

No injuries or illnesses have been reported due to this recall.

While the recalled products have been removed from retailer shelves, Nestle warns any consumer who may have recently purchased tubs, tubes or packages of cookie dough to check their item; any consumer who has recently purchased the recalled cookie dough is asked to retain their proof of purchase and contact Nestlé Consumer Services at nestleproductinquiry@casupport.com.

Community News

Chamber director gives update on Keep Jefferson County Beautiful

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Monticello-Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce Director Katrina Richardson spoke with members of the local Altrusa Chapter during their second monthly meeting on Thursday, Oct. 24.

After enjoying a southwestern style meal and a variety of autumn-themed desserts, the Altrusa Club members welcomed Richardson to the front of the room for her introduction and program.

Earlier this year, the local chamber announced that Jefferson County had been approved to become an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful (KAB) – a nonprofit organization with hundreds of affiliates and partners across the United States.

KAB seeks to build a nation that is full of beautiful and clean communities where people live, work and play. It achieves that goal by inspiring and educating people from around the country as well as partnering with local communities to implement green and clean practices.

As an affiliate with Keep American Beautiful, Jefferson County will be endeavoring to uphold those same goals and the vision of a clean, beautiful world through the Keep Jefferson County Beautiful program.

In the entire State of Florida, there are only 44 affiliates, which Richardson said surprised her.

“I thought there would have been more,” she says, adding that because there are only 44 Florida cities or communities that have partnered with KAB, it puts into perspective the gift that Jefferson County has received. “It makes this kinda special.”

While being an affiliate of KAB requires the county to take a proactive stance in maintaining a clean, trash-free and green-minded community, Richardson also gave an insight to the various benefits that accompany the partnership as well.

“We are eligible for a \$16,000 grant,” Richardson says, adding that the funds (which require no local match in order to be accepted by the chamber) will pay for trash cans and other commodities, such as new

trees and anything pertaining to the beautification of the county.

One of the aims that the chamber has when it comes to implementing the grant will be to purchase portable trash cans for their events and festivals.

After a recent Watermelon Festival, the chamber realized that festival attendees were leaving litter and trash all over the place. As the chamber had to pick the trash up, the realization on how bad it was really struck home.

“We were on our hands and knees, under the bleachers, picking up trash,” says Richardson – adding that while the City of Monticello does offer trash-cleaning services, the private lots which the chamber secures for their festivals are not cleaned by city as it is not city-owned land.

The chamber's newest goal will be to have a trashcan every few feet during their festivals, so that people can always be near a can to properly leave their trash – instead of leaving it on the ground.

While this partnership was pursued by the chamber, Richardson expressed the need for community involvement when it comes to implementing and creating a beautiful, trash-free environment.

“I will be asking for some help,” says Richardson. “This is not just a chamber thing – this is a county-wide program to improve and beautify the community environment.”

Assistance may come through helping with trash clean-up after festivals and events as a chamber volunteer. There will also be a variety of other opportunities for the citizens of the county to help keep Jefferson County beautiful, as Richardson hinted that the chamber is pursuing additional grants that will fund paint and plant purchases for rejuvenating the county.

For those who live and work in Jefferson County, a beautiful community is a thing to be excited for as well as a cause worth volunteering your hours to create.

If you are interested in volunteering with the Monticello-Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce with its upcoming Keep Jefferson County Beautiful projects, contact the chamber at (850) 997-5552.



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Monticello-Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce Director Katrina Richardson (right) is presented with her gift by Altrusa member Joyce Hrynclw (left) after speaking with members of the local Altrusa chapter on the current programs and projects of the chamber as well as the Tourist Development Council.

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Local Crime News

CRIME BEAT: RECENT FELONY ARRESTS

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Josephus McCloud – October 18

Josephus McCloud, 54, of Monticello, was arrested on Friday, Oct. 18, by Jefferson County Sheriff's Deputy Matthews for McCloud's possession of drugs, drug paraphernalia and weapon ammunition.

According to the report issued by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO), deputies were sent to assist the Department of Corrections



Josephus McCloud

(DOC) in executing a search warrant that had been issued for the residence of Josephus McCloud.

During that search warrant, DOC Officers Leona Massey and Robin Frutig found a broken glass pipe, several drinking straws that contained white residue and ammunition inside McCloud's personal vehicle.

After those items had been found, the truck was secured and a Jefferson County warrant permitted a second search on the vehicle. During the secondary search, deputies found an additional glass pipe containing cocaine and three small plastic bags that also held a white residue.

All items were collected as evidence and photographed before McCloud was arrested for possession of ammunition by a convicted felon, possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Josephus McCloud was transported to the Jefferson County Jail by Deputy Harrison.

Willie Davis, III – October 20

Willie J. Davis, III, 31, of Birmingham, Ala., was arrested on Sunday, Oct. 20, by Cpl. Bethea, with the JCSO, after Davis trespassed following a previous warning.

According to the report issued by the JCSO, Cpl. Bethea and Deputy Godwin were dispatched to a residential address after the home's occupants reported that Davis, a man they knew, was on their front porch. Davis had previously trespassed on their property a few days earlier, at which point he had been issued a warning.

Willie J. Davis III

When Cpl. Bethea arrived at the address, Davis approached Cpl. Bethea's patrol car and demanded to know why law enforcement had been called.

After Cpl. Bethea had explained the situation to him, Davis insisted that he was just there to use the residents' wifi.

Davis was detained in handcuffs, at which point the responding officers noticed that Davis appeared to be under the influence of alcohol; deputies could detect the odor of alcohol coming from Davis' person, and he also had an open can of beer in his possession.

While Deputy Godwin remained with Davis, Cpl. Bethea spoke with the home's residents, who stated that several years ago, Davis had resided in their home, but that it had been years since he lived with them.

According to one of the home's residents, Davis had been walking around outside their home, cursing and arguing with another resident through the window.

While Cpl. Bethea took a sworn written statement from the willing resident, Deputy Godwin conducted a pat-down of Davis' person, which lead Davis to admit that he had a pair of brass knuckles. The concealed brass knuckles were discovered and set aside.

After being placed under arrest, Davis was transported to the Jefferson County Jail for booking. Florida Statute 790.001, a "concealed weapon" includes any metallic knuckles or any other weapon that is concealed with the purpose as to hide the weapon. Due to this, Davis was arrested on the charge of an unlicensed carry of a concealed weapon in addition to his charge of trespass after warning.

During the booking process, it was discovered that Davis also had two outstanding warrants that called for his arrest, related to animal neglect and domestic violence.

Da'Sadria Stephens – October 21

Da'Sadria Shaleah Stephens, 23, of Monticello, was arrested on Monday, Oct. 21, by JCSO's Cpl. Adamczyk on the authority of a warrant that called for Stephens' arrest.

According to the report issued by the JCSO, on Monday, Sept. 2, Deputy McCoy responded to the Jefferson County Days Inn concerning a battery that had been committed on an employee at the hotel.



Da'Sadria Shaleah Stephens

Upon his arrival, Deputy McCoy made contact with the victim/hotel employee, who stated that a black female had entered the hotel lobby at 12:15 a.m. and asked for the inn's room rates. When the

employee asked for more information so that he could provide a more accurate price, the woman refused to respond. The employee eventually quoted the woman a rate of \$120. When the woman asked to be given the room, the employee asked the woman for her information as well as a payment card to pay for the room – the woman, however, refused to give a card number or identification information and became belligerent.

As she continued to yell at the employee, the woman demanded that a room be given to her, adding that she "had family staying" at the hotel. When the employee asked for information on her family, the woman began to walk towards the door, still yelling at the employee.

When the woman left the lobby, the employee followed her in an attempt to close and lock the lobby door, but the woman managed to turn back and strike the employee in the face, causing injury.

She then fled to a truck that was being driven by a man, and the driver sped away from the hotel. The employee attempted to gather a tag number and identified it as a Florida-registered vehicle.

A few days later, on Tuesday, Sept. 10, Deputy McCoy returned to the case, as a second employee had more information on the attack and the female subject.

The second employee stated that she had been informed by a friend of Da'Sadria Stephens that Stephens had bragged about hitting the victim in the face.

This account was confirmed when Deputy McCoy made contact with the friend.

The next day, on Wednesday, Sept. 11, the victim provided an interview with a JCSO investigator and then took part in a photo lineup, where he identified Stephens as the woman who had attacked him.

A warrant was released for Stephens' arrest. On Monday, Oct. 21, Da'Sadria Stephens was taken into custody and booked into the Jefferson County Jail on the charge of battery of a person 65 years of age or older. A \$3,000 bond was set for Stephens.

Mary Hagan – October 21

Mary L. Hagan, 31, of Monticello, was taken into custody on Monday, Oct. 21, by Jefferson County Sheriff's Deputy Freeman on the authority of a warrant that called for Hagan's arrest.



Mary L. Hagan

According to the report issued by the JCSO, Hagan had been previously charged in September of this year for battery on a law enforcement

officer, firefighter or EMT.

As part of her sentence, Hagan was placed under community probation for three years.

After only three weeks of probation, Hagan violated the terms of her sentence by leaving her county of residence without first obtaining permission from her probation officer; reportedly, Hagan entered Madison County, where she was ultimately arrested on DUI charges in the neighboring county. This was her second violation of probation, as Hagan had been instructed to live without violating the law within her three years of supervision. Hagan also failed to abstain entirely from the use of alcohol or illegal drugs, with she had been instructed to do.

A warrant calling for Hagan's arrest was sealed by Judge Caloca-Johnson on Monday, Oct. 14, and a week later, on October 21, Hagan was taken into custody and transported to the Jefferson County Jail, where she was held without bond.

Thomas Henry – October 24

Thomas Lee Henry, 41, of Madison, Fla., was arrested on the authority of an outstanding warrant that called for his arrest.



Thomas Lee Henry

Jefferson County Sheriff's Deputy Godwin took Henry into custody after a Henry committed several drug-related crimes months prior, leading to the release of a warrant.

According to the report issued by the JCSO, on Wednesday, July 17 of this year,

Deputy Peacock assisted the Monticello Police Department (MPD) when the Jefferson County 911 Communication Center dispatched him to a call related to two individuals passed out inside their vehicle.

Upon arriving at the scene, MPD's Sgt. Tharpe approached the vehicle on the driver's side, while Deputy Peacock made contact with the passenger. After waking the couple, Deputy Peacock observed multiple bags on the vehicle's center console, containing what appeared to be a green, leafy substance.

He also noticed that the driver, identified as Thomas Henry, had a bag protruding from his pants pocket, which seemed to contain a white substance. When Sgt. Tharpe assisted Henry out of the vehicle to speak with him, Deputy Peacock alerted Sgt. Tharpe to the bag in Henry's pants; during a search of Henry's person, Sgt. Tharpe removed multiple bags of white

powdery substance.

An additional search of the vehicle uncovered several bags of green, leafy substance in the center console. When Deputy Peacock made a statement to Sgt. Tharpe that it was "likely synthetic cannabis," Henry interjected, telling the officers that it was "catnip" and that he was selling it as if it were synthetic cannabis, duping his customers into believing that it was cannabis.

A further search of Henry's vehicle revealed a store-bought case of sealed catnip in the center console, giving weight to Henry's claim.

Henry continued to insist that the leafy substance was catnip, saying that it was legal to purchase and sell. He had found that the herb could still give a person a high when the plant was smoked – Henry had not been Mirandized at this point but was freely providing this information to law enforcement.

The substance was tested and weighed, and proved to indeed be catnip – 66 grams of catnip, which Henry could legally purchase and sell.

However, Henry was also found in possession of 2.4 grams of cocaine, which had been individually packaged between 29 different bags.

For possession of cocaine, Henry was charged with the intent to manufacture, sell or distribute an illegal substance, as well as the sale of a Schedule II drug.

Thomas Henry was booked into the Jefferson County Jail on Thursday, Oct. 24.

Paris D'Elia Geathers, 22; arrested Sunday, Oct. 27; charged with DUI. Bond set at \$500. Released on same day.

Kendrick Shawn Alexander, 42; arrested Sunday, Oct. 27; charged with DUI. Bond set at \$500. Released on same day.

Joshua Matthew Stephenson, 20; arrested Sunday, Oct. 27; charged with violation of probation (VOP). Bond set at \$1,000. Released on same day.

Ira Ray West, 53; arrested Sunday, Oct. 27; charged with petit theft and resisting without violence. Bond set at \$500. Released on same day.

Donna Kay Conroy, 66; arrested Saturday, Oct. 26; charged with driving while license suspended (DWLS). Bond set at \$500. Released on following day.

Gerald Vernell Larry, 60; arrested Saturday, Oct. 26; charged with simple battery. Bond set at \$1,000. Released on following day.

Fernando Ramos, 25; arrested Friday, Oct. 25; charged in court. No bond amount or release day provided.

Shundayal Harris, 30; arrested Friday, Oct. 25; charged with DWLS and breach of peace. Bond set at \$500. Released on following day.

Linden Tuslim Samuels, 27; arrested Friday, Oct. 25; charged with disturbing the peace. Bond set at \$500. Released on following day.

Nicole Ashley Boone, 30; arrested Thursday, Oct. 24; charged with domestic battery. Bond set at \$100. Released on same day.

Alyssa Brooke Granger, 22; arrested Thursday, Oct. 24; charged with domestic battery. Bond set at \$100. Released on following day.

Jaishunda Arisha Nicole Daniels, 22; arrested Thursday, Oct. 24; charged with DWLS with knowledge. Bond set at \$500. Released on following day.

Oscar Leon Barfield, 47; arrested Thursday, Oct. 24; charged with grand auto theft. Bond set at \$5,000. No release day provided.

Sandra Lynn Woodall, 48; arrested Thursday, Oct. 24; charged with grand theft of motor vehicle. Bond set at \$5,000. No release day provided.

George Gilbert West, 58; arrested Wednesday, Oct. 23, on an out-of-county warrant. No bond amount provided. Released on following day.

Joshua Eric Bryan, 35; arrested Tuesday, Oct. 22; charged with writ of attachment. Bond set at \$1,800. Released on following day.

Van Alexander Johnson, 43; arrested Tuesday, Oct. 22; charged with a writ of attachment. Bond set \$1,500. Released on same day.

Gerald Lorenzo Norton, 38; arrested Tuesday, Oct. 22; charged with writ of attachment. Bond set at \$800. Released on same day.

Tyrone Brook Crumity, 31; arrested Friday, Oct. 18; charged with DWLS, knowingly. Bond set at \$500. Released on same day.

William Leo Wright, 52; arrested Thursday, Oct. 17; charged with domestic battery. Bond set at \$1,000. Released on same day.

Wesley Lee Mount, 57; arrested Thursday, Oct. 17; charged with failure to have wholesale salt water license; dealers failure to keep required records; and buying saltwater product from unlicensed dealer. Bond set at \$500. Released on same day.

Andrew Raheem Jones, 26; arrested Thursday, Oct. 17; charged with burglary to dwelling unarmed and criminal mischief, less than \$200. Bond set at \$5,000. No release day provided.

Sheldon Lawrence Hathorn, 52; arrested Thursday, Oct. 17; charged with out-of-county warrant, fugitive from justice. No bond amount provided. Released on following day.

Johnny Wayne Huggins, 59; arrested Monday, Oct. 14; charged in court. No bond amount provided. Released on following day.

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Recently, the Central Baptist Church in Aucilla celebrated its 112th Homecoming on Sunday, Nov. 3, with a celebration on the church grounds at 655 Tindell Rd.

The Sunday morning worship service was warm and welcoming as Pastor Daryl Adams thanked all for attending this memorable time of celebration and reminiscing.

A feast of the church members' best and favorite recipes was enjoyed in the fellowship hall directly after the program and service.

Rev. Kevin Harbing was the homecoming's guest preacher, and he brought a message from the book of Luke. He shared about his childhood, growing up in a Tallahassee neighborhood, and encouraged all to "get to know your neighbors and look for the compassion. You don't know their story. We all have one." He told earthly stories with heavenly meanings.

Harbing was an interim pastor before Pastor Adams settled in.

The homecoming was a day of visiting with old friends and making new ones, sharing a delicious meal, special music, and, most importantly, hearing the Gospel brought by Rev. Kevin Harbing.

The Purvis Brothers and friends sang and played lots of favorite old-time songs, sharing bits of personal stories.

The community was invited to join the church family on this special day.

For more information about Aucilla's Central Baptist Church, contact Pastor Daryl Adams at (850) 251-0129 or Dan Morris at (850) 251-3296.



Photo Courtesy Of Crystal Morris, November 6, 2019

The Central Baptist Church in Aucilla packed more than 500 shoeboxes, all filled with Christmas gifts, for the annual Samaritans Purse Ministry.

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It seemed as though the entire Aucilla Central Baptist Church family, their friends and neighbors gathered to help during the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Packing Party held on Wednesday, Nov. 6, in the church's family ministry center. More than 100 people came and went through the evening during the annual event. To feed the hungry crew of shoebox-packers, 40 large pizzas were ordered.

The event ended when the group ran out of gifts to place in the boxes. The few boxes that were leftover went home with church members to be filled later. By the end of the night, the group counted 562 boxes filled with handmade dolls, toiletries, other goodies and personal notes from the church youth.

The church's goal for this year's packing event was to reach 500 shoeboxes, but everybody was hoping for more.

The amazing journey of a simple shoebox gift begins with churches and groups packing shoeboxes to bless children in need around the world. During the third week in November each year, thousands of volunteers prepare these shoeboxes for international shipping for worldwide distribution.

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child is an International Relief Ministry.



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Loryn Salmons and Lexie Eades are packing shoeboxes for Central Baptist Church Samaritan's Purse ministry.



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Jamieson Dalzell, Peyton Morris and Brewster Bass pack shoeboxes that will be shipped to children around the world.



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Desiree Young, Crystal Morris and Central Baptist Church Pastor Daryl Adams help with the packing of shoeboxes for their Samaritans Purse project.



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Jeanie Metzger, Liam Mediate and Jeret Madei pack gift boxes filled with toys and toiletries for children less fortunate.



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Sunday School9:45 AM
 Sunday Worship Service11:00 AM
 Worship Service6:00 PM
 Wednesday
 Choir Practice6:00 PM
 Fellowship Meal6:45 PM
 Prayer Meeting/Bible Study7:10 PM

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 Morning Worship10:45 AM
 Student Life Group4:30 PM
 Tuesday Evening
 Mens & Ladies Bible Study6:00 PM
 Saturday
 Spanish Church Services7:30 PM

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Sunday School10:00 AM
 Sunday Worship11:00 AM
 Wednesday Bible Study7:00 PM

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 ebcmonticello.com

Sunday Bible Study9:45 AM
 Morning Worship Service11:00 AM
 Choir Practice5:00 PM
 Evening Worship Service6:00 PM
 Wednesday
 Bible Study/Prayer Meeting6:00 PM
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325 W. Washington St.
 Monticello (850) 997-2349 • fbcmonticello.org

Pastor Sean Vickers

Worship – Grow – Serve – Share
 Sunday

Sunday Morning Bible Study9:30 AM
 Worship10:45 AM
 Children's Church (K5 - Second Grade)
 Sunday Evening Bible Study6:00 PM
 Wednesday
 Family Meal5:00 PM
 Children's Ministry6:00 PM
 Youth Ministry6:00 PM
 Adult Prayer and Bible Study6:00 PM
 Choir Practice7:00 PM

First Corinthian Church

955 Lemon St./ P.O. Box 1112, Monticello,
 (850) 545-2039

sonnyjohnjr@aol.com

Pastor John Jones

Sabbath Morning Worship11:00 AM
 Wednesday/Friday Bible Study6:30 PM

First Presbyterian Church

290 E. Dogwood St., Monticello • 997-2252

Sunday School10:00 AM
 Sunday Worship11:00 AM

First United Methodist Church

325 W. Walnut St., Monticello • 997-5545
Rev. Jonathan Brewster
 monticelloFUMC.org

Sunday

Praise & Worship8:30 AM
 Sunday School9:30 AM
 Traditional Worship11:00 AM
 Youth - Merge Students6:00 PM

From the Pulpit...

Do you gobble till you wobble?



Rev. John Hicks

Do you know what you get if you cross a turkey with an ostrich?

A Thanksgiving bird that buries its head in the mashed potatoes. (I could go on, but it would only get worse!)

Thanksgiving Day is upon us. So why a special day for giving thanks? The first Thanksgiving

Day was held in the fall of 1621 when a handful of devoted Pilgrims, in the midst of many perils and hardships, set apart a day for thanksgiving to God as they shared in their first harvest.

The official Thanksgiving Day goes all the way back to 1789 when George Washington proclaimed Nov. 26 as a day of Thanksgiving.

After that, Thanksgiving Day continued to be celebrated on different days in different states until 1863, when President Abraham Lincoln issued a White House proclamation calling on "the whole American people to observe a special day of Thanksgiving on the last Thursday of November of every year." The Thanksgiving Day tradition is now firmly established in America, and Thursday, Nov. 28 is the official American Thanksgiving Day this year.

Of course, Thanksgiving means different things to different people. For some, Thanksgiving means a four-day vacation from work. Others can't wait to go shopping or to watch football. For many it will be a time of feasting. Some of us even gobble till we wobble.

While it is altogether proper at Thanksgiving time to celebrate in many different ways and have a feast with turkey and dressing and cranberry sauce and pumpkin

pie, as Christ followers we are challenged to take it further. Thanksgiving Day should help get us in the mood and in the spirit to be thankful throughout the entire year. Though every day is certainly not a holiday; every day should be a Thanksgiving Day.

I understand as well as everyone else that life is often a battle. Life isn't always easy and can seem at times to get more difficult with each passing day. We are going to have good days and we are going to have bad days, but even on our worst day it ought to be Thanksgiving Day because we can know and love and serve a God that stands for us, with us and by us no matter what.

During the Vietnam conflict a family in Kansas received word that their son had been killed in the war. The parents decided that they wanted to honor the memory of their son by giving a sizable check to their church in thanksgiving for the short but special years God blessed them with their son before his passing.

Some time later, the pastor of the church shared how that special gift had relieved some of the financial difficulty the church was experiencing and enabled them to grow their ministry. Upon hearing of this blessing, a mother in the congregation whispered to her husband, "Let's give a sizable check for our boy."

The husband responded, "What are you talking about? Our boy didn't lose his life in Vietnam."

The wife said, "That's just the point. Let's give it as an expression of our gratitude to God for sparing his life."

"Father, You bless us in many ways. Let us with a grateful heart be thankful every day for what we have received, as well as being thankful for what we have escaped."

CHURCH NEWS NOTES

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November 20

First Presbyterian Church, 290 E. Dogwood St., will host EaglesWings, an outreach food ministry serving the community, on the first and third Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.m. Volunteers are always needed to distribute food items and to donate non-perishable food items. Contact Coordinator JoAnne Arnold at (850) 997-1084.

November 22

Christ Episcopal Church Community Food Pantry will hold a Food Share distribution from 8 to 10:30 a.m., usually on the last Friday, at 425 N. Cherry St. The next food share pickup will be held on Friday, Dec. 20.

November 22, 23

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.

November 23

St. Phillip AME Church will host its annual Community Thanksgiving from 12 to 2 p.m. on Saturday. This is a community event, all are invited. Church Pastor is J.W. Tisdale.

November 24

Jefferson County Ministerial Association is hosting a Community Thanksgiving Celebration at 6 p.m. on Sunday at the Monticello Opera House with The Purvis Brothers. A night of fellowship, singing and thanks giving is free to all. Child care will provided at the First Baptist Church.

November 28

First United Methodist Church, 325 W. Walnut St., will host the annual Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner in the Family Ministry Center from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the third Thursday. This is a free event and all are invited. Contact Coordinator Dean Jerger at (850) 997-1653, or (850) 510-7666, or call the church at (850) 997-5545 for more information, to make donations, to arrange for transportation, or to pick up a meal for a shut-in.

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 Wednesday

Prayer Meeting6:30 P.M.
 Bible Study7:00 P.M.

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Sunday Church School9:30 AM
 Sunday Worship (2nd, 3rd, 4th Sundays)11:00 AM
 Youth Worship (2nd Sunday)11:00 AM
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 Sunday Worship11:00 AM
 Sunday Evening6:00 PM
 Wednesday Bible & Prayer Meeting7:00 PM

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 Tuesday Night Taabo6:00 PM
 Thursday Church Service7:00 PM
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4543 Waukeenah Hwy. • (850) 264-0802
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Pastor Steve Lenzo

pastor@sardismumc.org

Sunday Worship Service9:30 AM
 Sunday School To Follow
 Tuesday Bible Study6:30 PM

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Rev. J. W. Tisdale

Sunday Morning9:30 AM
 Sunday Worship11:00 AM
 Tuesday
 Basic English Class by Gloria Norton7:00 PM
 Wednesday
 Prayer & Bible Study7:00 PM

St. Rilla Missionary Baptist Church

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

Rev. James Mack, Pastor

Sunday School9:45 AM
 Morning Worship (1st and 3rd Sundays)11:00 AM
 Thursday before Morning Worship
 Bible Study/Prayer Meeting7:30 PM

Faith & Family

Wacissa Fall Festival was colorful and eventful



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo By Debbie Snapp, November 2, 2019
Emma Conrad, a member of the Wacissa United Methodist Church Youth Ministry, blows up and passes out colorful balloons during her church's annual Fall Festival.

Debbie Snapp
 ECB Publishing, Inc.

Wacissa United Methodist Church held its annual Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 2 on the front lawn of the church building. The event was well-attended, with many local children enjoying the crisp fall day in the sun.

The Youth Ministry had several different fun stations set up for the children to enjoy face painting, coloring, games and storytime sessions.

The band, 2540 Ministries & Anchored Worship, was very much enjoyed by all. The group, comprised of students from the University of Mobile Southern Baptist College, traveled from Alabama to share their songs and music. They are a non-profit ministry with exceptional attention paid to supporting drug rehabilitation for former users.



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo By Debbie Snapp, November 2, 2019
2540 Ministries & Anchored Worship Band entertained during the Wacissa Fall Festival hosted by the Wacissa United Methodist Church on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 2. Band members, pictured from left to right, are: John Matheou, Jacob Guthrie, Logan Mathews, Parker Gallups, C.J. McLeod and Matt Henson.



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo By Debbie Snapp, November 2, 2019
Victoria Lampton is making a colorful ornament to take home after the Wacissa Fall Festival.



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo By Debbie Snapp, November 2, 2019
Making holiday ornaments and coloring "Shine with the Light of Jesus" crowns to wear during the Wacissa Fall Festival, the Youth Ministry helped younger children with their crafts.



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo By Debbie Snapp, November 2, 2019
Many enjoyed the fun and Christian fellowship that was offered during the Wacissa Fall Festival.

Morris was guest speaker at Community Prayer Breakfast

Debbie Snapp
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It was a wonderful Community Prayer Breakfast and meeting early Thursday morning, Nov. 7 with 63 souls in attendance. The food was excellent, the fellowship was special and the testimony given by speaker Sharon Counts Morris was given in a caring and effective way.

Using her family heirloom, a patch quilt of 100 plus years old, to tie the thread of her faith to the patches of life and emphasizing the need to nurture one's faith through study and commitment hit home with everyone.

"I am a child of God today because of my family, and because they felt it was important for me," added Morris. "Don't be too pretty to be put on a shelf; be used, tattered and torn, and always be used for warmth," she concluded, referencing her heirloom quilt.

"It was inspirational," adds meeting coordinator Gary Wright. This month's gathering was hosted by Christ Episcopal Church in its Parrish Hall. The Brotherhood of the church and Johnston's Meat Market ensured an abundant breakfast for all attending.

Prayers for the sick and distressed, and thanksgiving to the Creator for our many blessings, were given by Church Pastor Steve Passah.

Next month the meeting will be hosted at St. Margaret Catholic Church and Monticello Police Chief Fred Mosley speaking. Plan to join with others, and bring a friend.



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo By Debbie Snapp, November 7, 2019
Sharon Counts Morris (front) was guest speaker for the November Community Prayer Breakfast. Also pictured is meeting coordinator Gary Wright (left).

LLOYD

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1206 Springfield Rd., Lloyd
 (850) 997-TLC7 [8527]

Pastors Tim and Beverly Buchholtz
 TransformingLifeChurch.com

Sunday School..... 9:30 AM
 Celebration Service & Children's Church.....10:30 AM
 Evening Prayer.....6:00 PM

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124 St. Louis St., Lloyd • (850) 997-5309

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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

TALLAHASSEE

Capital Heights Baptist Church

7150 Apalachee Pkwy., Tallahassee
 chbaptistchurch.org

Pastor Derrick Burrus
 (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

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5593 Veterans Memorial Dr. (Hwy 59)
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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

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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

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 Worship Service.....11:00 AM
 Youth Group.....5:00 PM

Wednesday
 Youth Group.....6:00 PM
 Choir Practice.....7:00 PM

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School & Sports

Aspen Institute names North Florida College as a Top 150 U.S. Community College

\$1 Million prize recognizes excellence in equitable outcomes for students in and after college

Article courtesy of North Florida College

The Aspen Institute College Excellence Program today named North Florida College (NFC) as one of 150 community colleges eligible to compete for the \$1 million Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the nation's signature recognition of high achievement and performance among America's community colleges. Based on strong and improving in student outcomes — including in learning, completion rates, employment rates and earnings, and equity — 15 percent of community colleges nationwide have been invited to apply for the Aspen Prize.

"Each day I witness the exemplary measures and dedication that NFC employees across the campus put into action to ensure our students reach their education and life goals," said NFC President John Grosskopf. "These outstanding efforts have placed NFC among the nation's top 150 colleges competing for the 2021 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence. We are honored to be recognized and proudly share this recognition of high achievement with our students, employees, alumni and community. NFC's consistent ranking among the nation's most outstanding colleges is definitely due to our campus and community's overwhelming commitment to student success."

NFC was selected from a pool of nearly 1,000 public two-year colleges nationwide, based on publicly available data on student outcomes, to compete for the \$1 million Aspen Prize. Located in 39 states in urban, rural, and suburban areas, serving as few as 500 students and as many as 75,000 students, the 150 community colleges named today as eligible to compete for the 2021 Aspen



represent the diversity and depth of the community college sector.

Data show that over the last two years, student retention, graduation rates, and degree completion have improved at the top tier of 150 Aspen Prize-eligible colleges.

"Community colleges play a vital role in developing talent and enabling social mobility across the country, and it's critical for them to get better at what they do," said Josh Wyner, executive director of the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program. "We're pleased to see evidence that these institutions are improving, that more are delivering on their promise. We're also pleased to play a role in honoring outstanding community colleges and sharing what works to ensure great outcomes for students — through graduation and beyond."

The top ten finalists for the 2021 Aspen Prize will be named in May 2020. The Aspen Institute will then conduct site visits to each of the finalists and collect additional quantitative data, including employment and earnings data. A distinguished jury will make award decisions in spring 2021.

For a full list of the top 150 eligible institutions and to read more on the selection process, visit highered.aspeninstitute.org/aspen-prize.

Playoff quest ends for the Tiger team

Rick Patrick
ECB Publishing, Inc.



The very fact that Jefferson Somerset Tigers were even playing football on Friday, Nov 15, could have been a surprise to some, as the Tigers struggled during a very challenging season. But the very challenge of the season was enough to land the Tigers in the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) Class 1 A State Playoffs.

At the end of the season, the Tigers found themselves as the number six seed in the six-team Region Two tournament. This determination was based, in large part, on the strength of the Tigers' schedule this season.

In the first round of the tournament, the Tigers faced a very familiar foe, Sneads High School.

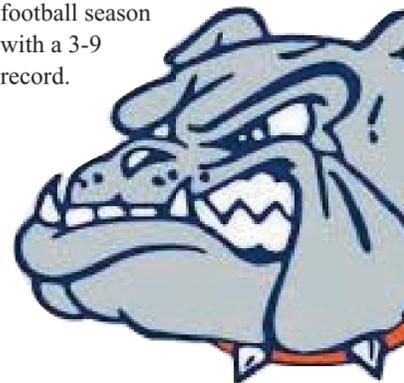
On Friday, Nov. 8, it was the third time this season that Jefferson Tigers had faced the Sneads Pirates.

The third time proved to be a charm for the Tigers, who defeated the third-seeded Pirates, 21-7. This set up the contest between the Tigers and a long-time rival, the Bulldogs of Taylor County High School, on Friday, Nov. 15, in the Region Two Semi-final match-up. The Bulldogs were the number-two seed and, as such, served as the host team.

It was a wet, cold evening at Dorsett Stadium, in Perry, Fla., as the Tigers met the Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs quickly built an early lead and the score was 14-0 by the end of the first quarter. The Bulldogs extended their lead during the second quarter to carry a 35-0 lead into halftime. The Tigers were able to get on the scoreboard with a touchdown late in the third quarter, but this proved to be futile as the Bulldogs rolled to a 42-7 win over the Tigers.

The Tigers ended their 2019 football season with a 3-9 record.



Clark joins the Aucilla Christian Academy staff

Debbie Snapp
ECB Publishing, Inc.



Christy Clark has joined the Aucilla Christian Academy Warrior staff as an administrative assistant in the business office.

Clark graduated from Boise State University with a Bachelor's degree in Respiratory Care. She has been in the healthcare management field for six years as a Director of Respiratory and Cardiopulmonary

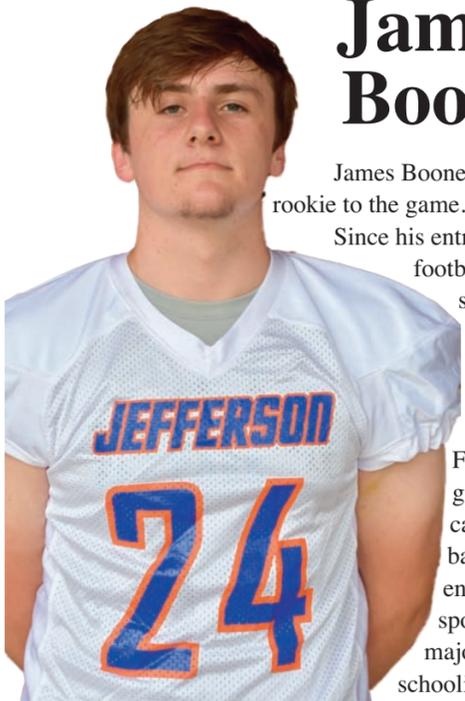
Photo Courtesy of ACA, November 2019
Christy Clark is the newest member of the Aucilla Christian Academy staff.

Services, in which she was responsible for financial management, operations and business development.

When asked about her thoughts on joining the Warrior staff, Clark said: "Working here in a Christ-like environment allows me to practice my faith and be a witness to the ministry of Jesus Christ."

Tiger Athlete of the week

James Boone



James Boone is no rookie to the game.

Since his entry into football as a second grade student, Boone has played Friday night games, carried the ball and enjoyed the sport for the majority of his schooling years.

Jefferson Somerset's Tigers makes the third team Boone has played for in his history of football athletics.

Originally, Boone says he got into the game thanks to the encouragement of his uncle — he stays playing, however, due to his own love of the game.

When he is off the field, 16-year-old Boone enjoys playing basketball and shooting hoops on the court.

At school, Boone is in the eleventh grade, and looking forward to his senior year of high school. James Boone is the son of Amy Pierce.

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School

Aucilla students speak during 4-H Tropicana Speech Contest

Ashley Hunter
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Several Aucilla Christian Academy (ACA) students from the fourth, fifth and sixth grade recently took part in and received awards for their public speaking presentations at the school's 4-H Tropicana Speech Contest.

Hosted on Tuesday, Nov. 12 and Wednesday, Nov. 13, the different grade-groups competed within themselves for the chance to compete at the county-wide speech contest that will be held in December.

On Tuesday, Nov. 12, the fourth and fifth graders presented their speech to a panel of judges, with the fifth grade winners being Maggie Walker (first place) Kamrynn Johnson (second place) and Olivia Tharpe (third place). The fourth grade classroom winners were Mae McNeill (first place), Hailey Roland (second place) and Bailey Fletcher (third place).

The following day, on Wednesday, Nov. 13, the sixth graders stood and presented their prepared speeches on the individual topics that interested and encouraged them.

The sixth graders who placed in their classroom's Tropicana Speech Contest were Benjamin Faglie (first place), Leighton Faglie (second place) and GiGi Mediate (third place).

On Wednesday, Dec. 4, several ACA students will return to present their speeches again, this time at the county-level competition.

At the county contest, ACA students will go up against the students of Jefferson Somerset. Whichever student speaker places in the county event will go on to compete at the district contest.

The county-level competition will be hosted at the ACA Auditorium, located at 7803 Aucilla Rd., and is slated to begin at 6:30 p.m.



Photo Courtesy of ACA

The fourth grade classroom winners for the Aucilla Christian Academy Tropicana Speech Contest are, pictured left to right: Bailey Fletcher (third place), Hailey Roland (second place), Mae McNeill (first place) and 4-H Extension Agent Gladys Nealy.



Photo Courtesy of ACA

The fifth grade classroom winners who placed in this year's school Tropicana Speech Contest at ACA are, pictured left to right: Maggie Walker (first place), Olivia Tharpe (third place), Kamrynn Johnson (second place) and 4-H Extension Agent Gladys Nealy.



Photo Courtesy of ACA

The sixth graders who placed in their classroom's Tropicana Speech Contest are, pictured left to right: GiGi Mediate (third place), Leighton Faglie (second place), Benjamin Faglie (first place) and 4-H Extension Agent Gladys Nealy.

Salute to the Armed Forces at Jefferson Somerset

Local students perform for area veterans in annual program and luncheon

Debbie Snapp
ECB Publishing, Inc

Jefferson Somerset students and facility held its annual Salute to the Armed Forces program and Veterans Appreciation Luncheon for area veterans on Friday, Nov. 8.

Allen Washington began the

program with a welcome to all the veterans. Anthony Seaton followed with a speech called "What is Veterans Day?"

Posting of the Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance were led by Matthew Steen. The Tiger Band performed the National Anthem.

Jamichael Steen offered the invocation, and Jamielyn Giles spoke

about why America is a great country. Vice Principal Andre Gainey presented the VFW Essay Awards.

The first and second grade students performed "We Love Our Veterans."

Jeff Whitty offered the Salute to the Armed Forces to music representing the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps and Navy. Veterans in the

audience stood when their branch of the service was recognized.

Anthony Seaton offered closing remarks before the veterans were invited to stay for lunch, prepared and served by the Jefferson Somerset Culinary Department class.



Photo Courtesy of KT Faircloth, November 8, 2019

The Jefferson Somerset Culinary Department class prepared and served a lunch meal to area veterans on Friday afternoon, Nov. 8.



The Front Porch is automatically included as a part of a regular newspaper subscription for customers in Jefferson, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor, Hamilton, Lafayette, Lowndes and Thomas counties.

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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

CDL drivers needed, Class B. Apply in person only at Scruggs Concrete Company, 186 SW Commerce Dr., in Madison.
1/16,rtn,c

Seeking full time heavy equipment operator preferably with a background in forestry and agriculture. CDL desired but not required. Call (850) 545-5299 for details.
10/2,rtn

Positions available at North Florida College, Madison FL:
Director of Student Support and Disability Services. See www.nfcc.edu for details.
11/6-11/22

OPS Fish & Wildlife Technician

Agency: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC)

Location: Perry, FL

Job Category: Temporary OPS Position (average 35 - 40 hours per week). This is not a Career Service position and does not receive paid holidays or paid leave.

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Last Date to Apply: December 6, 2019

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How To Apply: Pick up an application packet at Big Bend Field Office, 663 Plantation Road, Perry, FL 32348

11/20-12/6

Ad Builder needed for the Monticello News and the Jefferson County Journal newspapers. The position includes designing and building the ads for both weekly papers and designing and laying-out the newspapers. Must be able to work well under pressure and maintain a team player relationship with co-workers. Experience and/or education in this field preferred. Experience with Quark Express and/or Photoshop a must. Apply in person only at the Monticello News building, located at 180 W. Washington St. or fax resume to (850) 997-3774, or call (850) 997-3568 to set up an interview.

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S&W Mod 645 .45 ACP, 5" barrel D/A, 8 round clip, S/S, Rosewood Grips, Manual, Sales Receipt, \$450 Firm. (850) 997-3105
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FOR RENT

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

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LEGAL NOTICES

TAX DEEDS

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **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: 19-000017-TD

Certificate Number: 138 Year of Issuance: 2017

Description of Property: 00-00-00-0470-0009-0080
Lot 8 Blk 9 Wiricks Add
ORB 112 PG 317

Site Address: **Ash Street
Monticello, FL**

Name in which assessed: **JENNIFER ALLEN**

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 **December 16, 2019 at 11:00 A.M.**

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File Number: 19-000018-TD

Certificate Number: 151 Year of Issuance: 2017

Description of Property: 00-00-00-0470-0021-0020
Pt of Lots 2 and 3, Blk 21 Wiricks Add
ORB 411 PG 636

Site Address: **620 Henry St
Monticello, FL**

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File Number: 19-000019-TD

Certificate Number: 140 Year of Issuance: 2017

Description of Property: 00-00-00-0470-0009-0100
Lot 7, Blk 9 Wiricks Add
ORB 134 PG 270

Site Address: **Railroad @ Ash St
Monticello, FL**

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MEETINGS

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The Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners will review a Special Exception Site Plan Application submitted by Brad Hamilton for a Wedding and Event Venue. The meeting will be held on December 5, 2019 at 6:00 PM, or soon thereafter, at the Jefferson County Courthouse Annex, located at 435 West Walnut Street in Monticello, FL. The meeting may be continued as necessary.

Information concerning the meeting is available at the Jefferson County Planning Department, 445 W. Palmer Mill Road, Monticello, FL. 32344, Telephone 850-342-0223. From the Florida "Government in the Sunshine Manual", page 36, paragraph c: Each board, commission, or agency of this state or of any political subdivision thereof shall include in the notice of any meeting or hearing, if notice of meeting or hearing is required, of such board, commission, or agency, conspicuously on such notice, the advice that, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, 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.

11/20

City Hall Holiday Closures

City Hall will be closed on:

Thursday, November 28th
Friday, November 29th

Tuesday, December 24th
Wednesday, December 25th

Wednesday, January 1st

No garbage/recycling will be collected those days.

11/20

NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 19 75 CP

**IN RE: ESTATE OF
ROBERT BROCK PAULK**
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of ROBERT BROCK PAULK, deceased, whose date of death was May 18, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Jefferson County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 1 Courthouse Circle, Monticello, Florida 32344. The name and address of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this Court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is november 20, 2019.

Attorney for Personal Representative:

Cassandra Brown
Attorney for Petitioner
COLEMAN TALLEY, LLP
50 N. Laura Street, Suite 2500
Jacksonville, FL 32202
(904)456-8964
Florida Bar No. 123865

Personal Representative:
Jessica Paulk
149 Post Oak Circle
Monticello, FL 32344

11/20, 11/27

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File Number: 19-000016-TD

Certificate Number: 29 Year of Issuance: 2017

Description of Property: 00-00-00-0250-0000-0072
PT of Original Lot 7, Dilworths Add
ORB 332 PG 65, ORB 560 PG 276 & ORB 631 PG 744

Site Address: **KING STREET
Monticello, FL**

Name in which assessed: **JENNIFER AND JHAZMINE ALLEN**

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