

# Bear Spotted

By Jacob Bemby  
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A bear, weighing approximately 400-500 pounds, was spotted in the vicinity of the old Madison Middle School on Tuesday, June 12.

According to Madison Police Department Sgt. Jimbo Roebuck, the department contacted the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), who told them to let the bear wander off. Roebuck said the bear appeared to be frightened by the cars and the MPD was able to chase it back into the woods.

"It wasn't trying to hurt anyone," he said. "The bear just got lost."



Photo submitted

A law enforcement student at North Florida Community College took this photo of the bear.

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Join Greene Publishing, Inc. as we soar into the future and go digital with our very first e-edition newspaper set to launch with the Wednesday, June 20, *Madison County Carrier*.

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# FCAT Results Released



Florida Department of EDUCATION

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The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) released the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) results earlier this month.

District-wide, 40 percent of third graders scored a grade level of three (satisfactory) and above on the reading portion of the test.

Forty-six percent of third graders district-wide scored a three or higher on the math part of the test.

Forty-eight percent of fourth graders throughout the district scored three or higher on the reading test and 40 percent scored three or higher on the math test.

For fifth graders, throughout the district, 42 percent scored level three or higher on the reading portion of the test and 35 percent scored three or higher on the math portion.

Forty-six percent of sixth graders scored three or higher on the reading portion of the test, while 34 percent scored three or higher on the math portion.

Thirty-six percent of seventh graders scored three or higher on the reading portion of the FCAT, while 27 percent scored three or higher on the math portion.

Thirty-eight percent of eighth graders scored three or higher on the reading portion of the FCAT, while 38 percent scored three or higher on the math section.

Thirty-seven percent of ninth graders and 37 percent of tenth graders scored three or higher on the reading portion of the FCAT.

Results for the math portion for ninth and tenth graders are not yet available.

# Water Use Restrictions Now In Effect

Water restrictions for all users within the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) are now in effect through Sept. 30. The District's Governing Board voted on May 29 to adopt a Phase III Water Shortage Order in response to low water levels brought on by long-term drought.

Under the order, restrictions, and some exemptions, will apply to residential, agricultural, commercial, and industrial users within the District's boundaries. This includes all of Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor and Union counties, and portions of Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Jefferson, Levy and Putnam counties.

The restrictions mostly target outdoor water use, particularly lawn and landscape irrigation which usually accounts for half of household use. Following is a list of some of the restrictions that apply:

### Lawn & Landscape Irrigation:

Watering of existing lawns and landscapes is limited to one day per

week and is prohibited between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. Designated watering days are determined according to an even-odd address numbering system as follows:

House addresses ending in 0 or 1 may only irrigate on Monday.

Addresses ending in 2 or 3 may only irrigate on Tuesday.

Addresses ending in 4 or 5 may only irrigate on Wednesday.

Addresses ending in 6 or 7 may only irrigate on Thursday.

Addresses ending in 8 or 9 may only irrigate on Friday.

Residences with no address (community common areas, etc.) may only irrigate on Friday.

While watering with sprinklers and irrigation systems is prohibited between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m., watering with a hand-held hose with nozzle is prohibited between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

For new lawns and landscapes irrigation is prohibited between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., and watering is limited to the minimum amount required for

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# MCI Partnership Holding Volunteer Meeting

The MCI (Madison Correctional Institute) Partnership is holding a volunteer meeting on Wednesday, June 20, at 11 a.m. This meeting will be at the courthouse annex.

The partnership is seeking individuals who would be willing to volunteer to teach additional work skills classes to the inmates.

If you would like to volunteer or find out

more about the MCI Partnership, please plan to attend Wednesdays meeting or call Mrs. Dolores Jones, 850-973-2823; Sheriff Ben Stewart, 850-973-4151; or Mrs. Leigh Barfield, 850-973-6133.

# 15 Absconders Sought

Probation and Parole is seeking 15 different absconders. If anyone knows whereabouts, please call Jarrett Jarvis at (850) 973-5096.

 Byron Irvine	 Mark Steven	 Ricky Roberson	 Diane Thompson	 Emmanuel Ratliff
 William Harrelson	 Carter Haynes	 Philip Bailey	 Renee Brown	 Kenneth Placzowski
 Michael DePriest	 Matthew Crawford	 Kendrick Brown	 Karium Hammond	 Latravis Tarver

# Viewpoints & Opinions

June is National Dairy Month and the one thing you need to know is you never out-grow your need for milk and foods made from milk! Dairy foods supply over 75% of the calcium in the American diet. It is a nutrient that plays an important role in maintaining healthy bones and teeth.

It is a known fact that Americans do not get enough calcium in their diets. Children often prefer sodas and surveys show they begin to cut down on dairy foods by the age of ten, just when their calcium needs are increasing. Adults, on average only get half of their calcium needs each day.

Calcium needs vary throughout our lifetime and in recent years the recommendations have increased for most age groups. The old recommendations were 800 mgs. per day for adults, with higher levels for growing teens and pregnant women. The newer recommendation are as follows: young children (under the age nine) and adults under fifty years of age need 1,000 mg. per day, active teens need 1300 mg. of calcium. Pregnant women also need 1,300 mgs. a day. This means all age groups need to consume dairy foods 3-4 times a day. The new MyPlate guidelines suggest a dairy food at each meal, if you can't get a dairy food into a meal; think about one for a snack.

A big change in recent years is the recommendations for adults

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## Celebrate National Dairy Month

over 50 years of age. Since bones tend to lose density as we age, this age group's recommended daily allowance of calcium is now 1,200 mgs.; almost as great as the teenager. Research has shown these levels of calcium help reduce the risk of osteoporosis in older adults.

If you are worried about the calories and fat in dairy foods, look again. There are so many low fat and fat free dairy foods on the market today you have a large selection at the grocery store. To boost your calcium intake try these suggestions from the National Dairy Council:

Drink one or two 8 oz. glasses of skim milk each day.

Use plain or vanilla yogurt in place of mayonnaise in recipes for potato salad, carrot salad and slaw.

Make shakes and smoothies with skim milk or yogurt and fruit.

Add powdered milk to foods you prepare – pudding, breads, muffins, gravy and soups can get a calcium boost. A single table-

spoon of nonfat powdered dry milk adds 52 mgs. of calcium.

Use buttermilk for mashed potatoes and baked goods – its low in fat and adds flavor without calories.

Top a salad with low fat cheese.

Serve frozen yogurt topped with fruit for dessert.

The National Dairy Council has some great recipes using dairy food on their website. Go to the [nationaldairycouncil.org](http://nationaldairycouncil.org) for ideas on meals and snacks. Of course, you can always contact the Madison County Extension Service for nutrition and food safety information.

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## Jacob's Ladder

Jacob Bemby  
Columnist

## The Last Punch

The last punch lands solidly in my face. The punch before it was a glancing blow, which caught my right cheekbone and jaw. The last one, however, catches me square in the face. I hear the bone in my nose shatter. I see blood flowing from my nose and from my upper lip. The last punch puts me down on the floor:

I hear the ref start counting and I lay on my back for a few seconds. As his count gets to five, I start rising. By the time he is to eight, I am back on my feet.

The ref stands in front of me, telling me, "Bembry, you need to quit." "I wanna fight," I respond, my voice garbled because of the mouth-piece and because of the blood that has somehow entered my mouth.

He backs away and signals for us to fight. "Get it on!" he bellows.

My opponent comes out of his corner and tries to begin an all-out assault on me, hitting me with body shots. One punch ends it all, though, as my glove connects with his jaw.

Down he goes.

There is no fight left in my opponent. He is down for the count.

I had withstood a thunderous barrage of fists all over my body, and to my face. I am weak in the knees but I am still standing. People are amazed that I am the victor.

How did I win with such overwhelming odds stacked against me?

I won because my opponent could not pierce my heart.

Heart punches are the hardest punches to withstand. Even if they are not meant to do so, they can sometimes kill. Although my heart was attacked with such things as anger, spite, jealousy, envy, malice, hatred, I was able to withstand the attack and keep those things out of my heart because there was someone else in the ring with me. That person was the Holy Spirit.

If you don't know Jesus Christ as your Savior, I urge you to pray and ask Him to come into your heart.

### Madison County...

## Jail Report



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| 6/5<br>Diane Elizabeth Thompson - Violation of Parole<br>William Lovett - Battery on Police / Firefighter<br>Shannon Dale McCurdy - Outer County Warrant<br>Jeffrey Douglas Emerson - Violation of Parole (Circuit) | 6/6<br>George Ryan Keller - Battery / Domestic Violence, Drug Possession Without Prescription<br>Joshua Chase - Temporary Hold for Miami-Dade | 6/7<br>Talisa Resha Gibson - Trespassing After Warning<br>Eddie Mae Johnson - Aggravated Assault, Bat- | tery / Domestic Violence<br>Leon Gallon - Aggravated Assault<br>Danny Wayne Delahunt - Criminal Registration<br>David Darryl Hampton - Criminal Registration<br>Jason Duwayne McDaniel - Criminal Registration<br>Tarron Jacobi Addison - Violation of Parole<br>Maurice Franklin Williams-Failure to Appear | 6/8<br>George Keller - Domestic Injunction Violation, Possession of Alcohol Underage, Beverage Law Underage<br>Antonio Butler - Criminal Registration<br>Wilbert Clarence Sears - Criminal Registration<br>Carol Marks Hef- | 6/9<br>fern - Retail Theft<br>Farrah Shalon Hill - Criminal Registration | 6/10<br>Lewis King - Theft / Other, Resist Without Obstruction<br>Frank Michael Guidinger-Driving with a Suspended License Repeat<br>Enrique Medero-Disorderly Intoxication | 6/11<br>Allison Paige Coarse - Allowing Unauthorized Person to Drive, Resisting without Violence<br>Catlin Oneil Green - Driving with a Suspended License<br>Cassandra R. Mays - Writ of Bodily Attachment<br>Terrence Legeren Alexander - Violation of Parole |
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## Water Use

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establishment of lawn. After the first 60 days following planting, the rules for established lawns and landscapes take effect.

Treated wastewater irrigation and irrigation for home vegetable gardens are exempt from the restrictions.

### Agricultural Irrigation:

Overhead irrigation by high pressure/high volume systems is prohibited between noon and 9 p.m. No off-site application or irrigation water on non-targeted areas is allowed.

There are no restrictions on the use of treated wastewater for irrigation and on low pressure/low volume irrigation systems.

Many of the area's farmers and producers implement water conservation plans and have retrofitted their irrigation systems to increase efficiency and reduce total water use. Systems that have been certified by an independent irrigation laboratory within the past five years prior to the effective date of a water shortage order to be as efficient as practicable or are compliant with applicable water conservation best management practices are not restricted.

### Golf Courses & Recreational Uses:

Greens and tees may be watered any day but not between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. Watering of fairways, roughs, and non-play areas on the front nine holes of the course is allowed on odd-numbered days but is prohibited between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. Watering of fairways, roughs, and non-play areas

on the back nine holes of the course is on even-numbered days but is prohibited between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. Use of water for recreational purposes shall be reduced to the greatest extent practicable.

### Other Outdoor/Indoor Uses:

Car washing is limited to once per week on the designated watering day for the location. Fundraising and commercial car washes and the washing of emergency and other first responder vehicles are exempt. Outside pressure cleaning is restricted to only low-volume methods. Outside aesthetic uses of water is prohibited (fountains, for example). Inside aesthetic uses of water is prohibited. Washing or cleaning streets, driveways, sidewalks, or other impervious areas with water is prohibited except to meet federal, state, or local health or safety standards.

### Commercial/Industrial & Water Utilities:

Mining, manufacturing, processing plants, bottled water plants, and power companies must adhere to certain restrictions and are encouraged to reduce all non-essential uses of water. Water utilities must adhere to certain conservation measures.

To review the restrictions in their entirety, visit the water shortage page on the District's website at [www.mysuwanneeriver.com/watershortage](http://www.mysuwanneeriver.com/watershortage). A variance form to request relief from one or more of these regulations is also available on the website.

## Madison Chapter OES Installs New Officers



Photo Submitted

Pictured at the installation of new officers for the Order of the Eastern Star are: Front row, left to right - Elizabeth Sawin-Hewin, Marcia Sawin, Edith Terry, Jennifer Stanley, Bert Banks, Stacey Lundell, C.D. Agner, Jr., and Karen FerDon. Back row, left to right: Richard Terry, Elaine Terry, Helen Glen Bland, Tanya Terry, Homer Melgaard. Not pictured, Beth Ward, Judith Lundell, April Lundell and Nancy Banks.

By Emerald Greene  
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The Madison Chapter of the Eastern Star entertained visitors and members recently, and installed its new slate of officers for the ensuing 2012 year. The special event took place at the Masonic Lodge/Eastern Star building in downtown Madison.

The Order of the Eastern Star, Madison Chapter 109 officers for 2012 year include: Jennifer Stanley, Worthy Matron; Homer Melgaard, Worthy Patron; Marcia Sawin, Associate Matron; Richard Terry, Associate Patron; Edith Terry, Chaplain; April Lundell, Marshal; Tanya Terry, Conductress; Stacey Lundell, Associate Conductress; Beth Ward, Treasurer; Karen FerDon, Secretary; Judith Lundell, Adah; Helen Glen Bland, Ruth; Elaine

Terry, Esther; Elizabeth Sawin-Hewin, Martha; Nancy Banks, Electa; Bert Banks, Warder; C. D. Agner, Jr., Sentinel.

Following installation all guests, members and visitors enjoyed delicious refreshments downstairs.

The Madison Eastern Star is a service organization, a sister group of the Masons.

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

**Combass' To Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary**

**In honor of their fiftieth wedding anniversary Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie L. Combass and family request the pleasure of your copany at the reception on Saturday, the sixteenth of June, 2012, from 3 to 5 p.m. at Madison First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall Madison. Your presence is our gift. Renewal of vows at 3:30**

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## Conservative Corner

By Nelson A. Pryor, Lee, Florida

### APOLOGIZE AGAIN! AND AGAIN!

In politics, sometimes "oops" isn't good enough. Our President got caught once too often talking about the "Polish death camps."

**Called On The Carpet!**

The Polish Prime Minister said: "We always react in the same way when ignorance, lack of knowledge, bad intentions lead to such a distortion of history, so painful for us here in Poland, in a country which suffered like no other in Europe during World War II.... This is something that we cannot ignore." (Washington Post, 5/31/2012. p. 3a)

**Not Politically Correct**

For some time now, deliberate and milieus statements are used to slander the South. Or, even the Tea Party. But someone, somewhere, said No! Stop the slander! That somebody was Poland's Prime Minister, Donald Tusk.

**Full Apology in 1970**

That apology was given in Warsaw, by Chancellor Willy Brandt, of West Germany, on 12/7/1970. Kneeling before a memorial to Jews killed by Nazis in World War II, at the Warsaw Ghetto, he placed a wreath of forgiveness. The wreath was placed at the foot of the memorial between two flame-lit stone menorahs. The Chancellor had bowed his head slightly and then rose heavily. When he turned, the edge of his mouth trembled.

Mr. Brandt said: "We are standing at the beginning of a new understanding." Premier Jozef Cyrankiewicz of Poland, a former inmate of Auschwitz, the deadliest of the German extermination camps, spoke of West Germany as "having risen from the rubble of the Third Reich."

In a speech broadcast later to West Germany, Mr. Brandt said: "We did not have light hearts in deciding to do it (apologize). We are too much formed by memories and marked by destroyed hopes. But one must proceed from what exists. This also applies to the western frontier of Poland. Nobody forced us to this insight. We are adults. It involves proof of our maturity and the courage to recognize reality."

**Mea Culpa**

How many times, and in how many languages, does one have to say that one if sorry? Instead of acting on the negative, "I'm sorry," as a people, we should be spending our time building up pride.

**PRIDE**

Pride in ourselves, in our Country, and in our heritage! This continuing belittling of our heritage has got to go!

**Don't Give Up The Ship!**

This continuous effort to marginalize people by making them "sorry," reminds me of a sailor, of long ago. Capt. James Lawrence. He was the Capt., of the Chesapeake, which may be said to have begun the War of 1812. In a battle with the Shannon, he was twice wounded, the second time mortally, and being shot through the body, he was carried down the hatchway below. He told the sailors: "Never strike the flag of my ship!" This language has since been corrupted into: "Don't give up the ship."

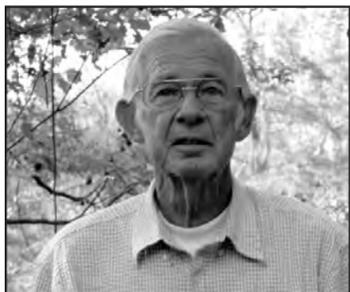
His is the attitude I carry for America! Apology! No! We've been defensive long enough. "Don't give up the ship!"

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# Around Madison County

## Obituaries

### Gulmar Jackson Blair



Gulmar Jackson Blair, 83, passed away at his home in Wauchula Friday, June 8, 2012. Buck, as known by his friends, was born in Hickory Grove, Florida to Ed and Mae Blair on July 23, 1928. He was a farmer in Madison County before being called into the Ministry where he served as a Methodist Minister for over 40 years. Buck enjoyed gardening and whatever Helen, his wife for 56 years, asked him to do. In his retirement years, he spent most of his time listening to the southern wind "whistle" through the tall pines. He loved sitting on the porch with his beloved grandchildren, watching the pine trees dance in the wind. Buck was preceded in death by his wife Helen in 2009. He is survived by his loving family, sisters, Leona Gay, Madison, Florida, and Mary Frances Cantrell, Pinetta, FL; children, Donna Blair-Hernandez (Larry), Rhonda Blair Schrenk (Mitch), Melinda Blair Luce (Jean), Michael Edwin Blair (Angela), and Karen Blair Gordon (Kendall); grandchildren, Kendall Gordon II (Jackie), Nicholas Gordon, George Mitchell Schrenk (Denise), Jamie Blair Gordon, Shea Michael Luce (Kristyne), Blair Sims (Matt), Randall Schrenk (Suzannah), Ryan Blair, Rowland Blair, and McKenzie Blair; and great grandchildren, Blaine Jackson Gordon and Marie D'Nae Sims; and a host of of nieces and nephews that adored their Uncle Buck.

Memorial Service for Rev. Blair will be 4 PM Sunday, June 24, 2012 at Hickory Grove United Methodist Church, Pinetta, FL, with Rev. James Howes officiating. Buck's final resting place will be in Hickory Grove.

### Lois Sheffield McCullough



Lois Sheffield McCullough, 82, of Valdosta, Ga., died on Thursday, June 7, 2012, at her home. Born and raised in Hamilton County on October 20, 1929, she was the daughter of the late Mitchell Monroe and Pearlie Johns Sheffield. Lois McCullough was the best loving Christian wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She loved flowers and was an avid gardener. Mrs. McCullough was a longtime member of Abundant Life Church of God, formerly Forrest Street Church of God.

Survivors include her husband, Raymond Franklin McCullough of Valdosta; sons, Terry M. (Marylyn) McCullough of Highlands Ranch, Col. and Anthony R. McCullough of Valdosta; daughter in law, Lara Browning; grandchildren, Jason F. (Heather) McCullough, Damon K. (Dawn) McCullough, Curtis (Jessie) McCullough, Matthew J. (Madelaine) McCullough, Jordan A. McCullough, Shannon McCullough, Shelby McCullough, Nicole Pendleton and Jessica Peterson; great grandchildren, Devon F. McCullough, Ian McCullough, Kayla A. McCullough, Nicholas C. East, Cameron J. Dillinger, Sophia McCullough, William McCullough, Sarah McCullough, Steven McCullough, Kelton McCullough, Scarlett K. McCullough, and Violette E. McCullough; sisters, Inez (Allen) Bryant of White Springs and Jeanette (Charles) Kirkland of Jacksonville, Florida; brother, Mitchell Sheffield of Hilliard, Kentucky. Mrs. McCullough was preceded in death by a son, Donald F. McCullough and a daughter in law, Mary E. McCullough.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, June 10, 2012 at 3 p.m. at Abundant Life Church of God. Reverend Wayne Hughes will officiate. Interment was at Oakridge Cemetery in Madison at 5 p.m. The family received friends prior to the service at the church on Sunday beginning at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Abundant Life Church of God, 3419 Knights Academy Road, Valdosta, GA 31605. Carson McLane Funeral is serving the family of Mrs. McCullough. Condolences may be conveyed online at [www.mclanecares.com](http://www.mclanecares.com).

### Leila Browning

Leila Browning left us June 10, 2012, just short of her 84th birthday. She was, to the last, a strong-minded individualist, living her life in the manner that most pleased her, while known for her generosity with family and friends. She mastered her favorite pastime - fishing - in the ponds at Lovett and the reaches of the Econfina River— even if not pulling in a big catch every trip. Known affectionately as "Noochie", her special talent was being the best at whatever she set her mind to; fishing, academics at Greenville High School and beyond, and her professional work as an accountant. She was legendary within the family as an exceptional card player, even in friendly games. Being the best is particularly true in her generosity and love for friends and family. Ever a strong support to her family - parents William Carlos (Los) and Emmett Dewey Browning of Lovett and brothers Carroll (Tib) Browning and W. H. (Dub) Browning of Jacksonville - she is survived by sisters Patty Olson and Marianne Green (Madison, FL); nieces Beth Tweddle (Centreville, VA), Dr. Eve Browning (Duluth, MN); Sheila Hartsfield (GA); nephews Ivan Browning (St. Augustine, FL), Bill Green (Washington, DC), and James Green (Raleigh, NC), 5 great-nieces, 9 great-nephews, and numerous friends in and around Madison, and across the country.

Her academic scholarship for teacher training at Florida State gave way to enlistment in the Women's Army Corps, where she served eight years. Her duty stations included Japan, and Washington DC. Leila earned her first accounting credentials from Strayer College, and later, a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Florida State University. In her career as an accountant, Leila helped expand a rewarding business for brother Tib Browning, and her clients usually included fishing outfitters across North Florida. Her work on her own farm left time to pursue the activities she loved - a good book, a friendly game of cards, a visit with friends. She leaves a legacy of consideration and kindness for all whose paths crossed hers, from the Lovett community to dedicated medical teams at Lake City Veterans Hospital.

Services at Concord Church, Saturday, June 16, 2012 at 10:30 a.m.

The family requests that condolences be expressed by contributions in support of our nation's military heroes; the Wounded Warrior Project, at [www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org) or to the USO at [www.uso.org](http://www.uso.org) or United Service Organizations P.O. Box 96322 Washington, DC 20090-6322.

Beggs Funeral Home, Madison Chapel, was in charge of arrangements.

### Harold Keith McConnell

Harold Keith McConnell, age 54, died June 12, 2012, in Madison. Born in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to Harold and Norma McConnell, he served in the Navy for 21 years and was a highly decorated veteran of both Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He also worked as a locksmith for 15 years and was well known in the community of Madison.

He is survived by his parents and two sisters, Kathy McConnell and Denise McConnell Riffe, and was preceded in death by one sister, Cynthia Kay Flack, one niece, Brenda Kay Flack, paternal grandparents Grady and Trubie McConnell, and maternal grandparents J.B. and Edith Shepherd.

A memorial service will be held at the Madison Church of God, pending final arrangements regarding cremation. His final resting place will be Green Lawn Cemetery in Chekotah, Oklahoma, where his ashes will be laid to rest; exact time and date also pending. Those who wish to attend either service and pay their respects may contact Norma McConnell at (229) 220-0403.

His family is requesting that, in lieu of flowers, please send a contribution to Big Bend Hospice of Madison, 225 SW Smith Street, Madison 32340.



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### **WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE ECONOMIC & PROPERTY DAMAGES SETTLEMENT?**

The Economic and Property Damages ("E&PD") Settlement Class includes people, businesses, and other entities in the states of Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi, and certain counties in Texas and Florida, that were harmed by the oil spill. The website [DeepwaterHorizonSettlements.com](http://DeepwaterHorizonSettlements.com) has detailed descriptions and maps to help you determine whether a geographic location may be included in the E&PD Settlement. Additionally, you can call 1-866-992-6174 or e-mail questions@[DeepwaterHorizonEconomicSettlement.com](mailto:DeepwaterHorizonEconomicSettlement.com) to find out if a geographic location is included.

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The deadline to submit most E&PD claims will be April 22, 2014 or six months after the E&PD Settlement becomes effective (that is, after the Court grants "final approval" and any appeals are resolved), whichever is later. There will be an earlier deadline to submit E&PD Seafood Compensation claims. The earlier deadline to submit Seafood Compensation claims will be 30 days after final approval of the Settlement by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana (regardless of appeals). Actual claim filing deadlines will be posted on the website as they become available. Valid claims will be paid as they are approved, beginning shortly after the Court-Supervised Settlement Program commences. It is highly recommended that E&PD Settlement Class Members complete and submit their claim forms promptly. Please read the Medical Benefits Settlement notice because you may also be eligible for benefits from that settlement.

### **YOUR OTHER OPTIONS**

If you do not want to be legally bound by the E&PD Settlement, you must Opt Out or exclude yourself by **October 1, 2012** or you won't be able to sue BP over certain economic and property damage claims. If you stay in the E&PD Settlement, you may object to it by **August 31, 2012**. The Detailed Notice explains how to exclude yourself or object.

The Court will hold a hearing on **November 8, 2012** to consider whether to approve the E&PD Settlement. You or your own lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own cost. The Court will also consider Class Counsel fees, costs, and expenses including an interim payment of \$75 million and additional awards equal to 6% of class claims and benefits paid. Class Counsel fees, costs and expenses under the Economic and Property Damages Settlement Agreement and the Medical Benefits Settlement Agreement jointly cannot exceed \$600 million. Class members' payments will not be reduced if the Court approves the payment of Class Counsel fees, costs, and expenses because BP will separately pay these attorney fees, costs, and expenses.

## *Medical Benefits Settlement*

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### **WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE MEDICAL BENEFITS SETTLEMENT?**

The Medical Class includes (1) clean-up workers and (2) certain people who resided in specific geographic areas in coastal and wetlands areas along the Gulf Coast during specific periods in 2010. The website [DeepwaterHorizonSettlements.com](http://DeepwaterHorizonSettlements.com) has detailed descriptions and maps to help you determine whether a geographic location may be included in one of these zones. Additionally, you can call 1-866-992-6174 or e-mail [info@DeepwaterHorizonMedicalSettlement.com](mailto:info@DeepwaterHorizonMedicalSettlement.com) to find out if a geographic location is included.

### **WHAT DOES THE MEDICAL BENEFITS SETTLEMENT PROVIDE?**

The benefits of the Medical Benefits Settlement include: (1) payments to qualifying people for certain acute (short-term) and chronic (ongoing) medical conditions occurring after exposure to oil or chemical dispersants; (2) provision of periodic medical examinations to qualifying people; and (3) creation of a Gulf Region Health Outreach Program, consisting of projects to strengthen the healthcare system. Benefits (1) and (2) will be provided only after the Court grants final approval and any appeals are resolved.

### **HOW TO GET BENEFITS FROM THE MEDICAL BENEFITS SETTLEMENT**

You need to submit a Claim Form to request benefits. You can get a copy of the Claim Form by visiting the website or by calling 1-866-992-6174. Claims can be

submitted by mail. If you have questions about how to file your claim, you should call the toll-free number for assistance.

The deadline for filing a Claim Form is one year after the Medical Benefits Settlement becomes effective (that is, after the Court grants "final approval" and any appeals are resolved). The exact date of the claim filing deadline will be posted on the website. It is highly recommended that Medical Class Members complete and submit their claim forms promptly. Please read the Economic and Property Damages Settlement notice because you may also be eligible for a payment from that settlement.

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The Court will hold a hearing on **November 8, 2012** to consider whether to approve the Medical Benefits Settlement. You or your own lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own cost. Class Counsel will ask the Court to consider an award of fees, costs, and expenses of 6% of the value of the benefits actually provided under the Medical Benefits Settlement Agreement. Class Counsel fees, costs, and expenses under the Medical Benefits Settlement Agreement and the Economic and Property Damages Settlement Agreement jointly cannot exceed \$600 million. Class members' payments will not be reduced if the Court approves the payment of Class Counsel fees, costs, and expenses because BP will separately pay these attorney fees, costs, and expenses.



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## Looking Back: Pinetta

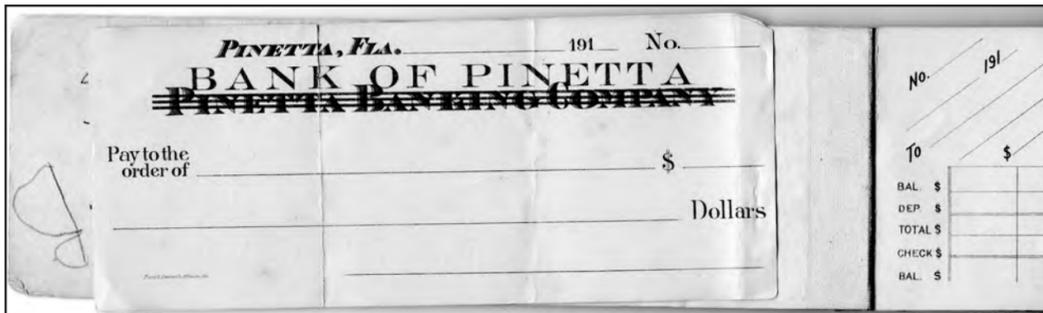


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By Kristin Finney  
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Pinetta, similar to Madison, has a long and colorful history. While many believe that the history of this small, but at one time, booming city will be forgotten as generations age, a few Pinetta residents decided to share their stories. Below is a collection of memories and anecdotes given by Harvey Keeling, Rodney Kemp and Joe Washington.

One of the biggest changes can be seen in the school system of Pinetta. Presently Pinetta Elementary School houses students through the fifth grade, at which time they begin attending Madison County Central School. However, there was a time when the Pinetta Junior High School, as it was known at the time, went through the eighth grade and even the tenth grade. And prior to that, Pinetta had a one-room school-house, known as Oak Hill School. Before the Civil Rights movement abolished segregation, there was also an African American church school on Captain Buie Road.

Another big change that has happened in Pinetta is the decrease in small businesses and industry. Currently there are very few small businesses in the city of Pinetta and other than agriculture there is not any industry. Back in the day, Pinetta was a booming city with thriving businesses and packed streets. There was a black smith shop, gas stations and two barber shops. That was, until a fire broke out in the 1920s or 30s and destroyed a lot of the stores downtown.

There was the Pinetta Bank, which went down during the depression, and a livery stable. There were also two doctors, Dr. Kinsey and then Dr. Bush. The com-



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Harvey Keeling, Rodney Kemp and Joe Washington recollect growing up in the Town of Pinetta.

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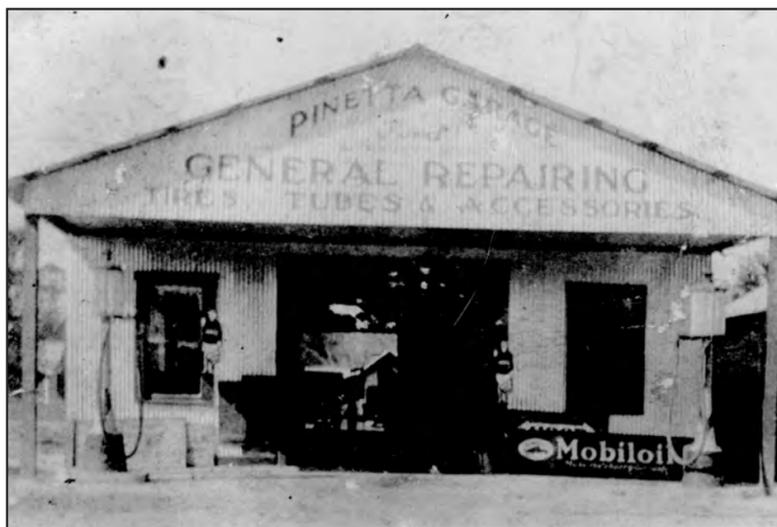


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Pinetta Garage in 1926.

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munity center was originally opened around the late 1950's. The Community Center was a fun place for Pinetta residents to hang out. They could go there to dance or skate. There were family reunions and parties held at the community center as well.

Right beside the community center was Mr. Ferrell's watch store. Kinsey Nursery was also open back then. Another big business in Pinetta was Pinetta Cabinet Shop, which was owned by

John Chamberlin. Pinetta Cabinet Shop was well known all over the country and shipped their products all over. They even did work for some celebrities. There was a turpentine mill and two old shotgun houses. There was a shingle mill in Pinetta that made wooden shingles used to build roofs.

J.T.'s store was open back then, which sold clothes, refrigerators and even had a meat market. Vernon Smith had a store that sold cookies for a penny a piece and cold drinks were a nickel. There was the R.M. Allen building, which housed a theatre, skating rink and even built coffins. The Allen building was also one of the only buildings in Pinetta to have an elevator. Across the bridge at the Georgia/Florida line was Mozell's liquor store and restaurant.

Many Pinetta residents relied on the larg-

er population in Valdosta to sell their products and for jobs as well. Pinetta residents would sometimes ride the Florida/Georgia Railroad, which had a depot where the fire station sits now. The passenger train went from Madison, where North Florida Paint and Body is today, to Valdosta. Residents with jobs in Georgia would ride the train to work. While some residents would ride horses and carriages hauling their goods to sell and trade in Valdosta. Back then people traded or sold eggs, sugar, cloth, anything that they could.

To some, Pinetta might simply be a small town with little to offer, but in reality Pinetta is an important piece of history for the county. Pinetta is a shining reminder of a time when Madison was a booming county filled with business and fun.

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# Turn Back Time

## Remembrance Of Things Past: Franklin Carroll

By Kristin Finney  
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Franklin Carroll is the oldest son of Lee and Mary Carroll. He has six sisters and one brother. Carroll's parents moved to Madison during the depression from West Florida in the 1930's and Franklin was born in 1937. So Carroll has literally spent his entire life in Madison County.

Carroll has lived in Greenville for 75 years. His family farmed and logged for a living when he was growing up. Carroll stated, "Greenville was a jumping and thriving little town back then. When I was little, we had everything you needed in Greenville." Some of his memories include Frank Andrews' General Store and a hotel. He also recalls that at Christmas time the grocery store in town would become a toy land almost overnight. They had a Suwannee Store and a fish market. W.A. Boothe owned the fish market. Lamar Andrews had a grocery store and Carroll remembered going by after school and getting a hotdog wrapped in wax paper, "It was very good," said Carroll, "You could get that and a Pepsi for 15 cents."

Greenville also had a clothing store, hardware stores and dry cleaners. He remembers Jim Brown having a garage and working on people's trucks and cars. There was a lumber company and Buddy Cruise's Saw Mill. There were three or four plywood mills, one of which is still there. Florida Plywood is still here and John Maultsby owns it. He remembers the Bank of Greenville being there. It survived the depression and was a thriving little bank.

Some of Carroll's other memories included having a movie theatre, The Roxie. That is where Carroll met his wife; she worked at the concession stand. "The movie theater was full every weekend and everyone had to wait to get in," said Carroll. Greenville also had a skating rink and Laney's 10 Cent Store. "Sidney McLeod had a filling station and a café Hwy 90 and 221 north. I remember loading up every Friday night and get a hamburger from there with my parents. Then on Saturday we would go to the theater," he recalled.

"We had a drug store where Dr. King had his office, and Dr. McLeod was across the



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Franklin Carroll has lived in Greenville for 75 years.

railroad. There were three schools back then (Greenville Training, Elementary and High School)," explained Carroll. "We didn't have TVs or telephones back then. The only way to find out what was going on was from the neighbors gathering together and talking. Another place we gathered was at the barber shop. You could get your haircut and find out everything that was going on. Back in those days the streets were full of people walking around. It was fun to just sit and park and people watch."

Some more memories of Carroll's include Mr. Kirkland's Saw Shop and Mr. Giles' welding shop. "Mr. Giles had a Model A truck and his slogan on the side of the truck was, 'We can fix anything but a broken heart, and we can weld anything but the break of day.' We also had an ice patch back then because we didn't have refrigerators. I also remember my mom had

a stick that she would use when she was doing laundry to stir the clothes and pick them up from the water. The name of the stick was a 'battling stick.'"

This may seem like a farfetched dream to the younger people in the county. "After I got out of high school was when all of the businesses started closing up and things started to decline. Back then we would help our neighbors and they would help us. Our streets and our towns are so dangerous now. It wasn't like that when I was growing up. We didn't lock our doors and we left our keys in our cars. If people don't start getting better morals and changing their ways we will keep sliding downhill," said Carroll.

Carroll spent a large portion of his life farming. After he got done farming, he drove a school bus for 30 years. He has been married to his wife, Louise, for almost 57 years.

They have five children, Frankie, Rhonda, who has passed away, Brenda, Glenda and Jamie, fifteen grandchildren and three great grandchildren. "I thank the Lord everyday for the blessings he has given me and my family.

Everybody knows we depend on the Lord. We lost one of our children in a car wreck and we have had some hard times, but the Lord has gotten us through it. All of our children are good kids and I think the Lord everyday that things are as good as they are."

## Way Back When

June 19, 1942

Watermelons are now going forward from the county in carload lots, the first car going last Thursday from Pinetta. Four cars were loaded at Pinetta last Thursday and Friday through the Sowega Association and loadings are being made this week at Lee, Pinetta, Hanson, Madison and Bailey Crossing. Prices are reported good.

A heavy wind and rain storm Sunday afternoon blew down a number of trees in town and other parts of the county. Some hail was also reported from it.

The large sawmill being put up by W.L. Sherrod on the Stoy land, just south of the Seaboard railroad is now nearing completion and will be operating by the end of the week, Mr. Sherrod stated Tuesday.

Miss Gussie White has received her commission as Postmaster at Pinetta.

June 15, 1962

The Greenville band came out fourth in the Future Farmers of America contest in Daytona Beach. The Bradenton string band placed first.

Miss Mary Jewell Touchton was graduated from Emory University Monday night. She will work with Spanish speaking students in Indiana and will enter medical school at Emory next fall.

Mrs. Mack Hadden and daughter Jan have returned from a several days' visit in Tallahassee with Mrs. Hadden's sister, Mrs. Evelyn Lines and daughters. They attended the graduation of Miss Jean Liles from Leon High School. Miss Lines will enter Wesleyan College July 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie English were called to Tampa Tuesday by the illness and death of Mrs. English's stepmother, Mrs. Leslie Warden.

June 16, 1972

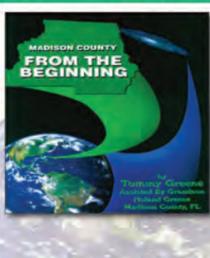
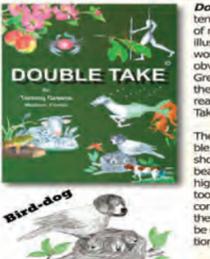
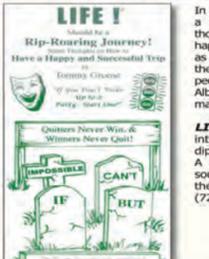
Mr. and Mrs. S.L. Brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Turner Davis and Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Sale returned Monday night from a delightful three weeks tour of interesting places in Europe.

Mrs. Buddy McWilliams, teacher of 5th grade at Madison Academy, entertained her class with an ice cream party at her home right after the Academy graduation on June 2.

Four Madison High School graduates, members of the Presbyterian Church, were presented with Bibles are other gifts from the church by the Rev. John Baldwin at the Sunday morning church services. They were Gene DuRant, Lamar Pittman, Dub Wyche and Miss Lisa Browning.

On Sunday, the Messer-Langford families and connections will have the annual reunion at the State Park. Family connections from a wide area will be attending.

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# Church

## Happenings

At Madison  
First Baptist Church

Submitted By Nell Dobbs  
Guest Columnist

A special thanks to Judy Phillips for coming through for me again by writing last week's "Happenings" in such a delightful way as always. Prayers of thanks for Preacher Jake and all of theirs. It was good seeing Mary Ellen Greene and Jean McWilliams sitting together in morning service. We still sorrow with both of them and their families and give thanks for their well-lived lives - theirs and Tommy's and Buddy's.

We give thanks for "Precious Memories" and, as Worship Choir touched us with their special, "We Will Remember," I'm sure all of us had many things to think about and remember. Solomon said, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of

thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thy shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." We give thanks that Katie Krell and Marshall Pike have done that and will be baptized on Father's Day.

Beautiful flowers were placed in church Sunday by Delores and Leon "Red" Swift in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary on Friday, June 15. Earnest prayers for them, for him, for their family!

Tomorrow, Saturday, June 16, from 3-5 p.m., an invitation is extended to share the Golden Anniversary celebration of Preacher Ronnie and Gwen Combass in the church fellowship hall. Renewal of their vows is at 3:30.

Preacher Gabe's

message was fitting - "The Power of Love" from Matthew 22:34-40 about the Resurrection and that God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.

Billy Washington's offertory prayer was in earnest as he especially prayed our church would reach out to all. At the close of the service, Preacher asked Kara and her family to come forward and all of us who will pray for her and her team as they go to Mexico!

We pray comfort for the many who have lost loved ones - for Billy Rutherford and family in the death of his mother's brother, Richard Jackson Brown of Lake City. I knew him as the brother of Rosa, of Julia (Kelley) in our Dorcas Sunday School class, of Margaret. They were a close, loving family.

Pray for many ill ones. Pam (Ferrell) Cantrell, who has had serious surgery in Macon, Ga.; for all prayers for Bobby Gwin (Sara Dene's husband) in Mobile, Ala., seriously ill with heart, now better with a defibrillator on Monday and expected to go home on Tuesday; Frances Sanders, Rudy Hamrick (who was 90 on June 14, also my Nita's birthday, 42nd on Flag Day) and all others.

Our prayer is to stop and give God praise for great is His faithfulness and His compassions, they fail not!  
Amen!

## St. Vincent de Paul Holding Fundraiser

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church will be hosting a fundraiser for the construction of a handicap ramp at our church. The event will take place on the Madison Courthouse lawn on Friday, June 22, starting at 10:00 a.m.-until. We would like to invite our

Christian Community to help make this endeavor a success.

The Knights of Columbus will be cooking their delicious grilled chicken leg quarters, baked beans, coleslaw, roll, dessert, and tea. The price will be \$6.00. Take out or eat in.



## The Suwannee River Jubilee To Be Held This Weekend

By Bryant Thigpen  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The Suwannee River Jubilee, one of North Florida's oldest music festivals is going on this weekend at the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park in Live Oak. The event began on Thursday evening, June 14, and will end on Saturday, June 16, with each night beginning at 7:30 p.m. The three-day event features some of today's best acts in Christian music including host group, the Dixie Echoes.

Thursday night's lineup featured Dailey and Vincent and the Dixie Echoes. The Dixie Echoes and the world famous Chuck Wagon Gang will be on stage for Friday night's concert. Saturday night's talent will feature the host group, the Dixie Echoes, along with the legendary Dixie Melody Boys and the Nelons.

According to their website, "The Chuck Wagon Gang has entered its 75th year of singing the old songs, and singing them the way 'Dad Carter' taught his kids. A simple style, yet distinctive sound, is credited with helping preserve the legacy of the music so many love. While time has brought much in the way progress and development in our time, the Chuck Wagon Gang has continued to strum and sing its way into the history books as being the oldest recording mixed quartet that has continuously recorded what has come to be known as 'grass roots' Gospel music. Over the years, the group has managed to record well over 800 songs, and sell 40 million records worldwide. Much of those songs and records were recorded with Columbia records, now Sony Music. Many of the songs recorded in 1936, the group's first year, are still being sung in concerts across America today."

The Dixie Melody Boys began in 1961 and have become a legendary name in Gospel Music. They have achieved tremendous success over



Dixie Echoes



Nelons

the years with over 20 top 40 hits, eight top 10 hits and several number one hits. Their songs such as Antioch Church Choir, He Came Back, Cross To The Other Side Of Jordan and have become classics in Gospel music. They have been nominated for countless Singing News awards, Southern Gospel's premier fan voted award, and have been nominated multiple times for a Grammy award. Over the years they have made numerous television appearances such as the Gaither Homecoming series, the Ralph Emery Show and many others. Given the name "the Ed O'Neal University", the Dixie Melody Boys have given many of Gospel music's leading names their start including Ernie Haase, McCray Dove, Rodney Griffin, Harold Reed, Devin McGlamery, Derrick Selph, Tony Brown and many others.

A group that was stemmed from the legendary Lefevres and passed down by Rex Nelon, is still going strong after three decades of ministry. To carry on the vision of

the Nelons is original group member, Kelly Nelon Clark, her husband Jason, and their Daughter, Amber. According to their website, "With numerable awards and accolades including three Grammy Nominations, Six Dove Awards and many songs that have soared to the top of the national radio charts, this family trio continues to produce innovative music that embraces their traditional roots, while simultaneously reaching beyond various musical boundaries with an emphasis on introducing songs for the church. All the while bridging the generational gap of music lovers with incomparable harmonies and great songs. The Nelons continue a heavy touring schedule consisting of more than 150 concerts annually that takes their brand of Christian music around the world, recently just finishing a very successful Scandinavian Tour. They are regulars on the famed Gaither Gospel Series."

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## Ammodump Is Busier Than Ever

By Lynette Norris  
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Sitting beside the highway, beneath a stand of pine trees, just a stone's throw north of the caution light at Harvey Greene Drive on SR 53, is Ammodump International, LLC., at 1556 S. SR 53. A banner showing the silhouette of an AR-15 hangs in front of the small, unassuming wooden building with the dark green trim.

This little building houses the thriving business that George Pouliotte has run in that location for the last 12 years – since 2000.

Featured in the paper last summer as one of Madison's home-owned businesses, Pouliotte was busy customizing and building firearms, especially the AR-15 (his specialty) for his customers: the mili-



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**"The Few, the Proud, the Marines."** Former Marine George Pouliotte stands in front of the U.S. Marine Corp Banner hanging in his shop.

tary, police departments, sheriff's offices and SWAT teams all over the country. He has done business with almost every sheriff's office and police department in the state of Florida, including Madison, custom assembling the weapons

with the components his customers want, matching the various parts together so precisely that the finished weapon seems to be made all in one piece. There is no movement or "give" between the components. The result is one solidly-

built weapon for his customer.

"I stay busy," said Pouliotte, of himself and his business at that time.

Today, not much has changed, except one thing: he's busier than ever, especially with the AR-15's and other military-type firearms for his customers, and he is working longer hours.

"People are buying military firearms," like the AR-15 and others, he said. "Right now, I can't purchase enough firearms to replace what we sell."

It's not that there is any restriction on how many firearms he can purchase in a given period of time; the firearms just aren't available due to the surge in demand.

Even the really big companies that manufacture them are having trouble keeping up with the demand. About six weeks ago, he received an email from Ruger informing him that they were not taking any more new orders for firearms until they could catch up with the ones they already had, and they were working 24/7 in order to do so.

The next day, he received a similarly worded email from Smith & Wesson.

For the last three months or so, he estimates, there has been a run on the military-type firearms as people hurry to stock up. Fear of crime is part of that, and these are the type of weapons people want for protection. However, the biggest reason for the rush is that they are afraid that they will no longer be allowed to purchase such weapons should President Obama win a second term in office.

Florida, with its "castle doctrine," allowing people to use firearms to defend their homes from intruders, has some of the most lenient gun laws in the country. Texas is right up there with Florida, having passed similar castle doctrine legislation soon after Florida (Vermont is another

fairly lenient gun law state). After many a busy week taking care of customers at Ammodump, Pouliotte and his wife, Linda, spend most of their weekends traveling to gun shows all over Florida and Texas.

Their latest trip was to a gun show in Miami. They left Madison Thursday evening, drove to Miami, and returned to Madison at 2:30 in the morning. They still had to unload the trailer and put everything put back in order. Then, they just parked the RV next to the Ammodump building and slept there until time to open up shop at 9 a.m.

Ammodump also carries few traditional firearms, but they are very slow, slow-moving items, said Pouliotte. Unless they are the tactical-type shotguns and rifles like police departments use, people just aren't that interested.

As for firearm accessories, one specialty item he now offers are suppressors for .45 and .22 caliber weapons that cut down on about 80 percent of the gunshot noise; with these, people can fire the weapons without having to use ear protection. The tube-like suppressors consist of three pieces, one fitting inside the other with an end piece, machined right there on the premises. "All made by us," said Pouliotte. "Our very own design."

Pouliotte's expertise in building, rebuilding, machining and repairing firearms goes back to his preteen years in Waterville, Maine, where it was common for people to be around guns from a very early age. When an older cousin brought back a mangled, seemingly unusable Sten machine gun from the Korean War, young Pouliotte had soon repaired it and had it back it working order, using part of a tailpipe from a Packard automobile.

After graduating from high school at 16, he joined the Marines at 17 and served in Viet-



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**Pouliotte displays one of the suppressors he designed and made right on the premises. He makes suppressors for .45 and .22 caliber weapons.**

nam for four years. After his tour in the military, he worked for Pratt & Whitney in Connecticut, building engines, while finishing up his schooling at Yale.

He came to Florida to escape the brutally cold winters in Maine, having gotten a taste of Florida's 73-degree weather in mid-February on a horse-buying trip with a neighbor when he was 13. Back home in Maine, he recalls, it was 12 below at the time.

He has now been building the AR-15 and other firearms for over 30 years, and offers his customers experience and expertise from a lifetime of knowing firearms from the inside out. Those who wish to buy one of his customized firearms either from his Madison location or at any of the gun shows he travels to, must have filled out a form 4473 with FLDE, passed a background check, and have any other pertinent documents required.

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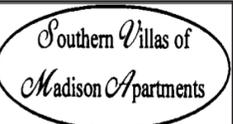
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA.

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CASE NO.: 2012-02-CP

**DAVID GILBERT,**  
Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the administration of the estate of **DAVID GILBERT**, deceased, whose date of death was April 16, 2010, and whose Social Security Number was \*\*\*-\*\*-3185, as pending in the Circuit Court for Madison County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Madison County Courthouse, Probate Division, 125 SW Range Avenue, #106, Madison, Florida 32340. The name and address of the Personal Representative is set forth below.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claim before the Court **WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.**

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The dates of publication of this notice are June 15 and June 22.  
The name and address of the Personal Representative is as follows:

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The attorney representing the estate and Personal Representative address is:

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