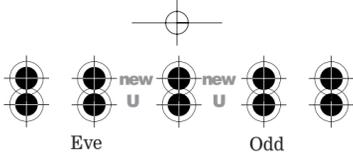


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## Driver Cited Following Crash

By Jacob Bemby  
*Greene Publishing, Inc.*  
A driver was cited for failure to use due care and no proof of insurance following a one-car accident on Saturday, Dec. 12, at the eastbound 255-mile marker on Interstate 10. According to a Florida Highway Patrol report, Shelton A. Franklin, Jr., 20, of Tallahassee, was eastbound in the inside lane, driving a 2007 Honda four-door.

The Honda began to hydroplane during a hard rain and Franklin lost control of the car. He traveled off the paved portion of the roadway and into the wooded median, striking a large oak tree, causing the car to spin in a counterclockwise motion.

The Honda came to a final rest, facing north next to the tree line in the median.

Franklin suffered minor injuries in the wreck. His passenger, Michael Simington, 20, of Tallahassee, was not injured.

FHP Trooper Tom Roderick was the investigating officer.

## Three Injured In Crash

By Jacob Bemby  
*Greene Publishing, Inc.*  
A driver was cited for careless driving and three people were injured in a one-vehicle accident early Sunday morning, Dec. 13, on NE Oak Hill Road.

According to a Florida Highway Patrol report, Terry Lynn Felkins, 31, of Lake Park, Ga., was traveling northbound on NE Oak Hill Road approaching a curve that extended to the left.

Felkins looked away from the roadway and failed to negotiate the curve. He drove onto the east shoulder of NE Oak Hill Road and struck a tree.

The 2007 Dodge truck came to a final rest facing east on the east

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## Man Busted For Meth Lab



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Madison County Sheriff Ben Stewart reports that on Tuesday December 1, at approximately 9:55 p.m., officers responded to 128 Glencoe Trail in Madison, Florida in reference to a strong chemical odor emitting from a neighbor's trailer that was causing their children's eyes to burn. Before officers could arrive, the complaint escalated to an alleged aggravated battery on the complainant. The perpetrator fled the scene as officers were en route but passed by a responding officer and was apprehended.

Other responding officers arrived at the scene and began to obtain statements from the victim and witnesses. Officers detected the extremely strong chemical odor emitting from the complainant's neighbor's trailer. Officers recognized the odor and contents to

possibly be that of the makings of methamphetamine. The perpetrator was identified as Shawn Hart, white male, 28, of Thomasville Ga.

At approximately 9:30 p.m., the Madison County Sheriff's Office Drug Task Force was called out in reference to this possible methamphetamine lab at 136 SW Glencoe Trail. Madison County Drug Task Force, Taylor County Drug Task Force Officers, Florida Dept. of Law Enforcement, Madison Fire and Rescue and Summit Environmental, Inc. obtained items and began taking samples for more in depth lab testing. Summit Environmental, Inc. removed for disposal hazardous items. Items recovered were hoses and containers, acetone, and acidic liquid mixture consistent with the process and chemicals used to

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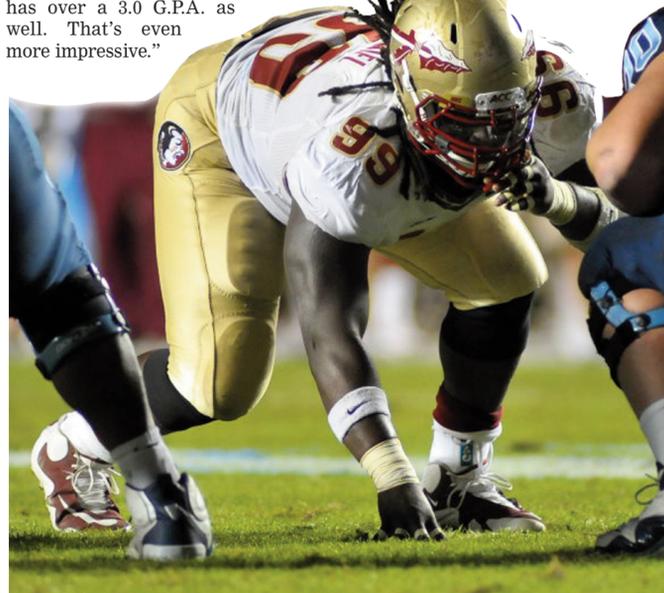
## Jacobbi McDaniel Named Freshman All-America

*Named Second-team Freshman All-American by College Football News and ACC All-Freshman team by Sporting News.*

Cowboy standout Jacobbi McDaniel continues to strike fear in opponents and garner praise from the press, as he was named Second-team Freshman All-American in the eyes of *College Football News*, and as a member of the ACC All-Freshman team by *Sporting News*. Starting for FSU this year, McDaniel made big plays that got the attention of sportswriters and coaches and critics alike.

McDaniel's numbers last year with the Cowboys, and especially the prior championship year, were impressive, almost as impressive as his control of the line of scrimmage. These accolades demonstrate that future praise will only get stronger. A true freshman, he looks forward to making Madison County and the Seminoles proud for years to come.

MCHS Athletic Director Mike Coe stated, "It doesn't come as a surprise. Anytime you can go into a place like FSU and play as a true freshmen, it speaks volumes. We are so proud of Jacobbi and what he's doing at FSU. He gives our guys here now a model to follow, a dream to chase. He is living proof that with hard work and a relentless pursuit of a dream, anything is possible. He has over a 3.0 G.P.A. as well. That's even more impressive."



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From his three-point stance, Jacobbi McDaniel explodes into linesman before they see him coming.

## James Noland Greene Passes At Age 24

By Jacob Bemby  
*Greene Publishing, Inc.*



James Noland Greene, 24, died December 15, 2009, in Clearwater, after having a seizure.

Noland, who had undergone treatment for seizures for the last seven years, was born August 16, 1985, in Idaho Falls, Idaho, where his father was a nuclear physics instructor with

the Navy.

Noland, who was a Mason, grew up in Madison and graduated from Aucilla Christian Academy. At ACA, he ran cross country and played football for the Warriors.

Noland worked for several years with his grandfather, Tommy Greene, on research and writing the history of Madison County. The book, *Madison County From the Beginning*, will soon be published.

Mike Steele, the principal of University Christian Middle School in Jacksonville, was a principal of Noland's at ACA. He recalled the time that Noland had forgotten his running shoes. Steele, who had a good pair of running shoes on, let Noland wear his.

"You never know what it takes to connect with someone, but from that time on, Noland and I became great friends," Steele reminisced. "I remember being glad to see him when I came back to visit and we would cross paths at a game or church."

Steele remembered that Noland had to visit his office several times when he got into trouble.

"Usually, he would be sent because he was opinionated and stubborn, but that is what made him special," Steele said. "I love Noland and have a very special place in my heart for him."

This writer remembers debating political issues with Noland after Noland was an adult. He had different views than this writer on many issues. Always willing to play the devil's advocate, Noland would be much more liberal on many issues than this writer and much more conservative on other issues than this writer, who will always miss those debates with his redheaded friend.

Steele said that Noland was prepared to meet Jesus Christ.

"I am reminded that God's grace is sufficient and at times like this, understanding is important," he said. "Heaven is real and Noland was prepared for his walk with Christ and now he walks in Heaven."

This writer remembers how, as a pre-teen, Noland tagged along with him to a youth crusade at Madison County High School. This writer can't even remember the minister's name, but he does remember that when the invitation was given, Noland was among the many students who made their way to the front.

A popular man among his peers, Noland will be sorely missed as evidenced by the number of memorials left on his Facebook page.

Noland is survived by his parents, Harvey and Janice Greene, formerly of Madison and currently of Presque Isle, Maine, and Larry and Tracy Spooner of Bainbridge, Ga.; seven siblings, Thomas (Rachel) Greene, currently residing in Kyrgyzstan; Kelli Greene of Clearwater; Hunter Greene of Jesup, Ga.; Joshua Greene and Jade Greene of Presque Isle, Maine; Beth Spooner, of Bainbridge, Ga.; and Kyle Spooner of Cairo, Ga. He is also survived by grandparents, Tommy and Mary Ellen Greene, of Madison; Carolyn Wiig, of Bainbridge, Ga.; his great-grandfather, Buford Selman, of Madison; his uncle, William Greene, of Madison; his aunt, Emerald Greene of Madison; and cousins Daniel Greene, of Camp Lejeune, N.C.; Forest and Matthew Greene of Madison, Chelstie and Brooke Kinsley, of Madison. Jennifer Greene Sabo, of Panama City Beach; Tanner Greene, of Madison; Kathleen Hartsfield and Will Hartsfield, of Monticello; and Amber Selman Albrecht, of Firestone, Col.

Noland's viewing will be held Saturday, Dec. 19, from 6-8 p.m. at the Beggs Funeral Home in Madison.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, Dec. 20, at 2:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Madison. Burial will follow at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Madison with Masonic rites.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Masonic Lodge, No. 11 F. & A.M., 183 SE Oak Street, Madison, FL 32340.

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### Local Weather

<b>Fri 12/18</b> 62/44 Rain, heavy at times early. High 62F.	<b>Sat 12/19</b> 60/39 Clouds giving way to sun. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s.	<b>Sun 12/20</b> 54/36 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the mid 30s.	<b>Mon 12/21</b> 58/37 Sunny. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the upper 30s.
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**Jacob's Ladder**  
Jacob Bemby  
Columnist

## The Wisdom Of Joseph And Mary

Except for a few scant details, we know nothing from the Bible of Mary, mother of Jesus, or of his earthly father, Joseph. If my readers will allow me, I would like to share some thoughts that I have on God's choice of Mary and Joseph to raise His only begotten Son.

I think that God chose Mary because she was wise beyond her years. She was probably a teenager when, through the Holy Spirit, the virgin conceived the Son of God. Although young, I believe that Mary was wise and caring.

I also believe that Joseph was wise beyond his education. A carpenter probably did not have the same education of a scribe or a Pharisee, but education is not all there is to wisdom. His learning probably came through experience and trial and error.

Although Mary's parents probably arranged the marriage to Joseph, I believe that they did so at the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

I do not believe that there is a man and woman who truly loves their child who, if they had to leave them in someone else's care to raise, that would pick someone who was not wise and caring. If you were God, would you do any less?

Next Friday is the day that Christians have set aside to honor the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May His light shine upon us all.

## Christmas Trivia

1. Which of these companies was the first to use Santa Clause in an advertisement?

- Pepsi
- Coca-Cola
- 7-Up
- Fanta

2. Which president was the first to decorate the White House Christmas tree?

- Franklin Pierce
- Benjamin Franklin
- George Washington
- Abraham Lincoln

Question 1: Coca-Cola  
Question 2: Franklin Pierce

## Thank You

*During the illness and death of our loved one, Marvin Veltton Evans, you may have prayed, visited or called, sent a card or flowers, comforted us with hugs and kind words, provided food, or expressed your condolences in other ways. Please know that every gesture of love, thoughtfulness, and support is deeply and sincerely appreciated. Thank You! May God's blessings be granted to each of you!*

*The Evans Family  
Marie, Marvin, Theresa, Evan,  
Bruce, and Grandchildren*

The family of Richard Rudd would like to express their sincere gratitude for the thoughtfulness and kindness shown these past few weeks. The visits, calls, cards, food, and flowers have been a great comfort during this time. Please keep us all in your thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,  
Stacey Rudd

## Letters To The Editor

Letters to the Editor are typed word for word, comma for comma, as sent to this newspaper.

### Former Principal Remembers Noland Greene

Dear Editor,

Noland Greene was a student of mine while at Aucilla and the beginning of our relationship was unique. I knew right off that Noland had a great heart yet he always kept others at a distance it seemed. I remember one day at a cross country meet he forgot his shoes and I just happen to have a good pair of running shoes on so I let Noland have them. You never know what it will take to connect with someone, but from that time on Noland and I became friends. I remember being glad to see him when I came back to visit and we would cross paths at a game or church. Noland visited my office several times whenever he would get into trouble. Usually, he would be sent because he was opinionated and stubborn, but that is what made him

special. I love Noland and have a very special place in my heart for him. Greene family, my deepest sympathy is with you for I know you have lost a very special young man. I am reminded that God's grace is sufficient and at times like this understanding is important. Heaven is real and Noland was prepared for his walk with Christ and now he walks in Heaven. I just wanted you to know that Noland was special to not only me but to many others as well. Our prayers are with you during this very difficult time...

Mike Steele, Principal  
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### A Christmas Wish List For Top 10 Inventors by Paul Niemann

People always ask me, "What's the best invention of all time?" They're looking for that one perfect answer that's going to settle the debate once and for all.

When I tell them that there's no one single best invention, they usually walk away disappointed. It reminds me of the guy who climbs to the top of the mountain to ask the wise old man for the meaning of life.

But I can tell you who my top ten inventors are, and what I think they would want for Christmas. Foreign-born inventors, many of whom immigrated to America, are denoted with an asterisk \* below.

Which of these inventors are still alive today? The answer is at the end of the column.

For Ben Franklin: A new pair of bifocals, which he invented, as well as a new kite since his old one was destroyed in a thunderstorm. Also, a Franklin stove, a key to the city and a \$100 bill.

For Thomas Jefferson: A modern version of each of his major inventions: A macaroni machine that he invented in 1787, the swivel chair, the spherical sundial, the moldboard plow and the cipher wheel, which was used by the military to send coded messages back and forth. Plus a bowl of macaroni and a dish of ice cream, since Jefferson introduced these two foods to America.

For Philo Farnsworth, who was only 15 years old when he figured out how to invent the television: A remote control and a DVD player. Now go to your room, Philo. And no watching TV when you get there, young man.

\*For Alexander Graham Bell: A cell phone powered by a cord that plugs into a wall (think about it). Bell was born in Scotland.

For Henry Ford, father of the assembly line which produced the Model T cars: A brand new car, in any color he wants. As long as it's black.

\*For Nikola Tesla: A trophy case and a radio. Why a trophy case? Why a radio? And who is Nikola Tesla?

Tesla is the main inventor of radio, although Marconi is the one who usually receives credit for it. OK, then why give him a trophy case?

To hold the prestigious Edison Medal which he won in 1917. The irony is that Tesla and Edison fought a nasty battle to see whose brand of electrical current was superior: Tesla's AC won out over Edison's DC. On a lesser note, Tesla is the only inventor to have a rock band named after him. Tesla, by the way, was born in Croatia.

For Thomas Edison: A day off, since he's the only inventor in the United States to receive a patent every year for 65 straight

years. Also, a high school diploma, since he never graduated from high school, and a Tesla album to listen to on the phonograph that he invented in 1877. Also, in an ironic twist, I would give him the Nikola Tesla Award, which is given annually by the Institute of Electrical Engineers.

\*For Leonardo da Vinci: A time-travel machine, so he could actually use some of his best inventions. Da Vinci designed the following items hundreds of years ahead of their time: The submarine, the bicycle, modern scissors, a flying machine, a helicopter and a parachute. Leonardo was born in Vinci, Italy. He and Ben Franklin are the only left-handed inventors on this list.

For George Washington Carver: A listing in the Guinness Book of World Records, for inventing more than 300 uses for peanuts and hundreds of additional uses for other

plants. \*For Tim Berners-Lee, who invented the World Wide Web: A lifetime supply of anti-spam software and his own patent lawyer. Berners-Lee was so unselfish that he chose to not patent the Web, passing up a huge fortune in the process. Berners-Lee was born in London.

Of these ten inventors, which ones are still alive today?

Only the inventor of the world wide web, Tim Berners-Lee, who was born in 1955. Television inventor Philo Farnsworth died in 1971 and his wife died a few years ago at the age of 98. She holds the distinction of being the first woman to appear on television, which she did in 1927.

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# Viewpoints & Opinions

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## Simplify The Holiday Season

By now, you may be on your way to what can be described as holiday burnout. It's the feeling you get when you are doing too much in the few short weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas. There is shopping, decorating, school plays, church functions, holiday baking, meals to plan, food to prepare, family gatherings and the list goes on and on....

These days, most families are too busy with their weekly routine and stay over scheduled on any given day. Now, you add more activities and your to-do list seems endless, all with a deadline of December 25th and January 1st. No wonder you feel stressed and worn out by the end of the season.

To help you get through this holiday season, take steps to simplify your life. First of all, keep in mind that you can't do everything. Plan your time and money so you enjoy a few activities rather than over commit to everything that can possibly come along. Here are a few tips from time management specialists to get you through the holiday season.

**Be mindful of your eating habits** – It is often said the average person gains 5 lbs. during the holiday season; the reality is that most people only gain 1 to 2 pounds. Enjoy the foods you like, just keep the portions in control. If you're at a party, fill your plate, but don't overload it, save room for dessert (a small portion) and spend time socializing rather than stuffing your face. Cookies and candy are all part of the festivities, put your selection on a small plate or napkin and walk away from the tray.

**Keeping your activity level up helps burn calories**, so get some walking time in during the week. Take a 15 minute walk during your lunch hour and take longer walks on the weekend. When you go shopping, park your car at the far end of the parking lot and walk to the stores. Exercise also helps reduce stress, so you get a double benefit.

**Keep your spending within limits** – Set a limit on the total dollars you will spend this holiday and stick to it. If you use credit, charge only what you can pay off on your next statement. This might mean family members recheck list and prioritize the top two or three items. Drawing names instead of gift buying for every person works well with extended family.

**Food spending is one category that many families overlook at the holiday season.** Since Americans tend to center celebrations around food, your grocery bills during the season can take a large chunk out of the monthly budget. Make a list and check it twice before going to the grocery store. Look through your pantry to determine if you already have the ingredients needed for special dishes. It is always a good idea to eat something before you go to the grocery store, you'll do a better job of sticking to your list.

**People tend to eat out more often during the holiday season, simply because they have less time to prepare meals.** This practice is very expensive and if you take time to add up all of the money spent on meals away from home during December, you could probably have enough money to pay cash for everything on your Christmas list. Try to spend less eating out and focus the money saved toward other expenditures.

**Take Care of Yourself** – If you can, give yourself some time each day to relax. For some, it may mean getting up 30 minutes earlier to read the paper without interruption. Others might relax by a fire and reflect on the memories of the holidays. Do whatever works for you and create some down time to de-stress and simplify the holiday season.

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## Red, White And True Mysteries

By Paul Niemann

We usually talk about Americans in this column, but sometimes a foreigner's accomplishments are so important that it merits an exception.

Mr. Vespucci was an explorer, navigator and mapmaker from Florence, Italy. His first name can be spelled two different ways, so we'll just stick with his last name for now. Martin Waldseemuller, on the other hand, was a German mapmaker.

Sometimes an explorer has a land named after him. That's a fair reward for being the one who discovers the new land, but that isn't the case here. By the way, explorers aren't the only ones who have their works named after them, as inventors sometimes have their inventions named after them, although they may regret it later (page Dr. Joseph Guillotine).

Today's hero had not one, but two, lands named after him despite the fact that he did not discover either land. How did this happen, and who was Vespucci?

He was born in 1451, which was 41 years before Christopher Columbus discovered America. In fact, America wasn't even called America until 1507, and there's more to this story than you learned in your History classes.

Sailing for Spain and Portugal, Vespucci made between two and four voyages to Central and South America from 1497 to 1504. The reason why we don't know the exact number of voyages is that records were not kept as diligently back then as they are today.

It was the German mapmaker Martin Waldseemuller who credited Vespucci with the discovery of two lands when in 1507 he read a letter that was reportedly written by Vespucci that told of Vespucci's travels to the New World. Waldseemuller might have lost something in the translation of that letter, which was written in Latin, and he created his famous map based in part of what he read in Vespucci's letter.

Vespucci's full name was Amerigo Vespucci, and he is believed to be the person for whom the Americas were named. But was that his birth name?

Waldseemuller was the mapmaker who named North and South America after Amerigo Vespucci. He was also the first one to draw North and South America separate from Asia.

In 1513, he changed the names on his map from North and South America to "Terra Incognita." The reason for this is one of several unclear events that occurred in the mapping and naming of North and South America. For example, Waldseemuller was able to draw the Pacific Ocean six years before a European explorer would discover it. He also correctly drew South America to within 70 miles of its actual size. "Terra Incognita," by the way, translates into "unknown land."

There were 1,000 copies of Waldseemuller's map published, and only one is known to exist today. It was found in a German castle in 1901 and then sold to the Library of Congress.

One thing's for certain, though: The two Americas are named after Amerigo Vespucci.

Or were they named after British naturalist Richard Amerike, who reportedly financed John Cabot's voyage to Newfoundland in 1497?

Or could they be named after the gold district in Nicaragua that was known as Amerrique? Both Vespucci and Columbus visited this area. Just as explorers tend to name the lands they discover after themselves, it was once reported that Vespucci changed his name from "Alberigo" to "Amerigo" – to possibly claim the new land in Nicaragua for himself.

Nobody knows for sure, but it kind of makes you wonder, doesn't it? After all, history wasn't always recorded as it was being made. The way that history has recorded it, though, is that the two Americas were named after Italian explorer Amerigo Vespucci.


*Ramblings*
**Thelma Thompson**  
Guest Columnist

## Christmas Through The Years

Though I've always loved Christmas, it's rather odd that not many of the early ones are memorable. I do remember that most of them brought us children a Christmas stocking which held some nuts, an orange, a stick or two of hard candy and, if we were extremely lucky, a banana. And we were very happy with what Santa had brought us. Of course, we had more than usual of Mother's wonderful cooking on Christmas Day for most of it was homegrown. Mother could choose her main entrée from beef, pork, duck, guinea hen or children from our own farm. Also, a great variety of canned vegetables from her summer canning; pies and cakes from pecan, peach, pear and apple trees and pumpkin and sweet potato pies also from homegrown products. The main thing I loved was blackberry cobbler; another result of her picking and canning. So most of my early Christmas memories were those which titillated the taste buds.

Then, for my ninth Christmas, I received my first (that I remember) sleepy-eyed baby doll. I never forgot that one. My Aunt Billie came from Macon with it and I thought it was the most beautiful thing I had ever seen. She had blue eyes and dark brown curly hair and when I rocked her, her eyes would close. While her head was of china, her body was soft and, to a nine-year-old, it seemed like rocking a real baby.

Other outstanding memories of Christmas were searching through the woods each December for the perfect tree. Of course, it was most always a pine. And we never had many decorations. We would search through the sewing basket for colorful scraps to make bows. If we were lucky enough to have a holly tree, the tiny branches with berries made lovely decorations. And sometimes we had popcorn. After being popped and sometimes dyed, we could string it and when wrapped around the tree and the final touch of mother's tiny candleholders clasped to the limbs and the candles lit, we could stand back and admire our masterpiece.

I don't have outstanding memories of the next few years but, when I was 15, mother allowed me to make a forest in the living room. The forest floor was carpeted with pine needles.

The next one was after I was married and I've written about that before – when Dice and I were back on the farm with four small children and we made home-made toys for them. That and the fact that we were living in a log cabin that he had made all by himself made it the most memorable of all. I'll never forget the joy of the children as they found what Santa had brought them and opened their presents. As we watched that scene before an open fire on the hearth, our hearts were full to overflowing.

I sincerely hope that you can experience such feelings on this Christmas Day. I also hope that you have a joyful, wonderful and merry Christmas.

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# Law Enforcement & Regional Crime

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## Mortgage Fraud Surge Investigation Nets More Than 100 Individuals Throughout Middle District Of Florida

United States Attorney A. Brian Albritton announced the results of a nine-month-long Mortgage Fraud Surge investigation that has resulted in charges against more than 100 defendants and involves allegations concerning more than \$400 million in loans procured by fraud and more than 700 properties. U.S. Attorney Albritton is holding events throughout the district this week to highlight the announcement.

There are currently mortgage fraud-related charges pending against approximately 500 defendants in federal mortgage fraud cases around the nation. The cases concern both mortgage schemes designed to defraud mortgage lenders and "foreclosure rescue schemes" which prey on distressed homeowners.

"This initiative sends a clear message that mortgage fraud will not be tolerated. We must protect the integrity of the real estate market in our communities, which is a major contributor to the health of our economy, here and throughout the country," said U.S. Attorney Albritton.

Florida's Mortgage Fraud Surge was launched in late January 2009 in response to the epidemic of mortgage fraud throughout the state, which began during Florida's real estate boom earlier this decade. To address this wide scale problem, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida, along with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in both its Tampa and Jacksonville Divisions, began a nine-month intensive effort to identify, investigate, and prosecute mortgage fraud in all of its forms.

To accomplish the Surge, the FBI and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida devoted significant additional personnel and resources to investigating and prosecuting mortgage fraud cases. All of the Assistant U.S. Attorneys in the Ft. Myers, Orlando, and Jacksonville offices responsible for criminal matters handled mortgage fraud investigations, and in the District's largest office, Tampa, over half of the Criminal Division Assistant U.S. Attorneys were assigned mortgage

fraud matters. In addition, FBI Special Agent in Charge Steven E. Ibison of the Tampa Division and FBI Special Agent in Charge Jim Casey of the Jacksonville Division established mortgage fraud task forces in their respective jurisdictions. A number of state and federal law enforcement agencies joined these mortgage fraud task forces, and the agents, investigators, and other law enforcement personnel from these participating agencies conducted an intensive and wide-ranging investigation into hundreds of mortgage fraud leads during this Surge phase. Along with the FBI, the agencies that joined in the Surge and who participated in the mortgage fraud task forces are: the Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation, U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Housing and Urban Development Office of Inspector General, U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Florida Department of Financial Services/Division of Insurance Fraud, Florida Office of Financial Regulation, Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Lee County Sheriff's Office (Ft. Myers Division only), Collier County Sheriff's Office (Ft. Myers Division only) and Brevard County Sheriff's Office (Orlando Division only).

The U.S. Attorney's Office charged mortgage fraud defendants throughout the Middle District of Florida. The number of defendants charged by office breaks down as follows: Ft. Myers-32; Tampa-30; Orlando-19; and Jacksonville-24. Of these defendants, 7 are related to cases under seal and not in the public record at this juncture.

An indictment or complaint is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of the federal criminal laws, and every defendant is presumed innocent unless, and until, proven guilty.

The surge investigation completed on October 31, 2009, and announced today is the first phase of a continuing effort to investigate and prosecute not only mortgage fraud professionals and other individuals who have engaged in multiple fraudulent mortgage transactions, but also larger organizations and even financial institutions.

## Eustis Woman Sentenced To More Than 24 Years For Offering Children For Sex

U.S. Attorney A. Brian Albritton announced that U.S. District Judge Patricia C. Fawcett sentenced Rhonda Jenette Bays (age 39, of Eustis) to 24 years and four months in federal prison for producing child pornography and conspiring with another to travel in interstate commerce to have sex with a minor. Bays had pleaded guilty on August 19, 2009.

According to court documents, in May 2009, Bays and her boyfriend, Tanner Stickney, concocted a plan for Stickney to travel from Washington,

D.C. to the Orlando area in order to have sex with a child whom Bays knew and had access to. During the course of the plan, Bays offered Stickney two different children for sex. Agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) discovered the plan, and, on May 15, 2009, agents arrested Stickney as he landed at the Orlando International Airport. Bays was arrested at her home later that night.

During the course of the investigation, FBI agents further discovered that Bays and Stickney had arranged a previous trip in June 2008. During this previous trip, Stickney flew down to the Orlando area, where Bays and Stickney made a video of

Stickney sexually abusing a young child. Agents found this video at Stickney's home in Washington, D.C.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Vincent S. Chiu.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet and to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafechildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov).

## Three Injured

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shoulder of NE Oak Hill Road.

Damage to the truck was estimated at \$15,000. Felkins and his passengers, Zachery T. Meierbachtol, 27, of Valdosta, Ga., and Jessica Ann McLeod, 28, of Valdosta, Ga., all suffered minor injuries in the wreck.

FHP was assisted at the crash scene by Madison County EMS and the Madison County Sheriff's Office.

FHP Trooper Brian Lundy was the crash investigator.

## Meth Lab

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manufacture methamphetamine.

Shawn Hart was arrested and charged with aggravated battery with a motor vehicle, manufacturing methamphetamine and unlawful possession of listed chemicals.

The investigation is continuing.

### Madison County...

## Jail Report



**12/11**  
Andre Leon Barker  
- Driving while license suspended  
Rodrigo Vega - Hold for Miami Dade  
Kenneth Henry Forton - VOP  
Alfred Monta Davis - Driving while license suspended (second offense)  
**12/12**  
Adencioz Santizo Vazquez - No drivers'

license; attaching a tag not assigned  
John Patrick Flint - DUI  
Gilbert Paul Hart II - Driving while license revoked  
**12/13**  
Fannie Mae Fead - Battery  
Major Jamar Cobb - DUI  
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## Obituaries

### Joel Preston Katz

Joel Preston Katz, age 68, passed away Saturday, Dec. 12, 2009, in Tallahassee.

Memorial services were held Monday, Dec. 14, 2009, at 6 p.m. in the Chapel at Beggs Funeral Home, Monticello. The family received friends at Beggs Funeral Home, Monticello, following the service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Big Bend Hospice, 1723-1 Mahan Center Road, Tallahassee, FL 32308-5428.

Mr. Katz was born in New York on March 20, 1941 to Harry and Lillian Katz and has been a resident of Florida since 1987. Mr. Katz was a successful businessman, a gifted craftsman and enjoyed country living. He was proud to have served his country in the Armed Forces during Vietnam. He is survived by his wife, Carol; their three daughters, Jennifer Keenan of Bethesda, Md., Lori Higgins of High Springs and Kristen Katz of Orlando; a brother, Bruce Katz of Pittsburgh, Pa.; and three grandchildren, Connor and Maddox Higgins and Olivia Keenan.

### Ruth Arndt Drake

Ruth Arndt Drake, 80, of Quitman, Ga., passed away Sunday Dec. 13, 2009 at Smith Northview Hospital.

Born in Lee County, Fla. she was the daughter of Roland and May Belle Johnson Arndt. She was a homemaker, a florist in Lee County for over 50 years before moving to Brooks Co. in 1975, and member of the Baptist Faith.

She is survived by her husband; Don Drake of Quitman, two daughters; Dale (Paul) Rickards of Quitman, Dawn (Dan) Faughn of Tallahassee, Fla., five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Graveside services will be held Saturday December 19, at 11:30 AM in Columbia Cemetery with Rev. Tommy Rickards officiating.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Sat. from 9 to 11 a.m.

Condolences may be conveyed online at [www.maxwellmillerfuneralhome.com](http://www.maxwellmillerfuneralhome.com)

Maxwell-Miller Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### Dorothy Jean Markham

Dorothy Jean Markham, age 73, died Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2009, at Doctors Memorial Hospital in Perry.

Graveside funeral services will be Friday, Dec. 18, 2009, at 3 p.m., at Evergreen Cemetery, Greenville. Visitation will be Friday, December 18, 2009, prior to the service, which is from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. at Beggs Funeral Home.

She was born in Lake City, and moved to Greenville 10 years ago coming from Mulberry. She was a beautician and the owner and operator of Dot's Beauty Salon in Mulberry.

She is survived by one son, Greg Markham, of Greenville; one daughter, Cindy Hutto of Greenville; five children, Shawn Braswell, Matt Braswell, Chris Markham, Season Harrison and Andie Tomlin; as well as 10 great-grandchildren

### Noland Greene

Noland Greene, age 24, died Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2009 in Clearwater.

Funeral services will be Sunday, Dec. 20, 2009, at 2:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Madison. Visitation will be Saturday, December 19, 2009 from 6-8 p.m. at Beggs Funeral Home in Madison.

Noland is survived by his parents, Harvey and Janice Greene, formerly of Madison and currently of Presque Isle, Maine, and Larry and Tracy Spooner of Bainbridge, Ga.; seven siblings, Thomas (Rachel) Greene, currently residing in Kyrgyzstan, Kelli Greene of Clearwater, Hunter Greene of Jessup, Ga., Joshua Greene and Jade Greene of Presque Isle, Maine; Beth Spooner, of Bainbridge, Ga., Kyle Spooner of Cairo, Ga. He is also survived by grandparents, Tommy and Mary Ellen Greene, of Madison; Carolyn Wiig, of Bainbridge, Ga.; his great-grandfather Buford Selman, of Madison; his uncle William Greene, of Madison; his



Noland Greene

aunt Emerald Greene of Madison; and cousins Daniel Greene, of Camp Lejuene, N.C.; Forest and Matthew Greene of Madison, Chelstie and Brooke Kinsley, of Madison. Jennifer Greene Sabo, of Panama City Beach; Tanner Greene, of Madison; Kathleen Hartsfield and Will Hartsfield, of Monticello; and Amber Selman Albrecht, of Firestone, Col.

Donations may be made to Madison Masonic Lodge #11, F&AM, 183 SE Oak Street, Madison, FL 32340.




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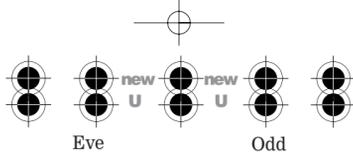
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# Around Madison County

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## Chamber Welcomes New Board Members

By Michael Curtis  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The Greater Madison County Chamber of Commerce recently appointed new members to its Board of Directors. Several months ago, the chamber's bylaws were modified to add new board members representing many different facets of the community.

The new board is as follows:

**Jessica Webb** - (Florida Virtual School) - President  
**Ina Thompson** - (The Mail Room and Art Source) - Vice President  
**Lynette Sirmon** - (All Realty Services) - Secretary/Treasurer  
**Ray Griffin** - (Citizens State Bank) - Past President  
**Mayor Ernestine Kinsey** - (Town of Lee)  
**Deanna Hames** - (Lake Park of Madison)  
**A. D. Kinsey** - (Madison Sports Grill)  
**Brent Whitman** - (Madison Engineering)  
**Charles Maultsby** - (Florida Plywood)  
**Commissioner Roy Ellis** - (Madison

County Board of County Commissioners)  
**Commissioner Myra Valentine** - (City of Madison)  
**Councilman Ronald Poppell** - (City of Greenville)  
**Kim Scarboro** - (NFCC, Coordinator of College Advancement)  
**Mickie Salter** - will serve in an Advisory capacity

Executive Director Ted Ensminger was pleased to announce the additions, remarking that the composition of the chamber board represents all parts of the community it serves. Administrative Office Manager Cindy Vees joined Ensminger in welcoming the new members.

Ensminger and Vees have been on a non-stop run over the past few months, organizing and delivering numerous successful events, while expanding membership significantly. And now their attention is turned to getting the office prepared for a move to its new location at 248 SW Range Avenue. The chamber will be closed from Dec. 21 to Jan. 4., at which time the public is warmly invited to drop by and share a cup of coffee.

The Greater Madison County Chamber of Commerce can be reached at (850) 973-2788. Call daily for

membership or vendor information. Michael Curtis can be reached at michael@greenepublishing.com.



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City of Madison Commissioner Jim Catron (left) dropped by the chamber at their new location to wish Executive Director Ted Ensminger (right) and Administrative Office Manager Cindy Vees happy holidays and congratulations on their expansion.

## LATMA Academy Celebrates Sixth Anniversary Gala

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"E-D-U-C-A-T-I-O-N" was the word of the evening at the sixth anniversary celebration of LATMA Christian Academy. Students and parents, along with staff and special guests, enjoyed music, sermonettes and a unique presentation from invited speakers.

Pastor and Principal Emily Spencer hosted the event with her customary charisma, which all who meet her agree is as contagious as her smile. Joining invited singers and ministers, Spencer organized the unique presentation that featured nine speakers who were asked to make a presentation using words that begin with the letter assigned him or her. The combined letters then spelled the word "EDUCATION."

The presenters included several locals, notably Pastor Delvin Boatman, Jerome Wyche, Sheriff Ben Stewart and Michael Curtis. The showcase concluded with several common messages emerging.

- Education is both spiritually and academically rewarding.
- Biblical studies are an essential component of an education.
- We are all citizens and should share a desire for the common good of America.
- Students are ultimately

responsible for his or her education and future.

- It takes community support to properly educate children.

Bishop Wade McCrae of Greater Union Cathedral in Valdosta, Ga. gave the gala address, reinforcing strong pastoral messages offered earlier by Boatman, Rev. Norris Barr, Minister Alice Robinson, Minister Arthur Roberson, Minister Ruby Barr and Pastor Joe Troope, who also took part in the featured presentation.

Other special moments included a wonderful music min-

istry, a delicious waited dinner and young readers reciting excerpts from books and poetry. Student Body President Stephanie Watts also addressed the audience, delivering the call to order and welcoming remarks. Spencer closed by extending blessings and appreciation to all.

LATMA Christian Academy can be reached at (850) 973-2359, or online at ileadtheway@hotmail.com. Those seeking to provide a love offering to support the program, or just to offer an encouraging note, simply call or email Emma Hart for more information.



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Seniors Kendall Pride (left) and Bobby Williams (right) look to graduation and beyond, as graduating seniors at LATMA Christian Academy. Pastor and Principal Emily Spencer directs the unique curriculum that is entering its sixth year.

## Chamber & RATT Pact To Host Christmas Reception

Evening Includes Encore Performance of the Live Mannequins of Madison County

This Saturday, December 19, the Greater Madison County Chamber of Commerce and The Rural Area Theatrical Troupe (RATT Pact) will host an evening of music, entertainment, Christmas snacks and cheerful refreshments during the 3rd Annual Downtown Madison Christmas Celebration. The free event is open to all and will run from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Back by popular demand, the Live Mannequins of Madison County will be on hand throughout the evening making themselves available for photographs. The Mannequins, presented by the RATT Pact, were a big hit on the evening of December 5 during the 3rd Annual Light Up Madison Christmas Celebration.

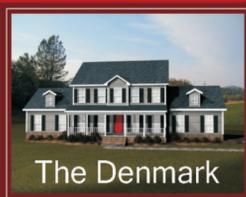
Festivities will take place at the new office location for the Greater Madison County Chamber of Commerce & Tourism, which is 248 SW Range Avenue, downtown Madison. For additional information, contact the Chamber at 973-2788.

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## Local Eastern Star Chapter Entertains At "Official Inspection"

By Emerald Greene  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The evening of Thursday, November 12 found the Madison Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star #109 entertaining members, visitors, and guests during their "Official Inspection" at the Masonic Lodge/Eastern Star building in downtown Madison. The grand honoree was Sister Lois Mock, Grand Conductress.

The evening began with a Thanksgiving type dinner at 6 p.m. The official meeting began at 7 p.m. when officers of the local chapter marched in formally, and opened the chapter in long form.

Madison's Worthy Matron, Karen FerDon, welcomed all the out-of-town guests, as Madison's Conductress and Associate Conductress, Edith Terry and Jennifer Stanley, did the proper introductions.

Following the introductions, the "exemplification of work" was demonstrated by Conductress, Edith Terry, and Associate Conductress, Jennifer Stanley. The Silver Drill went to Hospice and Palliative Care, Sylvia Morrow, Worthy Grand Matron's special project.

The address of the Associate Grand Matron was a special treat, as she spoke of her many friends who were there with her, on this special event. She thanked everyone for the hospitality shown to her during her stay, and for the wonderful food that had been prepared, in her honor, earlier that evening.

The meeting was then closed, in due form.

The Order of the Eastern Star, Madison Chapter

#109, officers for 2009 include: Worthy Matron, Emerald Kinsley; Worthy Patron, Bert Banks; Associate Matron, Beth Ward; Associate Patron, Homer Melgaard; Secretary, Nancy Banks; Treasurer, Ali Hibbs; Conductress, Karen FerDon; Associate Conductress, Tanya Terry; Chaplain, Edith Terry; Marshal, Mary Ellen Greene; Organist, Betty Sirmon; Adah, Karen Holman; Ruth, Helen Glen Bland; Esther, Betty Cannon; Martha, Mary Helen Studebaker; Electa, Yvonne Smith; Warder, Roy Hibbs; and Sentinel, C. D. Agner.

The Madison Eastern Star is a service organization, a sister group of the Masons, who collect personal items for men and women and send them to the Masonic Home, in St. Petersburg. These items are given to the nursing home residents at no charge, as the State Eastern Star members donate them.

The Order of the Eastern Star, or OES, is an adoptive rite of Freemasonry with its philosophy clearly based on the Holy Bible. Its objectives are charitable, and benevolent. OES is a social order, comprised of persons with spiritual values, but it is not a religion. Its appeal rests in the true beauty of the refreshing and character-building lessons that are so sincerely portrayed in its ritualistic work.

A deep fraternal bond exists between its members. It is the wholesome relationship of sisterly and brotherly love, brought about through high principles exemplified in their daily lives that make its members near and dear to

each other. Members must be eighteen years of age or older and either a Master Mason in good standing, or properly related to a Master Mason in good standing. The latter category includes wives, widows, sisters, daughters, mothers, granddaughters, stepmothers, stepdaughters, step-sisters, and half-sisters. In 1994 this was expanded to include nieces, daughter-in-laws, and grandmothers. Annual dues are \$20 to support the local chapter.

If anyone, man or woman, is interested in joining the Order of the Eastern Star, Madison Chapter, call Emerald Greene at (850) 973-3497.



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The Madison Chapter of the Eastern Star was honored with a visit from the Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron, of the State of Florida. Pictured left to right are: Madison's Worthy Matron, Karen FerDon; Associate Grand Matron, Joann Heath; and Madison's Worthy Patron, Roy Hibbs.



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The Madison Chapter #109 2009 Officers are (Front row left to right): Worthy Matron, Karen FerDon; Worthy Patron, Roy Hibbs; Associate Matron, Beth Ward; Associate Patron, Homer Melgaard; Conductress, Edith Terry; and Associate Conductress, Jennifer Stanley. (Back row left to right): Treasurer, Ali Hibbs; Chaplain, Emerald Greene; Marshall, Mary Ellen Greene; Adah, Karen Holman; Ruth, Mary Helen Studebaker; Esther, Heather Bowen; and Sentinel, C. D. Agner. (Not pictured: Secretary, Nancy Banks; Warder, Bert Banks; Organist, Betty Sirmon; Martha, Tanya Terry; and Electa, Yvonne Smith.)

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## Happenings

### At Madison First Baptist Church

By Kristin Finney



"I have shown you in every way by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" - Acts 20:35

Sunday morning was such an abundant blessing. Services began with The Children's Christmas Pageant. The children performed the Christmas Story and sang beautiful holiday hymns. Will Rutherford gave the offertory prayer. This was followed by Pastor Ferrell's message. He spoke from Isaiah 9:6 and Romans 5 on the Unreached People groups. He spoke that they needed peace from God, and that the only true peace can come from God, not from a lack of war.

Sunday evening was also our Christmas Musical "There is Peace in

the World Tonight." We would like to thank everyone who came and supported our Choir. This was followed by a time of gathering in the fellowship hall.

The Youth Group at Madison First also took a trip the previous Friday to see the Suwannee Christmas Lights and fellowship together during the holiday season.

Upcoming events at Madison First Baptist include: December 22nd at 6:30 there will be a Church Wide Christmas Caroling, the December 24th at 5:30 we will have our annual Candle Light Service.

The History Committee would like to remind you of the upcoming Homecoming Celebration" 175 Years." They are trying to compile a Memory Book and everyone is asked to share their memories.

The deadline has been moved to January 1st. Also the Historical Committee will be selling commemorative ornaments. These ornaments are now available in the church office and on Sundays in the church foyer for \$12 each. For more information contact Jean McWilliams. (973-2841)

AWANA is being held every Wednesday at 6 p.m. All students are welcome to be a part of AWANA or M-Pact Youth. Youth Minister Jim Carey would also like to invite everyone to join in fellowship with our youth group. They meet every Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.

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 lasts until 8 p.m.

"Therefore, my brothers, you whom I love and long for; my joy and crown, that is how you should stand firm in the Lord, dear friends!" - Philippians 4.  
God Bless!

## The Christmas Story To Be Presented At Midway Church Of God

By Jacob Bemby  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Midway Church of God will host The Christmas Story on Sunday evening, Dec. 20, beginning at 6 p.m. at the church, located at 2485 SE Midway Church Road, just off County Road 255, south of Interstate 10, Lee exit.

Midway Church of God's Christmas programs are always popular with young and old alike. Last year, there were three separate plays

including one featuring three angels, a game show and a visit from people (played by teens from the church) from the senior center.

Following the Christmas play, delicious pound cakes prepared by Janice Flowers, wife of the church's pastor, Retis Flowers, will be presented to guests as will bags of fruit and candy presented by Elvoye and Betty Thomas.

This year's program promises to be equally as exciting as the ones in the past.

A group of special guests are also set to make a special appearance at the program.

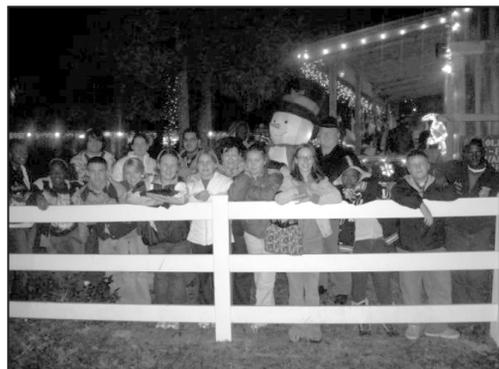
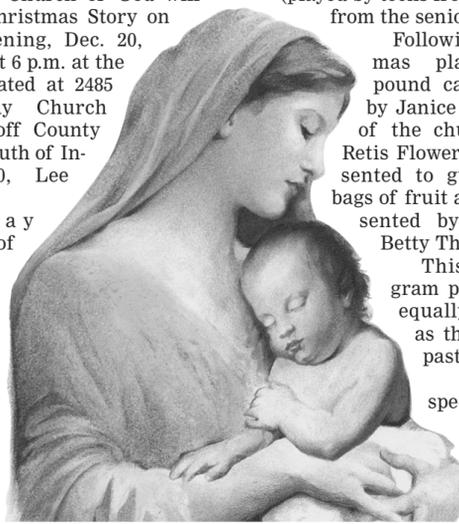


Photo submitted by Kristin Finney

The Children's Christmas pageant was held Sunday morning, Dec. 13, at the First Baptist Church in Madison.

## Madison Church Of God Hosting Christmas Celebration

By Jacob Bemby  
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Madison Church of God will hold their Christmas celebration on Sunday, Dec. 20.

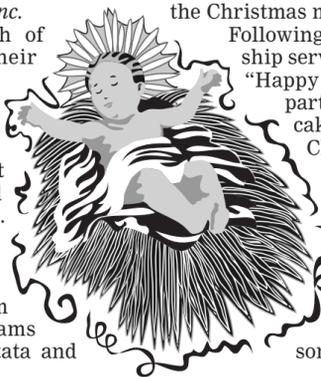
At 11 a.m., the church will present a cantata entitled Sing Glad Tidings. Wayne Diamond will direct the cantata.

Excerpts from Christmas programs will follow the cantata and

then Rev. Doyle Glass will deliver the Christmas message.

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

### Midway Church of God

2485 SE Midway Church Rd., Lee, FL  
850-971-5200 • Pastor Retis Flowers  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Children's Church &  
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Family Training Hour.....7 p.m.

### Unity Baptist Church

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

### Hopewell Baptist Church

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

### Madison Church of God

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

### Lee First Baptist Church

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Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
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Discipleship Training.....6:00 p.m.  
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Services Wed Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.  
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Morning Worship.....11:15 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Evening Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.  
Choir Practice Sun. Evening.....5:00 p.m.  
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Rev. Charles W. Evans, Pastor  
Min. James Ray.....Associate Pastor  
Min. Margie Evans.....Associate Pastor  
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.  
Thursday Bible Study.....5:30 p.m.  
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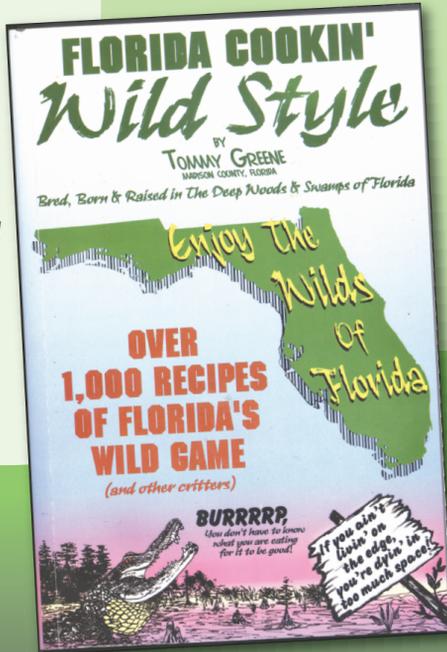
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The Parlor was handsomely decorated by the Platt Family: Cheri, Harold, Troy and Tracy; Debbie Scott and Diane Sullivan.



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Wendy Bartlam and April Yungel tastefully decorated the Library at the Mansion for Christmas.



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The Upstairs Hall of the Mansion received a big serving of holiday cheer by Madison Antiques and Marketplace.



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## Mansion Dazzles With Christmas Decor

By Michael Curtis  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The Wardlaw-Smith-Goza Mansion has graced the Madison skyline for most of the community's storied history. Now under the capable care of North Florida Community College, the property is a landmark of community pride that comes to life every Christmas when local volunteers decorate fabulously.

Local civic organizations, businesses and individuals have expressed their generosity through their time and colorfully crafted decorations that fill each room of the Mansion. The public is warmly invited to visit, and may call NFCC at (850) 973-1600 for details of next year's celebration.

According to details on the NFCC website regarding the mansion, "Built in 1860, the Wardlaw-Smith-Goza Conference Center, listed in the Historic American Building Survey and the National Register of Historic Places, is a stately mansion representative of the classical revival architectural style popular during the nineteenth century. Architect/builder William Archer Hammerly of Baltimore, Maryland was hired by Benjamin F. Wardlaw, a prominent Madison resident, to design and construct the house, which he called 'Whitehall.' Subsequent owners were A. Marshall Cason, 1863-1867; Elizabeth T. Glover, 1867-1871; Chandler Holmes Smith and succeeding members of the Smith family, 1871-1978; and Mr. and Mrs. William M. Goza, 1978-1982, who did a major restoration on the house and grounds and called it 'Whitehall' once again.

"North Florida Community College purchased the property in 1988 through a Florida legislative appropriation to preserve and use it as a conference center for the six rural counties, which the College serves. Furnishings and accessories are loaned or donated by individuals within the area.

"The Wardlaw-Smith-Goza Conference Center underwent its most recent renovations in the summer/fall of 2000. Funded by state and grant funds, the renovations included replacing and reframing the porch floor base, reinforcing the foundation, adding new piers for support, column repair and new paint for the exterior and interior walls. A wheel chair ramp was also added to the east side of the building. "The Conference Center was in dire need of interior and exterior renovation and I think the preservation of such a beautiful landmark in Madison is important," said WSG Coordinator Maria Greene. Previous renovations had been done 10 years prior."

For more information, contact Maria Greene, WSG Conference Center Coordinator at the NFCC Foundation at (850) 973-9432.



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The Madison Garden Club decorated the Music Room of the Smith-Goza Mansion, as part of the Christmas at the Mansion program.



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Madison County Community Bank decorated the Rose Room for Christmas at the Mansion.

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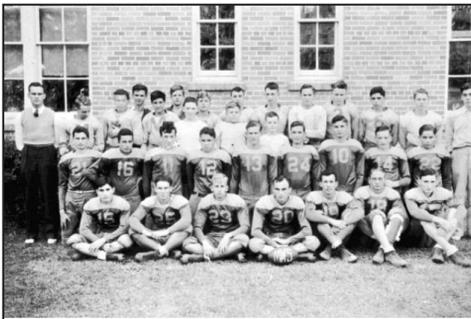


The Madison High girls basketball team of 1940 is pictured. Front row, left to right: Inez Sanders Browning, Eddie Ragans Bevis, Nonie Milford Webb. Back row: Dot Black Ellis, Rosalie Priest Russell, Miss Johnson (coach), Margaret Hawkins Duggar.

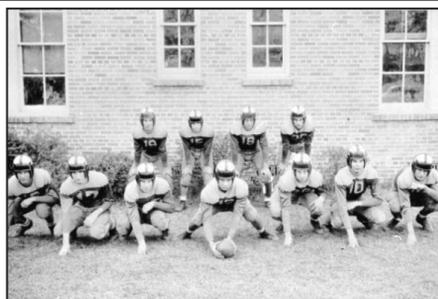
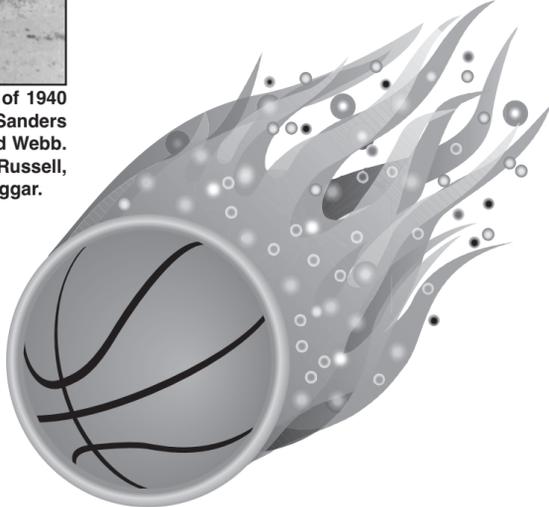


## Madison High School Sports 1915 to 1940

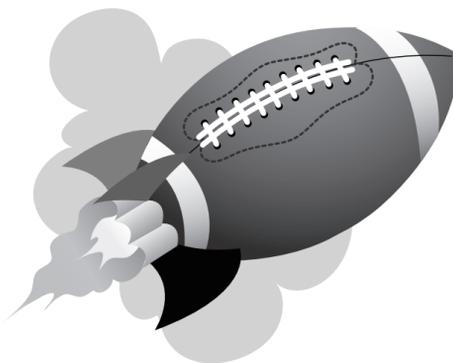
Let's turn back time to visit some of Madison High School's sports teams of the past. Football, basketball and baseball are all featured here. All photos are courtesy of the Florida State Archives.



A football team from the 1930s is shown posing for the camera. There is no identification of the players.



Madison High School 1930s football squad poses for an action shot.



Shown is the Madison High basketball team of 1939. Unfortunately, the players are not identified.



The Madison High baseball team of 1927 is pictured. L-R: Coach Herman Johnson, Walter Blanton, Lewis Stewart, Jimmy Reeves, Frank Cantey, Pat Cantey, John P. Vann, Joe Bevan, Lenard Peek, Maury Blalock, Kenneth McMullen and sitting in front is Irvine Goldberg.

## Way Back When

### December 16, 1909

Col. Randall Rowe is spending today in Jacksonville on business.

Mrs. W.L. Tooke and Miss Janie Johns spent last Tuesday visiting relatives in Hamilton County.

Columbus B. Smith left for Lakeland this morning to attend the conference there as a visitor.

Dr. W.F. Parramore has opened up his dental office over Davis Drug Store and will be glad to see anyone wanting work done.

### December 16, 1949

A.H. Armstrong attended the state tax assessors meeting in Pensacola this past week.

Mrs. F.M. Shore of Quitman, Ga., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. S.H. Moore, this week.

The Greenville Baptist Church will have its annual Christmas program and tree for the Sunday School, Wednesday night, December 21.

Mr. and Mrs. M.C. Leslie left Tuesday to attend a CPA business meeting in Atlanta, Ga.

### December 18, 1959

Sometime Monday night, the Van H. Priest Warehouse was broken into at a side window. No arrests have been made at this writing, however, three or four persons have been picked up for investigation.

Former Madison High School Band Director Gerald Hazzard died last Thursday in Moultrie, Ga. of a cerebral hemorrhage. He was 37 years old.

Scoutmaster Jim Hardee and Boy Scouts Freddie Hughes, Jimmy Davis and Dwayne Norris gave the program at the Lions Club Tuesday.

Mt. Zion AME Church held its quarterly conference recently with presiding Elder S.E. Moses of the Madison district presiding.

### December 19, 1969

Covington Brinkman of Madison has won the coveted Salesman of the Year title from the Gem Dandy Corporation of Madison, N.C.

Howard Oxford Phillips of Madison was one of fifteen students at Florida State University who has been initiated into Beta Gamma Sigma National Honor Society for Business Administration. He is a student in the School of Business Administration.

Miss Debbie Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D.R. Campbell and a student at Greenville High School, won the title of Miss Greenville High School in a contest there on Nov. 20.

On the front page of the newspaper was a colorful photograph of a young Don Ashley and his sister, Theo, were a decoration of Santa Claus bent over, going through a bag of toys. The photo was snapped by Tom Merchant III.

### December 21, 1979

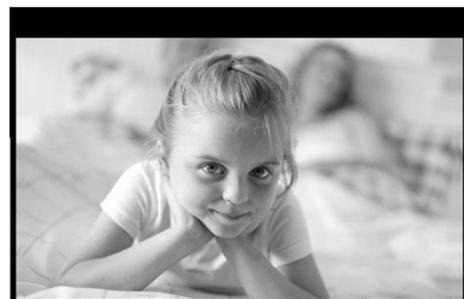
A Madison County Circuit Court jury, which

convicted Larry Joe Johnson of first degree murder in the Mac Hadden case last Thursday, Monday night recommended that he be electrocuted for his crime.

The Bank of Madison declared a 70-cent a share dividend.

Susie Sims, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Gary Sims, was chosen Madison County's Junior Miss for 1980.

Richard Terry was elected to the Board of Directors of the Farmers Mutual Exchange at its annual meeting held recently.



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Recently, Jim Moore, Southern States' Feed Division Vice President announced additional upgrades to their Valdosta, Georgia Feed Mill, manufacturers of Southern States brand bagged pet foods, Southern States Legends equine feeds and a number of Southern States livestock feeds. The Valdosta mill serves the company's southern territory with primary distribution in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina.

A new Screening System and two new Tender Blenders have been added to the production process along with upgraded automation, to control liquid and dry ingredient measurement and product monitoring. These additions combine to enhance the consistency and appearance of the bagged feeds produced by the Valdosta mill.

"We've been making feeds at Southern States for more than 80 years," said Moore, "and we know that keeping up with technology is a key to giving our customers the superior quality feeds they have come to expect from us."

All Southern States feed mills are HACCP (Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point) certified, an international program developed primarily for the food industry, designed to ensure the safety of all food and feed products.

Moore went on to explain, "For us, HACCP is more than just a certification...it's a value. We want our customers to have full confidence in choosing Southern States as their feed company, and that's why the addition of this new equipment is so important to us."

Established in 1923, Southern States has more than 300,000 farmer-members. As one of the nation's largest agricultural cooperatives, the Richmond, Virginia-based firm provides a wide range of farm inputs, including fertilizer, seed, livestock feed and pet food, animal health supplies and petroleum products, as well as other items for the farm and home. The Cooperative serves its members and non-member customers through some 1,200 retail outlets in the eastern U.S. Visit our website, [www.southernstates.com](http://www.southernstates.com) for more information.

One of the many benefits of living in Florida is enjoying the vast variety of wildlife. Bald eagles are a routine sight now over much of the state; black bears have made a major resurgence and are everywhere now it seems; species such as deer and wild turkey are common and so are many others.

One species you may miss that's migrating into the state now is the white pelican. A few days ago Lynn Haven resident Diane Ramsey captured a flock on camera as the birds rested on North Bay near Panama City. Just like a variety of other migratory species, white pelicans leave their summer homes in the West and Midwest and head south as winter approaches.

While our common brown pelican has a 6½ - 7½-foot wing span, white pelicans have a much larger wing span, stretching as much as 9½ feet as they fly. White pelicans are also substantially larger, weighing up to 17 pounds. Brown pelicans rarely weigh more than four pounds.

Stephen Nesbitt spent 35 years working as a wildlife biologist with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conserva-

## As I See It

By FWC Chairman Rodney Barreto

### Look To The Sky For White Pelicans

tion Commission (FWC) and the former Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission. Most of his work was with brown pelicans and bald eagles. He's retired now but still does a significant amount of contract work with the FWC on these species.

He says white pelicans nest in early summer along freshwater lakes in northern California, Utah, North Dakota, Kansas, Nebraska and well into Canada. Unlike brown pelicans, which are "plunge divers," white pelicans sit on the surface and scoop all sorts of small freshwater fish such as various minnows, suckers, shiners and anything small that is unfortunate enough to swim near them. Nesbitt said it's in the fall as temperatures begin to drop that white pelicans begin a southward migration that can lead them to Florida, Louisiana, Texas or Mexico.

"To be such big birds, they're fairly light but they have a big wingspan. Like a lot of

birds, they migrate following fronts on high pressure. They catch the thermals and they can go forever," he said.

Nesbitt said white pelicans likely follow the Mississippi River to the Gulf of Mexico, then by the thousands, they head either east or west, probably returning to places they've been going to for thousands of years.

The pelicans that Ramsey photographed are likely to wind up in any number of places in Florida. Nesbitt said it's common to see wintering flocks near Cedar Key on the Gulf Coast, but most spend their winter months on lakes and rivers - from the St. Johns River down to the Kissimmee chain of lakes and Lake Okechobee.

Nesbitt said one noteworthy characteristic of both white and brown pelicans is their sensitivity to harmful chemicals or pesticides in the water. He said they are the "canary in the coal mine" when it comes to dangerous pollutants.

Just a few years ago

dozens of white pelicans and several other species of birds died when they tried to feed on a flooded vegetable farm near Lake Apopka in North Central Florida. The culprit - highly toxic pesticides - bound in the soil until the lake was filled.

Around 1960, a similar pesticide spill or case of illegal dumping cost Louisiana virtually all of its brown pelicans, according to Nesbitt. Overnight, he said, almost 40,000 pairs of pelicans disappeared from that state. Florida later played a part in restoring their populations by sending dozens of pairs of birds.

For now, though, look to the sky, particularly to the west, as you drive anywhere along the coast. If you're lucky enough to see a flock of migrating white pelicans, they'll typically be 2,000-3,000 feet high and drifting along in a lazy line. Sometimes the entire flock will do a lazy, 360-degree turn before resuming their flight.

Their stay here in the Sunshine State is fairly limited. By March or early April, they reverse the process and fly back to familiar grounds.

It's nature's amazing way.

## Reptile Industry Offers Large Reward For Python Releaser

The capture of a 12-foot-long Burmese python a week ago from a lawn in Port of Tampa was the "last straw" for many reptile owners. Spurred by more negative publicity of a Burmese python on the loose, several dozen reptile owners have come together to offer a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person, or people, responsible for releasing the snake or allowing it to escape. The reward is \$18,400.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has been dealing with released and wild Burmese pythons, listed as a reptile of concern, for the past several years. While some pythons are known to have escaped into the wild, others may have been intentionally released. The Burmese python may reach a length of 26 feet and a weight of more than 200 pounds. All reptiles of concern, when in the wild, can prey on native wildlife and potentially can be dangerous to people. Several per-

mitted reptile dealers and owners have assisted the agency in capturing wild Burmese pythons on state-managed areas in South Florida since July.

With heightened public awareness, calls to the FWC about the large snakes have increased significantly, and many reptile owners are concerned that the public's image of them is inaccurate.

Michael Cole is a reptile dealer in Central Florida. He owns and operates Ballroom Pythons South.

"Most people who own Burmese pythons and other reptiles of concern are very responsible pet owners and would never release them or inadequately cage them," Cole said. "It is not fair to categorize us as a bad group of people. We care for our pets, and we care for Florida's wildlife and ecosystems."

The FWC enacted rules in January 2008 regulating reptiles of concern. Reptiles of concern are the Burmese python, African rock python (northern and southern), amethystine python, reticu-

lated python, green anaconda and the Nile monitor lizard. To own one of these animals, an FWC permit is required. The permit costs \$100, and a questionnaire must be completed. In addition, the animal must be micro-chipped; it is required to be caged, and the cage must meet certain caging requirements. A disaster plan for securing or evacuating the animal must be written, and the FWC will make on-site and unannounced inspections. The laws apply to every reptile of concern owner, regardless of when the owner took possession of the animal.

"Our aim is not to take away the rights of reptile owners, but to make sure those who have the animals are responsible and the animals are cared for and not released," said Capt. John West, of the FWC's Captive Wildlife Section. "Like any-

thing, if the laws are followed, there are fewer problems."

To provide owners of reptiles of concern an avenue to get rid of their animals, rather than to release them, the FWC directed staff on Dec. 10 to implement an executive order that will allow the reptiles to be turned over to authorized reptile of concern permit holders with no questions asked. The executive order will take effect in approximately two to three weeks.

"We want all reptile keepers and pet owners to be responsible," Cole said. "If you're not legal, you're not part of us."

To report information regarding this case and to collect the reward, or to report any wildlife law violation, call the FWC's Wildlife Alert Reward Program at 888-404-FWCC (3922).

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**The Week Of December 18 - December 24, 2009**

Day	Major Feeding Times	Minor Feeding Times
<b>Friday December 18</b>	*12:30 AM 6:50 AM *12:55 PM 7:15 PM	
<b>Saturday December 19</b>	*1:20 AM 7:30 AM *1:45 PM 8:00 PM	
<b>Sunday December 20</b>	*2:10 AM 8:20 AM *2:30 PM 8:45 PM	
<b>Monday December 21</b>	*2:55 AM 9:00 AM *3:15 PM 9:30 PM	
<b>Tuesday December 22</b>	*3:40 AM 9:50 AM *4:00 PM 10:15 PM	
<b>Wednesday December 23</b>	*4:20 AM 10:35 AM *4:45 PM 11:00 PM	
<b>Thursday December 24</b>	*5:10 AM 11:20 AM *5:30 PM 11:45 PM	

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- Last Qtr: Dec. 9
- New Moon: Dec. 16
- First Qtr: Dec. 24
- Full Moon: Dec. 31

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12/16, pd

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11/25, rtn, c

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11/18, rtn, c

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8/5, rtn, pd

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11/27, 12/2, c

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12/2, 12/9, 16, pd

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11/11 - 12/30, pd

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### Help Wanted

### Technician/Installer

minimum 5 years experience; must have refrigerate certification; must have a valid driver's license; must pass a drug test and a background check; only serious applicants need to apply. Call 929-2762

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# LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA  
IN RE: ESTATE OF NANCY SKELTON Deceased.  
PROBATE DIVISION  
FILE NUMBER 2009-CP-085

### NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The administration of the estate of NANCY SKELTON, deceased, File Number 2009-CP-085, is pending in the Circuit Court for Madison County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Madison County Courthouse, Madison, Florida 32340. The name and address of the personal representative is set forth below.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT: All persons on whom this notice is served who have objections that challenge the validity of the will, the qualifications of the personal representative, venue or jurisdiction of this Court are required to file their objections with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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

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

The date of the first publication of this Notice is the 11th day of December, 2009.

THOMAS M. CARROLL  
Personal Representative  
8440 SW 99th Avenue  
Miami, FL 33173

THOMAS E. STONE  
Attorney for Personal Representative  
P.O. Box 292  
Madison, Florida 32341  
Telephone: 850-973-6560  
Attorney at Law-Fla. Bar No. 212490

12/11, 12/18

### NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 83, PART IV

Under the Authority of the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Section 83.805 the described below has been seized for nonpayment of rent and other accrued expenses. Property consists primarily of household & personal goods in units rented by: Barbara Aikens, Darlene Choice, Marcella Waston, and Marcus Hawkins. The property will be sold at auction to the highest bidder as provided by the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Section 83.806. The sale will be held Saturday Jan. 2, 2010 at 9:00 A.M., at the Madison Mini Storage, 1098 E. U.S. 90, in Madison, Florida. For further information call 973-6246.

12/18, 12/25

### Woman Decorates Three City Blocks After Using Thera-Gesic®

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### NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That Pursuant to a WRIT OF EXECUTION issued in the County Court of Hillsborough County, Florida, on the 10th day of July, 2009 in the cause wherein FIRST UNION NAT'L BANK OF FLORIDA F/K/A FLORIDA NATIONAL BANK, Plaintiff, vs. BEVERLY L. KENDA, Defendant, being Case No. 91-4964-SC-K in said Court.

I, Benjamin J. Stewart, as Sheriff of Madison County, Florida, have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the Defendant, BEVERLY KENDA, in and to the following described property lying and situated in Madison County, Florida, to wit:

2002 Freightliner Tractor Truck, VIN # 1FUJBBCG62LG27821, Tag #Z8666F

and on the 29th day of December, 2009 at Ben's Towing wrecker yard, 439 NE Daylily Ave., Madison, Florida at the hour of 11:00 A.M., or as soon thereafter as possible, I will offer for sale all of the said defendant's, BEVERLY L. KENDA, right, title, and interest in aforesaid property at public outcry and will sell the same, subject to all taxes, prior liens, encumbrances and judgments, if any, to the highest and best bidder or bidders for CASH IN HAND. The proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and the satisfaction of the above described execution. The property will be available for inspection at Ben's Towing wrecker yard between the hours of 10:00 AM through 11:00 AM the morning of the sale. In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk of Court, telephone (850) 973-1500, no later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding.

Benjamin J. Stewart, as Sheriff  
Of Madison County, Florida

By: Bill Hart  
Deputy Sheriff

11/27, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that MIDWAY FINANCIAL LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and name in which it is assessed is as follows:

CERTIFICATE NO.: 07-195-TD  
YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2007  
NAME INWHICH ASSESSED: MARJORIE BLAGROVE

PARCEL ID: 08-2S-10-1430-002-010

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: See Attached Exhibit "A"

All of said property being in the County of Madison, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to the law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the west front door at the Madison County Courthouse on the 7th day of JANUARY, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 30TH day of November 2009.

TIM SANDERS  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
MADISON COUNTY  
MADISON, FLORIDA

By: Ramona Dickinson  
DEPUTY CLERK

### EXHIBIT "A"

LEGAL DESCRIPTION  
(MIDWAY FOREST PARCEL-10)

A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH; RANGE 10 EAST, MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 8, AND RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 1,202.73 FEET TO THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF COUNTY ROAD No. 53; THENCE SOUTH 07 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 42 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY, A DISTANCE OF 1,154.88 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 07 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 42 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY, A DISTANCE OF 30.25 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 856.58 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 246.89 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 23 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 506.46 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 86 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 54 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 218.46 FEET; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 34 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 18.87 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 15 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 285.72 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 33 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 1,596.17 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 5.31 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

AND BEING SUBJECT TO ALL COUNTY ROAD RIGHT OF WAYS.

AND BEING SUBJECT TO A 10.0 FOOT EASEMENT FOR UTILITIES AND DRAINAGE ON THE NORTH, SIDE LOT LINES.

AND BEING SUBJECT TO A 20.0 FOOT EASEMENT FOR UTILITIES AND DRAINAGE ON ALL FRONT LOT LINES, SOUTH AND WEST LOT LINES.

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