

Flood-Related Issues Dominate County Commission Meeting

By Lynette Norris
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Most of the County Commissioner's March 6 meeting dealt with the flood situation, either directly or indirectly, as various county employees and constitutional officers reported on the last few days.

Sheriff Ben Stewart told the board that his department now had four deputies certified as divers. The four went through a program of very intense training in every aspect of diving except cave diving, and could now be deployed to recover bodies from the water.

As an example of how important this was, Stewart referenced the tragic double drowning last year of a grandfather and grandson who died while swimming in a homemade pond on their property. When it came time to retrieve the bodies, there was only one diver available; diving alone in any circumstances is a dangerous proposition, but there was no choice at the time. One diver went in alone, using his own personal equipment, and managed to bring out the grandfather and the young grandson. Now with four deputies, there will be safety in numbers in future dive operations.

Currently, the four are out on river crews, patrolling flooded areas.

Capt. David Harper of the MCSO gave the commissioners a run-down on the last few days, beginning with the Wednesday before the flood, when they were able to pull up addresses from the 2009 flood and go door-to-door forewarning people of what was to come, and leaving a flyer if no one was home. The good news was that many of the residents remembered the flood of 2009 and voluntarily headed for higher ground; however, it wasn't a mandatory evacuation, so a few had stayed. The boat teams were keeping check on about seven or eight individuals who were still in their homes but unharmed, making sure they stayed safe. They had rescued a couple of residents and four animals from one house that was threatened by rising water and also rescued a hiker on the Hamilton side of the river, who had been caught by the rising water and was trapped in his tent. Madison crews already had boats in the water and were able to locate him by pinging off his cell phone.



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Sheriff Ben Stewart and Capt. David Harper present updates of the flood situation to the County Commissioners.

Sunday night, they arrested two people for trespassing beyond the barricades and found burglary tools in their car.

Stewart emphasized that his teams were not out there just to arrest people, but added that they "would not tolerate vigilante types going around barricades." The MCSO, he added, owed it to the people who had voluntarily evacuated to keep their homes and property safe while they were gone. If anyone needed to get back to their homes for any reason, they needed to contact the sheriff's office and make arrangements. Otherwise, anyone found beyond the barricades, who wasn't supposed to be there, would be stopped and questioned. For a current list of barricaded roads, check the MCSO Facebook page.

Monday, the sheriff's office had to respond to an active meth lab, an example of how they were still continuing day-to-day operations while managing flood response. With much more equipment and experience than they had in the 2009 flood, "We've been able to handle it with our own resources and I'm proud of that," said Stewart.

Lonnie Thigpen, Director of the Madison County Road Department, presented a prioritized list of non-flood-related road repairs that might be eligible for grant money from DOT, and also had words of praise for the sheriff's office for handling everything connected with the flood so well.

"Our (road) problems will start about two weeks after the floodwaters go away," he said.

Tom Cisco, Director of Emergency Management, has collected data on which roads were effected by each level of floodwater, so that in the future he would know which roads needed to be closed based on projected flood levels. He also said that as many as a hundred properties might be damaged, but they wouldn't know for sure until they could actually get to the properties and see what kind of damage, what might qualify for FEMA, and so forth.

The Commissioners also voted to extend the declared state of emergency for another seven days; the flood levels so far are the third highest on record for Madison County, after the floods of 2009 and 1948.

Two ARRESTED ON METH, THEFT CHARGES

Madison County Sheriff Ben Stewart reports that, in the midst of dealing with the flooding river issues, the Sheriff's Office received a 911 call from a resident that came home to discover her home being burglarized and the perpetrators rapidly driving off.



Brandy Lynn Placzkowski

The incident occurred on Monday, March 4, at 1 p.m. The residence was located not far from the floodwaters on Lamb's Ear Drive. The owner provided a detailed description of the vehicle fleeing the area and Sheriff Stewart located the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop on Old Blue Springs Road. Corporal Mike Maurice soon arrived at



David Edwin Blackman

the traffic stop and an investigation determined that the two occupants had burglarized the residence and had been

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Hiker Rescued From Floodwaters On River

Madison County Sheriff Ben Stewart reports that on Tuesday, March 5, at approximately 10:58 a.m., the Sheriff's Office Communications Center was transferred a 911 call from Suwannee County from an individual advising he was trapped/stranded in the river. The individual was unsure of his location other than he believed he was somewhere between the Withlacoochee and Suwannee Rivers. The individual further advised that he had been hiking the Florida Trail and been trapped by the rising waters since the night before.

The Sheriff's Office Communications Center utilized cell phone technology to track the location of the cellular signal to

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Sheriff's Office Answers Questions About Recent Arrest

Madison County Sheriff Ben Stewart is taking the opportunity to respond to a recent case that has generated numerous inquiries. On Sunday night March 3, 2013 at 10:19 p.m., David Cliff Richardson and Heather Elaine Webb were arrested and charged with Loitering or Prowling and Possession of Burglary Tools. The facts of this case are as follows:

On March 3, the Madison County Road Department and Sheriff's Office located barricades at River Park Road and River Timber Loop. The public boat ramp on River Park Road was still accessible, however just around the bend the rising water was rushing across River Park Road (This being the same location of a tragic loss of life as a result of drowning during the



Ben Stewart

Simultaneously, the Madison County Sheriff's Office was in the process of launching a second boat for Security Patrol and Rescue responses. Deputies were stationed at the barricades to prevent motorist from driving down

flood in 2009). Deputies had just completed rescuing two men and four animals by airboat that were visiting from South Florida and got trapped by the flood on River Ridge Road just south of the boat ramp.

to the boat ramp and the water rushing across the road. At approximately 12 P.M. David Cliff Richardson drove up to the barricades in a 2005 White Chevy Trail Blazer co-registered to Heather Elaine Webb. Webb was a passenger in the Trail Blazer. Deputies informed Richardson that the road was closed and no access was allowed. Richardson told the Deputies that he would turn around, instead he continued to drive down pass the boat ramp and around to the water crossing the road. Another Deputy in an unmarked Sheriff's Office truck left the boat ramp to make contact with Richardson. When the Deputy located Richardson he was turning around at the water.

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Four From Greenville Enter Pleas In Drug Trafficking Case

In May 2011 the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), Madison County Sheriff's Office Drug Task Force, and the Taylor County Sheriff's Office Drug Task Force began a joint investigation into a marijuana trafficking organization based in Madison and Taylor Counties.

Information obtained over time by the Madison and Taylor County Sheriff's Office's indicated large quantities of marijuana were being received by a group of family members residing in Greenville, and sold for distribution to numerous people, primarily in Taylor County.

Exhaustive efforts from all agencies involved using surveillance, controlled buys, search warrants, etc. led to federal indictments in the Northern District of Florida and state charges on four individuals who are residents of Madison County, nine individuals who are residents of Taylor County, and one individual who is a resident in Duval County. The investigation also resulted in federal charges being sought against multiple other individuals involved in the Marijuana trafficking conspiracy in the Middle District of Florida.

Of those charged locally, 10 have entered guilty pleas, including:

Gregory Thompson, Greenville, who pled guilty to Conspiracy to Distribute Over 1000 kilograms of Marijuana in February, 2013 before U. S District Judge Mark Walker. Michelle Thompson, Greenville, who pled guilty to Conspiracy to Distribute Over 1000 kilograms of Marijuana in February, 2013 before U. S District Judge Mark Walker. Robelia Thompson, Greenville, who pled guilty to Conspiracy to Distribute Over 1000 kilograms of Marijuana in February, 2013 before U. S District Judge Mark Walker. Jayson Messer, Greenville FL., who pled guilty to Conspiracy to Distribute Less Than 50 kilograms of Marijuana in February, 2013 before U. S District Judge Mark Walker. Steven Mink, Perry, who pled guilty to Conspiracy to Distribute Over 100 kilograms of Marijuana in February, 2013 before U. S District Judge Mark Walker. James Kinsey, Perry, who pled guilty to Conspiracy to Distribute Over 100 kilograms of Marijuana in January, 2013 before U. S District Judge Robert Hinkle. Troy Gunter, Perry, who pled guilty to Conspiracy to Distribute Less Than 50 kilograms of Marijuana,

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Fri 3/8	66/38		Sat 3/9	71/43		Sun 3/10	73/48		Mon 3/11	78/56	
Sunshine. High 66F. Winds NNW at 5 to 10 mph.			Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 40s.			Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 40s.			Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 50s.		

Viewpoints & Opinions

Madison County Extension Service

Diann Douglas
Guest Columnist



Eat Right, Your Way, Every Day

March is National Nutrition Month, an observation launched in 1973 to bring attention of the American public the impact good nutrition has on our health and well-being. This year is no exception. To celebrate the 40th anniversary, the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (formally the American Dietetic Association) has adopted the theme, "Eat Right, Your Way, Every Day." UF/IFAS Extension Service has always been a part of the educational effort for National Nutrition Month.

Nutrition doesn't have to be a one-size-fits-all, just like eating for health doesn't have to be restrictive and boring. According to the Academy, we need to acknowledge that lifestyles, cultural and ethnic traditions and health concerns all influence what we like to eat.

Here are a few ideas to **Eat Right, Your Way, Every Day:**

Personalize your eating style: The easiest way to get the nutrients your body needs is to eat healthy foods you enjoy. Finding foods that please your palette makes eating healthfully special and exciting.

Eat for your lifestyle: Whether you or family members are a vegetarian, diabetic, or perhaps feeding an athlete, lifestyles all have special nutritional needs, but eating right can be easy and tasty with attention to those foods that best help get you through the day.

Incorporate cultural and ethnic traditions: Foods from around

the globe often incorporate an abundance of unique, flavorful and nourishing ingredients. Keep traditions alive and bring the world to your family's table.

Keep health concerns in mind: A healthful eating plan can help prevent and treat a variety of health concerns. With modification and moderation, you can still enjoy many of your favorite foods while meeting your nutritional needs and health goals.

Make MyPlate your plate: Fill half of your plate with your favorite fruits and vegetables; keep protein portions lean and about three ounces; make at least half of your grain choices whole grain; and be sure to include low-fat or fat-free dairy or non-dairy alternatives. For more health and nutrition information from MyPlate, visit www.chooseMyPlate.gov. In addition to tips and recipes, there is Supertracker, a tool to help you plan and record daily food intake and physical activity.

Locally, a special program, Eat Right, Your Way, Every Day will be held on March 27th at 10:00 a.m. at the Madison County Extension Service. Participants will learn to change ingredients in recipes, eat in moderation and use preparation techniques for healthier eating. To register, contact the Madison County Extension Service at 973-4138.

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Jacob's Ladder

Jacob Bemby
Columnist



Crown Or Jester's Hat?

I wear a crown upon my head, or at least I think it's a crown. It is the crown of self. A closer look in the mirror reveals that I am instead wearing a jester's hat.

The crown of self takes me to lands where angels fear to tread; yet, my feet have traversed these dangerous lands time and time again. I may think my deeds are brave and that I am grand, but the world stands by in the grandstands pointing and jeering.

The land of foibles and follies my feet trod on include puffed up estimates of my own worth; trips to the

land of Pity, where I party with the Mullygrubs; and the jangle of jingles in my joints, where I moan of aches and pains.

All through these things, I put self ahead of others, especially the only one who ever wore a crown that really mattered and that was the Crown of Thorns that Jesus wore.

I need to lay down my crown (or my jester's hat) and walk hand in hand with the Lord until the day that He puts a real crown on my head. I know that I will not be able to live up to this until that day but that doesn't mean that I cannot try.

Madison County...

Jail Report



- 2/28 Francisco Jesus Reveron - Drug/Marijuana, No Driver's License, Attaching a Tag Not Assigned.
- Rysharde Smith Thompson - Violation of Probation (County)
- 3/1 Cedrick Leonard Gee - Probation Violation
- Angus Clayborne Davenport - Serving Weekends (#5 of 5)
- 3/2 Angelo Kontrell Davis - Contraband, Disorderly Intoxication, Possession of Marijuana (Less than 20 Grams)
- Mike Anthony Gordie - Possession of Controlled Substance (Meth)
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- 3/4 Heather Elaine Webb - Possession of Burglary Tools, Loitering/Prowling
- David Cliff Richardson - Possession of Burglary Tools, Loitering/Prowling
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- Brandy Lynn Placzkowski - Burglary of a Residence, Felony Theft and Other Charges, Trafficking Meth, Manufacturing Meth
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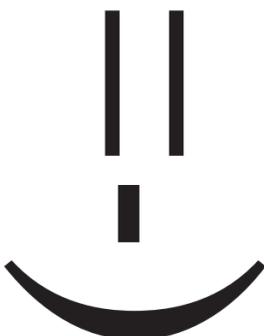
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assist rescue personnel with a most accurate location. The Sheriff's Office Dive Team was already on "River Patrol" in the Sheriff's Office patrol vessel and accompanied by FWC and their vessel. The river patrol units headed to the area in attempt to locate the individual.

At approximately 12:02 p.m., the river patrol units heard shouts for help but could not locate the subject due to the area being a heavily flooded wooded area. Eventually, the river patrol units located the subject but could not get to him due to the wooded area and debris. The river patrol unit obtained a canoe from the State Park to navigate through the wooded area to complete the rescue.

The subject was identified as Steven Eller, 29, of West Palm Beach. He was treated on scene by Suwannee County EMS and transported to Shands of Live Oak.

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Richardson left the area.

Due to the rising water all vehicles had to be moved from the boat ramp back to the barricades at River Timber Loop and a second set of barricades were set up at River Park Road and Juniper Drive.

A few hours later the MCSO patrol boat located Richardson, Webb and another male subject at a residence they had accessed by boat. Again they were instructed to leave the flood area without incident.

On this same date but now 10:19 p.m., David Cliff Richardson and Heather Elaine Webb returned to the barricades located at River Park Road driving the same white Chevrolet blazer, stopped briefly, backed up and then drove over the barricade pushing it out of place and breaking the Sheriff's Office "DO NOT CROSS" tape. A deputy was located at the intersection of Juniper and River Park Road witnessing the actions of Webb and Richardson and immediately activated emergency lights and conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle.

Richardson immediately exited the passenger side of the vehicle and started approaching the Deputy before being ordered to stop. Richardson repeatedly refused to follow the directions of the officer and was secured in hand restraints while the deputy spoke with the driver. The driver, Heather Webb, advised that she was following Richardson's direction to drive through the barricades. Richardson made several statements of discrepancy regarding three different properties he owned that he wanted to check and then changing his story to knowing that he could not get to his properties because they were under water to finally stating that he just wanted to look at the water.

Both occupants were arrested and charged with loitering or prowling. Incident to arrest, a vehicle inventory discovered bolt cutters, wire cutters, claw hammer and gloves conveniently located and obviously placed in an orderly fashion just inside the back hatch of the Chevrolet blazer next to a cooler of alcoholic beverage. There was also an open container of alcoholic beverage inside the vehicle.

Additional charges of possession of burglary tools were added to both occupants. Sheriff Stewart explains that prior to this specific incident, there was ample opportunity for these defendants to communicate and coordinate with Sheriff's Office personnel their concerns and/or assistance. However they chose a vigilante approach, which warranted consequences.

Sheriff Stewart further explains that it is the duty and authority of his Office to protect and serve the many citizens that have been forced to evacuate the flooded area and leave their valuables behind. The Sheriff's Office will continue to do their duties and responsibilities and enforce the law regarding trespassing, loitering or prowling and burglary. There are 20 road closures spanning from North of Bellville on the Withlacoochee River to South of Boundary Bend on the Suwannee River. The Sheriff's Office is utilizing every resource to promote safety and compliance. The barricades are in place for a purpose and for those that choose to violate the law there will be consequences.

Sheriff Stewart greatly appreciates the cooperation of the many citizens affected by the flood during this crisis and encourages everyone to exercise caution while the river is at flood level and to contact the Sheriff's Office with any questions or concerns.

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and Distribution of Marijuana, in January, 2013 before U. S. District Judge Robert Hinkle. Jamie Gunter, Perry, who pled guilty to Conspiracy to Distribute Less Than 50 kilograms of Marijuana, and Distribution of Marijuana, in January, 2013 before U. S. District Judge Robert Hinkle. Charles Williams, Perry, who pled guilty to Sale of Cannabis, Possession +20 grams

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staying there for several days. Other officers at the scene further determined that the two subjects had been cooking meth while staying at the residence.

The Sheriff's Office Drug Task Force arrived on scene and conducted the drug investigation and field-tested the substance that tested positive for methamphetamine. Investigators from Hamilton and Taylor Counties assisted with the identification and dismantling of the "meth" cook. SWS Environmental from Jacksonville was con-

tacted by DEA as a contractor to perform the lab clean up and removal. Evidence that was collected includes meth oil, scales, paraphernalia as well as video and pictures. The samples will be sent to FDLE lab for further weights and chemistries.

The subjects, David Edwin Blackman, 24, of Valdosta, and Brandy Lynn Placzkowski, 20, of Madison, were identified and charged with burglary, theft, trafficking methamphetamine and manufacturing methamphetamine.



— You Won't Want to Miss Our Upcoming Services! —

✠ MARCH 10th • 10 a.m. Janice and LeRoy "Mack" McNeas

LeRoy became incredibly successful as a Bluegrass guitarist and played with everyone from Jerry Garcia and the Grateful Dead, Charlie Daniels, Vince Gill, John Denver, and even old Andy Griffith. His rising fame and success started tearing him down but his wife Janice, who happens to be a Messianic Jew (who has an amazing story of her own of how she found Jesus to be the true Messiah), prayed and encouraged him back to reality in Christ. Today he serves the Lord with passion and one of his sons is a pastor at Element 3, (a local Tallahassee church).



Janice & LeRoy "Mack" McNeas

Special Easter Sunday Events

✠ MARCH 31st • 10 a.m. Worship Service Walter Santos

Walter Santos is a percussionist from Bronx, NY who has played music and traveled worldwide with so many big name bands I can't list them all here. He is an unbelievable singer and performer and mixes his sermon in with his music. There is no question that he will have you feeling good, loving life and most of all praising our Savior before you go home that very special day of worship. He will also perform at the Gospel Sunday Brunch prior to the Easter egg hunt for the kids.



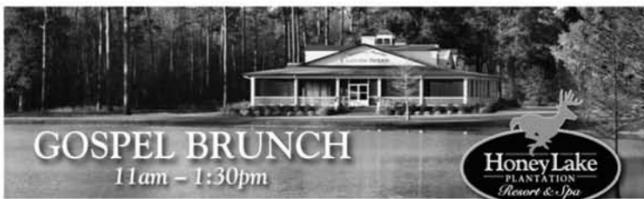
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of Cannabis in October 2012 in the 3rd Circuit Court of the State of Florida. Donald Parker, Perry, FL., who pled guilty to Possession +20 grams of Cannabis, Possession of Cannabis With Intent to Sell in November 2012 in the 3rd Circuit Court of the State of Florida.

In the investigation there were five search warrants executed in Taylor County and 1 search warrant executed in Madison County. In the investigation law enforcement seized over \$180,000.00 in cash, 14 vehicles, two trailers, three pieces of equipment, 23 firearms, and approximately 130 pounds of marijuana. In addition, law enforcement is seeking forfeiture on 15 pieces of real property.

Scott And Kaiser To Wed



Annie Scott and Harry Kaiser announce their forthcoming wedding on March 23, 2013 at 2:00 pm.

The ceremony will be held at the United Methodist Ministries cooperative council building located on Colin Kelly Hwy! Some invitations have been mailed but friends and family are more than welcome to attend!

Conservative Corner

By Claudia Anderson, Vice President
Republican Club of Madison County

BEGINNING OF THE END

Last week, a group met to watch a DVD "Beginning Of The End - 1948". My first thoughts decided that it had to be about Israel. However, for almost an hour, Israel was not mentioned. Instead, point after point was made that seems to show that year, 1948, as the beginning of the downward trend of moral, spiritual and political decay of this country we love, our God inspired, God blessed republic, the United States of America.

At the top of this list of events and developments that appear to have combined to create an end result of decline is - the birth of the United Nations.

UNITED NATIONS THE BEGINNING -
AGENDA 21 THE END?

Now in 2013 we have virtually ALL of our counties and local governments paying OUR tax money as dues to non-governmental organizations (NGO's) with non-elected leadership and ties to Agenda 21, advising OUR elected officials on ways to manage the how, when, where, why, etc. of the use of OUR own private property, water, public lands, etc. Did you know that right at 47% of all Florida land is now out of private ownership and off the tax rolls? The Florida Forever scheme has just received another huge sum of OUR tax money from OUR state government to take even more properties from private ownership. That means more taxes for those of us who still have private property - that is, until they decide to take our land, too. And—much of our public land is already under the control of — THE UNITED NATIONS.

The United Nations Agenda for the 21st century - Agenda 21, sustainability, global warming (this must have God laughing) and among others - gun control (Quote: "This year will go down in history. For the first time, a civilized nation has full gun registration. Our streets will be safer, our police more efficient, and the world will follow our lead into the future!" ~Adolph Hitler, 1935, on The Weapons Act

of Nazi Germany). WAKE UP SHEEPLE! Is our UN future becoming the present?

PROPERTY RIGHTS BILL

Alabama passed a bill last year, protecting individual property rights. Florida has the potential to do the same IF we speak up in support. Please call Florida Senator Bill Monford (850-487-5003) and Representative Halsey Beshears (850-274-1084). Ask them to co-sponsor and support SB 584 and HB 901 dealing with protection of Private Property Rights. SPEAK and WRITE - Join the fight!

NATION'S TOP EXPERT ON PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS TO SPEAK IN PERRY

Dr. Michael Coffman (last week's article) will be speaking in Perry on Thursday, March 21, 2013 at the Perry Woman's Club for what is expected to be an overflow crowd. Event starts at 6:00 PM, early arrival suggested. Dr. Coffman is currently President of Environmental Perspectives, Inc. (EPI) and CEO of Sovereignty International Inc. a 501(c)3. He provides professional guidance and training in defining environmental problems and conflicts, and developing solutions to specific issues as well as the hidden dangers of international treaties and agreements that threaten our Constitutional protections, especially property rights. Speak and write - JOIN the FIGHT!

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Obituaries

Geneva Freeman Johnson



Geneva Freeman Johnson, 63, of Monticello passed unexpectedly at home on Sunday, March 3, 2013. Her funeral is 3 p.m. Saturday, March 9, 2013, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Monticello Congregation with burial at Bolen Community Cemetery. Viewing-visitiation is Friday 3-7 p.m. at TILLMAN OF MONTICELLO 850-997-5553.

A native of Madison, Mrs. Johnson was devoted to her faith and had been a witness for many years. She was a retired receptionist and enjoyed sewing for her leisure. Survivors include her husband, John Frank Johnson; daughter, Genine (Jermaine) Ragin; sons, Simmie (Kristie) Fudge, Minister Lindale (JoAnn) Quinn, Rishardo Lee and John F. Johnson; brothers, George Jr., Walter (Alvarata), Kelly (Johnnie) Freeman and James (Joan) Williams; several grand and great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Her parents, George Sr. and Janie Mae Randall Freeman, preceded her in death.

Beatrice Mutch Proctor



Mrs. Beatrice Mutch Proctor, 96, of Greenville, answered the Master's call on Saturday, March 2, 2013. Services are noon Saturday at her church, Young Reaper M.B., with burial at Young Reaper (Belamy) Cemetery.

Viewing is Friday 3-7 p.m. at TILLMAN OF MONTICELLO 850-997-5553.

A Greenville native, Mother Proctor was the widow of Clem Proctor, Sr. Together, they were two of the area's most successful farmers. She served as church mother and in several other capacities.

Paying honor and homage to her legacy are: her daughters, Bessie Gloster, Ruby Jones and Freddie P. Dukes; sons, Charles (Wanda) Proctor and Willie Proctor; several grand, great-grand and great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Her son, Clem Jr. and daughter, Beatrice, predeceased her.

Tanner, Cone Announce Engagement



Wayne and Susan Tanner of Christmas, would like to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Hannah Marie Tanner, to John M. Cone, son of Richard and Lindy Cone of Greenville.

The bride-elect's maternal grandparents are Mrs. Joyce Henson and the late Mr. Richard Henson, Old Town. The paternal grandparents are Mr. Emmett Tanner and Mrs. Charlotte Tanner, Christmas.

Hannah is a graduate of Timber Creek High School, Orlando, and is currently employed by Capital City Bank, Bell.

The groom-elect's maternal grandparents are the late Mrs. Joyce R. Mobley and the late Mr. P. L. Mobley of Madison. The paternal grandparents are Mr. Jesse M. "Squeaky" Cone and Mrs. Bootsie Cone of Greenville.

John is a home school graduate and is currently farming with his family in Madison County.

The wedding ceremony and reception will take place on Saturday, May 11, 2013, at Landmark Baptist Church, 3399 West Highway 90, Madison, at 2 p.m.

The couple wishes to invite all family and friends to the celebration of this joyous occasion. Please RSVP to 850-973-2399 by March 25.

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Happenings

At Madison
First Baptist Church

Submitted By Judy Phillips
Guest Columnist

This week's column begins with a praise report. The folks at First Baptist gave a total of \$1100 to A Woman's Pregnancy Center during the months of January and February. This is a vital ministry in our community and we are very glad to offer this financial support.

We were blessed to have as our guest this past week Johnny Taylor representing the Gideons International. The Gideons placed 1.7 million Bibles in 190 countries last year. Locally, the camp of Gideons replaced Bibles in the local motels, placed Bibles in the hands of fifth graders in all local schools, students at North Florida Community College, Fields of Faith participants and the local prisoners. The Auxiliary, wives of the Gideons, gave Bibles to local doctors' offices, the hospital, and nurses. We can become a part of this ministry through prayer and giving a financial gift in memory, thinking of you, or in recognition of someone for another occasion. A local address is Gideons International, P. O. Box 526, Madison, FL, 32340.

This past week began an emphasis of North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Southern Baptist churches in our area. The theme is "Whatever it takes, Reaching the One." The scripture is taken from Acts 8:26-31. This tells the story of Philip meeting a man as he journeyed from Jerusalem where he had been to worship. Philip heard the man reading from Isaiah and asked if he understood. When the man indicated he didn't understand, Phillip joined him in the chariot

and explained it to him. The man accepted the explanation and the Scripture and Phillip baptized him. Thousands of missionaries serving throughout the US and Canada are explaining the Scripture to the people they meet on a daily basis by meeting their physical need and earning the privilege to share God's Word with them. Being obedient to God's call to share the Gospel, who is the "one" God is calling you to share with today in Madison?

ENTER INTO EAST-ER...will be the theme of our worship at First Baptist for the month of March. This week Bro. Gabe preached from Mark 11:12-24, "The Cursing of the Fig Tree." Jesus was not angry when he cursed the fig tree, but was using this as an object lesson that would not be learned by the disciples until much later. It was the only time in Scripture that Jesus used His power to destroy. We were challenged to prepare our hearts and minds for the greatest event in the life of the church, Easter.

The annual Easter egg hunt/covered dish lunch will be held on Sunday, March 24, at the Beggs' barn immediately following the morning worship service. We would like to start collecting plastic eggs filled with individually wrapped candy and/or prizes. Bags of wrapped candy will also be appreciated. Please place these items in the basket in the fellowship hall.

Opportunities for the Week:

SUNDAY - March 10

9:45 a. m. Sunday school every Sunday morning ~ We have a place just for you.

11:00 a. m. Morning worship/ Children's Worship - for children ages 3 yrs. -second grade.

6:00 p. m. Evening worship/Youth (grades 6-8, study of James) and College/Career Group

TUESDAY - March 12

10:00 a.m. Joy Choir - Madison Nursing Center
2:45 p. m. Good News Club at Central

WEDNESDAY - March 13

5:30 p.m. AWANA
6:00 p.m. College Study Group - "Authentic Relationships" study

6:30 p. m. Prayer Meeting in the church parlor

7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY - March 14

3:15 p. m. Good News Club at Pinetta

6:00 p. m. FPU Class ~ Wk. #6

The staff at First Baptist is ready to serve you in any way they can. The church office hours are 9:00 a. m - 4:00 p.m., Monday - Friday. The office phone number is 973-2547 or you can reach the church secretary by email at 1stbaptistoffice@gmail.com. Our pastor can be reached at gabekrell@yahoo.com. Jim Carey, our music minister can be reached at muzicman123@gmail.com. We also have a website: madisonfbc.net that is regularly updated.

Don't forget to SPRING FORWARD one hour Saturday night before going to bed (it's easier than getting up at 2:00 a.m.) so you will be on time for Sunday school and worship.

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Buddy Liles, Former Florida Boy, To Appear At Yogi Bear's Jellystone Opry Hall



Buddy Liles will appear in concert on Saturday, March 9, at 7 p.m. at Yogi Bear's Jellystone Opry Hall.

According to his website: Buddy accepted the Lord at a young age in Newport, Kentucky. He states: "I depend on the Lord in all that I do," Psalms 37:4, 5.

Buddy's baritone/bass interpretation of many songs have thrilled and warmed hearts across America. His first "full time" singing job was with the Orrell Quartet of Detroit, Michigan in 1963. From 1966 to 1968 he sang with the Landmark Quartet out of the Landmark Baptist Temple of Cincinnati, Ohio. Buddy was a member of the Florida Boys Quartet for more than 25 years, performing on the "Gospel Singing Jubilee" many years, and singing on over twenty "Singing" and "Preaching" cruises by Templeton Tours.

Buddy was the recipient of the prestigious MARVIN NORCROSS

AWARD at the National Quartet Convention in 1995, known as one of the most honorable awards in Gospel music. He also received the FAVORITE BASS AWARD given by the "Singing News" Magazine. He has appeared on many of the BILL GAITHER VIDEOS, singing a solo on the "Sing Your Blues Away" Video. He sang at a Congressional Breakfast in Washington D.C., and appeared on Nashville Now, Nashville Prime Time, and The Today Show from New York and has toured Israel with Gospel Concerts of California. Buddy was also inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame.

Buddy is now a solo ministry and is scheduling concerts, revivals, camp meetings and special services.

The Opry Hall is located in Jellystone Campground, just off Old St. Augustine Road, just south of Interstate, Exit 258, in Madison.

A \$10 admission fee will be charged at the door.

Lighthouse Children's Home Choir To Perform At Cherry Lake First Baptist

The Lighthouse Children's Home Girls Choir, from Tallahassee, will be performing Sunday evening, March 10, at 6 p.m. at Cherry Lake First Baptist Church. The evening service will be devoted entirely to their music ministry. The public is invited to hear these lovely voices worship the Lord through song. You will truly be blessed.

The Lighthouse Children's Home was founded in 1977 for the sole purpose of caring for young girls. The program is uniquely designed to help young ladies, ages 13-17, who need and want help. The Lighthouse operates entirely by faith, receiving no funds from the city, county, state or federal government. To support this incredible ministry, a love offering will be taken up at the end of the service. Please join Cherry Lake First Baptist and see how God is working in the lives of these young ladies.

Container Gardening And Bluebird House Workshop Set For Saturday

By Jacob Bemby
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The Brotherhood of Lee First Baptist Church will be hosting a container gardening and bluebird house work-

shop. The workshop will be held Saturday, March 16, from 10 a.m. until noon at the First Baptist Church in Lee.

Register for door prizes to be given away. Door prizes will include books, Bibles and plants.

During the workshop, there will be instructions on how to make your own container gardening devices.

Different techniques will be demonstrated at the workshop.

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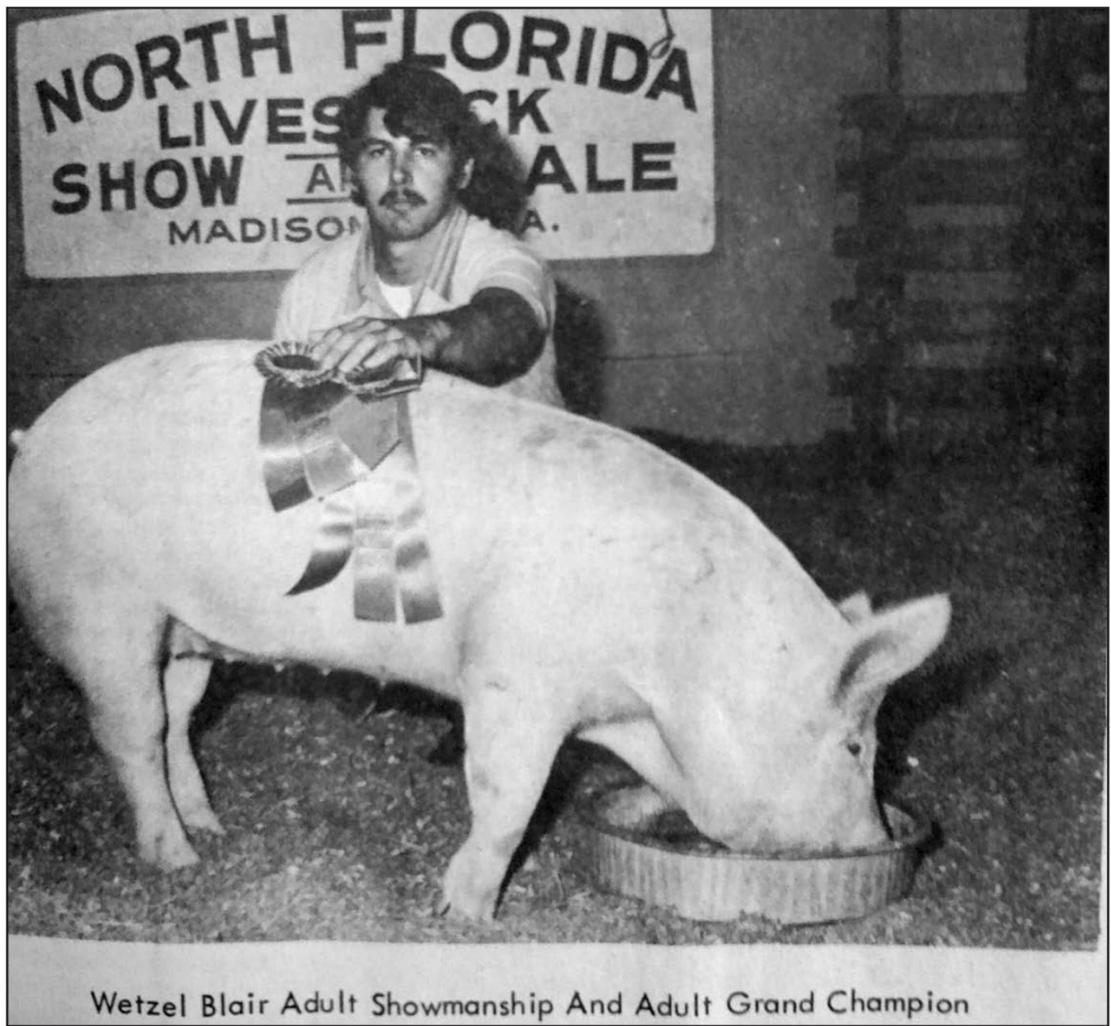
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By Kristin Finney
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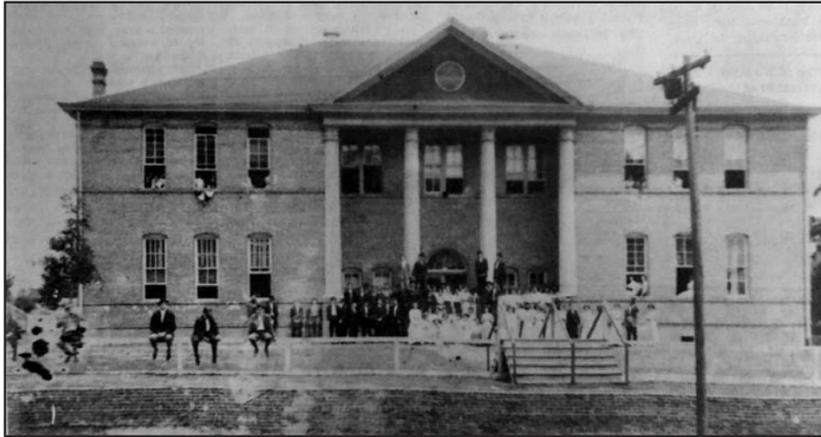
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Then & Now

Madison County High School

By Kristin Finney
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The location of the Madison County High School, or Madison High School as it was known in its early years, has changed several times in the last 100 years. Originally, the Madison High School was located on Highway 90 south of the Pick-n-Save. Currently, that lot is located between CVS and the School Board Office. The school was also located near Lanier Field where they are currently building the new hospital. The Madison County High School then was moved to its current location on West US 90 near the highway patrol station.

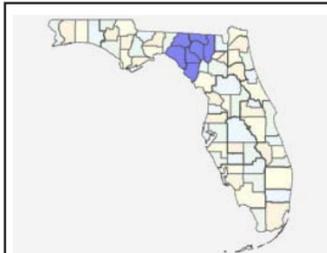


The Madison High School as it was seen in 1905, before it became Madison Elementary School.



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The Madison County High School as it is seen today.



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March 18th Mark your calendars

Janet Bente Romero, Community Development Administrator for

the Department of Children and Families, Judicial Circuits 3 & 8, requests your presence at a "town hall" meeting.

Speakers will be providing updates on Legislative changes, DCF's Child Protection Transformation project, redesign of the ACCESS public benefit program, training on what constitutes child abuse and when to report it, and updates from our case management agency, Partnership for Strong Families. The public and professionals living and working in Circuit 3 are encouraged to attend.

Date: March 18th, 2013
Place: Taylor County School Board Room, 318 N Clark Street, Perry, FL
Time: 9:30am-11:30 am

Way Back When

March 12, 1943
Four active deacons were elected at the Presbyterian Church Sunday morning, as follows: J.G. Ashley, S.M. Hearn, J.D. Terry and Waring Wyche.

Friends will be glad to hear that Archie, baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Davis, is recovering from a serious illness.

Mr. Cary Phillips accompanied Mr. Thomas Phillips back to Clearwater Tuesday. He plans to work a while down there.

Mr. E.L. Patrick of Greenville was a business visitor in Madison Tuesday.

March 6, 1953
Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Conway will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary Sunday at the Woman's Club from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Miss Haffye Hays entertained the Leila Stoy Davis Guild of St. Mary's Episcopal Church Monday afternoon at her home in Greenville.

Mrs. Irving Hicks had the measles the past week.

Henry Shackelford has accepted a position with the tractor department of J.B. Davis, Inc. He went to work Monday.

March 8, 1963
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Fogal are new managers of Madison Hotel, as well as the restaurant.

Miss Jean Zipperer of Pinetta has been named to the Dean's List at Florida State University for the fall trimester.

Cohen's is celebrating Dollar Days with tennis shoes, jackets, ladies' nylon hose, panties and sport shirts on sale for \$1.00.

Bobby Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Sapp of Madison, arrived Saturday, March 2, at Mayport from a seven-month tour of duty in the Mediterranean aboard the USS Goodrich.

March 9, 1973
Hubby Brooks, senior quarterback and safety, and Lorinzo Blue, junior offensive guard and linebacker, for the Greenville Pirates, were named first team All-State football players. The house of Mrs.

Ben S. Waring was the setting Saturday for a lovely coffee given in honor of Miss Lou Sirmon, who will become the bride of Richard Miller of Greenville this month.

Mr. Gene Browning is purchasing the place of Mr. Hames.

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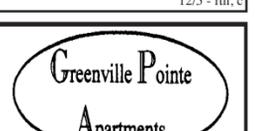
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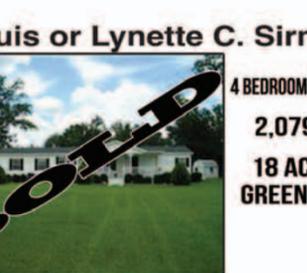
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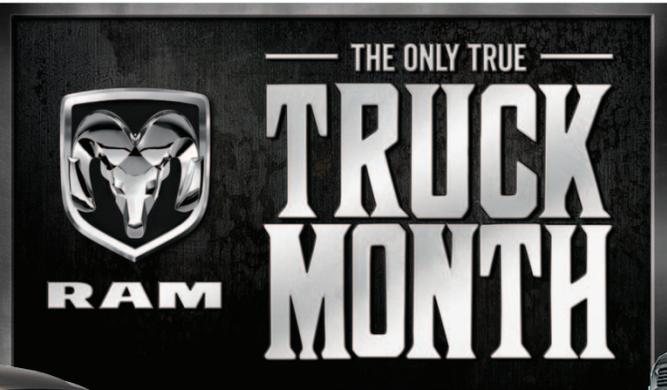
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