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## RV fire total loss

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Crews from Jefferson County Fire Rescue worked to extinguish the flames of the RV that caught fire on Thursday, Feb. 18 off Jefferson Heights Road.

Deidre Myers  
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Jefferson County Fire Rescue (JCFR) was dispatched to an RV fire off of Jefferson Heights Road on Thursday, Feb. 18. Upon arrival, they realized the RV and its shelter were both already fully engulfed in flames. Luckily, the only other building nearby that was damaged was a shed located right next to the RV.

JCFR's engine, rescue and tanker along with Chief Derrick Burrus, responded and controlled the fire within 45 minutes of arriving on scene and

deploying fire hoses.

Paul Shepard, the owner, stated he was playing cards with his wife when the outdoor sensor went off. Shepard thought that it might be wildlife but once he stepped foot outside, he realized it was the RV fully engulfed with 20-foot flames.

Chief Burrus stated in the report that the RV was not hooked to power and the owner stated the RV was running fine earlier that day. It has not been determined what caused the fire. The total property loss is estimated at \$25,000 and the contents around \$10,000. No injuries were reported.

## Man arrested on child porn charges

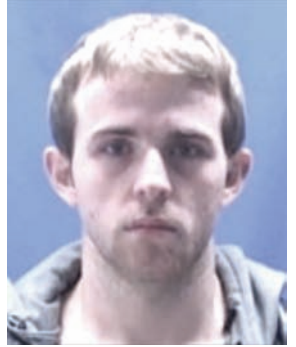
### Suspect also live chatted with juveniles on Omegle social media platform

Submitted by FDLE

FDLE agents arrested Stephen James Monroe, II, 24, of Monticello, on five counts of possession of child sexual abuse material in violation of Florida Statute 827.071(5).

The investigation began with a cybertip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) regarding an internet user uploading child sexual abuse material to an online account.

FDLE agents conducted a search warrant at Monroe's residence. Forensic examinations of Monroe's computer devices uncovered evidence of videos featuring children as young as eight years



Stephen James Monroe II

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## Curbside garbage pick-up...

### Pop's Sanitation Service available May 1

Lazaro Aleman  
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After nearly five months of pursuing an exclusive franchise with the county for the curbside pickup of household garbage and seemingly getting rebuffed, Tommy Hardee, of Pop's Sanitation Services, is ready to start providing garbage pick-up in Jefferson County beginning May 1.

On Feb. 18, following an hour-long discussion of a draft Request for Proposal (RFP) – which discussion raised more questions than it answered – the Jefferson County Commission decided to hold

another workshop in the coming weeks to give the county attorney time to revise the RFP (see related story).



"We've gotten an outpouring of interest in the service," Hardee said. "I've talked to residents of the county that agree there is a need and they are ready to have the service available."

"It's 2021," Hardee said. "It's time for Jefferson County to have the option for voluntary garbage pickup service."

Question: If he could do the service without the need of franchise, as he was now planning to do, why was he pursuing an

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### Questions asked about proposed garbage pickup

Lazaro Aleman  
ECB Publishing, Inc.

County officials' idea of granting a franchise agreement to a private company for the curbside pickup of household garbage got more complicated following an hour-long workshop on Thursday evening, Feb. 18.

Up for discussion was a 17-page Request for Proposal (RFP) drafted by County Attorney Scott Shirley at the request of the Jefferson County Commission in response to Tommy Hardee, a Madison County vendor who has proposed providing the service here. (See related story.)

The curbside garbage pickup service, as proposed by Hardee and incorporated into the RFP,

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## Businessman's protest gets lease extension

Lazaro Aleman  
ECB Publishing, Inc.

A businessman whose lease of a county-owned building in the industrial park was about to expire and not to be renewed won a concession of sorts from the Jefferson County Commission recently.

Based on the advice of County Attorney Scott Shirley, the commission ultimately agreed to give John Proetti, owner of the Florida Safe Rider Motorcycle Training Academy at 300 Industrial Park Dr., a limited continuance on his lease. The board then authorized Shirley to negotiate the terms of the lease extension.

Shirley, for his part, informed the

commission that his goal in the negotiation would be to limit the time of the extension and adjust the lease amount going forward to better reflect the market value, adding that Safe Rider currently paid \$1,000 monthly for the 4,000 sq. feet building.

As it was later determined, however, Safe Rider occupies only half the building, with the other half available for lease to another business.

The issue of the Safe Rider lease arose at the commission meeting on Thursday evening, Feb. 4, when Proetti approached the board during the public comment period to protest the proposed nonrenewal of his lease

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The Florida Safe Rider Motorcycle Training Academy, which has been at the industrial park since 2016, offers both basic and advanced motorcycle training courses.

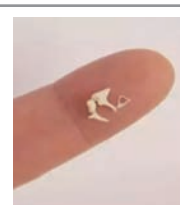


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# Viewpoints & Opinions



## 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.

### Volunteers safely continue to serve

Ralph Waldo Emerson said, “The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful.”

When my grandmother became a widow, she moved from Jacksonville to Signal Mountain to be near her daughter. The first thing my grandmother set out to do was find a church. She visited several churches on the mountain and said they were very nice but all of them welcomed her and asked her to have a seat.

When she walked into Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church, she was greeted warmly then immediately given a task. And as soon as service was over, she had a list of things to do for the coming week. She called her daughter and exclaimed, “I found my church!” What my grandmother longed for was to be useful. And being useful meant she felt connected to her community.

With the pandemic dominating 2020, Big Bend Hospice has seen a decrease in new volunteers in all eight counties. The patients we serve feel isolated enough by facing a terminal illness. Add in the pandemic and the isolation is compounded. We need volunteers more than ever and we hope to attract committed volunteers to help patients feel less isolated. We understand caution is key and we invite you to attend one of our monthly virtual volunteer trainings to find out how Big Bend Hospice trains volunteers to stay safe while helping hospice patients during a challenging climate. We are confident that you will find being useful so rewarding!

Big Bend Hospice is appealing to the residents of our eight-county service area who may be looking for ways to help their community. We have a variety of volunteer opportunities available such as patient companionship, assisting caregivers with errands, administrative duties at the office, honoring veterans during Valor ceremonies, greeting visitors at the Dozier Hospice House, etc. We invite you to join us from the comfort of your home for our first virtual volunteer training of the new year on Saturday, March 27. Join us and strengthen your social connections, enhance your civic engagement and enjoy positive mental health benefits. And find out that the purpose of life is to be useful and being useful brings happiness!

Please contact Katie Mandell at (850) 878-5310 or visit our website at [www.bigbendhospice.org](http://www.bigbendhospice.org) to learn more.

Big Bend Hospice has been serving this community since 1983 with compassionate end-of-life care along with grief and loss counselors available to provide information and support to anyone in Leon, Jefferson, Taylor, Madison, Gadsden, Liberty, Franklin or Wakulla County. If you would like additional information about services, please call (850) 878-5310 or visit [www.bigbendhospice.org](http://www.bigbendhospice.org).

*Lisa Baggett*  
Big Bend Hospice  
Professional Relations Liaison



### Needless Litigation

Darrell Patterson is a Seventh Day Adventist and observes Saturday as his day of worship. When Walgreens fired him for refusing to work on Saturdays, Darrell took the drug store chain to court. Citing Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 that bars



**Gary B. King**  
Guest Columnist

discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex and national origin.

Darrell thought Walgreens should make a reasonable accommodation for him to attend church on Saturdays. The Supreme Court of the United States felt differently and ruled that such an accommodation created an undue hardship on the pharmaceutical giant.

At issue is what responsibility does a business owe to an employee regarding their personal religious practice; where is the line of demarcation between reasonable accommodation and undue hardship? That would be a legal distinction, but as believers there is another consideration. The issue is not merely if we have a legal right, but is it right?

Paul admonishes us “respect what is right in the sight of all men,” Romans 12:17. This sense of what is right is to be tempered by the teaching of Scripture, but what is commonly accepted as right should be considered when believers contemplate a course of action such as a lawsuit.

My accepted day of worship is Sunday, not Saturday as Mr. Patterson believes. I believe my day of worship should be a day of rest from work so as not to be distracted from the purpose of worship which is to focus on the God I worship.

Work of mercy as in a hospital or of necessity as in law enforcement are exceptions. Illnesses, accidents and criminals do not take time off to worship and do not rest from preying on those who do.

I have been employed in both the private and public sectors. In each case I freely accepted employment without expecting accommodation of my religious preferences when none were promised. I would not have thought it right, whatever the law does or does not say my rights are, to try and force my employer to accommodate my beliefs when I freely accepted employment.

Paul goes on to say in the very next verse to, “If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.” I believe Paul enjoins us to avoid needless conflict and I think that applies to legal conflicts as well.

Whenever I have been employed, I have always attempted to build favor and seniority as a dependable worker until I was able to better dictate the conditions of my employment. I think a similar course of action would seem “right in the sight of all men,” not taking my employer to court.

We live in a time and a culture when a Christian’s biblical convictions will be challenged, and when it comes to the freedom to practice what we believe that freedom should be defended even if it means taking legal action. But in this case, I do not think the Court was unjust in its decision.

*Paul Henry*

### The Emperor's new clothes

A folktale many younger Americans have never likely heard of is the Emperor’s New Clothes. The story involves a leader whose vanity is capitalized upon by a pair of swindlers. The swindlers tell the Emperor of new clothes that are so special only intelligent people can see them. He buys into the scam, as does everyone in the kingdom- who do not want anyone to think they are stupid. Everyone that is except for one small child, who factually says the Emperor has no clothes. Despite the child’s statement, the Emperor goes on as if he were fully clothed.

The modern American version of this involves the “Emperor” of democrat politicians, their accomplices in the national media, and “social media” corporations. If you can’t see what they are selling, then you are stupid- or perhaps a domestic terrorist.

All that it takes to see what they are selling is false is to look at actual facts, but that is something in short supply these days. As an example, look at the current impeachment trial in the Senate. What is missing? That would be the judge, or in this case the Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. Chief Justice Roberts correctly declined to preside over this proceeding since Mr. Trump was no longer in office. What is taking place now is a kangaroo court- one that makes a mockery of justice. Imagine getting a

speeding ticket and having the court comprised of police officers- about half of whom had already said you were guilty. How about a civil suit against a plumber with a jury made up of plumbers that belong to the same plumber’s union? Yet only the “intelligent” democrat politicians and their media accomplices say that this is a valid legal proceeding. BTW, we’re spending over \$67,000/day just for the senators involved for this “trial”.

It’s likewise a fact that the criminals that took place in the attack on the Capitol pre-planned it. The FBI data released thus far proves this. The planners realized a few agitators would be all it would take to spur on a “mob mentality” where people would do things they ordinarily would not.

This is of course nothing new. I recall seeing a November 2020 newscast out of Georgia that dealt with the vote count. The on-screen totals with 99 percent reporting gave Mr. Trump a lead of over 100,000 votes. Since about 5 million people voted in that state, 1% would amount to about 50,000 votes- meaning even if every single uncounted vote had been for Mr Biden, he still could not have won. What I found interesting was the news anchor explaining how the 99% was really not 99%. I had never seen an anchor explain how an election with 99% reporting where there was a sizable lead was in question until that point. A final fact about voting is that if you have 4 quarts of good oil in your engine and 1 quart that is bad, you still have 5 quarts no matter how many times you check it. Accordingly, recounting unaccountable ballots (such as those mailed in) will always return the same total and it’s impossible for an after the fact audit. As I’ve written before, we have the technology to make every vote accountable- something both the left and right should support since now both have cried foul over an election within 5 years. Like telling the Emperor his suit is invisible, it will take some effort and going against the flow to enact such a practice.

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old being sexually exploited.

The investigation showed that Monroe was also live chatting with juveniles on the Omegle social media platform. The investigation is active and ongoing. If you have information that may be relevant to this case, please call FDLE at (850) 410-7645.

Homeland Security Investigations also assisted with the search warrant and arrest.

Monroe was arrested Saturday, Feb. 20, and booked into the Jefferson County Jail on \$10,000 bond, which was posted and he has since been released.

The case will be prosecuted by the Office of the State Attorney, 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit.

Please visit the FDLE website to review tips for keeping your children safe online at: [secureflorida.org/SF/Family-Safety/BPParents](https://www.fl.gov/secureflorida).

## POP'S

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exclusive franchise with the county?

Hardee said the franchise would not only protect his company, but it would give the county "skin in the game." With a contract, he said, the county would have a say in how the service was operated, the size, color and placement of the garbage cans, and things of that nature.

He said his business's website would be up and running in the next few weeks so that people could register for the service. Meanwhile, he was trying to find office space in Jefferson County. But the search for a suitable commercial building was proving difficult.

Hardee said that over the next year, as the business becomes fully functional, it will operate up to five trucks and employ 13 people, including him and the office staff.

"We're looking at a \$600,000 payroll when it's all done," Hardee said, adding that the amount included office staff and all the equipment.

Hardee conceded that the garbage collection was a new venture for him; he was, in fact, Supervisor of Elections in Madison County from 2011 to 2020, when he decided not to seek reelection.

"I never wanted to make a career of being the elections supervisor," Hardee said.

But going back to the question of why garbage collection, he said that while the enterprise was certainly new to him, he had family that had long been in the business and from which he could draw guidance.

Why not start the business in Madison County, where he was presently resided?

He said, there was already a younger man who had started such a pickup service there for which he respects the job he is doing and his pursuit of the service there.

"There's no need for a second competitor," Hardee said.

Besides, he added, he had deep ties to Jefferson County.

His son, Hardee said, presently attends Aucilla Christian Academy. He too, had graduated from high school in Jefferson County. And his grandfather had once owned the Ford dealership in Monticello, he said.

As it is, Hardee said, some local officials have encouraged him to proceed with his business even without the franchise.

He reiterated that the business website would soon be up and running, and the rollout for garbage collection pickups would be May 1.

## QUESTIONS

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would be exclusive to one vendor and voluntary to residents.

Meaning, in the latter case, that residents wouldn't have to subscribe to the service. But if they did, they would still have to pay the \$225 annual landfill assessment.

The RFP, a preliminary step in the process, listed a multitude of state, federal and other requirements that bidders would have to meet, as well as asked a series of questions to ascertain each respondent's qualifications, experience, expertise and other pertinent information.

Immediately, however, questions arose as to the RFP's thoroughness and the very nature of the franchise.

Phil Calandra, a citizen whose questions indicated a comprehensive reading of the RFP document, called it "broad and vague" in terms of some of the information it solicited.

"It doesn't ask for things that should be more concrete," Calandra said, citing as examples of the kind of information that should be solicited, the size of the company's vehicle fleet, number of employees, places where the service was currently being provided and the like.

"The county needs to have a firm belief that this business will survive for the number of jobs that it promises to create," Calandra said.

He said the proposed enterprise raised questions that demanded addressing, irrespective of Hardee's credibility, passion and vision, insofar as the reliability of the numbers and services promised.

Calandra questioned the sense of the annual cost of the service to residents, on top of the \$225 that they already have to pay for the landfill assessment; the voluntary nature of the service, which he said in time would likely have to be made mandatory to compensate the vendor for his investments; and many other questions.

"I don't know that there's been a lot of thought put into this," Calandra said. "I think there are key things here that you need to be careful about."

Hardee responded it was too early to be talking prices or get into the nuts and bolts of the contract, given the early stage of the process. He emphasized, however, that if he wanted, he could provide the service in the county absent a franchise.

The reason for the franchise, he said, was to protect the county as much as his business. The franchise, he said, would allow the county to set parameters and have a measure of control over the operation. It would also, he said, reduce the county's disposal costs, as his company would be disposing of the garbage.

Hardee said his operation already had three trucks and the plan was to establish the home office here and hire 13 employees within a year.

"It's not a one-sided deal," he said. "It's a give and take deal."

City Councilman Troy Avera, who was monitoring the meeting virtually, began by chiding county officials for not including the city in its earlier decision to close the Mamie Scott and Bassett Dairy collections sites.

"We were hoping to have input on this before you made the decision," he said, adding that the two proposed closures would affect city residents.

In terms of the franchise, Avera said the city already provided garbage pickup service in some unincorporated areas just outside the city limits and it was willing to expand the service area if the commission was amenable to the idea.

Next, a representative of Waste Pro – a longtime-waste management business with operations in multiple states – expressed his company's interest in doing business in Jefferson County.

Lloyd Childree, regional municipal manager at Waste Pro, said his company had the resources, experience and the nimbleness to respond to any situation, citing as example the company's response in Panama City following Hurricane Michael. He said his company was definitely interested in responding to the RFP.

Commissioner Betsy Barfield had a slew of questions of her own regarding the RFP as it was drafted.

Personally, she said, it was her preference that the county should get out of the garbage business entirely. As that was not likely to happen, however, the RFP needed to nail down the specifics, so that respondents would be bidding apples to apples, she said.

Her many cited concerns included the double cost to residents, which she said would sooner or later become an issue; the unsightliness of trash cans lining roads, unless measures were put in place to ensure their removal after pickups; the scope of the service – would it include the pickup of recyclables, white goods, etc.; would a penalty apply if the business went belly up and could no longer fulfill the contract; and the non-transferability of the contract from one business to another, absent the commission's approval.

Shirley conceded the very preliminary nature of the RFP and his lack of expertise in the area of waste management.

"I'm the first to admit that I don't know everything about this area," he said. "This RFP is strictly a first cut."

He also reminded commissioners that he had advised them upfront that once word got out that the county was contemplating granting a franchise, other companies would want in on the deal. Which was the reason, he said, why he had advised them against making the franchise exclusive.

In the end, the board instructed Shirley to revisit the RFP and amend it to reflect the many suggestions offered at the workshop. The board also agreed to hold another workshop on the matter, possibly before its next regularly scheduled meeting on March 4.

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agreement for the county-owned building.

Proetti said he had only learned the previous week that his contract wouldn't be renewed. Had he known this information beforehand, he said, he would never have purchased additional equipment for the operation.

"I'm very upset and emotional," Proetti said.

He said that county officials hadn't given him any clear indication that the lease wouldn't be renewed, even though he had tried to establish contact. Then just the week before, he had learned that the extension hadn't been approved.

Proetti said he had put himself \$30,000 in debt and had depleted his pension \$50,000 to make a go of the business, which he said was doing well. Until, he suggested, the county had pulled the carpet from under him.

"The communication hasn't been there," Proetti said, adding that it would take him at least a year to prepare and execute a move.

Shirley conceded that there had been confusion in the communications between the economic development committee and Proetti. Which, he said, had led to Proetti's assumption that the lease would be extended and had resulted in his purchasing the additional equipment.

The commission, Shirley said, had a choice. It could stick to its guns and declare the building a surplus property, as had been the original intention. Or, it could extend the Safe Rider lease and allow

him to negotiate a limited lease.

"So that he can continue to occupy the property," Shirley said. "But not for another five years, and the rent would have to be adjusted so it's more reflective of the market value."

Property Appraiser Angela Gray, a member of the economic development committee, was more unsparing in her remarks.

Gray noted that the committee had been discussing declaring the building a surplus property since 2019. The county, moreover, had mailed Proetti a letter to that effect, she said.

But Proetti, who said that his plan had always been to purchase the property, disputed ever receiving a letter.

"I'm not pointing fingers," he said. "But I never got a letter."

No matter, was Gray's response.

"The end game is that you're going to get an opportunity to buy the property," she said, meaning Proetti could bid on it, the same as anyone else, once the county put it up for sale as a surplus property.

Phil Calandra, a citizen familiar with the building's history, underscored what he called its backstory. And that was that the building had been constructed with USDA funding that had come with strings attached.

And among the requirements, he said, was the stipulation that whatever business occupied the building had to create x number of jobs, which had never come to pass.

"The USDA could have come back and said you have to repay the money," Calandra said.

Calandra noted that available space was running out in the industrial park. The sale of the building, he said, would provide some of the necessary funding to begin a new development park elsewhere.

"The purpose of economic development is to create jobs," Calandra said. "We're not in the business of doing bad business."

Shirley added that when the lease contract was renegotiated, Proetti would have a better idea of when and how the property would be sold.


Safe Rider has been at the industrial park since 2016. The business offers both basic and advanced motorcycle training courses.

Proetti told the commission that since coming here 2016, about 7,000 people had gone through the motorcycle training program and spent money here, adding to the local community's economy.

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## State attorney for Circuit 2, Jack Campbell, speaks at Kiwanis meeting.



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo By Kathrine Alderman, February 10, 2021

**Jack Campbell, the State Attorney for Circuit 2, spoke to the Kiwanis Club on Wednesday, Feb. 10, about how the judicial system has been doing in Florida during COVID-19.**

Kathrine Alderman  
ECB Publishing, Inc.

Every Wednesday, the Monticello Kiwanis Club holds a meeting. They invite a speaker to come and talk to the members, have lunch and discuss club business while also talking and enjoying their time with fellow club members.

At the Wednesday, Feb. 10, meeting, the speaker for the day was Jack Campbell, the state attorney for Circuit 2. Before he spoke, however, the Kiwanis Club made some announcements and then decided whether they would do the watermelon run for the Watermelon Festival this year. The decision was made rather quickly, deciding they would participate in the event. After that, Max Balinski gave an update on the Kiwanis Club signs in town, talking about how some were in disrepair. Still, they've fixed them now, so everyone knows when and where Kiwanis meets!

After the announcements, Kiwanis Club President Phil Smith introduced Jack Campbell, the

speaker for the meeting. During his talk, Campbell's main point was to give the attendees of the meeting an update on the justice system here in Florida and how they have been adapting at their office since COVID-19.

Locally, Campbell said he did do a small personnel change in August. An attorney from down in South Florida, who has been in the office for around 20 years and had some very successful statewide prosecutions, is moving his family up to North Florida and will be working here now. Campbell is excited to welcome him as he says he is one of the best prosecuting attorneys he's met.

Something that has really helped the state attorney's office that Campbell didn't even know would become so important was modernizing the office. When Campbell first ran for his position, part of his campaign was to modernize the office. The updates really helped them keep up with cases, as they haven't had to shut down their offices. "Every day we've had first appearance. Every day we've had juvenile delinquency proceedings. Every day we've been able to continue to do the work that the criminal justice system has to do," Campbell said. He stresses that the most significant reason they're able to continue to do that even during this time of COVID-19 is because they could go to a paperless system. The assistance can do their work from their own homes. They don't have to be in the courthouse or any other facility that has been shut down to do their job. The modernization also extends to them being able to use zoom to continue their regular criminal justice proceedings. They were one of the first offices that were able to do that, and Campbell says that up here, we're doing better than a lot of other places.

Even though they have continued to operate, there is still a considerable backlog of cases. In



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**Assistant State Attorney, Jessica Donofro, (left) accompanied State Attorney Jack Campbell (right) to the Kiwanis Club meeting, where they were invited to speak by Kiwanis Club President Phil Smith (center)**

Jefferson County, about a year ago, the backlogged cases were running at about 392. Now they are running at about 490. Statewide there are 50,000 more criminal cases backlogged in the system. For the second judicial circuit, they were running about 6,200. Now they are at 9,400 criminal cases backlogged. The biggest reason for this backlog is the lack of a jury. "Nothing moves cases faster than jurors in a building," Campbell said. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, they can't get people in to act as the jury. The Supreme Court has also shut down speedy trial and just about everything else until everyone can be vaccinated.

This circuit was the first in Florida to have a grand jury, having the Leon County grand jury come in August. They've been slowly working their way through cases, but there is still only so much that they can do. Especially here in Jefferson County. The courthouse isn't built to allow everyone to have six-foot spacing, so jury selection is nigh impossible unless they move it somewhere else. They've been looking at trying to figure out how to fix the situation and find a big enough place to fit people. "There is no substitute to having your case tried in person," Campbell said. He mentions that you can do it over zoom. Still, when it comes to court cases, especially criminal court, being in the same room has a lot of impact on how the trial goes. "As an attorney, we've got to try and get back into those courtrooms."

Before this pandemic is over, the Judiciary believes that based on the backed-up litigation and such, there will be a 1 million case backlog in Florida. It'll take a long time to clear the backlog, especially because certain cases can take months to years to fully complete, depending. So, hopefully, the judicial system can return to normal as quickly as possible.

Campbell left the stage with thanks to the Kiwanis club for having him and encouraging everyone in attendance to make sure they do jury duty, as it is a crucial thing to help get the court system going.

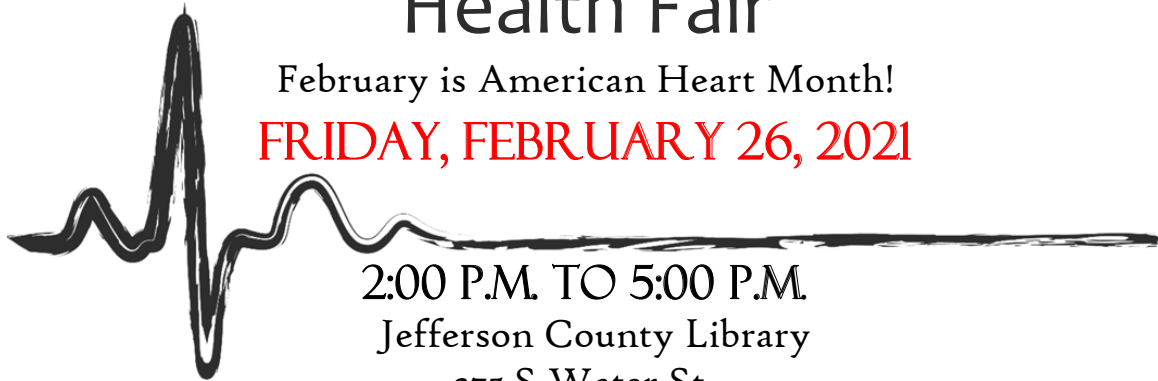
The Kiwanis Club meets every Wednesday at noon in the Jefferson County Country Club. Every meeting they'll serve lunch and have a speaker, such as Jack Campbell. So, be sure to check them out this coming Wednesday, and participate in a wonderful club and listen to an engaging speaker.

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# Community News

## Altrusa's Souper Tuesday success

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Altrusa recently held their sixth annual Souper Tuesday fundraiser! Every year the Altrusa club hosts a fundraiser the Tuesday after the Super Bowl. They sell lunches to anyone who wants one and then have them ready that Tuesday to either deliver to you or have you pick up. This fundraiser, along with a raffle they hold at the same time, is what they use to fund almost all of their scholarships and literacy programs.

This year the Altrusa club worked hard and managed to sell around 275 meals! The club got together, prepped all the meals and were ready and out delivering on Tuesday, Feb. 9. They had a lot to cover, as they sold a variety of different soups and



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Members of Altrusa worked hard to make the sandwiches and soups for the around 275 meals they sold for their Souper Tuesday fundraiser. Pictured, from left to right, are: Anita Ashworth, Stephanie Cook, Mary Frances Gramling, Linda Benedict, Sally Jordan and Linda Harmon.

sandwiches. For their meal, people could have ordered one soup, cream of broccoli, sausage corn chowder, Mexican chicken and white bean soup or vegetable soup and one sandwich, chicken salad on



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For their sixth annual Souper Tuesday fundraiser, Altrusa members sold about 275 meals and made around \$3,500 for their charitable activities and service projects.

white or wheat bread, pimento cheese on white or wheat bread or Turkey and Ham on white or wheat bread with Swiss cheese. Both served with bottled water and a desert.

While selling the meals, the members of Altrusa also sold raffle tickets to win a week on the beach at St. George Island. With the raffle, the meals and some monetary donations all together the Altrusa club ended up raising around \$3,500 to go towards their charitable activities and service projects!

## Moonlight Cemetery walk this weekend

Samantha Wainright  
ECB Publishing, Inc.

Mark your calendars for Feb. 26 and 27 for a Moonlight Cemetery Walk with Monticello's Historic Ghost Tours. Monticello is known as being one of the most haunted small towns in the country. A cemetery

walk in the moonlight is sure to include some evidence as to why. Fun, educational and a bit frightening, this event is sure to be fun for locals and visitors alike. During the tour you will be able to visit the resting places of prominent citizens, pay your respect to a WWII legend and listen to the stories behind the ghosts. Masks are required for the event. Also be sure to wear good walking shoes as the total distance for the tour is about 1.5 miles. The tour begins at 7 p.m. under the arch at the Roseland Cemetery, East Madison Street, Monticello. If you have questions or want to sign up, call (850) 997-5552, email

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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### February 24

An AA meeting will take place at 7:30 p.m. on **Wednesday** at the Lloyd Woman's Club, Old Lloyd Road. For more information call (850) 251-0278.

### February 24

Jefferson Arts will be showing their February Show, "People and Places." The gallery will be exhibiting paintings by Eluster Richardson. The exhibit will continue through Feb. 27. Jefferson Arts, located at 575 W. Washington St., is open for regular business hours **Wednesdays** and **Saturdays** from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., or you may call (850) 997-3311 to schedule an appointment. You can also visit the galleries website at

### February 24

The Kiwanis Club meets at the Jefferson County Country Club on **Wednesday** at noon.

### February 25

An AA meeting will take place at 8 p.m. on **Thursday** at the Christ Episcopal Church Annex, 425 N. Cherry St. For more information call (850) 251-0278.

### February 26

An AA meeting will take place at 7:30 p.m. on **Friday** at the Lloyd Woman's Club, Old Lloyd Road. For more information call (850) 251-0278.

### February 26

The Christ Community Food Pantry will be having their food distribution on **Friday**. The distribution will take place from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at Christ Episcopal Church, located at 425 N. Cherry St.

### February 26

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### Financial Focus...

#### Protect benefits for children with special needs

If you have a child or other family member who has special needs due to physical or mental conditions, you face a variety of challenges planning for their care, including financial ones. You may also have some well-meaning relatives who want to help, but who may not realize that their moves could actually result in some serious lifestyle and monetary problems for your loved one. Fortunately, by planning ahead, you can avoid these potential traps.

As you probably already know, individuals with special needs are eligible for a variety of government benefits and local programs that provide assistance with housing, medical needs, specialized equipment, independent living, job training and other services. You may also know that some of these programs require participants to meet financial criteria to qualify for benefits. Usually, this isn't a problem if your loved one has little income and few assets.

Difficulties can arise, though, when other relatives, such as grandparents, include loved ones with special needs in their estate plans by naming them as beneficiaries of insurance policies or retirement assets, or as beneficiaries of any trusts the grandparents have established. In these situations, loved ones who receive or inherit a sizable amount of assets may then be ruled ineligible for some important services.

Hopefully, your relatives will have informed you of their plans. If so, let them know that although you appreciate their generosity, the way they've chosen to show it could have unanticipated – and harmful – effects. You could then suggest ways they could structure their gifts to be more valuable.

Specifically, they can help through a special needs trust, either one that's already been created or one they create for their gift. A special needs trust is designed to help people with special needs use financial gifts or inheritances for a variety of purposes while keeping their eligibility for some government programs and other services. There are two main types of special needs trust:

#### First-party special needs trust

An individual with special needs, their legal guardian or the court can establish a first-party special needs trust benefiting that individual. The first-party special needs trust is funded by the individual's own assets, either through earnings or an inheritance or a personal injury award. A first-party trust contains a "payback" rule, which means that when the individual beneficiary with special needs dies, the trust must pay back the state for certain benefits received.

#### Third-party special needs trust

A relative or person other than the individual with special needs who wants to include that individual in their estate plan can set up a third-party special needs trust. The third party trust is funded with assets from someone other than the individual with special needs. With a third-party trust, no "payback" provision is required.

Many issues are involved in establishing an appropriate special needs trust. Consequently, you'll need to consult with your legal advisor to determine your next steps. Afterwards, you'll want to involve everyone in your family who could contribute to a trust, so they'll all know what to expect and how they can participate. Once the arrangements are made, you can all feel like you've done your part to make things easier for the loved one in your life with special needs.

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# Jefferson Somerset FFA, *reviving a lost program*

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Though not technically a new program at Jefferson Somerset, the FFA program there has recently been revived. Jefferson had an FFA program in the past, but it was disbanded shortly before Somerset came into the picture. Stefanie Prevatt, the Ag teacher at Jefferson Somerset and the current FFA instructor, has been working to revive and rebuild the program. They started the chapter in January of last year, but, sadly, right after, the world shut down due to COVID-19. So, they've only recently been able to really start working on it.

The club currently has 14 members. To be an FFA member, you do have to be taking an Ag class, as FFA is more of a supplement to extend the learning you receive in class. There are three areas that they focus on in the club to help supplement their Ag class, community service, leadership and career development events.

Back in November, the club hosted a canned food drive for Farm-City Week. Their goal was 500 non-perishable food items, but they ended up raising about 1,550 cans! All of the non-perishables the FFA collected, they donated to the senior center. Not only did it help further the community service aspect that FFA tries to sponsor, but it was also an excellent way to get their name out there and let the community know that FFA is back in business.

They are currently working on a career development event (CDE) in floriculture. They can use equipment that florists would use, and the students are memorizing the tools and plants' names, both their Latin names and their common names. They also are learning how people in the florist industry price their goods.

The goal with CDE's such as this is to hopefully spark interest in a future in that career. Though they focus on helping the students develop leadership skills first, they then focus on different careers that they could go into. Prevatt says that it's her job to make connections with locals involved with the Ag industry, as the students gain the most when they can see people working in the industry. She wants them to know that Ag is more than just farming, that it can go all the way up to the communications aspect of it. There are many different jobs all associated with the Ag business. Prevatt wants to teach her members that, even though farming is an integral part of the business, it isn't the only part.

Another thing on FFA's upcoming agenda, along with the floriculture CDE, is hosting an Ag literacy day for elementary students. The FFA members will be the ones organizing the event, doing things such as matching volunteers to classes. Generally, the way Ag literacy day would work is



Photo Courtesy of Stefanie Prevatt

**Stefanie Prevatt (far left) poses for a picture with some of the members of the revived FFA program at Jefferson Somerset. Pictured from left to right are: Stefanie Prevatt, Naila Hill, Zaniya Parrish, Alicia Snyder, Sandy Le and Alejandra Nogal.**

FFA would get volunteers to speak to the elementary classes in person about something to do with the Ag business. This year, due to COVID-19, they aren't sure if this will be how they can go about it this year, and it may be held over zoom instead. Even though the exact way Ag literacy day will be held is still in the works, the FFA is looking for any volunteers that would like to participate in the event and talk to the elementary students about what they do. It is meant to increase the understanding of where our food comes from and teach the kids about Ag products. The FFA members doing most of the organizing is an excellent way for them to build their leadership and event management skills.

Prevatt isn't just looking for volunteers to help with Ag literacy day, though. Even though she is an Ag person, her background was in 4-H, not FFA, so she has had to learn a lot, as she tries to give the students at Jefferson Somerset a great FFA experience. So, if anyone with a background in FFA would like to assist her, she would love the help.

Though this is more of the Ag class side than the FFA side of things, the Ag class has 6 bed raised gardens and is in the process of purchasing a greenhouse. They are also looking at possibly purchasing a chicken coop. They now have an agriculture lab up and

running, as well, thanks to the generous donations of Lloyd Monroe and his family, in memory of his father Danny Monroe III.

The FFA program at Jefferson Somerset is still new and getting on its feet, but it wouldn't be where it is now without help from members of the local Ag and FFA community.

Hopefully, it will continue to grow and help teach the youth here in Jefferson County about leadership, community service and careers in the Ag industry.



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## Money raised to buy FFA jackets

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Sometimes, the chance to do something for someone comes to us when we least expect it. For Sheriff Mac McNeill, it happened when he was assisting the FFA with a food drive.

The local Jefferson Somerset FFA was doing a food drive back in November, donating everything they raised to the Jefferson Senior Center. McNeill came to help assist them with their donation and ended up talking to Prevatt about the FFA program and how the club was doing. This conversation led to McNeill inquiring about the blue and gold FFA jackets, an essential item that the club needs to be able to participate in events, but also just something that is a staple of FFA and helps you show your pride in the club. As the Jefferson Somerset FFA has only recently been revived in Jefferson County, they didn't have jackets, and there was really no way they could afford them, as they were costly.

McNeill was saddened by this news. He was in FFA and knows how important it is that they have the jackets, so he decided to make some calls when he got back to his office and see if he could do his part to raise some money for the club to purchase their jackets.

It didn't take him very long at all. "Within about 30 minutes, I had raised the money," McNeill recalled. "All I did was make phone calls." McNeill called people he knew were involved in the Ag business or had been a part of FFA and got an overwhelmingly positive response.

Donors were Florida Georgia Citrus, Madison Oaks Farm, Butch and Marilyn Edwards, Ryan and Jennifer Pavlick and WW Cattle. "And there were more numbers I could have called," McNeill said. "It just shows the interest that this community has in FFA. Because this is a rural, agricultural community." McNeill mentions all the donors were extremely excited to help the kids. Nearly all of them were members of the FFA when they were in high school, so they knew how important and exciting it is to obtain the jackets and wear them. They were all very quick to help, and both McNeill and the FFA are profoundly grateful for the donations.

Even though McNeill insisted that all he did was make the phone calls, it was still those phone calls that alerted the donors to the need of the FFA, so the Jefferson Somerset FFA gave a certificate to McNeill, thanking



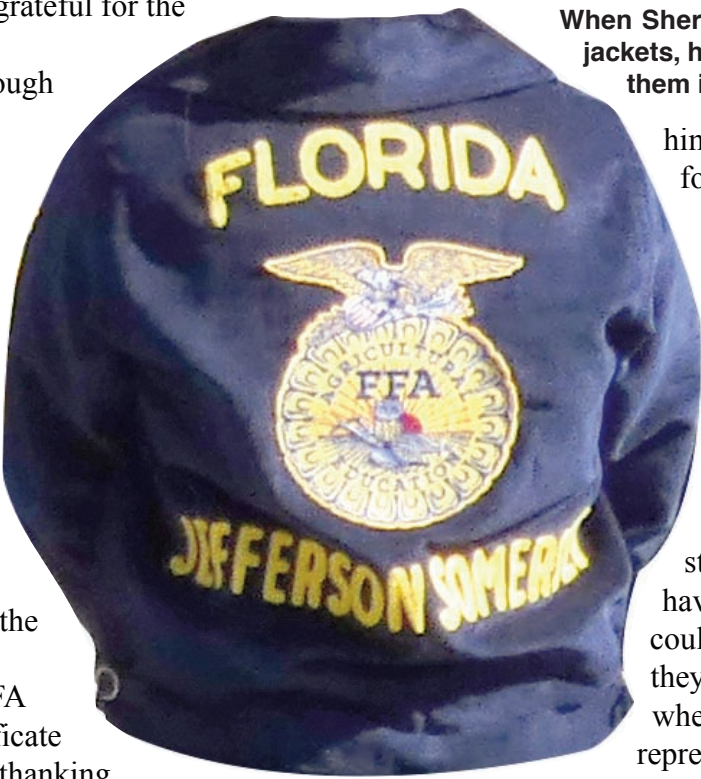
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Stefanie Prevatt, the instructor for the Jefferson Somerset FFA, and the members of FFA pose with Sheriff Mac McNeill for a picture after presenting him with a certificate, thanking him for his help in getting them their FFA jackets. Pictured, from left to right, are: Alicia Snyder (treasurer), Abigail Loveless, Jason Mosley, Alejandra Nogal, Susie Reams (president), Stefanie Prevatt (advisor), Sheriff Mac McNeill, Sandra Jimenez (secretary), Taveon Enzor, Sandy Le (vice president), Naila Hill and Zaniya Parrish.



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When Sheriff Mac McNeill (center) heard that the Jefferson Somerset FFA didn't have their FFA jackets, he quickly made phone calls to farming families he knew, raising the money to purchase them in about 30 minutes.



him for his help in acquiring jackets for them.

FFA is an important program. Even if you leave high school and never do anything that has to do with agriculture, you still learn so much in the program that will help you later on in life. McNeill and all the donors know that, and that's why they took part in making sure the students at Jefferson Somerset have the best FFA experience they could have. Hopefully, from now on, they'll always be able to have jackets when they need them and be able to represent Jefferson County in FFA.

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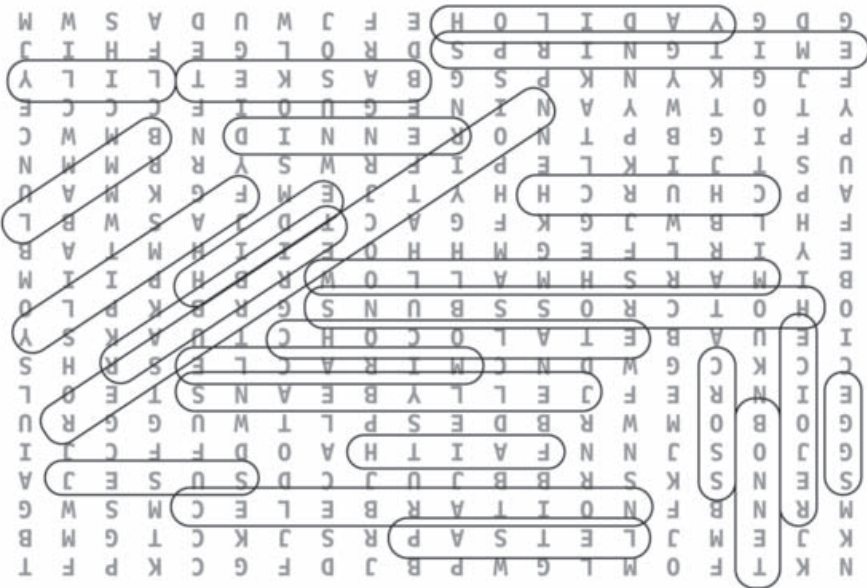
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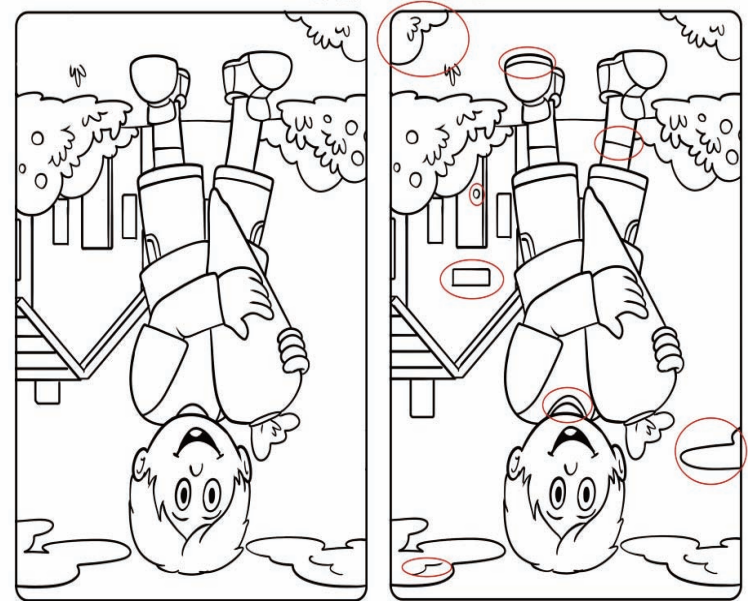
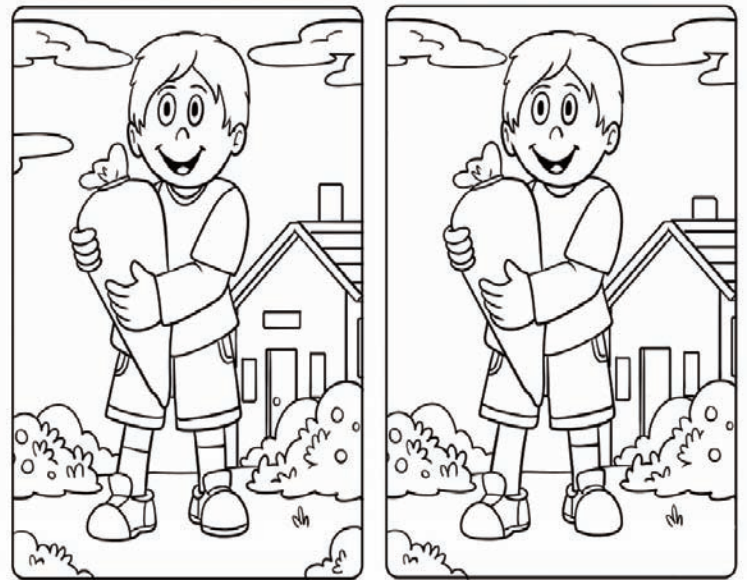
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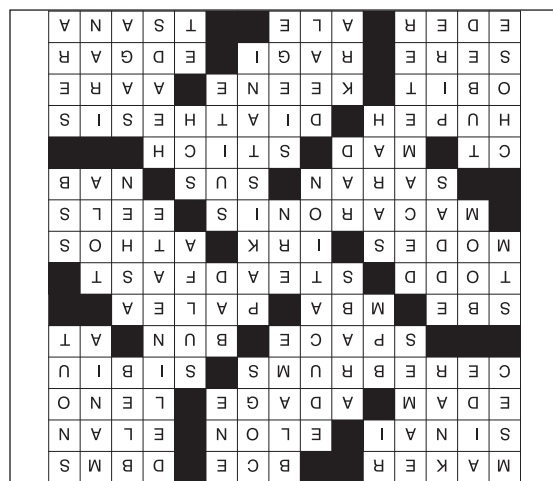
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6. Science degree
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14. Inventor Musk
15. Welsh valley
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17. Saying
18. Comedian and TV host
19. Uppermost portions of the brain
21. City in Transylvania
22. Where astronauts go
23. Men's hairstyle
24. Indicates position
25. One point east of due south
28. Businessmen may have one
29. Grass part
31. Running back Gurley
33. Unwavering
36. Options
38. Annoy
39. Greek mountain
41. Pastas
44. Fishes
45. Wrap
46. Potentially a criminal (slang)
48. Seize

### CLUES DOWN

1. Millisecond
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3. Knot in a tree
4. Husband-and-wife industrial designers
5. The Ocean State
6. Point the finger at
7. Parts in a machine
8. Midway between northeast and east
9. Portray precisely
10. Blister
11. Mental illness
12. Nose of an animal

14. What students receive
17. Semitic peoples
20. Beats per minute
21. Family of drugs
23. Atrocious
25. Type of microscope (abbr.)
26. \_\_\_ or bust
27. Icelandic poems
29. A citizen of Pakistan
30. Very pale
32. Metric linear unit
34. Sea eagle
35. Biblical judge of Israel
37. Isaac's mother (Bib.)
40. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
42. Cool!
43. Large hotel room
47. Type of boat (abbr.)
49. Picked
50. Type of hookah
52. Attack
53. Directs
55. Belgian WWII resistance fighter
56. Finished negotiation
57. Heroic tale
58. Middle Eastern country
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61. Malaysian Isthmus
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Answer: Marilyn Manson

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When it comes to establishing a lawn, homeowners have two key options: starting from seed or installing sod. Each comes with its share of advantages and disadvantages. Which option makes the most sense for a given lawn will boil down to various factors, including homeowners' budgets.

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Seed is the first thing homeowners may think of when planning a lawn. Seed is an inexpensive, easily installed option. Plus, garden centers sell a variety of seeds specific to particular regions and climates. The home improvement resource Fixr says seed will cost an average of 24 cents per square foot installed compared to \$1.29 for sod. That affordability compels many homeowners to turn to seed. However, seed can take up to two years to produce a lush lawn and it requires high maintenance in the initial months to establish the grass.

Seed also requires greater soil preparation, including tilling to loosen soil and keeping the lawn well watered until the grass is hardy. Weeds also may mix in with seed more readily, meaning weed prevention becomes an additional task.

### Sod

One of the advantages to sod is that it can produce an instant lawn. When time is of the essence, sod will produce a complete lawn nearly as soon as the sod is laid. Sod can be used to mitigate soil erosion, as it works faster than seed, which needs to establish a root system to keep soil in check. Also, sod does not require as much soil preparation as seed.

The potential disadvantages to sod are its cost and the time it takes to install it, particularly on a large property. In addition, sod will require careful maintenance for at least the first two weeks until the sod takes stronger roots. It can be an expensive mistake if sod doesn't thrive and new pieces need to be installed. The Family Handyman says sod tends to be sun-loving and may not work in shadier areas of a property.

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# Faith & Family

## From the Pulpit...



**Reverend Jacob Pitts**  
Guest Columnist

For Christians and non-Christians alike, there is one passage of Scripture which can likely be quoted more than any other outside of John 3:16, and that is the 23rd Psalm. David's most famous song of praise, rest, fulfillment and faith is one that still comforts people today, thousands of years after it was penned. In spite of this,

however, it can be argued that Psalms 23 is not the greatest Psalm of David. Instead, I believe that title belongs to Psalm 51.

For a king who was known as "A man after God's own heart," David did a lot of awful things, though the worst was undoubtedly the situation with Bathsheba. The story, shown in 2 Samuel 11-12, paints a portrait of a man that chose to chase after his own desires to the detriment of anyone who got in his way, resulting in adultery, murder and the loss of innocent life. This tragedy ultimately leads David to write his greatest masterpiece.

It is in the 51st Psalm when everything comes to bear. The sins, the failure, the rebellion, the tears, the repentance, all come out in a beautiful portrait of reliance of God, and a blueprint for what repentance

should look like even today. The Psalm starts out "Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your loving kindness, according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions" (Ps. 51:1). The Psalm continues much in this same way, at different times imploring God to "wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleans me from my sins" (v.2), "purge me with hyssop and I will be clean" (v.7), "create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit within me" (v.10), and "restore to me the joy of salvation" (v.12).

There are a number of key points that we can take away from this today about how we are to repent when falling into sin. The first is that the focus ought to be wholly on God. It can be tempting, following sin, to immediately become entangled in promises of "I'll do better" and "Here is what I will do differently." We don't see that with David. His focus is on God and God's ability to clean, restore, heal, purge and forgive.

Second, we can remember an important message of eternal security. Notice that in verse 12, David

asks God to restore to him the "joy of salvation" and not salvation itself. David had done a wicked and evil thing, yet at no point did he cease to be saved. What he did lose, however, was the joy of his salvation. If we did nothing to earn our salvation then there is nothing we can do to lose it. It is start to finish a work of grace. What it is possible to lose is joy. If a born-again believer chooses to walk after the flesh they won't lose their salvation, but they won't experience all the love, joy and grace they should be experiencing either. David figured this out and wanted that joy back.

Finally, after statement after statement on his God focused reliance, David finally explains his response to God's grace. "Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners shall be converted to You" (v.13). True repentance is focused on God, but it should always result in work on our part. If I truly understand the grace of God and His love, then the natural response should be that I want to draw others to Him, and for others to experience that same love and mercy that He has showed me.

## "Cancel Culture"



**Pastor Nathan Peeler**  
Monticello Church of Christ

The idea behind the so called "Cancel Culture" is that once a public figure or business says or does something which others find objectionable, you no longer support them. You are expected to condemn their words or actions and withdraw your financial support for them (especially in the case of a business). It seems

about every other day news breaks that someone said or did something that has the masses upset with them and many make the effort to hurt them in every way possible. My purpose is not to tell you who to admire or how to spend your money. I assume you can handle that just fine on your own. However, there is one thing that stands out to me about cancel culture: there is no grace or forgiveness. Once you make a mistake, you are finished and there is no road to redemption.

I am glad that God does not deal with us so harshly. When God appears to Moses in Exodus 34, He describes Himself as slow to anger, overflowing with love and forgiving! Despite the sinfulness of man, God is continually pictured as giving humanity a multitude of chances to turn back to Him.

Perhaps, it would be best to illustrate this by using the specific example of Peter. On the night of Jesus' arrest, Jesus tells all the disciples that they will flee when he is arrested. Peter objects and promises that he would die with Jesus before

denying him (Mt. 26:31-35). When people come to arrest Jesus, Jesus has to restrain Peter from attacking the crowd with a sword (Jn 18:1-11). Peter later denies knowing Jesus three times (Mt. 26:67-75). The Gospel of Luke tells us after Peter had denied Jesus for the third time Jesus was near enough to Peter that he turned and they locked eyes for a moment (Lk 22:61). Far from dying with Jesus, Peter is nowhere around when Jesus is crucified. Jesus predicted and knew everything that Peter had done. How will Jesus respond to one who mistreated him so badly?

The women who followed Jesus were the first to witness the empty tomb and an angel told them to inform Peter and all the disciples of Jesus' resurrection (Mk 16:7). Jesus appears to Peter privately (Lk 24:34; 1 Cor 15:5) and with several other disciples (Jn 21). Jesus asks Peter if he loves him and Peter affirms his love for the Lord (Jn 21:15-18). It is Peter who stands up and declares how Jesus was raised from the dead and brings 3,000 souls to the Lord (Acts 2:14-40). Peter was not "canceled" but he received grace! Without grace there would be no hope for any of us (Eph 2:8-10). There might not be much forgiveness and grace with modern culture but I am so thankful there is grace and forgiveness with the Lord!



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Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 PM

# Faith & Family

## Excuses, excuses



**Rev. John Hicks**  
Guest Columnist

"Excuses, excuses, we all hear them everyday. Ol' Satan will supply them if away from church we'll stay. When people come to know the Lord, ol' Satan always loses. So to keep all folks away from church, he offers them excuses.

In the summer it's too hot. In the winter it's too cold. In

the time when the weather's good, there're places you'd like to go. Either to the mountains or to the beach or to visit an old friend. Maybe just to stay at home when kin folks drop in. The pews are too hard. They sing too loud. You know how you will get when you're in a crowd." (Inspiration from the late Evangelist Harold Leake.)

Excuses, excuses. Like Harold, I've heard many good ones throughout my years of ministry, which has inspired me to propose a "No-Excuse Sunday". To make it possible for everyone to attend church: Cots will be placed in the foyer for those who

say "Sunday is my only day to sleep in".

There will be a special section with lounge chairs for those who feel that the pews are too hard. Eye drops will be available for those with tired eyes from watching TV late Saturday night.

We will have steel helmets for those who say, "The roof would cave in if I ever came to church."

Blankets will be furnished for those who think the church is too cold, and fans for those who say it is too hot.

Dinner will be available for those who can't go to church and cook dinner for their visiting family, too.

We will distribute "Stamp Out Stewardship" buttons for those that feel the church is always asking for money.

One section will be devoted to trees and grass for those who like to seek God in nature. We'll even put in a few tree stands.

Doctors and nurses will be in attendance for those who plan to be sick on Sunday.

The sanctuary will be decorated with both

Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies for those who never have seen the church without them.

We will provide hearing aids for those who can't hear the preacher and cotton for those who can!!

We are currently in the season of Lent, 40 days of the church year during which we are called to self-examination as we head toward the Easter event. The season of Lent gives us an incentive, a good excuse if you like, to make the changes in our lives that we know we need to make.

If there are changes that need to be made in your relationship with our Lord or with His church, make the changes. If there are changes that need to be made in your relationships with family and friends, make them. If there are changes that need to be made in your business affairs and the way you handle them, make no excuses; make the changes.

The season of Lent is "an excuse to be better." By the grace of God, we can make these weeks in Lent an excuse to become better at being what God wants us to be.

## Great truths from small children



1. No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
2. When your mom is mad at your dad, don't let her brush your hair.
3. If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
4. Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato.
5. You can't trust

dogs to watch your food.

6. Reading what people write on desks can teach you a lot.

7. Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.

8. Puppies still have bad breath even after eating a Tic Tac.

9. Never hold a dust-buster and a cat at the same time.

10. School lunches stick to the wall.

11. You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.

12. Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.

13. The best place to be when you are sad is in Grandma's lap.

14. It's hard to unlearn a bad word.

15. Ask Why until you understand.

16. It's easier to see the mistakes on someone else's

paper.

17. A pencil without an eraser may as well just be a pen.

18. It's only fun to play school when you're the teacher.

19. Sometimes the best one in the play has the fewest lines.

20. Twelve is a lot older than eight.

21. Sometimes your best move is blocked by your own checkers.

22. Some nights it's not worth fighting over who gets the top bunk.

23. Don't expect your friends to be as excited about your "100" as you are.

24. Don't say that the "Last One is a Rotten Egg" unless you're absolutely sure there's a slow kid behind you.

25. If you don't like the birthday girl, don't go to the party.

26. Crawling still gets you there.

27. If you want a kitten, start out by asking for a horse.

28. Your room gets smaller as you get bigger.

29. You can't start over just because you're losing the game.

30. When you're dressed up like a princess, it's easier to act like one.

31. If a tree had apples last year, don't expect pears this year.

32. One drop of black paint from the brush clouds the whole cup of water.

33. You can't be everyone's best friend.

34. A snow day is more fun than a vacation day.

35. All libraries smell the same.

36. Say grace. If you want someone to listen to you, whisper it.

37. Sometimes you have to take the test before you've finished studying.

38. Silence can be an answer.

39. Ask where things come from.

40. If you throw a ball at someone, they'll probably throw it back.

41. Don't nod on the phone.

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Sunday Evening.....6:00 PM  
Wednesday Bible & Prayer Meeting.....7:00 PM

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Description of Property: 26-1N-4E-0000-0190-0000  
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Site Address: STEWART RD  
Name in which assessed: **SAMUEL JOHNSON AND GEORGIA ANN JOHNSON**

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**vs. GLENWOOD A. MILLER Case #44292 Respondent**

**NOTICE OF ACTION TO: GLENWOOD A. MILLER Residence Unknown**

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an Administrative Complaint has been filed against you seeking to revoke your CORRECTIONAL Certificate in accordance with Section 943.1395, F.S., and any rules promulgated thereunder.

You are required to serve a written copy of your intent to request a hearing pursuant to Section 120.57, F.S. upon Dean Register, Director, Criminal Justice Professionalism Program, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, P. O. Box 1489, Tallahassee, Florida 32302-1489, on or before April 12, 2021. Failure to do so will result in a default being entered against you to Revoke said certification pursuant to Section 120.60, F.S., and Rule 11B-27, F.A.C.

Dated: February 12, 2021  
Dean Register, Professionalism Director  
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT  
By: -s- Fredrika Flakes, Division Representative  
02/17, 02/24, 03/03, 03/10

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION**

IN RE: ESTATE OF JAMES ERIC PHILLIPS, File No. 21000011CPAXMX  
Deceased.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of James Eric Phillips, deceased, whose date of death was October 23, 2020, is pending in the Circuit Court for Jefferson County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 1 Courthouse Circle, Monticello, FL 32344. The names and addresses 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 February 17, 2021.  
Attorney for Personal Representative: Personal Representative:

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

IN RE: ESTATE OF DAVID TIMOTHY TANNER, CASE NO: 2020 CP 0008  
Deceased,

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of David Timothy Tanner, Decedent, whose date of death was December 8, 2020, is in the Circuit Court for Jefferson County, Florida, Probate Division, file number 2020 CP 8, the address of which is 1 Courthouse Circle, Monticello, Florida 32344. The names and addresses 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 claim with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (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 THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD 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 February 24, 2021.

Attorney for Personal Representative. Co- Personal Representatives  
/s/ H. B. Stivers /s/ David E. Tanner  
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## MEETINGS

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Jefferson County Tourist Development Council announces their monthly meeting that will be held at the following:  
DATE: March 1, 2021  
TIME: 10:00 am  
PLACE: Monticello-Jefferson Chamber of Commerce  
420 W. Washington St.  
Monticello, Fla.  
02/24, 02/26

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### NOTICE OF BOCC WORKSHOP

Pursuant to Section 286.011(8), F.S., notice is hereby given that the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners will meet on March 4th, 2021 to conduct a continuation of the workshop discussion from February 18th, 2021 on Future Plans for the Solid Waste Franchise.

The meeting will be held at the Courthouse Annex located at 435 W Walnut St., Monticello, FL 32344 at 5:00 p.m. A Zoom link option will become available at a later date. Please check the County webpage for more details, [jeffersoncountyfl.gov](http://jeffersoncountyfl.gov). The meeting may be continued as necessary.  
**Members of the public are encouraged to attend.**

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.  
02/24

### NOTICE OF MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

The Monticello City Council will conduct its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

At that meeting, the Council will conduct public hearings on Applications for Certificates of Appropriateness for the following properties in the City Historic District:

- 625 E. Washington Street (roof replacement / other repair)
- 215 N. Jefferson Street (removal of awning)

Due to limited space available for social distancing in the City Hall Council Chambers, the meeting is scheduled to take place at the Jefferson County Courthouse Annex located at 435 W. Walnut Street, Monticello, Florida 32344. Participants and attendees will be required to wear face masks per City Resolution 2020-08 and maintain social distancing at all times while entering and in the building.

Due to the ongoing COVID19 pandemic, all in-person or virtual city meetings are subject to short-notice cancellation, change of format, and continuation. Updated meeting information will be available by calling City Hall at 850-342-0292 or on the city's website at [www.cityofmonticello.us](http://www.cityofmonticello.us).

Copies of the agenda and packet material will be available online at [www.cityofmonticello.us](http://www.cityofmonticello.us) or by contacting the City Clerk at 850/342-0292 or at [eanderson@mymonticello.net](mailto:eanderson@mymonticello.net).

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.  
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## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURES

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

**SUSAN L. WATTS,**  
Plaintiff,  
v. **CASE # 20 CA 192**

**ESTATE OF TOMMY F. WATTS; et al.,**  
Defendants.

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, pursuant to a Consent Final Judgment on Foreclosure dated February 11, 2021, entered in Case No. 2020 CA 192 of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Jefferson County, Florida, wherein Susan L. Watts is the Plaintiff, and Estate of Tommy F. Watts; Nash Road, LLC, and all unknown parties claiming by, through, under, and against the herein named individual defendants who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said unknown parties may claim an interest as spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees or other claimants are the Defendants, the undersigned will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at \_\_\_\_\_ of the Jefferson County Courthouse, 1 Courthouse Circle, Monticello, Florida 32344, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. on April 15, 2021 the property as set forth in said Consent Final Judgment on Foreclosure described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

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

**DATED** this \_\_\_\_ day of February, 2021.

**Kirk Reams, Clerk of Courts**  
By: Sherry Sears  
Deputy Clerk

Copies: All parties of record  
Prepared by:  
Savage Law Office, PLLC  
111. Calhoun St., Tallahassee, FL 32301  
[rick@savagelawoffice.com](mailto:rick@savagelawoffice.com)

### EXHIBIT "A"

The land referred to herein below is situated in the County of Jefferson, State of Florida, and described as follows:  
COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE WEST ONE HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST, JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA, THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 660.00 FEET TO AN IRON ROD (#3223), SAID POINT BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 42 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 439.03 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (PLAIN), THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 1372.47 FEET TO AN IRON ROD (#5140), THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 27 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 593.05 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (BROKEN), THENCE RUN NORTH 88 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 48 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 24.97 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT, THENCE RUN NORTH 88 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 191.25 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 88 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 43 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 68.85 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 86 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 56.44 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 86 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 148.08 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (BROKEN), THENCE RUN SOUTH 03 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 32 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 18.19 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT ON THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF BOUNDARY OF NASH ROAD (STATE ROAD 158-B - 100 FOOT WIDE), THENCE RUN SOUTH 84 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 572.21 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT ON THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY OF U.S. HIGHWAY NO.19 (200 FOOT WIDE), THENCE RUN SOUTH 05 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 1202.13 FEET TO AN IRON ROD (#4952), THENCE LEAVING SAID WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY RUN SOUTH 84 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 49 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 29.93 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (#5140), THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 02 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 30.05 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (#5140), THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 467.98 FEET TO AN IRON ROD (#6546), THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 27 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 648.21 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.  
02/17, 02/24