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US Rep. Ted Yoho (R-Jacksonville) helped a young soldier get home from Afghanistan when his grandfather died. Jamie Mitchell is shown with wife Brittany, and son Riley.

## Rep. Ted Yoho, Johnson, Hardee Help Soldier Return Home After Grandfather Passes Away

By Jacob Bemby  
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When the grandson of a Brooks County, Ga., man, William James "Jamie" Mitchell, was not allowed to leave Afghanistan to attend his grandfather's funeral, two Madison County men, including the Supervisor of Elections and a Madison County Sheriff's deputy, went to work looking to help him and they found help through Rep. Ted Yoho's office.

According to Sheriff's Sgt. Brad Johnson, Royce Hutcherson's family had contacted him, after Hutcherson had

died, to see what he could do about getting his grandson home for the funeral. Johnson contacted the Veterans Administration and the Red Cross, who offered little hope since it was Hutcherson's grandson and not his own son. Mitchell's father had murdered the boy's mother when he was 11 years old and he had stayed with his grandfather a while during his formative years.

Johnson contacted Hardee, who immediately contacted a number of elected officials, some who didn't even bother to return his calls. Despite the government shutdown at the time, though, Rep. Yoho (R-Jacksonville) called and told Hardee

that he would work to get Mitchell back on American soil and that he would not take no for an answer.

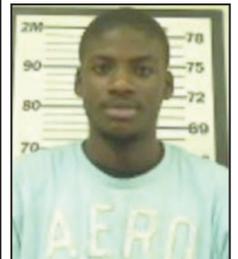
Yoho was able to contact a four-star general, who had earlier said that the young man would not be able to leave the front lines in Afghanistan. The first time Hutcherson's grandson was called, the connection was lost because the soldier came under fire.

Mitchell was finally able to make it back to the States. Although it was too late for the funeral, the funeral home had held the body so the young man could see it. The soldier also did not have to return to Afghanistan.

## Two Arrested When Meth Lab Busted



Steve Vickers, Jr.



Artavious Rashod Gatlin

Madison County Sheriff Ben Stewart reports that on Tuesday night, Dec. 17, at 10:17 p.m., deputies of the Madison County Sheriff's Office responded to a residence located at 823 NW Hickory Road to investigate a complaint of loud music. Upon arrival, deputies went to the front and rear of the residence. As deputies knocked on the front door a black male later identified as Artavious Rashod Gatlin, 21, of Quitman, Ga. was observed exiting the back door of the residence holding what appeared to be specific items used to manufacture methamphetamine.

Deputies identified themselves and ordered Gatlin to stop, however Gatlin ignored the command and fled back

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## "A Hallelujah Christmas" To Raise Money For The Salvation Army



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Mortal Mission, featuring Billy Haynie, left, and Bill Maher will perform at the Lee Town Pavilion Saturday. Allen McCormick is also shown.

Michael Keeler will present "A Hallelujah Christmas" on Saturday, Dec. 21, at the Lee Town Pavilion. "A Hallelujah Christmas" is a concert that will be a fundraiser for the Salvation Army.

Admission is free and there will be kettles to put money in for the Salvation Army.

The concert will begin at 6 p.m. and feature music by Mortal Mis-

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## Project Cares Visits School Board

By Lynette Norris  
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People with developmental disabilities want the same things out of life as anyone. They want the same quality of life. They want to feel safe and be protected from harm. They want to be people of value, who are valued by others. They want to do productive things in the community. But they might need a little extra help in getting there.

Teresa Gallegos and Leslie McLeod addressed the Madison County School Board as representatives of PROJECT CARES of Madison, Taylor and Jefferson Counties, representing a coal-

ition of volunteer parents with developmentally disabled children, or people who are themselves developmentally disabled: those with cerebral palsy, autism, Down's Syndrome and other conditions.

The organization started about a year and a half ago. The volunteers hail from the public, private and business communities, and their goal is for people to "see the person, not the disability," as well as improving opportunities for people with developmental disabilities to be a part of, be included in, and even give back to, their

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Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Lynette Norris, December 10, 2013

Teresa Gallegos and Leslie McLeod speak to the Madison County School Board on behalf of Project Cares, a coalition looking for innovative ways to make children and adults with developmental disabilities an integral part of the community.

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Local Weather			
Fri 12/20	76/56	☀️	Intervals of clouds and sunshine. High 76F. Winds S at 5 to 10 mph.
Sat 12/21	81/63	☀️	Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s.
Sun 12/22	79/63	☁️	Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm.
Mon 12/23	65/42	☁️	Rain with a few rumbles of thunder.

## Madison County Extension Service

## Think Food Safety During The Christmas Season



Diann Douglas  
Guest Columnist

Celebrating the Christmas season American style means food is a part of the festivities. There is always food preparation for guests, family, covered dish events and buffets. As you prepare for holiday gatherings and meals, USDA reminds us to keep foods fresh and safe to eat. If food con-

taining harmful bacteria is consumed, it could cause foodborne illness. So, when you serve food, follow this food safety checklist recommended by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Thoroughly wash your hands with soap and water for a full 20 seconds before and after handling raw food.

Use plastic or other non-porous cutting boards. Cutting boards should be run through the dishwasher - or washed with soap and hot water - after each use.

Store raw meat, poultry, and seafood on a plate or tray, so raw juices don't drip onto other foods.

Use one cutting

board for raw meat products and another one for salads and other ready-to-eat foods, or wash cutting boards in between each use.

Never place cooked food on a plate that previously held raw meat, poultry or seafood unless the plate has been washed.

Bacteria spreads quickly with dirty sponges, dishcloths, or towels, so change them frequently. Bacteria also thrive in the moist areas where bits of food may exist. Use paper towels or freshly-cleaned sponges or cloths and soap and hot water to clean food preparation surfaces.

When cooking meat, poultry and other dishes, use a food ther-

момeter to make sure foods are cooked to a safe internal temperature.

When reheating sauces, soups, and gravies, bring them to a boil. Heat other leftovers thoroughly to 165°F.

Make sure the refrigerator temperature is 40°F or below and 0°F or below in the freezer. Occasionally verify these temperatures using an appliance thermometer.

Refrigerate or freeze perishables, prepared foods, and leftovers within two hours.

Never defrost or marinate food at room temperature; use the refrigerator. You can also thaw foods in airtight packaging in cold water (change the water every 30 minutes, so the food continues to thaw). Or, thaw in the microwave, if you'll be cooking the food immediately.

Divide large amounts of leftovers into shallow containers for quick cooling in the refrigerator.

Don't over-fill the refrigerator. Cold air must circulate to keep food at a safe temperature.

For more information on keeping your holiday food safe, contact the Madison County Extension office.

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Jacob's Ladder  
Christmas Wishes

Jacob Bemby  
Columnist

Christmas time is almost here. I think of Jesus' humble birth in a manger in Bethlehem so many years ago. I think of all the gifts He has given me in my life, including salvation from sins. I think of my wonderful family and friends. I think of that wonderful Christmas gift two years ago, when He raised me from my deathbed. I have all the gifts that a man deserves but I thought I would have a little fun this year and put my Christmas wish list on here.

The only things on this list that I really have needs for this year are for my family to be healthy and for my SUV to be fixed. I need reliable transportation for my family in case something happens. I have some really awesome friends who are helping as well as they can with the problem and my work family has allowed me to use a work van.

As far as my don't need list this year:

\*A new smart phone and about a year of prepaid service.

\*A leather bomber jacket

\*Bluetooth headphones, so I'm not stuck to whatever I am listening to and I would have room to walk away from a stereo, TV or computer and still hear what's going on.

I don't really need any of the things mentioned above. Although I may not have everything I want, I have all that I need. I have a roof over my head, a warm house to live in, and clothes to wear. I have a wonderful church to attend and a best friend and big brother in Jesus Christ. I have a job and wonderful friends and the best family anyone could ask for.

My Christmas wish for you is that, if you don't already know it, for you to realize what Jesus Christ's life really meant on this Earth and that He died on the Cross and was resurrected to save everyone from their sins. My greatest Christmas wish is that everyone who is not a Christian comes to know Jesus as his or her Savior.

Merry Christmas. Yes, Jesus Christ is the reason for the season.

Something To Think About  
My Own Prison

Harvey Greene  
Guest Columnist

So I held my head up high, hiding hate that burns inside, Which only fuels the selfish pride, I cry out to God seeking only His decision

Gabriel stands and confirms I've created my own prison.

--- Creed, "My Own Prison"

I read an interview the other day where evangelist Kenneth Copeland is quoted as saying that PTSD and similar conditions, including depression, were not of God, and therefore "good Christians" did not have conditions such as that. According to the Mr. (Rev) Copeland, if you are a proper Christian, you would not be affected by these problems because you would simply "hand it over to God" and get over it.

I was appalled. Seriously?

Perhaps one of the things that grieved me most was who said it. This is not some silly Ph.D. sitting in his ivory-towered university or laboratory. This is a nationally recognized preacher, a purveyor (creator) of current Christian doctrine (or in this case dogma). This is someone who people look to for actual guidance.

(Granted this is the same man who he and his preacher daughter helped spawn an outbreak of measles by

telling their parishioners to forgo childhood vaccinations because God would heal them, but still.) Exactly -- But Still! This is a man who people look up to for guidance, and he is telling people that if they are suffering from depression or PTSD, then it is their own fault because they are not good Christians? To he who is given much, much will be expected.

Do not get me wrong. The ultimate healer IS God. The Creator gave life; The Creator heals life. Creator is Healer. But His healing comes through those that He has created and called to that position.

A condition that affects the mind is no different than one that affects the body. PTSD is to the mind what diabetes or the flu is to the body. Telling the brain to push off its illness and get over it is like telling the body to get over that silly insulin or virus problem and just get over it.

Having depression or PTSD is no more a handicap than diabetes or anything else. In fact people with traditional "handicaps" will tell you that the only handicap is in the mind. The prison we create is believing that we cannot overcome these issues. The true disease is thinking that you are hampered by your condition and believing that you cannot overcome it. God gave us medications for diabetes so that His people could overcome their trials. He gave us medications and counseling for depression or PTSD so that His people could overcome.

Before you think you are at risk of succumbing to your trials, let us think about

something. We all remember the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. At the end of the baptism, God calls down with the message, "This is my son in whom I am well pleased." (Matt 3:17.) That is the end of that chapter. The very next verse is Matt 4:1, and if you read it straight through without the chapter break, it goes something like this:

"This is My son, in whom I am well pleased. Then Jesus was led up into the desert by the Spirit to be tempted by the Satan."

Get my point?

If the Creator of All things, God of Heaven and Earth, the Great Architect, if He takes His Son, in whom He is well pleased, and leads him unto temptation and tribulation, then is it not understandable that we too should have testing and trials?

Having diabetes does not make you a bad Christian. It makes you a person with a trial. Having PTSD or depression does not make you a bad Christian. It makes you a person with a trial. When a preacher tells you that you are not a good Christian because of your "problem," then in my humble opinion, they are not very Reverend.

The prison is not what was put on you. It is the one you created by thinking you are stuck where you are. The prison is also the one that you allow to be put on you by other people when listening to them telling you what makes you "not good." No matter who that person is.

You are not the problem.

Think about it.

## Conservative Corner

By Claudia Anderson

## SHAW AIR FORCE BASE - DISCRIMINATION AND "ABORTION"?

Once a year, the birth of a baby is represented in a small nativity scene on the Shaw Air Force Base in South Carolina. This year, the Military Religious Freedom Foundation (MRFF) demanded that this annual "birth" be aborted and "buried" under wraps for removal, and the Pentagon, playing the role of Herod, responded with directives. However, just as there was a resurrection of the man who grew from the baby represented in this drama, the Nativity scene has also been resurrected, this time at the base chapel.

Why is it so inappropriate to display a religious symbol, while not forcing on anyone, the faith behind that symbol? How is it that a little, plastic baby can offend someone? Well, I am offended when Christians are refused the right of expression, which, in turn, is forcing on us the religion of atheism. We have allowed our CHRISTmas to be stolen through political correctness and by the exchanging of the green dollar sign for the green CHRISTmas tree. Where will we feel the next attack?

## TREES FOR TROOPS

Perhaps my ignorance is due to not having television ser-

vice in my home, but today brought my first knowledge of the Trees for Troops program launched in 2005, which is sponsored by the Christmas SPIRIT Foundation and FedEx Corp. My response was, "Wow! I didn't know that!"

Last month at Dull's Tree Farm in Thorntown, Ind., an event was held where volunteers from FedEx, Indiana Christmas Tree growers, local FFA students and the Indiana Department of Agriculture helped organize and prepare trees for shipment to U.S. troops stationed overseas.

During the week-end of Dec. 6-8, more than 30 farms and lots across the country had a FedEx trailer at their sites to receive donated trees for delivery, during the following week, to military families at participating bases.

Just last week, FedEx delivered trees to MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa for active duty members and their families.

This program, in its first year, was organized in only 45 days and delivered 4,300 real CHRISTmas trees to families at five mili-

tary bases in the U.S. and overseas. Due to the separation that is often felt by military families, a real CHRISTmas tree can ease the feeling of distance and be the best gift they could have received during the Christmas season.

These are the impressive totals through 2012:

Trees delivered - 122,180

Trees shipped overseas - 2,859

Farms donating trees - 800

Bases receiving trees - 65

Countries with deliveries - 156

FedEx miles traveled - 419,862

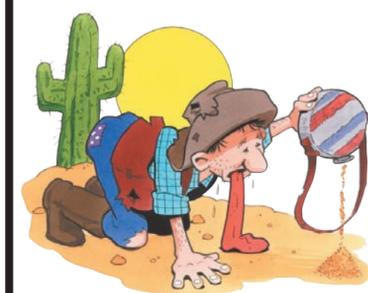
Again, I say "Wow!" Through the CHRISTmas Spirit Foundation, we too, can help provide real Christmas trees for our military and their families, helping to keep the traditional CHRISTmas spirit alive.

To all the volunteers, donors, tree farms and the FedEx organization, thank you for delivering all those CHRISTmas trees. God bless you, our military and all the families represented.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

THE REPUBLICAN CLUB OF MADISON COUNTY Meets Monday, January 13, 2014, at noon at Shelby's Restaurant EVERYONE WELCOME Paid for and approved by the Madison County Republican Executive Committee MadisonRepublican@embarqmail.com

## Did You Know?



A person can live without food for about a month, but only about a week without water.

If the amount of water in your body is reduced by just 1%, you'll feel thirsty.

If it's reduced by 10%, you'll die.

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## Meth Bust

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into the residence. Deputies immediately pursued Gatlin inside the residence and detected a strong chemical odor that the deputies recognized as the odor Methamphetamine produces when being cooked. Deputies located Gatlin in a rear bedroom and another male identified as Steve Allen Vickers, Jr., 22, of Madison in the living room. Deputies also observed an active meth lab and several weapons including a "sawed off" shotgun in plain sight.

Deputies evacuated the residence and placed both Gatlin and Vickers under arrest. Madison County Drug Task Force investigators responded to the scene and assumed control of the investigation. Agents of the Lake City Police Department that are certified in meth lab dismantling and removal assisted with the destruction and cleanup of the lab after all evidence had been collected.

Gatlin and Vickers were charged with manufacturing methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a short-barreled shotgun and possession of a firearm during a felony.

## Hallelujah Christmas

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**MJB, featuring from left to right: Michael Keeler (on guitar), Burt Sealey (on drums) and Chad McCormick (on bass) will perform at "A Hallelujah Christmas."**

sion and MJB.

George Blevins, of the Salvation Army, will speak briefly on the goals of the Salvation Army and what the group does during the Christmas season.

Jacob Bemby will serve as emcee for the event.

Everyone is invited to go out and help the Salvation Army make a difference this Christmas season.

## Project Cares

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hometown communities. The organization also provides support to Madison Autism Parents (MAP) and Always Support Kids with developmental disabilities (ASK).

The independent coalition of volunteers has the support of several state agencies, including the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, the Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida, the Agency For Persons With Disabilities and Arc of Madison and Jefferson, providing information and research support; Arc of Madison has also provided meeting space for the group when needed.

The dilemma faced by the coalition is that with tough economic times, government and medical support services, which are critical for health, survival and quality of life for developmentally disabled individuals, are being cut.

There are over 22,000 known persons with developmental disabilities in Florida, all on waiting lists for services, some for over a decade; but in Madison, Taylor and Jefferson Counties, there are 26, 54, and 35 individuals, respectively.

With the much smaller number of people in the tri-county area, the coalition believes it can reach every one of them; to do that, they want to develop a network of community supports for those individuals, so that they can reach their full potential, by providing opportunities and support for people who often cannot go anywhere alone. The network would not be a handout, but a partnership.

The main mission is to educate the community, promote awareness and put innovative strategies in place that would help the developmentally disabled participate and be a part of their community.

"They want to be a part of their school, their church, and events around town like Light Up Madison," said Gallegos.

However, the support services that would facilitate those activities are being cut. The volunteer coalition wants to involve the community and mobilize local, non-traditional resources into a sustainable support system that would replace the disappearing services.

*As they clear-cut the funding forest, grass-roots are needed*, states one of the coalition's informational handouts. "We have to be a grassroots organization that grows back what is being cut," Gallegos told the school board members, inviting them to share their experience and expertise with the coalition and help with community education and forming a community resource committee.

Leslie McLeod, who has a son diagnosed with autism, told the board that, "the mountains are pretty high, but we've picked out three mountains."

One was having a special day class for developmentally disabled children in one of the outlying schools. Since some of the children, especially the ones with autism, can become over-stimulated, the day class in a smaller school environment would be more beneficial, more conducive to learning and mingling with their peers, and less intimidating than the mammoth Central School, where they tend to disappear into a classroom and not come out again. The point is to let them experience being out among other children and to let other children see them, get to know them and understand them. Also, children do better in the smaller school environment that is more like the calmer home environment where they live.

The second mountain is to promote the children's inclusion in the school yearbooks,

where they can really be seen as part of the student body, and not just the 'special day class.'

The third is to fight the school-to-couch syndrome, where the children go home from school and then just "veg out" in front of the TV set, by including them in after-school activities. Public schools receive federal dollars and federal dollars come with strings attached; one of those strings is making after school activities accessible to all students. The coalition would like the board's help in figuring out how to do that, "so that the school-to-couch doesn't keep happening, happening, happening."

In the meantime, since the Project Cares volunteers have been working in the tri-county area, they have formed a support group for parents of developmentally disabled children, made their voices heard and raised community awareness through local media, and have already managed to include the children in some community activities for the past year, such as Downtown Halloween and Down Home Days. They have also put together a summer "Buddy Camp" that allows the children to experience summer camp, and an Art Workshop For Autism. The paintings that the children created were later auctioned off, and the kids were thrilled to see people actually buying their artwork.

The group would like to recruit more members to work together and help climb those mountains, and they invite any community members who would like to get involved to come forward and share their expertise and knowledge.

Project Cares meets at Big Bend Arc every third Thursday of each month from 6 to 7 p.m. To get on their contact list and receive more information, email Joe Anson at [janson@ounce.org](mailto:janson@ounce.org) or call (850) 921-4494, ext. 103.

*World News*  
By Rose Klein

### Man With Sword Demands Free Food

In San Antonio, Texas, a 28-year-old man walked into the Alondras De Jalisco restaurant and asked for free tacos. When the waitress informed Adam Kramer they would not be free, he began sliding a sword in and out of its sheath that he was wearing around his waist. The man left the restaurant when his phone rang, prompting the waitress to lock the door. Kramer came back to the door of the restaurant, yelling that "he wanted free tacos or somebody was going to die." Kramer left the scene, but was arrested the following day on an unrelated charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon where he was recognized from the incident at Alondras De Jalisco. Kramer was charged with aggravated robbery in connection with the restaurant incident.

### Thieves Take Christmas Gifts While Child Watches

In Forest Park, Ga., Christmas presents intended for a nine-year-old boy were stolen from his grandparents' home as he watched. Two armed men entered the house of Charles Campbell and his wife by way of an unlocked door. One man held the family captive by holding a pair of scissors at the back of Campbell's wife while the other man went through the house looking for things to steal. The men took all the gifts intended for the Campbells' grandson, along with other household items and electronics. The Campbells said they had spent months saving for the gifts. No one was hurt during the robbery but police currently do not have any suspect in the robbery.

### Missing Dog Brings Reward Of Family's Car

In Elizabethtown, Ky., a family has offered their 1999 Pontiac Grand Prix as a reward for their missing golden retriever. Ashley and Mike Burns said, "Bella" ran off with their other dog, "Marley," who has since been found by animal control, but "Bella" remains missing. Despite 10 years of trying, the Burns haven't been able to have any kids and view the two dogs as their children. Ashley Burns said, "We love our pets like children, like family members." The car is valued at \$3,100. Mike Burns said, "We want people to take the car. We don't want people to say, 'I'll give you your dog back, we don't want your car.'" We want people to know that this is payment on a reward, however you want to look at it, for bringing our dog back."

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12/11 Deontre Martez Williams - VOP (possession of more than 20 grams of marijuana)	rest without violence, disorderly conduct	possession of drug equipment
Alvin Humphrey, Jr. - Criminal registration	Kim Anderson - Possession of methamphetamine, battery, child abuse/endangerment, possession of drug equipment, manufacture of methamphetamine	Eric Antonio Brown - Possession of a weapon, possession of marijuana less than 20 grams, possession of drug paraphernalia
12/12 Barry Alonzo Terry - No charge information available	12/13 Robert Lee Lowery - Resisting ar-	12/17 Jimmy Lee Weatherspoon - VOP Timothy Ray Linville - Possession of drug paraphernalia, improper tag.

## Mary Ellen Greene Wins A Lot Of Red



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Lynette Norris, December 12, 2013

When the Woman's Club drew the raffle tickets for the door prizes at their December meeting, it turned out that Mary Ellen Greene was holding two of the lucky tickets, winning both the large poinsettia on the left and the smaller Christmas cactus on the right.

The Woman's Club raffles off door prizes every month as a fundraiser, for items donated by downtown merchants or the members themselves; the money goes toward the club's charitable projects.

December door prizes included several poinsettias, Christmas cactus and other Christmas-themed plants, donated by Wendy's Florist and Beggs Funeral Home.

## Christmas Toy Giveaway Hosted By Boothill MC

By Rose Klein

Greene Publishing, Inc.

Boothill Motorcycle club is a not-for-profit organization that provides service to the community by hosting projects within Madison County for families and individuals in need. The Christmas Toy Giveaway follows their recent gifts of Thanksgiving dinner baskets to families throughout the county.

Boothill will be hosting two toy giveaways this Saturday, Dec. 21. The first giveaway will be in Greenville at Haffeye Park between 10 a.m.-noon. The second giveaway will be in Madison at Sumpter A. James Park between 12:30-2 p.m. Two toys will be provided per child, ages one through twelve, while supplies last.

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## Obituaries

### Emily Shirey

Memorial Services were held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at First Baptist Church of Lafayette for Emily Beth Shirey, 72, who passed away on Monday, December 16, 2013 at 7:29 p.m. at The Regional Medical Center of Acadiana.

Steve Horn, Pastor of First Baptist Church conducted the memorial services.

Mrs. Shirey, a resident of Lafayette, La., was the daughter of the late Kenneth Burnett and the former Trudy Pickles.

She is survived by her husband, of fifty years, William Shirey; daughters, Elizabeth Ann Shirey and husband Mizo, and Robin Rebecca Kreimer and husband David; and son, Steven Hobson Shirey; grandchildren, Hannah Shirey, Emi Mizobuchi, Sarah Kent, Ken Mizobuchi and Stephen Kent; and brother, Frederick Burnett.

Her parents and her brother, Michael Burnett, preceded her in death.

Personal condolences may be sent to the Shirey family at [www.delhommefuneralhome.com](http://www.delhommefuneralhome.com).

Delhomme Funeral Home, 1011 Bertrand Drive, Lafayette, La., was in charge of funeral arrangements.

### Eunice Davis

Eunice Davis went home to be with the Lord on December 14, 2013.

She was born to her parents, Jim and Gladys Johnson-Davis on August 21, 1936 in Madison.

The funeral service will be 1 p.m. Saturday, December 21, 2013, at Pineland Missionary Baptist Church with burial at Oakridge Cemetery.

Visitation will be

### Melvin "Freddie" Boynton

Melvin Boynton, 64, of Madison, A United States Army Veteran and entrepreneur, died Saturday, November 16, 2013 in Durham, North Carolina. He was the son of the late Hayman Boynton and the late Rosetta "Cat" Simmons and stepfather, Tim Simmons. Melvin attended the Madison County School System and Putnam County where he graduated. He received the National Defense Service Medal SS M-14 while serving in the United States Army. He also served in the United States Army Reserves.

He leaves to cherish his memory, two sons, Jason Hasty of Hempstead, N.Y. and Joshua Boynton of Madison; five daughters, Melvine Boynton, Meloise Boynton, Jawanda Boynton, Brittany Boynton and Da'Mah Johnson all of Madison; three stepchildren, Jermaine Monlyn, Tara Monlyn and Travis Gillyard; two grandchildren, Melvin Boynton and Ja'Asja Hasty; one god-child, Takeria Beasley and eleven step-grandchildren; five brothers, Howard Johnson (Patsy) of Madison, Reverend Herman Joseph (Sharon) of Lake Wales, Alfonso Frazier of Hempstead, N.Y., Bobby Simmons (Evelina) of Gainesville and Johnny Simmons (Lenora) of

Hempstead, N.Y.; two sisters, Deborah Simmons and Patricia Craig (Michael) both of Madison; two aunts, Mary E. Williams and Careatha Williams (Andrew) both of Madison; special friend, Joyce Ann Hazard and a host of nieces, nephews,

cousins and sorrowing friends.

Funeral Services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, November 23, 2013 at New Bethel Primitive Baptist Church in Madison. Burial followed at the Oak Ridge Cemetery in Madison.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### 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 Salva-

tion Army. Featured artists include Mortal Mission and MJB. George Blevins, with the Salvation Army, will speak. Jacob Bemby 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.

### December 22

Midway Baptist Church will present their Christmas cantata, *Glory to the Newborn King*, on Sunday, December 22, at 6 p.m. Midway Baptist Church is located at 338 SE Midway Church Road.

### December 22

Midway Church of God will present their children's Christmas play on Sunday, December 22, at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited. Midway Church of God is located at 2849 SE Midway Church Road in Lee.

### December 24

Christmas Eve candlelight service and Lord's Supper in the 1898 Sanctuary at the First Baptist Church in Madison.

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## Mr. And Mrs. Santa Claus Visit Madison Health And Rehabilitation Center

By Diana Maurice, RN, Admissions/Public Relations, Madison Health And Rehabilitation Center

A very special and beautiful gift was given to the residents of Madison Health and Rehab on the evening of Dec. 13 when a former Madison resident, John Shaw and Marie, his wife, who now reside in Jackson, Ga., and have a ministry for seniors at Christmas time, arrived to the center dressed up as Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus.

They arrived in an RV loaded with gifts for all of the 60 residents, employees and families, pulling a sleigh filled with toys for all of the children that attended the annual Christmas party at the Center. It was such a special night that was organized by Activities Director, Sharon Dawkins. Sharon, along with her assistant, Marty Giacomazzi, prepared feverishly for the event.

There were special musical performances by young Jermaine Dawkins on the trumpet as well as song by Victoria Dawkins. Several carols were sung by a young girl named Ariel, who was accompanied by her mom, Porshe, on the cello and "The Christmas Story" was read by volunteer Rosemarie Henderson.

All of these guests traveled from Tallahassee to share their gifts with everyone there that beautiful night. What a delight it was to learn that our Santa, John Shaw, was raised in Madison, graduated from MCHS, then went on to university in Atlanta, Ga.

John and Marie explained that after they retired from working for the federal government, John in accounting and Marie at the Department of Health and Human Services, realized during the Christmas season that many charities were there for children and families however for the elderly there were few organizations reaching out to them

and even less for those seniors that were living alone at home. This awakening sparked them to begin doing just that!

In 2006, they began visiting nursing homes and those less fortunate at home, bringing small gifts and dressing up as Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, thus "Santa's Rest Home Ministry" was born. Last December, the couple visited 17 nursing homes across four states, as well as many seniors still living at home. In that month, they continue ministering even up to Christmas Day, giving gifts and refilling their supply by traveling home to Jackson, Ga., to pack the recreational vehicle and trailer with more gifts.

Then begins the journey to those in need of a hug, smile and lots of joy and presents.

The work doesn't end at Christmas however as the shopping begins all over again as the couple looks for after the holiday sales, along with the help of friends and family, picking up as much as they can for the next season coming. I nearly forgot to mention that the Shaws do not solicit funds for any of the gifts given. They have been shopping and giving from their own resources and retirement incomes since the ministry began. In a very sentimental moment, John stated, "We are dedicating this trip to my parents, former Madison residents, Wal-

ter and Annie Shaw." Louise Herring, John's sister, is a regular visitor at the Center and accompanied the couple during the event. Marie Shaw added, "We believe that we are bringing Jesus to the needy outside of the four walls of the church and we love it!"



Photo submitted

Marty Giacomazzi, assistant activities director, enjoys sampling the refreshments at the Christmas party.



Photo submitted

Residents enjoy opening Christmas presents during the Christmas party at Madison Health and Rehabilitation Center.



Photo submitted

Guests and employees sample some of the delicious refreshments at the Christmas party at Madison Health and Rehabilitation Center.



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Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus (John and Marie Shaw) enjoyed their visit to Madison Health and Rehab.

## The Bush Wealth Advantage

Our column, "The Bush Wealth Advantage" is our way of giving back to the community with all sorts of insights, relevant news, and practical wealth planning strategies.

### Your Changing Definition of Risk in Retirement



Stacy Bush, President  
Bush Wealth Management

During your accumulation years, you may have categorized your risk as "conservative," "moderate" or "aggressive" and that guided how your portfolio was built. Maybe you concerned yourself with finding the "best-performing funds," even though you knew past performance does not guarantee future results.

What occurs with many retirees is a change in mindset—it's less about finding the "best-performing fund" and more about consistent performance. It may be less about a risk continuum—that stretches from conservative to aggressive—and more about balancing the objectives of maximizing your income with sustaining it for a lifetime. You may even find yourself willing to forego return potential for steady income.

A change in your mindset may drive changes how you consider shaping your portfolio and the investments you choose to fill it. Let's examine how this might look at an individual level.

#### Still Believe

During your working years, you appreciated the short-term volatility of the stock market but accepted it for its growth potential value over longer time periods. You're now in retirement and still believe in that concept. In fact, you know stocks remain important to your financial strategy over a 30-year or more retirement period.

But you've also come to understand that withdrawals from your investment portfolio has the potential to accelerate the depletion of your assets when investment values are declining. How you define your risk tolerance may not have changed, but you understand the new risks introduced by retirement. Consequently, it's not so much

about managing your exposure to stocks, but considering new strategies that adapt to this new landscape.

#### Shift the Risk

For instance, it may mean that you hold more cash than you ever did when you were earning a paycheck. It also may mean that you consider investments that shift the risk of market uncertainty to another party, such as an insurance company.

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The march of time affords us ever-changing perspectives on life and that has never been truer than for the time we spend in retirement.

Keep in mind that the return and principal value of stock prices will fluctuate as market conditions change. And shares, when sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost. This is a hypothetical example used for illustrative purposes only.

Stacy Bush has practiced independent financial advising in the Valdosta area for 14 years. Growing up on a farm in Donalsonville, Georgia, he is keen to the financial needs of South Georgia and North Florida families. Stacy and his wife, Carla, live in Valdosta with their four children. You can submit questions about this article to [askstacybush@lpl.com](mailto:askstacybush@lpl.com)

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**Family:** Wife, foster children

**Favorite TV Show:** "I love watching college football, Florida State in particular."

**Favorite Quote:** "My mama always said if the job is worth doing, it's worth doing right."



# Greenville Country Christmas Wrap-Up

## GREENVILLE COUNTRY CHRISTMAS DELIGHTS CROWD

By Jacob Bemby  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

With Commander Roy Scott and Vice Commander Arthur Paquette of the Greenville American Legion, Post 131, serving as Citizens of the Year and Rep. Halsey Beshears (R-Monticello) serving as the parade Grand Marshal, Greenville's Country Christmas was a delight this year to everyone who attended.

The fun began on Friday afternoon, Dec. 13, as the bake-off and gingerbread houses were dropped off for judging at the Greenville/Madison Multi-Purpose Center. The judging took place at 5 p.m.

At 6 p.m., the traditional Christmas events took place at the Haffye Hayes Park and Gazebo. There was an invocation and announcement, followed by caroling from the Greenville Baptist Church Community Kids and a live Nativity scene, provided by Renewed Life Outreach Center in Greenville.

At 7 p.m., the community enjoyed refreshments.

On Saturday morning, Dec. 14, the day began with arts and crafts and food booths, which were open all day. The children's art contest and the gingerbread houses were displayed.

At 10 a.m., the opening ceremonies began with the invocation and the National Anthem, which was sung by Cindy Veas. This was followed by the salute to the American flag and the recognition of Beshears as the grand marshal and Scott and Paquette as the citizens of the year.

The Greenville Country Christmas Parade began at 11 a.m. and thrilled those in attendance.

Georgia Red, a Christian rapper, took the stage to perform.

At noon, the bake-off contest winners were announced, along with the gingerbread house contest winners and the children's art contest winners.

Winners in the bake-off contest were:

**BREADS:**

First place – Debbie Shepherd, Pumpkin bread  
Second place – Kerry Cohen, Sourdough Santa bread

**CAKES:**

First place – Juanita Cason, Hummingbird cake  
Second place – Abby Reams, Cherry cheesecake  
Third place – Debbie Shepherd, Turtle cheesecake

**CANDIES:**

First place – Kerry Cohen, Turtledove  
Second place – Debbie Shepherd, Peanut butter almond bark  
Third place – Sloan Bickford, Christmas confetti

**COOKIES:**

First place – Judith Fritsche, Popcorn melt away  
Second place – Jocelyn Davis, Seven-layer bars  
Third place – Marie Cone, Cake mix cookies

**PIES:**

First place – Debbie Shepherd, Pecan pie  
Second place – Kerry Cohen, Cranberry fudge pie

**GINGERBREAD HOUSE:**

**First Place:** Kerry Cohen

**Children's art contest winners included:**

**Pre-K through Kindergarten:**

**First place:** Tyson Davis

**First through third grades:**

**First place:** Jasmine Odom

**Second place:** J'Nariez Miller

**Third place:** Dylan Agner

**Fourth through fifth grade:**

**First place:** Zakira Howard

**Second place:** Jonathan Mitchell

**Third place:** Lane Agner

At 1 p.m., the cake auction was held. Brett Wellman and the Stone Cold Blues Band followed this.

The day's festivities ended with the Greenville High School reunion, held at 6 p.m.



Photo submitted by Kathy Reams, December 13, 2013  
Renewed Life Outreach Center presents a live Nativity scene during the Country Christmas festivities.



Photo submitted by Kathy Reams, December 13, 2013  
Hosting the reception for the community Friday evening were, from left to right: Janet Morris, Adrenia Lyons, Lucile Day and Rose Thigpen.



Photo submitted by Kathy Reams, December 13, 2013  
Greenville Country Christmas President Stuart Mac Iver and his wife, Donna, helped coordinate the Country Christmas festivities.



Photo submitted by Kathy Reams, December 13, 2013  
Bake-off contest winners included, from left to right: Jocelyn Davis, Juanita Cason, Judith Fritsche, Debbie Shepherd, Kerry Cohen and Abby Reams. They are shown with Franee Morris, far left and Elesta Pritchett, far right.



Photo submitted by Kathy Reams, December 13, 2013  
The Greenville Baptist Church Kids Choir sings Christmas carols on Friday evening, Dec. 13.



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Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Emerald Greene, December 14, 2013  
The Spirit of Greenville featured the "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" float in the parade.



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Emerald Greene, December 14, 2013  
Roy Scott, left, and Arthur Paquette, right, were the Citizens of the Year for the 2013 Greenville Country Christmas.



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Emerald Greene, December 14, 2013  
Erin Jarvis, Regan Crosby, and Elainie Jarvis were raising money for their dance team to compete in Jacksonville Jan. 31-Feb. 2, 2014. Not pictured: Mary Kate Brooks.



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Emerald Greene, December 14, 2013  
Shamora Lott looked regal as she rode in the parade as the Greenville Elementary School queen.



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Emerald Greene, December 14, 2013  
Tax Collector Lisa Tuten, front, and Property Appraiser Leigh Barfield, back, rode in the Country Christmas Parade.



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Emerald Greene, December 14, 2013  
Cindy Vees, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, rode in the parade with her daughter, Kayla Vees, and granddaughter, Kendall Vees.



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Emerald Greene, December 14, 2013  
The SWAT (Students Working Against Tobacco) Team took part in the Greenville Country Christmas festivities.



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Emerald Greene, December 14, 2013  
Cub Scout Pack 628 in Greenville was holding a bake sale fundraiser, during Greenville Country Christmas. Pictured left to right: Lane Agner, Romeo Wilson and Dylan Agner. To join the Scouts, call Alyson Norris at (850) 694-8784.



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Emerald Greene, December 14, 2013  
Halsey Beshears was the Grand Marshal for this year's Country Christmas parade. He is shown with his daughters, Grace, Turner and Suzanne, in the Country Christmas parade.

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The Greenville Elementary School Boys and Girls Club, the Spartans, marched and played instruments in the parade.



Photo submitted by Kathy Reams, December 13, 2013  
Frances Ginn holds her granddaughter, Natalie Newman.



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Emerald Greene, December 14, 2013  
The Madison County High School band marches in the parade.



Photo submitted by Kathy Reams, December 13, 2013  
Bali Thigpen helped coordinate the Gingerbread House contest.

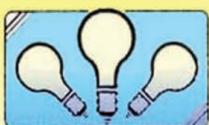


Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Emerald Greene, December 14, 2013  
The Renewed Life Outreach Center rode in the parade.



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Emerald Greene, December 14, 2013  
Cindy Vees, executive director of the Greater Madison County Chamber of Commerce and Tourism, sings the National Anthem at the start of the Greenville Country Christmas.

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# Church/Turn Back Time

## Way Back When

December 24, 1943

Fire originating in the ceiling of the Baptist pastorium Sunday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock caused great damage to the building before it could be brought under control.

A small roof fire at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B.G. Waring on the highway east of Madison Monday morning threatened for a while but was put under control by the fire department.

Miss Callie Coody of Jacksonville is expected to arrive next week for a holiday visit with Mr. and Mrs. Chandler Rains and other relatives.

John Coffee returned home last Tuesday after serving 20 months in the Army. While in the service, he was awarded the Good Conduct medal. He received a medical discharge.

December 18, 1953

Mr. J.B. Golden sold the Sinclair Station in Lee this week to Mr. S.D. Medlin, who is in charge now. Medlin plans to enlarge the stock of goods.

Mrs. Claymore Schnitker has arrived to be with her mother, Mrs. J.B. Wooten, while Mr. Schnitker is overseas.

Madison is gaily decorated for the holiday season with festoons of colored lights on the Courthouse and chains of lights encircling the entire Courthouse park.

Louie Fraleigh, of Tallahassee, formerly of Madison, has been appointed secretary to the State Road Department.

December 20, 1963

Miss Annell Ragans came home Sunday to be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Waldron C. Ragans, for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Dalton Mercer was a business visitor in Jacksonville for a few days last week.

The Men's Brotherhood of the First Baptist Church met Tuesday evening in the educational building with 14 present.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Henderson are celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday, Dec. 22, at their home with an open house from 2-5 p.m.

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Wednesday: Middle School.....5-6 p.m.  
Dinner.....6-6:30 p.m.  
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5:00 p.m. Novena  
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**First Saturday:**  
9:00 a.m. Holy Hour

# Happenings

At Madison  
First Baptist Church

Submitted By Judy Phillips  
Guest Columnist

**Tomorrow night, Saturday, Dec. 21, 5 ~ 7 p.m. Journey through Bethlehem...** "O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light. The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight." Join us for a walking tour through the sights and sounds of first century Bethlehem. It's free! The event will be held in the church parking lot at the corner of Base (Hwy. 90) and Orange Streets. Refreshments will be served.

**Sunday morning 11 a.m. worship ~ Dec. 22** ~ First-third Grade Sunday School Class Christmas Pageant This pageant has been held for at least 40 years on the Sunday morning before Christmas Day. There are children in the pageant whose parents were in the presentation when they were children. Among them are Riley Beggs (Father: Judson; Grandparents: Ashley and Martha), Jackson Kendrick (Mother: Amy Stewart Kendrick, Grandmother: Toy Stewart), and Parker Copeland (Father: Walter, Grandparents: W. C. & Frances).

**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 \$3500.

This week our time of praise included "The Birthday of a King" and "Oh, Come Little Children." The Christmas carols included "We Three Kings," and "Hark, The Herald Angels Sing." The offertory, "How Great Our Joy" was especially beautiful. The worship choir sang a selection, "Yahweh, Hear our Pleas." Bro. Gabe's sermon was based on **Luke 1:5-17**. God had been silent for some 450 years and was getting ready to speak again. As you read this account of the Priest Zacharias and the Father of John the Baptist consider the events that took place that were not just "happen so" events. "There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah. His wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both well advanced in years. So it was, that while he was serving as priest before God in the order of his division, according to the custom of the priesthood, his lot fell to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. And the whole multitude of the people was praying outside at the hour of incense. Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. "And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. "For he will be great in the sight of the Lord,

and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. "And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. "He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, "to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, "and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Christmas came with a surety. Christmas came with a promise. Christmas came with the pages of the Scriptures being proven true and faithful. And it still does today!

**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.

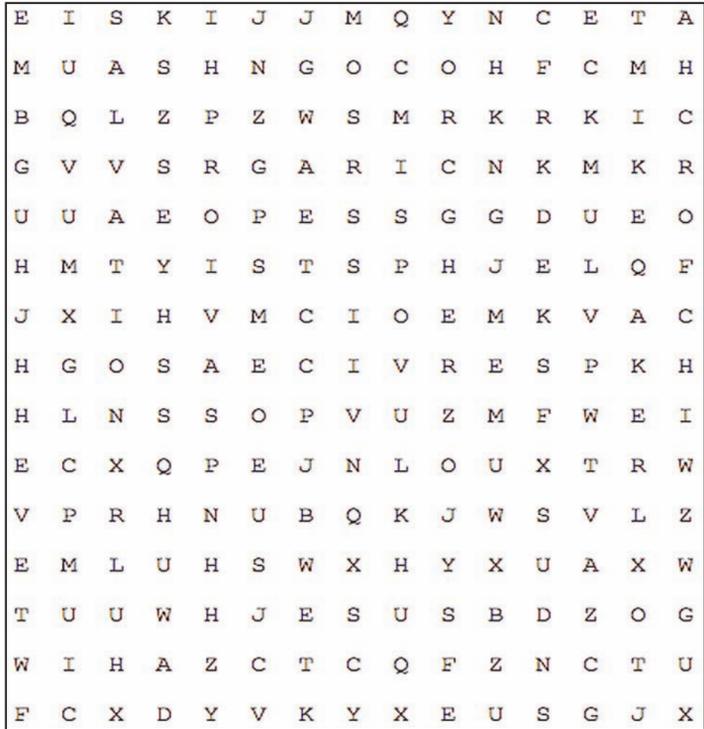
**Dec. 29** ~ No evening service

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).

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St. Nicholas was born in 280 AD, in Patara, a city of Lycia, in Asia Minor. He became the gift giver of Myra. His gifts were given late at night, so that the gift giver's identity would remain a secret. St. Nicholas was eventually named the patron saint of children, sailors, Russia and Greece.

St. Nicholas was a Christian priest, who later became a bishop. He was a rich person, and traveled the country helping people, giving gifts of money and other presents. St. Nicholas did not like to be seen when he gave away presents, so the children of the day were told to go to sleep quickly or he would not come! Nothing has changed and Santa Claus will not arrive this Christmas unless the children go to sleep early.

A famous story about St. Nicholas is about a poor man who had no money to give to his three daughters on their wedding day. St. Nick dropped bags of gold into the stockings which the girls had left to dry by the fire. The sisters found the gold and ever since, children have hung up stockings on Christmas Eve hoping that they will be filled with presents by Christmas morning.

Despite being quite young Nicholas had earned a reputation for kindness and wisdom. In the year 303, the Roman emperor Diocletian commanded all the citizens of the Roman Empire, which included Asia Minor, to worship him as a god.

Christians believed in one god and one god alone, so their conscience would not allow them to obey the Emperor's order. Angered by their stubbornness, Diocletian warned the Christians that they would be imprisoned. The Emperor carried out the threat and St. Nicholas, who resisted too was also imprisoned. For more than five years, St. Nicholas was confined to a small cell. He suffered from cold, hunger, and thirst, but he never wavered in his beliefs. In 313, when Diocletian resigned, and Constantine came to power Nicholas was released, and he returned to his post as Bishop of Myra. He continued his good works and became even wiser and more understanding by the time of his death on Dec. 6, 343.

In the eyes of the

Catholics, a saint is someone who has lived such a holy life that, after dying and going to heaven, he or she is still able to help people on earth. They often become patron to different groups of people - one such was children and many legends sprang up to explain his presence.

By 450, churches in Asia Minor and Greece were being named in honor of him. By 800, he was officially recognized as the a saint by the Eastern Catholic Church.

In the 1200s, Dec. 6 began to be celebrated as

Bishop Nicholas Day in France.

By end of the 1400s, St. Nicholas was the third most beloved religious figure, after Jesus and Mary. There were more than 2000 chapels and monasteries named after him.

In the 1500s, people in England stopped worshipping St. Nicholas and favored more another gift giving figure, Father Christmas. Over the centuries, St. Nicholas' popularity grew, and many people in Europe made up new stories that showed his concern for children.

The name Santa Claus was derived from the Dutch Sinter Klass pronunciation of St. Nicholas. Early Dutch settlers in New York (once called New Amsterdam) brought their traditions of St. Nicholas. As children from other countries tried to pronounce Sinter Klass, this soon became Santa Claus, which was settled as Santa Claus. The old bishop's cloak with mitre, jewelled gloves and crozier were soon replaced with his red suit and clothing seen in other modern images.

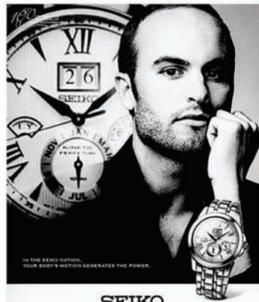
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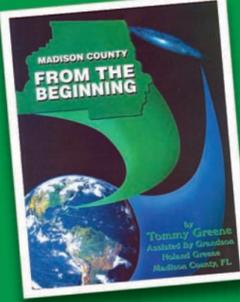
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By Rose Klein  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

If you are still on the hunt for Christmas decorations or gifts, some place you may not have considered is the recently opened CCA Thrift Store, located in Lee. The store was created as a way to help raise funds for the Corinth Christian Academy School. Purchasing items from the store will not only whittle down your Christmas list, but will help others in the community. Money made from the store will allow students to attend future mission trips and also help meet the needs of individuals and organizations in the tri-county area.

The store has a lot of low-cost items to choose from and Cindy Abbott, who oversees the store, says there are Christmas specials, such as buy-one-get-one-free on all Christmas items and stuff-a-bag of clothing for \$5. You can even find brand-new items still in the original packaging that have been donated to the store for resell. The store will be open this Friday and Saturday, Dec. 20 and 21, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. The thrift store is located at the intersection of Highways 255 and 90, at the caution light.

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# School and Education

## Lee Elementary Students Hear Special Anti-Bullying Message

By Lynette Norris  
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As Lee third graders settled into the cafeteria, Principal Robin Hill spoke a few words of introduction for Dolly Ballard, who was visiting the school with a special anti-bullying message. "We've been talking about bullying, now we're talking about the effect," said Hill. "So put your listening ears on. It's all about being a better citizen. It's not just reading, math and science, it's about being better persons and respectful citizens."

Dolly Ballard, a school volunteer and a familiar sight at Lee Elementary, where she has taught music classes and organized the children's Veterans Day musical program for local veterans, said she had been moved by the Holy Spirit to bring the children the special anti-bullying message, "because each of you are special. God made you."

And bullying was wrong not only because it hurt feelings, but also because it degraded both the victim and the perpetrator.

As children grow up, they need to develop a sense of right and wrong not only as it applies to following the rules, but also as to how they treat other people and allow other people to treat them. Ballard, a former police detective with a background in missing persons and runaway juveniles, explained the various forms of bullying to familiarize the children with what those rules were in each case, so they would have a guideline to follow, but she also explained why those rules were there and why they were important. Bullying could have serious consequences. In some nationally publicized extreme cases of bullying, young victims had been driven as far as suicide. By learning the emotional effects bullying could have on victims, by understanding what it felt like, by learning to develop empathy for other students, they would also have an inner guideline that would tell them what was right and wrong, and why.

"Always listen to that little voice inside you," said Ballard.

She also noted that many Americans' rights were being taken away, including the right to talk about God in public schools, "but I'm going to break the rules here and talk about God. I love you children, and I know

you're children, but today, I'm going to treat you like adults."

When she asked how many of them knew what bullying was, nearly all hands went up. When she asked how many children had experienced bullying, many hands went up again. Bullying affects all ages, and both genders about equally.

"Florida now has an anti-bullying statute. That's a written law that allows those who bully others to be prosecuted," she explained.

The four main categories of bullying are: 1) physical 2) verbal 3) covert and 4) cyber-bullying, a new category that is a product of the modern age, and has reached epidemic proportions.

Almost everyone is familiar with physical bullying: hitting, pushing, shoving, kicking, tripping. This is not typical fighting between two students who are angry at each other - it usually involves one or more people attacking another person without being provoked. The victim is usually chosen because something about him or her is "different," whether it is the way they dress, speak or look.

However, the proper way to handle bullying is not by fighting back; should the victim manage to injure the bully, perhaps by knocking him down on a concrete sidewalk, then the law has to get involved, and an act of defense becomes a crime. The best and only way to handle bullying is by going to a teacher or a school resource officer and letting the adult authority figure take it from there.

Verbal bullying is also a familiar concept. The teasing, the hateful remarks, the name-calling...nearly everyone has been on the business end of an insulting, belittling remark or tirade and knows the resulting feelings of shame, worthlessness, degradation; the desire to become very small and hide away, the desire to crawl into a dark hole, perhaps even the desire to die. The "sticks and stones" maxim notwithstanding, words hurt. They are sharp, jagged and painful. They have a way of digging themselves deep down into a person's psyche and echoing there over and over. They are destructive in that way.

"Don't go there," Ballard told the children regarding name-calling. "Once you open your mouth and say something hurtful or destructive, it's like a piece of paper in the wind.



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Dolly Ballard (left) and Lee Elementary School Principal Robin Hill talk to the LES third graders about bullying and how to put a stop to it.

You're always chasing after it and you can never take it back. Never say anything you can't take back."

Verbal bullying also includes racial slurs and remarks about someone's religion. Or someone who stutters. Or someone who speaks a different language at home and speaks English with difficulty or with an accent.

The third category, covert bullying, is also familiar to many. This is the gossiping, backbiting and lying about someone. It is spreading rumors, indicating disrespect through body language or rude gestures, or simply excluding someone on purpose. People may associate this type of bullying with "cliques," especially if these cliques seem to target certain people, but anyone can be guilty of spreading hurtful rumors and lies about another person.

"Have consideration and respect for your companions," said Ballard. "How would you feel if someone left you out of everything?"

Finally, there is cyber-bullying.

Computer technology has brought email and the pervasive social media that allow people to stay in touch 24/7, anywhere in the world. The down side is that this also allows a bully to harass a victim 24/7, anywhere in the world. For the victim, there is little or no escape when the school day ends, because the hateful tweets, texts and emails simply follow him or her home. The omnipresent nature of cyberspace means that it is much easier to spread hateful remarks and vindictive rumors to a large number of people, and that more people can gang up on one person, sometimes hiding behind electronic anonymity, and once things are posted online, they stay, sometimes popping up again months or years down the road to reopen old wounds. Because of the pervasive nature of cyber-bullying, victims are more likely to be driven to suicide.

Cyber-bullying is far more pervasive than many people realize. According to some statistics, nearly half of all adolescents and teens have been victims, or perpetrators. Cyber-bullying is also the least likely to be reported to parents or authorities.

Cyber-bullies often believe what they are doing is funny, but they should realize that their actions could have serious consequences for them on down the road. Cyber-bullies and their parents may face legal charges; online postings with fake names may seem safely anonymous, but these transmissions can be traced. Also, even if the perpetrator is never brought up on charges, many

colleges and employers do background checks and comb through social media for more information on prospective applicants, and past instances of cyber-bullying will reflect poorly on one's character or integrity.

It comes down to everyday living, where people need to have patience, understanding and respect for their classmates, and realize that being different is not bad; people should not be judged because they look or act differently, or because they appear to be loners, or because they wear glasses or speak with an accent or walk with a limp. There will always be people who look different; people who have disabilities; people who are shy or lack social skills; even people who prefer to be alone, or who occasionally need "space" to work through emotional setbacks.

The most important thing, Ballard emphasized, was not to judge other people when there was no way of knowing what was going on in their lives.

"Remember that song we learned for the Veterans Day Program, 'Let There Be Peace on Earth,'" she reminded them. The peace, the compassion, and the understanding had to begin with each and every one of them.

"I don't mean to offend anyone, but I am a Christian, and we learned to be tolerant because we are all children of God," she said. "God is our creator. He created us to know him, love him and be happy with him. God is all good, God is all light...darkness is the work of Satan, evil and chaos."

The evil of bullying, she believed, is one that is learned. To stop it, it needs to be unlearned and replaced with kindness, graciousness and goodness. Children need to learn empathy - how to put themselves in someone else's place and see things from that person's point-of-view and imagine how that person would feel in any given situation.

"And when we get mad and say bad things to our friends, we should say we're sorry," she added.

Principal Hill also reminded the children that Ballard had seen many things during her career as a law enforcement officer, and she had seen victims and what had happened to them when bullying had escalated, gotten out of hand and turned into a tragedy.

"You are special," Ballard concluded. "As a result of this, I hope I touched somebody's heart...and no bullying at Lee School. Remember that I love you and that God loves you."

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## Greenville Country Christmas Children's Art Contest Winners Announced

By Jacob Bemby  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

There were 32 entries in the Greenville Country Christmas Children's Art Contest, from students in pre-Kindergarten through the fifth grade. Seven winners walked away with ribbons for their efforts.

In the pre-Kindergarten through Kindergarten category, Tyson Davis was named the first place winner.

In the first through third grade category, Jasmine Odom captured first prize; J'Nariez Miller was the second place winner; and Dylan Agner took third place.

Zakira Howard took the top prize for the fourth and fifth grade category; Jonathan Mitchell took second place; and Lane Agner took third place.

First place winners received a ribbon and \$25. Second place winners received a ribbon and \$15. Third place winners received a ribbon and \$10.



Photo submitted by Jerri Peterson

Tyson Davis captured first place in the Pre-K through Kindergarten category.



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J'Nariez Miller won second place in the first through third grade category in the Greenville Country Christmas children's art contest.



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Zakira Howard was the first place winner in the fourth through fifth grade category in the children's art contest.



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Lane Agner took third place in the art contest

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Jasmine Odom won first place in the first through third grade category in the Greenville Country Christmas children's art contest.



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Dylan Agner was a happy boy, as he was named the third place winner in the art contest.



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Jonathan Mitchell was the second place winner in the fourth through fifth grade category in the art contest.

## Stress In School-Aged Children

By Rose Klein  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

When you think of school as a child, what comes to mind? Is it hanging out with your friends, signing yearbooks and going to football games? Or is it constant study and testing pressure, unfashionable clothes, inadequate supplies or bullying? No matter what experience you had as a child, as an adult, we tend to think of the first scenario when thinking about kids in school today. Most adults think a child's life is easy, at least compared to their own daily grind. Caught up in responsibilities and bills, we tend to forget how stressful school can be for kids.

The reality is that a student's life is filled with stress. They are learning how to play competitively, honing their social skills, trying to make friends, dealing with aggression, learning how to control emotions and urges, experiencing peer pressure and rethinking or questioning moral beliefs, all while trying to get an education while having graduation and college looming over their heads.

Today, kids are dealing with these stressors as well as some additional ones that most students in the past have not. The counselors at Madison County High School have seen the usual stressors: pressure from receiving good grades and what college they will be attending to feeling like they don't fit in because they don't have the right shoes, jacket or jeans for the year. In today's evolving culture, MCHS counselor, Takeysa Thomas, says some kids are facing even more pressure due to increased responsibilities at home. The family structure containing two parents, where one or both work, can no longer be expected. Due to the increase of single-family homes and poor job economy, kids are losing some parental support, both personally and academically. If the single parent is working, there might not be anyone there to "pick up the slack" in checking homework, attending events or listening to social dilemmas. But, it can get even



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Takeysa Thomas, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade counselor at MCHS, supports and navigates students towards their goals.

more difficult; some students are now working when parents lose jobs, taking care of sick parents or cooking and caring for younger siblings. With this kind of responsibility, it's no wonder that days spent at school and future education goals can fall in priority.

Highly stressed students can show noticeable signs and should be watched for. Signs of stress in a child can include: frequent headaches, stomach aches, bad dreams or nightmares, a noticeable change in behavior such as withdrawing or being more aggressive than usual, crying or temper tantrums, eating disorders, drug or alcohol abuse, withdrawing from friends, spending excessive amounts of time on the computer, or unusual and sudden interest in other cultures and activities. Students have shown that parents, or other significant adults in a child's life, who involves themselves in a child's school life results in higher grades and test scores, long-term academic achievement and positive attitudes and behavior.

Thomas counsels 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students and says that the

know what support is out there so it can be accessed." Thomas says that a lot of resources for additional support are available. Parents attending parent/teacher conferences, calling their school counselor about problems (personal or academic), reaching out to their church, community or neighborhood can also provide support.

In order to help students deal with and overcome school related stress, parents can show support to their child by having realistic expectations for them, listening to them when they open up to talk, don't over-commit the child with too many extra activities, make sure they have plenty of sleep, food and downtime for fun. When wading through their day at school or when considering what will happen after graduation, Thomas says what kids really want to know is, "Who is in my corner and how can they help?"

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OCWEN LOAN SERVICE, LLC  
Plaintiff,  
v. Case No.: 40-2012-CA-000197  
Division:  
MARY F. MAULDIN A/K/A MARY FRANCES MAULDIN; ET AL.  
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
(To be Published in Madison County Courier)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to a Final Judgment dated November 26, 2013, entered in Civil Case No.: 40-2012-CA-000197, of the Circuit Court of the THIRD Judicial Circuit in and for Madison County, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC is Plaintiff, and MARY F. MAULDIN A/K/A MARY FRANCES MAULDIN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARY F. MAULDIN A/K/A MARY FRANCES MAULDIN; CITIZENS STATE BANK AS AN ACTIVE SUCCESSOR OF THE CITIZENS BANK OF PERRY; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF SUBJECT PROPERTY; ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAME UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, are Defendant(s).

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**BEGIN AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT NO. 11 OF LIVINGSTON ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF MADISON, FLORIDA, AND RUN THENCE SOUTH 0° 42' WEST 197.6 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 0° 42' WEST 222.5 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 87° 52' EAST 133 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 0° 42' EAST 222.5 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 87° 52' WEST 133 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, AND BEING A PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER, SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST.**

If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After 60 days, only the owner of record as of the date of the sale may claim the surplus.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on 12-16, 2013.

TIM SANDERS  
CLERK OF THE COURT

*Ronnie Sullivan*  
By: Deputy Clerk

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**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Jacquetta Bradley, P.O. Box 1569, Lake City, FL 32056, 386-719-7428, at least 7 working days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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**TOWN OF GREENVILLE  
FAIR HOUSING  
INFORMATIONAL MEETING NOTICE**

In conjunction with a proposed FFY 2013 CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization application, the Town of Greenville is conducting an informational meeting on Fair Housing, including review of the existing Town of Greenville Fair Housing Ordinance. The educational presentation is designed for Elected Officials and the General Public to acquaint them with the Town's Fair Housing requirements.

The meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 30, 2013, at 6:00 P.M., or as soon as possible thereafter, at Town Hall, 154 SW Old Mission Avenue, Greenville, Florida. To obtain additional information, please contact Ms. Kimberly Reams, Town Clerk, at 850/948-2251.

The meeting is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location.

**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER/  
HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE/FAIR HOUSING**

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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS NAME**

Notice is given that the undersigned Florida limited liability company desires to engage in business as an auction company under the fictitious name of GULF COAST LIVESTOCK at 2639 East Highway 90, Madison, Florida 32340 in Madison County, Florida. Notice is further given that the undersigned intends to register this fictitious name with the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated: December 16, 2013

SIX SHOOTERS INVESTMENT GROUP, LLC  
a Florida limited liability company

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Christian radio station WYJC will be holding a public meeting at Greenville Public Library, on Thursday, January 2 at 9:30am. This is a general meeting that will address public issues, and any questions or concerns about CSN International. The public is invited to attend.

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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE  
BY THE TOWN OF GREENVILLE  
GREENVILLE, FLORIDA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that proposed Ordinance No. 234, bearing title as follows, will be considered Monday, December 30, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, Greenville, Florida.

**ORDINANCE NO. 234**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF GREENVILLE AMENDING SECTION 2.03 OF THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF GREENVILLE IN REGARDS TO COMPENSATION OF COUNCIL; AMENDING SECTION 2.07 OF THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF GREENVILLE IN REGARDS TO VACANCIES ON THE COUNCIL; AMENDING SECTION 3.04 OF THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF GREENVILLE IN REGARDS TO THE TOWN MANAGER'S POWER AND RESPONSIBILITIES; REVISING THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF GREENVILLE TO INCLUDE GENDER NEUTRAL LANGUAGE THROUGHOUT; SUBMITTING THIS PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF GREENVILLE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE BEING SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF GREENVILLE.**

A copy of the proposed Ordinance is available for public inspection at City Hall, Greenville, Florida during regular business hours. At the meeting, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the proposed Ordinance. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Town, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

TOWN OF GREENVILLE, FLORIDA  
By: *St. Kimberly Reams*  
Town Clerk

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