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Scott Thomas Memorial Ride Set For October 10

Cars and Bikes welcome

By Michael Curtis
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Ecclesiastes 3, also known as "A Time for Everything," opens,

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance..."

Three years ago, on October 10, 2006, the Lee community lost one of its favorite sons, Scott Thomas. Please See Thomas, Page 4A

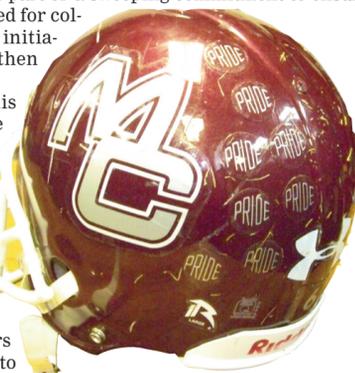
Cowboys Display PRIDE On And Off The Field

By Michael Curtis
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Madison County High School is getting excellent participation in its new study hall program, which currently includes over 200 athletes in the three-day-a-week program. Launched as part of a sweeping commitment to ensure athletes graduate and are prepared for college or vocational training, the initiative is simple: studies first, then athletics.

To support and enhance this effort, Athletic Director Mike Coe is incorporating classroom recognition with the athletic recognition provided in the form of awarding "PRIDE" stickers to varsity football players for exceptional achievement. Now, in addition to awarding stickers for exemplary play, Coe sends out an email every Thursday to teachers of the players, requesting them to respond by describing noteworthy classroom achievements. These achievements may also include instances of good citizenship in addition to scholarship.

"The attitude around the school supporting both athletics and academics is great. The teachers and coaches are working closely with the goals Principal Killingsworth has set, and we are very pleased with the participation." Please See Pride, Page 4A



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo By Michael Curtis, September 16, 2009

"PRIDE" stickers awarded to Cowboy players are placed on their helmets for exceptional performance on the field and in the classroom.

Editorial Comment Public Hearing Set For Proposed Wastewater System In Lee

Editor's Note: What follows is a letter that was sent out to residents of the Town of Lee about a public hearing on a proposed wastewater system on Tuesday evening, Sept. 22. The letter indicates (based on early projected numbers which could change when everything is final) that the new system could cost residents \$58-\$67 per month (including water and sewer). It also says that residents who fall in the low to moderate income range will be provided free water hook-ups. Those who don't fall in that range will have to demolish their septic tanks and hook up to the system themselves. The moderate income range, if I remember correctly, was \$39,900 a year. That would eliminate a lot of people in Lee from being eligible for free hook-up and put an extra burden on the consumer. While I agree that there are many people in Lee who need the sewer system, the costs seem to be too prohibitive with the early projections. I would be for the system if everyone in Lee qualified for the free hookup and it added very little to the water bill (which mine runs about \$24 per month). I urge everyone, for and against the proposed system, to attend the public hearing and voice their concerns on Tuesday, Sept. 22, at 7 p.m. - Jacob Bemby, Editor

Dear Resident,

The Lee Town Council is considering an issue that will impact each member of our community. This letter is written to invite you to attend a public hearing scheduled for September 22nd at 7 p.m. at Lee City Hall to discuss the project, its cost, and the scope of the work.

Let's begin with the issue being considered: development of a waste-water collection and transmission system (city sewer). This consideration is a result of numerous requests from our community. Residents expressed concern over their failing septic tanks. Trailer Park owners requested approval to upgrade from mobile homes to duplexes, and others wanted to know why the town couldn't attract businesses to create jobs and provide conveniences for the community. Those are the reasons the project was initiated.

The Town Council has been pursuing this project for several years. In 2007 the town received a grant for \$400,000 to pay for all the engineering and design required to construct the sewer system. The initial project was in excess of \$13 million dollars. In an attempt to reduce the construction cost, the town entered into an inter-local agreement with the City of Madison. This agreement reduced the project cost by eliminating the need to purchase land for the construction of a waste treatment facility and the need to hire additional employees, because Madison will process the town's waste water.

The project cost was reduced to \$5.2 million dollars, which was too much for the town to expend, so the project was set aside until grant funding became available. In May the town was awarded a grant for \$3,474,900. An additional \$1,215,100 dollar loan was required so a State Revolving Loan was applied for at an interest rate of 2.98% for 30 years. Another grant has been applied for which will cover the additional \$552,000 necessary to begin construction. A requirement of the grant is to have all the engineering, permitting, and contracts in place by September 23rd.

What is required of you and how will you be impacted? The areas that will be affected are Service Areas 1,2, 4, and 5 (you will note these areas on the map that has been enclosed) The waste water lines will not extend into Pine Trace, due to the cost to extend the lines in this area. In the areas stated, waste water lines will be constructed and connection to the system will be required for those who can gravity feed to the main line. This will require your septic tank to be pumped, crushed, filled with sand, and a connection made to the pipe that once connected to your septic tank. This pipe will then run to the main service line. The cost for these activities will vary due to the circumstances; density of trees, distance, and other obstacles. The Town of Greenville stated that connection costs for their project was approximately \$1,200; however, the Town of Lee's engineer provided an estimate of approximately \$2,500 per household. Residents whose income is in the low to moderate income brackets will be provided hook-ups at no cost through a... Please See Editorial, Page 4A

Kim Barnhill Participates In Flu Vaccination Seminar

By Lazaro Aleman
Special from The Monticello News

Jefferson and Madison County Health Department Director Kim Barnhill is no longer simply a local asset; more and more, she is making her presence known at the national level.

Barnhill, in fact, is a commissioner on the National Commission on Prevention Priorities, which assesses the value of preventive services and advises decision-makers on preventive services choices that maximize the impact of their investments; a board member on the National Public Health Foundation, which is dedicated to improving the infrastructure and performance of the public health system; and an executive committee member on the National Association of County and City Health Officials,

which supports efforts that protect and improve the health of communities and their populations.

On Sept. 1-3, Barnhill was one of 12 health officers from across the country invited to the White House to discuss the H1N1 (swine) flu pandemic and the steps to be taken to combat the spread of the disease. Barnhill said the White House staff had concerns about the preparedness of health officials to get the newly developed H1N1 vaccines out into their communities. She said the White House staff was particularly concerned whether rural communities had the resources and wherewithal to carry out a massive inoculation campaign, which explained in part her invitation to the series of meetings over a two-day period.

"I assured them that we had a plan and the support of the other local health providers," Barnhill said, explaining that the plan includes a public awareness component, along with... Please See Barnhill, Page 4A



Kim Barnhill

FDOT Takes Part In Brake Safety Week

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Office of Motor Carrier Compliance (OMCC), will be taking part in the annual "Brake Safety Week 2009 / Operation Air Brake," and this year's event is being held from September 13-19, 2009.

This is a safety event focused on enhancing knowledge, regulatory compliance and performance of commercial vehicle braking systems. FDOT Law Enforcement Officers, brake suppliers, and industry partners will be conducting enforcement and education activities with drivers and mechanics at truck stops. Please See FDOT, Page 4A

Ray Charles Dedication Set For September 23

By Michael Curtis
Greene Publishing, Inc.

On September 23 at 10 a.m., residents and friends of Greenville will join the family and friends of Ray Charles at Haffye Hayes Park, which is located at US 90 and SR 221 in Greenville. The gathering will conclude with the dedication of the historic renovation of the legendary entertainer's childhood home.

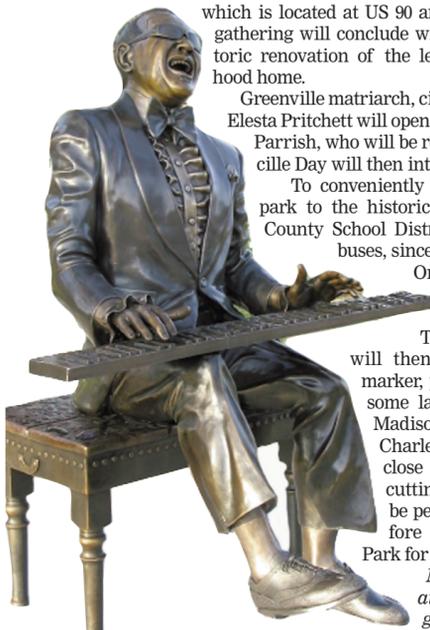
Greenville matriarch, civic leader and councilwoman Elesta Pritchett will open the occasion, followed by Jim Parrish, who will be recognizing special guests. Lucille Day will then introduce the project.

To conveniently move those gathered at the park to the historic home nearby, the Madison County School District has graciously provided buses, since parking would be so limited.

Once at the house, Reverend J.B. Duval will give an invocation.

The Greenville Town Council will then be unveiling the historic marker, providing a unique and awesome landmark in both music and Madison County history. The Ray Charles Heritage Committee will close the ceremony with a ribbon cutting, at which time visitors will be permitted to tour the house before returning to Haffye Hayes Park for light refreshments.

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Fri 9/18 89/71 Variable clouds with scattered thunderstorms. Humid. High 89F.	Sat 9/19 88/71 Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the 70s.	Sun 9/20 87/71 Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the 70s.	Mon 9/21 87/72 A few thunderstorms possible.
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Viewpoints & Opinions



Jacob's Ladder
Jacob Bemby
Columnist

Superman

*It may sound absurd...but don't be naive
Even heroes have the right to bleed
I may be disturbed...but won't you concede
Even heroes have the right to dream
It's not easy to be me...
"Superman," Five for Fighting*

Sometimes, I feel like I'm Superman. I'm ready to take on and conquer the world. After all, I'm told in the Bible that "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13)

A day at the news desk convinces me that I still have a long ways to go to reach perfection. I'm like Peter who sank in the water when he took his eyes off Jesus. I'm thrashing about trying to keep from drowning.

Works piles up on me and I find myself drowning, realizing that I am only mortal Clark Kent and not the Man of Steel. There are stories to write, telephones to answer, leads to chase, stories to edit. It's not easy being Clark Kent or Perry White or whoever I'm supposed to be.

Then, I remember that Jesus did not let Peter drown. He reached down His hand and pulled Peter up from the raging water. Time and again, He reaches down and pulls me up, puts me back on my feet and I look to Heaven and off I go.

Look. Up in the sky. It's a bird. It's a plane. It's Superman...Nope. It's just Jacob, a mere mortal
Jacob's blog can be read at www.jacob-bembry.blogspot.com.

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Look Whos New!

Sydney Agner

David and Leeanne Agner are pleased to announce the addition of a baby girl, Sydney Agner, to the family. Sydney was born on June 1, 2009, at South Georgia Medical Center in Valdosta, Ga. She weighed 6 lbs., 13 oz., and was 20 3/4 inches long. Sydney's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brooks, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Agner. Sydney was introduced to the world at 9:56 a.m.

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Budget Summary

Madison County Board of County
Commissioners Fiscal Year 2009/2010

FY2009/2010
Proposed Budget

Budgeted Revenues	Millages	Health	General Revenue	Transportation Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Law Enforcement & Corrections Fund	Total
Ad Valorem Taxes	8.9440	41,000	1,652,901			4,204,627	5,898,528
Other Taxes			1,966,871	2,433,968	3,653,996		8,054,835
Licenses & Permits			164,410	1,700			166,110
Intergovernmental			329,231	8,199,886	523,787	284,725	9,337,629
Charges for Service			457,274		1,126,300	144,350	1,727,924
Miscellaneous			30,225	29,560	65,235	2,200	127,220
Inter-fund Transfers			151,488	0	524,206	57,500	733,194
Reserves Used			132,813	296,542	150,838		580,193
Sub Total		41,000	4,885,213	10,961,656	6,044,362	4,693,402	26,625,633
Less 5%			(244,261)	(548,083)	(302,218)	(234,670)	(1,329,232)
95% Est. Revenue		41,000	4,640,952	10,413,573	5,742,144	4,458,732	25,296,401
Cash Bal. brought forward			1,092,891	952,678	1,144,328	264,165	3,454,062
Total Revenues		41,000	5,733,843	11,366,251	6,886,472	4,722,897	28,750,463
Budgeted Expenditures							
General Government			2,771,797				2,771,797
Court Related			112,536				112,536
Public Safety			263,290		402,035	4,693,402	5,358,727
Physical Environment			170,648		1,768,732		1,939,380
Transportation				10,301,724			10,301,724
Economic Environment			203,912		444,740		648,652
Human Service		41,000	557,397		1,672,813		2,271,210
Culture & Education			532,155		300,000		832,155
Debt Service					646,781		646,781
Reserve for Future Bond Iss.							0
Sub Total		41,000	4,611,735	10,301,724	5,235,101	4,693,402	24,882,962
Interfund Transfer Out			314,477	0	519,206	0	833,683
Total Expenditures		41,000	4,926,212	10,301,724	5,754,307	4,693,402	25,716,645
Reserves Remaining			807,631	1,064,527	1,132,165	29,495	3,033,818
Total Expenditures & Reserve		41,000	5,733,843	11,366,251	6,886,472	4,722,897	28,750,463

THE TENTATIVE, ADOPTED AND/OR FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TAXING AUTHORITY AS A PUBLIC RECORD.

**Madison County
Extension Service**

Diann Douglas
Guest Columnist



Simple Changes Can Improve Your Finances

Looking for ways to increase your money as we head into the Fall season? Consider the following ideas that Rutgers Extension Financial Specialist, Barbara O'Neil suggests will get you on the right track. It's short, but following the suggestions will help increase your bottom line.

Build An Emergency Fund - Set aside at least three to six months expenses as a reserve for the unexpected. Although interest rates are low, shop around and look into a money market fund to earn better return. Start by putting a set amount of money away each week. Try different strategies, save all of your coins or deposit the money in a savings account when you get your pay check.

Chip Away at Debt - Set a goal to pay off a loan or credit card balance by a certain date. If you have many debts, consider paying off the smaller balances first and roll the payment. Contact the Madison Extension office for a PowerPay analysis to accelerate debt repayment.

Bank a Windfall - Save a bonus or tax refund instead of spending it. It can become the emergency fund you have been trying to set up.

Shop around for goods and services - This includes the purchase or use of home contractors, insurance policies, credit cards and banking services. Use the "Rule of Three" and compare at least three providers with criteria such as cost and experience.

Keep good records - Set up a simple system if you don't already have one. Purchase an inexpensive home filing system with labels and file folders. Track your monthly income and record expenses, making adjustments if you need to reduce spending.

For more information on money management, contact the Madison County Extension Service.

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Agner-Carpenter To Wed

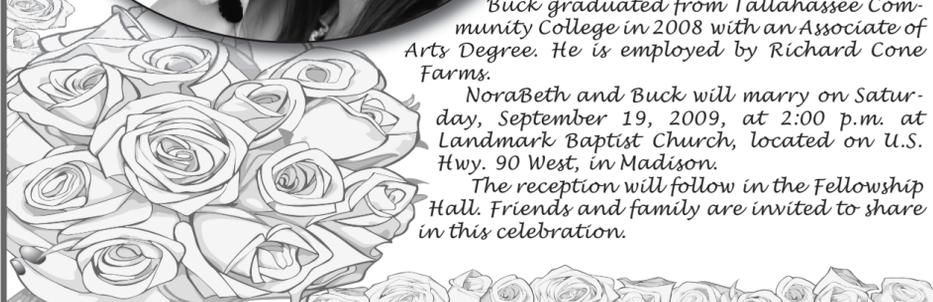
Mr. and Mrs. David Melvin Agner, Sr., of Lee, are pleased to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, NoraBeth RoseMarie Agner, to Buck Mitchell Carpenter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Michael Carpenter, Sr., of Greenville.

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.

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Ramblings
Thelma Thompson
Guest Columnist



War Is Hell

I wrote the following poem at a time when the Iraqi War was raging. The present war in Afghanistan may not have all the dramatic effects of that one but it seems to be taking more precious young lives than the first. They may have been our future Einsteins, Edisons, Wrights, Whitmans, or even, Heaven forbid, politicians. And, who was it who said, "I know where Bin Laden is and I will get him," and how long ago has that been?

THE "BEAUTY" OF WAR By Thelma Thompson

We saw this lovely planet's skies
Fill with technicolored war;
From a smoke-filled background
Of burning oil rose colors of red-
Blood and danger-yellow
Cowardice, treachery, terrorism-
Green, jealousy and greed-
War brings a terrible beauty
To a world entranced
By the deadly allure of its siren
call
Patrons of the art called war
Sat enthralled in front row TV
seats
As an amazing high drama
unfolded
On a world stage of huge
proportions-
Mechanized military cavalry
Rolled quickly crost deserts sands
While overhead were birds of war,
Tomahawk missiles, mushroom
clouds,
Black Hawks and Stealths ruled
the night-
Terrible but beautiful
rainbows
Of laser lightning arced
over all.
Cascading over Baghdad,
'slices

of war'
Added 'shock and awe' to an
audience numb
From the spectacular intensity
The precision and accuracy,
Of the drama called "War."
Outside this theater of war
World citizens, confused, milled
about
As rumors flew. While inside on
stage
The war shed its coat of beauty-
The siren has ensnared its victim
And become again the ugly
monster-
On the huge stage, before
A confused and bewildered
populace,
Lay a war-torn and desolated land-
The shimmering sands, the
wailing winds,
The storms of dust so strong and
dense
Now cloud the depth of
desolation-
The war is over-a terrible price
was paid;
The White Horse that is America
The blood-stained from hoof to
chest
Is a symbol of hope
To tyrant ruled lands,
But how high the price of
freedom;
And is it worth that price
When the feeding hand is bitten
By the ungrateful dog
As soon as his chain is broken;
A question now remains
unanswered
How can the peace be won?

Budget Summary			
Suwannee River Water Management District - Fiscal Year 2009-2010			
	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Total All Funds
CASH BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD	\$8,150,000	\$8,797,271	\$16,947,271
ESTIMATED REVENUES			
TAXES			
Ad Valorem Taxes (Millage per \$1000 / 0.4399 Mills)	\$6,020,000	\$0	\$6,020,000
Documentary Stamp Taxes	\$0	\$2,401,792	\$2,401,792
Florida Forever	\$0	\$7,285,000	\$7,285,000
PERMIT AND LICENSE FEES	\$0	\$208,000	\$208,000
OTHER INCOME			
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES			
2010 Legislative Appropriations	\$0	\$4,800,000	\$4,800,000
Local Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0
Wetlands Grant	\$0	\$247,000	\$247,000
DEP Coastal Zone Management Grant	\$0	\$0	\$0
ERP Grant	\$0	\$453,000	\$453,000
Suwannee River Partnership Grant	\$0	\$608,390	\$608,390
Delineated Areas Grant	\$0	\$40,000	\$40,000
DOT Grants	\$0	\$30,000	\$30,000
Dept. of Agriculture And Consumer Services	\$0	\$0	\$0
Water Protection & Sustainability Grant	\$0	\$3,266,812	\$3,266,812
DEP Monitoring Grant	\$70,000	\$0	\$70,000
SWIM Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL GRANTS			
FEMA Grants	\$0	\$1,355,620	\$1,355,620
NRCS Grants	\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000
TEA-21 Grant	\$0	\$0	\$0
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
Interest and General Sales	\$150,000	\$66,600	\$216,600
Timber Sales	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000
P2000 Resale - USFS/PCS	\$0	\$7,567,000	\$7,567,000
PCS Mitigation Funds	\$0	\$604,000	\$604,000
R.O. Ranch	\$0	\$3,539,400	\$3,539,400
FUND TRANSFERS	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES	\$6,240,000	\$32,772,614	\$39,012,614
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BALANCES	\$14,390,000	\$41,569,885	\$55,959,885
EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES			
Salaries And Benefits	\$2,730,086	\$3,177,503	\$5,907,589
Other Personal Services	\$809,245	\$10,566,097	\$11,375,342
Expenses	\$1,076,250	\$575,500	\$1,651,750
Operating Capital Outlay	\$294,000	\$112,000	\$406,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	\$0	\$16,759,273	\$16,759,273
Interagency Expenditures	\$272,000	\$1,712,000	\$1,984,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES	\$5,181,581	\$32,902,373	\$38,083,954
Reserves	\$9,208,419	\$8,667,512	\$17,875,931
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND RESERVES	\$14,390,000	\$41,569,885	\$55,959,885

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Suwannee River Water Management District has tentatively adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2009-10.

This notice is applicable to the following counties:

All of: Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor, Union
Parts of: Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Jefferson, Levy, Putnam

A public hearing to make a FINAL DECISION on the budget and TAXES will be held on
Tuesday, September 22, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.
at:
Suwannee River Water Management District
9225 County Road 49 (corner US 90 and CR 49)
Live Oak, FL

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Editorial

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CDBG grant. Those who do not qualify for grant funding will be able to hire a contractor to connect to the system or they may do the work themselves. The Health Department is waiving all permit fees for those connecting during construction of the project.

Regarding costs, here are the estimated monthly costs currently in hand. Please note these are estimates as the council has not awarded construction contracts. The only cost figures, as with the estimates for septic system crushing noted above, are broad general estimates. We have been told that actual costs may come in lower, but again, we regret this final figure will not be known until only a few days before deadline. This was unavoidable.

Waste water rates are based on the gallons of water utilized per month, for example:

3,000 gallons of water-	\$22.74
3,000 gallons of wastewater-	\$36.19
Total bill	\$58.93
5,000 gallons of water-	\$26.48
5,000 gallons of waste water-	\$41.23
Total -	\$67.71

Council has not determined if they will go forward with this project because they want community input. These are difficult times, and an extra monthly bill may not be in your budget, but the community must make a choice. The choice you make will affect the future of the town so it must be thoughtfully considered.

The grant funding to pay for the project is an opportunity. A grant in this amount for waste water is rare. If this grant is returned, the funding source (the Department of Environmental Protection) will not provide another. If the town should pursue a waste water project at a later date, the residents may have to carry the entire burden.

Economic Development does not happen without infrastructure (roads, water & sewer) and businesses will not locate in a community without it. How many conveniences (stores, banks, etc.) do communities have that don't have a water and waste-water system? If a community won't invest in itself, why would a business?

Over the past several years, concern has been expressed regarding the adverse condition and proper drainage of septic systems, which has been made all the worse by the high water table in the area. This has been especially bad following the flood because in order for septic systems to perform properly from an environmental standpoint, the drain field can't be overrun with water. They will still flush, but they don't filter properly through the soil and contaminate nearby ground water.

Water quality has become a priority for Florida and more stringent guidelines for septic systems have been established. Residents can anticipate additional state regulations.

These are the items under consideration, so the question remains, do you feel the Town of Lee should construct the sewer lines while funding is available?

The Town Council wants to hear from you. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you can still voice your opinion. It will take less than 5 minutes of your time to call city hall and say either yes you would like waste water within the city limits; or no you are not interested. Please attend the meeting of September 22nd for more information or call 971-5867.

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and weigh stations and other locations as a part of the annual "Brake Safety Week 2009 / Operation Air Brake."

The objective of Operation Air Brake is to help drivers and mechanics understand the importance of proper brake inspection, maintenance and operation.

The theme of this year's "Brake Safety Week 2009" is: "HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR BRAKES TODAY?"

Why does the FDOT OMCC take part in this event?

The braking systems on commercial vehicles are complicated and contain many parts, all of which need constant inspection and attention to ensure proper operation and performance.

Brakes are what enable the vehicle to stop and they are vital to its safe operation.

Over the years, the National Transportation Safety Board has investigated a number of high-profile commercial vehicle crashes and identified that problems associated with brake operation, inspection and / or maintenance contributed to the crashes.

Results from the 2006 USDOT Large Truck Causation Study indicated that brakes were a factor in over 29 percent of all the crashes investigated.

By far, brakes comprise the largest percentage of commercial vehicles being placed out of service. Violations cited during roadside inspections are over 51 percent.

The Tallahassee and Lake City Field Offices of the OMCC will be conducting brake inspections / enforcement at the weigh stations within these areas. The Tallahassee Field Office will have officers conducting inspections / enforcement at the Madison Weigh Station on Interstate 10 in Madison County. The Lake City Field Office will have officers conducting inspections / enforcement at the White Springs Weigh Station on Interstate 75 near the state line.

Educational material will be given to drivers during each inspection, and placed at truck stops in the area of the weigh stations for drivers to review. Education and awareness is another tool in helping keep our highways safe.

The FDOT OMCC is committed to highway safety. Through enforcement and education, lives can be saved.

If you have any questions or concerns about "Brake Safety Week 2009 / Operation Air Brake," please contact Captain Derek Barrs, who is the Regional Commander for the Tallahassee and Lake City Field Offices. He can be reached at 850-488-5140 or 386-961-7300.

Pride

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ipation we're getting. Athletes understand that they must perform on and off the field," Coe noted.

Athletes are required to attend these new study halls each of the three days they are offered before they can attend practice. Impressively, they also practice two days a week at 6 a.m., before school starts.

Coe has brought various research regarding best practices for athletic scholarship, recognizing that both are essential to future success. Most of all though, he and his fellow coaches realize that care and encouragement are the real recipe for success.

Last year, Head Coach Frankie Carroll was named by USA Today as Most Caring Coach of The Year. Demonstrating that role models are as important as trophy winners, all agree the Cowboys are displaying pride on and off the field.

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Barnhill

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vaccinations of the community's most H1N1 vulnerable members: the very young, pregnant women and those with medical conditions.

"It was quite an experience," Barnhill said. "The neatest thing was to interact with them (White House staff) and know that you're helping to develop health policy at the national level. It was the most interesting thing that I've done in my professional career."

Barnhill said that others attending the two-day conference included personnel from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Homeland Security and a staffer who reported directly to President Barack Obama. She said that beyond the topics of preparedness and the specific preparations for the H1N1 vaccination campaign, the group discussed the distribution of the vaccines on tribal lands, the regular seasonal influenza and other health-related issues.

"This is a big project for everyone to undertake," Barnhill said of the vaccination campaign. "There will be challenges ahead. One thing that you can count on is that the virus will change."

She said one of the things that she and the other health officers were able to impress on the federal officials was that a big component of the fight against the influenza, other than the vaccines, was public awareness about good hygienic habits and other practices that could prevent contagion. These steps, which health officials have been diligently emphasizing locally, include the regular washing of the hands, avoiding sick people and staying home if one contracts the flu.

Barnhill said she expected the Jefferson Health Department will receive its first allotment of the vaccine by the first of October and will begin its inoculation campaign soon after. She cautioned, however, that the vaccines likely would be in short supply at first, as the product is being produced outside the country and is being shipped "in waves". Consequently, health officials will concentrate their initial efforts on the most at-risk persons, which are the very young and pregnant women.

"It's a rather mild virus so far, except for the at-risk category, which is the very young and pregnant women," Barnhill said. "Babies are dying, but we can't vaccinate anyone under six months, so we're focusing on pregnant women."

She said those 65 and older would be included in the vaccinations eventually, but not at first. She said this particular age group wasn't as susceptible to the H1N1 flu, either because they had been exposed to a similar strain of the virus earlier in their lives and had developed immunity to it, or because at some point they had received a flu shot that protected them against the virus.

"We'll have an ample supply of the vaccine for the over 65 age group, but they will not be included in the first wave," Barnhill said.

She encourage this group, however, to get the regular influenza shot, which her department will begin dispensing on Sept. 14.

As for the H1N1 flu, Barnhill confirmed that Florida now had 77 deaths from the disease and that it was already in Jefferson County.

"We know that if someone has influenza, it's H1N1," Barnhill said. "It's pushed out every other strain of virus. If you get the flu, it's 99 percent certain that it's the H1N1 influenza, and anyone with underlying health conditions needs to take special precautions."

Thomas

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Thomas, in a tragic accident. It was a time to mourn. Now, three years later, on Saturday, October 10, it is time to turn sorrow to celebration, as the third Annual Scott Thomas Memorial Ride is scheduled to pull out of the Lee Volunteer Fire Department for its celebrated countywide Poker Run.

Scott's parents, Reese and Cindy Thomas, along with family, friends and colleagues at the Lee VFD where Scott was a cherished member, invite both bikers and car riders to join them in this worthwhile event. All proceeds will go to support the department, purchase scholarships and help needy families in the area.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. at the firehouse located at 326 North Hwy 255, just north of US 90, and adjacent to Lee City Hall. First bike/car pulls out at 10 a.m., with the last bike/car out at 11 a.m. The last bike/car back will be at 4 p.m.

The ride fee is only \$15 and \$5 for each passenger. Poker hands are \$5 each, or \$10 for three. There will also be a 50/50 drawing and great prizes along the way.

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BUDGET SUMMARY CITY OF MADISON - FISCAL YEAR 2009 - 2010						
	GENERAL FUND	WATER & SEWER FUND	NATURAL GAS FUND	SANITATION FUND	WAREHOUSE FUND	TOTAL BUDGET
CASH BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 1,007,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 1,347,000.00
ESTIMATED REVENUES:						
Taxes:	Millage Per \$1000					
Ad Valorem Taxes	6.0484					\$ 522,000.00
Sales and Use Taxes						\$ 1,080,700.00
Charge for Services		\$ 2,046,500.00	\$ 896,150.00	\$ 295,000.00	\$ 146,500.00	\$ 3,433,450.00
Intergovernmental Revenue				\$ 120,000.00	\$ 43,375.00	\$ 876,875.00
Licenses and Permits						\$ 35,000.00
Fines and Forfeitures						\$ 94,100.00
Franchise Fees						\$ 220,200.00
Federal and State Grants						\$ 79,304.00
Interest Earned/Other		\$ 40,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 72,500.00
TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	\$ 2,825,104.00	\$ 2,086,500.00	\$ 897,150.00	\$ 415,250.00	\$ 190,125.00	\$ 6,414,129.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BALANCES	\$ 3,025,104.00	\$ 3,093,500.00	\$ 972,150.00	\$ 445,250.00	\$ 225,125.00	\$ 7,761,129.00
EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES						
General Government	\$ 551,371.00					\$ 551,371.00
Fire Department	\$ 562,150.00					\$ 562,150.00
Police Department	\$ 989,908.00					\$ 989,908.00
Street Department	\$ 449,000.00					\$ 449,000.00
Parks/Cemetery Department	\$ 168,300.00					\$ 168,300.00
Community Development Department	\$ 192,875.00					\$ 192,875.00
Superfund	\$ 111,500.00					\$ 111,500.00
Water Department		\$ 822,916.00				\$ 822,916.00
Sewer Department		\$ 1,376,714.00				\$ 1,376,714.00
Debt Services		\$ 243,495.00				\$ 243,495.00
Natural Gas Department			\$ 809,150.00			\$ 809,150.00
Sanitation Department				\$ 381,750.00		\$ 381,750.00
Warehouse Department					\$ 225,125.00	\$ 225,125.00
Transfers to General Fund	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 63,500.00			\$ 213,500.00
Transfers to Sanitation	\$ 120,000.00					\$ 120,000.00
Transfers to Warehouse Fund	\$ 30,375.00	\$ 13,000.00				\$ 43,375.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES						
Reserves	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES AND RESERVES	\$ 3,025,104.00	\$ 3,093,500.00	\$ 972,150.00	\$ 445,250.00	\$ 225,125.00	\$ 7,761,129.00

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

September 19
Lamp Music Artists LifeSong will be in concert at Sirmans Baptist Church in Greenville on Saturday, September 19, starting at 6 p.m. Admission is free. A love offering will be received during the concert. For more information, please call (850) 948-4228.

September 19
Come to the River Healing Arts Festival Saturday, September 19, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Discover the nature of your heart at the Stephen Foster Folk Cultural Center State Park, located on US 41 in Historic White Springs. Experience Laughing, Meditation, Yoga, Qigong, Tai Chi, Acupuncture, Massage, Chiropractics. Learn Mind/Body Techniques and Nat-

ural Remedies. Free mini Seminars throughout the day, over 30 vendors offering healthy products and hand made crafts. FREE Admission with paid entrance into park (\$5.00 per car up to 8 occupants). For more info, call (386)-397-2452 or www.stephenfostercso.org.

September 20
The Madison County Historical Society will meet on Sunday, September 20, at 2:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Madison County Library Meeting Room. All members are invited to attend.

September 27
Madison Church of God will be holding a Men's Breakfast fellowship on Sunday, September 27, at 8 a.m. All men are invited and

church members are encouraged to bring a friend.

September 27
Legendary Naomi and the Segos will be in concert at Midway Church of God on Sunday evening, September 27, at 6 p.m. Admission is free, however a love offering will be received during the concert. For more information, please call (850) 971-5200.

September 27
Hanson United Methodist Church will be holding their annual Homecoming on Sunday, September 27, starting at 11 a.m. The guest speaker for the event will be Connie Peterson, who is the national director for the Covenant Bible College of Madison. Everyone is invited to attend.

Obituaries

James Edward Betts

James Edward Betts, age 81, died Saturday, Sept. 5, 2009, at home in Cherry Lake.

A private service will be held at a later date. He was born in Sumter, S.C., and moved to Pinetta 30 years ago. He worked in the engraving department for the Ft. Lauderdale News, before moving to Pinetta.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Shriners Club and the Cherry Lake American Legion.

He is survived by his wife, Irene Betts; daughter, Brenda Betts Pickels of Cherry Lake; and four grandchildren: Robert Betts, Breanna Betts, Andrew Betts and Russell Betts.

Wilbur Gene Selph

Wilbur Gene Selph, age 75, died Sunday, Sept. 13, 2009, in Gainesville.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Sept. 16, at 2 p.m. at Beggs Funeral Home, Madison Chapel.

Visitation was one hour prior to the service at Beggs Funeral Home.

Mr. Selph was born in Hamilton County and lived in Lakeland, Sebring and Avon Park. He moved to Jasper in 1997. Mr. Selph was a salesman for Independent Insurance Company for 25 years, and also was a farmer and raised cattle. He liked to fish, hunt and be with friends. He was a Baptist.

He is survived by two daughters, Charlotte Selph Shirey and (David) and Vickie Lynn Selph, both of Sebring; one nephew, Marshall Stephen Selph of Hahira, Ga.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marie Selph, and sister, Savannah Kathryn Ellenberg.

Way Back When ...

September 16, 1949

Coach Paul Martin, who guided Trenton to nine football victories last season against a loan defeat last season, has taken over the reins at Madison High for the 1949 season. Players for the Red Devils include Porky Wynn, Robert Sanderson, Richard Brockman, Charles Milford, Forrest Brown, Chandler Rains, "Mutt" Wilson, Ray Coffee, Charles Hitchcock, Leonard Thurman, Grant Green, Bobby Williamson, Bob Copeland, Ladell Brothers, Jim Bevan, Ed Pe-tree, Buddy Stokes, B.F. Killingsworth, Bill Gross, Jim Hunter, Charles O'Quinn, Richard Brown, W.C. Copeland, William Smith, Jim Devane, Lavaughn Haskell, Buddy Williams, Billy Oliver, Billy Beggs, Larry Roffe, J.T. Ragans, Jack Austin, Albert Lamb, Eugene Wheeler, Ashley Beggs, Clayton Jones, Ralph Wynn, Ed Henry, Johnny Gardner, Frank Bell, Connie Clark, Harmon Kiser and Elbert Sullivan.

Mr. and Mrs. Farris Bryant and daughters, Julie and Cecilia, of Ocala, were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. D.F. Burnett.

Albert Miller is starting a dairy at Pine Island this week.

The School Boy Patrol was installed at

Madison Elementary School on Wednesday, Sept. 7 by Chief Lonnie Davis. Installed were: Capt. Tommy Howerton, Lt. J.P. Morrow, Earl Davis, Calvin Bodenstein, A.W. Chasteen, Wiley Selman, Jimmie Busby, Capt. Arnie Tate, Lt. John Fraleigh, Rhett Craig, Burt Jones, Edwin Browning, Jr., Ander Gibbs, George Young, Jr.

September 18, 1959

Elbert Strickland, whose marriage to Miss Lantie Louise Pickels took place Sunday at the Hopewell Baptist Church, was complimented with a stag supper prior to the wedding given at the Withlacoochee River Lodge by fellow employees at the Madison Post Office. A seafood menu with coffee and dessert was served. Hosts presented the honoree with a set of china, a set of kitchen ware and utensils. Hosts were postmaster M.J. Blalock, Carroll Blalock, Jr., Bill Brown, G.E. Christmas, Harry L. Cowart, S.G. Morrow, Eddie Edwards and Wilmer Strickland.

Kin Johnson has been named a squad leader in Company C at Marion Institute, where he is a student.

Bryan Electric's pickup, driven by Red Swift, was smashed by a Pontiac sedan at 7:30 Thursday morning at the intersection of Base and Range Streets. Red

was cut and bruised on the right arm. The Pontiac ran into a parking meter.

Gerald Hall, of Cherry Lake, a graduate of Madison High School, left last Tuesday for Waco, Texas, to enter Baylor University. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hall accompanied their son on the trip.

September 19, 1969

The Lee 4th, 5th, 6th 4-H Club met Sept. 9. Members present included Elmer Bowen, Steve Ellison, Terry L. Putnal, Jim Bob Searcy, James Rutherford, Nathan Williams and Jerry Wilson.

George Townsend was one of four men in Florida receiving an award for Contributions to Agriculture by the Florida County Agricultural Agents at their annual meeting in Panama City last week.

Gov. Claude Kirk has reappointed Larrie Cherry, Wiley Blair, Dr. A.F. Harrison, Jack Woodward, W.B. Clark, T.F. Livingston and Mrs. H.D. Oxford to the Health and Hospital Board.

The Greenville Girls 4-H Club met Wednesday, Sept. 3, at 3 p.m. at the home of their leader, Mrs. Ruth Reams, for an organization meeting. The following were elected officers: President, Gail Reams; Vice President, Winnie Moon; Secretary and Reporter, Carol Knight; Congres-

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Geechy Guy has appeared on the Tonight Show with Jay Leno three times, performed a critically-acclaimed one-man show in Las Vegas and was the winningest comedian on Star Search. Gary Thison is the originator of HBO's Comic Relief, was host of the On Tap Tour during Red Wing, Piston and Tiger games, and appeared in the off-Broadway hit, The Hot L Baltimore.



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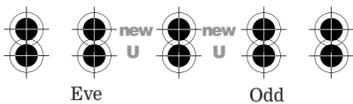





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AROUND MADISON COUNTY



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The Madison Youth Initiative kicked off with a flag football league at MCHS on Saturday, August 5, with the support of many who share the common goal of bringing constructive activities to the youth of Madison County.

Madison Youth Initiative Kicks Off

By Michael Curtis
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"There isn't anything for kids to do in Madison," is a common complaint from parents, educators, health officials and clergy alike, not to mention the kids. Additionally, all are aware that idle hands seldom search for constructive tasks, so there is perhaps no greater good that can be offered for the future of Madison County – in concert with a good education – than filling those hands.

It is with this goal in mind that the

Madison Youth Initiative was launched on Saturday, August 5, at Madison County High School. Throughout the year, the program, which is directed by Adrian "A.D." Kinsey, a local business owner and educator, is slated to offer a variety of activities designed to help youth thrive.

Community leadership and youth advocates from around the county have pledged support for the program, many of who were present to kick off the first activity: flag football. Four teams, each named for Florida collegiate programs –

Seminoles, Gators, Rattlers and Hurricanes – took the field at Boot Hill for a morning of exercise and fun.

Ted Ensminger from the Madison County Chamber of Commerce and Tourism, Jerry Alexander of D.A.R.E., Doug Freer of the Health Department's Tobacco Free Madison and Merv Mattair, author and youth advocate, among others, spoke to the youth in attendance, reminding them that adults are available to help and encourage them. Mattair introduced a number of parallels between

life and team sports that particularly connected.

Kinsey was appreciative of the parental and community support at the kick-off. He is also looking forward to acquiring a permanent facility for the project in the near future. For more information and to enroll a child in the program, phone Adrian Kinsey at (850) 673-1934, or email madisonyi@yahoo.com.

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Mason Fund Back By Popular Demand

By Michael Curtis
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The membership of the Madison Freemasons has included many of those credited with building and bettering Madison County for the last 150 years. And, despite the theatrical representations and often-misunderstood fraternal titles, it remains dedicated to continuing these community contributions for decades to come.

One such contribution is the scholarship fund it has established with North Florida Community College, which it launched from proceeds of its month-

ly breakfast fundraiser; the most recent of which was held on August 5 and its lodge in downtown Madison.

Worshipful Master Roy Hibbs – which again, is a fraternal and not a religious title – along with his lovely wife Ali and several helpers, first launched the program earlier this year. When the program concluded, two scholarships were awarded from the proceeds. Now, several months later, the program is back by popular demand and will continue on the first Saturday of each month until further notice, starting at 7 a.m. at the Madison Lodge.

Mason and non-Masons are invited to attend. In fact, local leadership is hopeful that visitors will drop by and take the opportunity to learn more about the organization many agree helped launch the nation. This year, the local lodges – Madison Lodge No. 11 F&M and Greenville Lodge No. 28 F&M – are especially proud that one of its standout members, Right Worshipful John Sirmon, is serving as District Deputy Grand Master. Many outside the

fraternity already know him and his family, while others met him during the recent golf tournament he organized at Madison Country Club to raise funds for Alzheimer's research.

Masonry is dedicated to making good men better, and although this may sound grand to some, it is a dedication to be taken as seriously as family or military service. Of course, as noted, it is also about community and camaraderie, so the brotherhood is hopeful the entire community will accept an invitation to attend various local Masonic and Shrine (all Shriners are first Masons) events, including the scholarship breakfast.

Madison Lodge No. 11 F&M meets every second and fourth Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the lodge located on the corner of Range and Rutledge in Madison. Greenville Lodge No. 28 F&M meets the second and fourth Tuesdays monthly. It is located on Highway 221 in Greenville, just south of U.S. 90.

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Help Seniors During Tax Season

By Bryant Thigpen
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The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program of the United Way recently announced that as of the 2010 tax season, VITA will be offering free tax assistance to senior citizens at the Senior Citizens Center in Madison. In order for United Way to offer this program for seniors, VITA is in search of local residents who will step up and volunteer next tax season.

One might say, "I want to help, but I know nothing about taxes." That's no problem. On Saturday, December 12, IRS trainers will be in Madison at the Senior Citizens Center to train volunteers for the upcoming tax season.

This is the first year that United Way will be in Madison every Saturday during tax season. VITA is looking for 10-15 residents that will step up and help the seniors with taxes.

VITA is also searching for one individual who will be a site coordinator. The coordinator will be responsible for overseeing the site each Saturday.

Anyone interested in volunteering for this project is encouraged to call Stephanie Cornais at (850) 488-8342, or the Senior Citizens Center at (850) 973-4241. For more information about the project, please visit www.thebestproject.org.



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The Masonic Scholarship breakfast is back by popular demand. Pictured front row, left to right are: Right Worshipful Jim Stanley, Sandra Stanley, Jennifer Stanley, Ali Hibbs, Right Worshipful Roy Hobbs, Right Worshipful David Eure and Right Worshipful John Sirmon in the back

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Refuge House, Inc. is requesting your presence at a Domestic Violence Awareness Event on Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at 5 p.m., on the Courthouse Lawn. The program is titled: “Behind Closed Doors” Breaking the Silence in Rural Communities. We extend a special invitation to all domestic violence survivors and family members of victims to please attend the event.

Refuge House opened its doors in 1979. The following year it merged with the Tallahassee Rape Crisis Center and became the leader in community efforts to assist women and children by providing direct services to victims of Domestic violence, their children, and survivors of sexual assault. Our mission and purpose is to provide direct services to battered women, their children and survivors of sexual violence, as well as to work to eliminate the conditions in society that allows such violence to continue.

Refuge House provides a safe emergency shelter for women and children

escaping domestic violence, individual and group counseling for victims and their families, 24-hour crisis hotline, support for family, friends, and significant others of domestic violence and sexual violence, victim advocacy and intervention, injunction for protection filing assistance, court preparation and support services, and hospital emergency counseling response. Refuge House also offers a community education program and professional training on domestic violence and sexual violence. If any business, agency, church, club, civic group, school, or etc wishes to have a counselor to come out and present a program and/or training you may call (850) 973-4144. All services are free and confidential.

Refuge House Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center covers 8 counties: Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Taylor, and Wakulla. Shelters are located in Leon and Taylor counties at undisclosed locations to protect the residents. Transportation is

provided for Madison County residents.

You may reach a counselor at Refuge House in Madison County at 973-4144. The 24 hour crisis hotline is 1-800-500-1119.

THE CYCLE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Most people find it hard to believe that a woman being treated in a hospital emergency room is more likely to have been injured by her husband or boyfriend than by anyone or anything else. But she is. An estimated two million women are severely assaulted by male partners in the United States each year.

Seeing her black eyes and swollen lip, most observers ask, “Why doesn’t she just pack her bags and leave?” The answer is not a simple one. He may have threatened to kill her if she tries to leave, or call the police. Perhaps he has threatened to hurt the children, to kidnap them, to withhold child support, or vowed to tell social service workers that she is an unfit mother and have the chil-

dren taken away.

In addition, the victim may be financially dependent upon her abuser. She may feel guilty that the abuse is her fault. She may still love him. She may lack coping skills due to years of abuse.

Faced with all of this, in addition to a hostile or cool reception from the system convinces the victim that there is no real escape, no way out. She tries harder to please him. The victim may cut-off communication with family and friends because of the batterer’s control over her activities; she may begin to blame herself for the situation. Eventually, she blocks out the pain, she minimizes the beatings or denies they are even happening.

Meanwhile, the batterer increases his abuse when necessary, and stalks her or threatens to kill her if she attempts to leave. And the cycle continues.....

If you or someone know is dealing with domestic violence please call: Refuge House: 973-4144 or Hotline: 1-800-500-1119.

Woman’s Club Begins Fall Season

By Bryant Thigpen
Greene Publishing, Inc.

After being off for the summer months, the Woman’s Club jumped back into the swing of things on Thursday, September 10, with their first meeting after the summer break.

Opening the meeting was club president Ethel Barefoot, who welcomed the members and guests, before turning it over to Florida Smith for a devotional. Smith read from Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 on time. “To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven,” Smith read. “A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted.”

Smith began to speak of the fall season. “Fall is my favorite time of the year. There’s a bunch of things to do: fall festivals, football, and much more,” she said. “It’s a new year for the Woman’s

Club,” she added.

This meeting was focused on education and Jo Willis of the Take Stock In Children Program was the guest speaker after lunch. Willis was welcomed to the stage by Betty “B.J.” Curtis, who also assisted Willis with the presentation.

“The Woman’s Club has funded a scholarship for a young lady (Angie Lamb) who now attends North Florida Community College,” Willis said. Angie joined the program in the fourth grade at Madison Primary School and was mentored by Carol Gibson, who was a teacher at the school.

During the presentation, Willis displayed pictures of mentors with students, and noted the smiles on the faces of these students. She expressed the difference a mentor can make on a student’s life, and encouraged many who attended to step up and be a mentor.

“Fifty students have graduated from high school with scholarships. That’s great,” said Willis. One of the



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Jo Willis of the Take Stock In Children Program was on hand to give a short presentation to the Woman’s Club about the benefits of mentoring a child.

students completed college and currently teaches at the Madison County Central School.

Before the conclusion of the presentation, Faye Browning, who is a member of the Woman’s Club and a mentor, congratulated the club for sending Lamb to college with a full scholarship, but encouraged the club to sponsor another scholarship and make a difference in another child’s life.

Crosswinds Auction Is A Success

By Bryant Thigpen
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Going once...going twice...sold to the resident of Crosswinds Health and Rehabilitation Center who earned activity bucks with their participation. Throughout a three-month period, residents saved up activity bucks they earned from participation at different activities and spent them at the auction held at the center. Each resident has the possibility of earning several hundred bucks before the big auction.

“So far, it was our most successful event,” stated Activities Director Diane Sullivan. The residents enjoyed the challenge of outbidding each other on items such as snacks, body washes and other items. This event also set the record for having the most resident participation at an event.

The auction created an exciting atmosphere at the center. “The residents look forward to this because they get to shop,” Sullivan stated. “We get excited when our residents get excited.”

The next auction is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18. At this auction, residents will be bidding on gifts to give to their families. Crosswinds is looking for local businesses to donate small gift items for the residents to give to their families. To help this cause, please call Diane Sullivan at (850) 948-4601.

On Wednesday, September 16, Crosswinds will be hosting an exciting Talent Show that will display the talents of staff and residents. The staff works hard to bring fun and laughter to the residents through the activities planned. “Each month, we just try to go over the top,” she added.



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Activities Director Diane Sullivan auctions off cologne to the gentlemen at Crosswinds Health and Rehabilitation Center in Greenville.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Town of Greenville has tentatively adopted a budget for FY 2009-2010.

A public hearing to make a FINAL DECISION on the budget AND TAXES will be held on:

September 23, 2009
5:30 P.M.
At
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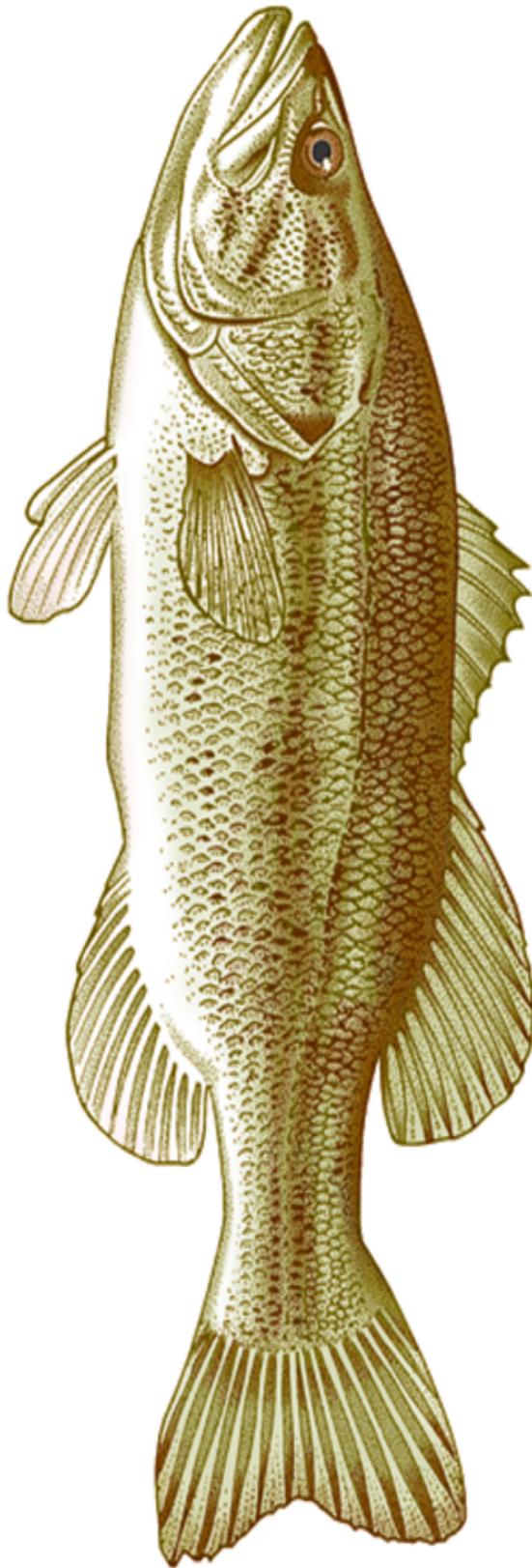
Budget Summary for Town of Greenville FY 2009/2010

General Fund Estimated Revenues	
Balance Brought Forward	147,618.00
Ad Valorem Taxes(8.7191)	95,749.00
Utility Tax Revenue	55,000.00
License & Permits	6,500.00
Revenue Sharing	44,390.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	1,000.00
Communications Service Tax	13,392.00
Local Option Gas Tax	94,991.00
½ Sales Tax	17,966.00
Call Tower Revenue	17,250.00
	493,856.00
Estimated Expenditures	
City Hall	167,941.00
Fire Department	31,394.00
Street	204,037.00
Senior Citizen	9,405.00
Reserve	81,079.00
	493,856.00
Water Fund Estimated Revenues	
Balance Brought Forward	9,883.00
Charges for Service	152,312.00
	162,195.00
Estimated Expenditures	
Operation	146,610.00
Reserve	15,585.00
	162,195.00
Sewer Fund Estimated Revenues	
Balance Brought Forward	88,792.00
Charges for Service	102,276.00
	191,068.00
Estimated Expenditures	
Operation	125,065.00
Transfer to Sanitation	5,000.00
Reserve	61,003.00
	191,068.00
Sanitation Fund Estimated Revenues	
Balance Brought Forward	17,970.00
Charges for Services	88,904.00
Transfer from Sewer	5,000.00
Grant Revenue	18,726.00
	130,600.00
Estimated Expenditures	
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Church

Happenings

At Madison First Baptist Church



By Kristin Finney
"How great is our God, sing with me. How great is our God, and all will see, how great is our God."

Sunday morning service began with Dan Campbell singing the message through song. This was followed by Bill Brown saying the offertory prayer. The Chancel Choir then sang a beautiful, upbeat peace called "Jerusalem." Pastor Ferrell's message came from Matthew 3:12 and 1 John 1:8. He shared God's word on repentance and turning away from our sins, he also shared that we should only confess our sins to God through prayer, unless our sins are against someone personally, then we should ask forgiveness for our sins.

The following events will be happening for Madison First Baptist in the coming months: 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 19 at 7 p.m. There will be a time of prayer for our Fall revival which will begin September 20 and lasts through the September 23. The youth ministry at our church has been taken over by Jim Carey. They meet every Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. and all are welcome to join.

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 a.m.-12 noon. Sunday Evening Worship 6 p.m.-7 p.m., followed by youth dinner and fellowship until 8 p.m. Wednesday evening services begin at 6 p.m. for both the adults and youth and last until 8:00p.m.

We would like to pray this week for our country. May we find peace and grow closer to Christ, through strong willed believers anything can be accomplished.

God Bless!

The Importance Of Church Attendance

By Dale A. Robbins

For believers, there is no substitute for attending church. Besides something that pleases God, it is necessary for a believer's spiritual well-being. For shut-ins or invalids who aren't able to go to church, the ministries on radio or TV might be the only kind of fellowship or spiritual nourishment that they get. God certainly understands the circumstances of these people, and recognizes the sincerity of their hearts. However, it is a different matter for those who could attend church but are too lazy, or put other things such as entertainment and amusements before God, or who harbor bitterness or indifference toward other believers. It is important to attend church for the following reasons:

(1) It is an Expression of our Love for God.

Going to church is a visible, tangible expression of our love and worship toward God. It is where we can gather with other believers to publicly bear witness of our faith and trust in God, something that is required of all Christians (Matt. 10:32-33)—and it is where we can bring Him offerings of praise, thanks, and honor, which are pleasing to Him. The psalmist wrote, "I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will praise You" (Psa. 22:22). People are often motivated toward church attendance for how it will bless themselves, however we should remember that the primary purpose of the corporate gathering is to bring "service" to the Lord as a blessing to Him (Psa. 134:2). Indeed, the Lord is deserving of our time and energy to honor Him with our service of devotion. "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created" (Rev. 4:11).

(2) It builds up our Spiritual Strength

Receiving the preaching and teaching of the Word of God increases our faith and builds us up spiritually. Every believer knows what it is to face spiritual conflicts to their faith, and must realize the importance of being fed spiritually so that they can overcome the challenges. Paul states that Christians face a wrestling match with the Devil and his evil spiritual forces, and warns that the church must put on spiritual armor for protection, as it will take everything at our disposal to stand (Eph. 6:10-18). How important that we take every opportunity available to receive ministry and strength from God's Word. "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10:17).

(4) It provides fellowship with other Christians

Gathering together also has compounded importance to the relationship of the Christian brethren. The Bible makes it clear that a right relationship with God requires a "vertical" and "horizontal" alignment — that is, we must have a vertical fellowship with God and a horizontal fellowship with other believers. It is not possible to love God and refuse to love the brethren. If you

have a problem loving other Christians, you have a problem in your relationship with God. Scripture warns us that unforgiveness toward others will void God's forgiveness of our own sins (Matt. 6:15). John wrote, "He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him" (1 John 2:9-10).

One of the most important reasons that we go to church is to practice love toward the brethren in the form of fellowship. The Bible clearly shows that if we have a right relationship with God, we have fellowship with other believers. "But if we walk in the light as He is

in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). Keeping ourselves in love and harmony with other believers keeps us humble before God so that Christ's blood can continue to cleanse us from our sins. (6) It provides accountability to spiritual leadership.

More strong evidence that proves that we're to be a part of a church fellowship, is that we're told to submit to the authority of spiritual leaders (within the boundaries of God's Word). "Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so

with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you" (Heb. 13:17). God designed this system of accountability for the progress and protection of His flock. Obviously, this really isn't possible unless we are a part of an organized fellowship, which has identified elders, pastors, or leaders. It is easy to see that one cannot genuinely be under submission to a TV pastor who has never met you. Nor is it possible to be under submission by visiting a different church each week. The Bible tells us to know them that are over us in the Lord (1 Thes. 5:12). Submission necessitates a commitment and relationship to a local body of believers and to their spiritual leaders.

Sirmans Baptist To Host Gospel Concert

Pastor Garland Jones and the congregation of Sirmans Baptist Church would like to welcome everyone to a gospel concert featuring LifeSong on Saturday, September 19, at 6 p.m. Admission is free, however a love offering will be received during the concert.

LifeSong has established their place in gospel music, with a rich style of southern gospel music, presented with refreshing young harmony. Their energetic performances have become notable, captivating crowds of all ages and sizes. Whether it's in a church, auditorium, civic center or fair, LifeSong delivers the same message, the same way.

"We're all a bunch of young guys, and we hope to reach young people through what we do," stated Bryant Thigpen. "It's our goal to make a difference in the lives of anyone who attends a LifeSong concert, on and off the stage. Whether it's a child listening to their first gospel music CD, or an elderly couple who loves the sound of southern gospel music. Our goal is to reach them through the lyrics and the messages of each song."

For more information, please contact Johnny Carroll at (850) 948-4228.

New Home Baptist Church Fall Revival September 20 -23

The New Home Baptist Church of Madison will have their fall revival meeting "Refreshing Our Souls for His Ministry" **Sunday through Wednesday, September 20th - 23rd.** The guest speaker will be the Rev. Ron E. Lynch of Easily, South Carolina. Rev. Lynch has preached at several state conventions meetings, as well as at Bailey Smith Real Evangelical Conferences. He is a gifted speaker with anointing powerful messages. He has served as a full-time evangelist for years and currently serves as a pastor too.

There will be special singing each night. The time schedule for the services is Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. with services beginning at 7:00 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. The pastor and congregation of New Home invite everyone to attend. For more information, please call the church at (850) 973-4965.

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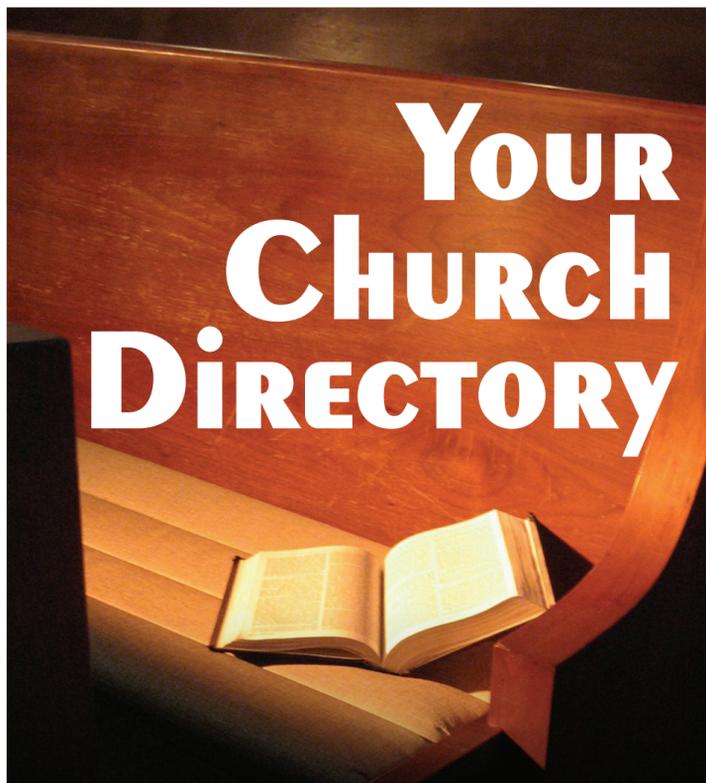
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Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
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Wed. Sr. High Youth (grades 9-12).....6 - 7:30 p.m.

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Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Family Training Hour.....7 p.m.

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Morning Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship Service.....6:00 p.m.
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Pastoral Sunday (4th Sunday).....11:00 a.m.

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Evening Worship Service.....6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Worship.....7:00 p.m.

Madison Church of God

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971-5165
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Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Service.....7:00 p.m.

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Wednesday Evening:
Services Wed Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.
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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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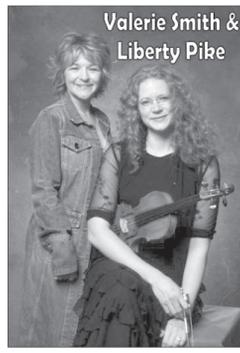
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7:00 p.m. - Southern Lite
8:00 p.m. - High Cotton
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Saturday

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2:00 p.m. - Bottom Dollar Boys
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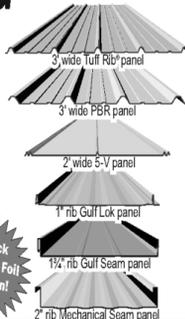
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Alcoholic Beverages In Madison County

By Edwin B. Browning, Sr.
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From the dawn of antiquity to the present, mankind has shown a great deal of persistence and ingenuity in producing alcoholic beverages. Purely, as information and because it is part of our North Florida Scene, we are offering information on alcoholic beverages.

Madison County by popular vote abolished the legal sale of whiskey and other beverages with strong alcohol content on August 23, 1906. This included the open barrooms, which had operated as legitimate, licensed businesses for many years. Then (the county) issued a period when whiskey could be brought in from the outside and from across state lines from areas where the states were still "wet" to use a slang term.

The largest influx of liquor, however, came from shipping it by express. I can recall the attractive liquor catalogues that were mailed out all over the North Florida Scene. Jacksonville seems to have been a point for the distribution of large amounts of whiskey and other alcoholic drinks. Some came from the whiskey-producing Commonwealth of Kentucky so well known for its high-grade liquors. The advertisements sent out to lure customers

were most attractive. I recall one from Solomon Schad that broke into poetry ran as follows:

"All through Christmas you'll be glad,

If you buy your whiskey from Solomon Schad.

All through Christmas you'll be mad,

If you don't buy your liquor from Solomon Schad."

Quite evidently, the express agencies opened up the whiskey business so that it could be brought to every home. Abuses mounted high; I think it was around 1915 that a distinguished Madison County Senator, Charles E. Davis, was able to pass a law known as "The Davis Package Law." This law drastically reduced the quantity down to a quart per month that any person could order.

By this time, Georgia had gone dry, and the imbibers from across the line rushed down to order vast quantities of liquor using bogus names. This whiskey came to nearby express offices, notably Lovett. But the law was very wise and did limit the amount of whiskey consumed considerably. It also helped greatly in training law enforcement officers for actual prohibition, which came nationally in 1918 - I recall - under the Volstead Act.

Then, particularly, if you listen to the advocates of whiskey, was ushered in the age of "Blind Tigers" and

gangster rum runners. Actually, the people who brought the people who brought the Prohibition Amendment began to rest on their laurels and the Volstead Act was repealed as an early New Deal measure. This threw the issue of open sale back to the counties. Madison has always remained - since 1906 - technically dry.

But many people were independent of "store bought" liquor. These were the people who were so inclined and who exercised their ingenuity in some preparations of alcoholic drinks. The kinds of beverages which were home produced were very broad indeed. Before the freeze of around 1890, oranges were flourishing all over the North Florida Scene.

There is an entry in an old church minute book which shows that a certain brother was excommunicated for "making and drinking too much wine." I have heard old-timers who had personal experience say that orange wine was rather delicious to the taste, and left very little to be desired in its stimulating effects.

When late May and early June came each year, the briar-berries literally covered much of the North Florida landscape. There were the days of rail fences which zig-zagged around the fields. In the fence "jams" flourished enormous quantities of these berries. The process of



turning them into wine was very simple. You simply put them in a stone, glass or wooden container, added a small amount of sweetener and water and allowed the natural process of fermentation to take over. After a few days, the seeds were strained out and more sweetening was added and process of fermentation was repeated. This could go on indefinitely, depending on how strong the person wanted the wine to be.

After the fermentation was completed, the wine was stored, preferably in wooden vessels, for aging. Here is where it took on quality and "body," to use a then-operative phrase. With some variations as to procedures, alcoholic beverages could be made

from peaches, huckleberries, grapes and other items with a sugar or starch content. Cane beer was rather widely used and its results were a kind of first cousin to dynamite.

However, the old granddaddy of them all was corn. It could be used in the whole grain, or cracked, the fermentation time was cut down considerably. Its end product was known as "corn buck" and it provided a terrific wallop.

At times - and particularly during the Depression - there was a rather large volume of home run whiskey known as "moonshine." The corn buck, or other beverage, was boiled in a copper pot and the steam run off under water in a

copper pipe. Out of the condensation, came moonshine. It was known far and wide for its almost atomic effects.

At times, lesser drinks were made at home. Does anyone remember California Beer Seed? This was, I suppose, a form of yeast that multiplied over night and produced a mildly stimulating drink purely for home use, as it had no commercial value. There was home-brew, a bit stronger than California beer, but still practically harmless as compared to good grape wine, or moonshine.

In closing, allow me to say that in my judgment, alcohol has always tended to be associated with tragedy, mild or stark, here as over the entire world.

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Bronco Football

BRONCOS PUT BITE ON BULLDOGS



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The Madison County Central School Broncos are pictured before the game against the Taylor County Middle School Bulldogs.

By Jacob Bemby
Greene Publishing, Inc.
The Madison County Central School Cowboys beat the Taylor County Middle School Bulldogs 24-0 in action played on Thursday, Sept. 10, at Boot Hill in Madison.

The game was a defensive battle until midway through the fourth quarter when the Broncos offense got on track and scored two more touchdowns against the Bulldogs.

Both two-point conversions were successful and the Broncos led 24-0. The Broncos were able to stop Taylor County's last offensive drive and took over after a fumble. "I was very excited about the improvement

thus far," said Head Coach Mike Ragans. "We are expecting great things for the rest of the year if we keep on working hard and improving." Wells was the outstanding player in the game, rushing 15 times for 134 yards and snatching an interception. Wells also had a monster

hit in the first quarter that brought the crowd to its feet. The Broncos travel to Monticello next Thursday night to play the Jefferson County Middle School football team. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

Readers can see videos of highlights from the football game (including Wells' monster hit), as well as the halftime show (featuring the MCCS cheerleaders) at www.greenepublishing.com.
Go, Broncos.



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The Madison County Central School Broncos' coaching staff are pictured, left to right: Clayte McWilliams, Keith Webb, Head Coach Mike Ragans, Nathaniel Chatman, William Benjamin and Shaun Robinson.



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Gaylon Reed (#4) converges on the Taylor County receiver during football action on Thursday evening at Boot Hill.



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MCHS Volleyball Defeats East Gadsden... Twice



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The varsity team added a win to their year when they defeated East Gadsden. Playing on the varsity team are left to right: (kneeling) Emily Hentges, Kayla Sapp, Emily Webb and Meghan Maultsby. Standing l-r: Rachel McClellan, Brooke Bezick, Abby Mercer, Skyler Hanna, Tiffany Richardson and Courtney Williams.

By Bryant Thigpen
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The Madison County High School volleyball team played at home on Tuesday, September 15, with the junior varsity team beginning at 5 p.m., and the varsity team immediately following that game. The JV team walked away with a score of two games to one in favor of MCHS, and the varsity team played an exciting game with a win and fi-

nal score of three games to one.

The season for the volleyball team started with an away match at Florida High on September 3, where the Cowgirls fell to Florida High, both with a loss of three games. The next match was played in Monticello against the Jefferson County Fighting Tigers, where the Cowgirls reclaimed the victory with wins for JV (2-0) and Varsity (3-1). Taylor

County was a home match for the Cowboys on Sept. 10. The JV team fell to Taylor with a close score of 1-2, but the Varsity claimed a win with a final score of 3-1.

Upcoming matches include Hamilton County (away) on September 22, Jefferson County Sept. 24, Rickards (away) on Sept. 29, Taylor County (away) on October 1, Suwannee on October 5, Florida High on October 6, Godby High on Oct. 8,



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Bryant Thigpen, September 15, 2009

The JV Volleyball team claimed a win at home against East Gadsden on Tuesday, September 15. Members of the JV team are left to right: (kneeling) Connor Ginn, Savannah Richards, Kassidy Stallings, and Rachael Webb. Standing l-r: Coach Lauren Maultsby, Amber Vinson, Victory Evans, Hope McClellan, Kailee Morris and Coach Caitlin Griffin.

Godby High again on Oct. 13 (away), East Gadsden on October 15 (away), Suwannee (away) on Oct. 19, and the final home game of the year on Oct. 20 against Hamilton.

The senior night for the volleyball team will be Tuesday, October 20, against Hamilton County.

The JV team is comprised of: Connor Ginn, Savannah Richards, Kassidy Stallings, Rachael Webb, Amber Vinson, Vic-

tory Evans, Hope McClellan, Kailee Morris and Coach Caitlin Griffin.

The Cowgirls that make up the varsity team are: Emily Hentges, Kayla Sapp, Emily Webb, Meghan Maultsby, Rachel McClellan, Brooke Bez-

ick, Abby Mercer, Skyler Hanna, Tiffany Richardson and Courtney Williams.

Log on to www.greenepublishing.com to see video of the Cowgirls in action.

Go, Cowgirls!

Florida Teams Do Well In Week Two

By Bryant Thigpen
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Former Madison County High School Cowboy Jacobbi McDaniel and Chris Thompson both stepped onto Bobby Bowden Field Saturday, September 7, at 6 p.m., against the Jacksonville State Gamecocks. McDaniel played a significant role in the last minute comeback when he caused a fumble, which was taken in for six points. Rain was the cause for a sloppy game, with a shocking outcome of Florida State winning, 19-9.

Florida State will travel to Utah on Saturday, September 19 to take on No. 5 Brigham Young University at 7 p.m.

The University of Florida welcomed Troy to the swamp with a game on Saturday. During this game, Quarterback Tim Tebow led the Florida Gators to a win over Troy with a final score of 56-6. The University of Tennessee Volunteers will be trav-

eling this weekend to Gainesville to take on the Gators. The game starts at 3:30 p.m.

The No. 20 Miami Hurricanes are coming off of an off weekend, and are ready to take on the No. 14 Georgia Tech on Thursday, September 17, at 7:30 p.m.

The Madison County Cowboys have an off weekend on September 18, but they will return to the field on September 25 to take on the Leon High School Lions.

Warriors Drop Season Opener 27-7

By Fran Hunt
Special from The
Monticello News

The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity football team dropped its season opener against Mandarin Christian on Friday, Sept. 11, by a score of 27-7.

Mandarin Christian went up 21-0 on ACA quickly in the first half reported ACA Coach Scott Scharinger. "At halftime we made a few adjustments and challenged the boys to keep fighting and to win the second half. They re-

sponded and did just that. They fought together until the end and won the second half 7-6. Obviously, that was not enough to overcome the first half deficit, but it gave us something to continue to build on."

On offense, quarter-

back Trent Roberts connected with 3 of 17 pass attempts for 42 yards; Brandon Dunbar had 1 for 38 yards.

Wilson Lewis had 2 receptions for 4 yards.

Roberts had 7 carries for 32 yards; Alex Dunkle, 18 for 88 yards; Dunbar, one carry for one yard; and Todd McKenzie, seven carries for 43 yards, and one touchdown, giving Aucilla a total of 42 passing yards, 162 total yards rushing and a total of 204 offensive yards for the game.

Roberts had one extra-point attempt for one point, and six punts for 216 yards, averaging 36 yards per punt.

Dunkle had two kick returns for 19 yards; Brandon Darnell three assists for 30 yards; and Brad Holm had one return for 15 yards.

On defense, Holm had three tackles and one assist; Roberts, one tackle and one sack; Joe Mizell, one assist; Philip Watts, three tackles and two assists; Dunkle, one assist; Wilson Lewis, five tackles, one assist, and one interception; Matt Tuten, three assists; and Dunbar had two assists.

Clark Christy, had four assists; Levi Cobb, two tackles and four assists; Buddy Vollertsen, three assists; Jake Walker, three assists, and one fumble recovery; Tyler Evans, two tackles and five assists; Koal Swann, three assists; Darnell, one assist; and Todd McKenzie had one assist.

"We have two good opponents (Hawthorne and Lafayette) the next two weeks and we will need to get better each week to give ourselves a chance," said Scharinger.

"Our home opener is Hawthorne, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, at home. It is designated Youth Night in which we will recognize our JV boys football team on the field before the game, as well as our Youth Cheerleading Camp participants who will perform at halftime," he added.

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Outdoors

Kids Meet Beau Turner During Hunter Safety Course

By Nicole and Cody Little
Guest writers of Greene Publishing, Inc.

Nicole (14) and Cody (13) Little took their Hunter's Safety Course at the Beau Turner Youth Conservation Center in Jefferson County on Sept. 11 - 13, along with about 15 others, and both successfully passed.

George Handley conducted the class, which Nicole and Cody report about as follows:

"We were very excited when our mom signed us up for our Hunter's Safety Class. We both love to go hunting and we wanted to learn more about it. On our first night, Sept. 11, we listened to an FWC Officer explain some laws on guns & hunting.

"On Saturday, Sept. 12, our instructor, Mr. George, went over everything about hunting with us, from gun safety

to first aid. Then we had to take a 100-question test. At this point we were both very nervous. Although we listened and learned a lot, we were scared we wouldn't pass. (Nicole made an 87 and Cody made an 86. An 80 or better was required to pass.) After passing our test we were very excited and couldn't wait until the next day.

"On Sunday, Sept. 13, we were required to go to the shooting range and shoot a 20-gauge shotgun, a .22 rifle, and a bow and arrow. Although neither one of us were able to hit skeet, we still had lots of fun. At the .22 rifle range, Cody hit his target every time and Nicole only missed once, again we had a blast. Last of all, we shot bow and arrow. We were each given five arrows. Cody hit the target four times and Nicole two times. Cody

is much better at shooting a bow than his sister, because he practices at home all the time.

The best part was that our younger brother Zachary Little (8) was able to go with us to the shooting range. He appeared more excited then we were. Every time the instructor asked, "Who's Next?" Zachary would raise his hand and say "Me, Me!" He had to wait until every one from the class was finished before he could shoot though. He shot the 20-gauge three times with help from our instructor, Mr. George. At the rifle range, Zachary shot a .22 rifle five times. Zachary said he couldn't wait until he was old enough to come back and take the Hunter's Safety Course.

On the last day of our class on Sunday, after we were all done shoot-



Photo submitted

The Hunter's Safety Course held at the Beau Turner Youth Conservation Center in Jefferson County was a blast for all the kids, including, left to right, Zachary, Cody and Nicole Little, who are seen here with Beau Turner, the son of media mogul, Ted Turner.

ing, we met Mr. Beau Turner, the son of media giant, Ted Turner. We were really tickled over that. It was awesome.

"We would like to encourage anyone who has not taken his or her Hunter's Safety Course to do so. We learned a lot and had a great time.

Cody has signed up for the advanced archery class in October because he is interested in learning more about Bow Hunting."

Women's Outdoor Workshop Comes To Tallahassee

Wanted - adventurous and outdoorsy women wishing to learn more about Florida's great outdoors in a comfortable, noncompetitive, hands-on environment. If this could be you, contact the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) to participate in the Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW) workshop near Tallahassee.

The three-day workshop takes place Oct. 9-11 at Camp Wallwood on the pristine banks of Lake Talquin on the Gadsden County side. Sessions begin Friday at 10 a.m. and end Sunday with lunch.

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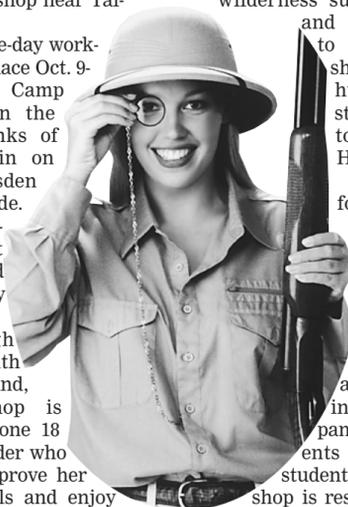
The program offers a fun and supportive atmosphere for participants wishing to try new things and enjoy the camaraderie of other women wanting to do the same. In four,

three-and-one-half-hour sessions, the BOW workshop teaches skills associated with fishing, hunting and other forms of outdoor recreation, at all levels of physical activity.

"The most requested classes women sign up to take are primitive chef; canoeing/kayaking basics; wilderness survival skills; and introduction to handgun shooting and hunting," BOW state coordinator Lynne Hawk said.

The cost for the three-day workshop is \$175, and there are a limited number of discounted slots available for low-income participants, single parents and college students. The workshop is restricted to 100 people on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information about the BOW workshop or how you can register, visit MyFWC.com/BOW or call 850-413-0085.



Chasing 'Hurricane Birds'

It's hurricane season and Florida residents need to be prepared.

Between 1851 and 2006, the state was battered by some 113 hurricanes, including 37 major storms measuring Category 3, 4 or 5. No other state comes close when you consider the overall hurricane landfalls and major storm totals.

However, hurricanes and tropical storms can bring in species of birds we normally wouldn't have the opportunity to see.

"As Hurricane Ike passed to the south of us in September 2008, I saw birds at Crandon Beach you wouldn't normally see from shore," said Roberto "Toe" Torres, a birder from Miami. "There were sooty shearwaters just off the breakers and many common and black terns, resting on the beach. A few brown noddy were flying just over the shore, and a Pomarine jaeger made a pass over the beach.

"But, the most amazing of all was the flock of about 15 white-winged scoters that came by right over the breakers," Torres said.

Torres was also at Black Point Marina on Biscayne Bay when Hurricane Dennis

came through in July 2005. This area is about eight miles from the barrier keys and the open water of the Atlantic.

"In between the squall lines, there were hundreds of sooty terns and frigatebirds riding the storm. While we normally get a few frigates over the bay, sooty terns are almost always seen far offshore in the Gulfstream down here," Torres said. "I've been out on the water down here for most of my life, and I'd never seen so many pelagic (ocean-going) birds in one area."

Unusual birds can also be found far inland after storms. According to Rex Rowan, a birder in Gainesville, coastal and pelagic birds may be seen after nearly every hurricane.

"The pelagic species that seems to turn up most regularly is sooty tern. Others frequently seen include common terns and laughing gulls. Our most exciting stray was a black-capped petrel found in Newnans Lake in September 2004 after Hurricane Jeanne. However, the American oystercatcher that Hurricane Gordon blew onto Newnans Lake in September 2000 was pretty mind-blowing as well," Rowan said.

Other birds spotted in the Gainesville area after storms include a Leach's storm petrel and a red phalarope that came in after Tropical Storm Fay in August 2008. A magnificent frigatebird, a Hudsonian godwit, least terns, black terns, Forester's terns, royal terns and sand-

wich terns as well as black skimmers, Pomarine jaegers and parasitic jaegers also have been spotted around the Gainesville area.

If you're thinking about chasing these "hurricane birds," consider a few tips from those birders who have experience. First of all, don't even think about heading to the coast. That's where the worst damage is, and you will probably have a nearly impossible time getting onto the islands. Security officers probably will not let you in, and fallen wires and trees will also be a barrier. Those storm-blown birds will likely move quickly back out to sea.

Also, don't attempt to drive while it's still dark. There is the temptation to be at a lake before dawn if the hurricane's eye passed near the lake overnight. Fallen trees and downed wires don't have lights, and you can't expect utility crews to have cleared away trees before daylight.

Find as large a lake as you can near the eye of the hurricane. Birds head for large bodies of water, or even wet parking lots that look like water. Get to the lakes as soon as it's safe after the storm passes. The birds often leave quickly.

Enjoy the birding opportunity, but remember to be safe after a storm. Don't take chances in your quest to add to your life list.

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