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Madison, Florida

Greenville Woman Killed

By Jacob Bemby
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A Greenville woman was killed on Tuesday evening, Sept. 8, on County Road 150, two miles north of U.S. 90.

According to a Florida Highway Patrol report, Latoya Renee Harville, 22, of Greenville, was traveling north on CR 150 when she lost control of the vehicle.

The 2004 Chevrolet four-door traveled onto the west shoulder of CR 150, rotated counterclockwise, and overturned twice.

The vehicle then struck a fence and a tree.

The driver was ejected from the vehicle.

Harville was pronounced



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Emerald Greene, September 8, 2009

dead at the scene.

The Madison County Sheriff's Office, Hamburg-Lovett Volunteer Fire Department and

Greenville Volunteer Fire Department assisted at the scene.

FHP Trooper J.T. Leohner was the investigating officer.

Travis Gallon Needs Your Help

By Bryant Thigpen
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It has been proven that life can change in a split second, and it did for the Gallon family. Young and healthy Travis Gallon was living in Gainesville and during the weekend of the Fourth of July, when his residence was invaded. Travis was shot in the face.

Because of the impact the bullet made to Gallon's face, doctors said that Travis will be permanently blind. This has turned the world of his family around. Travis is now living in Madison with his parents, Wesley and Tommie Gallon, who take care of him.

Travis' mother, Tommie, is not able to work due to having to care for Travis, and it has made things extremely tough for the family.

With trips back and forth to Gainesville, the family is in need of financial assistance to get Travis back and forth to doctors.

To donate gas cards, money, or assistance, please call (850) 948-8224. Readers are encouraged to step up to the plate and help the Gallon family.



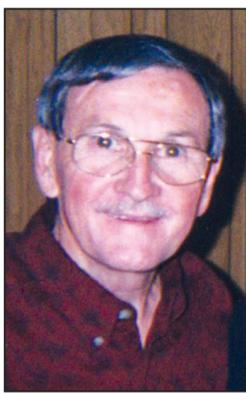
Madison Board Approves Proposed Budget And Millage Rate

By Ginger Jarvis
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The Madison City Commissioners have approved a \$7,761,129 budget for 2009-2010. City Manager Harold Emrich presented the budget for its first reading and public hearing at the board's regular meeting on Sept. 8; hearing no questions or public comment, Commissioners Judy Townsend and Jim Catron moved to accept the first reading. The budget will be considered for final approval at a special meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 22, at 5:30 p.m.

The board also approved a tax rate of 6.0484 mills for the next fiscal year. This will also receive final consideration on Sept. 22. The meeting is open to the public.

In other business, the board discussed appointments to the city's new Code Enforcement Board. Emrich, referring to the ordinance establishing the board, explained that the board should consist of five to seven members, that those members should live within the city limits, and that they should include an architect, an engineer, a contractor, a sub-contractor, a busi-



Jim Stanley

nessperson and a realtor, if possible. Commissioners submitted four names of prospective members, but did not make them public.

After some discussion, the board decided to ask those four and other potential members to meet with Emrich and City Attorney Clay Schmitker within the next two weeks to fully understand the duties and responsibilities of the Code Enforcement Board. The commissioners will decide on the size of the board and appoint its members at the special meeting on Sept. 22.

One agenda item was the brainchild of Mayor Jim Stanley. He suggested that the commissioners set some guidelines to allow them to choose local business bids for some materials, even if other bids are lower. The commissioners discussed whether they should set a three percent or five percent difference in bids, and what parameters would establish a business as local. They decided to bring definite ideas to the Oct. 13 meeting for action.

Meeting To Be Held To Review Assistance For April Flood Victims

Madison County Emergency Management, along with The Florida State Division of Emergency Management (FDEM), is pleased to announce an open meeting for the public to review and discuss potential assistance programs for victims of the severe flooding of April 2009. Some of the programs that will be discussed are the "Flood Mitigation Assistance Program," the "Hazard Mitigation Grant Program" and the Repetitive Flood Claims and Severe Repetitive Loss programs. All programs have guidelines and eligibility requirements.

The meeting will be held Friday, September 11, at 1 p.m. at the Madison County Emergency Operations Center, 1083 SW Harvey Greene Drive, in Madison.

Bern And Jan Smith Re-Certified As Forest Stewards

Burning Issues Discussion Session Set For Tuesday

Since 1985, Bern and Jan Smith (and son, Mack) have partnered to continuously improve their Sunset Hills Farm property here in Madison County - and they've succeeded admirably. Using a combination of available resources from a diversity of sources over the years, but mostly their own hard work, the couple has created an example of what can be done with perseverance, diligence, and assistance from many willing collaborators.

In recognition of their efforts and successes, and to give others interested in following their example an opportunity to meet, interact, and learn from the Smiths and many of their collaborators, the University of Florida's IFAS Extension office has scheduled a Forest Stewardship tour of some of the highlights of the Smith's property.

The tour is scheduled to occur on Tuesday, September 15, at the Smiths' Sunset Hills Farm at 845 NE Rocky Springs Church Road, Madison, Florida 32340. It will begin at 9 am with a complimentary lunch to be served at noon, courtesy of several sponsors of the event.

The Florida Forest Stewardship Program is a voluntary program begun in 1990 for landowners who own at least 20 acres of forestland and are interested in multiple land use

objectives. It requires no contractual obligations from participating landowners; provides a detailed, written management plan; and ongoing as-needed assistance with specific management practices.

Once certified, Forest Stewards also receive a sign for their property, a plaque, and local publicity (if desired). The Smiths are being re-certified again this year - for the second time. A small awards presentation will be made to recognize this event during the tour.

Madison County has a long history of participation in the Forest Stewardship Program and one of the highest participation rates in the State. The county recently surpassed 100,000 acres enrolled in Madison County. If you'd like to see if your property qualifies for the Forest Stewardship Program (or need any other assistance related to managing your Madison County timberland), contact the Madison County Forester by phoning 850.973.5115, emailing to flem-inj@doacs.state.fl.us, or visiting the Division of Forestry's excellent web-site at fl-dof.com.

To sign up to participate in the September 15 tour of the Smiths' Sunset Hills Farm property, call the Madison Extension office at 850.973.4138. Space is limited, so enroll early.

Lee Library Committee Still Seeking Funds

By Jacob Bemby
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The Lee Library Committee has already seen an influx of \$23,755. The funds will go towards furnishing the new library, being constructed just off Highway 90, next to Lee Elementary School, in Lee.

"That is a conservative figure," Danny Hales, Suwannee River Regional Library Director said, since the committee has not heard from some people on their pledges.

The committee decided to do a bulk mailing of a one-page condensed request form,

composed of some of the intro letter and a simplified version of the donation form that they are currently using.

Frank Mercer and Cheryl Archambault are working on getting the forms taken care of. If you can help, call Lee City Hall at (850) 971-5867.

The committee is going to be ordering about \$8,000 worth of wood, laminate, glue, saw blades, sandpaper and other items. The Hamilton County Correctional Institution's carpentry program will use these items. Kenny Hall is the supervisor of the carpentry program.

Hales urges that everyone who pledges send in their donations.

"Although fundraising will continue past the end of September, we do need a good picture of how many dollars we will have by very early October," Hales said.

If more forms are needed for donations, they can be picked up at the Lee, Greenville or Madison libraries or printed out online at www.neflin.org/srri/lee1.htm.

The Kiwanis has extended their drawing for the Lee Library, due to **Please see Library, Page 4A**

MCHS Bands To Host Fundraiser

By Bryant Thigpen
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The Madison County High School Band program has just begun their first fundraiser for the 2009-10 school year. The band is offering a smoked boston butt roast for \$25 each. The pick up date for each order is set for Monday, October 5, from 3-6 p.m. in the band room.

The band, under the direction of Geoff Hill, has an extensive travel

schedule, with performances in Tallahassee, Orlando and Kissimmee, as well as local concerts and events. The money raised from the fundraiser goes to help the band maintain instruments, cover monthly expenses, and also cover traveling expenses to games and competitions.

Any reader interested in supporting the band through this fundraiser is encouraged to call (850) 973-5061, ext. 240, to place an order.

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Mostly cloudy...isolated thunderstorms developing during the afternoon.



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Scattered thunderstorms possible.



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Jacob's Ladder
Jacob Bemby
Columnist

Five Smooth Stones

Then he took his staff in his hand; and he chose for himself five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag, in a pouch which he had, and his sling was in his hand. And he drew near to the Philistine. 1 Samuel 17:40 (New King James Version)

I know what you're probably thinking: "Jacob has written a lot about stones lately. Does he have rocks in his head?" The answer would be "No. I don't think so, but I have found a lot of lessons to be learned from stones."

One might have thought when David fought Goliath that he had rocks in his head, but I beg to differ. David was astute and observant and David had done his homework. He KNEW that with his faith in God, he could do anything, but he also took precautions. Such was the case with the five stones.

Why did he pick up the five stones when it only took one to knock Goliath down? Wasn't he faithful enough to believe that God would help him?

Yes, he was but David also knew to be prepared. He had probably studied how the Philistines fought and knew that when one person was killed, another member of their family would probably step up to exact revenge. In 2 Samuel 21: 19-22, we learn about Goliath's brothers. They were not only brothers - they were also GIANTS just like Goliath.

David had earlier tried Saul's armor, but Saul's armor was too heavy and too uncomfortable for him, so he took what he was comfortable with. He took his sling, his staff and those five smooth stones.

Approaching the giant, David let one of the rocks fly and Goliath crumpled to the ground. Running forward, David took the sword from the giant and cut Goliath's head off. All around him, the other Philistines ran. I like to think that they were saying, "Oh, no, he's got five more stones left. Get outta here."

I wish that I had rocks in my hand like David, the boy who would be king, and I wish that I had the faith that he possessed. May God bless you all, in Jesus' name.

Well, most of the nation was in turmoil about Obama's "brain-washing" speech to our children, as was I... and this will flabbergast most of you... but I liked his speech. It was instructive, yet forceful, and full of good advice. I will, however, say that I do not in any way believe that was the first one written. I think it was changed some... maybe a lot... after all the flak he took. I was, at first, not going to allow my boys to be "forced" to listen to it, then write an essay and a letter to pledge allegiance to Obama like it was rumored to be done. After reading the "new" speech on Monday I figured coming from the President they may listen. (I have a fifteen year old that won't do his homework!) But he has my full agreement on what he did say and he gained two points on my scale. I thought of an old saying, most of you will agree... "When I was six my father was the smartest man on earth. When I was sixteen he didn't know squat. When I was 26 he was the smartest man on earth, and gets smarter every day".

I remember... (I'm telling my age)... when we had only two channels on TV... one was fuzzy... so if the President was on you were basically screwed. No Hawaii 5-0! I remember sitting in class and watching a fuzzy picture of a man walking on the moon. I have no problem with Obama telling my boys to do their homework... I'm tired of saying it. But I am leery of anyone preaching political views or trying to indoctrinate them with a political agenda or socialist ideas. But this he did not... for now anyway.

If any of you have seen "Ride with the Devil" it has a particular insightful piece when the soldiers were eating dinner at "the big house." It was never that I knew to be in the box office but included some big names, like Tobey Maguire, Jewel, and others. It was produced by Ang Lee, incidentally not an American native, which made it all more poignant when it was said. The character played by Tobey Maguire, who was fighting for the Confederacy, was asked, "How are you boys doing?" He replied that Robert E. Lee was winning in the North and General Forrest was winning in Tennessee. He said, "I think we will win this war". (Quotes only from memory) It was said to him, "Son, you have already lost." He replied again how Lee was winning and so was Forrest. He was asked, "Did you hear what happened in Kansas last week? They built a public school house. Now they can teach the children what they want them to

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learn. Now the cause for which you fight is already lost". And it took someone from another country to put it in a movie... so much for our Hollywood "heros".

The new word of the last two weeks is "trigger" (from the "Obama-aid health plan). So here's the "trigger"... You've seen in the last few papers and news about the ban on prayers in schools, the principals fired for praying, the coaches ordered NOT to pray, here in Madison, there is a whine about firing the coaches because there was prayer at Friday's game (not led by them but by the fans), a music and dance teacher in California, Kathy Villalobos, fired because she played a baroque piece by Johann Sebastian Bach, "Dona Nobis Pacem," which is sung in Latin, or, "O Si Funi Mungu," which is sung in Swahili, which is translated as "Praise God". Before her being fired she had a flawless record, but once playing a masterpiece by Bach, that referred to God, she was fired. BUT... on Tuesday... our President, at the end of his speech, says, "God bless you, and God bless America". I was so glad to hear our Muslim president say that, whether he meant it or not, the children heard it. BUT... if all the coaches and teachers got fired because it was public school, but our kids were "forced" to watch his speech at public school, then was it not a school function??? Why is Obama not getting fired? I'm not requesting it...just asking is he going to back the hardworking school teachers and coaches that did the same thing? I'm glad he said it... but what about them, the ones that took care of our kids till the ACLU and other Nazis said we can't pray? Will he step up and support our Constitution that states "Freedom of Religion"? You elected him... he swore to protect the Constitution... will he come to the aid of those teachers now that he has done the same thing??? Think about it.....

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Town of Lee has tentatively adopted a BUDGET FOR 2009/2010. A public hearing to make a FINAL DECISION on the budget AND TAXES will be held on:

Date: **September 15, 2009**
Time: **7 p.m.**
Place: **Lee City Hall**
286 NE County Road 255 • Lee, Florida
Town: **Town of Lee**

A FINAL DECISION on the proposed tax increase and the budget will be made at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Town of Lee - Fiscal Year 2009/2010

Millage Per \$1,000
General Fund 6.38

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND	ENTERPRISE FUND	TOTAL BUDGET
CASH BROUGHT FORWARD	\$ 0.		\$ 0.	\$ 0.	\$ 0.
ESTIMATED REVENUES:					
AD VALOREM TAXES:	\$47,000.	MILLAGE PER \$1000. (6.38)			\$ 47,000.
EST/REV/CHARGE FOR SERVICES		\$ 28,386.		\$ 95,808.	\$ 124,194.
INTERGOVERNMENTAL FUND	\$ 0.	\$4,200,000.			\$4,200,000.
OTHER TAXES	\$ 77,304.				\$ 77,304.
LICENSES PERMITS	\$ 2,135.				\$ 2,135.
FRANCHISE FEES	\$ 18,132.				\$ 18,132.
INTEREST EARNED	\$ 500.				\$ 500.
OTHER REVENUE	\$ 16,250.				\$ 16,250.
TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	\$161,321.	\$4,228,386.	\$ 0.	\$ 95,808.	\$4,485,515.
RESERVES	\$ 69,908.	\$ 11,493.		\$239,667.	\$ 321,068.
TOTAL ESTIMATED REV/BALANCES	\$231,229.	\$4,239,879.	\$ 0.	\$335,475.	\$4,806,583.

EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES					
STREET DEPT.	\$ 40,716.				\$ 40,716.
F & A	\$117,505.			\$ 95,808.	\$ 213,313.
HUMAN SERVICES	\$ 2,500.				\$ 2,500.
DEBT SERVICES			\$ 0.		\$ 0.
PHYSICAL/ENVIRONMENT	\$ 600.	\$4,228,386.			\$4,228,986.
TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES	\$161,321.	\$4,228,386.	\$ 0.	\$ 95,808.	\$4,485,515.
RESERVES	\$ 69,908.	\$11,493.	\$ 0.	\$239,667.	\$ 321,068.
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES	\$231,229.	\$4,239,879.	\$ 0.	\$ 335,475.	\$4,806,583.

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**Madison County
Extension Service**

Diann Douglas
Guest Columnist



Learn About Food Safety

September is National Food Safety Month, a national campaign of the Partnership for Food Safety Education aimed at teaching consumers about safe food handling. I find in my experience food safety is a difficult topic to get people excited about. Often you can't see, taste or smell the bacteria that cause what we commonly call food poisoning. There are many different invisible germs that cause different illnesses that most people dismiss as a 24 hour bug.

During National Food Safety Month, USDA and the Partnership for Food Safety Education follow the four steps of food preparation to prevent food-borne illness in your home.

- **Clean everything!** -- Cleanliness is a major factor in preventing food-borne illness. Anything that touches food should be clean. Wash your hands, often; before you prepare food and after you contact raw meat, poultry, seafood and eggs. If you answer the phone, help your child with homework or pet the dog, wash your hands before you resume cooking. Make sure countertops, utensils, and all food preparation surfaces are frequently cleaned.

- **Keep Foods Separate** -- The concern here is cross-contamination. Harmful bacteria from raw meats poultry and fish can be left on cutting boards and utensils then transferred to other foods. For example, you cut up raw poultry and then slice vegetables for a salad without washing the cutting board. You have contaminated the salad with bacteria that can cause illness.

- **Use a food thermometer** -- You can't tell food is cooked safely by a visual check. A food thermometer allows you to determine the internal temperature of a food which will determine if the food is completely cooked. Harmful bacteria, like Salmonella or E coli are destroyed at certain temperatures and there are different recommended temperature for different food. USDA recommends steaks and roasts and fish be cooked to an internal temperature of 145°F, pork and ground beef and egg dishes to 160°F, chicken breast to 170°F and whole poultry to 180°F.

- **Use the 2 hour rule** -- Chill leftovers within two hours of cooking. Leaving food on the counter until it reaches room temperature is not a recommended practice. Most people are under the false impression that food needs to be at room temperature before it is put into the refrigerator, but that is not the case. The Danger Zone -- temperatures between 40° and 140° F, is unsafe because harmful bacteria grow rapidly. Food left to cool on the countertop is in this temperature range for a long time!

A large quantity of food, like soup or a casserole should be stored in several smaller containers and placed in different areas of the refrigerator to promote rapid cooling. Placing a large container of hot food or stacking several smaller containers on top of each other in the refrigerator will slow the cooling process. This also keeps food in the danger zone for an extended period of time, increasing the growth of bacteria.

Following the four recommendations offered by the National Food Safety Education Partnership will help

you keep your food safe to eat and drastically reduce your family's risk of food-borne illness. For more information on food safety contact the Madison County Extension Service.

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Agner - Carpenter To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. David Melvin Agner, Sr., of Lee, are pleased to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, NoraBeth RoseMarie Agner, to Buck Mitchell Carpenter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Mitchell Carpenter, Sr., of Greenville.



NoraBeth is the granddaughter of Rev. and Mrs. James Carroll Agner, Sr. and the late Mr. and Mrs. William M. Sobol, of Lee. She is a 2007 graduate of Madison County High School and is employed by Dawn's Kinder Academy as a certified childcare provider.

Buck is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Burton Melvin Carpenter of Lecanto, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Grumbling of Inverness.

Buck graduated from Tallahassee Community College in 2008 with an Associate of Arts Degree. He is employed by Richard Cone Farms.

NoraBeth and Buck will marry on Saturday, September 19, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. at Landmark Baptist Church, located on U.S. Hwy. 90 West, in Madison.

The reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Friends and family are invited to share in this celebration.



I'd like to dedicate this column to one whom I consider to be the best man in Madison County and we have an unusual number of those.

Rev. Richard Quack-enbush is undoubtedly, in my opinion, a nonpareil: not only in his chosen field but in all others in which he is involved and they are indeed manifold.

Even though his health problems would floor most of us, he always has time to listen to all who need to discuss theirs and ask for guidance. Before he was sent as pastor to Lee Methodist Church, many others came before him: however, most served a set time and were sent elsewhere. But, I'm sure not only his parishioners, but the Lee Community residents added their voices in asking that he be allowed to stay, including the Lee Volunteer Fire Dept. of which he is not only a member but the department's Chaplain.

I, myself have more than once been the recipient of his guidance and help: it makes no difference to Rich - a name everyone affectionately uses - that I am of the Baptist faith. One night, several years ago, I dialed 911 (my heart was racing) and Rich was the first one at my door. There was a time when we were both on the Lee Town Council.

When my health caused me to stop going to church, my church after one visit - never came to see me. The one time the pastor and a



Ramblings
Thelma Thompson
Guest Columnist

The Best Neighbor In The Neighborhood

deacon stopped by, I was at a council meeting so they came back the next Tuesday evening and I could barely get them inside the door. I offered them a seat. They said "No, Thanks, we're fine," and shortly thereafter left without even mentioning having prayer. I've never heard from them since.

But if I call Rich for anything, he asks, "Can we have prayer?" That's what I feel is not only a good neighbor but one who is doing what the Lord sent him to do - "doing unto others." I'm sure he is not doing any of it for "show" either, but he does have a beautiful singing voice! Another talent. Wishing you "just a few more steps,"

Rich!

Last week, I wrote "Welcome back, William Greene - I've really missed you," but the end of my column was edited out-I hope it makes it this time. His column and those of Emerald's

really made my week.

Thanks to both for expressing my own feelings so well. With evil so wildly rampant throughout the world, how can anyone justify leaving God and prayer out of everyday life?

Just a Few More Steps

Many long steps I've traveled
Over this earthly road
Many long years of happiness
Given to me by God
Perhaps the not deservedly
I thank Him just the same
And ask, "Just a few more steps, Lord,
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Around Madison County

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Way Back When...

September 9, 1949

Arnie Tate led all other E-R newsboys in street sales of this newspaper last week. Following is the list of salesmen and the number of copies each sold: Arnie Tate, 25; John Havron, 24; Wayne Coody, 21; Terry Wells, 20; Stompy Naughton, 13; Freddie Burnett, 18; Gary Rowell, 18; James Kearse, 17; Nat Norfleet, 15; Bobbie Rye, 13; Ben Wells, 13; Marvin Edmiston, 12; June Bug, 11; Rhett Craig, 10; Pat Buie, 9; Jimmy Busby, 6; Isaiah Span, 3; Calvin Bodenstein, 2; Jeffery Jacobs, 1; Lawrence Rowell, 1; and Lorenzo Davis, 1.

The Beers-Barnes Circus, which will show in Greenville this Saturday, writes this paper that they have Congo Alice, largest performing elephant on the road this year, with them.

The Madison Lions softball team defeated the Madison Rotary team Tuesday with about 15 runs to spare.

Miss Betty Sue McCullough left Saturday for Cleveland, Tenn., where she is a student at Lee College.

September 11, 1959

Carl Bevis has bought John Henry Plant's grocery on South Duval Street and is now in charge of same.

Coach Dick Brown of Madison High School gave a rundown on the school's football team at the Lions Club meeting Tuesday. He reported 59 members of the squad and said they showed the best attitudes of the teams he had coached here, though not the greatest speed or size.

Mike, Maurice and Diane Register were visiting their grandmother Saturday in Greenville.

Playing at the Madison Drive-In next Sun-

day and Monday, No Time for Sergeants, starring Andy Griffith and Nick Adams.

September 12, 1969

A surprise birthday party was held for North Florida Junior College President and Mrs. Marshall Hamilton. It was given by their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hoffman, of Brooksville, on Sunday in the Student Center of NFJC.

Winn-Dixie price check: Steak, \$1.19 a pound; fryers, 33 cents a pound; chuck roast, 59 cents a pound; and Maxwell House coffee, 59 cents a pound.

Mr. George Motz of Atlanta, Ga. visited his aunt, Mrs. Fred Hardee, at the Happy Rest Home last week.

A revival is in progress this week at New Home Baptist Church, Wednesday through Sunday. Dinner on the grounds Sunday in connection with Tuten family reunion.

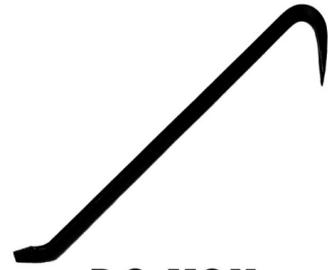
September 14, 1979

Roy Pinson had a leg broken in two places when hit by a car which didn't stop. He is in a Gainesville hospital. He lay by the side of the road overnight.

Johnny Wright, 21, died in a fire that destroyed his small home in the Conway Quarters early Saturday. Damages were about \$21,000. The fire might have been started by a burning cigarette, officials said.

South Georgia Medical Center in Valdosta, Ga. lists the following baby born on August 18, 1979: Harrison Grady Guess to Gene and Ramona Guess, Madison, Fla.

Friday night, the ACA Warriors play host to their district foe, the Greenville Pirates. Clarence Demps, Rocky Kinsey and Greg Bruton are among the stars for the Pirates.



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Obituary

Richard Wayne Collis, Sr.

Mr. Richard Wayne Collis, Sr., age 62, died Monday, Sept. 7, 2009, at his home in Lee.

Graveside funeral services will be held Friday, Sept. 11, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Midway Cemetery, Lee. The family received friends Thursday, Sept. 10, 2009, from 6-9 p.m. at Beggs Funeral Home.

Mr. Collis was born in Atlanta, Ga. on June 30, 1947 and lived in Tampa 36 years where he was an installer for G.T.E./Verizon Telephone Co. before he retired to Lee in 2003. He loved to read, collect antiques, collect stamps, watch movies and he restored the house he lived in.

He is survived by his wife, Gloria Collis of Lee; three sons, Richard Wayne Collis, Jr. and (Stephanie) of Lincoln, Neb., Lloyd Collis II of Birmingham, Ala., and John Wesley Collis of Lee; one daughter, Ashley Jordan Collis of Lee; one brother, Ronald Vinclé Collis, of Cartersville, Ga.; three sisters, Joyce Starling of Mayo, Kathleen Albritton of Lee and Christine Brooks of West Va.; four grandchildren: Pamela Collis, Christopher Collis, Maria Collis and Alexander Collis; one great-grandchild; and several nieces, nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.



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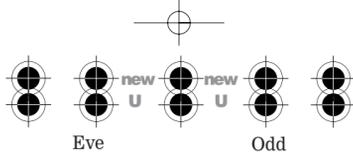
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Around Madison County

Friday, September 11, 2009

How I Spent My Labor Day Weekend

A review of *Return to Sawyerton Springs* by Andy Andrews

By Jacob Bemby
Greene Publishing, Inc.

I never get to go anywhere, but over the Labor Day Weekend, I returned to a small town in Alabama near Foley and Dothan called Sawyerton Springs. I returned, although I had never been there in my entire life.

I got to do some interesting things over the weekend. On Friday night, I slept in a haunted house. Well, I intended to sleep in there until someone began telling the story "Who Stole My Golden Arm?" and gave reports about how an ax murder had occurred in the attic of the house years earlier.

I met the beautiful high school English teacher, Miss Wheeler. I hope she doesn't find out that I was one of the people who helped the guys climb to the top of the flagpole and drop old car tires over it.

One of the funniest things I saw was a baseball practice. The coach pronounced his "L's" like "R's" and he kept trying to explain that is was not the fault of a boy who had to go play for another team. The team tried to stifle their laughter about the coach's speech impediment and began crying. He then began crying, telling them it was not their fault, either.

Probably the highlight of my Labor Day Weekend, if you believe it or not, was a funeral. It was just not any funeral but the biggest funeral ever held in Sawyerton Springs. It was held for the town's biggest Elvis Presley fan, who was 94-year-old Michael Ted Williams. Mr. Michael Ted had his hair dyed jet black and wore a gold tuxedo. The singer who sang at the funeral sang, "You Aren't Anything But a Hounddog," because (as she put it) using improper grammar in church was not right. When she got through, she said, "Thank you. Thank you very much." As the casket was rolled out of the church, the preacher told everyone that they could go home because "Michael Ted has left the building."

I hope teachers will be able to read this report about my Labor Day Weekend to their classes, because, as you see, my trip to Sawyerton Springs was taken through the magic of a book written by Andy Andrews, a motivational speaker and author: Mark Lowry, a Christian comedian, has deservedly called Andrews "America's best storyteller since Mark Twain."

Return to Sawyerton Springs is available at any major bookstore or online at www.amazon.com. Take a trip to a small town in Alabama, that will remind you of Madison or Lee or Pinetta or Greenville, or any other small town where you have lived. It is definitely worth the \$19.99 price.

Workforce Mobile Unit Now Serving Greenville

By Michael Curtis
Greene Publishing, Inc.

According to a recent press release, Workforce, which is headquartered in Madison, has announced the addition of the Town of Greenville to its Mobile Services schedule. Beginning Sept. 28, the Mobile Career Lab will be near 1623 SW Main Street (City Hall) in Greenville, and will return on the fourth Monday of each month thereafter.

The mobile units feature the same state-of-the-art technology available in the Workforce Service Center. Jobseekers will be able to perform critical employment tasks, such as building a resume, as well as conduct job searches, and submit online applications. Until recently, these mobile units served the other five North Florida Workforce counties: Suwannee, Taylor, Hamilton, Lafayette and Jefferson.

In addition to job search and resume assistance, the Mobile Career Lab offers career consulting, labor market information, assessments and much more. Representatives will also be available to refer users to educational and training opportunities. The range of services - including resources to support retraining and obtain professional certifications - is very impressive and remains an extremely valuable service to all jobseekers in the region.

The Mobile Career Lab is open to the public from 9 a.m. until noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, please call (850) 973-WORK (9675), or toll-free at (866) 212-9618.

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The Madison Garden Club Grows



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The Garden Club was excited to welcome new guests and members at the September monthly meeting. Pictured left to right are: Jean Brandies, Leslie Joiner, Elizabeth Sullivan, Carolyn Rowe, Teresa Rutherford, Jennifer Funk, Jewell Gossett, and Eula Donaldson.

By Bryant Thigpen
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The Madison Garden Club met at the Woman's Club on Thursday, September 10, at 11:30 a.m. The meeting came to order with a warm welcome by club president Dolly Ballard.

A spiritual devotion was presented by Chaplain Inda Tiney before the pledge of allegiance was said. The next item of business was the introduction of guests, as well as the welcome of nine new members. Joining the Garden Club are: Jean Brandies, Jackie Johnson, Carolyn Rowe, Leslie Joiner, Frances Sanders, Elizabeth Sullivan, Betty Williams, Teresa Rutherford and Eula Donaldson. The guests for the meeting were Jewell Gossett and Jennifer Funk.

The special guest speaker for the meeting, 15-year-old Kelsey Varn, was up next. She gave a presentation on, "What does a bee do with its life?" At the age of 15, Varn captured the

heart of the audience with a stellar performance that has made her a recipient of the first place award at a speech competition. Varn was well received, as many of the club members made it a point to congratulate her and offer a pat on the back for a job well done. Please visit www.greenepublishing.com for a preview video of the speech.

After the presentation by Varn, it was time to break for lunch. Club members and guests joined in prayer before enjoying a catered meal by Shelby's Restaurant. The meal included ham, green beans, sweet potatoes, biscuit or corn bread, sweet tea and desert.

Following the delicious meal, it was time to move forward and discuss business, which began with recognizing birthdays. President Dolly Ballard went down the list and discussed upcoming events for the Garden Club. On Thursday, October 8, the Garden Club will be joining with the Woman's Club

for the annual meeting. The District Three Meeting will be held at the Church of God in Live Oak on Friday, October 9. The Garden Club will also be taking advantage of the Farmer's and Friends Festival held downtown Madison on Saturday, October 31. The club will have a plant sale and bazaar to help raise funds for the club's activities.

An exciting event is scheduled for January 21, 2010, as the club will celebrate its 60th anniversary. Planning for this event is underway to make it an exciting and memorable event.

The club also discussed the plans for the Christmas at the Mansion, the sale of calendars, as well as heard announcements from the floor.

The final activity for the meeting was a drawing for door prizes, which is also used as a fundraiser for the club.

A successful meeting was adjourned, and club members await for the next Garden Club gathering.

Local Woman Donates Hair To Locks Of Love

By Jacob Bemby
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Malisa Kent, of Madison, made a gracious donation to Locks of Love when she had a tremendous portion of her flowing blonde hair cut off. Locks of Love has wigs made out of hair that is donated to them.

Kent's hair was estimated to be three-feet long before it was cut.

Janice Lookabill, of Roebuck Beauty and Barber Shop, was awestruck by Kent's long hair.

"I have never cut anyone's hair that is so long," she said.

Kent, who is the mother of one boy and an expectant mother of another child, said that she had contemplated donating her hair to Locks of Love before her first child was born.

According to the Locks of Love mission statement: "Our



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Malisa Kent, left, and Janice Lookabill, right, who did the haircut, hold the part of Kent's hair which was cut for Locks of Live.

mission is to return a sense of self, confidence and normalcy to children suffering from hair loss by utilizing donated ponytails to provide the highest quality hair prosthetics to financially disadvantaged children. The children receive hair prostheses free of charge, or on a sliding scale, based on financial need."

Donors should be able to donate at least 10 inches of hair for Locks of Love.

After Kent's hair was cut (well above the 10-inch mark), it still reached her shoulders.

Information about Locks of Love can be found at www.locksoflove.org.

See the video of Kent having her hair cut at www.greenepublishing.com.



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Malisa Kent's hair measured approximately 36 inches before it was cut.



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Grandparents are SPECIAL

Memories Of My Grandparents

By Jacob Bemby
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Grandparent's Day will be this Sunday, Sept. 13. This writer would like to share some personal observations on his grandparents:

I never knew my paternal grandfather. He died nine years before I was born. My only association with him is through the bloodline and my only familiarity with him is through photographs I have of him and stories that my father and his brothers and sisters have shared. When I see photos of him, I see glimpses of my own father and my brother, Danny. I proudly bear his first name, Eugene, as my middle name and family member's call me by the name he was called "Gene."

My paternal grandmother, Iduma Conine Be-

mby, I remember very well. When I was small, she had traces of brown hair, still in her head, but as I got older, it went totally white. She wore false teeth, but before she got them, I remember her teasing me that she wanted me to make her a set of false teeth out of wood, like George Washington had. Sometimes, she would come and stay with us for a while. Most of the time, she would stay with my Aunt Nina and her family. I was going to Florida State University in 1987 when she died over the Valentine's Day weekend. I told my sister, Abbie, that we would never see "Mammaw" (as she was called because when I was little I couldn't pronounce "grandma") again. Abbie, (who would talk more at the time than she does now) after returning from visitation at the funeral home, told me, "I saw Mammaw." I asked her if she saw "Maw Maw" (our great grandmother Linton) and she told me, "No. I saw Mammaw." I learned to never tell Abbie anything that I couldn't prove again.

My grandfather Jake Sealey was one of my heroes growing up. Unfortunately, I think I inherited my bowlegs from him. I also inherited grumbling from him. It's odd that I would inherit two of the things that I find most disturbing about myself from a man that I loved so much. I remembered when he was upset, he used to go off in a huff. One day, I discovered where he was. He was at Stroupe's Store in Lee drinking an

eight-ounce Coke and waiting for things to settle down before he returned home to my Granny.

Granny Sealey was strict, but loving. She cared for her children, her grandchildren and her great-grandchildren. I always kind of suspected, however, that of me, my brothers and my sisters, that Debbie was her favorite. That was all right with me. After all, Danny was the favorite of my great-grandma Linton and my Mammaw. I loved Granny, although she was very superstitious and she used to scare me to death telling me about the time she and her parents and brother, Grason, lived in the Drew Mansion when they were children.

I miss all of my grandparents very badly. I wish that I had tape-recorded or videotaped conversations with them or at least had transcribed the conversations to paper. There are things that they told me that I wish that I could remember in detail. I encourage everyone to value the time they have with their grandparents and great-grandparents. Love them and listen to them.



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Calling All Angels

By Lea MacDonald
 SFFD-Captain-227
 "Calling All Angels! Calling All Angels!"
 Went out his thunderous plea.
 "I am thy Lord beseeching my horde to assemble in front of me!"
 In a flash the angels did dash to gather at His feet,
 And hear His plan to help all man by use of Heaven's elite.

"The Devil's made a play this September day to hurt the ones I love,
 He's loosed upon earth his demonic worth
 now push has come to shove.
 I'll not stand by and have good men die
 without awareness in their heart,
 So this day in my plan-full way a battle I'm going to start."

"Gabriel old friend to this end welcome every woman and man,
 That'll come our way this fateful day who died by Satan's hand.
 And before you go you need to know a few
 you'll bring straight to me,
 Firefighters all now standing tall known as The Three-Forty-Three."

With Gabriel gone and quiet the throng they wondered at His plan,
 To send and quell the flames of hell by use of mortal man.
 All manner of doubt filled the strongest
 and stout of Heaven's holy array,
 And fear fell upon the heavenly throng
 at the plan the Lord set this day.

"I can sense in thy heart's hesitation
 to start a battle you don't understand,
 But confused as you Satan is too and that is the heart of my plan.
 Fear yea not for what I've wrought I'll ask none here to face his fork,
 But I'll send into hell those who fell the firefighters from New York!"



Then Lord raised his staff and began to laugh in roaring thunderous glee,
 And in a booming blaze they stepped from a haze The Angelic Three-Forty-Three.
 They fell into line in very short time making perfect formations of rows,
 And the Lord caused to slip onto every man's hip a golden heavenly hose.

"The gravest mistake Satan did make when he struck down these men so brave,
 Thinking idle I'd stand not extending my hand and their souls I would not save.
 Have no fear for the men standing here the way to his place they know well,
 For verily each day they've collected their pay by stepping into hell.

These men know their task now angels I ask that you hasten straight to earth,
 Then comfort their friends when the tally begins
 and they start to question their worth.
 Console them with wings and all heavenly things
 on their shoulder your head is to rest,
 Send whispers of thanks from our heavenly ranks, say:
 'God knows you did your best.'"

Remembering 9-11

By Bryant Thigpen
 Greene Publishing, Inc.

The setting is New York City: The time, a moment that no one will ever forget. The event is one that forever changed the lives of Americans. It's remembered as 9-11.

On Tuesday, September 11, 2001, numerous suicide attacks were planned by Al-Qaeda that would include taking down the Twin Towers in New York City, as well as smashing into the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia. The fourth plane crashed in a field in Pennsylvania after it was hijacked. The crash was caused when passengers

and flight crew fought to regain control of the plane, which was headed toward Washington, D.C. All passengers aboard the four planes lost their lives, as well as many workers in the World Trade Center.

According to CNN, the number of deaths from the 9-11 attacks were 2,973.

This attack on America began a war where many American soldiers gave their life for the freedom and protection of America. Under the leadership of President George W. Bush, America conquered its values by bringing Iraq under subjection.

*Where were you when the world stopped turning that September day
 Out in the yard with your wife and children
 Working on some stage in LA
 Did you stand there in shock at the site of
 That black smoke rising against that blue sky
 Did you shout out in anger
 In fear for your neighbor
 Or did you just sit down and cry*

*Did you weep for the children
 Who lost their dear loved ones
 And pray for the ones who don't know
 Did you rejoice for the people who
 Walked from the rubble
 And sob for the ones left below*

*Did you burst out in pride
 For the red white and blue
 The heroes who died just doing what they do
 Did you look up to heaven for some kind of answer
 And look at yourself to what really matters*

*Where were you when the world stopped turning that September day
 Teaching a class full of innocent children
 Driving down some cold interstate
 Did you feel guilty cause you're a survivor
 In a crowded room did you feel alone
 Did you call up your mother and tell her you love her
 Did you dust off that bible at home
 Did you open your eyes and hope it never happened
 Close your eyes and not go to sleep
 Did you notice the sunset the first time in ages
 Speak with some stranger on the street
 Did you lay down at night and think of tomorrow
 Go out and buy you a gun
 Did you turn off that violent old movie
 you're watching
 And turn on "I Love Lucy" reruns
 Did you go to a church and hold hands
 with some stranger
 Stand in line and give your own blood
 Did you just stay home and cling tight to your family
 Thank God you had somebody to love*

*I'm just a singer of simple songs
 I'm not a real political man
 I watch CNN but I'm not sure I can tell you
 The difference in Iraq and Iran
 But I know Jesus and I talk to God
 And I remember this from when I was young
 Faith hope and love are some good things he gave us
 And the greatest is love*

Where were you when the world stopped turning that September day



Weekly ACA Fish Fry Changed To Sept. 14-Next Week

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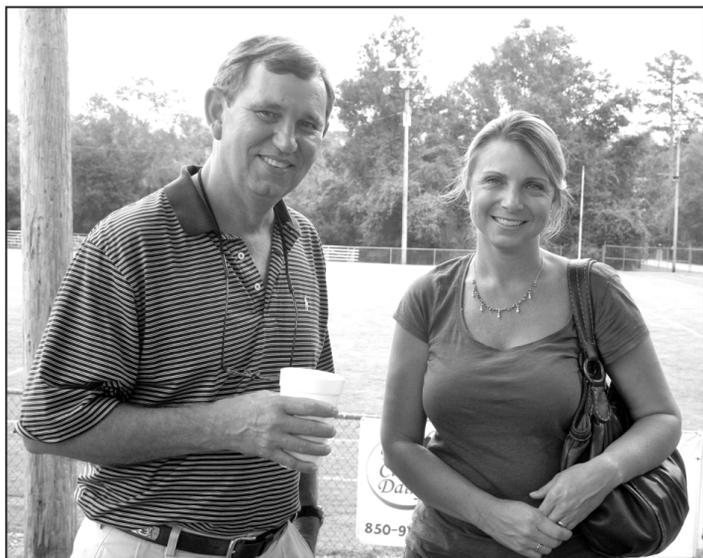
has changed to Monday next week, 6:30 p.m., September 14, outside the football field because of the junior varsity football team having a game against North Florida Christ-

ian. Patrons will have their choice of fried mullet or chicken, along with cheese grits, hush-puppies, salad, iced tea and dessert. The cost is \$8 per person, with all

proceeds going to benefit the ACA Football Boosters. Warriors' fans are urged to come out and support the team and all of their gallant efforts in representing Aucilla and Jef-

erson County. In related news, a fully cooked Boston butt fundraiser is being hosted, which will benefit the entire ACA football program. Tickets are \$25 each and can be

purchased from any Booster member or football player. The pick-up day for the butts is Friday, Sept. 18, from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. at the Aucilla football field.



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Madison veterinarian John Lewis, left, stops for a photo with Georgia Bellgarde, right, at the ACA fish fry.



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Robert Ledford, pastor of Landmark Baptist Church in Madison, is pictured with Greg and Cindy Watts at the ACA fish fry fundraiser.

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High Tech Club Prepares For Busy Year

By Bryant Thigpen
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The 2009-10 school year is promising to be a great year for the staff and members of the High Tech Club. Several events are underway in the planning stages such as conventions and more. To kickoff the year, club sponsors, Mary Coody and Mike Radel, will be taking off to Tallahassee on September 8 for annual training.

At 8 a.m. on Wednesday, September 9, Coody and Radel will join leaders from 35 other High Tech programs across the state for the conference at the Doubletree Hotel in Tallahassee. Coody will be facilitating a breakout session on Wednesday morning regarding High Tech programs and school based services. The session will end on Thursday, September 10, at 3 p.m.

The school year has officially begun, and the High Tech Club has great things in store for this year.



Photo Submitted

The MCHS High Tech Club is excited about the 2009-10 upcoming events. Pictured are Mary Coody (left), and student Aaron Gibson, who worked diligently to prepare for a canned food drive as a part of last year's community service project.

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Ke'Shauni Johnson Recognized For Reading

During the 2008-2009 school term, Ke'Shauni Johnson, a third grader in Ms. Katrina Aikens' class at Madison County Central School, earned nearly 300 points in the Accelerated Reader (A.R.) program. At the end of the year, Johnson had the highest number of points of all students in kindergarten through fifth grade.

Johnson is the daughter of Tara Oliver and they both realize the importance of reading. In school, Johnson would read book after book after she completed her class work, during her lunch hour, and after school during special A.R. reading days. In addition to those times, she would visit the Public Library to check out additional books.

Each year, Ms. Aikens encourages her students to read as many books as possible in an effort to increase both the love for reading and comprehension skills. Her third grade class read nearly 5,000 books at school and at home by keeping reading logs to track their progress.

"Reading is fundamental and it is very important that all students work hard and learn to love reading as much as Ke'Shauni does," stated Ms.



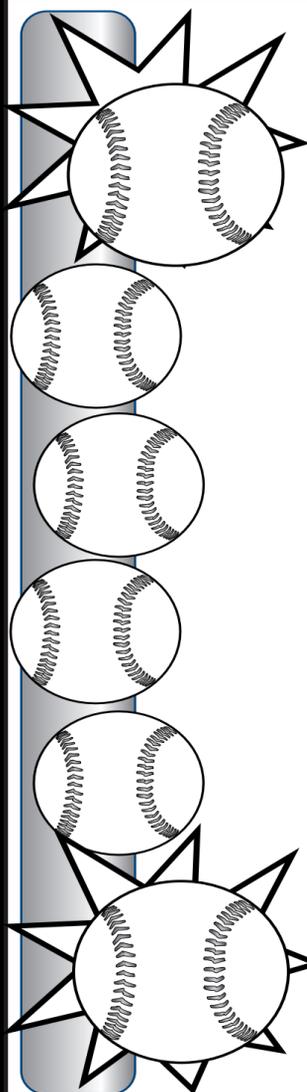
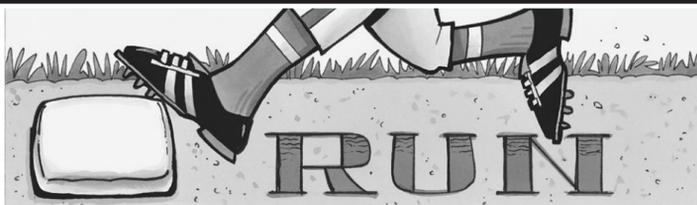
Ke'Shauni Johnson

Aikens. "I was very proud of all of my students for their efforts."

Second place readers to Johnson were her classmates Ortavious Hodge and Jaylon Reaves, earning over 200 points each. Other classmates ranged from 50 to 150 A.R. points.

As the new school year begins, Johnson also encourages other students at Madison County Central School to "Just Read, Broncos!"

Rural Baseball



From The North Florida Scene by Edwin Brown-ing, Sr.

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I hope you will travel with me today down the lanes of memory on the North Florida Scene to the glorious days of rural baseball, shortly after the turn of the century. Almost every village, hamlet and rural community had its team, at that time called "Baseball Nine." The interest, competition and enthusiasm mounted to heights immeasurable as the games were battled out on each Saturday afternoon in spring, summer and early fall.

Nearly all of the players on these superlative teams worked for five days at farming, tending store or other tending store or other pursuits and played each Saturday and holiday - particularly the Fourth of July - during the rather long baseball season. Their motivation was love of the game and the enjoyment of the fans who came in great numbers to the competitions. It would be almost impossible to estimate the influence of the players upon physical fitness, community spirit and downright clean enjoyment.

I wish that my time permitted recalling some of the titanic games on the North Florida Scene, as

well as the detail that flourished around the sport. However, I feel that I must perform another function. We wish to honor a small number of the great players of yesteryear who helped me make this section travel the glory road of rural baseball.

I apologize in advance for leaving out many noble players. But, I do wish to set up a Hall of Fame on the North Florida Scene of outstanding baseball players. If there should be a kind of "Inner Sanctum" in this roll call of the great, I would certainly nominate five players to share in this honor. Beyond all possibility of a doubt, the name of Fred Mickler will appear for this recognition. From across the county comes Jim Miller, masterly batter and all around good player. Mr. Miller, father of Albert Miller, has been called to that gentle clime of the Great Beyond. In the high company of this group, stands T.C. Merchant, Sr., able fielder, shortstop and batter. Bennie Humphrey, astute and able pitcher - who, like Mr. Miller, has been called to the Sunset Hills - was peerless on the North Florida Scene. Of more recent vintage - but with equal iron in his blood - is Gene Fisher, great southpaw hurler. Gene was selected for the majors but had an accident with his

arm. There you have the bright names of North Florida baseball: Fred Mickler, Jim Miller, T.C. Merchant, Sr., Bennie Humphrey and Eugene Fisher.

But there were others whose names glow in memory. From Greenville come Hardy and Doc Griffin, and Nick West. The village of Lovett and its locality produced the "D" Wood, Grady Blalock, just across in Georgia; and Buck Dewey. The name of Homer Lovett must appear for his sheer grit and drive. Hamburg had its giants: Willie and Bub Wilson, and Randell and Lewis Gaston.

Shady Grove, down in Taylor County, had just cause of pride in Marvin

and Gene Hendry, Riley Mattox, Reggie Mathis, Hughey Blanton and others.

Perry had the Peacock Brothers, Barney and Richmond. Back in Madison, Arch Smith, now a physician in South Florida, and Wardlaw Brinson of precious memory. Bill Feagle often ran across and helped the Madison team and was tremendously effective.

I wish you to join me in paying a tribute to the contribution of these men and their associates. They did so much to dignify manly strength, community pride, and the glory of rural life. They played for the love of the game and influenced countless lives for good. All honor to their matchless contribution.



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“Catch the Spirit”

By Lilla Howerton

Here is a verse to practice using during these challenging times and always: “Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure... If there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.” Philippians 4:8

August was a busy month at the Gathering Grounds. There were two free movie nights and more movie nights are planned for the near future. On August 23, Preston Brown, Aaron Pitts and Devin Reams preformed their first concert to about 35 people there. Don't forget to meet your friends at the Gathering Grounds Monday through Friday 9 - 4:30 and also for special events.

The HomeBuilders Bible Study will meet at the Gathering Grounds Sept. 13 from 5:30 - 7:30. They will meet there every other Sunday and you are invited to attend. Homebuilders is a small Bible Study group helping to make your family all that God intended it to be. Whether you've been married for years or are newly wed, this series will help you and your spouse discover timeless principles from God's Word that you can apply to your marriage. Learn to Master Money is the topic they will begin and books are \$8. Contact Jerry or Kim Borgert at 929-9925 for more information.

First United Methodist Church will host a Bible Bee on Saturday, Sept. 12, for our 32 registered young people from our county. We need judges and volunteers! If you can help, please call Ruth Ann Latner at 973-4650.

This Sunday, Sept. 13, is Promotion Sunday and the children who attended Vacation Bible School are invited to join our Alpha Singers sing one of the songs during the Promotion Program. The children are also invited to sing the song during the 11:00 Worship Service. Come to church this Sunday and hear our children sing. You'll be blessed.

The United Methodist Women invite you to join them on Monday, Sept.

14 at noon in the fellowship hall. Lunch will be served and an interesting program will follow.

Did you know that A Women's Pregnancy Center helps many girls in our area each year? Now we have the opportunity to help them by attending their Benefit Banquet on Tuesday, Sept. 15, at 6:00 p.m. at Divine Events. For more information, please call Debbie Hunter at 673-7551.

Our church is growing so fast that it's time to update our church directory. Pictures will be taken between Sept. 15 and Sept. 19. Dianne Sullivan is coordinating this important event, so if you're not scheduled for your picture, give Dianne a call. Susanne Griffin is our layout coordinator for activity pictures. So please contribute your pictures to this worthwhile cause.

Now that a new school year has begun, this is a perfect time to join us at First United Methodist Church for Sunday School at 9:45. There's a class just perfect for you and we have two worship services for your convenience. Our 8:30 service offers communion every Sunday and our 11:00 service has an assortment of beautiful music to prepare our hearts to receive the powerful message of our paster, Rev. Bob Laidlaw.

We're excited about the Combined United Methodist Worship Service on Sunday, Oct. 4 at the Van H. Priest Auditorium at 11am. All seven United Methodist Churches in Madison County will unite to worship together. We invite you to help us fill up the auditorium as we worship our Lord and Savior and hear our District Supertindent, Tony Fernandez, give the message. The Bethune Cookman College Inspiration Gospel Choir singers will perform for this special worship service.

As you can tell, there's enthusiasm for serving and glorifying our Lord Jesus and we want YOU to join our family of faith and “catch the spirit.”

Harmony Baptist Church

Harmony Baptist Church will hold homecoming on Sunday, Sept. 13, beginning at 10:30 a.m. There will be singing from 10:30-11:20 a.m. with Jacqueline Ratliff and Jessica Pickles. Former Pastor Larry Gandy of Moultrie, Ga. will be the guest speaker. Dinner and fellowship will follow the morning services.

Your Church Directory

Happenings At Madison First Baptist Church



By Kristin Finney

“Come now is the time to worship, come now is the time to give your heart. Come just as you are to worship.”

Sunday morning service began with Jim Carey singing a beautiful piece, the lyrics had a beautiful message reading “Whatever it takes, that's what I'll be willing to do.” This was followed by Steve Bass saying the offertory prayer. The worship choir followed his prayer by singing “Goodbye World, Goodbye.” Pastor Ferrell's message came from Acts 2 and John 14, 16. He spoke of the work of the Holy Spirit in a believers life. He stated that we are a temple of the Holy Spirit and we should be a beacon of His light.

The following events will be happening for Madison First Baptist in the coming months: September 9 began the AWANA program for the year, AWANA will continue every Wednesday at 6 p.m. There will be an Associational Sunday School Training Saturday September 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Also September 19th at 7:00p.m. There will be a time of prayer for our Fall revival which will begin August 20th.

We would like to invite you to join us for our services! Our worship schedule is as follows: Sunday school 10 a.m.-11 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Sunday Evening Worship 6-7 p.m. followed by youth dinner and fellowship until 8:00p.m. Wednesday evening services begin at 6:00p.m. for both the adults and youth and lasts until 8 p.m.

We would like to pray this week for our community as well as its leaders. This new school year has brought on many new beginnings and we pray that the leaders of our community make wise and Christ-like choices. We also would like to pray for everyone who is sick or is not feeling well, we pray that God keeps his hand over our community and keeps everyone safe.



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Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship.....5:30 p.m.
Bible Study, Wednesday.....7:30 p.m.
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First United Methodist Church

850-973-6295
Rev. Robert E. Laidlaw
Brian Sanderson, Youth Pastor
Service of Word & Table.....8:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
Wed. Jr. High Youth (grades 6-8).....5 - 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Sr. High Youth (grades 9-12).....6 - 7:30 p.m.

Midway Church of God

2485 SE Midway Church Rd., Lee, FL
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Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Children's Church &
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Family Training Hour.....7 p.m.

Unity Baptist Church

6511 NE Colin Kelly Hwy • Madison, Florida
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Dr. Murrell Bennett, Pastor
(229) 559-6417 & (850) 929-4919
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship Service.....6:00 p.m.
Youth Practice (Sunday Evening).....5:00 p.m.
Choir Practice (Sunday Evening).....7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Worship.....7:30 p.m.
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Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Pastoral Sunday (1st & 3rd Sunday).....11:00 a.m.
Youth Church(2nd Sunday).....11:00 a.m.
Pastoral Sunday (4th Sunday).....11:00 a.m.

Hopewell Baptist Church

Highway 360 • Madison, Florida
(850) 973-6076 • Pastor Preston Gainey
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training.....5:30 p.m.
Evening Worship Service.....6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Worship.....7:00 p.m.

Madison Church of God

771 NE Colin Kelly Hwy., Madison, FL.
971-5165
Rev. Doyle Glass, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Service.....7:00 p.m.

Lee First Baptist Church

Lee, Florida - Corner of CR 255 & W. 90
Sunday Services
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Sunday Bible Study.....9:45 a.m.
Discipleship Training.....6:00 p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship.....7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening:
Services Wed Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.
Team Kids.....6:30 p.m.
Children / Youth Activities.....6:30 p.m.
Adult Choir.....8:00 p.m.

Faith Baptist Church

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Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.
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Youth Groups 1st - 12th Grades.....6:30 p.m.
Choir Practice.....7:30 p.m.
Friday Men's Prayer Breakfast.....7:00 a.m.
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Morning Worship.....11:15 a.m.
Sunday Evening Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Evening Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.
Choir Practice Sun. Evening.....5:00 p.m.
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Min. James Ray.....Associate Pastor
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Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
Thursday Bible Study.....5:30 p.m.
Friday Choir Rehearsal.....7:00 p.m.
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Crist Appoints Board Members To SRWMD

Gov. Charlie Crist has appointed two board members to serve on the Suwannee River Water Management District's Governing Board.

James "Jay" Fraleigh, of Madison, and Carl Meece, of O'Brien, were appointed to serve a term that will end March 1, 2013. The appointments require confirmation by the

Florida Senate.

Both Fraleigh and Meece will serve as at large members. The two replaced John Paul "J.P." Maulsby, of Madison, and Louis C. Shiver, of Mayo.

Fraleigh has owned and operated a wholesale nursery in Madison for 10 years. He attended Lake City Community College where he re-

ceived training in landscape design and operation. Fraleigh sat on the board of directors for Madison County Farm Bureau from 2006-08 and currently serves on the Horticulture Advisory Committee for Florida Farm Bureau Federation. He is also a member of the Florida Nursery Growers and Landscape Association.

Meece retired as the vice president of advanced programs at Pratt & Whitney, a company that designs and builds aircraft engines, gas turbines and space propulsion systems. He also served as the vice president of engineering at Swagelok, a company that manufactures fluid system products. Meece attended the Uni-

versity of Florida where he earned a degree in aerospace engineering. Meece is a past member of the Society of Automotive Engineers and the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

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Fishermen Are Helping To Keep Oceans Healthy.

(NAPS)—Recreational fishermen are helping the government reel in information on the health of the ocean and its ecosystems. This role is likely to become even more important as efforts increase to restore and protect our oceans.

A new initiative, called the Marine Recreational Information Program, or MRIP, is improving the way the government estimates how many people are fishing, how often, and what's being caught.

"Catch and effort" figures, as these estimates are known, are based on information collected by anglers and voluntarily provided to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or NOAA. Getting this information as accurate as possible is essential, as they are the building blocks of ocean policy.

Anyone who has ever tried to estimate how many grains of sand make up a beach can ap-

preciate the challenge. Actually, using a combination of math and statistical sampling, scientists have come up with a way to approach the problem.

Very similar techniques are used to answer an equally complex yet far more consequential question: How many fish are there in any given area of ocean? Fishermen are the key to finding the answer. They know better than anyone what they're catching and how frequently they're out on the water.

The question itself is so important because

knowing to the best of our ability the size and health of fish stocks is the linchpin in devising policies that safeguard our oceans' many bounties—food, livelihoods, recreation, environmental benefits—for future generations.

Plus, scientists tell us that the world's oceans are in trouble. Threats from pollution, climate change and, in some cases, overfishing are putting never-before-seen pressure on fisheries.

An accurate picture is also important because sportfishing is important to so many Americans. More Americans fish in saltwater (15 million) than play tennis (10 million). And the \$30 billion generated by saltwater angling supports more than a quarter million jobs and is the economic lifeblood of many coastal communities.

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Fishing Madison County

According to GORP, a renowned national outdoors and gaming guide that can be viewed online at www.gorp.away.com, Madison County has a variety of excellent fishing sources. Several are noted to be good spots through September, so grab a pole and catch a mess while the getting is good.

Cherry Lake

Cherry Lake (479 acres) is located 10 miles north of Madison; turn right on SR 253 for approximately 1-1/2 miles. Cherry Lake has excellent bass fishing for the smaller fish; however, a few 10 pounders are caught each year. The water is clear; therefore light line is a must. The best baits are blue, green, black and purple plastic worms. The peak season is February and March.

Bluegill and redear fishing is fair with most fish being taken with live bait fished on or near the bottom. The best fishing period is May, June and July. Sunshine bass are a local favorite and are caught on live shiners, trolled spinners and deep diving lures. The peak season for sunshine is November through February.

Withlacoochee

Access is located at Blue Springs off SR 6. The river offers limited success for largemouth bass. The best baits to use are small black or purple worms fished near shoreline cover. The peak season is February through May. Redbreast sunfish are caught near fallen trees and stumps from March through September. The best baits are small spinners and live crickets.

Suwannee River

There are numerous access points. The Suwannee River offers excellent largemouth bass fishing throughout the year for small yearling-sized bass. Most fish are two pounds or less. The best baits are small float-diving type lures and purple or black plastic worms. Each of these should be fished near the shoreline and around fallen trees or stumps. Redbreast sunfish are by far the most abundant game fish in the river and are easily caught on small spinners fished near fallen trees and stumps. Another good method is to use a long limber cane pole and live crickets. The bait is fished along the shoreline as the boat drifts downstream, thus the local term of "throw fishing." The peak season is from May through September.

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The Week Of September 11 - September 17, 2009

Moon Phases:
● Full Moon: Sept. 4 ● First Qtr: Sept. 26
○ Last Qtr: Sept. 12 ● Full Moon: Oct. 4
○ New Moon: Sept. 18

Friday September 11 12:20 AM *6:30 AM 12:50 PM *7:10 PM	Saturday September 12 1:20 AM *7:30 AM 2:00 PM *8:10 PM	Sunday September 13 2:25 AM *8:30 AM 2:45 PM *9:05 PM
Monday September 14 3:20 AM *9:30 AM 3:50 PM *10:00 PM	Tuesday September 15 4:10 AM *10:20 AM 4:30 PM *10:50 PM	Wednesday September 16 5:10 AM *11:10 AM 5:20 PM *11:30 PM
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Parasites On The Sidelines: The Credit Default Swap

Imagine someone walking up to a betting window in Las Vegas and placing a bet on the likelihood of his or her neighbors defaulting on their mortgage loans. The terms of the bet are simple. The one placing the bet pays a stated amount each month and the payoff is equal to the face amount of the mortgage.

For example, suppose the bet is being placed around a \$100,000 mortgage. The one betting might pay \$200 (or more or less, whatever the agreed terms) per month and would receive \$100,000 if the mortgage holder defaults. It's that simple. But here's where simple changes to lethal.

Although this bet is tied to a specific mortgage, which is referenced on the documents for the bet, it is a completely separate transaction. It is a side bet. Of course, the entity holding the mortgage, say a bank, might offer the bet as "insurance" to another party who is buying the mortgage as an investment (mortgage originators often sell mortgages in what's called the "secondary market").

In other words, the investor buying the mortgage might take the bet to cover their exposure in case the mortgage holder defaults. If the mortgage holder

doesn't default, the investment is less profitable, but the big loss is covered. The bet actually creates extra incentive for the investor to buy the mortgage, and the overall return is still relatively good, especially for many foreign investors. Keep in mind that many of these mortgages pay high interest rates. Still sounds somewhat reasonable, right? Well grab your socks folks, cause now the bomb is about to drop.

The entity issuing this Credit Default Swap, as this bet is called, isn't required to set aside a penny in case the mortgage holder defaults on the loan...nothing. The parties making the bet aren't even required to have an interest in the mortgage. There are no regulations on the CDS whatsoever. It is practically like a child making a million dollar bet with a friend on a football game. These uncovered bets were simply attached to bundles of mortgages being sold as investments around the world. The same bank would be buying and selling different CDS's on the same day. There wasn't even a computerized market for them like the stock exchange. Communication was mostly by email.

The industry swelled to a

\$50,000,000,000,000 – that's \$50 trillion – market in just a few years, and the commissions were off the charts, as banks and fund managers made record profits. Making matters worse, the mortgage industry had been notoriously cutting corners, making the likelihood of default that much higher.

At the end of the day, more than any single feature causing the meltdown of the financial services industry related to mortgages and the housing industry, including giants like Bear Sterns, Merrill Lynch and A.I.G., was the Credit Default Swap. Warren Buffet called it a "Financial Weapon of Mass Destruction." Hedge fund managers made billions from it, literally sucking fortunes out as the system fell to ruins.

One such manager pocketed \$3.5 billion personally in 2008 alone, as his fund returned over 600 percent – all this while the rest of hard working America was watching their retirement and savings and jobs disintegrate. Keep in mind that prior to the CDS, the only exposure would be the homeowner being foreclosed upon and banks repossessing the home. Now, in addition to that tragedy is the travesty of trillions owed to pay

off these side bets. The financial institutions could likely have absorbed the defaulted loans, but they could not payoff the bets, many of which were again, sold overseas.

Many strongly oppose government regulation and their involvement in private enterprise and competitive markets, so when the Financial Services Modernization Act of 1999 was passed, along with the Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000 that created the CDS, Wall Street and Main Street celebrated. Now America could enjoy the benefits of investments no longer under the strict supervision and regulation of government. All agree – even the conservative Alan Greenspan who was at the height of his power when the legislation was enacted – that it didn't work.

The legislation was so out of bounds that it would have been illegal in most states to transact under gaming and gambling laws, until Congress gave Wall Street the exemption in the legislation noted above. In other words, special laws had to be passed so that state laws wouldn't prohibit the CDS as gambling. The CDS was simply presented as another "financial derivative". As noted though, the par-



ties buying and selling the CDS need not have any relationship to the original mortgage, and proving their ability to pay off in case of default was not required.

Still, some attempted to pose the CDS as an insurance policy, such as automobile insurance. The huge and glaring difference, however, is that the automobile insurance industry is well-regulated and requires insurers to place specified amounts in reserve to cover potential losses. And both parties have a direct interest in the exchange. It's not like two people betting whether or not a neighbor would have a wreck, especially if one neighbor were allowed to bet more than he could pay. So when the trillions came due, there wasn't remotely sufficient capital to cover it. The resulting meltdown is the rest of the story and the American taxpayer was left holding the bill while the CDS winners

made trillions and the brokers working the betting window make commissions that would choke a horse.

So, dispel the rumors that the mortgage meltdown was due to relaxed lending standards stemming from the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977 (empirical evidence has shown these loans actually defaulted at a much lower percentage than independent loan sources did), or that it was simply the result of a generally dead real estate market. The reality is that the catalyst to the breakdown that led to the biggest bailout in American history was due to parasites on the sidelines. Well, maybe the ones misrepresenting the creditworthiness of the mortgages should be thrown in the adjacent cell as well. Worse yet, it's still happening.

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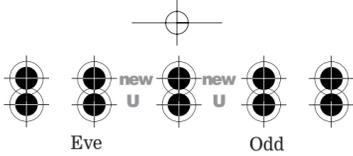
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