

City To Pay For Commissioners And Attorney's Health Insurance

By Jacob Bemby
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Three Madison city commissioners voted to pay for health insurance for the board members and City Attorney Clay Schnitker, if they choose to take it. Two voted against the proposal.

Voting for the measure were Judy Townsend, Rayne Cooks and Ina Thompson.

Voting against it were Jim Catron and Mayor Jim Stanley.

The health insurance will cost a little under \$5,000 per year for all employees who choose to use it. If all six were to choose to use it, then it



Jim Catron



Jim Stanley

Protest for Annexation as a Condition for Providing City Utilities Outside City Limits, and (h) Proposed Policy Regarding Application by Veterans for Changes to Land Use Plan.

would be approximately \$30,000 per year.

Items approved on the consent agenda included:

- (a) Minutes of March 20, 2012,
- (b) Police Report and Fire Report,
- (c) Financial Report,
- (d) Proclamation Commemorating Water Conservation Month,
- (e) National Day of Prayer Resolution,
- (g) Proposed Policy Regarding a Waiver of



Surpasses Halfway Point In Petition Drive

By now you've probably seen the bright yellow signs proclaiming "MadisonYES!" outside of businesses from Greenville to Cherry Lake, from Pinetta to Madison. It's all about collecting enough signatures to put the question of economic growth before the voters of Madison County.

Some of the petitions must still be verified by the Supervisor of Elections, but the political action group is confident, with over 60 days left in their 120-day campaign, that they will reach their goal of 3,200 verified petitions.

"I just can't tell you how thrilled we are at the support we're receiving from the community," said Ted Ensminger, Chairman of MadisonYES, a political action committee comprised of local businesses and individuals who believe in Madison County. The group believes that changes must occur if the economic climate is going to improve in this area. If you are interested in getting involved, MadisonYES offers the following suggestions:

HOW YOU CAN HELP: Talk to Friends, tell them to:

Register to Vote
Sign a Petition and PUT IT IN THE MAIL ASAP - the target is 3,200 signed petitions.

Visit the Website for up-to-the minute information - MadisonYES.com

SEND IN DONATION - either on web or via mail - MadisonYES! 199 East Base Street, Madison, FL 32340

VOLUNTEER - send email to yes@madisonyes.com with name, address, phone, and email information

The group kicked off its campaign to stimulate the area's economy February 16, 2012, with a mailing to the homes of all registered Madison County voters. After complaints from many voters that they didn't receive petitions in the mail, volunteers continue to work tirelessly gathering signed petitions from family, friends and neighbors, and manning collection centers throughout the county.

The long term goal of the group of volunteers is to bring revenue currently spent elsewhere back to our county, and to encourage economic growth through the creation of jobs here. "We have until Flag Day, June 14, to reach 3,200 signatures," Ensminger told us. "Of course, our goal is to collect the required number of petitions long before the deadline. Between now and then, MadisonYES volunteers will be collecting signatures at every opportunity. We'll have a booth at the Town of Lee Old Time Days Swap Meet & Yard Sale and at the Down Home Days Festival and Rodeo in Madison. Look for the bright yellow shirts on our volunteers."

For information about how to get involved, visit the campaign headquarters at 199 E. Base Street, Madison, FL 32340 (across from the County Courthouse), or call 850-973-4YES (937) or log on to www.madisonyes.com. MadisonYES is also available on Facebook at www.facebook.com/madisonyes

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Justice For Trayvon March

By Kristin Finney
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On April 14, Madison residents are asked to gather together at the corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and Highway 90 to march for Trayvon Martin. This will be a peaceful march held to raise awareness of the Trayvon Martin case and to help bring justice for Trayvon.

A flyer for the march reads, "This is not a black and white issue. This is a family issue. This could be your son, brother or friend. I am Trayvon Martin. You are Trayvon Martin. We are Trayvon Martin."

Participants in the march are asked to wear hoodies or to come as they are.

Wildfire Smoke Arrives In Madison



Photo Submitted

An otherwise perfect weather day turned to smoke about 2:00 PM in Madison, Florida on Saturday, April 7, 2012. Wildfires in Columbia County and Baker County provided the unwelcome smoke and ash that were picked up by north-east and east winds. The National Weather Service had provided information about the smoke plume moving west on their website before noon. But by midafternoon they had to upgrade that to a "dense smoke advisory" that included counties in north Florida and south Georgia. That advisory lasts until 10:00 AM on Sunday. Individuals with respiratory problems need to take precautions under these conditions.

Mosquito Spraying Schedule Will Be Slightly Different This Year

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Mosquito season is upon us, and Madison's Mosquito Control Department will be busy. In fact, they will be busier than ever this year.

The County Commission heard a presentation from Madison's Mosquito Control Office about how budget cuts and new requirements from the state will mean slight changes and adjustments in the spraying schedule.

The Department will be unable to hire the two temporary

part-time sprayers as hoped, to help out with mosquito season; instead, the two fulltime employees will handle all the spraying themselves. Also due to budget cuts, there is no money to pay overtime, so any late evening hours spent spraying will be "flexed," with the two men coming in later or leaving earlier, as needed, to offset any overtime hours worked that week.

Additionally whenever a resident calls about particularly bad mosquito problems in any given area, new state requirements for

advance surveillance to document the presence/numbers of insects (mosquito traps, etc.) will mean a slight delay between the time of the call and the time the spraying occurs, but hopefully this will not be more than a day or two.

Mosquitoes can carry several diseases, including encephalitis and yellow fever that can be transmitted to humans; the department will do everything possible to keep the mosquito population to a minimum, but there are sev-

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GREENVILLE RECREATION BOARD

At bat for Greenville Children

You are cordially invited to participate in the opening ceremonies presented by the Greenville Recreation Board on **April 14, 2012.**

All dignitaries are encouraged to attend to support this valuable program for our children in Madison County's outlying area, Greenville.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Opening Ceremonies and Introductions

Cake Auction

(Bid on your favorite cake and raise funds to support our program)

Concession Stand will be open as well as chicken dinners for \$5.00 a plate.

Income Tax Extensions Are Quick And Easy

By Mark Buescher

April 17, the tax filing deadline for 2011 returns, is right around the corner. You might ask, what happened to the April 15 deadline? Given that the 15th of April is on a weekend and April 16 falls on Monday, Emancipation Day, the deadline has moved forward to Tuesday, April 17. However, if you won't be able to file your income tax return by then, be sure to file a Form 4868 with the IRS. The extension is automatically granted, and it gives you until October 15, 2012, to file your return. The extension process is usually quick and easy.

Be aware, however, that an extension to file does not extend your time to pay. The IRS will still assess interest on any unpaid tax balance. In addition, unless you pay at least 90% of your estimated tax liability by April 17, you may be hit with a late-payment penalty. The late-paying penalties, however, are generally minor compared to other types of IRS penalties. The penalty is 1/2% of tax due for each month that it is not paid, up to a maximum of 25%.

Through the years, I have seen many well-justified reasons for filing an extension. However, in certain circumstances, even if you have no problem submitting your

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Local Weather

Fri 4/13	77/50		Sat 4/14	81/54		Sun 4/15	86/59		Mon 4/16	89/62	
Sunshine and some clouds. High 77F. Winds NNE at 5 to 10 mph.			Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s.			Sunny. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 50s.			Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 60s.		

Viewpoints & Opinions

April is National Financial Literacy Month, a designation passed by the U.S. House of Representatives to raise public awareness about the importance of financial education. Everyday we make financial decisions that affect our long term financial stability. According to supporters of the resolution, financial literacy is an issue that should command our attention because many American are not adequately managing their finances for long term financial security.

National surveys show the savings rate is low, while the average consumer has three or more credit cards. To complicate the national picture, the mortgage industry is currently in a crisis, foreclosures are at an all time high. Currently, Florida is one of several states with the highest foreclosure rates. All of these issues increase the need for consumer knowledge of money and finance.

Education is the key to help move Americans toward improved spending and savings habits and raise the level of money invested in retirement plans. And, it is never too early to encourage long-term savings for future goals. According the National Endowment for Financial Education, surveys show as few as ten hours of education can influence the practices and financial knowledge of young people. Yet, most students have no formal education in managing money and family finance.

All consumers, regardless of age, need to understand there are

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Sharpen Your Consumer Skills During National Financial Literacy Month

many factors at play when it comes to managing money. A consumer's decision making skills, how you spend, save and use credit determine whether you build wealth or continue to add to a lifetime of debt.

In recent years, the new law, Credit Card Accountability, Responsibility, and Disclosure Act has made the language of credit contracts more transparent. Creditors are now required to disclose in print, the cost of your balance if you only make the minimum payment. This is one change that has occurred as a result of the new law. Consumers now have financial disclosure information in terms that is understandable and can determine the true cost of borrowing money or using any form of credit.

Likewise, the new Consumer Finance Protection Agency was set up to combat fraudulent lending practice and make financial services work for Americans. This agency will gather and analyze information on consumer financial product, enforce Federal consumer financial laws and work to educate the public about financial literacy.

Everyday lessons can be learned about money and how to make

decisions to get the most for your dollar. Learning to spend wisely and save money can be a priority for your family. Take time this month to learn something new about managing money, investing, or your rights as a consumer. To help you learn more about family finances contact the Madison County Extension Service.

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Madison County...

Jail Report

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Robert Lee Easter - Criminal Registration

Keith Roberson - Violation of Parole / Dealing in Stolen Property

Terrence La'Shawn Moore - Out of County Violation of Parole / Grand Theft

Ike Lem McCray - Conspiracy Sale of Cocaine, Sale of Cocaine
Jarvis Antonio Pride - Criminal Registration

Thomas Curtis Mobley - Criminal Registration

Tommy Lee Christian - Sale of Cocaine
James Herndon - Criminal Registration
Annie Jones - Possession with Intent to Sell, Possession .20 Grams Marijuana

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Walter Keith Gothard - Violation of Parole Circuit

Varian Dandres Terry - Criminal Registration

Daniel Raymond O'Quinn - Criminal Registration

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Renysha Renee Crumity - Harassing Phone Calls, Failure to Appear for Arraignment

Dmitry A Lakshin - failure to Stop for Inspection, Driving with a Suspended License
Jamal Shanke Williams - Violation of Parole Circuit

Wilbert Clarence Sears - Sale of Cocaine
Travis Jarmar Gillyard - Sale of Cocaine

Cynthia Ann Taylor - Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

William Davis - Sale of Marijuana

Kevin Lamar Brown - Driving with a Suspended License

Second Offense, Violation of Parole Circuit

Julius Anthony Cook - Sale of Controlled Substance

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Javon Deanthony Hampton - Obstruction, Anarchy

Johnny L. Morris - Anarchy

Competitive

I saw Magic Johnson on television the other day being interviewed about his purchase of the Los Angeles Dodgers, his career as a businessman and his basketball career, particularly his rivalry with Larry Bird.

As a teenager I loved seeing the "Hick from French Lick," Larry Bird, competing against the black kid from Lansing, Earvin "Magic" Johnson. Indiana State vs. Michigan State.

The two had been competing against each other since the 1979 NCAA finals championship when Johnson scored 24 points to Bird's 19 points en route to a 75-64 victory.

"Bird was the smartest player I ever played against," Johnson told Gayle King and Charlie Rose on CBS This Morning. "Michael Jordan was the greatest player I ever played against. He's the greatest of all time, but Bird is definitely the

smartest."

Watching Bird and Johnson play basketball was almost balletic. Bird's grace as he would go to the goal, guarded by three guys snarling and tearing at him was amazing as he would throw a no-look pass behind him into the arms of Kevin McHale. McHale would then drop a three-point goal in the basketball.

I had three favorite pro sports teams back in the day. They were the Los Angeles Rams, the Boston Celtics and the Los Angeles Dodgers. I lived and breathed those teams. Today, sports (excluding Florida State football) are not quite a fun for me but I do love close games, close scores and competitive athletes.

I never had the go-

power to be a serious athlete but I have always been competitive. Right now, I compete against myself to see how few calories I can intake daily and how much exercise I can do. (I do need to do more exercise but I have been so exhausted. I know I need to exercise more so I can sleep better but it's hard to exercise when sleep-deprived. This is a frustrating catch-22 for me.)

I remain competitive, though, and I know I will get more sleep. I know I will get more exercise. As I strive for my goal, I know I will lose more pounds.

And I know I am not competing alone. I have Christ within my heart.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13



Jacob's Ladder
Jacob Bemby
Columnist

Letters To The Editor

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

Editor
The Madison County Carrier
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Madison, FL 32341-0772

Dear Editor,

Thank you for the outstanding coverage and support you have provided the 2012 Madison County United Way Campaign. Over the years you have provided the Madison United Way Team with courteous, efficient and accurate articles. This year you blessed us again with Kristen Finney who did all of the above, and truly became a team player.

Kristen attended all of our meetings becoming a vested member, and made a point to be at all of our special activities. What an outstanding individual she is and what a privilege it has been for the entire Madison United Way team to have her with us.

Thank you again Emerald for your continuous and loyal support and for giving us Kristen.

Sincerely,

Cathy Bass
2012 Madison County
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Mosquito

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eral steps residents can take themselves to be "mosquito smart" and help minimize the mosquito population around their homes.

One of the most important steps is eliminating all outside sources of standing water.

Change the water in birdbaths at least weekly. Don't forget about clogged rain gutters or other often-overlooked sources - mosquitoes can breed in any standing water source in four days' time. Ornamental ponds should be aerated, chlorinated, or stocked with fish to eat the larvae.

For more information on how to be "mosquito-smart" during mosquito season, visit the county's website: www.madisoncountyfl.com/cd-mosquito-control.

Income Tax

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tax return by the April 17 deadline, getting an extension might still be a good idea.

If you aren't able to pay all of the taxes that you owe by April 17, an extension will allow you to defer paying some of your taxes until October 15.

As long as you have paid 90% of your total tax liability by April 17, you should not be subject to IRS penalties on the balance due.

And even though you will owe interest on the shortfall, the rate of interest charged by the IRS may be less than the cost of borrowing elsewhere.

If you are self-employed and you need a few extra months to gather the money necessary to pay your income taxes and to fully fund your retirement plan, you might also benefit by filing an extension. To deduct contributions made to a re-

tirement plan, the contributions must be made prior to the due date of the tax return, including extensions. By filing a Form 4868 with the IRS, you have up to six additional months to fund your retirement plan.

One strategy commonly used by self-employed individuals is to pay the full amount of tax due with the extension, and then to fund their retirement plan six months later.

Mark Buescher, CPA is owner and principal of Buescher and Ruff, LLC, a local full service accounting firm in Madison, specializing in tax preparation, business consulting, tax planning and auditing services. Tax laws contain varying effective dates and numerous limitations and exemptions that cannot be summarized easily. For details and guidance for your specific situation, contact your tax advisor.

CORRECTION

Cemetery Clean-Up Set For The Next Two Saturdays

Spring is in the air and the Fellowship Baptist Church Cemetery, Inc. is ready for spring-cleaning at the historic gravesite.

Fellowship Baptist Church Cemetery, Inc. is a new organization, approved by Fellowship Primitive Baptist Church, for the purpose of raising money for the upkeep and maintenance of the cemetery.

The Board of Directors includes Dillon Vizzarra, president; Debbie Parker, vice-president; Laura Walker, secretary; Wade Walker, treasurer; and Jimmy Holden, director.

Fellowship Cemetery is a historical site, whose marked graves date by the early part of the 19th century.

Spring clean-up days will be held April 7 and April 14. A Fun "D" Raiser Day is set for April 21.

There will also be a cake auction with a variety of delicious cakes donated for those in attendance to bid on.

Volunteers who show up for the clean-up day are asked to show up with what tools they can, including rakes, hoes, weed eaters (mixed gas), pump-up sprayers (a gallon of bleach will be used to clean monuments), shovels and wheelbarrows.

Ladies with the Fellowship Baptist Church Cemetery, Inc. organization will be preparing a delicious lunch for all the volunteers on the clean-up days.

The church and cemetery are located in Shady Grove.

Rodeo Tickets Are On Sale Now At Chamber

The 2012 Madison County Down Home Days Rodeo is fast approaching and tickets are on sale at the Chamber of Commerce Office at 248 SW Range Ave., for both evenings, Friday and Saturday, April 20 and 21.

Get your tickets early and save a little money. Advance purchase is \$10 at the Chamber office and \$12 at the gate. Additionally, one child, 11 years old and under, can get in free as long as the child is with a paying adult. Each additional child (11 and under) after that is \$5 each.

Local residents who wish to participate in the rodeo can sign up at the Chamber on Monday, April 16. If you want to test your skills in the rodeo ring, mark that date on your calendar and go by the Chamber office on SW Range Ave., next to the

Country Store and across from Curves.

It promises to be a fun, exciting show as always, with roping, riding, barrel racing and other crowd-pleasing events, in addition to some live entertainment just before the show. Amber Abbott will be performing from 6:30 to 7:30, and there will be plenty of food and western gear vendors on hand. Gordon Tractor will have a power equipment and farm utility display and Timberland Ford will have its best new trucks rolled out for your inspection. There will also be a mechanical bull if you're feeling brave.

Gates open at 5 p.m. and the rodeo starts at 8 p.m.

For more information, contact the Madison Chamber of Commerce at (850) 973-2788.

Conservative Corner

By Nelson A. Pryor,
Lee, Florida

TELL CONGRESS!

Are all census questions Constitutional? For quite some time now, some have observed that the census forms one fills out, every ten years, are encumbered with questions that go beyond the number of people who occupy a specific dwelling.

In fact, as early as 1830, one census question as to how many "chickens" one had, raised a ruckus. It even impacted the election of Martin Van Buren.

AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY

Going beyond, the constitutionally mandated 10 year survey, we have the irregular American Community Survey. The ACS will reach 3.5 million households this year, a non 10 year census requirement, using dozens of detailed questions - including asking about a household's use of flush toilets, wood fuel and carpools, and claiming it is mandatory, to answer.

Congressman Ted Poe, of Texas, and sixty co-sponsors, say this off cycle questioning of the American people, is illegal and unconstitutional. They have introduced HR 931, to take away the "mandatory" feature of these questions. Voluntary is one thing, if one wants to put up with this kind of thing, you know, like pitches over the phone, but not everyone wants to be interrupted.

By the way, three of the co-sponsors of this legislation are our Congressman Ander Crenshaw along with adjoining Congressmen Cliff Sterns and Steve Southerland.

The push for HR 931, challenging the survey's mandatory status, making completion of the ACS voluntary, is fueled by privacy concerns and the nature of questions.

The 4/1/2012 Wall Street Journal, quotes Rachel Mills, a spokeswoman for Rep. Ron Paul, a co-sponsor, as saying: "The freedom of the American people from unwanted government intrusion into their private lives and affairs is a higher priority than the quality of the government's data."

A hearing was held, before the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, on March 6. Rep. Ted Poe proposed the bill, to restore the integrity of the Constitution, as a response to the complaints he was hearing from his constituents. "He thinks that it is invasive and unnecessary for the government to ask about mental disabilities in your home, personal financial information, if you have a toilet and what time you leave for and return from work each day," said Mr. Poe's spokeswoman, Shaylyn Hynes.

WILL WE SAY STOP!

Is it not the duty of every patriot to raise the cry of alarm and show to his injured countrymen the dangers of unlimited government, a government off the leash, of the Constitution? If they are indifferent to themselves, they will soon find that they have been robbed of their liberties, and that their representatives, in whom they have most generously confided, have most shamefully betrayed them. It has become necessary to make some effort to arrest the progress of power, and bring back our government to its former constitutional simplicity and purity.

Do we ask where lies the danger? Or what remedy is proposed? Washington already has too much information on us. **PASS THIS BILL!**

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Rotary Club President-elect Scot Copeland welcomes new member Tim Bennett into the Madison Rotary Club. Left to right, sponsor Jim Stanley, Bennett and Copeland.

City Manager Tim Bennett Inducted Into Rotary

Madison's new city manager Tim Bennett is now the newest member of the Madison Rotary Club.

Sponsored by long-time Rotary member Jim Stanley, Bennett, who was a guest speaker at the Rotary back in mid-February (when he had been the city manager for less than a week), was inducted at the April 11 meeting.

468 Acres Of Forestland Owned By Nestlé Waters Earns Tree Farm Certification



Prestigious certification made by Florida Forestry Association

In its ongoing efforts to be a vigilant steward of natural resources, Nestlé Waters has earned the Florida Forestry Association's (FFA) designation of 468 acres of land as a certified Tree Farm. Nestlé Waters purchased the land near its Madison Plant as part of its focus on environmental and corporate responsibility and since then has been performing maintenance in accordance with the association's guidelines.

The internationally recognized Tree Farm certification from the FFA guarantees that the land is maintained in keeping with several standards of sustainability and protective forestry practices, such as the routine management of water, wildlife, wood and recreation.

"Recognition from the Florida Forestry Association is especially rewarding because it reflects Nestlé Waters' dedication to conserving resources and sustaining the environment," said Kent Koptiuch, natural resource manager for Nestlé Waters. "Just as rewarding is actively maintaining and upholding the highest standards of corporate responsibility."

In accordance with the guidelines, Nestlé Waters has worked with Southern Forestry Consultants of Monticello, Fla., to develop a comprehensive plan employing Best Management Practices to manage water quality, wildlife habitats, soil conservation and biodiversity measures within the Tree Farm. With its 468 acres, Nestlé Waters far exceeds the minimum 10 acres required to be designated a Tree Farm. Through these efforts, Nestlé Waters hopes to enhance the health and sustainability of its forest.

To formalize this honor, Nestlé Waters today unveiled its newly acquired green and white State Tree Farm sign at the site.

Nestlé Waters has remained attentive to the community's environmental needs and has completed numerous initiatives, including clean-ups and restoration projects to enhance watersheds throughout Florida.

Additionally, Nestlé Waters in Florida regularly contributes to community organizations and offers educational programs within the local community. Nestlé Waters is leading its counterparts in its use of research-proven environmentally friendly methods of water conservation. For more information about Nestlé Waters, visit www.nestlewatersfl.com.

About Nestlé Waters North America

Central to the leadership of Nestlé Waters North America is its 35-year history and focus on producing healthy bottled water products. The company's dedication to product quality, manufacturing expertise, efficient production, employee development and environmental stewardship, especially in the areas of water use, energy and packaging, has helped Nestlé Waters become the top bottled water company in the nation. Nestlé Waters sources water from approximately 50 spring sites for its six spring water brands. The company's 10 full-time Natural Resource Managers, trained hydrologists, geologists and engineers monitor the spring sources and manage them for long-term sustainability.

Florida Forestry Association

The Florida Forestry Association is Florida's only statewide conservation organization uniquely positioned to bring together those who grow and those who use Florida's forests. The Association's mission is to promote the responsible use of Florida's forest resource. Florida currently has more than 930 certified Tree Farms, accounting for almost 935,000 acres of land.

Kelley - Sindt **To Wed**

Tammie Kelley and Tim Sindt would like to announce their upcoming marriage. The event will be on Saturday, May 12, 2012, at 2 p.m. at Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church. A reception will be held for the couple immediately following the ceremony in the fellowship hall. No invitations will be sent but all friends and family are invited to share this joyous occasion with them.

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Madison Garden Club Has All The Signs Of Spring

By Lynette Norris
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When we imagine spring, do we imagine it arriving in a wash of pastel Easter egg colors and breezes scented with Easter baskets full of fresh herbs? If so, then spring has arrived at the Madison Garden Club.

At the April 5 meeting, with the days already longer than the nights and the noonday sun high enough in the sky to hint at summer with its clear white light reflecting off the lake, spring was in the air and Easter was just around the corner. Easter eggs the size of watermelons decorated the stage inside the club house and freshly cut sprigs of rosemary, fennel, lavender and other herbs ran down the center of each table, along with Easter bunnies, smaller decorated eggs and other, more traditional decorations.

There were even hand-made Easter bonnets modeled by Sally Johnson and Jean Fiori.

But the main theme of the day was the abundance of fresh herbs everywhere. The Club's two special guest speakers, Pam O'Toole and Betty O'Toole, talked about cooking with herbs and growing an herb garden.

Pam O'Toole, introduced as a "celebrity chef and an amazing cook who knows her herbs," prepared an amazing but simple fresh pasta salad with couscous, lemon juice, olive oil, bronze fennel, various mints and many other herbs too numerous to mention.

"That's the idea, to bring my whole garden into my kitchen," she smiled, adding that it was common for her neighbors to see her in the evenings with her wicker basket in her garden, deciding what she wants for dinner.

"It's a simple recipe," she said of the salad, adding kosher salt and fresh ground pepper. "But I cook by taste, not recipe."

She passed tasty samples around to everyone, along with her fresh-made cheddar cheese and herb crackers.

When she is not tending her herb garden, or cooking with the herbs in her kitchen, she works at the deli at a local grocery store. Currently, she is trying to work with the managers of the grocery and the

directors of food bank services like Second Harvest and the Methodist Cooperative Ministries to give the leftover food from the deli to these charitable services, rather than throwing it out. She has volunteered to be the liaison between the grocer and the charitable organizations to help work out the details.

"A lot of that food will stay right here in Madison because it's perishable," she pointed out, which would benefit people, especially children, "right here in our own county."

The second speaker, Betty O'Toole of O'Toole's Herb Farm, talked about growing your own herbs, including some the very ones Pam had just used in the couscous salad, and the best way for drying fresh herbs - layered in paper towels on a counter or tabletop. Herbs can also be frozen with a little olive oil, which keeps them intensely green and fresh, but be sure to freeze them in small pieces (ice cube trays are a good size) so you can thaw only what you need. Many herb plants, like citronella and other highly aromatic herbs that leave a slightly oily, highly scented residue on the skin, also make good insect repellent.

"Being a child of the 60s, I'm still hooked on parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme," she said. Since her husband's passing, O'Toole's Herb Farm has kept her busy, and she expects to stay busy until the summer months. O'Toole's Herb Farm, at 305 NE Artemesia Trail, is generally open Fridays and Saturdays throughout the spring "until it gets too hot to work," usually June. In addition to herbs, the retail store at the farm includes pot-



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With huge Easter eggs on one side and trays of herb plants on the other, Betty O'Toole of O'Toole's Herb Farm talks about planting and growing an herb garden.

tery, books, soaps, candles and garden supplies. They try to stay open from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., but she suggested calling first to make sure, and they will also open by appointment for groups. She had also brought several trays of herb plants with her, which she sold after her presentation.

"The joy of gardening has been my salvation," she told the audience. "Nothing is better than digging in the dirt and having something grow from it."

For more information about O'Toole's Herb Farm and the schedule of workshops and classes offered, call (850) 973-3629, email herbfarm@embarqmail.com or visit the website at www.otoolesherbfarm.com. You can also find O'Toole's Herb Farm on Facebook.



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In your Easter bonnet...two grand ladies of the Easter parade, Sally Johnson and Jean Fiori, model their Easter hats at the Madison Garden Club meeting.

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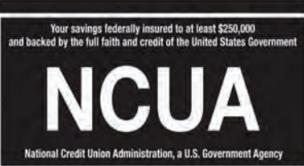
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The Week Of April 13 - 19, 2012

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Banquet To Be Held For Cancer Survivors

By Jacob Bemby
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The American Cancer Society invites all of Madison County's cancer survivors and their guests to a reception on Tuesday, April 17, at 6 p.m. The reception will take place at Fellowship Baptist Church, located on Hwy. 145 (Valdosta Highway) in Madison.

Catherine Maultsby will be the keynote speaker for the event.

A meal of Boston butt with sides will be served.

Please make plans to join Relay For Life on Friday, April 27, for the survivor lap beginning at 6 p.m.

The annual Relay For Life event will take place at the Madison County High School stadium.



Catherine Maultsby



Madison County Relay For Life Set For April 27- April 28

Madison's walkers go around the clock in the battle against cancer during the American Cancer Society Relay For Life. This "celebration of life" brings numerous groups and individuals concerned about cancer together for a unified effort to fight back.

Teams of enthusiastic citizens will gather at the Madison County High School Track for an overnight relay against cancer from 6:00 pm on April 27 until noon on April 28.

Relay For Life is a unique fundraising event that allows participants from all walks of life — including patients, medical support staff, corporations, civic organizations, churches and community volunteers — to join together to fight cancer. Relay For Life reminds us that progress has been made in the fight against cancer and that everyone who participates is making a difference.

Relay For Life opens as cancer survivors (anyone who has ever

been diagnosed with cancer) walk or wheelchair the first lap. This is an emotional time and sets the stage for the importance of each participant's contribution. A festive atmosphere always develops around the track area at these events. As you make new friends and spend time with old ones, the Relay heats up and the camp-out begins. An atmosphere of camaraderie is created with team members entertaining each other: eating, playing games, and, of course, walking for a great cause.

Highlighting the evening is the Luminaria Ceremony held after dark to honor cancer survivors and to remember those who have lost the battle against cancer. The luminarias line the track and are left burning throughout the night to remind participants of the incredible importance of their contributions.

"Relay For Life is as much an awareness raiser about the progress against cancer as it is a fund raiser," said Marcia Webb, Madison County event chair. "Many of the participants will be people who have dealt

with cancer themselves. Their involvement is proof of the progress that has been made in reducing cancer death rates and in the quality of life following cancer treatment.

"The funds raised will enable us to continue our investment in the fight against cancer through educational programs, research and services to patients," said Webb. "Due to the generosity of corporate sponsors, the money raised by participants goes directly to the American Cancer Society's lifesaving programs."

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service.

Information about how to form a team or become involved in the Madison County Relay For Life is available by calling Marsha Webb at 973-2400 or by emailing marciawebb@mccbflorida.com.

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Luminaria Ceremony Is Highlight Of Relay For Life Event

**American Cancer Society
Relay For Life
Cancer Survivor Recognition
and Luminaria Ceremony**

The Madison County Relay For Life will conduct their Relay For Life event on April 27 and 28, at the Madison County High School, Boothill.

The highlight of the evening, for everyone in attendance, is the Luminaria Ceremony, held at 9:00 pm, on the 27.

The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life Luminaria Ceremony is one of the most beloved ceremonies during the two-day event. The Luminaria Ceremony is conducted in order to recognize those touched by cancer in Madison County.

Individuals, or companies, can make contributions in memory of those who have lost the fight with cancer or memorials may be purchased in honor of those who have survived. Each will be recognized by a lighted luminaria displayed at the Relay For Life event. The Luminarias line the track and are left burning throughout the night to remind participants of the incredible importance of their contributions.

Luminaria contributions/memorials can be made by contacting Karen Hiers at 464-7517 or karenhiers@gmail.com.

There will also be a memorial slideshow of pictures of those who have lost their battle with cancer. If anyone has pictures they would like to submit, they can email them to karenhiers@gmail.com. If you are unable to email a photo, you can take a photo by the Madison County Community Bank. Please include names and pertinent dates, as well as the type of cancer. (Photos are not guaranteed to be returned.)

Sports

Travis Carter Making A Name For Himself In The Racing World

By Kristin Finney
Greene Publishing, Inc.

From the age of 7, Travis Carter has been earning his stripes in the racing circuit. "I was basically born at the racetrack. My dad always loved racing, but he never raced. So once I got older I decided I wanted to try it."

When he first began racing, Carter raced go-carts. He traveled all across the U.S. racing go-carts to places like Virginia, Ohio, the Carolinas, Alabama, Georgia and Florida and won many races and championships. When he was younger and racing go-carts, he even raced against, and beat, Trevor Bayne, winner of the 2011 Daytona 500.

He raced go-carts until the age of 13, and then moved to racing TQ late models, which is a ¼ scale car with a motorcycle engine. Carter won three championships in those races and a ton of races.



Photo submitted

From the age of 7, Travis Carter has been earning his stripes in the racing circuit.

When he turned 17, he began racing dirt late models, and that is what he continues to race now.

Last year was Travis's first year running his late model for a full season. Travis Carter is currently racing a dirt late model chrome moly tube chassis with a 355 Chevy engine. He finished the season six in points for the National Late Model Series.

He was honored as Rookie of the Year last year as well. This year Travis won't be racing in points, he will just be racing in big races of his choosing.

When asked why, he responded, "I just want to try something different."

When asked what his favorite part of racing was, Travis said, "I really like to win. I like walking by people and them recognizing me too. That happens sometimes. It feels like I am famous in a small way."

His least favorite part of racing is, "The week-long prep every night before a race. The worst part is washdays. If we had a race the week before, since we race on dirt, we have to wash every part of the car. We also have to do regular maintenance on the cars as well. We don't usually get to practice on the track until right before the race."

Travis also explained what goes through his mind during a race. "I am thinking about being consecutive and smooth. Timing is crucial in a race to avoid a wreck or when to pass someone. You have to make split second decisions."

Without his sponsors, Travis says most of what he does wouldn't be possible. Some of his sponsors are, S&W Chemical, Coggin's Farms, Smith Tire Co., Blackwater Cattle Co. and SWAT Graphics.

Travis is the son of Winston Carter and Karen Harrison. He has one sister, Ashely Guthrie. He attended high school at Georgia Christian School in Dasher. He is currently attending Okefenokee Technical College where he is studying to become an apprentice lineman working with power lines. He owns a small business, SWAT Graphics that specializes in making racing wraps, signs and banners. He also works with his dad at S&W Chemical.



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Travis Carter is currently racing a dirt late model chrome moly tube chassis with a 355 Chevy engine.

Ceira Roland and Taylor Elite Squad Shine At Cheerleading Competition



Photo submitted

Ceira Roland, flyer in the center stunt, is seen with the rest of the Taylor Elite squad during the COA Competition in Jacksonville.

By Kristin Finney
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Cheerleading might seem like a joke to some people, but those people do not understand the practice, determination and hard work required to succeed in the sport. Ceira Roland, along with the rest of her squad from Taylor Elite, understand that hard work and put their skills to the test in Jacksonville this month.

Roland cheers with a squad from Taylor Elite in Perry. The Taylor Elite squads normally practice twice a week: three hours on Monday and two hours on Tuesday. However, when they have a competition coming up they practice every day for two to three hours. At each practice they work on jumps, stunts and tumbling.

The squad took one routine to the COA Competition in Jacksonville. The squad had originally prepared and perfected one routine for competition, but after receiving a level change a week before competition, they had to change their entire routine in one week.

Taylor Elite competed against two other squads in this competition. The received second place. "We were very happy with second because we have had to change our entire routine in one week," said Roland. "Being at competition is very exciting. Your heart races and you hope for the best. Being on the floor is very nerve racking, but I enjoy it."

Roland has been in approximately 10 competitions and will be competing in two more this year. This is her last year doing competitive cheerleading because she has reached the age limit. "The most rewarding part of competition for me was when we stepped off the floor after our routine. We all knew that we had done our best," said Roland.

Roland is the 18 year old daughter of Shane and Lisa Roland. She graduated from Aucilla Christian Academy in 2011. She has one brother and one sister, Alissa and Jarrett.

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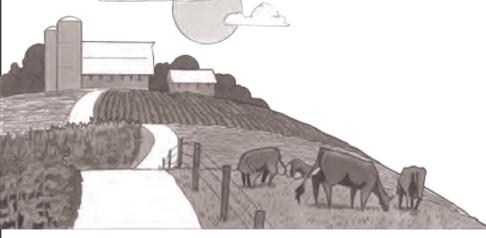
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It's Water Conservation Time!

By Kent Koptiuch

The Suwannee River Water Management District Governing Board has recently declared April as Water Conservation Month. While some fairly recent and prolific rains may lead many of us to think otherwise, we actually are experiencing an extended drought. In fact, according to the United States Geologic Survey, our entire district is listed as under either moderate or severe hydrologic drought conditions. Our average rainfall over the last twelve months is lagging more than 16 inches behind normal and our rainy season is quickly

coming to an end. It is starting to look like we're in for another long, hot Summer with low lake levels and minimal flows in our rivers and creeks.

Sometimes it hard to believe that we can make a difference on an individual basis, but if all of us evaluate our water use and take a few simple steps towards conservation, it can add up. Here's some ideas that really can save on water use and they might even cut your electric bill a little bit so it's a double benefit!

• Only water your lawn and gardens when they actually need it, and time it for early evening or early morning to reduce

evaporation. If you see water running off, rather than soaking in, you're over-watering.

• Wait till you've got a full load before you run your dish washer and clothes washer.

• Wash your car or truck on the grass - the soap suds won't hurt the lawn and you'll be killing two birds with one stone.

• Fix your dripping faucets and running toilets - this can save thousands of gallons per year. And if you're replacing plumbing fixtures, replace them with high-efficiency models.

• Limit your showers to 5 minutes (if you've ever served in the military, you'd know that 5 minutes is a luxury!).

Historically, Florida has always been known for its abundant, high quality waters. But periodic drought events like this are also fairly common and when they do occur, it's important to try and lighten our personal impact upon the regional water cycle. Join me today in taking some small steps that can add up to helping in a big way! For more great tips and information on water conservation, go to the Suwannee River Water Management District's Water Conservation web

page at: <http://fl-suwanneeriver.civicplus.com/index.aspx?nid=294>.

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Happenings

At Madison
First Baptist Church

By Nell Dobbs
Guest Columnist

Thinking about "More Than Enough?"

Songs: "More About Jesus"
"More Love, O Christ, to Thee"

About "Growing good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over; for with the same measure we mete it will be measured to us again." Luke 6:38

Reports are that every Holy Week Service was timely. The Good Friday service at our church was great with Danielle Fries singing and our Director of Missions, Mike Miller, giving the message.

Beautiful flowers were placed in church Sunday by Mark and Jennifer Browning in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary on April 5. Special blessings upon them and all their family as we rejoice with them and give thanks for their love and their lives and being in our church.

Again how blessed we were for Martha Beggs' and Martha Register's Sunday School class and 18 members as they sang two songs. Thanks also to Amy Kendrick for her help.

Easter music was special as the choir only sang half the songs of the cantata. We were all so blessed. Preacher Law gave such good words to Jim and for him in appreciation for him and all he has done to shoulder so much responsibility when needed.

His message was from Matthew 28: 11-15 entitled "The Lies that Prove the Resurrection."

Easter has come and gone! Jesus rose as He said He would! Peter and another disciple went into the tomb but left when they didn't see Jesus. Mary was outside crying and looking inside and she saw two angels who asked why she was crying. She answered them and then saw Jesus but didn't know Him until He called her name. As I say, over and over, how spe-

cial it is that Jesus knows our name, calls us by name, and one day, He'll give us a new name! His message to Mary was to all His brothers what He told her to tell them. This is His message to us from John: "Go tell it everywhere till none can say of the children of man: "Nobody ever the story has told! Tell it again and again!"

How blessed I was after church when Ray Pike asked what I was doing and then said his mother, who worshipped with him, asked him to ask me to come share the meal with them, a lot of them, such a good meal and wonderful fellowship. Special thanks and blessings.

From *American Profile* in the article "Where the Lilies Grow," we read about Easter lilies and how they are raised in parts of Oregon and California by four families. On Easter Sunday, sitting in church, one of the growers thinks of the "white lilies symbolizing purity and new life through the resurrection of Jesus Christ - the central belief of the Christian faith."

On Sunday, April 15, the unsinkable Titanic sank at 2:20 a.m. Marjell's dad heard Billy Sunday preached in Jacksonville against the statement she couldn't be sunk. Our dad used to sing about it: "It was on a Sunday morning just about 2 that the great Titanic began to roll and rock...: A preacher seaman on one of Marjell's Sun Oil tankers made a tape about people's reaction to then and today and the urgency to make the right choice of being ready.

Many are sick and sad today and we pray for them: for baby Noah Ray Andrews, 12 weeks old, son of Matthew and Cassey Andrews.

May God continue blessing us one and all and help us find anyone in need we can help! Amen!

Community Service To Be Held At Lee City Pavilion



Carl Joseph

By Bryant Thigpen
Greene Publishing, Inc.

A community service will be held on Sunday, April 15, at the Lee City Hall Pavilion in Lee, beginning at 2 p.m. The guest preacher will be former Madison native Carl Joseph, who currently resides in Palm Coast.

Born and raised in Madison, Joseph was born with only one leg. And while many would see that as loss, Joseph only saw it as gain. During his high school years, he was very active in sports, and was considered a football and basketball star. Prior to his graduation from Madison High School in 1980, Joseph was offered a scholarship to play football for the Pittsburgh Panthers, but chose to play college football at Bethune-Cookman in Daytona. Joseph graduated from Bethune-Cookman in 1987 with a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education.

"Sports was just in my genealogy," Joseph laughs. "In fact, I have a cousin right now who plays for the Atlanta Falcons."

"I think the biggest thing that contributed to my skills was that my mom didn't baby me," he said. "My mom treated me just like the rest of my brothers, and I did the same things they did...sometimes even better. I didn't know what the word handicapped meant until I was in school and someone said, 'Hey, you're handicapped,' and I responded, 'What's that?'"

In 2009, Joseph was inducted into the Florida High School Hall of Fame. "In everything I do, I always want to point them to Jesus Christ. All of the awards down here will fade away, but the one prize I have will last for eternity, and that's my salvation."

Some Call Me Superstar is a book written by Joseph, where he talks about the many obstacles he had to overcome and the insurmountable odds he stared in the face. He shares with the readers where he drew his strength from and how he was able to do things that people said he would never be able to do. He also goes into details of what life was like in Madison County back in the day and about the spiritual upbringing he had during his years of childhood.

This book is available for purchase at Lucille Cherry's The Old Bookstore and he will have them for sale at the service as well.

Not only has Joseph made an impact on the field and court, but he's made a difference in the church and community. Joseph's ministry began in Madison when he was licensed as a minister at St. James Missionary

Baptist Church. He was later ordained as an elder at New Beginning House of Prayer, before he served as pastor of his first church in Tallahassee known as Holy Jerusalem Church of God. In 2008, Joseph was ordained as a bishop.

After three years of ministry at Holy Jerusalem, Joseph moved to Palm Coast to continue his work in the ministry. He accepted and became the associate pastor of New Found Favor Apostolic Church in March of 2011. Joseph will soon be planting a church in the Palm Coast area, which will be known as The Body of Christ Family Church.

Joseph will also be holding services in Lee the third Sunday of each month, with the hopes of starting a church in Madison County in the near future. Away from the pulpit, he is the leader of the gospel quartet, *Carl Joseph and the Spiritual Tru-Tones*. It's Joseph's desire that in all things, God gets the glory.

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Turn Back Time

“40 Years Celebrating Public Health” (An interview with Bonnie Webb)

Bonnie Webb remembers well June of 1972 when Dr. James Howell first hired her as an Interview Clerk at the Madison County Health Department. She was commuting to Perry at that time working as a Customer Service Rep at Gulf Telephone Company.

There were only three other employees at that time: Donald Eads, Sanitation Director, Berenice Mercer, Public Health Nurse, and Alice Harrell, Interview Clerk. Bonnie worked there until 1976 and became very interested in the day-to-day medical operations. She had completed pre-requisites at North Florida Junior College and was accepted into the LPN program.

“That was a very hard year,” recalls Bonnie. “I attended classes from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. and worked as a waitress from 3 p.m. - 11 p.m. I fell asleep many times after midnight while studying. The next day I did it all over again. The best part about that year was getting to work alongside my Mama, Mrs. Bessie Mae Mathis, who also was a waitress and cook at Tank ‘n Tummy Truck Stop at SR 53 & I-10. She taught me a lot about cooking and good customer service. I used to get excited if someone left a tip on the table. Even today, I believe in giving a good tip when I eat out (even if the service is not so good; waiting tables is a very hard job). ‘Thank you Lord, I am not still waiting tables.’ The Health Department did not employ LPNs at that time, so my first nursing job was on the 3-11 shift at the Madison Hospital with my very good friend, Mary Pulliam. She and I worked and studied together for our State Boards. I also had an opportunity to work in the OR with Fannie Barrs and Mary Ann Burns, as well as Dr. Earl Creech. Mrs. Dorothy Shaw taught me that nurses should always be ‘clean and crisp.’ Because shift work wasn’t conducive to family life, I left the hospital and went to work at the Advent Christian Village in Dowling Park in geriatrics. That was a very rewarding experience.

By August 1981, I was expecting my third child. In an effort to spend more time with my own child, my sister Lois and I opened the daycare, “Small World” in Hancock Terrace. It was so cute and so much work!!! My husband, Joe, built small tables for the children and helped me decorate all the rooms in appealing children’s themes, like a room for Mickey and Minnie, one for Raggedy Ann and Andy, and a nursery for infants. He worked two jobs to offset my income, so I could play all day with the children! After less than two years, we decided there was more money going out than coming in. That experience gave me a total appreciation of the worth of babysitters. I never ever complained again about the cost of daycare for my children. By this time, the health department had recognized the value of LPNs in the public health setting. In 1982, I was again hired by the health department. I was privileged to work with Mrs. Wilma Dickey, (retired but still very active), Mrs. Peggy Scruggs, Mrs. Ann Agner, Mrs. Dorothy Davis, Mrs. Linda O’Brian, Mrs. Donna Melgaard, Mrs. Mary Ellen Jordan, ARNPs Pat Newell and Brenda Newman. One day I was complaining about my small paycheck, and my good friend, Mrs. Agner, said “either shut-up or go back to school.” There was my wake-up call. I needed more education. I will always be grateful to her for telling me what I needed to hear. I had already been taking nursing pre-requisites at night and during my lunch hour at North Florida. I was within one year of being able to complete the LPN-RN Bridge Program at Lake City Community College. I applied to the state personnel office for educational leave with pay and was approved. I remember the day Mr. Roger McCollum, Personnel Director in Tallahassee, drove out to Madison County to deliver the news. I felt like I had just won the lottery! Mr. McCollum would later become the Administrator of Jefferson, Madison, and Taylor County Health Departments and my immediate boss for 9 ½ years. In May 1986, I entered Lake City Community College, commuting daily with my good friends, Diane Wells and Ann Deming, to Lake City, Gainesville, and MacLenny. This was another very hard year, but we rode together and cried together and made it through. I don’t know who was more excited on graduation day, me or my kids. We took a trip to Disney World after graduation. I returned to work at the health department, having signed a promissory note with the state that I would continue to work for them for the amount of time I had been paid to go to school. What did I have to lose? I had to work and what better place than the health department? And the rest, as they say, is history. Since that time I have been afforded many opportunities for personal and professional development in the field of nursing. After two years as

an RN, I was placed in a trainee program to begin learning all the nuances of state government. Trust me, I am still learning. Most people have no idea just how many services are offered at the health department. I have even had some exposure to environmental health by my co-workers, Ron Mandziara, Mike Gordon, and Bill Gibson, I have attended many supervisory training programs, a Leadership Institute hosted by North Florida Community College, and was privileged to attend a Dale Carnegie Leadership Training with my good friends, Paul Webb and Jacob Bemby. That was so much fun and it really does help you to grow and learn to interact better with people. The Florida Department of Health has the best track record for providing employees with continuing education and opportunities to further your education. Some of my most memorable experiences have been with the Red Cross and Public Health Response. I have had life-changing interactions during hurricane relief efforts. Our county responds to local incidents, as well as providing mutual aid to our neighboring counties. Our public health nurses in Madison put together a medical team in less than 4 hours to respond to Hurricane Andrew in Homestead in 1992. Linda O’Brian, Gina Sapp, Carol Rykard, Jimmie Williams, and I were among the first nurses on the ground, accompanied by the National Guard. I left town and did not even talk to my husband for five days. (yes, this was before cell phones and texting). After five grueling days in a shelter, we were flown home with Mrs. Rhea Chiles. She looked as bedraggled as we did because she had been out in the community offering hope to those people whose lives had been altered forever. Debra Lookabill, revived all of us with her critical incident stress management and debriefing. She’s the best social worker in the world!

Today (March 30th) I am leaving the company of some of the best doctors anywhere, Dr. Prather, Dr. Owen, Dr. Guy, Dr. VanDurme, Dr. Campbell, Dr. Goodwin, Dr. Jernigan, Dr. Lang, Miriam Guirniak, ARNP Nita Fico, nurses, Jedeana Miller, Donna Davis, Alicia Ward, school nurses, Cindy Brown, Betsy Rykard, Wendy Silvernell, Marta Smith, Cindy Thomas, Leatha Gervin, Melissa Goins, Judy Hill, and Rosa Williams. I have had the opportunity to mentor many nursing students from North Florida Community College and the FSU College of Nursing. Fran Tuten is the most talented, versatile, and flexible employee I have ever known. She can tear down a computer, turn around and put it back together, and use that same computer to service any customer in any department in the health department. What a smart girl she is! The ladies at the front desk, Alisha, Bertha, Louvenia, and Karen have the patience of Job! The dental staff are the best! Healthy Start and WIC provide valuable services with a caring heart. I consider myself very blessed to have worked here and made lasting friendships with so many people. And to those new employees, may you have the same positive experiences I have had. I have established valuable relationships in the community with the School Board and school staffs, the pharmacy staffs at CVS, Winn-Dixie, and North Florida Pharmacy; Dr. Bibb, Dr. Adolfo and Linda Dulay, Dr. Schindler, Dr. Stick, Dr. Hengstebek, the Healthy Start Coalition, Children & Families, Apalachee Health Services, the nursing homes, all my friends at Madison Hospital, Four Freedoms, and Down Home Medical. (If I left anyone out, blame it on my memory).

“A former boss of mine said all employees should leave their jobs after 3-5 years. That said, it appears I am way overdue! I have served under several Health Officers, including Eanix Poole, and our current fearless leader, Mrs. Kim Barnhill, who has probably done more to promote public health at the local, state, and federal levels than any others. She is like the energizer bunny! Today is bittersweet for me. I will cherish the health department and remember always that it has helped make me who I am today. I look forward to spending more time with my family and friends, and doing more church work, which I have sorely neglected lately.

To Pat Bass, Jan Brooker, Wendy Linton, and Steve Snipes, I’m coming to join you in retirement. Thank you to the community for inviting us into your places of business over the years to prevent, protect, and promote the health of our citizens. Please continue to come visit our health department. God Bless to all!



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Remembrance of Things Past: James Cressley

By Kristin Finney
Greene Publishing, Inc.

James Cressley came to Madison at the age of 11 with his family. At the time he came to here, Madison was a booming place with many thriving businesses, restaurants and places for children to have fun. The Madison that Cressley knew back then is a very different one than most people see today.

He remembers that where CVS is currently located, started off as a school. It then became Seter's grocery store. Next it became a bowling alley. Then it became Pick & Save. He recalls when Farmer's Furniture was at Winn Dixie.

Cressley remembers riding with his dad to get gas from up town and his dad being able to get five gallons of gas for \$1.00. He also remembers there being a beer joint at the intersection of State Road 6 and Highway 90. Back then Harveys was a junkyard for Ragans.

He remembers there being a rest area, motel and bar across from the dumb station on Hwy. 90 in Madison. He remembers going to Selman's Drug Store to get a sundae. He remembers there being a hotel at the second light in town. There were two walk-in movie theatres and a drive in theatre. At the drive in theatre you could spend \$1 a night for a carload of people to get in.

In Lee, he remembers there being three grocery stores on the intersection of Hwy. 90 and 255. Back then he used to get a haircut for \$1.00. He remembers going to Whitty's ice cream and getting an ice cream cone for 5 cents. He also remembers that one time they had a drive-in movie behind Cherry's.

James Cressley is married to Sharon (McFalls) Cressley. He had four children from a previous marriage. He has one daughter, Joyce Taylor, who lives in Arizona. He also had three sons, Bubba, Randall and James Jr., but sadly all of his sons are deceased.

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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MADISON COUNTY
MADISON, FLORIDA

BY: /s/ KAREN HOLMAN
DEPUTY CLERK

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

IN RE: The Marriage of:
RICHARD W. WILLIAMS,
Petitioner/Husband,
vs. **CATHY L. MEIER WILLIAMS,**
Respondent/Wife.

CASE NO. 2012-81-DR

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

TO: **CATHY L. MEIER WILLIAMS**
3581 NE CR 255
Lee, Florida 32059

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on E. BAILEY BROWNING III, Attorney for Petitioner/Husband, whose address is:

E. Bailey Browning III
Post Office Drawer 652
Madison, Florida, 32341

on or before May 1, 2012, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court at:

Madison County Clerk of Court
Post Office Box 237
Madison, Florida, 32341

before service on Petitioner/Husband or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

The Real Property subject to the jurisdiction of this Court is herein described as follows:

A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST, MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTH-EAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 22, AND RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 675.80 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 402.72 FEET TO A SET REBAR #7322 AT THE POINT OF BEGINNING, FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE SOUTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 704.85 FEET TO A SET 1/2" REBAR #7322; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 622.03 FEET TO A SET 1/2" REBAR #7322 ON THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF STATE ROAD NO.6; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 46 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY, A DISTANCE OF 692.90 FEET TO A SET 1/2" REBAR #7322; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY RUN SOUTH 01 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 625.06 FEET TO A SET 1/2" REBAR #7322 ALSO BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 10.00 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

AND ALSO

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST, MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND RUN SOUTH ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF COUNTY ROAD NO. 255 A DISTANCE OF 671.0 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID CENTERLINE, RUN WEST ALONG A FENCE 408.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTINUE THENCE WEST ALONG SAID FENCE 182.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 240.0 FEET; THENCE EAST 182.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 240.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 1.003 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, ?? Florida Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Dated: March 27, 2012.

HON. TIM SANDERS
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: /s/ Ramona Dickenson
Deputy Clerk

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

CASE NO.: 2011-CA-312
JUDGE: PARKER

IN RE: Forfeiture of:
One (1) 1999 Chevrolet S-10
VIN: 1GCCS14X7XK241590

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE PROCEEDINGS

ALL PERSONS who claim an interest in the following property, 1999 Chevrolet S-10, VIN: 1GCCS14X7XK241590, which was seized because said property is alleged to be contraband as defined by Sections 932.701 (2)(a)(1)-(6), Florida Statutes (2011), by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, Division of Florida Highway Patrol, on or about May 24, 2011, in Madison County, Florida: Any owner, entity, bona fide lienholder, or person in possession of the property when seized has the right within fifteen (15) days of initial receipt of notice, to contact Sandra R. Coulter, Assistant General Counsel, Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, 2900 Apalachee Parkway, Room A-432, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399, by certified mail return receipt requested to obtain a copy of the Complaint and Order Finding Probable Cause filed in the above styled court.

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Madison County, Florida will be accepting bids for the following:

Furnishing all necessary materials, equipment, labor and supervision including Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) to resurface CR 150 from US 90 to the southern approach to the new bridge and then beginning at the northern approach to the new bridge continuing to the intersection of NW Flowers Road for a total distance of approximately 5 miles and known as **Project # 2012 - 02**; and Furnishing all necessary materials, equipment, labor and supervision including Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) to resurface NW Honey Lake Road beginning at US 90 and ending at the limerock section for an approximate distance of 2.6 miles and known as **Project # 2012 - 03**.

Bids may be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners by depositing same at the Board office located in the Madison County Courthouse Annex, Room 219, 112 East Pinckney Street, Madison, Florida 32340, or Post Office Box 539, Madison, Florida 32341 anytime prior to 4:00 PM on Friday, April 27, 2012. ANY BIDS RECEIVED AFTER SUCH DATE AND TIME WILL NOT BE OPENED AND/OR CONSIDERED. Bid must be clearly marked with the project numbers printed on the outside of the front of the bid envelope as follows: CR 150 Resurfacing Project 2012 - 02 and NW Honey Lake RD Resurfacing Project 2012 - 03. **PLEASE NOTE: All Bidders Must Bid Both Projects for their bids to be considered.**

BID MUST CONTAIN A COPY OF THE VENDOR'S MADISON COUNTY OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE WHERE APPLICABLE, OR CERTIFIED STATE CONTRACTOR NUMBER AND FDOT PRE-QUALIFICATION LETTER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR AWARD.

Bid Specifications, as well as other pertinent documents, may be obtained from the Madison County Road Department office located at 2060 NE Rocky Ford Road (C-591), 2 miles north of Madison, telephone # 850-973-2156, beginning Monday, April 9, 2012. Each contractor interested in bidding this project is strongly urged to obtain copies of the bid packages immediately in order to have time to review all information and visit the project locations prior to the Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference referenced below. All contractors bidding this project shall be FDOT Pre-Qualified for all phases of the work at the time of proposal submittal.

Please be advised that a **MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE** will be held on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at 2:00 PM in the County Commission Meeting Room located in the Madison County Courthouse Annex Building, 112 E. Pinckney Street in Madison, Florida. **BIDS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FROM ANY BIDDER WHO IS NOT REPRESENTED AT THIS CONFERENCE.**

Bids will be opened at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, April 30, 2012 and award by the Board of County Commissioners is scheduled for Wednesday, May 2, 2012.

Madison County reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all bids.

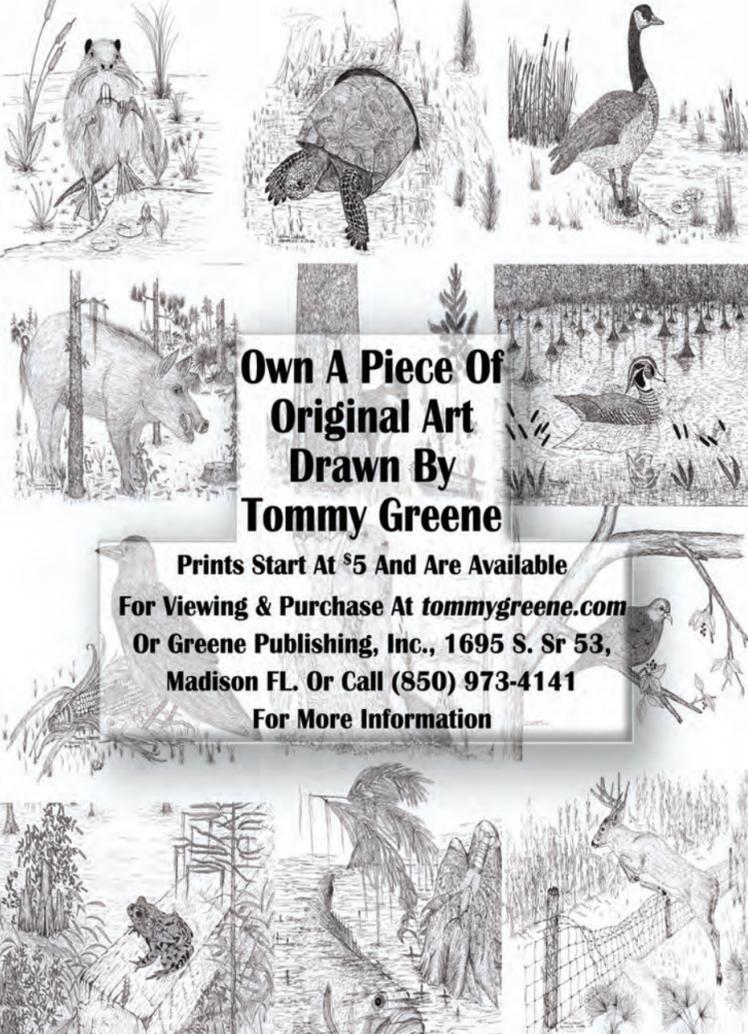
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