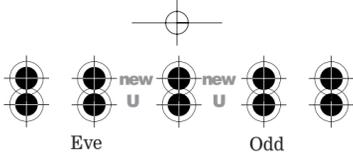


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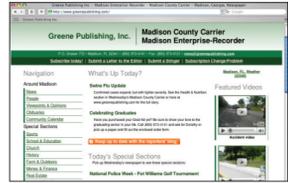
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### MPD Investigator Graduates From University

By Jacob Bemby  
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Ben Ebberson

Ben Ebberson, sergeant investigator with the Madison Police Department, recently received his Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Florida Gulf Coast University.

Ebberson said that he had worked for several years to get the bachelor's degree.

"I did it to help me become a better police officer

so I can better help serve and protect the people of Madison," he said.

In addition to his job with the MPD, Ebberson is *Please see Ebberson, Page 4A*

### Sheriff Praises Register At Retirement



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo By Michael Curtis, December 23, 2009

Sheriff Ben Stewart presented Sgt. Freddie Register a handsome plaque recognizing his years of distinguished service with the Madison County Sheriff's Office. Pictured left to right are: Sheriff Ben Stewart, Kathy Register, Alan Register, Sergeant Freddie Register and April Register.

Sergeant Freddie Register has served the Madison County Sheriff's Office for 18 years. Prior to that, he headed up the Lee Police Department. Throughout those years, he has established a reputation for getting the job done right, building a mountain of respect in the process. In fact, while speaking at his retirement lunch held on Dec. 23, Sheriff Ben Stewart playfully asked him to reconsider.

Stewart acknowledged how much Register has meant to the department. "Will you reconsider?" the

Sheriff said.

Stewart went on to say how much Register would be missed, wishing only the best for him and his family in retirement.

Lunch was catered by O'Neals, and accompanied by four ten-layer masterpieces baked in his honor by members and friends of the department.

His lovely wife, Kathy, and children Alan and April, who is currently a dispatcher with the department, joined Register at the celebration.

### Bern Smith Retiring From USDA



Photo submitted by USDA Soil Conservation Service

Bern Smith is pictured next to the cake at his retirement party held Friday, Dec. 11.

Born and raised on a small farm near Johnstown, Pennsylvania, Bern moved to Florida when he was seventeen (he could not help where he was born but could do something about where he lived). It was said that when he moved, he improved both places.

He graduated from the University of South Florida with a BA degree in Botany. He joined the US Navy and served four years as a Quartermaster (assistant to the Navigator) onboard an ocean going tugboat home ported in Mayport. After being honorably discharged from the Navy, he attended the University of Florida graduating with a Master of Science in Agronomy with a minor in Soil Science. He continued to serve his country in the U.S. Army Reserves, and after 22, years retired as a Sergeant First *Please see Bern Smith, Page 4*

### Two Vehicles Crash

By Jacob Bemby  
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Two drivers escaped injury in an automobile accident on Sunday, Dec. 20, at approximately 6:30 a.m. at the intersection of County Road 53 and Winquepin Street.

According to a Florida Highway Patrol report, Elva Ochoa, 41, was traveling south in a 1996 Buick on CR 53 at a slow rate of speed, looking to make a left turn onto SE Winquepin Street.

Jerry Immon, 60, was approaching Ochoa's Buick in his own 2008 Volvo.

Immon attempted to overtake Ochoa, who struck his vehicle as it was passing.

The area of impact took place in the north travel lane.

Ochoa's Buick came to rest on the west shoulder.

Immon's Volvo crossed SE Winquepin Street and entered the east shoulder. Immon then crossed the north and south travel lane, coming to a final rest on the west shoulder.

FHP Trooper Billy Ernst was the investigating officer.

### Representative Bemby Pays Tribute To Mayor Kinsey

Mayor Ernestine Kinsey was recently recognized in a dedication at Lee City Hall, where a new meeting room that bears her name was dedicated in her honor. Adding to that recognition, State Representative Leonard Bemby issued a special tribute from the Florida House of Representatives, expressing congratulations and praise for her exemplary service to the community.

"I have received your invitation to the Dedication Ceremony and I deeply regret that I will not be able to attend the Ernestine E. Kinsey Hall Dedication today due to a prior commitment in Franklin County. However, I do want to take this time to congratulate you on your many accomplishments over the past fifteen years as the Mayor of the Town of Lee and look forward to working with you for many more years," Bemby stated.

"What an honor to have the meeting room extension to the Lee City Hall dedicated in your name. This is a reflection of your hard work and dedication to the community known as the "Little But Proud" Town of Lee," he added.

"I would like to present you with the enclosed 'Tribute' in your honor. As your State Representative, I want to thank you for working tirelessly to make the Town of Lee a better place for all," he went on to say.

Bemby, the representative for District 10 that includes Madison County, echoed the sentiments of the Mayor's colleagues, family and friends throughout Madison County.



Photo submitted

State Representative Leonard Bemby issues a tribute to Lee Mayor Ernestine Kinsey for her years of dedicated service to the "Little but Proud" community.

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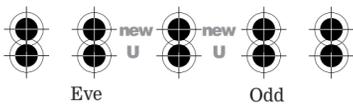
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**Jacob's Ladder**  
Jacob Bemby  
Columnist

## One Of My Parents' Gifts

Other than love and security, the gift that my parents gave me that I appreciate more than anything is instilling in me a love of reading.

As a youngster, I devoured books. I remember when Wilmer Bassett, who was my father's boss, got the bookmobile to come to our neighborhood. He did it because he knew that I loved to read. My father had to work on Saturdays and my mother didn't drive, so the library was out of the question but the bookmobile was a library on wheels.

Every other Saturday, I would wait with great anticipation for the world to bring itself to my neighborhood. I met many people because of that bookmobile. It was there that I met George Washington, John Kennedy, the Roosevelts, Dwight Eisenhower and innumerable other people I read about. I made friends with fictional characters, such as Tom Sawyer, Huck Finn and the Hardy Boys. Sports heroes stepped off the pages. Babe Ruth swatted home-runs. Joe Namath threw touchdown passes. Lou Gehrig, the "Iron Man of Baseball," was a champion in his sport but lost his battle to the muscular disorder that bears his name. Rocky Marciano knocked out his opponents and Rocky Graziano, another boxer, proclaimed, "Somebody up there likes me."

I still love to read. Whenever I treat myself to a gift, it is usually either a book or something that has to do with the computer. The computer has also opened up worlds of other books for me. One of my favorite websites, if not my very favorite, is [www.archive.org](http://www.archive.org). There, I find many books in the public domain. Last night (Monday evening), I found a book entitled *The Story of the Other Wise Man*. Written by Henry van Dyke, it is the story of the unknown fourth wise man, who gets delayed and doesn't make it in time to see the newborn King. There are also many other books, including classic novels, biographies, self-help books, etc. In addition, there is also music, movies and TV shows which are in the public domain and available for free download.

One of the gifts that my parents gave me was the love of reading. I thank God for my mother teaching me to read and I thank God for my father teaching me to love to read biographies and history. It is a great Christmas gift!

Merry Christmas.

## Why JESUS is Better Than Santa Claus

Santa lives at the North Pole ...  
JESUS is everywhere.

Santa rides in a sleigh ...  
JESUS rides on the wind and walks on the water.

Santa comes but once a year ...  
JESUS is an ever present help.

Santa fills your stockings with goodies ...  
JESUS supplies all your needs.

Santa comes down your chimney uninvited ...  
JESUS stands at your door and knocks, and then enters your heart when invited.

You have to wait in line to see Santa ...  
JESUS is as close as the mention of His name.

Santa lets you sit on his lap ...  
JESUS lets you rest in His arms.

Santa has a belly like a bowl full of jelly ...  
JESUS has a heart full of love.

All Santa can offer is HO HO HO ...  
JESUS offers health, help and hope.

Santa says "You better not cry" ...  
JESUS says "Cast all your cares on me, for I care for you."

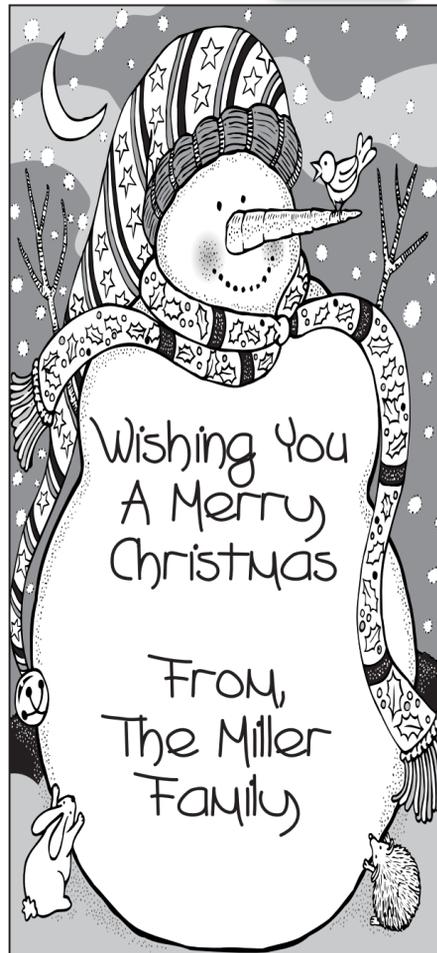
Santa's little helpers make toys ...  
JESUS makes new life, mends wounded hearts, repairs broken homes and builds mansions.

Santa is a "jolly old elf"  
JESUS is the King of Kings

Santa may make you chuckle but ...  
JESUS gives you joy that is your strength.

While Santa puts gifts under your tree ...  
JESUS became our gift and died on a tree.

**You Know I've Been Thinking**  
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## The History Of Santa Claus

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Santa Claus hasn't always looked like the jolly old fellow we know today. Like so many other American traditions, he's a product of the great American melting pot - a blend of many different cultures and customs. His earliest ancestors date back to pre-Christian days, when sky-riding gods ruled the earth. The mythological characters Odin, Thor, and Saturn gave us the basis for many of Santa's distinctive characteristics.

But the most influential figure in the shaping of today's generous and loving Santa Claus was a real man. St. Nicholas of Myra (now Turkey), a fourth century bishop. As a champion of children and the needy, he was legendary for his kindness and generosity.

### A Tradition Of Benevolence

In a well known story illustrating St. Nicholas' benevolence, we find two of the basic principles of the holiday spirit - giving to others and helping the less fortunate - as well as the tradition of hanging stockings by the fireplace.

According to this legend, there were three Italian maidens whose families had fallen on hard times. Because their father could not afford the dowries necessary for them to marry, he was considering selling one of his daughters into slavery to get dowries for the other two. When the good saint heard of the family's plight, he went to their home late one night and anonymously tossed three bags of gold down the chimney. Miraculously, a bag fell into each of the sisters stockings, were hanging by the fire to dry. His kindhearted gift made it possible for all three sisters to marry.

A variation of this story is that as each girl was ready to wed, St. Nicholas came in the middle of the night when no one could see him and tossed a bag of gold through an open window into her stocking. The idea of gifts being delivered through an open window may have begun as a way to explain how Santa enters homes that have no chimney.

### Patron Saint

Because of his wisdom and sensitivity, many groups claimed St. Nicholas as their patron saint. Children, orphans, sailors, and even thieves often prayed to the compassionate saint for guidance and protection. Entire countries, including Russia and Greece, also adopted him as their patron saint, as well as students and pawnbrokers.

Throughout his life, St. Nicholas tried to help oth-

ers while inspiring the to imitate his virtues. Legends of his unselfish giving spread all over Northern Europe, and accounts of his heroic deeds blended with regional folklore. Eventually, the image of the stately saint was transformed onto an almost mystical being, one known for rewarding the good and punishing the bad.

The date of his death, December 6th, was commemorated with an annual feast, which gradually came to mark the beginning of the medieval Christmas season. On St. Nicholas' Eve, youngsters would set out food for the saint, straw for his horses and schnapps for his attendant. The next morning, obedient children awoke to find their gifts replaced with sweets and toys, found their offering untouched, along with a rod or a bundle of switched. St. Nicholas' Day is still observed in many countries, and gifts are exchanged in honor of the spirit of brotherhood and charity that he embodied.

### The Making Of Santa Claus

After the Protestant Reformation in the sixteenth century, the feasting and veneration of Catholic saints were banned. But people had become accustomed to the annual visit from their gift-giving saint and didn't want to forget the purpose of the holiday. So in some countries, the festivities of St. Nicholas' Day were merged with Christmas celebrations, and although the gift-bearer took on new, non-religious forms, he still reflected the saints generous spirit.

In Germany, he appeared as Weihnachtsmann, in England as Father Christmas, and in France, as Père Noël, who left small gifts in the children's shoes.

In the areas where St. Nicholas was still portrayed as the gift-bearer, a host of other characters developed to be his assistants. Two of his most well-known helpers were Knecht Ruprecht and the Belsnickle. Depending on the local tradition, they were either attendants to St. Nicholas or gift-bears themselves, but in all cases, both were fearsome characters, brandishing rods and switches. It was not only their dusty to reward good children but also to reprove children who were naughty and couldn't recite their prayers.

Knecht Ruprecht (meaning Servant Rupert) was also by other names such as Black Peter (so called because he delivered the presents down the chimney for St. Nicholas and became blackened

with soot).

In some places, the images, of Knecht Ruprecht and St. Nicholas merged to form Ru Klaus (meaning Rough Nicholas - so named because of his rugged appearance), Aschen Klaus (meaning Ash Nicholas - because he carried a sack of ashes as well as a bundle of switches), and Pelznickle (meaning Furry Nicholas - referring to his fur clad appearance).

Not all of St. Nicholas' companions were frightening. In fact, the Christkindl (meaning Christ Child) was thought to accompany him in many countries. Often portrayed by a fair-haired young girl, this angelic figure was sometimes the gift-bearer too.

### Santa In America

Immigrants to the New World brought along their various beliefs when they crossed the Atlantic. The Scandinavians introduced gift-giving elves, the Germans brought not only their Belsnickle and Christkindle but also their decorated trees and the Irish contributed the ancient Gaelic custom of placing a lighted candle in the window.

In the 1600's, the Dutch presented Sinterklaas (meaning St. Nicholas) to the colonies. In their excitement, many English-speaking children uttered the name so quickly that Sinterklaas sounded like Santy Claus. After years of mispronunciation, the name evolved into Santa Claus.

In 1808, American author Washington Irving created a new version of old St. Nick. This one rode over the treetops in a horse drawn wagon "dropping gifts down the chimneys of his favorites." In his satire, Diedrich Knickerbocker's History of New York from the Beginning of the World to the End of the Dutch Dynasty, Irving described Santa as a jolly Dutchman who smoked a long stemmed clay pipe and wore baggy breeches and a broad brimmed hat. Also, the familiar phrase, "...laying his finger beside his nose..." first appeared in Irving's story.

That phrase was used again in 1822 in the now-classic poem by Dr. Clement Clarke Moore, "A Visit from St. Nicholas," more commonly know as "The Night Before Christmas." His verse gave an Arctic flavor to Santa's image when he substituted eight tiny reindeer and a sleigh for Irving's horse and wagon. It is Moore's description of Santa that we most often think of today: "He had a broad face, and a little round belly, that shook, when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly."

Up to this point, Santa's physical appearance

and the color of his suit were open to individual interpretation. Then in 1863, Thomas Nast, a German immigrant, gave us a visual image of the cheerful giver that was to later become widely accepted.

When Nast was asked to illustrate Moore's charming verse for a book of children's poems, he gave us a softer, kinder Santa who was still old but appeared less stern than the ecclesiastical St. Nicholas. He dressed his elfin figure in red and endowed him with human characteristics. Most important of all, Nast gave Santa a home at the North Pole. For twenty-three years, his annual drawings in Harpers Weekly magazine allowed Americans to peek into the magical world of Santa Claus and set the stage for the shaping of today's merry gentleman.

Artist Haddon Sundblom added the final touches to Santa's modern image. Beginning in 1931, his billboard and other advertisements for Coca Cola-Cola featured a portly grandfatherly Santa with human proportions and a ruddy complexion. Sunblom's exuberant, twinkle-eyed Santa firmly fixed the gift-giver's image in the public mind.

St. Nicholas' evolution into today's happy, larger-than-life Santa Claus is a wonderful example of the blending of countless beliefs and practices from around the world. This benevolent figure encompasses all the goodness and innocence of childhood. And because goodness is his very essence, in every kindness we do, Santa will always be remembered.



Ramblings  
Thelma Thompson  
Guest Columnist

## Merry Christmas

Before I offer glad tidings today, I must break my patience of not writing Lee News and offer condolences, to both the Greene and the Bemby families on the loss of their loved ones recently.

I have been associated with the Greene family professionally since Tommy put me on staff many years ago and know they are a loving, close-knit family and to lose one so young is very hard.

With the Bemby family, I'm more closely connected. Jacob's grandfather Gene was my stepfather's brother and Bobby was named for him. Also Carlton was a close personal friend of my family. He and my children grew up as pals and he and his wife Brenda always spent time with us when they were in town and were guests at daughter Joan's in Atlanta often, especially when we were there.

And now I will simply say, 'Make sure Santa can make it down your chimney' and have a safe but Merry Christmas!

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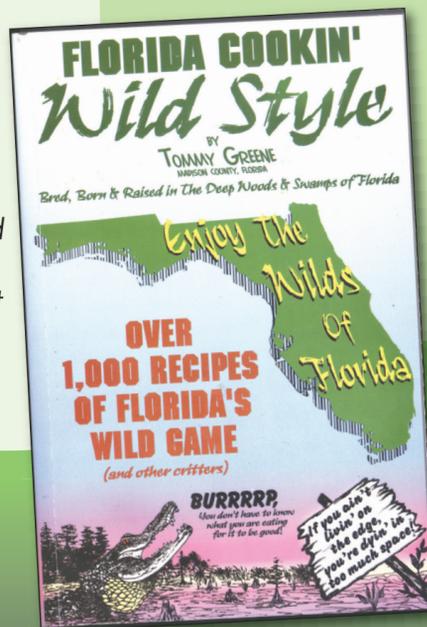


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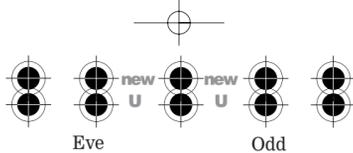


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# Law Enforcement & Regional Crime

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## Bern Smith

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Class. His career with the USDA Soil Conservation Service (later to become the Natural Resources Conservation Service) began as a soil conservationist in the Green Cove Springs and Starke field

offices. He transferred to the Madison field office in May of 1981, was promoted to district conservationist there in 1987, and is retiring after 35 years of federal service. His retirement will become official on Dec.

31. He is married to Madison native Jan Hadden and has one son John Mack, who is a junior at Florida State University. After retirement, he will continue to live in Madison where

he will keep busy on the farm growing perennial peanut hay and pine trees, try to keep several old tractors and a Model A Ford running, and do volunteer work with the USDA Earth Team and in his church.

## Former Broward County School Board Member Indicted On Public Corruption Charges

Jeffrey H. Sloman, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, and John V. Gillies, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Miami Field Office, announced the filing of an indictment charging Beverly Gallagher, 51, of Pembroke Pines, with committing extortion under color of official right, bribery in programs receiving federal funds, and wire fraud by depriving the citizens of honest services, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1951, 666, 1341, and 1346, respectively. Gallagher was arrested on September 23, 2009 on a criminal complaint in connection with these charges. She was released on a \$100,000 personal surety bond.

As set forth in the Indictment, the charges are a result of an FBI undercover investigation. The undercover FBI agents posed as asset managers who claimed to represent contractors seeking to obtain contracts with local government entities, including the Broward County School District. Specifically, the undercover agents claimed to be acting on behalf of a client who owned a glass company and a project manager for a large construction company. Both companies were purportedly seeking to obtain contracts from the Broward County School District.

According to the allegations in the Indictment, from approximately November 2007 through June 2009, Beverly Gallagher used her official position, in exchange for the unlawful receipt of property, including money and other things of value. Specifically, Gallagher allegedly agreed to act as an undisclosed "consultant" and to use her influence working "behind the scenes" to obtain contracts or other favorable actions from the Broward County School District for contractors associated with the undercover FBI agents. Gallagher allegedly insisted that she be paid in cash and for her personal benefit,

instead of to her political campaign. In total, Gallagher allegedly accepted \$12,500 in cash and other property, including boat trips and the payment of restaurant bills. In exchange for the cash and other remuneration, Gallagher is alleged to have used her official position to benefit contractors who were attempting to become pre-qualified before the Broward County School Board and obtain various projects and subcontract work on projects from the Broward County School Board.

Acting U.S. Attorney Jeffrey H. Sloman said, "Elected officials are held to a high standard of conduct because of the special position of trust given them by the public. We, as citizens, have a right to hold them to this standard, and to demand that they be held accountable. In this case, Gallagher's actions fell far short of this standard. She used her office for purely personal gain, and must now face the consequences of her actions. Good governance requires no less."

FBI Special Agent in Charge John V. Gillies stated, "Beverly Gallagher betrayed the trust placed in her by the citizens of Broward County by using her position as a school board member for her own personal benefit. As the top criminal priority of the FBI, we will continue to work with our partners and devote all necessary resources to address public corruption where we find it."

Mr. Sloman commended the investigative efforts of the FBI and the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division, in connection with the investigation of this matter. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Jeffrey N. Kaplan and Neil Karadbil.

An Indictment is only an accusation and a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

## Ebberson

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also an adjunct professor with the Criminal Justice Academy at North Florida Community College.

"I couldn't have done it without my beautiful wife, Beth, my son, Seth, and my daughter, Anna, putting up with me doing the work to get the degree," Ebberson added.

Ebberson is one of the candidates for the police chief's position vacated by the retiring Rick Davis.

### Madison County...

## Jail Report



**12/16**  
Delma Allen Blair - VOP (circuit)  
Joseph Keith Platt - Aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, harassing telephone calls

Freddie James Morris, Jr. - Fleeing, invalid drivers license  
Michael Antone Hill - Possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony, fleeing or attempting to elude, driving while license suspended, attaching a tag not assigned

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**12/17**  
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Samuel Lee Gallon - Disorderly intoxication

Bonita Monique McQuay - VOP (county)

Stacey Lynn Deeter - VOP

**12/18**  
Rickey Ellis Robertson - Failure to appear  
Alisha Janae

Robinson - VOP  
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**12/20**  
Frederick Ernest Marshall - Driving while license suspended, fleeing and attempting to elude

**12/21**  
Jerrell Donche Tyson - Failure to appear

Tegwyn Lynette Flournoy - False information to law enforcement officer

Johnny Anthony Marshall - VOP (county), out of county warrant

**12/22**

Deanna Lee Williams - Retail theft  
Larry William Reed - Failure to appear for arraignment

William Calvin Crumity - Failure to appear, writ of bodily attachment

William Dewayne Darby - Driving while license suspended with knowledge

## FBI Presents Director's Community Leadership Award To The Anti-Defamation League

Special Agent in Charge (SAC) John V. Gillies, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Miami Field Office, announced today that the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), Florida office, is the recipient of the 2009 Director's Community Leadership Award. The ADL was presented the award at a ceremony held today at the FBI's office in Miami.

Established in 1990, the Director's Community Leadership Award is presented each year by FBI field offices to an individual or organization who has exhibited exemplary leadership within the community and whose leadership has assisted the FBI and local law enforcement personnel in making safer communities. These individuals or organizations, whose achievements in the areas of crime prevention, drug deterrence, or similar educational programs, have made a positive difference in their communities.

The ADL was founded in 1913 to stop the defamation of Jewish people and to secure justice and fair treatment for all. It fights anti-Semitism and all forms of bigotry in the United States and abroad through information, education, legislation, and advocacy. Listed below are several initiatives which warrant recognition:

\* L.E.A.R.N.: The Law Enforcement Agency Resource Network website is a comprehensive and regularly updated database which tracks actionable information on extremist activities for local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. Information

on hate symbols, extremist incidents and arrests, and training can also be found on this website.

\* A World of Difference Institute: This initiative provides anti-bias education and training with curriculum and materials for Pre-K through university level students, community groups, civic associations, and religious organizations.

\* Bearing Witness Program: A partnership with the ADL and Catholic schools to provide educators with the training and resources necessary to teach students about the historical relationship between Jewish and Catholic communities. This program is also responsible for maintaining relationships and dialogue with international, national, and local religious leaders of all faiths.

The ADL's commitment to scrutinizing and exposing extremists, hate groups, fostering interfaith relations, and developing educational programs that support this cause are exemplary and merits recognition by the FBI.

Special Agent in Charge John V. Gillies stated, "It is such an honor to present this award to the Anti-Defamation League. Over the years, the FBI has relied on their extensive research and training

expertise to assist us in carrying out our mission. The ADL Florida office is an outstanding partner in every sense of the word and is truly de-

serving of the Director's Award for Community Leadership."

Past winners include:

\* Handy, Inc.: a non-profit organization founded in 1985 to address the fundamental needs of Broward County's Foster Care Children.

\* National Black MBA Association, Inc.: founded in 1987 to provide mentoring, leadership development, and scholarship opportunities for socio-economically disadvantaged students who are interested in attending college.

\* Ms. Shirley Taylor-Prakkelt: the former Director of Housing for the Town of Davie, Florida, who was responsible for implementing neighborhood revitalization programs to reduce crime, drugs, and gang violence in her local community. Her Youth Scholarship Award Fund was highlighted as a positive initiative which encourages students to take part in activities which would positively impact their local community.

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From Left to Right: SAC John Gillies, ADL Florida Regional Director Andrew Rosenkranz, ADL Southern Area Legal Counsel David Barkey, and Community Outreach Specialist Jeff Green.

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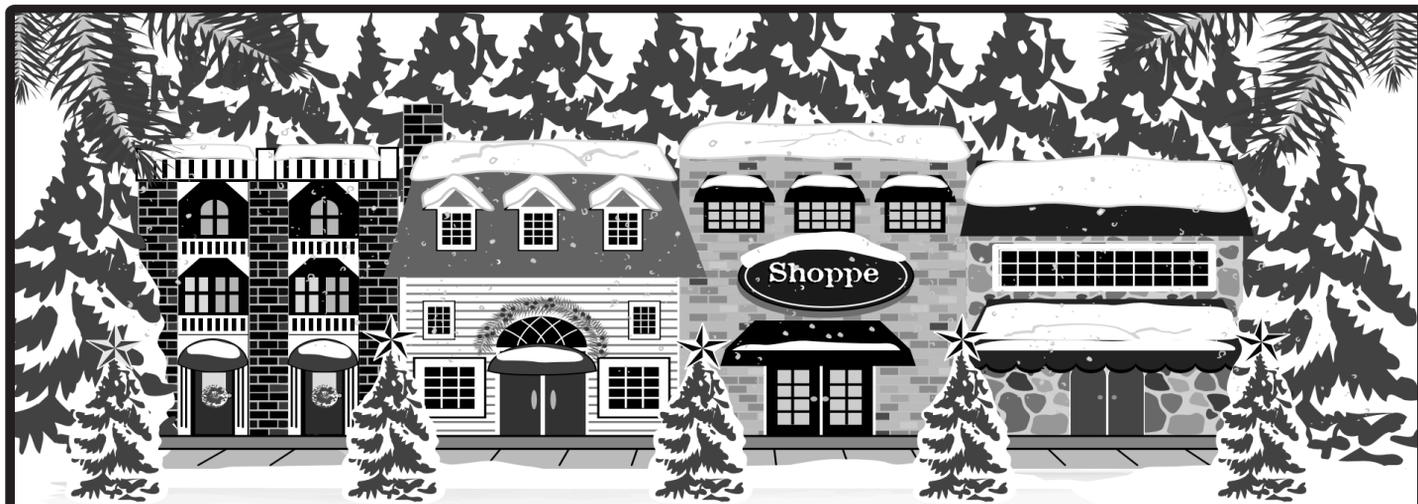
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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**January 2**  
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**Thursdays-Mondays**  
 The Florida DEP's Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park will host an ongoing wood carving workshop on Thursdays through Mondays, from noon until 4 p.m. Participants can create figure carvings, wood spoons, bowls, relief carvings and more during this four-hour class. Workshop fees are \$15 per session and include park admission. For

additional information or to register for the workshops, please call (386) 397-1920 or visit [www.stephenfosterCSO.org](http://www.stephenfosterCSO.org).

**Each Weekday Except Tuesday**  
 The Senior Citizens Center offers computer classes to seniors 60 and older each weekday except Tuesday. For more information or to sign up, please call (850) 973-4241.

**Every Tuesday-Saturday**  
 The Diamonds in the Ruff Adoption Program at the Suwannee Valley Humane Society is open every Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is located on 1156 SE Bisbee Loop, Madison, FL 32340. For more information, or directions, call (866) 236-7812 or

(850) 971-9904.

**Second and Fourth Saturday of Each Month**  
 The Madison Church of God hosts a free soup kitchen the second and fourth Saturday of each month at the Greenville Senior Citizens Center. Lunch is served from noon to 1 p.m.

**Third Tuesday of Each Month**  
 The Greater Greenville Area Diabetes Support Group is a free educational service and support for diabetes and those wanting to prevent diabetes. The group meets the third Tuesday of each month at the Greenville Public Library Conference Room at 312 SW Church St., Greenville, 11-11:30 a.m. Everyone is wel-

come!

**Every Wednesday and Friday**  
 The Senior Citizens Center's sewing club for seniors 60 and older meets every Wednesday and Friday. For more information or to sign up, please call (850) 973-4241.

**Third Wednesday of Each Month**  
 The Madison County Health Education Club is holding a free educational service and support group for people interested in preventing or controlling diabetes, high blood pressure, elevated cholesterol levels, obesity and other chronic health conditions. The club meets the third Wednesday of each month at the Madison Public Library Conference Room at 378 NW

College Loop, Madison, 12:15-12:45 p.m. Everyone is welcome to bring their own lunch.

**Third Wednesday of Each Month**  
 The Madison County Diabetes Support Group is a free educational service and support group for diabetes and those wanting to prevent diabetes. The group meets the third Wednesday of each month at the Madison Public Library Conference Room at 378 NW College Loop, Madison, 11:45 a.m.-12:10 p.m. Everyone is welcome to bring their own lunch. For details, contact Marcia Kazmierski at (386) 752-2461 or Lorraine Miller at (386) 752-6439.

**Fourth Wednesday of Each Month**  
 An informational meeting for those in-

jured and needing help returning to work will be held the fourth Wednesday of each month from 12-3 p.m. at the Madison County Extension Office located at 184 College Loop, Madison. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, please call (850) 245-3489.

**First and Third Saturdays of the Month**  
 Girl Scout Troop 150 meets at Greenville United Methodist Church every first and Third Saturday of the month from 10:00 a.m. until Noon. Please call Janice or Sean Carson at 850/948-6901 or the Girl Scout Council Office at 850/386-2131 for more information.

## Red, White And True Mysteries

### Whose Name Is Mudd?

By Paul Niemann  
*"If the offenders are done to death by that tribunal ... they will pass as martyrs with half the world."*

The above quote sounds like it could apply to modern-day terrorists, but it was actually spoken by a former attorney general named Edward Bates nearly 150 years ago.

Sam was a successful young doctor who was tried for conspiracy to commit one of the most well-known murders in American history. He was convicted and sentenced to life in prison.

Prior to that, he was also involved in planning a kidnapping that never materialized. He also had shot one of his slaves. His name received a bad rap throughout history ever since one fateful day in April of 1865.

Sam was born in 1833 in Charles County, Maryland, as one of ten siblings. A year after graduating from medical school, he married his childhood sweetheart, Sarah Frances Dyer. Sarah's family and friends called her Frankie or Frank for short.

If a girl can be named Frank, and since Sam is also a girl's name, could you say that Sam and his wife Frances could have been known as Frank and Samantha instead of Sam and Frances? Probably not, but I was just wondering out loud how that would sound.

Meanwhile, in 1864, a well-known actor in the area was planning on kidnapping President Lincoln. When the attempt never happened due to Lincoln changing his plans that day, the actor decided to assassinate him the following year. That actor, as we all know, was John Wilkes Booth.

On that fateful, historical night of April 14, 1865, Booth

broke a bone in his leg when he landed on the stage at Ford's Theatre after shooting Lincoln. He then rode his getaway horse to Dr. Sam's house in Bryantown, Maryland, about 15 miles south of Washington, DC.

So who was this Dr. Sam and why was he arrested for conspiracy to commit murder?

His full name was Dr. Samuel Mudd. The same Dr. Mudd who set the broken leg of John Wilkes Booth the day after he assassinated President Lincoln. As a result of Mudd's cooperation, Booth was able to continue his escape.

Dr. Sam Mudd was a Confederate sympathizer and slave owner. We were taught in History class that he did not know at the time that John Wilkes Booth was the person who shot President Lincoln when he set his broken leg - meaning that he inadvertently helped a murderer escape.

It's not that simple, though, because the truth is that Mudd did know Booth as far back as November of 1864, when he was involved with Booth and seven others in planning the kidnapping of the president. After Lincoln was assassinated, Mudd denied knowing him to avoid being prosecuted.

Dr. Mudd served nearly four years in jail, and was later pardoned by Lincoln's successor, President Andrew Johnson, in 1869. He and wife Sarah (Frankie) went on to have the final five of their nine kids together after he was released from prison.

It is often assumed that the "My name is mud" saying refers to Dr. Samuel Mudd, which is true, but the saying originated in 1823, which is ten years before Sam Mudd was born.

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# Around Madison County

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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 6:00 p.m. The official meeting began at 7:00 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, Karen FerDon; Worthy Patron, Roy Hibbs; Associate Matron, Beth Ward; Associate Patron, Homer Melgaard; Secretary, Nancy Banks; Treasurer, Ali Hibbs; Conductress, Edith Terry; Associate Conductress, Jennifer Stanley; Chaplain, Emerald Greene; Marshal, Mary Ellen Greene; Organist, Betty Sirmon; Adah, Karen Holman; Ruth, Mary Helen Studebaker; Esther, Heather Bowen; Martha, Tanya Terry; Electa, Yvonne Smith; Warder, Bert Banks; 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, step-daughters, 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 Grand Conductress of the State of Florida. Pictured left to right are: Madison's Worthy Matron, Karen FerDon; Grand Conductress, Sister Lois Mock; 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; Marshal, 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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# Around Madison County

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## Junior Auxiliary Receives Grant Money From Wachovia



### Junior Auxiliary of Madison County: Making A Difference

Wachovia Bank, N.A., a Wells Fargo Company (NYSE: WFC), recently awarded Junior Auxiliary of Madison, FL, a \$500 grant from the Wachovia Wells Fargo Foundation as part of its Community Partners program.

Junior Auxiliary is a service organization that is based on the principles of helping children by focusing on welfare and development. Junior Auxiliary consists of women 50 years and older who are focused on meeting community needs. It has served the families of Madison County with more than 5,000 volunteer hours, according to Lisa Flournoy, vice president of Junior Auxiliary, who accepted the grant during a recognition breakfast.

According to Ruthellen Caldwell, Store Manager for Wachovia City President, and who is also a Junior Auxiliary member, "The Wachovia Wells Fargo Foundation chose Junior Auxiliary to receive a \$500 grant because its programs complement the Foundation's mission 'to build strong and vibrant communities, improve the quality of life, and make a positive difference.' "

Presenting the Community Partners program check to Junior Auxiliary during a recognition breakfast are: (left to right): Carrin Meadows; Bernice Bodenstein; Deborah Ponder; Melanie Moore; Lisa Flournoy, Junior Auxiliary vice president; Ruthellen Caldwell, Store Manager at City President and a Junior Auxiliary member; Janie Barnes, Junior Auxiliary treasurer; Joni Hughey; and Judith Doyle.

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## Happenings

### At Madison First Baptist Church

By Kristin Finney



*"As it is written: 'I have made you a father of many nations.' He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were." Romans 4:17*

Sunday morning began in a very special way; Beth Carey welcomed everyone to service with a beautiful song called "Unto us."

This special piece was then followed by Dan Campbell and Cindy Brown singing an old southern gospel piece called "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem." Pastor Ferrell said the offertory prayer and was followed by the Choir singing "The Kings Came Calling," a piece from the Christmas Cantata. Pastor Ferrell's message came from Luke 2:10. He spoke of the room for

improvement in every aspect of life. While we may be doing well in our activities, there is always room as a church and as an individual for improvement.

This week has been busy in the life of Madison First Baptist. Tuesday we had caroling around Madison County, Wednesday was the youth's Christmas party.

And, Christmas eve we had our annual Candle Light Service in the 1898 Sanctuary. We pray that everyone has had a blessed Christmas holiday, and with the coming new year, God's love will remain strong in your heart.

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 6:00p.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 6:15p.m.

We would like to invite you to join us for our services! Our worship schedule is as follows: Sunday School 10-11 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.-12 noon. Sunday Evening Worship 6-7 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.

*"Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased." Luke 2:14*  
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*Malachi 2:15 (KJV)*

## Marriage

The younger the newly engaged, the more people worry. Does the couple understand what marriage entails? Are they mature enough to handle it? These are good questions, especially with all the divorces that have taken place recently. Do we take our marriage vows seriously? If we are believers, we do!

## Christmas And Easter Cannot Be Separated

By James J. Jackson

Following a parochial school Christmas program, one person complained about parts of the program. "Why did the pastor have to intersperse so much about Christ's crucifixion in the story of Christmas?"

I wondered about those comments later that day. Why would the Easter story disturb anyone, no matter when it is told? Actually, both stories are interchangeable as well as inseparable. Perhaps many people would just as soon leave Christ in the manger as a baby, rather than consider the fact that He went on to grow up and move toward His manifest destiny, ordained by God Himself.

As we go through the motions of the Christmas celebration, it is easy to lose sight of the fact that the story of a beautiful baby, who was foretold by prophets and announced by legions of angels who appeared in the skies, giving Him glory and honor. We could simply revel in this heart-warming story of two people, who could not find lodging or a place to birth their baby.

Some writers have even taken the story of Christ's birth and related it to today's social issues, calling Joseph and Mary homeless. In fact, they had a home, but God had led them to Bethlehem. He first used Herod's greed to move him to call for a census, which meant that each adult would have to return to his or her ancestral home to be registered and counted and placed on the tax rolls.

Since God had ordained that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, in Judea, He arranged for Joseph to take his wife, who was pregnant by the Holy Spirit, to the City of David for two purposes—to obey man's law, and to fulfill prophesy. The Creator of the universe could have simply sent His Son as an adult into the world to live a blameless life, forgive sins, and offer Heaven as a free gift to those who would receive the gift.

But God, in His infinite wisdom, sent His Son to enter earthly life as mankind does, rendering Him true man, and to live a perfect life and become the only sufficient sacrifice for all human sin, which only true God could do.

Had Jesus Christ not entered human flesh the way man does, and had He not lived a perfect life, and had He not suffered and died to pay for all sin, God's own standards for payment for our rebellion in The Garden of Eden would not have been satisfied.

If we, therefore, attempt to celebrate only the birth of Christ, without attaching it to His suffering and dying for us, or if we only focus on the suffering and dying, then we fail to grasp the complete story of Christ. Christ came into the world the way mankind does. He died by giving up His spirit, as mankind does. But, in God's magnificent plan, Christ arose from the dead to show us that death has no power over us.

That is the beauty of John 3:16, *"For God so loved the world, that he gave His only Son, so whosoever believes in Him will not die, but have everlasting life."*

Christ did not remain in the manger. He grew up to change the world forever, by teaching us repentance, forgiveness and the Way to eternal life. He paid with His life for the sins of even those who hate Him. He offers eternal life to all who repent and believe in Him.

Christmas and Easter are the celebration of His life, resurrection the end of the fear of death. The two cannot be separated.

## Your Church Directory

### Barbara Memorial Church of the Nazarene

County Rd. 254 • Madison, FL • 973-4160  
Rev. Robert Agner, Pastor  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
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Bible Study, Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.  
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### First United Methodist Church

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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  
(Highway 145 North in Hanson)  
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  
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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  
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Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
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### Lee First Baptist Church

Lee, Florida • Corner of CR 255 & W. 90  
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Sunday Bible Study.....9:45 a.m.  
Discipleship Training.....6:00 p.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship.....7:00 p.m.  
*Wednesday Evening:*  
Services Wed Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.  
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### Faith Baptist Church

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# Turn Back Time

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## Madison Changes Through The Years



Employees of the Van H. Priest Company are pictured. The company, which began in Madison, became a chain with stores throughout North Florida and South Georgia. Back row (L-R): Newton Priest, Chalmos Bowden, Jack Sale, James Sale, Pay Priest. Middle row: Eunice (Shune) Stokes, Elise Nogel, Elizabeth Sale, Alma Tate Hendry, Evelyn Millinor, Gordon Selman, Bert Stokes, Buford Selman, Jack Wade, ? Smith, Van H. Priest. Front row: Fletcher Priest, Louise Sherrod Bassett, Lottie Noegel, Clyde Priest, Charles (Hooley) Noegel, Weasey Wade, Tom Millinor, Bill Noegel, Rosalie Priest and Bessie Page.



A view along Range Street in 1914.

This week, we turn back time and look at the City of Madison from years past. The face of the town has changed dramatically over the years, but like Dorian Gray, in many ways remains the same. That is part of the charm that is Madison. All photos courtesy of the Florida Public Archives.



The intersection of Highway 53 North and US 90 in 1953.

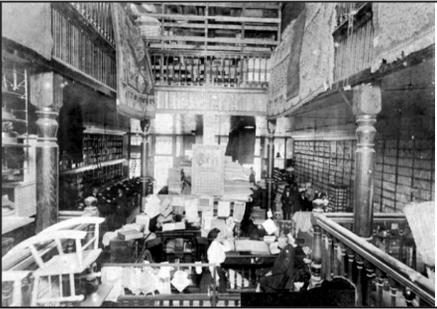


Range Street is pictured in 1956.



Customers visit at the T.J. Beggs Department Store.

A view from the Courthouse of Range Street.



The interior of the old T.J. Beggs Department Store.



The interior of the original Van H. Priest Store in 1925.



## Way Back When

### December 23, 1909

Six jolly days and six merry nights of solid fun, recreation and amusement will be held as the Johnny J. Jones Exposition Shows with great trained wild animals will be in Madison the week of Dec. 27-Jan. 1.

Miss Rachel Martin, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Z. Martin, is home for the holidays from Brerea College, Gainesville, Ga.

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### December 23, 1949

Pfc. John H. Cone of Greenville arrived this week from San Antonio, Texas, Air Force Base, and is visiting his parents on an eleven-day delay route to his new assignment at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois.

Lt. Edwin Cooper of Reese Air Force Base, Lubbock, Texas, has arrived home to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cooper.

The Christmas Mass will be celebrated at St. Vincent's Catholic Church Christmas morning at 10 o'clock. Father M.J. Kelly will say the Mass.

Edwin B. Browning, who has been attending classes at Florida State University, is spending the holidays at home.

### December 25, 1959

Mr. and Mrs. G.F. Rykard have as guests for Christmas, and during the holidays, their son-in-

law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Yates of Winter Haven, Mr. and Mrs. Thos Grice and Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Sweat and two children of Jacksonville.

Mr. Charles Johnson, 70, father of Mrs. John Wilson of Route 3, Madison, died Monday at his home near Quitman. Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. E.B. Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Wilson attended the services.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Rutherford of Madison announce the birth of a baby boy, Dec. 19. The baby weighed 7 lbs. and 3 1/2 ounces.

Miss Jenobel Zipperer, popular bride-elect, was complimented with a series of lovely parties this past week.

### December 26, 1969

Pvt. Harvey J. Evans, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Evans, Sr., of Greenville, has joined the select group of basic trainees at the U.S. Army Training Center, Infantry, who have scored the maximum 500 points on the final physical combat proficiency test.

Ocie Edwards, Jr., whose parents live on Route 1, Madison, was promoted Nov. 18 to Army Specialist Five in Vietnam, where he is serving with the 45th Engineer Group.

The new Madison County Health Department, located in southwest Madison on the old Perry Road, measuring 40' by 90', and having facilities and space for all service, is moving along and will be ready for occupancy in early 1970.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Johnson was the setting Saturday evening for a delightful open

house when they and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Clifford, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cantey and Mrs. Edith Bevan entertained about 150 guests.

### December 28, 1979

Ms. Kathryn Koob, a first cousin of Ms. Carmelita Jenkins of Cherry Lake, is one of 43 or 50 Americans held hostage by the Ayatollah's renegades in Tehran, Iran.

Neil Martain of East Base Street was the recent winner of an Olds Cutlass auto given away by Pantry Pride in a football contest.

The Enterprise-Recorder was informed Wednesday that the 1979 Sugar Bowl Queen is the great niece of Dan Walker of Madison. She is Cammie Williams of Gadsden, Ala. She is the granddaughter of the late Mrs. Clara Walker Ralls, formerly of Madison.

Bill Grant, president of the Bank of Madison, has been elected Florida Director of the Independent Bankers Association, for a one-year term.

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(NAPSI)-The way you maintain your car should take into account the conditions in which you drive. That's the word from AAA, which says too many drivers underestimate the severity of their driving habits. As a result, they follow the wrong maintenance schedule.

When polled recently by AAA, only 6 percent of motorists felt they did most of their driving under severe driving conditions. But when asked about the actual driving behaviors that create severe operating conditions, 62 percent of motorists admitted they drive their vehicle that way all or most of the time.

Some of the conditions and behaviors that are considered severe include:

- Driving on short trips of less than five miles in normal temperatures or less than 10 miles in freezing temperatures.
- Driving in hot-weather stop-and-go traffic.
- Driving at low speeds of less than 50 miles per hour for long distances.
- Driving on roads that are dusty or muddy or have salt, sand or gravel spread on the surface.
- Towing a trailer, carrying a camper (if a pickup truck) or transporting items on a roof rack or in a cartop carrier.

"Manufacturers provide different maintenance recommendations for severe driving conditions because such operation increases wear on vehicle components and fluids," said John Nielsen, director of AAA Approved Auto Repair and Auto Buying Services. Maintenance schedules for severe driving conditions typically recommend changing the vehicle's fluids and filters more often, and include more frequent inspections of certain components.

AAA advises motorists to:

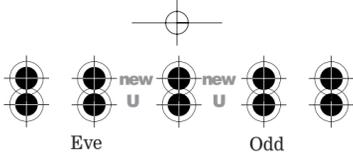
- Read their owner's manual and/or maintenance booklet.
- Learn what the manufacturer considers normal and severe driving conditions for their vehicles.
- Make an honest assessment of their driving habits.
- Schedule service in accordance with the appropriate maintenance schedule.

For additional assistance in evaluating driving conditions and determining proper maintenance intervals, motorists can visit any of the more than 8,000 AAA Approved Auto Repair facilities across North America. These shops have undergone an extensive inspection and meet stringent standards for quality, ability, integrity and professionalism.

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# Outdoors

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## FEED TIMES

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**The Week Of December 25 - December 31, 2009**

<b>Moon Phases:</b>		<b>Friday December 25</b>	<b>Saturday December 26</b>	<b>Sunday December 27</b>
● Full Moon: Dec. 2	○ First Qtr: Dec. 24	*5:45 AM	12:25 AM	1:05 AM
○ Last Qtr: Dec. 9	● Full Moon: Dec. 31	11:55 AM	*6:25 AM	*7:10 AM
○ New Moon: Dec. 16		*6:10 PM	12:35 PM	1:20 PM
			*6:50 PM	*7:40 PM
<b>Monday December 28</b>	<b>Tuesday December 29</b>	<b>Wednesday December 30</b>	<b>Thursday December 31</b>	
1:55 AM	2:45 AM	3:40 AM	4:35 AM	
*8:00 AM	*8:55 AM	*9:50 AM	*10:50 AM	
2:10 PM	3:05 PM	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	
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## featured creature



The spotted eagle ray is one of the most beautiful creatures in the ocean and one of the largest rays. (Photo by Zig Leszczynski)

## Florida's rays are majestic, graceful, shy and shocking

By FWC Staff

At least 11 species of rays inhabit Florida's coastal waters. Some of them are enormous – almost 30 feet across. One of them can generate electricity to stun its prey. Some have barbets that are equipped with venom. All of them are shy creatures that prefer to avoid contact with people.

### Manta ray

The largest of the rays is the manta ray. The full-grown ones average about 22 feet from the tip of one of their pectoral fins (which resemble wings) to the other (disc width), but they can reach 29.5 feet in disc width and weigh up to 3,000 pounds.

All mantas have two modified "fins" called lobes that extend from the front of their head just in front of their eyes. These fins are actually used by these amazing fish to direct water current into their mouth so they can filter out their favorite food. Early scientists thought that the cephalic fins resembled the horns of a devil, thus the well-recognized common name "devil rays." In fact, the most common manta species present in Florida waters is called the devil ray. The devil ray is small in comparison to most other mantas, reaching a disc width of only 4-5 feet.

Mantas sometimes show up close to shore. At other times, people see them over the continental shelf and over reef habitats, usually close to the ocean's surface. They are often seen swimming in schools, and they sometimes leap out of the water and land with a huge splash. Scientists aren't sure why they jump, however some believe it is to dislodge parasites that often attach to the rays' skin. Others have speculated they may use jumping to attract mates.

Manta rays usually are dark brown, grayish blue or black on top with pale edges and white underneath. Some, but

not all, mantas have a venomous barb which is near the base of the tail on the top surface. They live at least 20 years.

### Spotted eagle ray

The spotted eagle ray is another large species of ray that may reach a disc width of up to 9.8 feet and weigh upwards of 500 pounds.

They have very long whip-like tails. At the base of their tails spotted eagle rays have one or more venomous spines. Eagle rays use the spines as defense against predators, such as sharks.

People see spotted eagle rays mostly in bays, over coral reefs and in estuaries. They like inshore waters, but they also show up in deeper coastal waters. Mostly, they swim in pairs or small groups in the open water close to the surface, and they often leap out of the water similar to their close relatives, the manta rays.

This is one of the most beautiful rays, named for the cryptic spotted pattern across the top of its body with small white, bluish-white, greenish, pearly or yellow spots on its black, dark gray or brown body. Sometimes the spots are large white rings with black dots in the center. Eagle rays are typically all white on their bottom side.

### Cownose ray

Yet another ray species common to Florida is the cownose ray. It typically grows to 35 – 45 inches disc width, although there is a report of one reaching 84 inches. Cownose rays will have at least one venomous barb at the base of the tail and typically are brown with a whitish or yellowish belly and a broad head, eyes wide-apart.

This species has very hard tooth plates and powerful jaw muscles that it uses to crush various shellfish species that it primarily feeds on, such as clams, oysters, scallops and crabs. They often swim in large schools containing thousands of individuals. These large



The lesser electric stingray can generate a 37-volt discharge to stun prey and fend off predators. (FWC photo)

schools of rays when feeding can devastate local shellfish beds.

### Lesser electric stingray

You can find the lesser electric ray along the beaches and coastal waters of the western Atlantic Ocean from North Carolina to Argentina and in the Gulf of Mexico. They keep to shallow coastal waters, buried beneath the sand or mud or in sea grass most of the time, but they sometimes venture into water 180 feet deep.

They have the ability to generate an electric discharge of 14-37 volts, which they use to stun prey and to fend off predators.

This species does not have a venomous barb. It is dark brown, light brown or reddish orange on top with irregular rings or ovals. The underside is white, yellowish or greenish.

Males grow to about 26 inches across; females are a little smaller.

Electric stingrays eat primarily marine worms but also include other invertebrates, juvenile snake eels, anemones, small fish and crustaceans in their diet.

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## Beachgoers should always do the stingray shuffle

Beachgoers should exercise caution. Beaches and coastlines are where you find stingrays year-round.

The most common rays in Florida coastal waters include the Atlantic stingray, bluntnose stingray, and southern stingray. Although stingrays are actually very shy by nature, they are equipped with a sharp spine (or barb) on their tail which they use as defense against predators, such as sharks.

These rays also use camouflage to hide from

predators—burying themselves under the sand with only their eyes and long spaghetti-shaped tail exposed. That makes them very difficult for beachgoers to see. Unaware bathers walking or wading in shallow waters can step on a ray resulting in being stung in the leg or foot by the ray's sharp, venomous spine.

To avoid being stung, bathers only need to shuffle their feet as they move across the sandy bottom. Rays usually sense the disturbance and swim away.

## Remember: heat to treat

A stingray's spine or barb is razor-sharp and made of a hard, tooth-like material called dentine. It has notches on both sides that act like a series of miniature arrowheads, preventing the spine from backing out of a wound.

Most stingrays have a single spine, but some have more, from 1 to 8 inches long. The spine produces venom, and anyone stung by a stingray should seek immediate medical attention. Medical professionals can remove all traces of the spine and flush out the wound with antiseptic to prevent infection. Victims also usually require a tetanus shot.

Also, soaking the wound in hot water (at least 113 degrees Fahrenheit) can bring immediate relief from the painful effects of the venom. Remember the saying – "Heat to treat."

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# LEGALS

### 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 IN WHICH 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, 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.

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AND BEING SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING ACCESS EASEMENT.

AN ACCESS EASEMENT 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 1,124.63 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE SOUTH 07 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 42 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 60.50 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 68.15 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 60.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 33 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 60.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 0.09 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

12/4, 12/11, 12/18, 12/25

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The North Florida Broadband Authority ("NFBA") announces a public meeting to which all interested persons are invited. The NFBA is a legal entity and public body created pursuant to the provisions of Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, and an Interlocal Agreement among: Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor and Union Counties and municipalities of Cedar Key, Cross City, Lake City, Live Oak, Monticello, Perry, White Springs and Worthington Springs, Florida. The regular meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. E.T. on Wednesday, January 6, 2010 at the Suwannee River Water Management District, Suwannee Room, 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060. The NFBA Board will address general operating issues of the NFBA. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the NFBA with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodations or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding, or if you have any questions regarding this meeting, please contact the Clerk to the NFBA Board at (877) 552-3482, at least two business days prior to the date of the meeting.

12/25

### 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.

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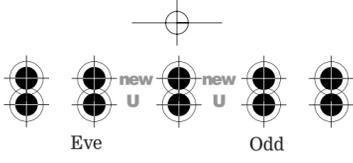
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