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## Woman Charged With Disorderly Conduct



Shayon Straughter

Madison County Sheriff Ben Stewart reports that on Saturday morning, Dec. 7, at approximately 2:14 a.m., deputies responded to Rutledge Street in the City of Madison to assist the Madison Police Department who were investigating a possible fight. Madison County

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## Two-Car Crash On SR 14

By Jacob Bembry  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

A two-car crash happened on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 8, on State Road 14 South.

According to a Florida Highway Patrol report, Marguerita L. Prince, 46, of Madison, was traveling south on SR 14 in a 2005 Kia Optima.

At the same time, Lekisha Williams, 33, of Madison, was traveling in front of Prince.

Prince's front collided with the rear of Williams' car.

Both vehicles came to a controlled stop on the west grass shoulder of SR 14, facing south.

Neither driver, nor the passenger in Prince's vehicle, was injured in the mishap.

FHP Trooper John Sleighter was the investigating officer.

## It's Time For Santa Letters



Santa's making a list and he's checking it twice. It's that time of year to show Santa who the good girls and boys have been and for them to write letters to Santa Claus.

Greene Publishing, Inc. can save children the cost of postage to send letters to the North Pole. Children

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## Greenville Approves New Charter Recommendations

By Lynette Norris  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

After much discussion and debate over the new charter recommendations submitted by the Greenville Citizen's Committee, the Greenville Town Council finally approved the recommendations – all of them, including adopting gender-neutral language throughout the charter.

The ease with which the recommendations were finally approved surprised several people, especially Vice Mayor Robin Housh and Mayor Kovacherich Arnold, who thought they were voting on just the first recommendation on the list. However, Barbara Dansey, who had made the motion that the entire package of recommendations be approved, declared that that was why she repeated her motion twice, to make sure it was understood, and Al Young said to Housh, "That's why I asked you if you were sure (before the vote was taken)," when she indicated that she found the recommendations agreeable after much debate in which she had voiced several objections. Calvin Malone also understood that the council was voting on the entire list of recommendations, which was why he cast the lone dissenting vote. There were still some points he disagreed with, although he was not opposed entirely to amending the town charter.

"I mentioned changing the town charter when I first got here," he had stated earlier. "Why not? Then we had all those

months without a quorum."

The approved recommendations now include prorating the town council members' pay of \$100 per month to be determined by their attendance at meetings, and the pay be prorated for the number of meetings, both regular and special sessions, that are called during that time.

Vice Mayor Housh had protested earlier that the \$100 a month wasn't even enough to cover her expenses for paying someone to manage her restaurant while she attended even one meeting. "\$100 is nothing," she said. Others pointed out that the much smaller town of Lee paid their council members \$175 per month.

Toney Hill, spokesperson for the Greenville Citizen's Committee, was at the podium reading through the recommendations as they were being debated. "No one is saying you don't deserve the money," he said, "but if you don't show up for meetings, you don't get paid."

The recommendations also allowed for three excused absences in a 12 month period, to cover any family, medical or other emergencies that may come up for a council member, as well as remote attendance by electronic means (Skype, telephone, webcam, etc.) for times when a council member wanted to be at a meeting but couldn't be physically present.

Another recommendation was that the town clerk, Kim

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## Alphonso Young Joins Greenville Town Council

By Lynette Norris  
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After being appointed by the town council Nov. 18 and sworn in by town clerk Kim Reams on Dec. 6, Alphonso "Al" Young took his seat at the Dec. 9 regular session council meeting. Young replaces former council member Margaret Poppell, who resigned in early October. Young himself is also a former council member.

The town council first heard from Tom Olk of DISC Village in Tallahassee, who proposed a new use for the old Greenville Elementary School building.

According to its website, <http://www.discvillage.com>, DISC is a non-profit agency that grew from the Drug Information and Service Center that opened on the campus of FSU in 1971. It now operates several counseling services, including family, adult, juvenile, residential and outpatient services, focusing on substance abuse intervention.

Olk proposed using the old school building as a rehabilitation facility for pre- and post-partum women. Describing it as a program for a "stable and safe population that would pose no risk to the community," Olk said he would like to open in about a year, pending final approval from Leon County, and that the facility might initially employ 16-18 people, and gradually work up to about 25 as the program got going.

The employees would work in shifts around the clock, at about a 1:1 ratio of staff member to patient, and the women would be supervised 24

hours a day; no one would leave the facility. Olk further added that the women were not a flight risk because they had "too much to lose," including loss of their children, if they messed up.

Town Consultant Jim Parrish stated that the proposal was in compliance with the town's land use code for that area, and that unless the council was opposed, the town really didn't need to do anything, except perhaps close a road that had been used as access to the old school. Also, the fence around the property would be removed.

Council members did not vote on the proposal, but most seemed favorable to it pending further information. Olk promised to return at the next meeting with architectural drawings of how the facility will look. "It's a beautiful old building," he said. "We look forward to making it functional again."

Roy Scott, of Scott Realty, spoke on behalf of a client, Leon Roland, who wanted to arrange a property swap with the town of Greenville. Roland owns two narrow plots of land fronting US 90 that aren't wide enough to accommodate commercial development, with its attendant setback and parking requirements. Lying between those two plots is another plot owned by the town, with which Roland proposed swapping his smaller property; further, he claimed that back in the early 90's, the city had installed a sewer line and manhole on one of his properties without his knowledge, and

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## Woman Arrested For VOP



Mary Woulard

Madison County Sheriff Ben

Stewart reports that on Saturday night, Dec. 7, at approximately 11:30 p.m., deputies conducted a traffic stop on a silver utility vehicle for failing to stop at a stop sign.

The driver was identified as Mary Denise Woulard, 45, of Madison.

Deputies requested Woulard to produce her driver's license but were told by Woulard that she had left her driver's license at home. Deputies conducted a check of Woulard's driver license by running her name and date of birth through Communications.

During the course of the traffic investigation, it was found that Woulard's driver's license was suspended multiple times and she had been previously notified of the suspensions. It was also dis-

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## SkillsUSA Selling Grilled Chicken

By Jacob Bembry  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The Madison County High School SkillsUSA Club will be selling grilled chicken plates on the Courthouse Lawn from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 13.

The plates will include potato salad, green beans, a roll and dessert. Tickets are available in advance for \$6. The meals will be sold for \$7 on the Lawn. Sweet tea is available for \$1 a cup.

For tickets or for more information, please contact Paige Thomas at (386) 965-6771.

## Madison Republicans Give Flag To Congressman

The POW-MIA flag now flies at the office of U.S. Rep. Ted Yoho. As a gift of the Madison County Republican Executive Committee, the flag became one of three that each Congressional office can display.

Mary Helen Hoff, of Orange Park, designed the flag in 1972, while awaiting the return of her husband, Lt. Commander Michael Hoff.

Hoff was a Navy pilot, shot down over Laos in the Orient in 1970, during the Vietnam conflict.

In 1990, Congress designated the POW-

MIA flag as the symbol of our nation's concern and commitment to resolving as fully as possible the fates of Americans still prisoner, missing and unaccounted for in South Asia, thus ending the uncertainty for their families and the nation.

Bob Bezick, chairman of the Madison County Republican Executive Committee, said, "The flag represents the symbol of our nation's concern." Bezick said that this act, on behalf of our warriors, is dear to his heart and to that of the committee.



Photo Submitted

Congressman Ted Yoho, left, displays the POW-MIA flag presented to him by Nelson Pryor, right, on behalf of the Madison County Republican Executive Committee.

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Mainly sunny. High 63F. Winds N at 10 to 15 mph.			More clouds than sun. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 50s.			Showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 60s.			Chance of showers. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 40s.		

## Madison County Extension Service

## Develop A Spending Plan For December



Diann Douglas  
Guest Columnist

Tight budgets and limited time can be a source of stress this holiday season. Finding enough money in your bank account to make gift giving enjoyable can be a real challenge. Extension Family and Consumer Economic Specialists say it is possible to stay within a budget and still be a generous gift giver. Keep in mind, however, it's the thought that counts, not the price of the gift.

This Christmas season, there is a lot of competition for the consumer dollars, so you can find bargains out there. According to the latest consumer news, you need to act early to get what you want to buy. Retailers have bargains, but they are not overstocked and supplies may run out quickly.

Plan ahead, so that you have time to enjoy the traditional pleasures this time of year brings. Here are some ideas to keep gift-giving expenses in line:

Make a complete gift list with names, gift ideas and price estimates, then total the amount you plan to spend. If this figure is more than you can afford, you will need to make some changes.

List several alternatives for each name on your list, then look for sales in the price range you can afford. Most important – stick with your plan.

Check sales for gift items. See newspaper ads and store circulars and on-line specials for gifts you are considering. Many retailers have Early Bird specials or coupons for dollars off your total purchase. See which stores are running specials and shop where prices are lowest. Keep in mind that during December, prices are normally reduced on a number of

items, including clothing, shoes, blankets, table linens, and appliances.

Don't rush into a purchase because of an advertised claim of a low price. Know what the regular price is before buying an on-sale item. Often one store's sale price is another's regular price.

Shop different types of stores to compare prices. Look at discount stores, factory outlets, as well as department stores and catalogs.

Internet sales have become the way to purchase goods, some companies have unadvertised sales and incentive prices to get consumers to shop online. Many retailers are updating their customers on face book and twitter, a popular way to market sales this holiday season. Consumers can check websites frequently for daily specials. Many of these companies are offering free shipping with a purchase.

Be sure to keep all of your receipts of purchases and total the expenditures at regular intervals to make sure you stay within the limits of your holiday spending plan. Also, check receipts for errors; if mistakes occur you will need the receipt to help in correcting errors.

Consider gifts from your kitchen; better known as gifts from the heart. You may be famous among family and friends for a pound cake or peach preserves. If so, get busy in the kitchen and wrap up your products in pretty paper and bow. These gifts are appreciated and often mean more because you took the time to make it.

If you do feel stressed by holiday shopping, avoid last minute purchases. It leads not only to fatigue, but also overspending and poor selections. For more information on managing your family finances, call the Madison County Extension Office.

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## Jacob's Ladder

## The Island Of Misfit Toys



Jacob Bemby  
Columnist

I walked into my sister Abbie's room to check on her a couple of weeks ago and I saw her sitting in her comfortable little rocking chair, watching a holiday favorite, *Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer*, on her television.

Abbie sat in the seat, entranced for an hour and watched the misfits in the cartoon as the other reindeer would not let Rudolph join in the reindeer games and as an elf named Hermey longed to be a dentist and as Yukon Cornelius was a dogsled driver who usually had to pull the sleigh himself while the dogs would sit on it themselves. Oh, yeah, and we can't forget the Bumble Snowman on

the Island of Misfit Toys, who decides to have Rudolph for lunch before ol' Rudy fights him off with his antlers and Yukon Cornelius drops an avalanche on him and Hermey removes his teeth.

In the meantime, Santa Claus decides that even misfits have a place and Rudolph, Hermey and Cornelius come back into town with the Bumble Snowman, who is now tame and meek. The town's Christmas tree is too tall to place the star on, so the snowman does it for them.

The hero of the whole story though is Rudolph, whose red nose lights the way to deliver toys to children all over the world on one foggy Christmas night.

Almost 2,000 years ago, a star led the way and heralded the birth of Jesus Christ. Today, Jesus is the Light that lights our way through fog, rain, snow and the cares of our lives. Let's remember that Jesus Christ is the real reason that we celebrate Christmas each year and that He cares about misfits like you and me.

## Something To Think About

By Harvey Greene

## Put Christ Back Into Christmas?



Harvey Greene  
Guest Columnist

About this time of year we are continually regaled with people saying "Put Christ Back in Christmas!" (Well of course we hear it this time of year, it's Christmas, duh.)

What does that mean? Put the Christ back in Christmas. Does it mean we're supposed to take out the non-Christ? If you want to take out all of the non-Christ from your Christmas, that is certainly up to you, but that means doing away with the Christmas tree (Celtic and Norse tradition), the Yule log (Norse), the wreath (Druidic and Norse), the mistletoe (Norse, Celtic, and Druid), the gifts and presents (Celtic and German Norse, and tons of others), holly and garland

(Norse), etc., etc. Pretty much every tradition we have of Christmas was from some combination of the Scottish / Irish Celts or the Norse, pagan rituals dating from long before Christ's time. We simply borrowed them, and then gave a new "meaning" to it. Even the date of Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> and Santa are a result of merging many traditions into one.

But I know what you mean when you say "Put the Christ back into Christmas," you're trying to say "Remember and celebrate the gift of Christ, and let's act like we should" or something close to it. I'm not exactly disagreeing with that thought, however I still say that "Put the Christ back into Christmas" is wrong.

Why should we put the Christ into Christmas? Why should we not be putting the Christ into every other day of the year? Trite? Maybe, but it is the exact point. Christmas and Thanksgiving are not days for us to act Christ-like so that we can ignore the other 363 days of the year.

Christ told us that

our job was to love God, and to love one another.

"Love them as I have loved you." Let's say that again.

"Love them as I have love you."

He didn't say to love only two days a year? Or was it to simply Love?

He didn't say, "Well I love you, but I don't agree with what you do, so I won't help you today." Or did He simply Love?

The Samaritan wasn't Jewish, but he was the example Jesus chose for us. The Samaritan was a completely different religion, but yet he loved.

Put the Christmas Back Into Christmas? I know what you mean, but I still say, "No." Put it back in us. If it is in us all the time, if the giving and the loving is there... If the unconditional, non-oppression, non-judgmental, not protesting "their" rights, unconditional, Love – the as I have loved you Love – is in us...

If that is in us all the time, you don't have to put anything back into Christmas. It will always be there.

Think about it.

## Conservative Corner

By Steve Phillips

## Bait And Switch- The Not So Rosey-Velt

The NRA (National Recovery Administration) was created. Most manufacturing industries were forced under government control. Codes regulated prices and terms of sale, transforming much of the economy into a fascist arrangement. The NRA was financed by new taxes on the industries it controlled. It boosted the cost of doing business by 40 percent. In the six months after the laws took effect, industrial production dropped by 25 percent. Those who refused to comply with the NRA were threatened with boycotts and a "punch in the nose" by the director of the NRA.

There were over 500 NRA codes, including production of lightning rods, manufacturing of corsets, production of hair tonic and dog leashes, and musical comedies. Jacob Maged, a New Jersey tailor, was arrested and jailed for pressing a suit for 35 cents, rather than the NRA-mandated price of 40 cents. Night work was forbidden and black markets sprang up. In 1934, tax hikes became a favorite policy of Roosevelt and would stay that way for the next ten years, resulting in a top income tax rate of 90 percent

Roosevelt's Civil Works Administration (CWA) hired actors to give free shows and paid researchers to study the history of the safety pin. Hired workers patrolled streets with balloons to frighten starlings away from public buildings and chase tumbleweeds on windy days. Henry Hopkins was put in charge of the agency and later said, "I've got four million people at work but for God's sake, don't ask me what they do." The CWA was replaced by the Works Project Administration (WPA), which was referred to by the workers as "We Piddle Around." It is known today as the government program that gave rise to the term "boondoggle." Hundreds of WPA workers were used to collect campaign contributions for the Democratic Party.

The Supreme Court recognized that much of what Roosevelt was doing was unconstitutional. They outlawed the NRA in 1935 and the AAA in 1936. This infuriated Roosevelt, and resulted in his attempt to stack the court. He tried to pass a law, which would have expanded

the Court from nine to fifteen justices. Congress nixed this idea.

FDR's treasury secretary even said, "We have tried spending more money than we have ever spent and it does not work."

Roosevelt had pledged in 1932 to end the crisis, but it persisted for nearly another decade. He had employed many of the masterminds of his day. His administration was also infested with Communists. For all of the smart minds and socialist ideas, the Depression was made worse. Maybe it was the mind of an egomaniac whose desire for control and power who thought he knew more than the "little people" that ultimately put in place a lot of the programs we still have in place today. ...Why did we have a President who almost became king? Who forced his beliefs on a nation, even though it has proven time and again that these policies won't work? In my opinion, politicians think those who went before just didn't do it right. They think they can make work what has never worked before. ...

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## Disorderly Conduct

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Sheriff's Office Communications had received multiple calls from people who lived nearby reporting the disturbance of the peace and requesting something be done.

As deputies arrived, they observed a female who was later identified as Shayon Shonta Straughter, 25, of Madison yelling causing several residents of the area to come outside to see what was going on. Deputies attempted to calm and quiet Straughter down. Straughter continued yelling and disturbing the peace forcing deputies to place her under arrest in-order to restore the peace. Straughter was transported to the Madison County Jail without further incident.

Straughter was charged with disorderly conduct.

## Santa Letters

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can instead send their letters to *Greene Publishing*, which will publish the letters in the newspaper. Santa will get a copy, so he can read it and check what each child wants.

The deadline for entries is Dec. 18 at 5 p.m. and they will be published in the Dec. 20 Madison Enterprise-Recorder. Letters must be written in black ink to Santa in care of *Greene Publishing, Inc.*, P.O. Drawer 772, Madison, FL 32340 or dropped off at *Greene Publishing*, on Highway 53 South in Madison. Teachers will also be collecting letters for publication so Santa can see them.

## Woman Arrested

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covered that there was an active arrest warrant for Woulard for violation of probation for driving while license suspended or revoked. Deputies placed Woulard under arrest without incident and transported her to the Madison County Jail.

Woulard was charged with violation of probation and driving while license suspended with knowledge.

## Alphonso Young

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that the line encroached on his property, the one he wants to trade back to the city.

However, both pieces of property are in his deceased wife's name, and without a clear title, it would not be a simple matter of trading pieces of land, said town attorney Christine Thurman. Also, the land isn't a homestead, so Roland would need a real estate attorney to open an estate and do the probate. The whole process could take 30 to 90 days, but Scott thought that was acceptable, because it was "heading in the right direction," and council member Calvin Malone stated that once Roland got all that together, the council seemed to be in agreement with the possibility of a trade.

## Charter Recommendations

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Reams, perform some of the duties of the town manager until the vacancy was filled, and that she be compensated commensurate with those additional duties until that time. Committee members suggested researching what surrounding towns of similar size paid for such services.

The recommendations will now go before the citizens of Greenville for a vote in the next election, in March of 2014. Town Attorney Christine Thurman advised the council that this put them on a tight schedule, especially after several meetings without a quorum in

which the council was unable to move forward on any town business. For the next few weeks, things will be busy; the deadline for turning in the ballot wording to the Madison County Supervisor of Elections Office is Jan. 24, and the council must schedule two public hearings before then.

It was all about trying to get the town into a stable situation where the council members could function, committee member Patricia Hinton reminded the council.

"We weren't trying to be difficult," she said.

## St. Mary's Hosts Ordination

Story submitted

Madison's historic St. Mary's Episcopal Church will host an Ordination and Celebration of New Ministry on Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 6 p.m. The Right Reverend John Howard, 8<sup>th</sup> Bishop of the Diocese of Florida, will officiate at the service and install David Joseph Boyles as priest and vicar of St. Mary's. This is St. Mary's first ordination since Advent 1992. A reception will follow. The public is cordially invited to attend and participate in this important event in the life of St. Mary's.

*World News*  
By Rose Klein

### Man Punished For Filing Suit

In Montreal, a Quebec judge has labeled a man as a "quarrelsome litigant." The label was issued when Bruno Leduc sued the Dominican Republic because it rained during his vacation. Court of Quebec Justice, Diane Quenneville stated in her ruling, "The court has no hesitation to conclude that Leduc is abusing the justice system." Over the past several years, Leduc filed 70 small claims against people or companies such as suing an airline because he claimed he hurt his leg when getting off the plane and suing Costco for \$500 because he said the staff took too long putting a lawn mower onto his cart. Since 2000, Leduc has made claims totaling \$114,000. The "quarrelsome litigant" label means Bruno Leduc can't file another lawsuit until he gets court approval beforehand.

### Man Celebrates 109<sup>th</sup> Birthday

In Glenburn Township, Pa., Leo Moskovitz celebrated his 109th birthday, celebrating with family and friends. When asked if he knew the secret to longevity Moskovitz answered, "If I knew what the secret was, I'd patent it." His wife Ann, 87 years old and wife of 45 years, said he used to answer playfully with, "No peer pressure and God can't find me." Moskovitz said he knows God will "catch on eventually."

### Man Arrested For Driving After Eating Spiked Cake

In Ostersund, Sweden, a 27-year-old man was arrested on narcotics allegations when he was pulled over on his way home from a dinner party. The man submitted to a blood test where traces of tetrahydrocannabinol, the active chemical in marijuana, were found. The Swedish man said the chemical was the result of eating a cake spiked with the drug and took it to court. The court agreed the man seemed to have ingested the substance accidentally at the dinner party. The charges were dismissed and the man was cleared of drug charges.

## Madison County... Jail Report

Information in the Jail Report is provided to *Greene Publishing, Inc.*, by the Madison County Sheriff's Office. All people are considered innocent until proven guilty. Questions about people identified in the report should be directed to the MCSO at (850) 973-4001.

<p><b>12/4</b> Jesse Lee Dawson - Criminal mischief David Sean Lopez - Custody court Samuel Lee Staton, Jr. - VOP Ricardo Antonio Aikens - Battery <b>12/5</b> Mario Antonio Stewart - Aggravated assault Bo Chen - Trespass after warning Amy Lee Nusbickel - VOP (resisting officer with violence) Terrick Shadon Lundy - Failure to appear (aggravated assault on law enforcement with deadly weapon), aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer, fleeing and eluding, possession of cannabis with intent to sell</p>	<p><b>12/6</b> Chadrick Shantel Fleno - VOP (driving while license suspended) Timothy Austin Richards - Resisting an officer with violence, battery on a law enforcement officer, battery, disorderly conduct <b>12/7</b> Shayon Shonta Straughter - Disorderly conduct Joseph Dean Hicks - Aggravated battery, drugs Darius Rashard Livingston - Domestic violence (battery), VOP (circuit) <b>12/8</b> Jerome Davis - Battery on a spouse Deander Lidel Williams - Disorderly conduct, resisting without violence Mary Denese</p>	<p>Woulard - Driving while license suspended with knowledge, local warrant Joseph Lee Corey - Trespass after warning <b>12/9</b> Israel Iscariot Craddock - Criminal registration Terrance Legarn Alexander - Criminal registration Michael Lee Franklin - Domestic violence Corey Jamal Jackson - Driving while license suspended (habitual) <b>12/10</b> Reign Lee Bloomberg - Criminal registration James Bryant Tuten - Transmission of materials harmful to minors, traveling to meet minors</p>
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## Agners Celebrate 68 Years Of Marriage



Carroll and Kitty Agner, who are both 91 years young, recently celebrated 68 years of wedded bliss. Happy anniversary to both of them.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### December 13

SkillsUSA will hold a fundraiser on Friday, Dec. 13, from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on the Courthouse Lawn. Funds will be used to help MCHS SkillsUSA compete in Regional and State Competitions. A grilled chicken plate will be available for \$6 in advance or \$7 at the lawn. It will include potato salad, green beans, roll and dessert. Sweet tea will be available for \$1. For tickets or questions, contact Paige Thomas at (386) 965-6771.

### December 14

Greenville County Christmas at Haffye Hays Park in Greenville, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Join in for fun, food, a parade, live entertainment and arts and crafts.

### December 15

"Season of Advent" candlelight service, 5:30 p.m., Genesis Missionary Baptist Church, 2062 NE Colin Kelly Highway.

### December 18

The First Baptist Church of Madison will go caroling at 6 p.m. Prayer meeting for those not caroling at 6:30 p.m. at the church.

### December 18

Madison's historic St. Mary's Episcopal Church will host an Ordination and Celebration of New Ministry on Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 6 p.m. The Right Reverend John Howard, 8<sup>th</sup> Bishop of the Diocese of Florida, will officiate at the service and install David Joseph Boyles as priest and vicar of St. Mary's. This is St. Mary's first ordination since Advent 1992. A reception will follow. The public is cordially invited to attend and participate in this important event in the life of St. Mary's.

### December 21

Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church, 407 NE Mt. Zion Church Avenue in Cherry Lake, will hold a Hanson, Pinetta and Cherry Lake Community Christmas Outreach Dinner on Saturday, Dec. 21, from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Meals will be delivered to community residents beginning at 9:30 a.m. Anyone interested in helping with the event is welcome to go serve with them. Anyone needing transported to the church or who is sick or shut-in can call Brother Johnnie Woods at (850) 929-4141. For more information, please call Savilla Murphy at (850) 929-4386.

### December 21

Live Nativity from 5-7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Madison. Please join them in the church parking lot as they go back in time to the village of Bethlehem and what the first Christmas might have looked like.

### December 21

"A Hallelujah Christmas" at Lee Town Hall on Saturday, Dec. 21, beginning at 6 p.m. to raise money for the Salvation Army. Featured artists include Mortal Mission, Marv TTruth and MJB. George Blevins, with the Salvation Army, will speak. Jacob Bembry will serve as emcee.

### December 22

Children's pageant under the direction of Martha Beggs and Martha Register, 11 a.m., at the First Baptist Church in Madison.

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## Christmas At The Mansion

By Lynette Norris  
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It's hard to think of Madison without thinking of "The Mansion" all dressed up in vitorian glory.

In the past, it has been a marvel of Victorian Christmas splendor inside and out, but tough economic times have meant that the mansion couldn't be opened this year.

Still, that didn't stop the Madison Garden Club ladies from dressing up the outside for the enjoyment of passersby and spreading a little Christmas cheer around.



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Garden Club President Laura Coleman and club members Sally Johnson, Jackie Johnson, Jackie Kirkland, and Lura Fine (pictured left to right) have a blast bringing the decorations out of storage and getting ready to set them up. Not pictured: Jeannette Mitchell, who was already tying ribbons to the lampposts.



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The Garden Club's efforts bring a traditional, dignified holiday look to the Madison landmark.



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Jackie Kirkland (left) and Sally Johnson (center) attach the big wreath to the front gate, while Jeannette Mitchell (far right) adds a big red bow to one of many lamp posts on the wall surrounding the building.

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## Winter Wonderland Is Here For The Holidays

By Lynette Norris  
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The annual transformation of Four Freedoms Park into Madison's own Winter Wonderland, for the Light Up Madison Festival organized every year by the Madison Kiwanis Club, and for the continued delight of Madison residents throughout the holiday season, was an effort that involved several groups and organizations. They volunteered time and effort over several days, and included the City of Madison, Madison County Community Bank, AOK Electric, the Madison County Trail Riders Association, the Rotary Club, the Lions Club, the Woman's Club, the Garden Club, the AKA Sorority, the Junior Auxiliary, and the elementary school children of Madison, who made many of the ornaments for the Big Tree.

The lighting ceremony Dec. 7 officially brought it to life, but here's a look at the week preceding the ceremony, and some of the hard-working folks who put it all together and made it happen.



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As they do every year, the folks at AOK Electric volunteered use of their bucket truck and helped hang ornaments on the Big Tree. Many of the ornaments were handmade by Madison school children. Seen here, AOK Electric's Kelli O'Quinn and Brent Henderson maneuver the bucket into place to hang the ornaments and make sure everything looks nice.



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The Woman's Club takes a ladder to reach the lower branches of the Big Tree. Standing on the ground, left to right, are Glenda Gordon, Joanne Von Stetina, Kaye Browning and Princess Akerman. Club president Ethel Barefoot stands on the ladder. Not pictured: Helen McCain, who had to leave before the photo was taken.



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Once again, the big red Lions Club sleigh was a big hit with Light Up Madison visitors, who stood in line to take pictures of their family and friends sitting in it. Last year, the Lions Club borrowed some reindeer to go in front of it, but this year, Lion Club member Tim Dunn cut out two plywood reindeer and painted them white so the Lions could hitch the sleigh to a team of their own. A few days before the Light Up Madison Festival, Jay Lee, President of the Lions Club, assembles the new reindeer and adjusts the antlers. Each year, Lee hopes the Lions Club can add another pair of reindeer until they have assembled the entire team of eight. They may not be tiny reindeer, but they'll get the job done.



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The Garden Club was the first group to start their decorating, arriving on the scene early the Monday morning of Dec. 2. Pictured left to right: Nell Ring, Thelma Dehart and Louanna Forness start unpacking the decorations. Not pictured: Laura Coleman, Lura Fine and Jean Fiori, who were unpacking other decorations a few feet away.



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Junior Auxiliary members Kelly Renfroe, Soneyda Jarvis and Stephanie Lundy (pictured left to right) prepare to light up their corner of the park with sparkling white spiral Christmas trees.



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Members of the AKA Sorority gather at the park to decorate their area along the Shelby Avenue side with lighted reindeer and sleighs. Pictured left to right: Emily Dickey, Deloris Jones, Gwen Johnson, Amie Barfield, Willene Herring and Audrey Davis.

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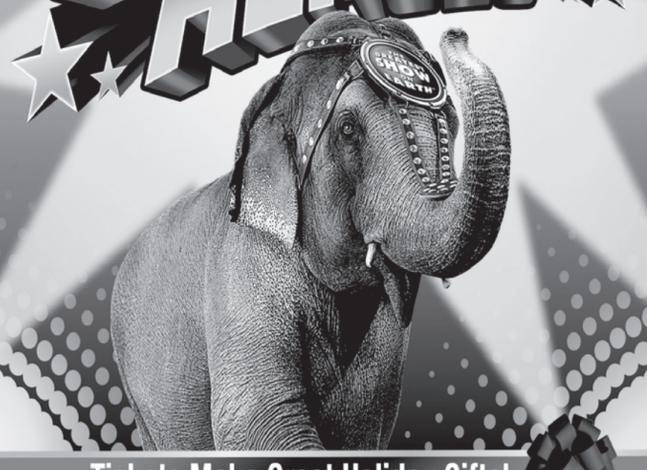
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## Obituaries

### Dr. Chester Alfronza Aikens

On Thursday afternoon, December 5, 2013, God whispered: "Come my child, I have prepared a special place just for you." Chester fought a good fight, he kept the faith, and we rejoice in knowing he finished his course.

Dr. Chester Alfronza Aikens is the third child of five children born to the late Augustus D. Aikens, Sr. and the late Lucile Balloon Aikens. He married the love of his life, Emma "Jean" Johnson on August 4, 1974. This union was blessed with two sons: Chester II and Chae.

Dr. Aikens successfully practiced dentistry in Duval County for the past 34 years. He was a lifelong learner with a deep love and respect for his Lord, family, friends, people, education and his community. He emerged as a trailblazer from his elementary school days throughout his life. In 1965, he was among the first black students to desegregate Madison High School and the next year made history playing football. Dr. Aikens graduated with honors and perfect attendance from elementary through high school in 1969. He earned his Bachelor of Science Degree from Florida State University in 1973, where he majored in biology and chemistry. Afterwards, he enrolled in Howard University School of Dentistry in 1973 and received his D.D.S. degree with honors in 1977.

Immediately after receiving this degree, he was commissioned into the United States Army as captain and spent two successful years stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia. He later achieved the rank of major in the Florida Army Reserve National Guard. Other academic achievements included Dr. Aikens being a member of the first graduating class of the Florida Coastal School of Law and being admitted to both the Florida Bar and the District of Columbia Bar Associations. He also earned an MBA from Jacksonville University in 1999.

Dr. Aikens' parents taught their children the importance of having a meaningful relationship with God. Reflecting on these Christian values, Dr. Aikens was dedicated and passionate about fulfilling his responsibility as an usher, Church School and Bible Study scholar, and most recently, his completion of diaconate training in which he was ordained deacon for Bethel Baptist Institutional Church. He had unspeakable joy in sharing God's love, for he was a servant leader.

Dr. Aikens also had a passion for contributing to his community. He knew that with God's help, he could make a difference by willingly giving his time and energy. He was diligent about volunteering and served on countless boards and committees. At the time of passing, he served on the Jacksonville Retirement Pension Reform Task Force, Aviation Authority, Gator Bowl Association, Jacksonville Civic Council and the Jacksonville Downtown Revitaliza-

tion Committee. He was a life member of Kappa Alpha Psi and the NAACP. He also served as Sire Archon of the Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity and President of the National Dental Association in 1994. Throughout the years, Dr. Aikens was actively involved with the Urban League, JCCI Board of Directors, the United Negro College Fund, Northeast Florida Aids Network, 100 Black Men of Jacksonville, Metropolitan YMCA Board Chairman, James Weldon Johnson Branch of the YMCA Board Member and the United Way of Northeast Florida. Governor Lawton Chiles appointed him to the HRS District IV Nominee Qualifications Review Committee in 1992.

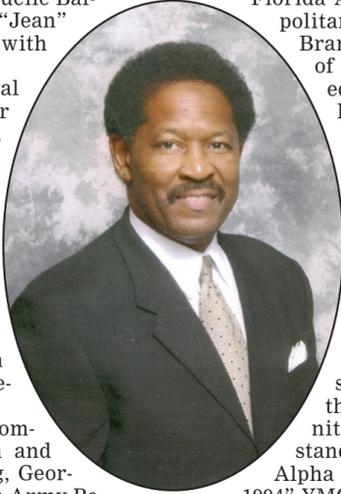
In addition to his daily involvements in the Jacksonville community, Dr. Aikens found much fulfillment in returning to the family farm each weekend during the past three years to revitalize it. As he departed Thanksgiving weekend, he drove through the farm and stated, "I am really pleased with the progress that has been made and the assignment is complete." Little thought was given to how prophetic his words were.

Dr. Aikens received numerous awards in his lifetime including the following: "Outstanding Leadership Award 1994" - Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, "Key to the City" of New Orleans 1994, "Outstanding Community Service Award 1991" - Zeta Phi Beta Sorority; "Outstanding Community Service Award 1995" - Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; "Outstanding Community Service Award 1994" - YMCA of Florida's First Coast; "Gold Key Award 1991" - National Dental Association; "Humanitarian Award 1994" - National Council of Christians and Jews; "Exemplary Service Award 1994" - U.S. Department of Public Health; "Really Caring for Children Leadership Award 1994" - YMCA; "Howard University College of Dentistry Outstanding Alumnus Award" 1991; "Outstanding Alumni Award" 1994 - Florida State University; "A.L. Lewis Small Business Person of the Year 1993" - National Business League; "Equal Opportunity Award Recipient 1992" - Jacksonville Urban League; "Onyx Business Award 2008;" Civil Rights Award - National Dental Association 2009, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority "Outstanding Community Leadership Award" 2000; along with many features in National Magazines, such as: *Jet*, *Ebony*, *Onyx* and numerous medical journals, and health related publications.

Even though he dedicated much of his life to the community, he loved family time whether it was long weekend breakfasts, trips to the farm, attending his sons' events or traveling throughout the US and abroad. Other interests also included art and coin collecting, photography and reading.

Dr. Aikens leaves to cherish his precious memories, his devoted and loving wife: Jean; faithful sons: Chester II "Chet" and Chae; sisters: Barbara Stephens, Rhonda (Ronnie) Moore and Katrina (Jerome) Aikens; brother: Judge Augustus D. (LaGrande) Aikens; mother-in-law: Georgia Hudson Johnson; sisters-in-law: Jenethel (Charles) Davis, Doretha (Jesse) Anderson, Dorothy Youman and Pauline (Cornell) Miller; aunts: Mattie Bowles, Lillian Balloon, Lillie B. Nesbitt, Nellie Balloon, Irene Aikens and Leola (Arne) Garvanda; uncle: Ulysses Balloon; also many nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, grandchildren, patients, mentees and sorrowing friends.

~ A golden heart has stopped beating; hard working hands are out to rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us, he only takes the best ~



### Bobby Childers

Bobby Childers, 59, died December 9, 2013 in Jacksonville.

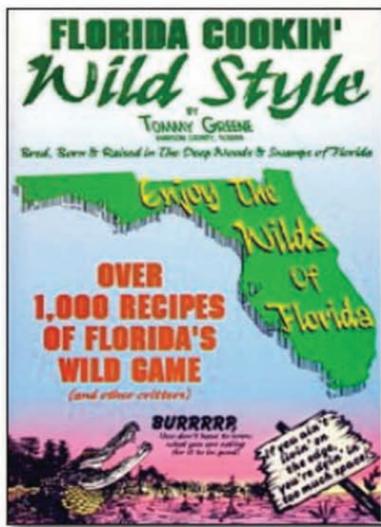
A memorial service will be held Friday, December 13, 2013, at 5 p.m. at American Legion Post 224 in Cherry Lake.

He is survived by one daughter, Brandi Childers (fiancé Germain Moya) of Jacksonville; two brothers, Bud Starling (wife Sheri) of Madison and John Starling (wife Monica) of Valdosta, Ga.; and one grandson.

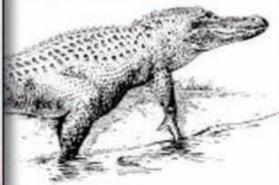
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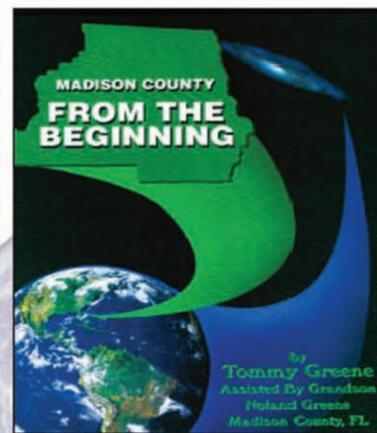
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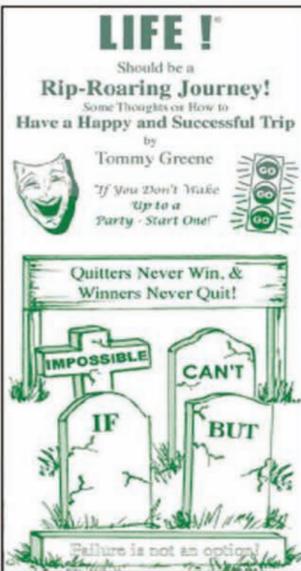


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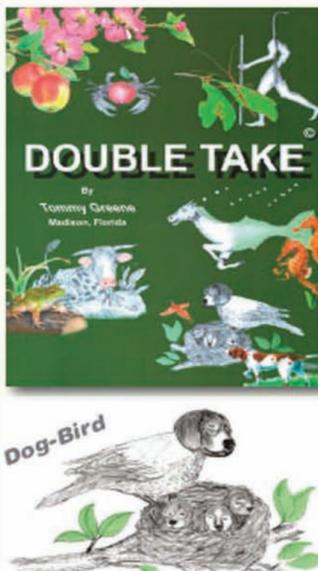
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## Light Up Madison Thrills Crowd



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Daisies and Doodlebugs Daycare students entertain the crowd during the Light Up Madison festivities.



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The Madison Academy Guitar Ensemble performs Christmas favorites after the parade.



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Johnathan and Ben Whigham rode on the Madison County Sheriff's Office rescue boat during the Light Up Madison parade.



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Madison County High School band member William Terry gets ready to perform during the Light Up Madison Christmas parade on Saturday, Dec. 7.



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Madison Kiwanis members Preston Mathews, Allen Cherry and Jim Holben, pictured left to right, get ready to draw the name of the winner of the Power Wheels raffle, donated by Studstill Lumber and Madison Sporting Goods and Pawn.



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Lake Park of Madison wishes all a sweet Christmas during the Light Up Madison parade.



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Santa arrives with his reindeer for Light Up Madison.



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The Madison County High School band performed during the Light Up Madison parade.



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Mickey and Minnie Mouse were a part of this year's Light Up Madison parade.

# Around Madison County

## County And City Officials Welcome Madison Farmers Market



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Lynette Norris, December 6, 2013

**Special guest speaker Dr. Lawrence Carter believes that farmers markets will be an important part of how people will adapt to future challenges.**

By Lynette Norris  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

“**B**less the soil, bless the seed, and bless those who work the land so industriously.” Vicar Joe Boyle of St. Mary’s Episcopal Church spoke those words in his opening invocation, echoing one of the themes of the Farmer’s Market, that of the land that feeds the people, and the work that goes into it. With farmland shrinking nationally because it is more economical for farmers to sell their land to developers than to continue farming, with more and more people living in cities than rural areas, and with a generation of children who think that fruit and vegetables come from Publix, the farmers market niche is one that encourages more production of lo-

cal produce and getting back to the land. There are over 5000 such markets in the state of Florida alone.

“Urban farmer’s markets are here to stay,” said Dr. Lawrence Carter, Director of Outreach Activities for Cooperative Extension at FAMU. “That’s almost like saying ‘amen.’”

Lawrence was the special guest speaker for the public opening of the Madison Farmers Market, located on a small piece of land behind O’Neal’s and in front of the Agricultural Center. On a warm December morning that didn’t feel quite like Christmas, Ms. Lundy’s music classes from the New Millennium Charter School managed to make it so, bringing Christmas with them as they performed for the audience between some of the speeches. Loni Kesler was also on hand with her flea market of free items as a way of “helping out the community.” She is at the Farmers Market every weekend and at other events as well, dealing mostly in children’s items, books, shoes, clothes, toys as well as other household items. Occasionally, she also has furniture, which goes fast. She accepts donations of items for give-away at the Lee Drop, and can be contacted on Facebook as

well as at (850) 973-2740.

Lawrence, speaking of the future challenges agriculture faces, touched on the theme of the “growing rural divide” with more and more people living in urban areas and the possibility that the future generations will have to relearn how to be self-sufficient and rely on the land.

“We forget the importance of soil, water and the air that we breathe,” he added. “We hope that food, water and shelter will always be there for our children.” Hopefully, in the face of the exploding human population projected for the future, “Farmer’s markets like these will teach people how to grow vegetables...things most people have forgotten. Think about who we are and what things will be like in the future.”

Lawrence himself, after earning four degrees, said that he had “used them up” in his 39-year career at FAMU, a career that he had enjoyed immensely, and now he has gotten “back to the basics.”

“I went away, but I came back home to be a farmer,” he said.

County Extension Agent Diann Douglas spoke about the importance of readily available, nutritious food and its impact on things as fundamental as health,

wellbeing and quality of life. After all, “you are what you eat,” she said.

County Commissioner Clyde Alexander commended “the people who have the vision to see something like this come to our county.”

Cindy Veas, Executive Director of the Madison Chamber of Commerce, described Madison Farmers Market spokesperson Melva Morfaw as “the one who put the wheels on the wagon of this project,” and City Manager Tim Bennett, who had worked with Morfaw for the past few months to bring the Farmers Market to fruition, coordinating city, county and county extension people to find a central, accessible location, said that it had been a pleasure working with her. “I wish the Farmers Market the best of success,” he said.

Dr. Hubert Clarke, a newcomer to Madison County who now farms land near South SR 53, spoke from the farmer’s point of view, describing how after watching people purposefully and deliberately choosing their fruits and vegetables and hearing them say that they would rather not have to drive to Tallahassee or Valdosta for fresh produce, “I then know, as I take down my purple tent, that all those busy weekends and sweat in the

fields will be worth it.”

People want to trust the things they eat, he noted. “And when they ask me, ‘will you be

back next weekend,” I tell them “yes, we’ll be back next weekend, if you promise to meet us here.”



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**Dr. Hubert Clarke speaks from the farmer’s perspective as Loni Kesler and Melva Morfaw look on. Morfaw was the driving force behind the Farmers Market, and Kesler operates a flea market in conjunction with the Farmers Market every weekend, as well as other events.**



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**From the New Millennium Charter School, Ms. Lundy’s string music class provides a little Christmas music for the Farmers Market grand opening.**



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## What The American Legion Does

Submitted by Dwight Barber, American Legion Post 224

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- Urges Congress to provide enough VA funding to take care of veterans' medical needs and provide it in advance.

- Awards college scholarships to children whose mothers or fathers have sacrificed their lives in the global war on terrorism.

- Volunteers about one million hours every year at about 160 VA medical facilities nationwide.

- Helps families of deployed troops

through its Family Support Network and Operation Military Family Outreach.

- Through the Temporary Financial Assistance program it helps the children of veterans who are suffering hardships.

- Donates about 100,000 pints of blood annually to the American Red Cross.

- Lobbies Congress to upgrade and improve Post-9/11 GI Bill education benefits (the Legion wrote the original

1944 GI Bill that educated 8 million veterans).

- Through its Heroes To Hometowns program works with communities to welcome back their returning veterans and help them make the transition to civilian life.

- Sponsors more than 5,000 American Legion Baseball teams, which are made up by more than 100,000 ballplayers.

- Raises funds to improve the quality of life for active-duty

troops, with the Wounded Warrior Recognition Program and Operation Comfort Warriors.

- Offers community programs that encourage the intellectual and social growth of America's children (Boys State, National Oratorical Competition, Boy Scouts).

In a Nutshell:

- If you're a veteran, The American Legion will help you. It will help you with VA health care, GI Bill ben-

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#### Don't Procrastinate: Zero In on Holiday Budgets Before You Spend

Don't look now because before you know it the season of giving -- and spending -- will be upon us. Don't wait until the credit card bills arrive in January to think about how you're going to pay for your holiday spending. Start now and consider these planning tips.

**Try not to "charge it."**  
It can take the average shopper months -- or even years -- to pay off holiday spending debt. If you must use a credit card, use only one -- preferably a bank credit card. Avoid department store cards, which usually charge a much higher interest rate.

**Give of yourself.**  
Your time and talents are often viewed as more meaningful than any gift you could buy. Give an elderly friend or relative a certificate for a home-cooked meal or an afternoon of gardening. Teens can offer to baby-sit, read to the elderly, or wash windows. Homemade items such as jams and jellies or handicrafts also make great, inexpensive gifts.

This year, why not give yourself a gift by planning ahead for the holidays? With a little forethought and creativity you can keep your holiday spirit without losing your wallet.

**Be a smart shopper.**  
Watch the newspapers and advertising flyers for sales or discount coupons for items you plan to buy. Be flexible and realize that you may need to juggle your schedule to take advantage of the best sales. When possible, put off gift buying until after the holidays. This is when department stores reduce sale prices even more to make room for spring merchandise.

**Have a realistic budget and stick to it.**  
Creating a budget and keeping to it can help you to avoid spending beyond your means. To avoid the overspending trap, make a list of possible gifts and spending limits a month or two in advance. But make sure you cover all your bases. In addition to gifts, include the cost of postage and shipping, travel and entertaining, even wrapping paper and decorations.

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## MCCS Teacher Of The Week



submitted

Samantha Fletcher says she has known since fifth grade that she's wanted to teach and became a teacher because she believes in the importance of education.

By Rose Klein  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Samantha Fletcher teaches Kindergarten at Madison County Central School and is this week's Teacher of the Week. Mrs. Fletcher says she became a teacher because she was "blessed" to have teachers throughout her educational experience who served as role models

in academics, making her want to influence lives of others, just as they influenced hers. The part of teaching she looks forward to the most is the start of a new school year. Mrs. Fletcher said, "My heart breaks when I have to say goodbye to a group of students, but I love meeting a new group of students. The first weeks of school are nerve racking, but they are crucial. I love a challenge!"

During her time outside of the classroom, Mrs. Fletcher, "above everything else," says she enjoys spending time with her family. She is married with two "sweet little girls" whom she refers to as gifts and says she cherishes every moment she can spend with them. She also enjoys reading, shopping and "LOVES" a good nap.

Mrs. Fletcher says the person she has always looked up to and would like to emulate would be her grandmother. She said she never was taught by her grandmother in the classroom but she saw and heard enough to know that her grandmother's skills were "pretty awesome."

## MCCS Has Heart

By Rose Klein  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The Madison County Central School, in an effort to make a difference in the lives of their students, have developed a program called "Heart 2 Heart." If you walk into the front door of the school, sitting on a tabletop to your left you will see a "tree," filled with pink and red hearts. Each heart represents an MCCS student with needs. The program is simple to do: You choose a heart from the tree and take your heart to the Guidance Office; there you will learn the name of the student your heart belongs to; that's it. It is then up to you to help supply the student's needs as you can or want during the existing school year. You could choose to give school supplies, food, uniforms, gloves, or what ever else the child may need. Gifts for birthdays and holidays are also an option.

The "Heart 2 Heart" program shows



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The MCCS "Heart 2 Heart" tree is ripe with hearts, waiting to be picked.

the "power of one," proving it takes only one person to make a large impact in the life of another, in this case, a student. "When you choose a heart, you are choosing to add value to the life of a child," is what you will find written on

the pink slips of paper lying beside the tree. If you are looking for a way to "pay it forward" this year, especially during this Christmas season, all you need to do is take a trip to the Central School and check out their hearts.

## Shanice Washington Wins Laptop



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Shanice Washington tries out the new Dell laptop while Allison Chase looks on. Chase, of Able Trust, says she enjoys coming to Madison because of the level of support shown by school officials, including the superintendent. "At the 39 other HSHT sites, it is rare to see a school superintendent," she said. "Here, the superintendent always shows up."

Story Submitted

The Able Trust and the Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology (FAAST) of Tallahassee announced earlier in December the winners of Dell Computer laptops.

Students from 39 High School High Tech (HSHT) sites in the state of Florida were

asked to write essays about how they would benefit in the academic arena by owning a laptop. Deborah Simmons, Director of Madison County HSHT, was pleased to find out that Shanice Washington, a senior at MCHS, is one of 35 winners, chosen from over 100 students who submitted essays.

Allison Chase and Joseph D'Souza of Able



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Lynette Norris, December 9, 2013

Able Trust and FAAST present a new Dell laptop to MCHS senior and member of High School High Tech Shanice Washington. Gathered for the occasion are (left to right) School Superintendent Doug Brown, Michael Radel, Deborah Simmons, Cpl. Morris Washington of the Madison County Sheriff's Office (Shanice's father), Joseph D'Souza (Able Trust), Shanice Washington and Allison Chase (Able Trust).

Trust presented the Dell laptop computer to Washington on Dec. 9, with her father, Cpl. Morris Washington of the Madison County Sheriff's Office, friends, teachers and school officials gathered around.

A senior at MCHS, as well as a member of HSHT and Future Business Leaders of American (FBLA),

Washington's goal is to build on her job skills and industry certifications from the high school to help achieve her career goals.

"I am hoping to become a business administrator sometime in the near future and I want to start building job skills now," she said. "Being awarded a laptop will make it possible to help me in school and in the workforce. The job market today is very tight but I at least want to take the initiative to try."

She is working diligently to achieve success by doing all the right things: garnering all the industry certifications in technology from MCHS, and working out her financial means to achieve academic success for her college and career.

The Florida High School High Tech program encourages students with disabilities to explore the STEM careers (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math), and there is no better time than now to do just that! The National Science Foundation has predicted that by 2012, 80 percent of jobs will require some level of math, science or technology

skills. HSHT program coordinators hold high expectations of their students.

FAAST is a non-profit organization that provides disabled Floridians of all ages with access to assistive technology. It is funded

by the United States Rehabilitation Services Administration and the Florida Department of Education, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. FAAST provides laptop computers awarded to HTHS students in the state of

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# The Birth Of Santa Claus

Submitted by Alfa Hunt

**S**anta Claus, also known as Saint Nicholas, Christmas, Kris Kringle, or simply Santa, is the one man willing to travel the entire globe in one night giving gifts to the good boys and girls. The legend may have its basis in biographies, which idolize the Saint Nicholas of Myra. Saint Nicholas was a fourth century Greek-Christian bishop of Myra in Lycia, a province of the Byzantine Anatolia, which is now in modern Turkey. Nicholas was famous for his generous gifts to the poor, in particular presenting three girls raised in poverty with dowries so they would not have to work for the local brothel in order to support themselves. He was a very religious man from an early age and devoted his life entirely to Christianity. In Eu-

rope, especially the Netherlands, Belgium, Austria, and Germany, he is still portrayed as a robed, bearded bishop. In 1087, the Italian city of Bari, wanting to enter the profitable pilgrimage industry of the time, organized an expedition to locate the tomb of the Saint and procure the remains. The reliquary of St. Nicholas was desecrated by Italian sailors and the spoils, including the relics, were taken to Bari where they were kept to this day. A basilica was constructed the same year to store the relics, and the area became a pilgrimage site for devout Christians. Saint Nicholas became claimed as the patron saint of many diverse groups, from archers to pawnbrokers. He is also the patron saint of both Amsterdam and Moscow.

Numerous paraling stories have been drawn between Santa Claus and the figure of the Germanic pagan god, Odin. Because many of these elements are unrelated to Christianity, there are theories regarding the origins of

various customs related to Christmas, which stem from areas where the Germanic peoples were Christianized and retained elements of their earlier traditions, surviving in various forms into modern depic-

tions of Santa Claus. Odin is sometimes recorded, during the Germanic holiday of Yule, as leading a great hunting party through the sky. Two books from Iceland, *Poetic Edda*, compiled in the 13th century from earlier sources, and the *Prose Edda*, written in the 13th century by Snorri Sturluson, describe Odin as riding an eight-legged horse named Sleipnir that could leap great distances, giving rise to comparisons to Santa's reindeer. Further, Odin was referred to by many names in Skaldic poetry, some of which described him as "long beard" and "Jolnir" meaning "Yule figure." According to Phyllis Siefker, children would place their boots, filled with carrots, straw, or sugar, near the chimney for

Odin's flying horse. Odin would then reward those children for their kindness by replacing Sleipnir's food with gifts or candy. This practice survived in Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands after the adoption of Christianity and became associated with Saint Nicholas as a result of the process of Christianization and can be still seen in the modern practice of the hanging of stockings by the chimney. This practice came to the US through the Dutch colony of New Amsterdam prior to the British seizure in the 17th century and evolved into the hanging of socks or stockings at the fireplace. In many regions of Austria and former Austro-Hungarian Italy, children are given sweets and gifts in Saint Nicholas Day in accordance with the Catholic calendar, Dec 6.



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Mr. C.A. Vickers, formerly of Lee, has accepted a position as salesman in the A&P Store.

Sgt. Walter F. Stewart, brother of Mr. J.B. Stewart of Madison, successfully made his fifth and qualifying jump Friday night. This tactical jump completed his parachute jump training.

Gordon Keeling, who is with Uncle Sam's Navy at Norfolk, Va., writes that he really enjoys the home paper that it is almost like a letter from home and would be if the Oak Hill news were in it.

December 11, 1953

Eight Madison County players, six from Greenville and two from Madison, were named to the All Conference team of the North Florida Conference. Players named were Robles, end, Greenville; Carroll, tackle, Madison; Hunter, tackle, Madison; Wheeler, guard, Madison; Gardner, back, Madison; Hudson, back, Madison; Fagan, back, Greenville.

Lindsey Williams, a 21-year-old man, was fatally stabbed in an altercation with his estranged wife, Dora, at about 3:30 p.m. Saturday. According to Sheriff Simmie Moore, the trouble started with an argument between the two in front of Ed Warren's place.

Miss Agnes Morrow wins the state pie-baking contest and will go to Chicago in February for the national pie-baking contest.

Mr. Jake Vickers was a visitor in Atlanta last Saturday to inspect the new 1954 line of Pontiac cars at headquarters there.

December 13, 1963

Butch Fisher, who has been in the Navy in Japan and the Orient, arrived Friday night on a 30-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V.E. Fisher.

A 3-C and Mrs. Danny Daniel are spending the holidays here with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Woodson Daniel.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tuten are happy to have them back here. Howard says, "It's just too cold in the north. I can't take it."

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Taken from the June 5, 1972 edition of the Madison County Carrier



The Blair-Warner reunion was an event of Sunday at the Suwannee River State Park, and these men represent each side of the family. At left is Bernice Warner of Live Oak. In the center is Neal Blair (the oldest living Blair), and with him are three generations - Pat Blair, and son Mike, who is just three months old. Families enjoyed a good time, and good eating June 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Happenings

At Madison  
First Baptist Church

Submitted By Judy Phillips  
Guest Columnist

During this time of year folks at First Baptist are especially grateful for our church staff. They work hard all year long, but the schedule gets pretty hectic around this time of year. They very adequately adjust and for that we are thankful. If you have questions about any of the announcements or prayer concerns, the church staff is ready to serve you. The church office hours are 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday. The office phone number is 973-2547 or you can reach the church secretary by email at [1stbaptistoffice@gmail.com](mailto:1stbaptistoffice@gmail.com). We also have a website, [madisonfbc.net](http://madisonfbc.net), that is regularly updated. Our pastor can be reached at [gabekrell@yahoo.com](mailto:gabekrell@yahoo.com). Jim Carey, our music minister can be reached at [muzicman123@gmail.com](mailto:muzicman123@gmail.com).

This week our time of praise included "There's a song in the Air" and "Go Tell It on the Mountain." The Christmas carols included "Angels from the Realms of Glory," and "The First Noel the Angel Did Say." The worship choir sang a selection, "The Glories of Christmas" from the cantata, "Come Messiah King." It was beautiful as was the entire presentation during the worship service on Sunday night. Soloists included Mark Branham, Danielle Fries, David Fries, Shelly Smith, and Kara Washington. We appreciate all the hard work these talented folks put into making this a worshipful experience for the entire community. For Bro. Gabe's sermon he used the very familiar text, Matthew 1:18-21. "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. "And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins." Bro. Gabe centered his sermon on Joseph and the situation in which he found himself. Take time now to read this account. The key verse is the first part of verse 20. Joseph took time to consider his situation. When he did the Lord provided direction and Joseph was able to do what the Lord commanded him to do.

The month of December is when Southern Baptist churches remember our international missionaries with the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering emphasis. The theme is "Totally His: Heart, Hands, Voice." Use the prayer guide provided to pray daily for missionaries. Plan now the sacrificial offering you will make. Our goal is \$3,500.

**Tuesday, Dec. 17 ~ 10 a.m. Just Older Youth choir...** We will visit a local nursing center.  
**GOOD NEWS CLUBS...** We have two clubs in our local schools. The Madison County Central School Club meets on **Tuesday at 2:45 p.m.** The Pinetta Elementary School Club meets on **Thursday at 3:15 p.m.** Leaders share the Good News of Christ through song, prayer, fellowship and a Bible story each week during the school year. If you would like to furnish refreshments for either of these groups, please

contact Carol Bynum at 971-7246.

**Dec. 18 Wednesday's Schedule:** 6 p.m. Church wide Christmas Caroling/ Finger foods' fellowship to follow ~ 6:30 p.m. Prayer meeting for those who do not wish to participate in the caroling.

**Dec. 21 ~ LIVE NATIVITY ~ Journey through Bethlehem...** Melanie Parks and Andrea Krell are looking for volunteers...no matter your age or gender. Especially they need Bethlehem residents. Please sign up to be contacted by getting in touch with either of these folks. Thank you for considering this amazing opportunity we can share with our local community. Mark your calendar to reserve this date and time to "Journey through Bethlehem" as it might have been that very first Christmas night.

**Dec. 22 ~** First-third Grade Sunday School Class Christmas Pageant.

**Dec. 24 ~** 6 p.m. Christmas Eve Candle Light Service/Lord's Supper in the 1898 Sanctuary.

**Dec. 25-27 ~** Office closed for the holidays.

**Dec. 29 ~** No evening service.

Join us this week for Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. where we have classes for nursery through senior adults. Worship begins at 11 a.m. when we will honor the Lord with songs of praise, prayers, offerings, and the spoken word. **Special Business Meeting** to follow to vote on the 2014 proposed budget. **"SUNDAY NIGHTS @ FIRST" .....**Our evening service @ First begins at 5 p.m. This will allow us the opportunity to share in praise, worship, and the Word from 5 until 5:45 p.m. Then from 5:45 until 7:30 p.m. a variety of class options will be available to grow your faith. For **ADULTS** three different classes are being offered: Experiencing God, led by Andrea Krell, When God's Spirit Moves, led by LaVerne Deckard, and Divorce Care led by Bro. Gabe, Ann McLeod, and Shelly Smith. This is a class for those experiencing separation, divorcees or those going through a divorce. **All sessions stand alone, so you can join any one at anytime.** Call the church office at 973-2547 to register for these classes. The **YOUTH, grades 6-8, will have an opportunity to study the Book of James** led by Amy Kendrick and Dave Deckard. For **HIGH SCHOOL, 9-12 grades, through COLLEGE/CAREER** age folks Melanie Parks, Ray Pike and Ansley Rogers will be leading a study entitled "Forgotten God." The **CHILDREN** also have special places. The **Preschool Choir**, ages 3-6 is being taught by Beth Carey and Carol Bynum. Jim Carey, Martha Beggs, and Thelma DeHart will lead the Children's Choir for those in first-fifth grades. And of course, a **Nursery** will be provided for those babies through age two. Dinner will be served from 7-7:30 for preschool through college. No matter your age or where you are in your walk with Christ, there is a place for you **"SUNDAY NIGHTS @ FIRST!"** God is doing awesome things! And remember when life gives you trials do what Joseph did, take **time to think and pray about the situation before acting.**

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 2013-21-CA

MADISON COUNTY COMMUNITY BANK  
 Post Office Box 834  
 Madison, Florida 32341

Plaintiff,

vs. **FORECLOSURE AND OTHER RELIEF**

SILROY MCPHERSON  
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 NATALEE A. EDWARDS  
 3133 SE Card Terrace  
 Port St Lucie, Florida 34984;  
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Defendants.

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE PURSUANT TO SECTION 45.031(1), FLORIDA STATUTES

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered on December 2, 2013, in the above styled action 1. Tim Sanders, Clerk of the Court, will sell at public sale the following described real property:

Lot No. 25 Norton Creek, a subdivision as per the plat thereof filed in Plat Book 2, Page 31-33 of the Public Records of Madison County, Florida. Subject to Restrictions and Protective Covenants as recorded in official records of Madison County, Book 750, Pages 257-258.

The sale will be held on January 9, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. (or as soon thereafter as possible, provided that said sale must be commenced prior to 2:00 p.m.) to the highest and best bidder for cash, at the front door of the courthouse in Madison County, in Madison, Florida, in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the owner of the above described property as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

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Dated: December 2, 2013.

TIM SANDERS,  
 As Clerk of the Court  
 By: /s/ Ramona Dickinson  
 As Deputy Clerk

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Madison Enterprise-Recorder  
Section B

December 13, 2013

A photograph of a woman with long, dark hair, wearing a white sweater, holding a white mug. She is looking down at the mug with a slight smile. The background is a blurred Christmas tree decorated with red and gold ornaments. The text "Health And Wellness Guide" is overlaid in a white, cursive font in the bottom right corner of the image.

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From the office of:

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I Fact Sheet Dry Mouth I

# Xerostomia

## What is xerostomia?

Xerostomia is a condition related to the salivary glands, which help keep the mouth moist, thus preventing decay and other oral health problems. When the salivary glands do not work properly, the amount of saliva in the mouth decreases, resulting in xerostomia—or, as it's more commonly known, dry mouth.

## What causes dry mouth?

Prescription and over-the-counter medications are the most common cause of dry mouth. There are more than 400 medications that can contribute to mouth dryness, including antihypertensives, antidepressants, painkillers, tranquilizers, diuretics, and antihistamines.

Dry mouth also can be caused by radiation therapy and chemotherapy, hormonal alterations, or diseases, such as diabetes, lupus, Alzheimer's disease, and kidney disease. Other contributing factors include stress, anxiety, depression, nutritional deficiencies, and dysfunction of the immune system, as is seen in individuals with HIV/AIDS.

## How important is saliva?

Saliva is vital to everyday processes such as tasting, swallowing, speaking, and digesting. Saliva is a natural defense for teeth. Without saliva, teeth are vulnerable to tooth decay and bacterial, fungal, and viral infections. Human saliva is composed mostly of water but also includes electrolytes, mucus, antibacterial compounds, and various enzymes. The components of saliva play a major role in keeping your mouth healthy by rinsing away food particles, neutralizing harmful acids, and providing enzymes to help digest food.



## What are the signs and symptoms of dry mouth?

Symptoms of dry mouth may include the following:

- Increased need to sip or drink fluids when swallowing
- Difficulty speaking
- Difficulty swallowing
- A burning sensation or soreness in the mouth
- Inability to eat certain foods
- Diminished or altered sense of taste
- Increased susceptibility to oral infection
- Sleep interruptions due to thirst
- Difficulty wearing dentures
- Tooth decay
- Gingivitis
- Stale or bad breath

## How can my dentist help?

If you exhibit any of the symptoms of dry mouth, it's important to contact your dentist so that he or she can properly evaluate and diagnose the condition. A variety of methods are available to help patients manage dry mouth. Your dentist may recommend using saliva substitutes and over-the-counter mouthwashes, gels, and sprays. To ease discomfort, your dentist also may recommend brushing and flossing twice a day, chewing sugarless gum, drinking plenty of water, and maintaining regular dental visits. In addition, your dentist may suggest that you change your diet, avoiding alcohol, caffeine, smoking, citrus juices, dry foods, and overly salty foods. For more information, talk with your dentist.



## Resources

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By Carol Katz

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Can you believe it's December and 2014 is just around the corner? What better time to start my new monthly column special to the *Madison County Carrier*. Who am I? For a few of you whose paths I may not have come across over the years,

let's just say I graduated from Queens College in New York, but years later found solace as a Southerner when I moved to Jefferson County in 1999. In 2000, I put my nursing degree to work and joined Big Bend Hospice.

What is hospice? What does a hospice

nurse do? I plan to answer these and other questions each month to help those facing an end-of-life diagnosis or to help caregivers of those suffering from a terminal illness.

During my 13 years as a Hospice Nurse, I have heard many people say hospice is about losing hope and is seen as a form of giving up. No! Hospice care is all about hope. Hope for completing your life the way you want. Hope to prepare. Hope to have your affairs in order. Hope to have comfort and dignity.

Hospice is care dedicated to a patient's comfort and effective management

of pain and symptoms after it has been determined there is no cure. A hospice team provides medical services, emotional support and spiritual resources for people who are in the last stages of a serious illness.

Hospice care also helps family members and caregivers manage the practical details and emotional challenges of caring for a dying loved one. If I don't stress anything else to you, let me be clear about one thing, "It is never too early to call hospice." Because during the 13 years I've heard people associate hospice with giving up, I've heard just as many

people say after having hospice "I wish I had called sooner."

I look forward to helping my family, friends and neighbors in Madison County learn the truth about what hospice is and what it isn't.

Carol Katz is the Team Leader for Jefferson/Madison/Taylor County of Big Bend Hospice. Big Bend Hospice has been serving this communi-

ty since 1983 with compassionate end of life care along with grief and loss counselors available to provide information and support to anyone in Leon, Jefferson, Taylor, Madison, Gadsden, Liberty, Franklin or Wakulla County. If you would like additional information about services, please call 850-878-5310 or visit [www.big-bendhospice.org](http://www.big-bendhospice.org).

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# HEART DISEASE: MYTHS VS. FACTS.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States, accounting for more than 25 percent of every single death in the country. It's an astoundingly high number, especially for a disease that can be managed by simple factors like diet and exercise. Many people think that heart disease is a man's disease, but it actually affects women more than men. That's just one of the many myths about heart disease that must be dispelled in order to promote prevention.

**MYTH:**

Cancer is the leading killer of American women.



**TRUTH:**

Heart disease kills more women than any other disease. Almost five times as many women die from heart attacks alone each year than die from breast cancer. In 2010, one in 30 female deaths was from breast cancer, while one in six was from coronary heart disease.

**MYTH:**

Heart disease affects mostly men.



**TRUTH:**

Every year since 1984, deaths from heart disease in women have surpassed that of men. In the year after a heart attack, women are 28 percent more likely to die than men.

**MYTH:**

Heart disease affects mostly older women.



**TRUTH:**

Women as young as 30 can be at risk. The rate of sudden cardiac death of women in their 30s and 40s increased 21 percent during the 1990s.

**MYTH:**

Doctors know how to treat female heart disease.



**TRUTH:**

In 2005, the American Heart Association completed a study that found only 8 percent of primary care physicians and 17 percent of cardiologists knew that heart disease kills more women than men.

**MYTH:**

Male and female heart disease patients are treated in the same way.



**TRUTH:**

A study published in *Heart* showed female heart patients were less likely than male heart patients to receive beta blockers, statins, and ACE inhibitors. They are also less likely to receive implantable cardioverter defibrillators, or even aspirin, following a diagnosis of heart disease.

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# Organ Donation Saves Lives

By Rose Klein  
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If you've ever considered organ donation, the first thing you should know is that right now there are 120,954 people on the U.S. transplant waiting list who need an organ and without one, will die. It is estimated that 18 people die daily while waiting for transplants due to a shortage of donated organs. That is a number that can be changed. Currently, organ and tissue donations provide about 80 people to receive organ transplants on a daily basis and each year gives

thousands of people a second chance at life. For each person who donates, eight people can be saved.

Organs and tissues donated and most commonly used are the kidneys, liver, heart, lungs and pancreas. Other organs and tissues that are not as well known to be used in transplantation are: intestines for patients whose intestines, have been severely damaged through illness, trauma or birth defects; skin, used as a temporary dressing for burns, serious abrasions and other exposed areas; bone,

used in orthopedic surgery to facilitate healing of fractures or prevent amputation; tendons, used to repair torn ligaments on knees or other joints; veins, used in cardiac by-pass surgery; and corneas that can repair sight.

What about if you're the person donating? Some people are hesitant to donate because of what might happen to their body after they die. Once death has been declared, the donor authorization is completed and the organs are determined suitable for transplant,

blood tests and other medical procedures are conducted to determine the patient's blood type, kidney and liver function, exposure to transmittable diseases and tissue typing for the purpose of matching the kidneys to transplant recipients. These tests are medically necessary in order to save as many lives as possible.

Not every death can result in the possibility of organ donation. To be eligible for transplant, it is required that blood and oxygen are flowing through the organs until the time of their

recovery. A candidate for donation would be a person who dies from irreparable neurological injury, usually from massive trauma to the brain such as aneurysm, stroke or from an automobile accident. When death occurs and all efforts to save the patient's life are exhausted, tests are performed to confirm the absence of brain or brain stem activity. Only after brain death is declared can donation be a possibility. To match donor organs and tissue with transplant candidates, a computer system uses donor information to

match medical characteristics of the waiting candidates and then generates a ranked list of patients (referred to as a "match run") who are suitable to receive each organ. Factors that affect the ranking may include: tissue match, blood type, length of time on waiting list, immune status, distance between the potential recipient and the donor and the degree of medical urgency, especially in the case of the heart, liver, lung and intestines.

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There are many myths out there that keep people from donating such as “If I agree to donate my organs, the hospital staff won’t work as hard to save my life,” or “I’m not the right age or in good enough health to donate.” These myths, along with many others, can be addressed at [www.donatelifeflorida.org](http://www.donatelifeflorida.org) and will give answers to some of the most frequently asked questions about organ and tissue donation and transplantation. Questions concerning how to sign up, the donation process, money, family and social issues are all there. According to the website, more than 3,700 patients listed at Florida transplant centers right now await life-saving organ transplants. The generosity of those who designate themselves as organ, tissue and eye donors will help these Floridians get a second chance at life.

## Choosing To Be An Organ Donor, You’re Decision Or Somebody Else’s?

By Rose Klein  
*Greene Publishing, Inc.*

If you decide to be an organ donor, how can you be sure your wishes will be carried out after you are gone? What happens if your driver’s license where you checked “organ donor” can’t be found? Can your family override your decision to donate? There are steps you can take to ensure that in the event of a tragedy, your donation of organs and tissue can go to one or more of the over 100,000 people waiting right now for a second chance at life.

To make sure your decision to be an organ donor is honored, there are a few steps you will have to do to make sure all your bases are covered:

- Designate your decision on your driver’s license. Once you designate yourself as an organ donor on your license, you are supposed to be entered in the state registry, but in the event that does not occur, the

license itself will be a legal document that will serve as an advance directive at the time of death.

- Sign up at a state organ and tissue donor registry. The easiest way is to do it online at [www.donatelifeflorida.org/register](http://www.donatelifeflorida.org/register). On the site, you will select the state you live in and fill out the simple form. For Florida, the registry will be the Joshua Abbott Organ and Tissue Donor Registry. There is no national registry. All matters concerning organ and tissue donation are under each state’s jurisdiction and laws. This is important, because in events surrounding sudden deaths, confusion and quick decisions occur and family may not have access to your license.

- Include the desire of organ donation in your will or living will.

- Tell your physician, pastor and friends.

- Tell your family about your decision. In the event of death, fami-

ly members or your legal authorized representative, will have the decision to authorize or decline the decision of your organ donation and may be relieved to not have to make that choice.

After covering all your bases to ensure your wishes are carried out, can anything happen for this decision to be overridden? The answer is no. Once you sign up in Florida on the Joshua Abbott Organ and Tissue Donor Registry, your donor designation will grant authorization for donation to take place and your family will be presented with documentation to relieve them from making the decision.

If you need more information on being an organ donor you can visit [www.organdonor.gov](http://www.organdonor.gov) as well as the web address listed above. If you would like to sign up and are unable to do it online you can contact Donate Life Florida at 1-877-357-4273 to request a registration form.



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# National Influenza Vaccination Week December 8 - 14

By Rose Klein  
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National Influenza Vaccination Week is here, have you had your flu shot? This week was established and set aside to highlight the importance of continuing influenza vaccination and falls during the best time for the shot, between September and January. Flu season typically peaks in February and can last as late as May. So with the peak of flu season approaching, now is a good time for the vaccination because it takes about two weeks for your body to build up immunity to the flu.

Getting the flu vaccine is a safe way to prevent serious illness. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), more than 200,000 people are estimated to end up in the hospital from flu complications each year in the U.S. Flu can be serious and even deadly. The CDC estimates that between 1976 and 2007 annual flu-associated deaths in the United States ranged from a low of about 3,000 people to a high of about 49,000 people during the most severe season.

When trying to decide how often to get a flu shot, it is important to get the vaccine every year. Flu vaccines are made every year to protect against the viruses that worldwide surveillance indicates could be the most likely to cause widespread illness during the upcoming flu season. Dr. Anne Schuchat, Director of the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases at the CDC says, "Flu viruses are constantly changing. Each flu season, different flu viruses can spread, and they can affect people differently based on their body's ability to fight infection." Knowing flu viruses are constantly changing and that vaccine immunity can decline over time, annual vaccination becomes crucial to ward off the illness.

Another important reason for the vaccine is there are certain people who have a higher risk of suffering from serious flu complications:

- People with certain long-term health conditions, such as asthma, diabetes and chronic heart disease
- Pregnant women

- People 65 years and older

- Children younger than five years old, and especially children younger than two years old

- Health care personnel

- People who live with or care for others who are at high risk

There is also a group of people who should either NOT be vaccinated or should first check with their doctor before being vaccinated:

- Children under six months

- Those previously vaccinated and as a result, suffered a severe allergic reaction

- People who have a moderate-to-severe illness, with or without fever

- People with a history of Guillain-Barré Syndrome

If you have children, especially those six months through eight years of age, who have never been vaccinated, they need two doses of flu vaccine to be fully protected. If the child in this age range has already had one dose, parents should check with their doctor to see if a sec-

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# National Influenza Vaccination Week

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ond dose is needed.

Side effects from getting the flu shot keep some away from the vaccination, but the most common side effects to expect from the vaccine are a sore arm and maybe a low fever or achiness. The nasal spray flu vaccine might cause congestion, runny nose and sore throat or cough, but these effects are usually mild and short-lived and normally last only one to two days after vaccination. Neither the flu shot nor the nasal spray vaccine can give you the flu. "Vaccines

are medicines and taking any medicine can carry some risk," says Dr. Schuchat. "With the flu vaccine, that risk is extremely small. The risks associated with getting the flu are far greater."

Cost for the flu vaccination can be affordable or even free. As part of the Affordable Care Act, all plans in the Health Insurance Marketplace and other plans will provide many free preventive services, including flu vaccinations. For more information about the Health Insurance Marketplace, visit

[www.HealthCare.gov](http://www.HealthCare.gov). For more information about the dangers of flu and the benefits and safety of the flu vaccine, talk to your doctor or nurse. You can also visit [www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu).

As a service to the citizens of Madison County, listed below are several locations offering the flu vaccine:

Madison County Health Department, 218 SW Third Ave., 793-5000 – Monday-Friday from 8-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., 18 years and under is free, 19 years and older is \$20.

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## Madison County School Nurses Help Keep Kids In The Classroom

*Submitted By Jodi Baker,  
School Health Coordinator*

A school could not function at its best without a school nurse. They are an integral part of any school. They provide safety and care of students and staff and address the need for integrating health solutions into the education setting. This is a very challenging position that addresses the physical, mental, emotional and social health needs of students while supporting their achievement in the learning process.

The primary job duties of a school nurse are to triage students at the clinics, provide minor first aide, give physician ordered medications and return students to the classroom if possible. Other services include vision, hearing, scoliosis and BMI screenings. School nurses teach classes to students and/or staff on the importance of hand-washing, dental care, nutrition, physical activity, anti-bullying, self-esteem, character building, goal setting, safety issues and other topics related to student well-being. School health nurses are responsible for making sure immunizations

are up-to-date and physicals are on file.

Currently, the Florida department of Health in Madison County has trained staff in each school clinic to assist students with health related issues. This would not have been possible without two grants that were awarded to the health department in 1991. These grants, titled the School Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) and a locally designed program helped to increase staff in all school clinics.

Prior to 1991, only two registered nurses traveled to all the schools on a weekly basis. One registered nurse was employed by Madison County School District and one was employed by the Madison County Health Department. If the nurses were not at the school, students would be sent home with minor illnesses. Approximately 7,000 services have been provided this school year alone. These numbers are expected to increase with the growing population of students with special health care needs. These conditions may impact the student's ability to be in school and their ability to learn. Students are coming to school with asthma, ADHD, epilepsy, diabetes,

hypertension, sickle cell, as well as many other medical conditions.

Our dedicated, caring staff puts the welfare of the students first and provides them with the care they need at the time it is needed. Since 2005, greater than 92 percent of clinic visits resulted in the student being able to return to the classroom to finish the school day. This success can be attributed to the strong partnership between Florida Department of Health in Madison and the Madison County School District.

The School Health clinic staff includes Jodi Baker, RN and School Health Coordinator; Wendy Silvernell, LPN for Madison County Central School; Alicia Ward, LPN for Madison County Central School. Judy Hill, Health Support Technician at Pinetta Elementary School; Melissa Goins, Health Support Technician at Lee Elementary School; Leatha Gervin, Health Support Technician at Greenville Elementary School. Marta Smith, LPN is in the Madison County High School clinic and is employed by the Madison School District.



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Following the 4 Principles of Hand Awareness you will be in virtual isolation regardless of the people around you. Direct contamination (inoculation) of your mucus membranes (eyes, nose or mouth) is how infectious disease enters your body. It is not wafting through the ventilation system in the building. Let's work together to minimize the fear factor of infectious disease pandemics or seasonal.

**Only you are responsible for giving yourself the flu or flu-like illness!**

*Henry The Hand*

## Take The Time To Protect Yourself

Washing our hands is a lesson we all learned as children, but when we're busy or in a hurry, we tend to rush or forget to do it. We think our hands are clean, but they're not if we haven't done it right. Just rinsing your hands isn't washing them and a quick rub, even with soap, won't get your hands clean. Follow the steps below to make sure you are washing your hands correctly because the few seconds that you think your saving could cost you days if you get sick later.

- Wet your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold) and apply soap.
- Rub your hands together to make a lather and scrub them well;

be sure to scrub the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.

- Continue rubbing your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the "Happy Birthday" song from beginning to end twice OR run through your grocery list in your head. Make it a habit.

- Rinse your hands well under running water.

- Dry your hands using a clean towel or air dry them.

- As you touch people, surfaces and objects throughout the day, you accumulate germs on your hands. In turn, you can infect yourself with these germs by touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Although it's

impossible to keep your hands germ-free, following the four Principles of Hand Awareness listed below can help limit the transfer of bacteria, viruses and other microbes.

- Wash your hands when they are dirty and BEFORE eating.

- DO NOT cough into your hands, if possible.

- DO NOT sneeze into your hand, if possible.

Above all, DO NOT put your fingers into your eyes, nose or mouth.

Handwashing is the **SINGLE MOST EFFECTIVE METHOD** of preventing the spread of germs. Do yourself a favor and wash yours often and teach your family to do the same.

## Advice On Giving Safe Gifts This Christmas

December is Safe Toys and Gifts Month to protect children from injury. In 2011, The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission estimated that hospital emergency rooms across the country treated 262,300 toy-related injuries with 74 percent of those injuries being those to children under the age of 15. More than 92,000 of those injuries were to children under five years of age.

Because the most commonly injured part of the body is the head and face area, Prevent Blindness America has declared December as Safe Toys and Gifts Month in an effort to help adults make the best decisions on how to keep the holiday season joyful for everyone. The

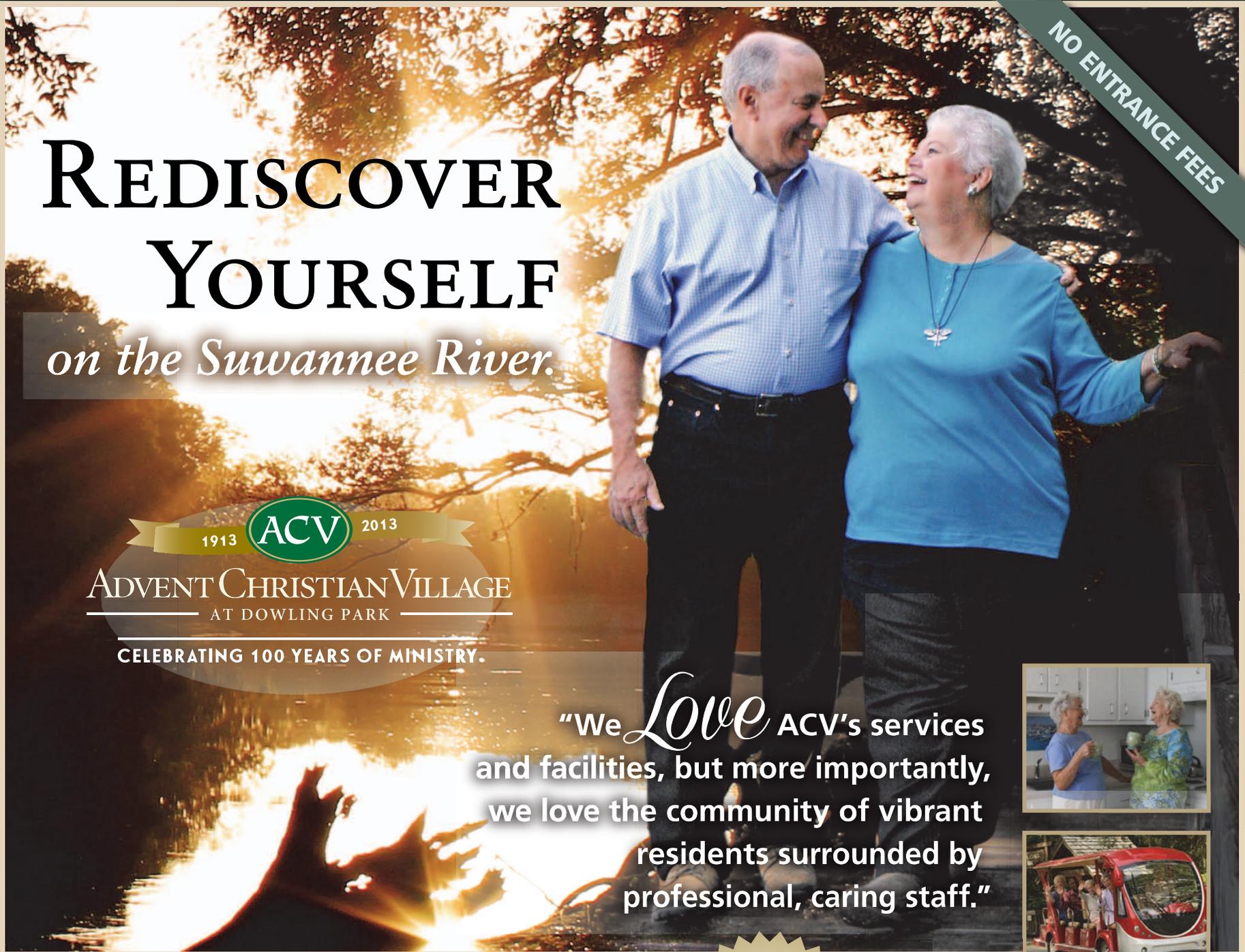
group is offering toy-buying and gift-giving tips to anyone planning to purchase a gift for a child this year. Prevent Blindness America suggests that before purchasing a toy:

- Read all warnings and instructions on the box.
- Ask yourself or the parent if the toy is right for the child's ability and age.
- Avoid purchasing toys with sharp points and edges.
- Check lenses and frames of sunglasses; many can break causing injury.
- Avoid toys that shoot or include parts that fly off.
- Include protective gear with sports gifts

- Don't give toys with small parts to young children that could cause choking.

- Buy toys that will withstand impact without breaking into shards.

Realize that, especially when giving a gift to a child, the item may not be used for its intended purpose, and plan accordingly. Pay attention to suggested ages as well, keeping toys away from children who are too young for them. Choking is among the top five causes of accidental death in the United States, with children under the age of three being at the highest risk. A good gift for a child is one they will enjoy and not harm them in any way.



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