

## FDLE Arrests Crime Lab Chemist



Joseph Graves

It is unknown at this time if a Pensacola chemist, who worked with the Florida Depart-

ment of Law Enforcement (FDLE) was involved in investigating any Madison County cases. Agents with the FDLE, working with the Escambia County Sheriff's Office, arrested former Pensacola crime laboratory chemist Joseph Graves on charges of grand theft, 12 counts of tampering with or fabricating physical evidence and nine counts of trafficking in illegal drugs. Investigators

believe Graves, while processing drug cases, replaced prescription pain pills with over-the-counter medications.

"The actions of Joseph Graves are disgraceful. FDLE is working with State Attorneys' Offices statewide to ensure he is held accountable for his actions," said FDLE Commissioner Gerald Bailey. "I appreciate the hard work and dedication of our FDLE

members who are working swiftly and diligently responding to this situation."

Graves was arrested at the Escambia County Jail at approximately 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 4, and bond was set at \$290,000.

In January, in conjunction with the Escambia County Sheriff's Office and State Attorney William Eddins' Office, FDLE began an investigation into missing prescrip-

tion pain pills from the evidence room at the Escambia County Sheriff's Office. Investigators determined that each case with missing drugs had been analyzed by Graves. Graves was relieved of duty on Jan. 31.

He became a crime lab analyst in Dec. 2005, working in the Pensacola crime laboratory, and was promoted to supervisor in July 2009.

FDLE teams are inspecting evidence

from all cases handled by Graves between 2006 and present to confirm cases potentially compromised. He worked nearly 2,600 cases for 80 law enforcement agencies spanning 35 counties and 12 judicial circuits.

The Office of the State Attorney, 1st Judicial Circuit William Eddins will prosecute this case.

The investigation is ongoing. Additional charges are possible.

## Jacobbi McDaniel And Florida State Celebrate With Class



Photo by Russell Williams, February 1, 2014

The Florida State Seminoles are peppered with confetti during the FSU football teams Championship Day in Tallahassee on Saturday, Feb. 1.

By Russell Williams  
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As the sun peeked through the clouds and the rain vanished on Saturday, Feb. 1, Doak Campbell Stadium in Tallahassee was the setting for the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) National Title Celebration, which included former Madison County High School Cowboy Jacobbi McDaniel.

People came from far and near to cheer on McDaniel and the Seminoles, who won the crystal football, representing the title, in Pasadena, Calif., on Jan. 6.

Some 25,000 people attended the event, all dressed in FSU colors. The day started with fans taking photos with the BCS trophy. Then the Marching Chiefs and the cheerleaders fired up the fans. High-

lights of the Seminoles' season were played on the big screens in the end zones, bringing back memories with all the coaches and players.

The head coach, Jimbo Fisher said that this season would not have been possible had it not been for the fans, the university, the City of Tallahassee and, most of all, the players and coaches.

Quarterback and 2013 Heisman Trophy winner Jameis Winston said, "This was not a one-man show; it was done by us all, working together and making it happen."

As the event came to a close, all the fans were invited to come on the Bobby Bowden Field to meet the coaches and players.

Some 20,000 commemorative posters were handed out as the fans left the stadium.



Photo by Russell Williams, February 1, 2014

Jacobbi McDaniel proudly holds the BCS National Championship trophy during the FSU National Championship Day in Tallahassee on Saturday, Feb. 1.

## "One Ring" Phone Scam



cally appear on month-end statements as "premium services."

Consumers and businesses report calls from several different area codes:

- Dominican Republic—809
- Jamaica—876
- British Virgin Islands—284
- Grenada—473

The "One Ring" phone scam is being reported across the United States. Better Business Bureau serving Northwest Florida is alerting the public to this simple-yet extremely effective-ploy that can result in unauthorized charges on wireless statements.

Automated dialers blast thousands of random calls to mobile numbers that are gleaned from public listings or obtained from black market dealers--who hustle "sucker lists"--but disconnect after one ring. The scammers count on call recipients to notice the missed calls in call logs and return them out of curiosity.

However, return calls are often directed to expensive international hotlines that can charge upwards of \$19.95 to connect, plus additional costs per minute. Charges typi-

of sneaking unapproved charges onto phone bills is referred to as "cramming" by the Federal Trade Commission, and is one of the most common consumer complaints in America.

While it is unlikely that recipients will be billed for accepting incoming calls, wireless carriers assume that users accept charges by voluntarily returning calls. BBB recommends the following:

Never return calls to unfamiliar foreign numbers.

Regularly check wireless statements and immediately report discrepancies.

Add phone numbers to the National Do Not Call Registry and report violations.

For more information on the latest scams, visit BBB's Scam Stopper.

## School Board Hosts Anti-Tobacco Activist



Victor DeNoble

By Lynette Norris  
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Dr. Victor DeNoble, Ph.D., a prominent anti-tobacco activist and speaker, was present at the Madison County School Board's Feb. 4 meeting. Formerly an employee of Philip Morris Tobacco Research Center in the 80s, DeNoble discovered that nicotine was

an addictive drug that killed people and that the big tobacco companies, including the Philip Morris Company, knew that and furthermore, weren't doing anything about it. After he discovered a nicotine substitute that wouldn't raise the heart rate or cause many of the other negative side effects like nicotine, Philip Morris suppressed his research and prevented him from publishing his work. Eventually, the company fired him, seizing his lab and data. Furthermore, he was bound by a secrecy contract that seemed airtight.

About a decade later, he found a way out and became one of the first whistle-blowers about the deadly effects of nicotine addiction, even testifying before Congress.

The next day after the school board meeting, DeNoble had plans for a Lunch-and-Learn at the Madison County Department of Health, and immediately following, a 2 p.m. presentation at the Madison County Central School gym.

In other school board business, the board approved extra hours for teachers and tutors, both after school and on Saturdays, to help prepare students for the FCAT

test. The extra time for Greenville Elementary School will be paid for out of a School Improvement Grant, while tutors for Pinetta Elementary, Lee Elementary and Madison County Central School would be paid out of discretionary and federal funds.

The board also approved 100 extra hours for paraprofessional guidance services for the Madison Excel School, to be paid for from federal funds.

Madison County Central School and Madison County High School also requested extra summer hours for its staff members who were going to have

to deal with and collate streams of end-of-the-year data to tie up loose ends and prepare for the following year. A couple of board members questioned whether or not it would be cheaper to add on another month rather than pay by an hourly basis, because so many extra hours would be needed, and wondered if it would be possible to get a cost analysis to figure out which payment method would be the most efficient. After a little discussion and assurance that the cost analysis would be ready by the next meeting, in plenty of time for the summer, the board agreed to table

the issue until the next meeting.

Superintendent Doug Brown also discussed the school closings Jan. 29 and 30, emphasizing that it was not a hasty decision, but "a very deliberate one," made with student safety as the uppermost consideration.

"If we'd had slippery, icy roads, it could have put our students in danger," he said. After meeting with Madison County EMS and listening to the national weather forecasts, the school district made the decision for the closings.

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### Local Weather

<b>Fri 2/7</b> Partly cloudy. High 64F. Winds NE at 5 to 10 mph.	<b>Sat 2/8</b> 65/47 Showers. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 40s.	<b>Sun 2/9</b> 72/43 Sunshine. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 40s.	<b>Mon 2/10</b> 68/46 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 40s.
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## Madison County Extension Service



**Diann Douglas**  
Guest Columnist

### It's Wear Red Day!

**T**oday is Wear Red Day, a national campaign to empower women to love – and save their hearts through lifestyle choices and actions. The American Heart Association has designated this celebration to bring the issue of heart disease in women to the forefront.

February is National Heart Month, a time to focus on preventing heart disease. It is the number one killer of men, but too few people realize that heart disease is also the #1 killer of women. Go Red for Women is a request that you wear red today in support of the message that women need to be aware of their risk for heart disease.

By wearing red today, you help raise awareness of heart disease and improve women's heart health. It's easy to participate. Everyone can support the fight against heart disease and stroke by wearing red on Wear Red Day.

The American Heart Association has a very informative website, [americanheart.org](http://americanheart.org), where you can find health and nutrition information to help you get started in the right direction. There are tips for eating to lower cholesterol and maintain a healthy weight. You can also find suggestions to increase physical activity for the whole family. Take the on line questionnaires to determine your risk for heart disease, facts about knowing your numbers (cholesterol, triglycerides, blood pressure, etc.) and fact sheets to download that will keep you moving in the right direction.

Currently, cardiovascular disease claims more women's lives than the next six causes of death combined -- about 500,000 women's lives a year. According to the AHA, much of it is preventable if people are aware of the risks and take action to reduce their chances. Much more research needs to be done on heart disease in women. But there is valuable information available to you now. Become empowered—educate yourself and your family.

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## H4: Head, Heart, Hands, & Health



**Becky V. Bennett**  
Guest Columnist

**T**he holidays have ended and we are back to our regularly scheduled programs. Our busy lives can often cause us to become overwhelmed and anxious, especially if we start looking too far ahead in our calendar. This can be an especially challenging time for our older youth who dual enroll, attend virtual school, and/or take on part time jobs. It is important that adults coach them in the art of balance and responsibility to keep those anxious feelings at bay.

Start with helping them select the best method of keeping up with their schedule, whether this is through technology or standard paper planners. Whatever they choose needs to be something that they feel comfortable using and easily becomes a habit in their daily routine. For example, my schedule often gets planned far in advance (as in a year to two years ahead of time!) and I am not the biggest fan of technology. So my primary calendar is a standard paper planner that shows me the whole month in a glance; this helps me see what is coming up but doesn't overwhelm me with things that are one, two, six months down the road. The planning method just needs to be something that keeps you focused and disciplined....a task master if you will. Today's youth are often over-stimulated by on demand products that they easily become distracted from their task at hand, which can cause dual enrollment and virtual students to fall behind in their work. Adults can relate to this distraction phenomenon; for example, you begin one task in one room, but part of that task leads you to another room in which you see something you can "get done quickly," so you begin working on that task which then leads you to another space where something else needs doing, then before you know it you have lost focus on the task you first started! Sound familiar? Just remember this when you notice your child falling behind or getting off task easily. Use it as a teaching moment to help curb the distraction phenomenon and help them establish an effective planning method to keep them on task.

Next month, we will discuss how establishing a routine and daily schedule can be a life saver for dual-enrolled and virtual school students.

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## Letter To The Editor

### OPEN LETTER TO ALL SINGLE FLORIDA ADULTS WITHOUT CHILDREN

**I**f a medical professional kills you, they can't be sued in Florida anymore! Practically nobody knows it yet but the 2013 Florida Legislature wrote that into law. This unfair aspect of the current law is screaming TO BE CHANGED!

Three Florida medical-malpractice law firms looked at how my older adult son, Rik, died at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital just past midnight on July 6, 2013. After examining the facts independently, they all said the only reason I couldn't sue was because the insurance lobbyists had gotten the Legislature to prevent such lawsuits under the innocuous cover of the term, "tort reform." Regardless of how incompetent the behavior or decisions of licensed medical practitioners might have been in causing my son's death, I might add. And also, regardless of the completely devastating financial and emotional impact this death has caused.

My younger son and I were returning from my home in the Tampa Bay area and we drove north to Tallahassee on July 4<sup>th</sup> anticipating a happy holiday reunion. But we never visited Rik alive again be-

cause the nurse who the medical records show caused his death later the night of the 5<sup>th</sup> would not even let us SEE him! My sole consolation has been to write the following poem encapsulating our experience.

*Death Chamber at T.M.H.*

*Now, I know how God felt after Jesus died!*

*The first-born Beloved Son he spent a lifetime with –*

*People killed him who were ignorant but had power over his body.*

*They provoked him and subdued him and pierced his flesh until he breathed his last!*

*Then they scurried away to avoid the justice due their guilt,*

*And no one apologized for ending his life.*

*How much of God's sadness would they ever feel?*

*Ah, yes... Tallahassee MEMORIAL Hospital – aptly named!*

**RICHARD I. KOETEELUW, SR., MA, MA, Former LMHC Lt Colonel, USAF Combat Veteran, Ret.**

## Jacob's Ladder



**Jacob Bemby**  
Columnist

### The Wedding Dream

**I**n the dream, I felt both nervous and frustrated. I was trapped in a situation that I could either go along with, or I could escape. My father was right there, in the dream, urging me to go along with it and assuring me that I would be okay. I felt trapped in this nightmare.... I dreamed I was getting married.

Not only was I getting married in this dream, I didn't know who the bride was, what she looked like or anything. The wedding was taking place in a huge church and the church was packed. I kind of got the feeling that the bride was rich, though. Her relatives or friends were not friendly to me, either. I happened to look down at my feet and see

that I had my running shoes on, instead of dress shoes. I had to go back home and get the dress shoes and all the time, I was thinking about running away.

I posted my dream to Facebook and one friend suggested that it might not have anything to do with getting married, but rather with fears, responsibilities, etc., since my father had passed away. The more I thought about her interpretation, the more it made sense. I've had to handle new challenges since Daddy went to his eternal home to be with the Savior.

Stress is something that I have had to deal with for a number of years and, with God's help and with the help of friends, co-workers, etc., I have been able to handle it and I know the bigger things and the things that require my attention need to be handled first.

It takes pressure to form diamonds or for oysters to produce pearls. With God's help, I know that I can handle it.

Now, I think that if I ever do get married that I will make sure that I know who she is first.

## Conservative Corner

By Nelson A. Pryor

### RIGHT TO LIFE REFERENDUM

**T**he battleground over abortion is shifting to Tennessee, where campaigns are heating up on a referendum that is a year away.

The referendum, pushed by pro-life groups for years, would add an amendment to the state constitution stating, "Nothing in this Constitution secures or protects a right to abortion or requires the funding of an abortion." The amendment would apply to all abortions, including those stemming from "circumstances of pregnancy resulting from rape or incest or when necessary to save the life of the mother."

Pro-Life groups, according to the 11/25/2013 *Wall Street Journal*, launched their campaign to generate support for the Nov. 4, 2014 ballot issue. It was to be a \$250,000 fundraiser headlined by Tennessee Lt. Gov. Ron Ramsey and a church concert by the Dugars, an Arkansas couple who have a reality television program about raising their 19 children. The state's Baptist Con-

vention has already passed a resolution urging members to "work vigorously" to pass the amendment.

The bi-partisan amendment is an attempt to make Tennessee's Constitution neutral, on abortion, supporters say. It would give the legislature the authority to pass "common sense" limitations on abortion and "protect women," said one of the sponsors, State Senator Jim Tracy. He said that Tennessee was one of 11 States that currently provide state constitutional protections for abortions. Florida is one of those 11.

Tennessee, with 6.5 million citizens, has seven abortion clinics, all of them in or around Memphis, Nashville, and Knoxville.

Pro-life activists have been pressing the State Legislature, since 2001, to change their constitution to explicitly deny that it protects abortion rights.

To get the question on the ballot, it took the approval of two successive legislatures, which was accomplished last year, and then was signed by the Governor, Bill Haslam.

The Tennessee referendum could be a milestone in the debate around the Union. Madison, the father of the Constitution, explained in *Federalist No. 46*, how States could oppose unwarrantable federal measures. He said they, the States, could "resist, frustrate, and refuse to cooperate with officers of the union."

Activating *Federalist # 46* should be job No. 1 for patriots to take back America. If we, Americans, won't act to save the innocent from death, it seems to me, our Constitution, of equal rights, will continue to just "fade away."

A victory in Tennessee would be just what the doctor ordered!

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## School Board

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"If people tell you we could have had school on those two days, they're right," he acknowledged. "But we decided to err on the side of caution."

School Board Attorney Tomy Reeves advised the board that now was probably a good time to start thinking about what they would want to do with the old hospital building when it is turned over to the school district. The district is supposed to take over the building no later than Jan. 1, 2015, but the hospital is scheduled to vacate the building by this summer, moving its administrative functions into the new facility by June, and patients by August.

In the meantime, Reeves pointed out, there would be things the board would need to do to secure the building, and maintenance issues like running the AC during the hot, muggy summer and early fall months to keep mold from getting a toehold.

"I just want to make sure we don't forget about it and just end up with a set of keys to a building," he said.

Several people have approached various school board members to ask about the facility, and one of the options mentioned included turning the old hospital into a nursing home for veterans.

Although several board members seemed in favor of the veteran's nursing home, the board agreed that the best thing to do to satisfy legal requirements was to schedule a workshop to look at all the options.

"In all fairness, we have to listen to all the options," said board member VeEtta Hagan. "We can't just plan around one entity" (wanting to use the building).

## FCCLA Fundraiser Set For Friday

By Rose Klein  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) at Madison County High School will host a chicken and rice dinner on Friday, Feb. 7, 11 a.m. until on the Courthouse lawn.

The cost of the meal is \$6 and will include green beans, pickles, bread, drink and a dessert. The meal will be cooked under the direction of Beth Moore by FCCLA parents.

Money earned supports students who will attend the FCCLA State Leadership Conference, where they will compete in state level competition.

## Statement By John Hoblick, Florida Farm Bureau Federation, Regarding Passage Of the 2014 Farm Bill

"The adoption of the 2014 farm bill is a victory for consumers as well as for agricultural producers throughout our nation. The predictability the legislation offers farmers and ranchers, gives assurance that the abundant food supply we enjoy in our society will be maintained for everyone."

"The bill strengthens crop insurance, consolidates and enhances resource conservation programs, boosts research in a range of matters affecting food crops, including citrus greening, and preserves the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for our fellow citizens in need. Food security is a foundation of our national security."

"We commend the Congressional delegation for its support of this bill. We applaud the leadership the delegation provided in helping to develop a bill all Floridians can endorse. We look forward to working with our members of Congress in the same spirit of bipartisan collaboration in the future."

Florida Farm Bureau is the Sunshine State's largest general agricultural organization with more than 147,000 member-families representing Farm Bureaus in 60 counties. Membership provides a multitude of benefits and you don't have to be a farmer to be a member of Florida Farm Bureau.

## Word Search

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## Madison County...

### Jail Report

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1/29 Marvin Larry Antone - VOP (driving while license suspended)	2/3 John Franklin Williamson - Grand theft	Thomas Rainey Hall, Jr. - VOP (county)
Robert Lee Robinson - Lewd/lascivious act upon a minor under 16	Melissa Vanetta Moore - Welfare fraud	Joe Albert Braswell, Jr. - VOP (circuit)
1/31 Jay Anthony Johnson - Aggravated battery with a deadly weapon	DiAngelo Domaine Hills - Battery by strangulation, child abuse	Cody DeWayne Lee - Grand theft, burglary of a structure, dealing in stolen property, trespass, possession of less than 20 grams of cannabis
Cedric Maurice McNealy - Failure to appear	Christopher Jabbar Griffin - No valid drivers license	Dennis Leroy Johnson, Jr. - VOP (county)
Ronald Wade, Jr. -	Valentino Emory Jones - VOP (county)	Michael Rufus Cooks - Criminal registration

## World News By Rose Klein

### Hit-And-Run By 92-Year-Old Woman Blamed On Diarrhea

In Oro Valley, Ariz., a hit-and-run accident involving a pedestrian occurred when 92-year-old Persis Draper struck a pedestrian in a crosswalk. Draper allegedly hit a female jogger with her car at about 45 miles-per-hour then left the scene to go to a grocery store to use the bathroom. "The diarrhea started up again after the accident happened. I was going to stop, but then the diarrhea came and I didn't stop," Draper said. She was charged with failure to yield in a crosswalk, failure to control speed, leaving the scene of the accident with injury and failure to render aid. The 92-year-old said, "I didn't leave a scene of an accident because I was running away. I'm not the type of individual who would do something like that. I left because I had diarrhea," she said. "I went back to check and there wasn't anybody there." While Draper was at the store, she purchased dinner rolls, which she dropped off at her church for a potluck. "I was upset and I wasn't feeling good because of the diarrhea," Draper said. "When I got home, I took a pill and went to sleep." A witness gave authorities the elderly woman's license plate number and a deputy went to Draper's home and cited her. "It is unfortunate, it's upsetting and I'm distraught. I can't do anything about going back and it was not a hit and run. I just had no choice because I had diarrhea," Draper said. "I don't know what else I could have done. I empathize with her (the jogger). I'm saying my prayers and hoping everything turns out all right. I feel bad she got hurt." The pedestrian is recovering at home after a trip to the hospital.

### California Company Offers Revenge Packages For Clients

In San Francisco, Calif., a company under the name of Nefarious Jobs is offering to serve revenge to client's enemies with packages that range from \$1,850 to \$10,000. The Chief Executive Officer, who asked to be identified as John Winters, says the company offers services designed to discredit and discomfort people by clients seeking revenge against ex-lovers, co-workers, bosses and others who might have wronged them. "Anyone who has been wronged, hurt, abused, cheated, scammed, stabbed in the back can come to us and we will do our very, very best to make the life of that person who has wronged you completely miserable," Winters says. Employees of the company that carry out the revenge are a team of private investigators and overseas hackers. The most common package purchased is called the, "Boss Breaker." Winters says, "We do not do anything physical whatsoever, however, the truth is our ally. If a person has been scamming people, if they've been abusing people, if they have an extensive criminal record, we will post it. We will start an offshore web site and we'll detail all their nefarious deeds and we'll make sure everyone in their circle of friends knows it."

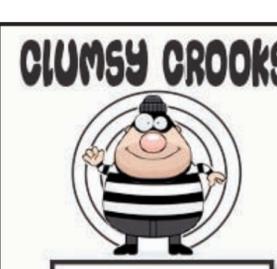
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## Sleeping Florida Man Arrested In Drive Thru - Offers Cops Tacos



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A 30-year-old man was arrested October 1 in the drive-thru of a Jensen Beach Taco Bell. Deputies arrived to find him either passed out or sleeping - and smelling of booze - with his foot on the truck's gas pedal, according to police.

## Obituaries

### Mrs. Mertie S. Tuten

Mrs. Mertie S. Tuten, age 93, died Monday, February 3, 2014 in Perry.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, February 7, 2014, at Beggs Funeral Home with burial at Evergreen Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

She was born February 8, 1920 in Lake Bird and lived most of her life in Madison County. She retired from the Department of Motor Vehicles and liked to read, work in

her yard and attend church. She took care of her sister-in-law, Mildred Bryant, and liked to sit on her front porch and visit with friends and family. She was a member of Reapers of the Harvest Church.

She is survived by one daughter, Helen Tuten Holden of Greenville; three grandchildren: Lynn Holden of Ft. Pierce, Kenny Holden and Donald Holden, both of Greenville; two great grandchildren and one great-great grandson.  
Beggs Funeral

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You may send your condolences to the family by visiting our website [www.beggsfuneral.com](http://www.beggsfuneral.com).



# 3x10 Workforce

**Pet Of The Week**



Meet Lucy! She's a two-year-old mixed breed and weighs about 35 pounds. She is current on all boosters, rabies and heartworm. She has been around people and children and loves everybody. Lucy would love to have a human family, but tends to be jealous with other furry family members, so a home without other pets is best.

If you are interested in meeting Lucy, you can visit her at the Suwannee Valley Humane Society at 1156 SE Bisbee Loop in Madison. For questions on Lucy or other animals at the Humane Society, call (850) 971-9904 or visit their website at [suwanneevalleyhumanesociety.org](http://suwanneevalleyhumanesociety.org).



# Mr. B's

## --- Who's New ---



Proud parents, Hunter and Reva Greene, and proud sister, Ashlynn Hendrix, welcomed Emma Kimberly Greene into the world on January 21, 2014, at 12:50 p.m. at the Tallahassee Memorial Hospital Women's Pavilion.

Emma weighed seven pounds, eight ounces and was 19-and-one-half inches long.

Her paternal grandparents are Harvey and Janice Greene and Larry and Tracy Spooner. Her maternal grandparents are Bill and Linda Buchtman and Susan Miller.

## Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Presents A Father-Daughter Dance

The Nu Omega Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., will present "A Spectacular Evening for a Father Daughter Dance" on Saturday, Feb. 22, from 6-10 p.m. at the North Florida Community College Student Center, 325 Northwest Turner Davis Drive, in Madison.

Organizers anticipate a memorable event in which attendees may don on their finest attire and show-

case their fathers or father figures to a spectacular evening filled with dancing, fellowship and fun. This is an event for ages two to adult. Tickets are \$20 per couple and \$5 for each additional person. Proceeds will provide academic scholarships and support for other community projects.

Contact Glenda Branch at (850) 673-9330 or Regina Nash at (850) 841-0645 for tickets, sponsorship or more information.

## Wild Game Dinner And Sportsman's Challenge Saturday, Feb. 8

By Rose Klein  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Concord Baptist Church in Greenville will be hosting a Wild Game Dinner and Sportsman's Challenge this Saturday, Feb. 8. The dinner and challenge will be at the church, located at 829 NW Concord Church Road. The day will include archery and skeet shoot challenges that start at 1 p.m. Dinner will start at 5:30 p.m. and will include all types of game meats, along with down-home favorites as sides. The ARK singers from the Ukraine will provide entertainment after the dinner, around 7 p.m.

The dinner and challenge is a

new fundraiser the church is doing to raise money for their youth so they may attend Summer Youth Camp this year. Each person's cost for the camp is around \$400. To help cover this cost, the church encourages their youth to try and raise as much as possible so that all can attend.

Tickets can be purchased at the door and are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages five through 12 and kids under five years are free. Skeet shoots are purchased separately but archery is included with the purchase of a ticket. For more information or to purchase tickets ahead of time, call Pastor Jamie Ford at (229) 251-5693.

## LOCAL BUSINESS ACCEPTING ITEMS TO DONATE TO COMMUNITY

If you live in Lee or Madison and have any donations, Loni Kesler, owner of Bags, Things & More on Wheels, will take them and give them to families who are in need.

Kesler will take anything up to furniture.

Kesler said that she is doing this to help the community.

"So, please don't throw anything

away you can no longer use," Kesler urges.

Kesler said that if you are not able to drop off items at her pink tent when it is set up, call her at (850) 973-2140, home, or (850) 464-0145, cell, for her to pick them up or arrange a place to meet.

Kesler said that anyone who picks up the items should not resale them at their yard sales.

## Madison County Junior Auxiliary Offers Vocational Scholarship

The Madison County Junior Auxiliary has announced that they will offer a vocational scholarship. The goal of this scholarship is to offer a Madison County resident the opportunity to gain vocational job training.

To qualify, applicants must be accepted to an area vocational program and then submit an application to the Junior Auxiliary.

Anyone interested in applying can pick up an application at the NFCC financial aid office or contact their guidance counselor at the Madison County High School.

Applications are also available upon request at:

Junior Auxiliary Madison County

P.O. Box 15

Madison, Florida 32341

Applications are being accepted now through Feb. 28, at 5 p.m.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### February 8

Concord Baptist Church, located at 829 NW Concord Church Road east of Greenville, will host a sportsman's challenge and wild game dinner on Feb. 8. Challenges begin at 1 p.m. and will be followed by a wild game dinner at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each for adults and \$5 each for ages 5-12 and include both the archery challenge and wild game dinner. A skeet challenge is available for an additional \$5 for 10 shots.

### February 8

Concord Baptist Church will host the ARK Singers on Saturday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. The public is encouraged to come out and listen to the great music that will be provided.

### February 9

The ARK Singers will be visiting Fellowship Baptist Church on Sunday, Feb. 9 at 9:45 a.m. Then later on that day, the singers will be visiting the Madison First Baptist Church at 5 p.m. The public is invited to attend each of these performances.

### February 10

A new smoking cessation class will be held Monday, Feb. 10, at 5:30 p.m. at the Madison County Health Department. The class is free and there will be free lozenges, gum or patches.

### February 14

The Kiwanis Club of Madison invites you to the Kiwanis Valentine's Day Ball, starting at 6:45 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center on Harvey Greene Drive, a fundraiser for Kiwanis Youth Leadership Programs. Tickets are available at the door and are \$10 per couple. Dress is casual, so come on out with your sweetie, relax, and be ready to have a great time with good food and entertainment that includes karaoke, DJ music, door prizes, and a chance to buy raffle tickets for a

50 inch flat-screen TV (drawing to be held during Down Home Days).

### February 14

Sheriff Ben Stewart cordially invites you to his Valentine's Day Heart Banquet, featuring dinner and fabulous entertainment to benefit the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranches at 7 p.m. at the Pinetta Community Center, 401 Empress Tree Ave. in Pinetta. There will be entertainment by the Madison County Sheriff's Office and semi-formal dress, with a photo shoot. Couples, \$30; couples with two children, \$45, singles, \$15. For tickets and RSVP, contact Tammy at the Madison County Sheriff's Office, (850) 973-4151.

### February 15

The Madison County Public Library is holding a book signing Saturday afternoon, Feb. 15, from 1 - 4 p.m. Local author Willie Boatman, Jr., born and raised right here in Madison, will be signing copies of his book, *The House That Burned Twice: A Journey Through Misguided Passion*. The library invites everyone to come on out and chat with the author, a local resident and probably someone you know already. Make plans to attend!

### February 15

The Pine Tree Quilters are having their 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Brunch and Quilt Show from 9 a.m. until noon at the United Methodist Cooperative Ministries Center, 135 NE Dill Ave., off Colin Kelly Highway. Enjoy a delicious brunch and admire the beautiful quilts on display. The Pine Tree Quilters make warm quilts to give away to those in need, and the annual quilt show is a fundraiser to buy quilting supplies. They will be accepting donations in any amount, and also offering three large quilts and several baby quilts for sale.

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## Lake Park Of Madison Residents Remain Vibrant With Activities



Picture submitted

Richard Mayhue takes a break after his two wins at Bingo.



Picture submitted

Rossie McDonald has fun at Lake Park's Fall Festival with darts and face painting.

By Rose Klein  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

People are admitted into nursing homes or enter into assisted living facilities for different reasons. One reason might be a person lives alone and needs a larger community of people to be with and could use some help with everyday activities. Others may need more care, maybe in the way of 24-hour medical care or supervision due to chronic diseases such as diabetes or dementia, or maybe because they are at risk for falling.

For whatever reasons people find their way into long-term care facilities, these residents will need more than just medical care; they will need something to do. If these residents no longer work and someone does their laundry, cooks for them, cleans for them and maybe even shops for them and pays their bills, what is left for them to do?

Structured activities can give residents a plan for their day and keep their minds from turning negative about their current situation.

Activities can also allow residents to try new experiences and make new friends, which can allow them to be happier and remain vital. Medical care takes care of the resident's physical needs while fun and purposeful activities care for resident's psychological and social needs.

Christina Brooks, the Activity Director at Lake Park of Madison, helps residents stay active with scheduled daily activities, which include weekends and some evenings. Activities are happening at all times of the day to accommodate everyone's schedule. They usually begin after breakfast at 9 a.m. and finish up at 4:30 p.m., before the dinner hour. Weekends have activities from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and evening activities are held three times during the week for night owls. Activities are geared towards interest of the residents and include a coffee club, games of all types, crafts, pizza parties, church services, movies and one of their favorite attractions, Parker, the resident dog that makes his way from resident to resident, looking for pats and snacks. Special activities are also scheduled such as holiday parties, special music guests and seasonal activities, such as their Fall Festival. With all the activities to choose from, any resident could find something to enjoy.

Brooks says her calendar is always open for a new activity or suggestion and would welcome entertainment from the community. If you have a talent to share or an idea for entertainment or an activity that Lake Park's residents can enjoy, you can reach Christina Brooks at: lakactd@healthtique-group.com or call Lake Park of Madison at (850) 253-2338 and ask for the Activity Director.



Picture submitted

Alexander Brothers, Eddie (left) and William (right), enjoy opening gifts at last year's Christmas party.



Picture submitted

Susie Epperson tries her hand at a ring toss game during the Fall Festival.



Leigh Barfield  
Madison County Property Appraiser

### ATTENTION HOMEOWNERS



Madison County Property Appraiser Leigh Barfield would like to remind homeowners who had a change in home ownership in the past year to file for homestead exemption. Also, seniors 65 and over don't forget to re-apply for senior exemption. If you purchased property in the last year that qualifies for agricultural classification, you must re-apply in your own name. These exemptions and classifications are worth the time to come in and apply. Deadline for filing is March 1. Our office is located in the courthouse annex, room 201. Office hours are Monday thru Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm. Please feel free to call 973-6133, come by, or visit our website [www.madisonpa.com](http://www.madisonpa.com).



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Mary Jordan receives a visit from Santa at Christmas time.

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## Beggs & Company Museum: When The General Store Was The Place For Everything



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All the Pretty Little Horses...The museum displays are not limited to just general store items. Tommy Beggs stands beside one of the more eye-catching ones, a group of antique, hand-carved wooden carousel horses.

By Lynette Norris  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

We go to small community museums because they contain shared memories of what used to be, if we are old enough to remember the bygone times in question. If not, we go to see what things were like in our grandparents' and great-grandparents' time or beyond. If it is an art museum, we go to see what local and regional artists have produced, where we might be surprised to find that some of them are friends and neighbors.

The T.J. Beggs & Company Museum, on Range Street, across from the Courthouse, is a community museum where all of the above apply; a small, personal space, its first floor a historical display, while the second floor houses an art gallery showcasing the work of local artists. And the third floor, not yet organized nor opened to the public...well, we'll get to that in a bit.

Formerly the T.J. Beggs & Company General Store, it recalls a time when a general store really was a general store, a place that carried a little bit of everything that a small community might need: toys, pots and pans, mops and brooms, fabric, Christmas decorations, Halloween costumes, candy, clothing, shoes, small appliances, toiletries, furniture and more,

arranged neatly on wooden shelves and racks. At T.J. Beggs & Company, one could buy fine china from its bridal gifts section, the latest fashion in hats at its millinery counter, corsets when the wasp waist was all the rage, or even Hummel figurines which are now prized as collectibles.

"We carried good quality stuff," said Tommy Beggs, grandson of T.J. Beggs, and curator of the little museum displaying some of the goods the store used to carry, some of it still in its original wrapping, along with family photographs and old military uniforms worn by members of the Beggs family; every generation of the Beggs family has had at least one member serving in the military during every war since the Civil War, and Beggs' father, T.J. Beggs, Jr., attended the Citadel.

The typical general store was usually located in the center of downtown, and T.J. Beggs & Company was no different. Right smack in the middle of town, with town-folk and farmers coming and going every day, it was a social fixture as much as a business. The people who worked there knew just about everybody in town and heard all the latest news as they rang up purchases with a "cah-ching" on old mechanical cash registers - who had just gotten married or en-

gaged, who had just had a baby, whose son had just gone off to a war or just come back from one, who was going to the church social. Customers often ran into friends and neighbors, and stopped to chat while they shopped.

They also stopped in to find out who had just died. This was a general store with a bit of a twist - while the first two floors carried general merchandise of every description, skilled woodworkers on the third floor attic space made and sold coffins. In the decades before television and radio were commonplace, often the first news that someone had just died came from the noises issuing from the third floor to the street below. When passersby heard hammering and sawing, they would step inside the general store/funeral home to learn the name of the newly deceased. This unusual feature has earned the museum headlines in publications as varied as the *Miami Herald*, the *Jacksonville Times Union* and the *Smithsonian* magazine.

The little general store and funeral home enterprise had its beginnings in 1860, operated by William Lawrence "W.L." Paramore. Shortly afterward, he went off to the Civil War, returning several years later to resume running the general merchandise store and casket building business with his

family, which included three daughters, but no sons. One of the daughters, Helen, married Tommy Beggs' grandfather, T.J. Beggs, Sr., the son of John Miller Beggs, Clerk of the Court for Madison County. T.J., who grew up working in the shade tobacco farming industry, gave up farming to help run the general store with his father-in-law.

A little while later, in 1886, the same year that Sears & Roebuck and Coca-Cola got their start, Beggs bought out his father-in-law and incorporated the business as T.J. Beggs & Company.

T.J. and Helen had four children, including son Tom Beggs, Jr., who after serving in WWI, graduated from the Cincinnati College of Embalmers in 1919. He became one of the first embalmers in the state of Florida, and the one who first brought embalming services to the rural Madison area, in the era of horse-drawn hearses. Tom Beggs, Jr. was also a charter member of the Florida Funeral Directors Association.

It continued as a general store and funeral home until 1950, when the Beggs family opened their first modern funeral chapel on Orange Avenue, the one that is still in use today.

In 1995, Tommy Beggs retired after 50 years in the funeral business, and some time after, set about turning the old general store, long since closed, into a museum.

The museum is dedicated to God, those in the military service and family, a family that includes longtime employees of T.J. Beggs & Company. The displays have been meticulously and artfully arranged by Tommy Beggs' niece, Aileen Winter Mostel. A nephew, William Ashley Winter, arranged the music that accompanies the museum tours.

He has given a few people sneak previews of the museum and one day hopes to have

it open on a limited, but regular schedule (perhaps every Saturday during the middle part of the day is one possibility he's considering) so people can stop in and take a look back. There might be a small admission fee, in addition to whatever small donations people would like to make.

"I don't know what will happen to the museum once I'm gone," he said. "I just know this is what I want to do, here and now."

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### Trusted IRAs



Stacy Bush, President  
Bush Wealth Management

In a typical IRA, your beneficiary takes control of the IRA assets upon your death. There's nothing to stop your beneficiary from withdrawing all or part of the IRA funds at any time. This ability to withdraw assets at will may be troublesome to you for several reasons. For example, you may simply be concerned that your beneficiary will squander the IRA funds.

Or it may be your wish that your IRA "stretch" after your death--that is, continue to accumulate on a tax-deferred (or in the case of Roth IRAs, potentially tax-free) basis--for as long as possible. IRA owners sometimes select much younger IRA beneficiaries because their young age means a longer life expectancy, and this in turn requires smaller required minimum distributions (RMDs) from the IRA each year after your death--allowing more of your IRA to continue to grow on a tax-favored basis for a longer period of time. Your intent to stretch out the IRA payments may be defeated if your beneficiary has total control over the IRA assets upon your death.

Even if your beneficiary doesn't deplete the IRA assets, in a typical IRA you normally have no say about where the funds go when your beneficiary dies. Your beneficiary, or the IRA agreement, usually specifies who gets the funds at that point. And in a typical IRA, particularly a custodial IRA, your beneficiary is responsible for investing the IRA assets after your death, regardless of his or her inclination, skill, or experience.

A trustee IRA can help solve all of these problems. With a trustee IRA, you can't stop the payment of RMDs to your beneficiary but you can restrict any additional payments from this IRA. For example, you could maximize the period your IRA will stretch by directing the trustee to pay only RMDs to your beneficiary. Or you can ensure that your beneficiary's needs are taken care of by

providing the trustee with the discretion to make payments to your beneficiary in addition to RMDs as needed for your beneficiary's health, welfare, or education.

Another option is to impose restrictions on distributions only until you're comfortable your beneficiary has reached an age where he or she will be mature enough to handle the IRA assets.

In each case, the balance of the IRA (if any) passing, upon your beneficiary's death, can be paid to a contingent beneficiary of your choosing (the contingent beneficiary will continue to receive RMDs based on your primary beneficiary's remaining life expectancy). For example, if you've remarried, you may want to be sure your current spouse is provided for upon your death, but also that any IRA funds remaining on your spouse's death pass to the children of your first marriage. Or you may want to ensure that if your spouse remarries, his or her new spouse won't be the ultimate recipient of your IRA assets.

A trustee IRA can also be structured to qualify, for example, as a marital, QTIP, or credit shelter (bypass) trust, potentially simplifying your estate planning.

Finally, a trustee IRA can even be a valuable tool during your lifetime. For example, the IRA can provide that if you become incapacitated the trustee will step in and take over (or continue) the investment of assets, and distribute benefits on your behalf as needed or required, ensuring that your IRA won't be in limbo until a guardian is appointed.

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@pl.com

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Imagine trying to ride a bicycle built for two, something else that's not seen very often these days



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This display of hats and gloves gives someone an idea of what fashions were like in decades past. A few of the displays look much the same as they did when the store was open.



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## The Madison Florist Blooms Beauty Into Special Occasions

By Rose Klein  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

If you're looking for the perfect flowers for your wedding, or any special occasion for that matter, The Madison Florist has "Flowers for all Occasions" and owner, Wendi Webb, says she can work with everyone's budget.

When deciding when to make that visit to the florist, Webb prefers when brides book their wedding flowers out about two months in advance, because trends and tastes change, sometimes in a small amount of time. When you're at the two or three month mark before your wedding, it is time to make an appointment to sit down and discuss flowers and put pen to paper. The first items you would want to bring to the appointment would be several pictures of flower designs you like.

Webb says that is the best piece of information you could bring to the meeting because that leaves no question as to what you are expecting. She says the Internet is full of floral ideas, as are bridal magazines. Another vital piece of information you will need is your budget. If you plan on exotic tropical flowers at the meeting, but are shell shocked when the quote comes, both your time and the florist's will be wasted. Other things to keep in mind are

flowers that are in season, the style of wedding you want (outside and casual vs. formal reception hall), location and specific styles of flowers you like (classic roses or trendy peonies).

One of the questions that Webb is sometimes asked is, "Is there anyway I can cut cost on flowers?" Webb says there are alternatives to using flowers that could dramatically cut cost on your floral budget, such as using candles or fruit for centerpieces instead of flowers. You could also just use a few "spotlight" flowers instead of decking out the entire reception hall. Webb says she can help brides with ideas on ways to save money, but does offer a caveat, "Flower arrangements are usually in every important photograph of the wedding; from the bouquets to the alter."

If a wedding is in your future,



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## Why A White Wedding?

Amber Houston  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

While it is commonest for brides to choose a white wedding dress, this is a relatively recent development in bridal culture.

Before the American Civil War of the 1860's, brides wore all different colors—the flashier and gaudier the better. Silks were the most prominent, but they could be seen in bright colors and busy patterns. White was not considered to be fashionable for weddings at all.

In fact, white was one of a set of colors worn during mourning, where black was worn first, and colors like

lavenders, grays, and whites were finally reintroduced to the mourning woman's wardrobe. White could have also been worn in the place of black for deep mourning.

Additionally, wedding dresses were festooned with ribbons, bows, fresh-cut flowers, and all sorts of trim. Brides wore all manner of jewelry. So in the 1840's when Queen Victoria married Prince Albert in a modest white gown of her own design, the royal family was outraged.

The trim on Victoria's dress was plain lace and used in sensible moderation. The dress was white silk. No jewels, no crown, no patterns, no colors, and no fancy trim. No velvet half-cape, no fur, no fuss.

A decade later, however, women's fashion caught on to this more modest approach to wedding dresses—the royal family's opinion ignored. *Godey's Lady's Book*, the premier fashion magazine of the Victorian Era began marketing white wedding dresses and the wealthiest women of the time were married in them by the droves.

The magazine wrote: "Custom has decided, from the earliest ages, that white is the most fitting hue, whatever may be the material. It is an emblem of the purity and innocence of girlhood, and the unsullied heart she now yields to the chosen one."

In today's fashion,

wedding dresses are taking on splashes of color—green sashes to match the groom's vest, red embroidery coordinated with red cowboy boots, and more. These expressions of individuality are excellent when well-planned and conscientious.

And while it is still not common to wear bright wedding dresses like it was in pre-Victorian times, societal norms have relaxed and bridal gowns are becoming more casual, more individual, and no less fashionable.

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Mr. and Mrs. R C Taylor of Jacksonville spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. R P Buchanan of Pinetta and attended services at Pine Grove Sunday. They were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W O Raines of Cherry Lake.

February 4, 1944

No. 1 hogs brought \$11.95 at the local market Tuesday; No. 2's sold for \$11. Light hogs sold from \$7.15 to \$10. Small pigs showed an increase of 2c a pound over last week. Few cattle brought from \$9.15 to \$9.30, very few being sold.

Mrs. A.M. Leslie, of Pinetta, returned Sunday night from Charleston, S.C., where she went to see her daughter, Mrs. H.L. Couch, who was in the hospital. Mrs. Couch has returned home from the hospital and is getting along fine.

Sgt. Edward Dickinson and Mrs. Dickinson, of Macon, Ga., spent a three days' furlough here visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Carlena Dickinson.

Mr. and Mrs. H.T. Brown of Dixie are announcing the birth of a 9 lb. 2 oz. baby boy, Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>, at the Brooks County hospital. Mrs. Brown is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M Bunting of this city.

Mr. Fred Mickler will conduct the services at Cherry Lake Methodist Church on Sunday at 11 a.m.

Pfc. Jim B. Roth, of Los Angeles, Calif., is spending his furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D.S. Roth.

Thomas Jefferson Eppes, 59, died Tuesday morning at the Madison County Hospital following a brief illness. Mr. Eppes was the great-great-grandson of the third president of the United States, Thomas Jefferson.

February 5, 1954

State Sen. Turner Davis, who was unopposed for the Senate in the 10<sup>th</sup> district, will become president of the 1955 Senate and thereby follow in the footsteps of his father, Judge C.E. Davis, who also served as Senate president some years ago. The honor comes the second time to a Madison Senator and alike to father and son.

Pvt. James C. Williams, son of H.H. Williams of Lee, was among 30 students who completed an eight-week cooking course this week at Fort Benning's Third Army Food Service School.

Mr. and Mrs. James Page and daughter, Elsie, of Monticello, were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Graham Wheeler.

The family of Judge C.E. Davis honored him Sunday on the event of his birthday with a dinner at the Davis home.

February 7, 1964

Miss Bertha Denslow and two girlfriends of Norman College came for a weekend visit with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. L.E. Denslow.

Friends are interested to learn that Rick Milliner has been pledged to Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity at FSU.

# Happenings

At Madison  
First Baptist Church

Submitted By Judy Phillips  
Guest Columnist

Bro. Gabe based his sermon on James 1:21 "Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls." <sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. <sup>23</sup> For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; <sup>24</sup> for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. <sup>25</sup> But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does. <sup>26</sup> If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless. <sup>27</sup> Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world." The implanted Word in verse 21 is the Old Testament, Believers of that day, and the indwelling Holy Spirit in Believers today. The test of who we are is found in what we DO. Belief does come first. But the evidence is in the DOING when it shares the meditations of our hearts. His sermon led into the announcement of our mission trip.

**PRAY... GIVE... GO... July 26-Aug. 1 ~ WE'RE GOING ON A MISSION TRIP.** Our Missions Committee has partnered with Back2Back Ministries of Monterrey, Mexico to provide fifteen members to help with construction projects or simple repairs. They will also play games, tutor children, or do

other craft projects with children from ten children's homes. There will be opportunities to feed families in three impoverished areas of the city. The team will share the Gospel while meeting people's basic needs. PRAY about where God will use you in this missions' endeavor. GIVE monetarily. GO if the Lord leads you in that direction. Each of us can DO something. A trip deposit of \$212 is due March 19 and passports will be ordered in April. Please contact Kara Washington or church office for more detailed information.

**BABY BOTTLE DEDICATION...** Throughout the month we have been collecting offerings for A Women's Pregnancy Center, the local organization that ministers to ladies who are in crisis pregnancies. Silent money will be greatly appreciated. We will be praying over these offerings during the morning worship service. Don't forget your offering in the bottle!

**Sunday, Feb. 9 ~ Sunday Dinner ~ Annual Friendship Banquet...** Immediately following the morning worship service the Youth will host our annual Friendship Banquet. Donations for our youth fund will be greatly appreciated.

**Sunday, Feb. 9 ~ at 5 p.m.....** The ARK singers from the Ukraine will be our special guests. This wonderful group has worked hard since their formation in 1972, witnessing and sharing their music and Christian faith. We look forward to meeting them and hearing their message. They rely on love offerings they receive to keep their ministry going.

**Sunday nights @ First ...** From 5:45 until 7:30 a variety of class options will be available to grow your faith. For ADULTS three different classes are being offered. Use the sign up sheets on Sandra's door or the tear-off portion of the bulletin or call the church to register.

**Experiencing God - 13 wks. -** Led by Debbie Roderick - Cost is \$16. 2/16: Units 4 & 5 ~ 3/2: Units 6 & 7 ~ 3/9: Unit 8 ~ 3/16: Unit 9 ~ 3/23: Unit 10 ~ 4/6: Units 11 & 12.

**Divorce Care - 13 wks. -** led by Bro. Gabe, Ann McLeod, and Shelly Smith - Cost is \$15. This is a class for those experiencing separation, divorcees or those going through a divorce.

**Managing the Stress of Abundant Life** led by Dr. Mike Miller ~ four weeks: Feb. 16, Mar. 2, 9, and March 16. There will be classes for YOUTH, grades 6-8, and for HIGH SCHOOL, 9-12 grades, through COLLEGE/CAREER age. The CHILDREN will also have special places. The Preschool Choir, ages 3-6 will be taught by Beth Carey and Carol Bynum. Jim Carey 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 2. 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!

**Feb. 11 ~Tuesday ~ 10 a.m.** Just Older Youth choir... We will visit a local nursing center.

**Feb. 12 ~Wednesday's** Schedule: 5:30 p.m. ~ AWANA, 6:00 p.m. ~ The Youth and College Group, 6:30 p.m. ~ Prayer Meeting, 7:30 p.m. ~ Worship Choir rehearsal.

**GOOD NEWS CLUBS** 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.

**Tuesday, Feb. 11 ~ 10 a.m.** Association WMU Rally at Elizabeth Baptist Church. The baby bottle monies will be presented to A Women's Pregnancy Center representative.

**Men's Retreat ~ March 28-30 ~ Lake Yale Conference Center...**Brian Townsend, the Brotherhood president would like to take a group of men to this event. The retreat is designed to call Florida Baptist Men to "LIVE OUT LOUD" in the power of the Holy Spirit, Romans 8:31 is the key Scripture. The cost is \$200 per person. Contact Brian at [btam-](mailto:btam-)

[electric@centurylink.net](mailto:electric@centurylink.net) or 929-2494 for more information. Scholarship money is available to help with this cost. Early registration is a must for reservations.

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, [madisonfb.net](http://madisonfb.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). Join us this week for Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. where we have classes for nursery through senior adults. Worship begins at 11:00 a.m. when we will honor the Lord with songs of praise, prayers, offerings, and the spoken word. And remember, "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only." Stand in the gap for the orphans as we prepare to PRAY...GIVE...GO!

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Service of Word & Table .....8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service .....11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Youth Meetings (6-12<sup>th</sup>)....5-6:30 p.m.

**Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church**  
"A Friendly Church"  
Cherry Lake, FL • 850-929-4355  
Rev. Ralph Campbell

Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.  
Pastoral Sunday (1st & 3rd Sunday) .....1:00 a.m.  
Youth Church(2nd Sunday) .....11:00 a.m.  
Pastoral Sunday (4th Sunday) .....11:00 a.m.

**Lee Worship Center**  
**Living Word Of Faith Fellowship**  
Pastor Rev. Richard B. Sauls • (919) 745-0225  
Pastor Em. Rev. Charles R. Lasser • (850) 971-5826  
471 SE Magnolia Drive • Lee  
(Located Behind The Old Lee School)  
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(Special Music & Morning Worship)  
Tuesday Service .....7:00 p.m.  
(Prayer Meeting/Bible Study)  
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Coffee Fellowship.....9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
Monday Adult Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday Truck Stop Ministry @ Jimmies  
Auto Truck Stop Lee, FL.....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting & Children's Church.....6:00 p.m.

**City of Madison and Town of Greenville**

**Election Date: March 11, 2014**

**Book Closing Date**  
February 10, 2014

The book closing date for the 2014 City of Madison and Town of Greenville Election is February 10, 2014. If you need to register to vote or would like to make a party change you must complete a voter registration form and submit it to the elections office on or before this book closing date. Once the registration books close, only updates to a voter's name, address and signature shall be permitted.

**Voting Equipment Public Logic and Accuracy Test**  
February 20, 2014

In accordance with Florida Statute, Section 101.5612, a pre-election test of the automatic tabulating equipment, which will be used to tabulate the votes cast in the 2014 City of Madison and Town of Greenville Election, to be held on March 11, 2014, will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 20, 2014, at the Supervisor of Elections Office, 239 SW Pinckney St., Madison, Florida. The purpose of the test is to ascertain that the equipment will correctly count the votes cast for all candidates and offices. The test is open to all candidates, candidate representatives with written authorization, the press and the public.

**Early Voting for City of Madison**  
March 1, 2014 - March 8, 2014

Early voting for City of Madison begins March 1, 2014 and ends March 8, 2014. Hours for voting will be Saturday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The location for early voting is the Supervisor of Elections' office. Please remember, all voters are required to show photo identification prior to voting or vote a provisional ballot.

**Election Day**  
March 11, 2014

The City of Madison Election will be held on March 11, 2014 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Remember, Madison City Elections are single member districts. Only voters in City Ward districts 1, 4 and 5 will vote in this election in March. The polling place for the Madison City Election will be held at Madison County Boardroom Annex, Room 107.

The Town of Greenville Election will be held on March 11, 2014 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Remember, Town of Greenville Election is for those who reside in the City of Greenville only. The polling place for the Town of Greenville Election will be held at Greenville Senior Citizens Building.

**Canvass of Returns**  
March 11, 2014

The canvass of returns and absentee ballots for the 2014 City of Madison and Town of Greenville will be held in Madison, Florida on March 11, 2014. The canvass of returns and absentee ballots will begin at 5:00 p.m. on March 11, 2014, at the Supervisor of Elections Office, 239 SW Pinckney St., Madison, Florida.

Thomas "Tommy" Hardee  
Madison County Supervisor of Elections  
239 SW Pinckney Street Phone: 850.973.6507  
Madison, FL 32340 Cell: 850.973.7902

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**Congratulations**  
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 (Madison County School Board Member, District 5.)



**Congratulations To Our Teacher Of The Year!**  

 Linda McFarland  
 From The Faculty, Staff, Students And Parents Of Madison County Excel School

**Congratulations To Our Teacher Of The Year!**  
**Missy Cherry**  
 From:  
**Pinetta Elementary School Faculty, Staff & Students.**



**Congratulations**  
  
**To Madison County's Teachers Of The Year!**

**Congratulations To Our Teacher Of The Year!**  
**Amy Fletcher**  
 From:  
**The Faculty & Students of Lee Elementary School.**



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**MADISON COUNTY TEACHERS OF THE YEAR**

**Quasheena Johnson**  
*Madison County High School's Teacher of the Year*

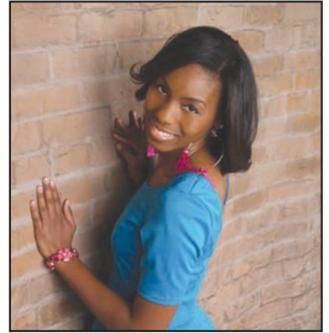
By Rose Klein  
 Greene Publishing, Inc.

Quasheena Johnson has been named Teacher of the Year for Madison County High School. She currently teaches World History, but has experience in teaching American History, Geography, Economics and American Government. She is also currently the head Volleyball Coach at the school. Johnson says teaching is rewarding for her and feels it has been successful.

Johnson graduated from Florida State University with a Bachelor's degree in Social Science Education and then went on to earn a Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis on Reading from Grand Canyon University.

Johnson describes herself as a passionate social studies teacher who tries to present course materials in a clear and interesting way. To ensure her students succeed, she implements several different instructional strategies that include NGCAR-PD, FCIM and Kagan Structures. She says she strives to work with each student individually to help them achieve their reading and academic goals. Johnson says she likes to think of her students as "precious jewels that will one day shine light on the world."

When not teaching, Johnson enjoys being in the company of relatives and close friends. She has recently found an interest in fashion jewelry and accessories and also enjoys reading autobiographies, historical fiction and magazines. Johnson says her favorite book to read is the Bible because "it always leaves her feeling refreshed and encouraged, even after reading only a few pages." One of Johnson's favorite quotes about success comes from Bill Cosby, "In order to succeed, your desire for success should be greater than your fear of failure."



Quasheena Johnson

**Linda McFarland**  
*Madison Excel Alternative Education Center's Teacher of the Year*

By Rose Klein  
 Greene Publishing, Inc.

Linda McFarland has been named Teacher of the Year for the Madison Excel Alternative Education Center. She teaches science at the school and tutors in the evenings. McFarland models the behaviors she advocates to her students on a daily basis, both in the classroom and in the community.

McFarland is also a wife, mother, grandmother, aunt and much more to her family and the people who know her. She is a native of Madison County and a graduate of Madison High School, class of 1974. She attended Florida State University where she earned her Bachelor of Science degree before continuing her education in middle grades education at Valdosta State University. McFarland is certified in grades five through nine and also in Exceptional Student Education.

When she is not teaching at the Excel School, McFarland is teaching the adult Sunday School class at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, where her and husband, Willie attend. She and Willie together have seven children and eleven grandchildren.



Linda McFarland

**Missy Cherry**  
*Pinetta Elementary School's Teacher of the Year*

By Rose Klein  
 Greene Publishing, Inc.

Missy Cherry has been named Teacher of the Year for Pinetta Elementary School, where she has been teaching for the past 11 years. She teaches reading to third, fourth and fifth graders and says she loves it. Cherry says she "has the pleasure of reading novels with her students that take them on adventures to far-away places, while teaching strategies that will help them become exceptional students." Her yearly goal is to help children fall in love with reading.

Cherry earned her degree in Elementary Education at Florida A & M University and went on to become a National Board Certified teacher in 2008. Following this accomplishment, she began serving as a mentor for novice teachers in the county. Her classroom is also used as a model for differentiated instruction and Kagan Strategies.

Over the past few years, Cherry has written several mini-grants in order to build her classroom library so she can "provide her students with a plethora of novels to choose from."

Outside of the classroom, Cherry has served with the Junior Auxiliary of Madison County for the past six years and is now a life member. She is happily married to her high-school sweetheart, Darryl, and has three "amazing" children: Tucker (15), Ellie (12) and Lucy (8). She and her family attend Fellowship Baptist Church.

Cherry says she is very excited about the opportunity to serve as the Teacher of the Year for Pinetta Elementary School because she believes she works with "the best teachers and staff in the world."



Missy Cherry

**Amy Fletcher**  
*Lee Elementary School's Teacher of the Year*

By Rose Klein  
 Greene Publishing, Inc.

Amy Fletcher has been named Teacher of the Year for Lee Elementary School. She currently teaches Kindergarten and first grade and has taught at Lee Elementary for the past two years.

Fletcher began her education at North Florida Community College where she earned an Associate in Arts degree. From there, she attended the University of Florida, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Education and continued on to earn a Masters in Education before graduating in 2008. Fletcher believes it is important to continue to grow as an educator in order to improve the teaching profession.

After graduation, Fletcher's teaching career began at Madison County Central School where she taught first grade reading, language arts and math. In 2012, she joined Lee Elementary School to teach Kindergarten reading, math, language arts, science and social studies. Fletcher's second year at the school, she picked up math and first grade reading.

Outside of the classroom, Fletcher is married to husband, Jimmy and together they have two daughters, Macy and Cally. Fletcher is also an active member of Sirmans Baptist Church.



Amy Fletcher

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# MADISON COUNTY TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

## Katie Hatcher Greenville Elementary School's Teacher of the Year

By Rose Klein  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Katie Hatcher has been named Teacher of the Year for Greenville Elementary, and is not only surprised, but feels other teachers around her are more deserving and calls the nomination "unreal." Hatcher has been teaching in Greenville the past three years, teaching second grade her first year and pre-Kindergarten for the past two. She says she is where she is today because of the great teachers who cared enough about her to make sure she succeeded.

Hatcher said she "wasn't the kid who 'got it,'" and had to work extra hard to achieve the results she had in school, and while her friends were receiving straight "A's" she was bringing home "C's," and working harder than they were.

A graduate of LaGrange College in LaGrange, Ga., Hatcher holds a degree in Early Childhood Education. She continued her education at the college to receive her Masters where her focus was on curriculum and instruction. Her thesis was on the importance of having the fine arts in education and she utilizes that study in her classroom today by instructing her students with music and arts and crafts. Hatcher said kids remember things better when it is put into a song, such as learning letter sounds from their ABC's and counting.

Hatcher refers to her parents, Franklin and Ann Hatcher, as her "cheerleaders" who always encouraged her to keep going, no matter what. Having mentors and people around her who invested their time, encouragement and support, wrapped Hatcher in a positive atmosphere that enabled her to keep doubts about her accomplishments at bay. She feels every challenge in her education had a purpose and whenever she had a doubt, God would open a door. She also credits her own determination because in struggling with her education, Hatcher says she gave everything she had and by giving 110 percent, those around her could see how badly she wanted to excel and feels it made all the difference. Hatcher now wants to take that determination along with all the support and encouragement she received and give back to the students in her classroom.



Katie Hatcher



## Gary Gazlay Madison County Central School's Teacher Of The Year (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades)

Story submitted

Gary Gazlay, representing the 6th, 7th and 8th Grades, has been chosen Teacher of the Year for Madison County Central School (middle school division).

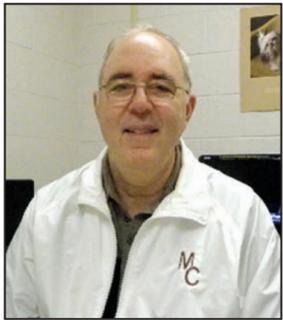
Gazlay was born in Pueblo, Colorado, but soon moved to Florida, where he grew up in Pinellas County and began studying piano at age five. At two high schools he attended, the music directors encouraged him to be a music teacher. In 1970, he won the Florida Bandmasters Association's Henry Fillmore Composition Award.

For the past 39 years, Gazlay has taught music at every age level. He loves teaching instrumental music at MCCS and is excited about seeing the amazing changes taking place in the lives of children at school each day. He is also the accompanist at Fellowship Baptist Church.

In 1979, the Madison High School Band, under his direction, was chosen as one of the bands to perform in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. In 2012, he wrote the grant that brought MCCS \$15,000 in musical instruments from the Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation. In 2011, 2012 and 2013, his fanfares for brass were selected as one of the winners of the Dallas Wind Symphony Fanfare Competition.

Gazlay and wife Betty, who is also his best friend, have been married for 31 years, and have two daughters, three grandsons, eight cats, three dogs and various other critters who wander up to eat the cat food. He also has two sisters, Sandi Dorsey of Ft. Collins, Colorado and Nancy Arias of Scottsdale, Arizona. For over 50 years, they have shared the blessing of music, family and faith with one another.

Gazlay realizes that any awards or recognition he has received throughout his years of being a music educator in Madison County is the direct result of God blessing him through the positive influence his students have had on his life. His current and former students continue to inspire him and he is truly grateful to all of them as well as to the people of Madison County for affecting his life in such a positive way.



Gary Gazlay



## Katrina Aikens Madison County Central School's Teacher Of The Year (Pre-K Through 5th Grade)

By Lynette Norris  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Katrina Aikens, representing Pre-K through 5th grade, has been named Teacher of the Year for Madison County Central School (elementary division).

Since 2001, Aikens has taught all subjects in grades two, three, four and five. She has been teaching in Madison County schools since graduating from Florida State University with her bachelor's degree in December 1979, following her A.A. from North Florida Junior College in 1977.

In 1994, she completed all her coursework toward a master's degree in elementary education from Nova University. In 2006, she completed advanced classes in reading education from Florida State University.

In addition to working at MCCS, she has also taught at Madison Primary School (1980-2001), Greenville Middle School (January 1980 – June 1980), and worked as a school district substitute for Grades K – 12, teaching all subjects, while she finished her final semester for her bachelor's at FSU.

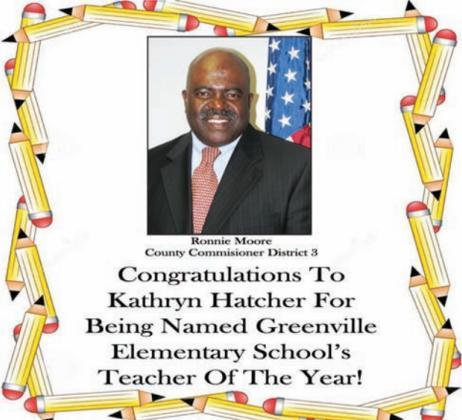
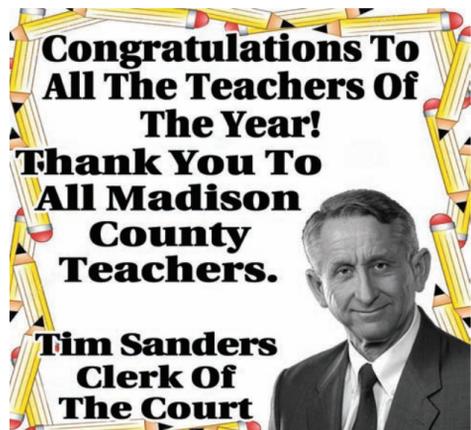
No stranger to accolades, she has previously been named Teacher of the Year for MCCS for the 2004 – 2005 school year and Teacher of the Week for MCCS during November 2013. She has also received the Outstanding Teacher Award from MCCS and from the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. In 1999, she was Teacher of the Year for the Madison Primary School, and in 1995, she was named one of Madison County's Outstanding District Personnel.

"As an educator, I feel that the role of public education is to educate children from early childhood to age 18, in order to prepare them for the future," she says. "That includes helping them understand what they learn as they prepare for college and careers. It should be a guiding force in helping them become good citizens who are actively engaged in their communities."

She knows very well the important role that parents play in their children's lives, including their success in school, because her own mother, former teacher Lucile B. Aikens, was an important role model for her, and the one who inspired her daughter to follow in her footsteps and become a teacher. "She taught me so much and had such a passion for her job that I desired to be just like her...I love my job as an educator and feel that I was put here on earth to work with children. I want each scholar in my class to know that I love them and at the same time, I try to instill in each one that they must work hard to reach success. Being respectful, acting intelligent and using good manners are important in my class because I feel that this will take any person far in life."



Katrina Aikens



# Classifieds

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## SERVICES

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1/31, 2/5, pd

I am a retired nurse, and want to do private duty work with the elderly. If you can use me, I am available for any shift. Excellent references. 464-7276 (Cell).

12/18 - rtn, n/c

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## AUCTION

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**Pageant and Prom Dresses For Sale:** Size 3 children's - white long dress, worn as flower girl dress, sequin/beadwork all on bodice, sequin/beadwork/appliques on bottom, built-in crinoline. - \$50.

Size 4 children's - off white dress, worn as flower girl dress, lace work around bodice, pretty lace work at bottom, cap sleeves - \$25.

Size 7-8 children's - off white dress, worn as a flower girl dress, overlay of lace over entire dress, probably knee to calf length - \$25.

Size 8 Teen Dress - A fuchsia strapless gorgeous dress. The dress has gathers up the bodice and a sequined design down the left side and laces up half the back. There is also a train on this dress and a split up one leg. \$200.

Size 16 pre-teen size - white long pageant gown, cap sleeves, white sequin work across entire bodice and sleeves - \$100.

Size 10 Teen Dress - A beautiful, elegant, flowing emerald green dress. Has eye-catching beaded straps that criss cross in the back along with a beaded design in the front of the dress. Beautiful flowing train. \$200.

Size 14 (child's size 14 but dress is for a teen division approximately 13-15) - GORGEOUS lime green dress, strapless but with spaghetti straps that criss cross across the back, sequins spotted across the entire gown, built-in crinoline - absolutely gorgeous. - \$250. Call Emerald Greene (850) 973-3497 Leave a message.

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## ESTATE SALE

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
 CASE NO. 2013-CA-293

OLD BLUE SPRINGS, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company,  
 Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 APEX BUILDING AND DEVELOPERS, INC., a dissolved Florida Corporation, and other unknown parties in possession, including the unknown spouse of any person in possession of the property, and if a named Defendant is deceased, the surviving spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against that Defendant, and all claimants, persons or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under any of the named or described Defendants,  
 Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Default Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 21, 2014, in the above referenced case in which OLD BLUE SPRINGS, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, is Plaintiff, and APEX BUILDING AND DEVELOPERS, INC., a dissolved Florida Corporation; unknown tenants; and other unknown parties in possession, including the unknown spouse of any person in possession of the property, and if a named Defendant is deceased, the surviving spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against that Defendant, and all claimants, persons or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under any of the named or described Defendants, are Defendants, I, TIM SANDERS, Clerk of the Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door of the Madison County Courthouse or such other location in the Madison County Courthouse in Madison, Florida, as I as the Clerk of the Court may designate at the time of sale, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. on the 26th day of February, 2014, the following described property set forth in the Default Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

Lot 47, Block A, River Highlands Subdivision, as recorded in Plat Book 2, Pages 23-25, Madison County, Florida.

Any and all bidders, parties or other interested persons shall contact the information desk of the Clerk of the Court prior to the scheduled foreclosure sale who will advise of the exact location in the Madison County Courthouse for the foreclosure sale.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

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WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said Court, this 3rd day of January, 2014, at Madison, Madison County, Florida.

HONORABLE TIM SANDERS  
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
 MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: *Tim Sanders*  
 As Deputy Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
 CASE NO. 13062KCAAXMX

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,  
 Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 KOSULLA DATADEEN; UDHOOD DATADEEN, ET AL.,  
 Defendants.

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

To the following Defendant(s):  
 UDHOOD DATADEEN (CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN)  
 Last Known Address: 1090 PRINCETON DRIVE, CLERMONT, FL 34711  
 Additional Address: 2545 RICKOVY TREE RD, SAINT CLOUD, FL 34772  
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 COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 14, AND RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 27 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 1206.80 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 39 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 863.72 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 56 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 116.83 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 2,679.89 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.  
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 Court Administrator  
 173 NE Hernandez Avenue, Room 408  
 Lake City, Florida 32055  
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WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 30 day of January 2014

TIM SANDERS  
 CLERK OF COURT  
 BY: *Tim Sanders*  
 As Deputy Clerk

2/7, 2/14

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CASE NO.: 82013CAM00032

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,  
 Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES  
 BENEFICIARIES OF THE ESTATE OF  
 ALBERTO GONZALEZ, DECEASED, et al.,  
 Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
 (Publish in Madison County Courier)

TO: Unknown Heirs, Devisees Beneficiaries of the Estate Of Alberto Gonzalez, Deceased  
 Last Known Residence: Unknown

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Madison County, Florida:

A PORTION OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 9 EAST, MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: FOR A POINT OF REFERENCE COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 29, THENCE RUN ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 29, SOUTH 89 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 34 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 1308.60 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 46 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 1216.66 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 14 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 1746.57 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 15 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 18 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 451.56 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 14 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 38 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 795.48 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 02 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 1643 FEET TO A POINT ON THE AFOREMENTIONED NORTH LINE OF SECTION 29; THENCE RUN ALONG SAID NORTH LINE NORTH 89 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 42 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 753.94 FEET; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, NORTH 89 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 02 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 1309.46 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. ALSO BEING KNOWN AS LOT 41  
 TOGETHER WITH - A 1993 FLEETWOOD SPRING HILL, DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME LD. # GAFLN34A/B16175-SH.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on ALDRIDGE | CONNORS, LLP, Plaintiff's attorney, at 1615 South Congress Avenue, Suite 200, Delray Beach, FL 33445 (Phone Number: (561) 392-6391), within 30 days of the first date of publication of this notice, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before Feb 28, 2014 on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

Dated on Jan 21, 2014

TIM SANDERS  
 As Clerk of the Court

By: *Tim Sanders*  
 As Deputy Clerk

1/31, 2/7

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT,  
 Petitioner,  
 vs.  
 CHELSEA L. BREEDEN, Case #36035  
 Respondent.

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

TO: CHELSEA L. BREEDEN,  
 Residence Unknown

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Dated: February 4, 2014  
 Susan Benton, Chair  
 CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDARDS & TRAINING COMMISSION  
 By: -s- Clyde Lemon, Division Representative

2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28

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

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,  
 Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES,  
 ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES,  
 OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY,  
 THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST JEAN HESLER  
 A/K/A ERMA JEAN HESLER A/K/A JEAN NORRIS  
 HESLER A/K/A ERMA J. HESLER, DECEASED, et al.,  
 Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST ERMA J. HESLER, DECEASED

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN  
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LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN  
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This notice shall be published once each week for 2 consecutive weeks in the Green Publishing, Inc.  
 WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on this 21 day of Jan, 2014.

Tim Sanders  
 Clerk of the Court  
 By: *Tim Sanders*  
 As Deputy Clerk

Invoice to & Copy to:  
 Ronald R. Wolfe & Associates, P.L.L.C.  
 P.O. Box 25018  
 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018

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 Ms. Yarel Gonzalez  
 P. O. Box 1569  
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