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JA Hosts "Starry Night" Father-Daughter Dance

By Kristin Finney
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The Junior Auxiliary of Madison County would like to cordially invite all of the fathers and daughters in Madison to join them for their fourth annual Father-Daughter Dance. This year's dance will be called Starry Night. The dance will be on February 11, from 6-8p.m.

The event will be held at the Madison Women's Club. Tickets are \$10 per father, and he can bring up to three daughters. This ticket price also includes a 5x7 portrait taken at the event.

Tickets can be purchased at the Madison County Community Bank or Odiorne Insurance. For more information please call Jamie Andrews (850) 673-7803.

Gallon, Guyton, Williams And Roundtree Sign To Play College Ball



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Bryant Thigpen, Feb. 1, 2012

The Madison County High School Cowboys football coaches stand behind Deshawntee "Ironhead" Gallon, Rashad Guyton, Keldrick Williams and Tevin Roundtree on National Signing Day. Gallon signed a letter of intent to play football for Georgia Southern. Guyton, Williams and Roundtree all signed to play for Valdosta State University. Parents, teachers, mentors and friends all showed up to wish the fellows well.

Sunday Drive Or Saturday Crash?



On Saturday, Jan. 28, west of Greenville on I-10, Sunday Drive (a Christian group who had perform the previous night at Yogi Bear's Jellystone Campground, was hit unexpectedly by an out of control vehicle

as they were headed to their next concert in Panama City.

A side impact sent them spinning out of control, flipping their trailer and leaving the van sitting in oncoming traffic. The Lord's hand

of protection truly was covering them through it all. No one was seriously injured even though the van and trailer were a total loss and some sound equipment

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Special Commission Meeting Drainage Issues At Softball Fields In Rec Park

By Lynette Norris
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At the Feb. 1 County Commission meeting, representatives of the Babe Ruth League requested permission to install drainage systems in two of the softball fields at the recreation park. The League would pay for cost, and wanted to get the Commissioner's approval before going ahead with the project. Ted Garner, director of Madison Parks

and Recreation Department, along with several Commissioners, agreed that the drainage system was a very much-needed improvement; after a heavy rain, the fields in question were sometimes unusable for two or three days afterward.

However, when discussion turned to grassing the infield area of two of the fields, there was some discussion as to whether or not all the teams would still be able

to use those fields. The different leagues, slow-pitch and fast pitch softball as well as the various age groups of baseball, play on different types of fields: some on grassed fields and some on bare or "skinned" fields. There were some questions as to whether or not the teams who play on skinned fields would have enough skinned

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Madison County Republicans Favor Gingrich Over Romney

By Lazaro Aleman
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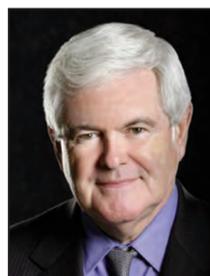
As everyone must know by now, Mitt Romney won the Florida Republi-

Meanwhile, Rick Santorum received 209 votes here, or 19.96 percent, to come in third place, and Ron Paul received 68 votes, or 6.494 percent.

can presidential primary on Tuesday, Jan. 31, statewide getting 46 percent of the votes to the 32 percent that went to his chief rival, Newt Gingrich.



Mitt Romney



Newt Gingrich

If Madison County Republican voters were not in step with the majority of their fellow Republicans across the state in favoring Gingrich, they were

in step with most neighboring counties and others of the smaller, rural counties across the state in their choice.

The statewide tabulations show that 33 of Florida's 67 counties favored Gingrich over Romney, including Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Taylor and Wakulla in the Big Bend area.

Florida being a winner takes all state, Romney's victory assured him the state's 50 delegate votes for the August nominating convention in Tampa. It requires 1,144 delegate votes to win the GOP nomination. Romney

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Looking For Leap Year Babies

Are you a grownup but still only seven years old because your birthday only comes around every four years? Will you have to wait until you can almost draw Social Security to celebrate your Sweet 16 party. We want to hear about it.

This newspaper is interested in doing stories on leap year babies. Is your birthday on Feb. 29? If it is, then give us a call at (850) 973-4141. We are looking forward to those leap year youngsters from 0 to 25 (0-100).

We would like to feature
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Hospital Loan Questioned At County Commission Meeting Hospital Officials Say Facility is Now Financially Healthy

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing, Inc.

At the Feb.1 County Commission meeting, Warren Irving questioned whether or not the USDA's \$22 million loan to the County for the new hospital was actually a "done deal" or not, adding that the information about the loan being approved that was presented at the late September/early October Special Meeting of 2010 would then essentially be false information. The special meeting, held in the courtroom of the county courthouse, had been called to discuss a \$1 million bailout for the hospital, which was then on the brink of closure. The board approved the measure.

"What I have now in writing from the USDA is that it (the loan) is not a done deal," said Irvin. "The loan was not guaranteed and it is still being reviewed."

County Attorney Tommy Reeves said that he could not comment on the USDA letter until he had

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Local Weather

Fri 2/3 75/58 Cloudy skies early. A few showers developing later in the day.	Sat 2/4 80/58 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	Sun 2/5 81/53 Scattered thunderstorms possible.	Mon 2/6 76/55 A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the mid 50s.
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Viewpoints & Opinions

Today, is a day to wear red in support of the movement for women to take charge of heart health. It's National Heart Month and this year the American Heart Association will focus on raising awareness to the fact of heart disease in women. Heart disease traditionally thought to be a man's disease, it is the No. 1 killer of women.

In the past, many of the major cardiovascular research studies were conducted on men. Results of clinical studies underway may help clarify the gender differences that affect diagnosis and treatment of women with heart disease.

According to the AHA, both men and women may present "classic" chest pain that grips the chest and spreads to the shoulder, neck or arms. But, often women may have a greater tendency to have atypical chest pain or to complain of abdominal pain, difficulty breathing, nausea and unexplained fatigue. These symptoms are overlooked and often dismissed.

Knowing your numbers is an important part of keeping your heart healthy. The American Heart Association recommends the following:

- Total cholesterol — Less than 200 mg/dl
- LDL (bad) cholesterol
- Low risk for heart disease — less than 160mg/dl
- Intermediate risk for heart disease — less than 130 mg/dl
- High risk for heart disease — less than 100 mg/dl

Madison County Extension Service

Diann Douglas
Guest Columnist



Wear Red Day

HDL (good) cholesterol — 50 mg/dl or higher

Triglycerides — Less than 150mg/dl

Blood pressure — Less than 120/80 mmHg

Other recommendations to reduce your risk include daily exercise, eating a balance diet, stop smoking and visit your doctor.

Work on healthy eating habits, it is one of the best things you can do to combat heart disease. There is a lot of confusing information out there about how to eat well. In a quick summary, increase your consumption of fruits and vegetables; they are high in nutrients and fiber while low in calories. Eat more whole grains, read the ingredient labels and look for the words "whole-grains." Choose lean meats and poultry without skin and low fat dairy foods.



For more information about National Heart Month go the American Heart Association's website at

www.americanheart.org
For more information on healthy eating habits, contact the Madison County Extension Service.

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As the younger man approached, he could smell the burning leaves and hear the rake, which gathered the leaves into the pile with a whooshing sound. Under foot, he could hear the crackling of the small branches, which had fallen from the trees. They gently broke beneath soft footfall. The crisp autumn air felt good. It was just a tad chilly but the closer he got to the fire, the warmer he became. The fire provided warmth and comfort. The younger man was now in a comfort zone and he stood beside the old man who kept sweeping the leaves onto the fire.

The younger man realized his whole world had been a world of comfort. While he did not live in a house with crystal chandeliers or drive an expensive car, he did know comfort. He had a roof over his head and a vehicle to drive back and forth to work in. The fare set before him at mealtime was always sumptuous and he enjoyed every morsel that he put in his mouth. He was well clothed, whether he was well dressed or not. His shoes protected the soles of his feet, even though a soul had not had to be sold to pay the price for them.



Jacob's Ladder
Jacob Bembry
Columnist

Comfort Zone

"Thank you, God, for all your blessings," the younger man said silently as he reached over to offer to take the rake from the older man. The old man gave up the rake without a struggle and watched the younger man take up his battle against the leaves.

The old man had been responsible for much of the comfort the younger man knew. He had taught him also to step out of his comfort zone and to stand up for the things he believed in. Like his father, the son believed in God, family and country.

Have you stepped out of your comfort zone today? Or are you content to feast on God's blessings while there is a famine in your soul? Let God take you out of the comfort zone.

Madison County...

Jail Report



1/25
Bryan Keith Cotrell-Driving with a Suspended License (habitual), Attaching Tag Not Assigned
Antonio Reshard Ghent -Violation of Parole (out of county)
Shaquelila Latisha Haynes - Petty Theft

1/26
Kenneth Charles Seligman - Expired Drivers License

1/27
Isaac Decente Likely - Knowingly Driving with a Suspended License, Obstruction, Out of County Warrant
Quentin Bernard Solomon - Knowingly Driving with a Suspended License

1/28
Oriole John Eugene - Driving with a Suspended License
Derrick Donlle Norword - DUI
Shadrick Blackshear-Battery Domestic Violence
George Wallace Haynes - Disorderly Intoxication, Resisting Without Violence

1/29
Travis Dewayne Jay-Burglary, Battery, Criminal Mischief
Roger Stephen Jones - Knowingly Driving with a Suspended License

1/30
Fiero Vonsha Arnold - Failure to Appear (Disorderly Conduct)
Wilbert Clarence Sears - Trespassing After Warning
Willie Leo Brass-Violation of Parole (county), Writ of Bodily Attachment

1/31
Sharonda Nicole Davis - Drivers License/No Or Anthony Jerome Hamilton - Driving with a Suspended License (3rd or subsequent offense)
Delma Allen Blair-Violation of Parole (circuit)
Vincent Alexander-Petty Theft

Coping With The "Nanny Tax"

In recent years, the phrase "nanny tax" has made headlines from time to time. Quite often the term becomes a newsworthy item when a prominent individual, such as a Federal judge or politician who is up for re-election or Senate confirmation, is scrutinized for not paying all of his or her tax obligations.

Most taxpayers think that the tax only applies to wealthy individuals who can afford the expense of a "nanny". But the truth of the matter is many individuals are subject to the tax and may not even be aware of it. In fact, we have dozens of clients that pay the "nanny tax" right here in Madison County.

The "nanny tax" isn't limited to a nanny. It also applies to domestic workers such as a housekeeper, maid, baby-sitter, gardener, caregiver, or other household employees. If you paid a domestic worker more than \$1,700 in 2011 (or will pay more than \$1,800 in 2012), you may be required to report and pay social security and Medicare taxes on their wages. You could owe federal unemployment tax as well if you paid all your employees more than \$1,000 in any calendar quarter.

To whom does the tax apply? It doesn't matter what type of work is performed. What does matter is whether your worker is considered to be your employee or an independent contractor. Independent contractors are typically self-



Business & Tax Insights

By Mark Buescher, C.P.A.
Guest Columnist

employed and, therefore, exempt from the "nanny tax." Generally, if you control how and when workers do their jobs, they're probably your employees. Independent contractors operate their own business. For example, a nanny who takes care of your kids in your home is probably an employee, but a day care provider who cares for many children is not.

If you employ someone who's subject to the "nanny tax," you aren't required to withhold federal income taxes. You have to withhold only if your worker asks you to and you agree to withhold. As previously mentioned, however, you may be required to withhold social security and Medicare tax (FICA). And you may also be required to pay (but not withhold) federal unemployment (FUTA) tax.

You have to withhold and pay FICA taxes if your worker earns cash wages of \$1,700 (annual threshold) or more during the calendar year 2011. If you reach the threshold, the entire wages (not just the excess) will be subject to FICA. However, if you employ a worker such as a baby-sitter and she is under age 18 and child care isn't her principal

occupation, you don't have to withhold FICA taxes. Thus, if she is really a student who is a part-time baby-sitter, there's no FICA tax liability for her services. On the other hand, if your worker is under age 18 and the baby-sitting job is her principal occupation, you must withhold and pay FICA taxes.

Both an employer and the worker have an obligation to pay FICA taxes. As an employer, you are responsible for withholding your worker's share of FICA. In addition, you must pay a matching amount for your share of the taxes. The FICA tax is divided between social security and Medicare. For 2011, a two-percentage-point reduction in the worker's share of social security tax is in effect. Therefore, the social security tax rate is 6.2% for the employer and 4.2% for the worker, for a total of 10.4%. The Medicare tax is 1.45% each for both the employer and the worker, for a rate of 2.9%.

As an employer of a domestic worker, you don't have to file any of the normal employment tax returns, even if you're required to withhold or pay tax. Instead, you just report the em-

ployment taxes on your return, Form 1040, Schedule H.

Also, some individuals are exempt. For example, you generally don't have to pay "nanny tax" on wages paid to your spouse, your child under age 21, or any domestic worker under age 18. But there are exceptions, so you should check the rules carefully.

At all cost, avoid penalties and interest. If you fail to pay the tax, you could be liable for interest and penalties on the tax owed, and possibly even a penalty for underpaying estimated taxes. You might also have obligations to pay state employment taxes.

In summary, if you hire someone to work in your home, it's worth contacting your tax preparer as soon as possible to discuss whether you are subject to the "nanny tax." Although the deadline for distributing W-2 forms to your worker was January 31, 2012, the deadline for filing the forms with the government is February 28, 2012.

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Commission

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fields left to play out their season schedule. On the other hand, those teams who played on grass fields last year were sometimes playing out tournament games until as late as 9:30 p.m. on a school night. Additional grassed fields would mean they could play all their scheduled games and be finished earlier.

Because the grassing process takes at least five weeks for the sod to begin taking root, the Commissioners agreed to hold a special meeting next week at 5 p.m., to give the commissioners time to look at how all the teams who use the fields would be affected, and still leave enough time for the grass to take root and be ready for the season.

Anyone with an interest in the matter is invited to attend the special Feb. 8 meeting in the Courthouse annex.

Sunday Drive

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was damaged.

Bryant Thigpen of LifeSong spent the day helping them secure transportation to get to the next concert and home.

Sunday Drive would like to thank everyone for their prayers. They certainly were felt.

"Bruises and soreness will heal, things can be replaced and looking at what happened one cannot deny that it's A God Thing that no one was seriously injured," said Misty Treece.

Leap Year

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ture your story in a special Leap Year section in our Feb. 29 issue of *The Madison Enterprise-Recorder*. We are looking forward to those leap year youngsters from 0 to 25 (0-100).

Hospital

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had a chance to see it, but Irvin did not have a copy of the letter with him at the meeting. Reeves then added that the County Commission also had a letter saying the loan was approved; however there are many, many steps that the county has to take in the meantime to make sure they stay in compliance with the terms of the loan agreement, including taking certain things out of the deed for the property and putting them in separate agreements. "That's the way these loans work," he said.

George Pouliotte, who had also signed up to speak to the Commissioners, said that "Warren has stolen my thunder, because I had the same question (about the loan)."

Bill Rutherford, the architect who drew up the plans to the new hospital, brought in a large sheaf of blueprints to update the Commission on some changes that had been made to the original design; in particular, the large two-story atrium, "the kind of things architects love, those big open spaces," had been closed off at the second floor, adding more patient care square footage to the hospital in order to maximize the reimbursement rates from Medicare.

Ben Harris and David Abercrombie also addressed the board, talking about the "many good things" that are currently happening with the hospital; the facility is now more financially stable than he has ever seen in his five and a half years as the Executive Director of the Hospital Board. The new IT system, including a new electronic medical records system, will be up and running in about three months, and the hospital is now averaging a patient load of about 19, compared to an average of seven this time last year.

"It's a pretty strong hospital, stronger than ever," said Abercrombie.

Bill Rutherford agreed, saying that the county had been working on the new hospital project for about 15 years, and now, if everything goes according to plan, construction will begin in 90 to 120 days.

"We've come a long way, guys," said Rutherford.

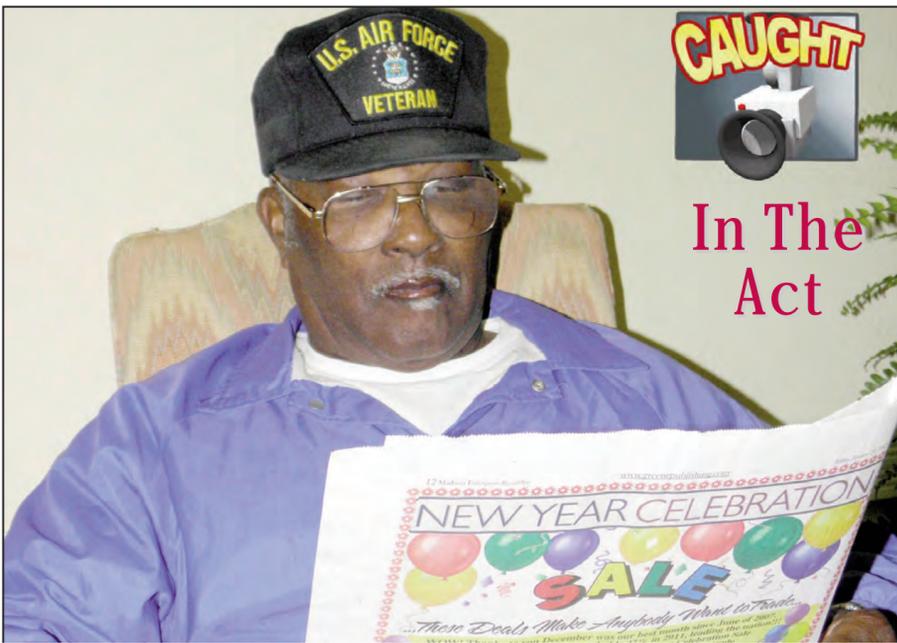
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Gingrich

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now has 87 delegate votes to Gingrich's 26. Santorum has 14 and Paul has four.

It's estimated that Romney spent \$15 million in support of his campaign to secure the Florida victory.

The contest next heads to Nevada, Colorado and other western states.

Conservative Corner

Essay Credited To Radio Commentator Paul Harvey

If I Were The Devil

If I were the devil ... if I were the prince of darkness, I would want to engulf the whole world in darkness.

I'd have a third of its real estate and four-fifths of its population; I would not be happy until I had seized the ripest apple on the tree — thee.

I would set about, however necessary, to take over the United States. I'd subvert the churches first, and I would begin with a campaign of whispers. With the wisdom of a serpent, I would whisper to you as I whispered to Eve: "Do as you please." To the young, I would whisper that the Bible is a myth. I would convince the children that man created God instead of the other way around. I'd confide that what's bad is good and what's good is "square". And I would teach the old to pray after me, "Our Father, which art in Washington...". Then, I'd get organized.

I'd educate authors on how to make lurid literature exciting so that anything else would appear dull and uninteresting.

I'd peddle narcotics to whom I could. I'd sell alcohol to ladies and gentlemen of distinction. I'd tranquilize the rest with pills.

If I were the devil, I'd soon have families at war with themselves, churches at war with themselves, and nations at war with themselves until each, in its turn, was consumed. And with promises of higher ratings, I'd have mesmerizing media fanning the flames.

If I were the devil, I would encourage the schools to refine young intellect but neglect to discipline emotions. I'd tell teachers to let those students run wild. And before you knew it, you'd have drug-sniffing dogs and metal detectors at every schoolhouse door.

Within a decade, I'd have prisons overflowing and judges promoting pornography.

Soon, I would evict God from the courthouse and the schoolhouse and then from the houses of Congress.

In His own churches, I would substitute psychology for religion and deity science. I'd lure priests and pastors into misusing boys and girls and church money.

If I were the devil, I'd make the symbol of Easter an egg and the symbol of Christmas a bottle. If I were the devil, I'd take from those who have and give to those who wanted until I had killed the incentive of the ambitious. I bet I could get whole states to promote.

I would caution against "extremes" in hard work, in patriotism and in moral conduct. I'd convince the young that marriage is old-fashioned, that swinging is more fun, and that what you see on television is the way to be and gambling as the way to get rich. And, thus, I could undress you in public and lure you into bed with diseases for which there are no cures.

In other words, if I were the devil, I'd just keep right on doing what he's doing.

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Benny and Liz Bishop of Monticello are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Elizabeth "Mary Beth" Bishop, also of Monticello, to 2LT Brett Thomas Mueller of Stillwater, Okla.

Mueller, the son of Dr. Mark and Sandy Mueller of Stillwater, is a U.S. Army Airborne Infantry officer stationed at Fort Benning, Ga. He is a graduate of Stillwater High School and Oklahoma State University. Mueller is the grandson of Dr. Robert & Priscilla Mueller and the late Dorothy Mueller, and the late Harold and Pauline Thomas.

Bishop, a graduate of Aucilla Christian Academy and the University of Florida, is currently the athletic director at Aucilla Christian. She is the granddaughter of Bill and Dorothy Pickenpaugh of Monticello and Doris Bishop and the late Mordaunt "Heedley" Bishop of Aucilla.

The wedding ceremony will begin at 5 p.m. on Feb. 18, 2012, at the First Baptist Church of Monticello and the reception will immediately follow at the First United Methodist Church of Monticello's Family Ministries Center.

All friends and family are invited.

Obituaries

Robert L. Thomas

Robert L. Thomas, 64, a member of Mt. Zion AME Church of Madison, a retired carpenter and Vietnam veteran died Saturday, January 28, 2012, in Madison.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, February 4, 2012, at Mt. Zion AME Church on Dade Street in Madison, with burial following at Jeslamb AME Church Cemetery. Visitation from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, February 3, 2012, at the Ganzy Funeral Home (850-973-3267).

He leaves to cherish his precious memories, only child, Reuben Lamar Thomas (Camilla) of Boston, Mass.; also, two granddaughters Uniqua and Essence (Pebbles) Thomas; as a daughter, Angela Jonas; as granddaughters, Octavia and Arlesia Jonas; as a grandson, Thaddeus Thompkins, all of Augusta, Ga.; a brother, Amos (Bill) Thomas of Madison; sisters, Clemie Grandberry (David) of Orlando and Lillie Mae Thomas of Madison; and former wife, Janie Thomas Bell of Madison.



Larry Leonard Lee



Larry Leonard Lee, 58, of Tallahassee, passed unexpectedly on Sunday, January 29, 2012, in Tallahassee. A Quincy native, Larry had been a longtime Tallahassee resident and a truck driver for Gulf Atlantic Culvert Company. He was a deacon and member of the Male Chorus at New Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Greenville, where his funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Viewing visitation is from 2-7 p.m. Friday at Tillman of Tallahassee (850) 942-1950.

Treasuring Larry's legacy and love are his devoted wife, Johnnie Levingston-Lee; son, Dale (Montessa) Lee; daughters, Sharon Young and Jonquil Pompey; brothers, Ronnie (Laurice), Anderson, Lorenzo (Janice) Taylor and Edgar (Portia) Lee; sisters, Clander Pete, Phyllis (Harold) Davis; Clarethia (Jimmy) Neal; mother-in-law, Mrs. Inez Levingston; four grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Larry's parents, Edgar and Alfredia Taylor Lee preceded him in death.

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Update On Rotary Chili Supper

By Lynette Norris
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The Rotary Chili Supper Fundraiser is next week, and several talented chili chefs will have their special recipes ready for your selection at Villa Maria Hall, Tuesday evening, Feb 7. Originally, the Rotary had talked about holding the event from 5-6:30 p.m., but now the time has been extended to 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 each, and the new tickets with the correct date are now available; if you bought a ticket from the first batch with the old date crossed out and the correct date handwritten in, it will also be accepted at the door. You can buy your ticket from any Rotary member.

Come and enjoy a sit down chili supper with friends, or grab a take-out bowl and enjoy it on the go.

Proceeds will benefit several local charities, including Take Stock in Children, Project Graduation, Relay For Life and the North Florida Livestock Show.



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OR

Ronnie Thompson, Manager of
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Education Recruiting Expert Renee Gordon Addresses Rotary

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing, Inc.

You can't hire educators for the 21st century using 50-year-old hiring policies, Renee Gordon told the Rotary Club in her presentation on education reform that left everyone with a lot to think about.

Gordon, whose background is that of a research scientist in chemistry and polysynthetics, worked as a recruiter and corporate "head-hunter" for over 20 years. She is now the chief talent scout for E Squared, a corporation focused on recruiting effective educators and building winning teaching teams at the building level.

As a K-12 Human Capital Management expert, Gordon says that one of the most important things when recruiting/hiring educators is "looking beyond the resume and the college transcript."

Additionally, about 99 percent of schools use what she described as a passive recruiting method; teaching positions are advertised, and the school's choices are limited to whoever responds to the ad and submits a resume. If schools want good teachers, they will first have to go find them, says Gordon, and then, they cannot limit the interview to what is on a piece of paper.

"One of the first questions I ask is, 'when did you realize you had to teach?'" she said. Teaching, she believes, is not a job, not a profession, but a calling. Educators are called to teach, just as ministers are called to preach. This is how schools get the right people, she says, the ones with the necessary passion for their work.

Gordon also feels that she has a calling for her own work with E Squared. "God has called me to do this."

A second question she looks at is the teacher candidate's level of involvement with children. A third is how did the candidate pay for college. A person who has accrued several hundred thousand dollars in debt from high-interest student loans is not a good bet; the person will very likely leave for more money elsewhere, starting the recruiting/hiring process all over again.

The second part of recruiting good people is retaining good people, so paying teachers what they are worth is important.

As a mother of four sons, one of whom is a high-functioning autistic, Gordon has also had plenty of experience as a parent with the school system, not all of it positive. "If we say that education begins at home, then we have to change the way parents are treated," she said, "and currently, parents are mostly discouraged from being involved in their children's schooling."

If schools are to succeed, parents cannot be pushed aside and regarded as annoyances. One of the signs of a successful school system is a successful and robust Parent-Teacher Organization, where educators are accessible



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Recruiter Renee Gordon, Chief Talent Scout for E Squared, talks to the Rotary Club about education reform.

partners to parents, and parents are highly involved in their children's education. Another sign is school board meetings held at convenient times that allow parents and citizens to attend, "not at ten o'clock in the morning."

In building her case for a newer approach to educator recruitment and the need for education reform, she added that 7000 students a day - 1.5 million a year - drop out of school. In terms of costs to the economy, it means that America is losing the race. Currently, about 75 percent of America's 18 to 23-year-olds are ineligible for military service because they cannot pass the entrance exams, they have no high school diploma, they cannot pass the physicals, or they have had run-ins with the law.

Every dropout costs the community roughly \$260,000 during his lifetime, either through public assistance costs or incarceration costs.

Failing schools also cost communities because the quality of the school system is the first thing corporations will look at before deciding whether or not to locate offices there.

"Education affects all of us whether you have a child or not," she said.

Another very real concern on the horizon is what she referred to as the "retirement tsunami." 47 percent, or nearly half of all teachers and principals currently working in American classrooms are very close to retirement. By 2014, the state of Tennessee alone will face a shortage of 31,000 teachers.

She then took several questions from the Rotary members about how to best improve the local school system through more involvement, through competition and through more effective hiring processes that get the most effective people into the classroom; the local economy could end up depending on it in the future.

Kiwanis District Lt. Gov. Visits Madison Club

By Lynette Norris
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Kiwanis District Lt. Governor Tommy Mills of Tallahassee was a special guest at the Madison Kiwanis Club at the Jan. 19 meeting, where he spoke briefly about the "Florida Children's Week" beginning Jan. 30, when Mills and several other members of Kiwanis Clubs in the region will join other children's advocates in Tallahassee; they will lobby the Florida Legislature on behalf of Florida's children and the social service programs that serve them.

This is the first year a civic organization like Kiwanis has been involved in this effort.

Even in fairly good economic times, "children's and seniors' programs are the first to be cut," Mills told fellow Kiwanians. In good times and especially in tough times, "someone needs to be at the Capitol to advocate on their (the children's) behalf."

A prayer breakfast at the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee, two blocks from the Capitol building, will mark the beginning of the effort, and several local Kiwanis member plan to attend. On Sunday Jan. 29, they will begin setting up information booths and draping dozens of long, long strings of hundreds upon hundreds of small



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Kiwanis District Lt. Gov. Tommy Mills, speaking to the Madison Kiwanis Club, invites Madison Kiwanis members to join him fellow Kiwanians from throughout the area, and other child advocates for "Children's Week" at the Tallahassee Capitol.

construction paper hand shapes around the Capitol Rotunda, as visual reminder to Florida lawmakers of the sheer numbers of children affected by the state's social service programs.

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Cherry Lake Baptist To Host Benefit Concert

By Bryant Thigpen
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Cherry Lake First Baptist Church will be hosting a benefit concert on Saturday, February 4, starting at 6 p.m. The concert will feature Calvary Bluegrass from Monticello as well as local talent.

The proceeds raised during the event will benefit Victor Strawder, who has been unable to work due to debilitating medical problems. For several years, Strawder has dealt with this issue and has attempted to receive disability, but has been denied despite providing adequate medical evidence.

Cherry Lake First Baptist Church is located on County Road 150, approximately one mile west of the intersection of Highway 53 and County Road 150. For more information, please call (850) 929-9990.



Happenings

At Madison

First Baptist Church

By Nell Dobbs
Guest Columnist

Give thanks! Rejoice! Sing! Study! Walk in God's way. Teach our children about Him as we sit in our houses! As we walk by the way, when we lie down, when we get up, and write His ways on our doorposts and on our gates. Amen! (I want to do that!)

What a blessing as Chandra Smith and other leaders led the Awana Sparks in a delightful singing of John 3:16.

We sang:
"He's my Savior, He's my Savior.
"He is worthy. He is worthy.
"I will praise Him, I will praise Him!"

"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia."
The 29th as Jim prayed earnestly for all ones memories came of the day 31 years ago when our dad, Dean Agner, died at our sister Di's and Wayne's home in Lithonia, Ga. Both Mother and he got sick over Christmas and when they came down, Wayne asked Daddy if they would go home with them and he said, "Ask Mother." She didn't want to go, but they did - and they both got worse and worse. Allen seven of us living ones got there and were with him when he died.

Then, on that same day in 1996,

our sister Sue's son, Lee, died at their home in Powder Springs, Ga.

A very touching offertory prayer by Doug Finney.

Worship Choir sang "Amazing Grace" with Shellie Smith singing the last verse - such a comfort "The Lord has promised good to me" and indeed He has kept His promise.

Again, Preacher Hicks blessed us with his wit and message, "God's Super Bowl." He mentioned the four downs in a football game as he commented on many of Jesus' parables:

God looked down
God came down
Jesus laid down His life
Jesus sat down at the right hand of God and makes intercession for us.

Thinking about teaching our children about God's Way. I gave thanks Sunday for Mike Peacock who opened the door for me at Dollar General and then spoke to me and so I sat in the car and asked if I remembered him from library days - surely - Barbara's and Willie's son and I'm so proud of them and of him. All of us need to keep our children and our schools and our parents in our daily prayers! Amen!

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Baked Ham Time Again

Hanson United Methodist Church members are cooking again. Their last baked ham supper was well received and many requested that we do it again real soon. Well, Folks, we listened to you and our next one is planned for Saturday night, February 11th, from 5:30 pm until 7 pm.

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Church Valentine's Day Events To Be Published

By Bryant Thigpen
Greene Publishing, Inc.

In February, a special day is set aside to recognize that special someone. On Valentine's Day, flowers are purchased, dinner dates are set, and even banquets are scheduled.

Greene Publishing, Inc. will run a special calendar in the February 8 edition of the Path of Faith that will include information on local church's Valentine's Day banquets and events.

To submit events, please call the office at (850) 973-4141 or email Jacob@greenepublishing.com. The deadline for all submissions is Friday, February 3, at 12:30 p.m.

Junior Auxiliary Teams Up With Madison Academy



Photo submitted

Rhonda Gore and Cathy Rogers pitch in to help.

The Junior Auxiliary of Madison County looks forward to making baskets of goodies for families in need each year. In the past, JA of Madison has worked with the food bank to put together these baskets. This year, JA had to find new resources due to shortages at the food bank. This help came in the form of local businesses and the students and families of Madison Academy. Local businesses

donated the turkeys and the students of Madison Academy donated canned goods and all the fixings for a Feast! Madison Academy students and members of Junior Auxiliary met up at Fellowship Church to assemble the baskets. In all, 23 baskets were assembled and delivered to families in need. Thank you to all who helped to make this project a success.



Photo submitted

Jadyn Gore and Kylie Andrews receive instructions from Lori Newman.

Remembrance Of Things Past: J. B. Delaughter



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Kristin Finney, January 31, 2012

For almost 90 years, JB Delaughter has called Madison his home.

By Kristin Finney
Greene Publishing, Inc.

For almost 90 years, JB Delaughter has called Madison his home. He was born in 1922 and has been in Madison for all but two years of his life. He has worked as a farmer and a pallet maker. He enjoys fishing, peppermints and going to church.

Growing up in Madison, JB attended Madison Training School. While in school he enjoyed playing football and basketball. When he wasn't in school he was usually working on the tobacco or cotton farms. He worked as a farmer for most of his childhood.

At the age of 14, JB's mom passed away, leaving he, his two brothers and their dad to care for their home. They cleaned the house and yard and tried to keep things as tidy as possible.

When he got spare time between work and school, JB enjoyed going

fishing at ponds in Madison for brim and bass. He and his brothers also enjoyed listening to the radio. Another treat that JB had was getting to buy peppermints from the traveling store.

When he was old enough, JB joined the army. He served in World War II for two years. While in the Army he traveled to France and Okinawa, Japan. After returning home from the war, JB worked as a farmer and other jobs. Then he began work as a pallet maker. It was this job from which he retired.

Anyone interested in being interviewed for this article can call 973-4141 and make an appointment with Kristin Finney, or may drop by Greene Publishing, Inc. any day before noon. Those interviewed must have lived in Madison for a large portion of their life, and be able to recall a few things that have changed since that time.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **ARTHUR G and FLORIDA D SMITH**, 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: **09-856-TD**
 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: **2009**
 NAME IN, WHICH ASSESSED: **JESSE W SOLOMON**
 PARCEL ID: **28-1N-09-4511-028-000**

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot No 25, Block "A", HILL TOP ACRES, as per the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page "H", Public Records of Madison County, Florida.

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 **16th day of February 2012** at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 10th day of January 2012.

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

BY: /s/ **KAREN HOLMAN**
 DEPUTY CLERK

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO SELL

Suwannee River Water Management District Governing Board has declared surplus a 65-acre tract of land located in part of Section 25 Township 2 North, Range 10, Madison County, Florida. Persons interested in the possible purchase of this property should contact Daniel Crapps Agency Inc. at 386-755-5110.

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CERTIFICATE NO: **08-639-TD**
 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: **2008**
 NAME IN, WHICH ASSESSED: **NATHANIEL BURNETT & VAN-TASHON BELL**
 PARCEL ID: **00-00-00-3906-003-000**

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SW Corner of Lot 5, Block 2, FRALEIGH-SMITH SUBDIVISION, North 60', East 75', North 60', East 25', South 120', West 100' to the Point of Beginning.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 2012-14-CA
 DIVISION: Civil

MADISON COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT, a public body corporate and politic of the State of Florida,
 Plaintiff,

VALIDATION OF NOT EXCEEDING \$22,543,400 MADISON COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT HOSPITAL REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2012

v.
 STATE OF FLORIDA, and the Taxpayers, Property Owners and Citizens of the Madison County, Florida including nonresidents owning property or subject to taxation therein, and all others having or claiming any right, title or interest in property to be affected by the issuance by Plaintiff of the Bonds, herein described, or to be affected in any way thereby,
 Defendants.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA, THROUGH THE STATE ATTORNEY FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, THE SEVERAL PROPERTY OWNERS, TAXPAYERS AND CITIZENS OF MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA, INCLUDING NONRESIDENTS OWNING PROPERTY OR SUBJECT TO TAXATION THEREIN, AND ALL OTHERS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN PROPERTY TO BE AFFECTED BY THE ISSUANCE BY PLAINTIFF OF BONDS HEREINAFTER MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED, OR TO BE AFFECTED IN ANY WAY THEREBY:

You and each of you are hereby required to appear on the **21st day of February, 2012, at 2:30 o'clock p.m.**, before the Circuit Court for the Third Judicial Circuit, in and for Madison County, Florida, at room 110 in the Madison County Courthouse, in Madison, Florida, and to show cause why the Complaint filed in this action should not be granted, and the Bonds therein described and the proceedings authorizing the issuance thereof validated and confirmed, said Bonds being designated "Madison County Hospital District Hospital Revenue Bonds, Series 2012" in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$22,543,400, a more particular description of said Bonds being contained in the Complaint filed in this action.

This Order to Show Cause shall be published in the manner required by Section 75.06, Florida Statutes, as amended, in the Madison County Carrier, a newspaper published and of general circulation in Madison County, Florida, once each week for two consecutive weeks prior to the date of the hearing set forth in the preceding paragraph, the first publication to be at least twenty (20) days prior to said date.

DONE AND ORDERED at Madison County, Florida, this 20th day of January, 2012.

Greg Parker
 Greg Parker, Circuit Judge

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CERTIFICATE NO: **08-1188-TD**
 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: **2008**
 NAME IN, WHICH ASSESSED: **JOANNE P MARTIN**
 PARCEL ID: **00-00-00-6203-0R6-000**

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 6, Unit 1, TIMBER RIVER SUBDIVISION, as described in Plat Book 1, Page "T", Public Records of Madison County, Florida

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 **16th day of February 2012** at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 11th day of January 2012.

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

BY: /s/ **KAREN HOLMAN**
 DEPUTY CLERK

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CERTIFICATE NO: **09-762-TD**
 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: **2009**
 NAME IN, WHICH ASSESSED: **JESSE W SOLOMON**
 PARCEL ID: **21-1N-09-3865-008-000**

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Township 1 North, Range 9 East, Sections 21: Begin at the Northeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said section and run South 142.0 feet to the South side of Pinckney Street, thence South 300.0 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence South 100.0 feet; thence North 89 degrees 39 minutes West 150.0 feet to a proposed street, thence North along said street 100.55 feet, thence South 89 degrees 27 minutes East 150.0 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Township 1 North, Range 9 East, Section 21: Begin at the Northeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said section and run South 142.0 feet to the South side of Pinckney Street, thence South 400.0 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence South 100.0 feet to a proposed street, thence North 89 degrees 39 minutes West along said street 150.0 feet to another proposed street, thence North along this street 100.0 thence South 89 degrees 39 minutes East 150.0 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

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The Madison Soil and Water Conservation District will meet February 15, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. at the USDA Service Center, Suite 2 at 1416 U.S. 90 E. in Madison, FL. 32340. General Business will be attended. Public is invited.

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