



Black History Month... Businesses and individuals recognized



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Air Force veteran George Pittman, 96, accepts his certificate from Mayor Gloria Cox at Tuesday evening's council meeting.

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In celebration of Black History Month, the Monticello City Council recently handed proclamations to several African-American individuals and organizations as a way to recognize their contributions to the community.

Those honored in a brief ceremony and presented with certificates of appreciation by Mayor Gloria Cox at the Monticello City Council on Tuesday evening, Feb. 7, were:

* Police Chief Fred Mosley, the city's first elected African-American chief of police. Mosley has been chief for the last 16 years, and with the police department since 2008.

* Bethel AME Church, 410 E. York St., is considered the oldest black church in Monticello, serving the community since 1865. Rev. Herbert L. Hollingsworth, the pastor, was unable to attend the ceremony. Accepting the certificate in his stead was Sandra Saunders, recently retired school board member.



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Sandra Saunders, right, received the certificates for both Bethel AME Church and Tillman Funeral Homes, representing the first black church and first black business here, respectively. Mayor Gloria Cox presented the awards.



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Police Chief Fred Mosley, first elected black police chief in Monticello, receives his certificate from Mayor Gloria Cox.

* Tillman Funeral Home, 620 E. York St., is considered the oldest black owned business in Monticello, serving the community since 1931. Alfonza "Al" Hall is its director. Saunders again accepted this award on behalf of the funeral home.

* Individual certificates were presented to three Armed Forces veterans all now in their 90s. Two were Navy sailor Dennis Gallon, 98, and Army man Frank Daniels, 91, whose certificates John Nelson accepted. Last but not least was Air Force veteran George Pittman, 96, who accepted the certificate on his own.

The recognitions were the brainchild of Cox, who plans to make the awards an annual program to honor outstanding African-Americans in the community during Black History Month, which is celebrated in February.

The reason for February is that it's the birth month of both Abraham Lincoln, the 16th U.S. president, also known as the Great Emancipator; and Frederick Douglass, a former slave, author and well-known abolitionist of the 1800s. The entire month of February is dedicated to honoring and celebrating the accomplishments of African-Americans.



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John Nelson, left, receives the certificates for Navy veteran Dennis Gallon, 98, and Army veteran Frank Daniels, 91. Mayor Gloria Cox presented the awards.

Hon. Frank Allman elected chief judge for Second Judicial Circuit

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Hon. Francis J.
"Frank" Allman

On Feb. 8, 2023, the Honorable Francis J. "Frank" Allman was unanimously elected Chief Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit by his colleagues. Florida's Second Judicial Circuit is comprised of Leon, Gadsden, Wakulla, Franklin, Jefferson and Liberty Counties.

Judge Allman was appointed to the bench in 2016 and was re-elected without opposition in 2018. Judge Allman is the twelfth Chief Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit, and his term will run from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025. He has served as the Administrative Felony Judge since 2020.

Judge Allman served as an assistant state attorney in Gadsden and Leon counties for nearly 19 years before being appointed to the bench. Judge Allman is married and has two adult children. He lives in Quincy and is the first chief judge of the Second Judicial Circuit to reside outside Leon County.

For more information, please contact Trial Court Administrator Elizabeth Garber at (850) 606-4427.

City to repave 12 streets

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The City of Monticello is ready to make use of its portion of the funding that it received from the \$3.8 million road bond that it sought in conjunction with the county for the resurfacing of city streets.

The city's portion came to \$521,000, which loan it must repay for the next 20 years in annual increments of \$30,000 from its gas tax revenues.

City Manager Seth Lawless recently presented the Monticello City Council with a contract for the resurfacing of 12 roads, totaling \$466,385. The contract, which the council approved on Tuesday, Feb. 7, is with the Tallahassee-based Capital Asphalt Inc., which is currently doing Lake Road for the county.

Lawless told the council that the city was able to piggyback on the county's contract, which was making for better pricing for the labor and materials.

The 12 city streets to be resurfaced are N. Marvin, Magnolia, Simpson, N. Rhodes, Ash, Key, Tung, First, Scott, Willow, Cyprus and Walnut.

Lawless noted that South Waukeenah Street, which had been on the original list for repaving, had had to be dropped at the last minute. The reason, he said, was that the cost of repaving it was \$181,850, which would have exceeded the budget.

Members of the council drew the list of roads to be repaved during a one-day retreat last year. They have since amended the list a little, but largely it has remained unchanged.

Restoring the Roar Livingston chosen to lead Community Partnership School at JCS

Laura Young
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In November of 2022, Jefferson County K-12 (JCS) announced the adoption of the innovative Community Partnership Schools™ model, with partnerships among Children's Home Society of Florida, Florida A&M

University, Florida Department of Health-Jefferson County, Florida State University, Jefferson County School District and North Florida College.

Lori Livingston has been selected as the director of the Children's Home Society of Florida Community Partnership School here and began transitioning into the position last

December. The transition period allowed her to make connections with the faculty, staff, students and families at JCS as well as introduce herself to various businesses, community groups and civic leaders in the county. With relationships initiated, Livingston had her first

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Lori Livingston

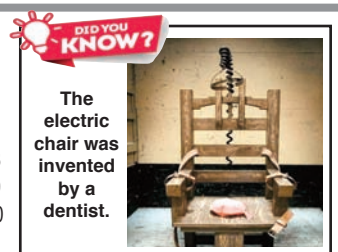


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Obituaries

Glenn Eugene Masimore



Glenn Eugene Masimore died at his home on Monday, Jan. 30, 2023. Glenn was born on Sept. 13, 1928, at home, as the York Memorial Hospital was still under construction. He was the seventh child of Millard LeRoy Masimore and Gertrude Helen (Lawson) Masimore. He was employed by Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, also known as the A&P food store, from 1941 to 1976. He served in the U.S. Army from 1952 to 1954, and was stationed in

Korea with the 101st Airborne Division (Infantry). He was known as the 'store computer,' due to his fantastic memory, and rose to the rank of night manager. Glenn and Lillian fostered over 30 "at risk" children in the Maryland foster system in their early adult lives. Glenn was a resident of Jefferson County since 2005, when he purchased his home from the widow of Dr. Perry McClellan, Jean, near the small enclave of Nash. He grew to love living in his adopted county. Of his nine siblings, Millard, Jr., Jesse, Paul, Pauline, Raymond, Ruth, Earl and June, he is the last to pass. He was 94 years old.

He leaves behind a plethora of family, friends and Christian brothers and sisters. He was sad to leave those dear to him, especially his caregivers, Patricia A. Sanzone and Joy Bolton Herring; his Christian friends, David and Donna Vanderlaan, Ralph Wrightstone, Melva Walker, Geoff Monge, the Monroes, and all people who attend the Waukeelah United Methodist Church, Waukeelah, Fla.; his special grandfatherly mentoring trio of Jordan Eric Bolton, Julian Cole Bolton and Krystalynn Lanae Bolton; and his dear friend and officer of his non-profit fruit give-away business, Masimore Orchard, Inc., Charlie Randall, and Charlie's family. Glenn is also survived by six rescue kitties, whom he dearly loved.

He was predeceased in 1995 by his beloved wife of 48 years, Lillian Genevieve (Poe) Masimore. His daughter, Debra Lillian (Masimore) Ruff, passed away in 2004. His two grandchildren, Shelby Anne Ruff and Jeremy Robert Ruff, survive. Both live in Maryland.

A wake and memorial service will be held on Saturday, Feb. 25, at Waukeelah United Methodist Church, Waukeelah, Fla., beginning at 2 p.m. with a light buffet, eulogies and prayers, followed by a spiritual songfest beginning at 3:20 p.m. The family is asking for no flowers. In lieu, please consider donating to Snapp Happy Cat Sanctuary, through Debbie Snapp. Donations also are being sought through a funding site to send a six-person honor guard to Hurlock, Md., from the Otto M. Walker Post 49 of the American Legion. Before covid, Glenn was the honorary marshal of the post's Veteran's Day Parade vehicle. A gardenia bush is being given in honor of his friend, Betty Buzbee, and a Japanese orchid is being given to WUMC in honor of Lillian Genevieve Masimore for the Spiritual Songbirds of Jefferson County.

Arrangements are being handled by Beggs Funeral Home of Monticello. Glenn will be interred in the Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery in Hurlock, Md., on March 13, at 2 p.m. A full military burial will occur.

Joe Scruggs Reams



Joe Scruggs Reams, II of Greenville, Fla., passed away on Feb. 15, 2023. He was 78.

Joe was born Dec. 15, 1944, to Joe S. Reams, Sr., and Patricia Mugge Reams.

He is survived by his wife, Kimberly McCall

Reams, and five children: daughters, Georgia Cantey (Blake), Becky Swain (Matt), Savannah Barwick (Michael), Christiana Burns (Kameron); son, Joe S. Reams, III (Kathy); eleven grandchildren (all of whom claim to be "the favorite"); two great-grandchildren, and another on the way; two sisters, Amanda Davis (Frank) of Live Oak, Patty Jo Young (Greg) of Monticello; one brother, Stephen Reams of Mobile, Ala.; and many cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Linda Porter.

Joe was a farmer and operated several businesses throughout his life. Descending from generations of tobacco farmers, flue-cured tobacco was his primary crop. After farming, Joe started a successful quail hunting operation, Golden Leaf Plantation. He also ran a heavy equipment business, Golden Leaf Earthworks, several stores and many other endeavors. He was a cattleman and enjoyed keeping horses.

Joe was a well-known entertainer and character, telling a story like no other. If you knew him, there is a very good chance you spent time sitting around a fire listening to him and laughing. If you are lucky, you attended one of his fish fries or barbeques. Each July 4th he entertained Greenville with barbeque and fireworks. Joe and Kim shared their dinner table with countless family members and friends from all walks of life.

Hunting was a passion for Joe, whether duck, quail, dove, turkey or deer. He also enjoyed fishing the flats on his airboat. If you got in the truck with him for a quick ride somewhere, you would likely return hours later having listened to some good music and heard some tall tales. You may also have performed some type of manual labor. He shared his enthusiasm for life with his children and involved them in the activities he enjoyed.

Joe's life was a testament to redemption in Christ, and he would willingly tell his story to anyone. He was an active member of Greenville Baptist Church, teaching Sunday School, VBS, and providing the children's lesson prior to each church service. He volunteered his time in any capacity.

Joe was a much-loved husband, father, grandfather, brother, cousin, uncle and friend. His presence will be missed by all who knew him.

Services will be held on Saturday, Feb. 18, at 2 p.m. at Greenville Baptist Church, followed by graveside at Evergreen Cemetery. Family will receive friends in the GBC fellowship hall prior to the service beginning at 1 p.m.

Sheron Denise Crumity



Sheron Denise Crumity, 62, of Monticello, passed on Monday, Feb. 6, 2023. Graveside services are 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, in Emory Cemetery in Monticello's Aucilla Community. Viewing-visitation is from 4 to 6

p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, at 1215 N. Jefferson St., Monticello. Tillman of Monticello (850-997-5553) is serving the Crumity family.

Sheron most recently worked as a private duty sitter. Survivors include her daughter, Rhonda Siplin; son, Jimmy (Joyce) Siplin, Jr.; granddaughter raised as her own, Lakedra Siplin; sisters, Queen C. Austin, Polly (James) Brown, Annette, Caroline and Ceata Crumity; brothers, James (Doris) Crumity, Jr., Curtis (Wilhelmina), Terry, Jeffery, Ted (Janice) and Christopher Crumity and Eric Adams; aunt, Dr. Irajean Williams; uncle, Dr. Curtis (Minister Dorothy) Williams; and a host of other relatives and friends.

FEBRUARY 17 (Friday)
The Rotary Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Chamber of Commerce office (420 W. Washington).

FEBRUARY 18 (Saturday)
 The JCS Varsity Baseball Team invites the community to "Meet the Tigers" at a scrimmage game from 9 to 11 a.m. at the new baseball field in back of the Jefferson County Recreation Park (access via Goldberg St.).

The ministerial staff and membership of St. Rilla Missionary Baptist Church (13 Barrington Rd.) invite you to join them for a celebration of Black History at 4 p.m. The program will include a movie presentation, poems, prose and a message from griot and storyteller Anelsa. For

Calendar
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 more information, please contact Priscilla Henry at (850) 997-0009.

FEBRUARY 20 (Monday)
"Salad in a Jar Night" takes place at 6:30 p.m. at FitCo Health Club (760 E. Washington St.). Bring three 32-ounce Mason jars and a \$5 donation to benefit Eagle's Wings food bank. RSVP to Lauren at (850) 510-4733 or Juanice at (850) 273-0705.

FEBRUARY 21 (Tuesday)
A Black History program at Jefferson Senior Citizens Center (1155 N. Jefferson St.) begins at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call (850) 342-0242.

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LIVINGSTON

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 full day on the job Feb. 6 and is fully involved with her duties.
 JCS Principal Jackie Pons says, “We are excited to have Lori as part of our K12 team! She has already hit the ground running in her new role as the Community Partnership School Director. We look forward to all of the great resources she will be bringing to the Jefferson County community.”

“I serve as the bridge between community leaders, organizations and the school to connect students and families with resources to eliminate issues impacting their ability to learn and succeed,” says Livingston. “Many of our students come to school each day carrying heavy adult burdens – such as poverty, hunger, mental health challenges and violence,” she adds. “It impacts their ability to focus in school. In collaboration with our core partners and the local community, we will bring in key resources like counseling, medical and dental services, nutrition, mentoring, after-school enrichment and more right on site at the school. This collaborative approach will help us leverage the school as a central hub toward improving child well-being.”

Livingston grew up as a small town girl just down the road in Taylor County. She recalls traveling to play the Tigers in basketball and sees a younger Lori when she looks into the eyes of JCS students.

“I can relate to them; I am them,” she says. “Each of us on the Jefferson team have our own 'why' as to what motivates us to do this amazing work. Although our 'whys' may be different, we all have a shared passion to impact the students here. We want to be the voice for them. We want to be a champion for them. It feels so amazing to be a part of a team that shares the same passion and commitment that I have.”

Livingston brings to the JCS team extensive knowledge gained in earning advanced college degrees as well as 20 years of professional experience centered around helping students realize their full potential. She attained a bachelor's degree in Religion/African American Studies at Florida State University and a master's degree in Education Administration



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Participating in a ceremony to mark the start of a Community Partnership School at Jefferson County K-12 were, left to right: Dr. Allyson Watson - Dean, College of Education, FAMU; Eydie Tricquet – Superintendent, Jefferson County Schools; John Sherman - Senior Director, Community Partnership Schools, Children's Home Society; Lori Livingston - Community Partnership School Director at Jefferson County Schools; Beverly Faxon-Burnett - Assistant Principal, Jefferson County Schools; Dr. Jarrett "Jay" Terry - Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs/Centers & Institutes, Community & Economic Engagement, Office of the Provost, FSU; Dr. Genyne H. Boston - Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs and Academic Initiatives/Chief of Staff, FSU.

and Supervision from the University of Phoenix. This spring, Livingston will complete a doctoral degree in Educational Leadership from Florida A&M University, where her research has focused on identifying effective programming to reduce achievement gaps, improve academic performance and increase college enrollment for students in low-income families and “first generation students,” whose parents have not completed a college degree.

She has worked with youth in a variety of contexts, including in a therapeutic residential facility, as a juvenile probation officer, classroom teacher, guidance counselor and administrator. She spent 12 years as director of a college access program and, just prior to joining the JCS team, was Director of Programs for Children's Home Society Tallahassee-Gainesville Region.

“In my short time here,” says Livingston, “I have learned that

Jefferson County shares many of the challenges that most rural communities face.”

The first phase of her work here is to assess how these challenges translate into specific needs within the school community. Then she can connect students and their families with the local agencies and service organizations that can meet their needs, whether that be food, housing, employment, transportation or health care.

Children’s Home Society of Florida has designated \$80,000 in state grant funds to launch the community partnership school at Jefferson County K-12 in addition to local financial contributions to support this initiative. This is part of \$7 million in funding for 36 community partnership schools throughout Florida. Livingston says they are asking to increase the amount to \$11M next year to allow for expansion of the model to eight more schools.

Livingston's love of connecting with people grows from a busy life in a large family of her own. She and her husband have nine children, four of whom are adopted.

“Our youngest is a senior in high school, which makes us almost empty nesters,” she says. “My family and I enjoy traveling, game nights and playing basketball together.”

She is active in her church and sees herself as a servant at heart while also being a leader, advocate and agent of change. Livingston and her family enjoy giving back through local and international missions whose efforts have included feeding programs, donating supplies to schools, prayer walks to take basic necessities to families and building projects.

“I want to make a positive impact on everyone I cross paths with. I know that we are going to do great things together for the students and families here at Jefferson K-12. We are 'Restoring the Roar!'”

County to consider new impact fees

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County officials recently got a primer on impact fees from A to Z, compliments of County Attorney Heather Encinosa.

The hour-long workshop, which Encinosa conducted on Thursday evening, Feb. 2, gave Jefferson County commissioners a fair understanding of impact fees, including their purposes, legal foundations, permitted uses and limitations.

Without going too far down the rabbit hole, as Encinosa put it, she described the state’s allocation of taxing powers.

Under the Florida Constitution, Encinosa explained, all forms of taxation, with the exception of ad-valorem taxes, were state preempted. Meaning that to impose any tax other than ad-valorem, local governments had to have state authorization.

Fortunately, she said, fees and special assessments were not considered taxes under Florida law.

“Under home rule, you have a variety of revenue sources that are not taxes,” she said.

She cited as examples building permit and inspection fees, user fees and special assessments. And of course, impact fees, she said, calling the latter the most common home-rule fee that could be imposed.

“Impact fees are one-time charges for new developments to fund capital facilities that are needed to serve the new growth,” Encinosa said.

The purpose of impact fees, she said, was to make the newcomers, rather than the general public, pay for the cost of the new infrastructure that was generally needed to accommodate growth.

Impact fees, she said, began in Florida in the 1960s or 1970s as a way of funding the rapid growth and costly infrastructure that accompanied it, given the many new subdivisions then being built. At the time, she said, longtime residents had begun demanding that the costs of the new infrastructure to serve the growth be borne by the newcomers.

At its most basic, Encinosa said, impact fees were regulatory, and consequently they were not unconstitutional under Florida law.

“They are not something that you need general law authorization for, because the courts have determined there is a reasonable connections between the activity or the service and the fee payer,” Encinosa said. “But it’s important to emphasize that these are not profit-

making ventures. They are charges to cover a government’s cost that is associated specifically with the service or activity that forms the basis of the charge.”

Impact fees, she said, had to be cost based and reflect the actual cost of the new infrastructure, as well as be proportionate per individual unit of development, and prorated if necessary. Impact fees, she said, could range from hundreds of dollars to tens of thousands of dollars, depending on the area and type of facility.

To meet the legal definition and be valid, Encinosa said that impact fees had to meet a two-prong test set by the court. The first prong, she said, was the existence of a reasonable connection between the need for additional capital facilities and growth.

Moreover, she said, the charge could only be for the portion of the cost to the public facilities that was attributable to growth. Impact fees, she said, could not be used to fund existing deficiencies. Plus credits had to be given if the capital improvement was also funded by another source, such as a special assessment, she added.

The second prong, Encinosa said, was that there had to be a reasonable connection between the expenditure of the fee and the benefit accruing to growth. Meaning that the impact fee monies had to go to growth-required capacity improvements. Impact fees, she said, could not be used for operational or

maintenance costs.

The most frequently imposed impact fees, Encinosa said, were for roads, parks, fire and EMS, water and sewer facilities, schools, law enforcement, libraries, public buildings and vehicles, including fully-equipped vehicles for law enforcement.

Until 2006, she said, impact fees in Florida had developed through case law. In 2006, however, the legislature had adopted the first Florida Impact Fee Act, which had set the standards and since been repeatedly amended until the latest revision in 2021.

Jefferson County currently has only fire and EMS impact fees, which reportedly were last reviewed in 2005 and bring a combined total of \$110.02 per application. Local officials want not only to increase these two impact fees, but they also want to implement others in anticipation of the growth that they foresee coming.

The new impact fees that officials are contemplating, as indicated by the workshop, are for roads, law enforcement and possibly parks. Encinosa told them that the first step either to increase existing impact fees or impose new ones was to have an expert do a study.

At the conclusion of the workshop, the commission consensus was to seek the services of an expert to collect the necessary data and do the required analysis.

AmazonSmile coming to an end

Christian Peterson
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providing computer science education to underserved communities.

Amazon has announced the end of its AmazonSmile program after 10 years. The program worked the same way as Amazon did, but with a small catch.

When purchasing everyday items, AmazonSmile would take 0.5 percent of the sale and donate it to a nonprofit or charity of the purchaser’s choice. However, on Wednesday, Jan. 18, Amazon released a statement saying the program would be coming to an end on Monday, Feb. 20.

They cited the reasoning being so the company could focus its efforts on building affordable housing, helping communities affected by natural disasters and



The company clarified it will provide the charities with a one-time donation equal to three months of what they earned in 2022. On top of that, they will still be able to receive donations up until the day the program ends. Amazon also stated that charities will still be able to create wish lists on the Amazon website.

“We’ll continue to make a difference in many ways, and our long-term commitment to our communities remains the same,” the statement from Amazon says. “We’re determined to do every day better for our customers, our employees and the world at large.”

Fallen soldiers remembered

Heather Ainsley
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In just three days time, individuals from local service organizations, runners and volunteers traveled over 170 miles on foot in honor of fallen military service members who have ties to the state of Florida. From the morning of Feb. 10 to the evening of Feb. 12, runners made their way from the Florida Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Tallahassee all the way to the Veterans Memorial Wall in Jacksonville, stopping every mile at specially marked stops along the way, called Hero Markers.

This journey, called Florida Run for the Fallen, is a statewide relay foot run that serves as a tribute to every Florida military service member who has died while serving, or as a result of serving during the War on Terror, since Oct. 12, 2000. Runners participating in this year's run paused at one-mile intervals at the Hero Markers, and spoke aloud the names of each fallen service member, their date of death and their branch of service. Family members, friends, and patriots from the communities were welcomed and encouraged to wait at any marker, in order to meet the runners and hear each name be spoken in a short, honorary ceremony.

According to the pledge on the Florida Run for the Fallen website, "We run dedicated miles to honor and remember each fallen hero who died since the GWOT began. However, regardless of war or conflict, branch of service or cause of death, we ultimately run for them all. We honor their service and sacrifice, and remember that they each gave up a future so that we could have ours. We give tribute to them by name wherever possible and to the sacrifice of the families they left behind."

Families of the fallen heroes are referred to as Gold Star Families. Any Gold Star family members were encouraged to stand by their loved one's marker to be met, honored and comforted personally by the runners. Any photographs, Honor and Remember flags, banners, posters or extended family and friends were also welcomed and encouraged.

Monticello Gold Star wife, Angela Drzewiecki Enis endured a morning of chilly mist and rain as she waited by her husband's Hero Marker on Friday, Feb. 10. It didn't take long for the runners to make their way steadily to where she waited at Marker 29, which was located at 715 W. Washington St.

Her husband, SSGT Carl P. Enis, was killed in Iraq in March of 2018. Amidst the high emotions of the morning, Angela described the run as a wonderful event that gives the grieving families another way to remember and honor the memories of their loved ones. Angela was joined by her mother, as well as Combat Veteran Ray Benya, who served in the U.S. Navy during Desert Storm; Tom Zimmerly, who served in the Marine Corp during Vietnam; and Frank Aolb, who served for 22 years in the U.S. Navy. Together, the group met with runners and honored PFC Tristan R. Creamer, PFC Michael R. Creighton-Weldon, SPC Bernard W. Creque, CPT Jordan A. Crockett, SGT David A. Croft Jr. and PO1 Damon A. Crooks along with Mr. Enis at that marker.

For a complete list of Hero Markers and Heros honored in this year's Run for the Fallen, visit florida.usarunforthe fallen.org. This year, the Run for the Fallen honored and remembered over 70 Jefferson County military personnel who have been lost as a result of their sacrifice and service to their country. In the hearts of their friends, families and even those who never met these men and women, their memory lives on. We remember them with honor and dignity. May the sacrifices they have made never be forgotten by the people of our nation.



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo by Heather Ainsley. February 10, 2023
Runners, former military service men, volunteers and patriots from the Monticello community gathered at Hero Marker 29 with members of a Gold Star Family, in honor of the fallen heroes that have died as a result of their service to their country.



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo by Heather Ainsley. February 10, 2023
A group of over 20 marathon-trained runners ran from the Florida Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Tallahassee to the Veterans Memorial Wall in Jacksonville, stopping every mile at specially marked stops along the way, called Hero Markers.



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo by Heather Ainsley. February 10, 2023
Amidst strong emotions, Gold Star wife Angela Drzewiecki-Enis watches as runners and volunteers with Run for the Fallen honored and saluted the memory of her late husband and six other former military personnel that were named at Hero Marker 29.



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo by Heather Ainsley. February 10, 2023
Gold Star wife Angela Drzewiecki-Enis came out to honor the memory of her late husband, SSGT Carl P. Enis, who was killed in Iraq in March of 2018.



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Volunteers with Run for the Fallen presented one of the Gold Star family members with a yellow rose, and offered their condolences for the loss of her husband, who was killed in the line of duty.

A Special Birthday



Gideon Justice Burrell

Submitted by
Gideon Justice
Burrell

As you know, this month we celebrate George Washington's birthday. I like George Washington a lot, so I'm going to write an article for you, telling some stories about him that you might not have heard yet.

When Washington was a young boy, his Dad planted cabbage seeds in rows the shape of George's name. As the plants grew, young George found out that the cabbages spelled his name. I think it's neat that George's Dad did things to make his life exciting as a boy.

Another thing that happened when he was young: George's uncle gave him some apples for a present. George said they were the shiniest and most delicious apples he had ever tasted. One day George's Dad brought him to his uncle's orchard where he saw apple trees so full of ripe apples that the branches were about to snap. His uncle told him that he could eat as much as he wanted.

Around 40 years later, George Washington was a General at Valley Forge. Wherever they went, General Washington's men were freezing. They didn't have enough clothes or even shoes to keep them warm. One of Washington's men sent a letter to his mother saying that it was so cold that



Photo Courtesy

Gideon holding two of his favorite books on George Washington.

he would wear his hat on his head half of the time and then on his feet the other half.

It's nice how God protected Washington throughout his life. He came close to death many times when his coat got shot through, but the bullets didn't hit him. Also, he had a horse shot right out from under him. But that didn't stop Mr. Washington. He kept on fighting for independence.

I hope you can see why George Washington is my favorite historical character: he was brave,



Photo Courtesy

Gideon and his younger brother Josiah, who shares a birthday with George Washington.

smart, and a very interesting man. Another reason I enjoy this day so much is that my little brother, Josiah, shares a birthday with Mr. Washington. Josiah will be turning nine this year. He is very funny and loves to play football and wrestle me in the yard.

If you want to read more stories about Mr. Washington, I would advise that you get a copy of "George Washington's Sacred Fire" by Peter Lillback or John Frost's book: "The Pictorial Life of George Washington."

Volunteers wanted for City Trash Cleanup

Saturday, Feb. 25, 8:45-11 a.m.



Laura Young
ECB Publishing, Inc.

The City of Monticello has organized a Trash Cleanup Event for Saturday, Feb. 25, from 9 to 11 a.m. Volunteers are needed to help pick up litter on city streets, in parks and on the bike/pedestrian trail.

The city will provide helpers with trash pick-up equipment and reflective vests. Helping out can count toward community service hours, and verification will be provided upon request.

Interested helpers are asked to meet at 8:45 a.m. at City Hall, located at 245 S. Mulberry St., to get suited up and choose clean-up areas.

For more information, contact City Manager Seth Lawless at (850) 342-8005.



Girls of Royalty to hold registration

Saturday, Feb. 25 • 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Mary Madison
Contributor

Girls of Royalty is a youth mentoring program for girls ages 5 to 17. The goal and mission of this program is to help turn girls into Queens. The purpose of the program is to empower and employ girls to dream, strive for excellence, and embrace their natural beauty and talents to become productive, successful citizens.



Everyone is invited to attend a "Girls of Royalty Meet and Greet" on Saturday, Feb. 25, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Jefferson County R.J. Bailar Public Library, located at 375 S. Water St. The event includes an educational seminar about the mentoring program and an opportunity to register interested girls.

For more information, contact Margaret Frazier at (850) 688-2355 or (470) 295-7623 or girlsofroyalty2@gmail.com.

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JCS Coach Spotlight: Taylor Clemens

Heather Ainsley
ECB Publishing, Inc.

For Taylor Clemens, athletics has been an integral part of life ever since she was a high schooler herself. Playing for the Jefferson County High School (JCHS) Lady Tigers Varsity Softball team as well as participating on the volleyball team made a strong impact on Clemens as a young woman. During her high school sports involvement, she was awarded many honors, including being presented with Most Valuable Player and best Offensive Player awards. Upon graduation, she earned a softball scholarship, and attended Albany State University.

After college, Clemens pursued a career in education, pairing it with a position as coach for a softball team at the high school level. She taught and coached in Albany, Ga., for about three years. After the birth of her daughter, Clemens moved back to her hometown of Monticello, where she began teaching at the school she had attended in her youth, Jefferson County K-12. Currently, she teaches 5th Grade Science, and coaches softball and volleyball for grades 6-12 (JCS).

Clemens says that her history with the school she now teaches at has brought her experiences full-circle, and she is eager to contribute to a quality girl's sports program at JCS, as she knows first-hand the significance that sports played in her own life when she was a young student attending the school.

"It definitely feels good to be back here," she says, "Some aspects are different, obviously. I'm on the other

side of it now, as a teacher and coach, rather than a student and athlete. But, I know these halls. I know these desks, these classrooms. And I think it's important for these girls to have someone who has been exactly where they are, teaching them and connecting with them."

It goes even deeper than the physical aspects of being at the school. Clemens also remembers being an adolescent, and knows the importance of being able to meet students where they are, in a nurturing, supportive environment. In fact, Clemens believes that one of the most important skills to have as a coach is the ability to connect with the students with understanding and compassion.

"You have to be understanding about what these kids might be going through," she says. "As a coach, you need to listen first. Some of these girls have never played a sport before. A lot of them are afraid of the ball in the beginning. As a coach, I try not to be too hard on them, and let them learn."

Clemens says one of her biggest strengths as a coach is that she has been through the program before. As a former student athlete, she knows how important it is to feel heard and respected.

"I can't stand a nagging coach," says Clemens, chuckling. "I want to nurture these girls, teach them the sports, give them some life lessons, and encourage them not to give up. I want them to understand that they aren't supposed to be good at it right away, and that being bad at something isn't a reason to stop trying. Some of these girls haven't even watched volleyball or softball before, let alone tried to play it. A bad coach can take away the fun of learning something new, and can prevent them from falling in love with the sport. I don't want to scare them away."

One of her coaching lessons incorporates feedback from her students.

"It's my job to listen to what they are telling me," she says. "I teach them the lesson, and we run through the drills and practices. At the end of each week, I ask them what they feel their strengths and weaknesses are - what they got better at and what they need to work on. Then, I organize my next lesson and practice sessions to implement what they have told me. This enables them to

do some self-reflection and recognize how to analyze their progress and adjust as they go, which is a valuable skill to have even outside of sports."

Clemens is excited about the future girl's softball and volleyball programs, and what it could mean for the school and her students.

"They haven't had a program in five years," says Clemens. "We need more girl's sports. Aside from learning about the game and how to play it, these students get significant life skills from these programs. They learn how to react when things don't go their way, and how to learn new things in a high-pressure environment. That plays a role later in life for them."

In addition to providing a good foundation for learning life skills, Clemens also knows that the programs give the girls a healthy outlet for stress.

"Even the least outgoing person can still get something of value from playing a sport," Clemens says. "Not only are they trying something new for the first time to see if they like it, but they are developing critical thinking skills and teamwork, all while working on fitness and being outside."

Clemens has high hopes for the future of the girl's softball program, as most of her current students are in early high school grade levels, meaning that if they choose to stick with the program, Clemens could effectively coach them for years during their high school careers. Already, she has seen significant growth in her team, who not only have shown steady improvement, but are eager to practice often. Seeing their participation and excitement increase has been a very rewarding part of her coaching job, and Clemens wants to continue to encourage her team to stick with it and be the best they can be.

"Some people think you can change a program right away, but it's not as easy as it looks," she admits. "You're trying to teach 14-plus girls how to play a sport they've never tried before, and to live up to the expectations people in the community have. It's important to develop a bond with these kids, and build a consistent program that they want to be a part of."

The progress that Clemens has seen even in this first year that the district has reclaimed the school has been encouraging. "I've got girls who were terrified of the ball in the beginning, and now those same girls are coming to me asking for additional practice. It's very rewarding to see that in such a short amount of time."

As a former Jefferson Tiger, Clemens is highly dedicated to restoring the respect for the JCS softball program, and providing the students with consistent, effective coaching. Coach Taylor Clemens, thank you for all that you do, and Go Tigers!



February 17, 1983

40 YEARS ago
1983
A Gainesville real estate brokerage firm is planning to build a large subdivision near the forestry tower on the south side of Ashville Highway.

The State Fire Marshall has given Jefferson County officials two to four months to clear up eight separate violations of the Florida Statutes and the State Fire Marshal's Rules and Regulations at the jail.

Jefferson County School Board members have the pleasant problem of trying to decide how to spend \$121,000 in surplus media center funds.

February 17, 1993

30 YEARS ago
1993
Lisa Marie Moore (left) received a free pizza recently as her prize for reading her first book in the Book-It program at the elementary school. Giving Moore her pizza is Pizza Hut employee Christie Newell.



February 19, 2003

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2003
King And Queen at the Second Street Head Start Valentine's Day Party were Julius Norman and Ny-Riel Gathers.



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Jefferson County Soccer League kicks off

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2023 Rec. Park Soccer Schedule

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Tues. Feb 21
 6:00 Gulf Coast lumber vs Simpson Nurseries
 6:30 Trophy Creek outfitters vs Kelly & Kelly

Tues. Mar 7
 6:00 Gulf Coast lumber vs Trophy Creek outfitters
 6:30 Simpson Nurseries vs Kelly & Kelly

Tues. Feb 28
 6:00 Kelly & Kelly vs Gulf Coast lumber
 6:30 Simpson Nurseries vs Trophy Creek outfitters

Tues. Mar 14
 6:00 Trophy Creek outfitters vs Kelly & Kelly
 6:30 Simpson Nurseries vs Gulf Coast lumber

6, 7 & 8 year olds

Tues. Feb 21
 6:00 fld 3 Animal Medical Clinic vs The Appel Shop
 6:00 fld 4 Morgan's Garage vs Morris Propane
 6:45 fld 4 Mafia Pizza vs North Fla Homestead supply

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 6:00 fld 3 North Fla Homestead vs Animal Medical clinic
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 6:00 fld 4 Animal Medical clinic vs Morris Propane
 6:45 fld 4 North Fla Homestead vs The Appel Shop

9, 10 & 11 year olds

Tues. Feb 21
 6:00 Walker's Landmark vs A & B Home services
 7:00 Aloha Plexus vs Monticello Carquest

Tues. Mar 7
 6:00 Walker's Landmark vs Monticello Carquest
 7:00 A & B Home services vs Aloha Plexus

Tues. Feb 28
 6:00 Aloha Plexus vs Walker's Landmark
 7:00 Monticello Carquest vs A & B Home services

Tues. Mar 14
 6:00 Aloha Plexus vs Monticello Carquest
 7:00 A & B Home services vs Walker's Landmark

12-15 year olds
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NFC designates two full scholarships for Jefferson County seniors



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Submitted by North Florida College

Jefferson County seniors are the focus this year for North Florida College (NFC) Foundation Operation Outreach. The Operation Outreach program at the NFC Foundation places a special focus on each county within the college's district. Each year, a random scholarship drawing is conducted in the county of focus.

This year, the NFC Foundation is offering a chance for two high school seniors from Jefferson



County to win a tuition-paid scholarship for any program at North Florida College.

Entrants must be high school seniors who are current residents of Jefferson County. Entrants may be students at any public, private or home school in Jefferson County. Students may not submit multiple entries.

To enter the drawing, students can scan the QR code with a smartphone to fill out a brief form by March 1, 2023. Winners will be notified by email.

The North Florida College Foundation offers many scholarships each term. To apply for a scholarship, visit www.nfc.edu/foundation-giving/scholarships, or email Foundation@nfc.edu.

A masquerade with daddy

Patricia Smith
ECB Publishing, Inc.

What a precious sight – little girls standing atop their daddy's feet to dance.

On Saturday, Feb. 4, Aucilla Christian Academy (ACA) held their traditional Father-Daughter Dance. Highlighting a masquerade theme, a table was set up at the entrance for the fathers and daughters to pick out colorful masks. Wearing his signature light blue tuxedo, ACA Athletic Director Willy Gamalero was DJ for the night with a hoppin' good playlist that kept the dance party busy with activities.

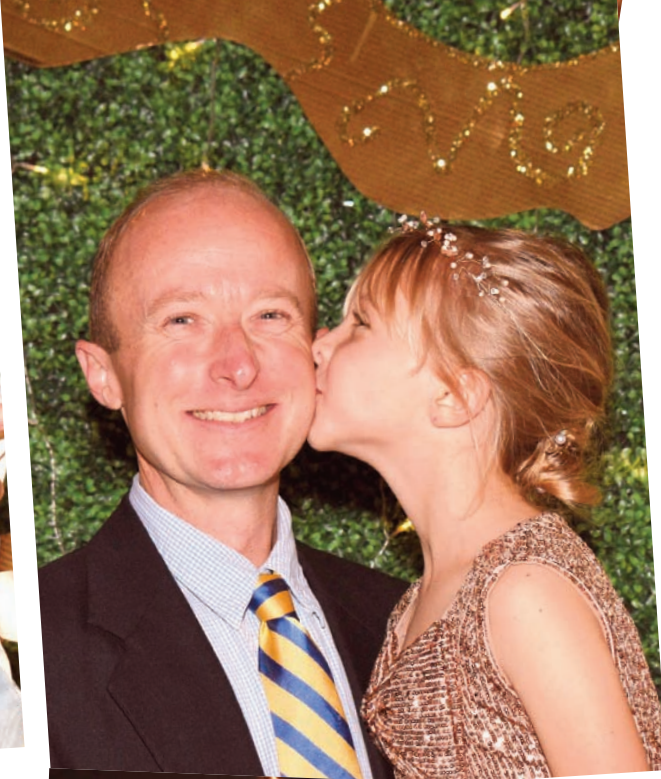
It looked as though the dance produced larger attendance this year compared to the last, and the dance floor was crowded with loving daddies and their precious daughters. Some little girls held tight to their daddy's hands during the entirety of the dance while others joined hands with friends and danced the night away.

A beautiful photo booth area with
twinkle lights and

greenery was set up for picture time and memory keepsakes. The line seemed endless, as attendees kept rejoining the line as they thought of more fun poses to do.

It took a tribe of ACA employees, parents and volunteers to put this annual event together, and it turned out to be another successful year of dancing and fun.

The little girls happily went home at the end of the evening with memories of enjoying a masquerade dance with daddy.



The history of Florida Memorial University

Grace McAlister
ECB Publishing, Inc.

Florida Memorial University (FMU) is a private, historically Black university in Miami Gardens, Fla. It is a member of the United Negro College, which funds scholarships for black students and general scholarship funds for 37 private historically Black colleges.

FMU is one of the oldest academic centers in Florida, having been founded in 1879 as the Florida Baptist Institute in Live Oak. The American Baptist Home Mission Society quickly gave the school its full support. The first regular school year began in 1880, with Reverend Joseph Fish serving as the school's first president.

Racial tensions cast a shadow over the school shortly after it opened, despite its promising start. In April 1892, after an unknown group fired rounds into one of the school's buildings, the institute's former President Matthew Gilbert and other staff members fled from Live Oak to Jacksonville, Fla., they founded the Florida Baptist Academy in the basement of Bethel Baptist Church. They began holding classes in May 1892, with Sarah Blocker of Live Oak as the main instructor. However, the school's Live Oak location was still in operation.

Nathan W. Collier, President of Florida Baptist Institute, and Blocker combined the two institutions



Students in front of Founders Hall at Florida Memorial College in Live Oak, (1920.)

Photo courtesy of Digital Archives

to found the Florida Normal and Technical Institute in 1896. Collier was president of the college from 1896 to 1941, and Blocker served as the Dean of Women and vice president from 1896 to 1944.

Florida Normal and Industrial Institute moved to St. Augustine, Fla., in 1918. The school was located on a tract of land on the site of the 110-acre "Old Hanson Plantation," which was operated with the forced labor of slaves.

The Live Oak and St. Augustine institutions merged in 1941, changing from a junior college to a four-year liberal arts institution, which graduated its first four-

year class in 1945. The school's name was changed again in 1950 to Florida Normal and Industrial Memorial College, and in 1963, the name was changed to Florida Memorial College.

Concerned by race-related violence in St. Augustine in relation to the civil rights movement, in 1965, the college bought a tract of land in Dade County, Fla. In 1968, the college relocated to its present site and, by 1972, it graduated its first class at the new location.

In December 2004, the institution's name was changed to Florida Memorial College, with the announcement being made at the Founders' Convocation in March 2005.



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A site marker stands where the college once was.

Sarah Ann Blocker

Grace McAlister
ECB Publishing, Inc.

Sarah Ann Blocker, of Live Oak, completed her education and inspired a generation of Florida educators, despite economic and severe educational limitations for African-Americans in the South.

At only 22-years-old, Blocker founded Florida Memorial College (FMC).

Since its founding, FMC has been one of the most enduring testaments to Black education in Florida. Blocker's fundraising, administrative and management skills substantially contributed to the growth and economic prosperity of the institution.

FMC named its classroom building Sarah A. Blocker Hall, and also issues the Sarah Blocker



Photo courtesy of Florida Memorial University
Sarah Ann Blocker.

Meritorious Service Award as the highest honor conferred upon a female individual by the college.

In March 2004, during the 125th anniversary celebration of FMC, a posthumous Doctoral degree was awarded to Blocker.

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The week of Feb. 17-24, 2023

Major feed times are marked by an asterisk (*)

Friday, February 17
4:33AM
*9:06AM
2:41PM
*9:38PM

Saturday, February 18
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*10:10AM
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*10:40PM

Sunday, February 19
6:17AM
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Monday, February 20
6:58AM
*11:38PM
6:21PM
*12:06PM

Tuesday, February 21
7:33AM
12:32AM
7:30PM
12:58PM

Wednesday, February 22
8:06AM
1:22AM
8:36PM
1:47PM

Thursday, February 23
8:38AM
*2:11AM
9:40PM
*2:35PM

Friday, February 24
9:10AM
*2:58AM
10:43PM
*3:22PM

Nothing but love at the Art Gallery!



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo by Heather Ainsley. February 11, 2023

During the Valentine Workshop at the Jefferson Arts Gallery, children were led by art instructors in the creation of unique and personalized valentine gifts. Pictured, from left to right, are: Kiley Gauvin, Patty Vickers, Olivia Futrell, Susan Rissman and Gretchen Brown.



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Olivia Futrell made a wind chime gift and a small, hanging ornament at the Valentine Workshop. These, Olivia said, were gifts for her mother.

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Kiley Gauvin shows off the gift she made for her brother's birthday before tucking it carefully into its box.



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo by Heather Ainsley. February 11, 2023

Gretchen Brown reveals the wind chime gift that she made as a gift for her Gigi. She also made a ornament gift for Honey, which was already packed away in its box for transport.

On Saturday, Feb. 11, the Jefferson Arts Gallery was filled with careful concentration as children gathered in the studio classroom for a Valentine Workshop, just in time for the much-anticipated holiday of love. Although this year's workshop saw a modest turn out, the three girls who attended the event were hard at work, following the instructor's gentle guidance to create the perfect personalized Valentine's Day gift.

Starting at 10 a.m., the kids were encouraged to design and create their very own versions of painted ceramic heart wind chimes or hanging ornaments that they were able to take home and give to a loved one. With painstaking concentration, each girl carefully painted a design on their ceramic heart shapes, beaded the beads of their choice, and tied strong knots to hold everything together. The resulting gifts were thoughtful, unique and personalized, as each girl had a person in mind to give theirs to.

Gretchen Brown was the first to complete her Valentine's Day project, which she revealed was a special gift for her Gigi. She had even finished a small ornament that she said was a gift for Honey.

As she carefully tucked her tinkling gifts away in a festive box for safe-keeping, Olivia Futrell was hard at work putting the finishing knots in her own projects, which she revealed were going to be a gift for her mom. Kiley Gauvin carefully attached beads and held her project up for her instructor to snip the excess wire free, ensuring her gift was neat and clean, as it was a birthday gift for her brother, who Kiley mentioned had a birthday coming up in just two days!

The charming tinkle of ceramic ornaments filled the quiet room as the young ladies finished up their gifts, wrapping them up in little boxes to be given to their loved ones. As the children wrapped up their workshop fun, love and creativity was certainly in the air!

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20	1:13	4.2	2:35	3.1
21	2:04	4.1	3:03	3.1
22	2:54	3.9	3:31	3.3
23	3:43	3.6	3:59	3.4

Low

Date	a.m.	ft.	p.m.	ft.
17	5:53	-1.0	5:29	1.6
18	6:47	-1.2	6:28	1.2
19	7:33	-1.3	7:19	0.8
20	8:15	-1.2	8:06	0.4
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Notice of Planning Retreat

NOTICE OF MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL PLANNING RETREAT

The Monticello City Council will meet in a retreat session on Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is for discussion of city personnel organization, operational and budget issues, as well as to establish city priorities and goals. The meeting will take place at the Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, 420 W. Washington Street, Monticello, Florida 32344. Persons with disabilities who need an accommodation to participate in the meetings should contact City Clerk Emily Anderson at 850/342-0292. 02/17

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Notice of Intent

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT & AMEND POLICIES
The School Board of Jefferson County, Florida, gives notice of its intent to adopt & amend policies as listed on the district's website under School Board Information at www.jeffersonschools.net. Policies may also be viewed at the Jefferson County Schools District Office at 1490 W. Washington Street, Monticello, FL 32344.

Purpose and Effect:
The purpose of the rule changes is to make the policies consistent with current legislation. The effect is that the policies will be correct and up to date.

Authority:
FS 120.74;1001.32(1);1001.32(2);1001.41(2); 1001.43;1012.23

Law Implemented:
As shown at the bottom of each policy.

Summary of Statement of Estimated Regulatory Cost:
No statement of estimated regulatory costs has been prepared. Any person who wishes to provide information regarding the statement of estimated regulatory costs, or to provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative, must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice. The proposed policy change is not expected to require legislative ratification.

Any affected person may request a public hearing on the proposed policy changes, by making a written request to: Jefferson County Schools, Attn: Taryn Bellflower, Executive Assistant to Superintendent Tricquet, 1490 W. Washington Street Monticello, FL 32344; requests must be received within 21 days from publication of this notice.

Any material pertinent to the issues under consideration submitted to the Superintendent within 21 days after the date of publication of this notice or submitted at a public hearing shall be considered by the Board and made a part of the rulemaking record. Action on the proposed policy changes is anticipated to occur at a future School Board meeting, which will be separately noticed.

The person to be contacted regarding the proposed policy change is Taryn Bellflower, Executive Assistant to Superintendent Tricquet, 1490 W. Washington Street, Monticello, FL 32344, 850-342-0100 ext.102 or by e-mail at tbellflower@jeffersonschools.net.

Any person with a disability or physical impairment who wishes to attend this meeting and who requires special accommodations should contact the district office of Jefferson County Schools at 850-342-0100, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

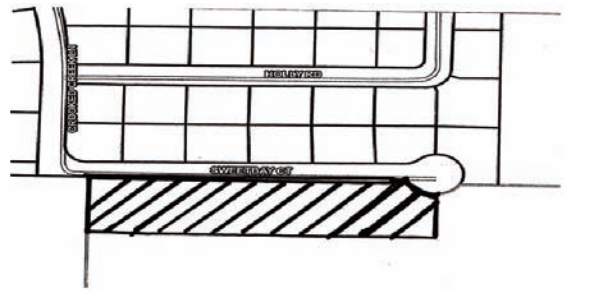
Eydie Tricquet, Superintendent of Schools. 02/17

Notice of Proposed Annex

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ANNEXATION INTO THE CITY OF MONTICELLO

The City Council of the City of Monticello proposes to adopt the following ordinance:
ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONTICELLO, FLORIDA, ANNEXING PROPERTY CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 3.92 ACRES LOCATED IN SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST TO THE CITY OF MONTICELLO PURSUANT TO SECTION 171.044, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS; REDEFINING THE BOUNDARY LINES OF THE CITY OF MONTICELLO TO INCLUDE SAID PROPERTY; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO RECORD THIS ORDINANCE WITH THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND THE COUNTY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF JEFFERSON COUNTY AND WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Public hearing on the ordinance will be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 245 S. Mulberry Street, Monticello, Florida. Interested persons may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance.

The entire text of the ordinance and property legal description by metes and bounds may be inspected at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 245 S. Mulberry Street, Monticello, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and F.S. 286.26, persons with disabilities needing special accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact the City Clerk prior to the proceeding at 805-342-0292. 02/17,02/24

Notice of Sale

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

CASE NO. 21000072CAAXMX Division No.

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS CERTIFICATE TRUSTEE FOR NNPL TRUST SERIES 2012-1 Plaintiff,

vs. TRAVIS COLLINS, et al, Defendants/

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order dated January 24, 2023, and entered in Case No. 21000072CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the SECOND Judicial Circuit in and for Jefferson County, Florida, wherein Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB d/b/a Christiana Trust, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Certificate Trustee for NNPL Trust Series 2012-1 is the Plaintiff and VELOCITY INVESTMENTS, LLC, TRAVIS COLLINS, and CAROLYN COLLINS the Defendants. Kirk Reams, Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for Jefferson County, Florida will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the north door of Jefferson County Courthouse, Intersection US Highways 19 and 20, Monticello, Florida at 11:00 AM on 16th day of March, 2023, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to wit:

THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE VILLAGE OF LLOYD JEFFERSON COUNTY FLORIDA. DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING 3 CHAINS WEST OF THE NORTH-EAST CORNER OF SECTION 21 IN TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH OF RANGE 3 EAST AND RUNNING THENCE WEST 11/2 CHAINS, THENCE RUNNING SOUTH TO THE SAL RAILWAY RIGHT OF WAY THENCE RUNNING EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY 11/2 CHAINS. THENCE RUNNING NORTH TO THE STARTING POINT AND CONTAINING 1 ACRE MORE OR LESS, AND BEING BOUNDED ON THE NORTH BY THE PUBLIC ROAD, ON THE EAST BY THE METHODIST CHURCH LOT, ON THE SOUTH THE RIGHT OF WAY OF THE SAL RAILWAY AND ON THE WEST BY THE RESIDENCE FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE D.B. MILLS HOME

IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK OF COURT BEFORE OR NO LATER THAN THE DATE THAT THE CLERK REPORTS THE SURPLUS AS UNCLAIMED. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A TIMELY CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER THE FUNDS ARE REPORTED AS UNCLAIMED, ONLY THE OWNER OF THE RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.

If the sale is set aside, the Purchaser may be entitled to only a return of the sale deposit less any applicable fees and costs and shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's Attorney.

DATED at Jefferson County, Florida, this 30th day of January, 2023.

Kirk Reams, Clerk
Jefferson County, Florida

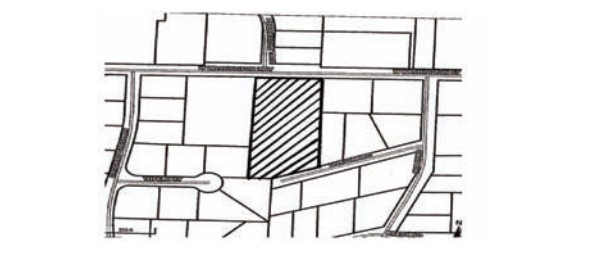
By: /S/ Sherry Sears
Deputy Clerk 02/17,02/24

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