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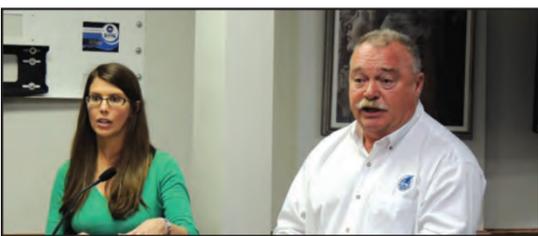
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Madison, Florida

## Valdosta Addresses County Commission About Their Sewage Plant



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Valdosta Stormwater Utilities Director Emily Davenport and Valdosta Utilities Director Henry Hicks address the Madison County Commission and answer questions to explain what Valdosta has been doing and what it plans to do in the future to mitigate flooding issues at its sewage plant. Not pictured: Valdosta City Manager Larry Hanson, who gave the first part of the presentation, but had to leave early to get to a regional flood board meeting in Tifton, Ga.

By Lynette Norris  
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Representatives from the City of Valdosta, including City Manager Larry Hanson, Utilities Director Henry Hicks, and Stormwater Utilities Director Emily Davenport,

addressed the Madison County Commission at their last meeting to discuss the recent flooding at Valdosta's sewage plant, the effect it had on the Withlacoochee River and on Madison which

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## MADISON WOMAN STRUCK AND KILLED BY VEHICLE



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By Jessie R. Box  
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A vehicle traveling on State Road 53 North, just north of Duval Pond Road, struck and killed a local Madison woman on Wednesday, May 21 at 7:25 p.m.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol report, Eric Ottey Hammond, Jr., 54, of Madison, was traveling south on SR 53 when he traveled onto the west shoulder and struck

Gloria Jean Christian, 38, who was walking south on the west shoulder of SR 53 at the intersection of Duval Pond Road.

After colliding with the pedestrian, Hammond corrected back onto the roadway and traveled in a southeasterly direction across both south and north bound lanes and onto the east shoulder. Christian came to a final rest on the west shoulder of SR 53.

Charges against



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## City Of Madison Faces Hard Choices In Future

By Lynette Norris  
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"We have to have priorities established and expectations lowered," City Manager Tim Bennett told the City Council members after their May meeting. "We have some

high expectations of how the city should look, but we'll have to make some heavy decisions."

His remarks were in reference to the city's extremely tight budget and meagre revenue.

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## Health Department Testing Water Until The End Of May

Because of the excessive rainfall and flooding throughout the county in recent weeks, Governor Rick Scott has issued an emergency order allowing free water testing until the end of the month. Madison County Health Department is offering free testing of well water samples through Flowers Lab on 812 SW Harvey Greene Drive from now until the end of the month.

For those residents whose homes and wells have been flooded, or who have noticed a change in the appearance or taste of their water since the widespread flooding, it may be a good idea to have their water checked.

Residents will first need to obtain a sterile water bottle from Flowers Lab to collect their sample, and then drop that sample off at Flowers. They must be sure to inform the lab that the sample is being taken due to the recent flooding event so that Flowers will know to send the invoice to the Madison County Health Department.

If contamination is found, it is often a simple matter to disinfect the well, but in some cases, a damaged well might need repairs. To make sure the water you are drinking is safe, the Department recommends having your water periodically tested for bacteria.

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## Florida's First Lady Ann Scott Visits Pinetta



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Gail Washington's first grade class enjoyed hearing the book, "Each Kindness" read to them by Florida's First Lady. Students in the front row, left to right, are: Luke Washington, Lizeth Bartolo, Anthony Schreiber, Maddox Scanlan, Lydia Barnes, Alexcia Fiffia, Kelsea Miller, Aden Angeles and Lane Keeling. Standing in the back row, left to right, are: Aurora Russell, Chloe Durst, Justin Hasty, First Lady Ann Scott, Ms. Gail Washington, Charles Ballenger, Jallene Cooks, Tavorris Robinson and Kristian Gianino. Standing in the back row is Pinetta Elementary Principal, Beth Moore.

By Rose Klein  
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The First Lady of Florida, Ann Scott, visited Pinetta Elementary School Monday, May 12, as part of the Florida Department of Education's Just Read, Florida!

Just Read, Florida! reading program. Mrs. Scott is well known for her advocacy of literature and encouraging children to read, especially during the summer months when

school is out and in 2012 she partnered with the Just Read Florida! Summer Literacy Adventure that challenged students to read and participate in a contest of sorts between schools.

Studies have consistently shown that students who read throughout the year are able to retain their knowledge and continue to learn. Mrs. Scott knows this first hand and has said, as a child, she waited for school to be over so that she could spend her summers at the library. Literacy experts and educators agree, children of all ages need to be read to and need to talk about the books they have read. Reading over the summer helps students maintain reading skills, improve reading fluency and provides opportunity to learn new vocabulary and concepts.

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## James Madison Preparatory High School

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JMPHS is accepting applications for the 2014-15 school year until May 30<sup>th</sup> for 9 seats for 9<sup>th</sup> grade and 3 seats for 10<sup>th</sup> grade. If more applications are received than seats available, a random drawing will be held to determine enrollment. Applications are available at [www.jmphs.org](http://www.jmphs.org) and at the JMPHS Office at 176 NW Crane Ave. Please visit our website or contact us at (850) 253-2173 for more information.

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### Local Weather

<b>Fri</b> 5/23 92/66 Sunny. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	<b>Sat</b> 5/24 94/67 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	<b>Sun</b> 5/25 94/68 Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	<b>Mon</b> 5/26 92/68 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.
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## Madison County Extension Service



**Diann Douglas**  
Guest Columnist

## Memorial Weekend Starts Grilling Season

for basting or a dip, reserve a portion before you put raw meat into it. Bacteria from raw meat will contaminate the liquid and it should be discarded after the marinating time is over.

Coals should be very hot before food is placed on the grill for cooking. A hot grill will assure that food is cooked at a high enough temperature to destroy bacteria. It takes 30 minutes or longer before coals are hot enough; they should appear to have a light coating of ash for the highest temperature.

Meat should be thoroughly cooked. The best way to check for doneness is to use a meat thermometer. Whole cuts of beef, steaks and roasts should be cooked to an internal temperature of 145°F, while ground meat needs to reach an internal temperature of 160°F. Poultry needs to reach an internal temperature of 165°F. Be sure the thermometer is inserted in the fleshy part of the meat and not touching bone. If you don't have a thermometer, visually check by cutting into the meat to be sure the juices are clear and not pink in color. To avoid flare-ups and charred food, remove visible fat from meat.

Temperatures for cooking pork have changed in recent

years; USDA now recommends a cooking temperature of 145°F with a resting time of three minutes. Research showed the internal temperature continues to rise during the resting time and reaches 160°F.

Put cooked foods on a clean plate that hasn't been used to hold raw meat or poultry. Cooking food destroys bacteria, but if you put it back on the same plate, you just exposed it to bacteria again. Food safety experts call this cross contamination and it is sure to cause food borne illness.

Perishable foods need to be served hot off the grill. USDA recommends food should be at room temperature no more than two hours. If you are eating outdoors, keep in mind warm temperatures reduce that time to one hour. Leftovers should be promptly divided in to small containers and placed in the refrigerator.

Simple changes in the way you prepare and serve your backyard barbeque will greatly reduce your risk for food borne illness. For more information on food safety, contact the Madison County Extension Service Office

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## Conservative Corner

By Nelson A. Pryor, Lee, Fl.

### ARMS CACHE IN TEXAS LIKELY KEPT BY THE CIA

This is the headline of a New York Times story, for May 5, 2014. Many of us have wondered where all this acknowledged ammo, that "Homeland Security," and even the Social Security Administration, has been stored.

This top secret location now appears to be outed.

About three years ago, it became public that the C.I.A. had some kind of secret location at Camp Stanley, an Army weapons depot just north of San Antonio and the former Kelly Air Force Base, though its purpose was unclear. And now, a retired C.I.A. analyst, Allen Thomson, has assembled a mosaic of documentation suggesting that it is most likely the home of the famous "Midwest Depot."

In December, he quietly posted his research, which he has updated several times with additional clues, on the website of the Federation of American Scientists.

Allen Thomson, in an email exchange with the *NY Times*, argued that the Midwest Depot's history should be scrutinized.

"I have worried about the extent to which the U. S. has

spread small arms around over the decades to various parties it supported," he said. "Such weapons are pretty durable and, after the cause du jour passed, where did they go? To be a little dramatic about it, how many of those AK-47s and RPG-7s we see Islamists waving around today passed through the Midwest Depot on their way to freedom fighters in past decades?"

Spokesmen for the Pentagon and the C.I.A. declined to comment. A public affairs officer for Camp Stanley said its mission was to be a weapons storage and testing facility for the military.

In passing references scattered through once-classified documents and cryptic public comments by former intelligence officials, the weapons storage facility, is always referred to as "Midwest Depot," but the bland code name belies the role it has played to support some of the C.I.A.'s most storied operations.

There is no outward indication of what would be one of the C.I.A.'s three known facilities in these united States, along with its headquarters in Lang-

ley, Va., and Camp Perry, a military base near Williamsburg, Va., known by its code name, "The Farm," that is believed to be used for training.

The article reports that Joel Shipp, son of one of the C.I.A. officials who had lived at Camp Stanley, called the camp "a secret base which had been used for illegal arms running and chemical weapons storage."

Camp Stanley has recently undergone a building boom of new warehouses. A March 2010 solicitation for environmental cleanup emphasized that workers needed security clearances. "The installation stores large quantities of arms and ammunition and has sensitive missions, thus access to the installation and security clearance requirements for long term personnel are much more restrictive than most military installations," it read.

Just last July, according to another document Mr. Thomson spotted, the Army sought to purchase two million rounds of ammunition of the caliber that fits AK-47 rifles, which American soldiers do not use. The delivery address: Camp Stanley.

## Jacob's Ladder

### Raindrops On Sidewalks



**Jacob Bemby**  
Columnist

Somewhere, raindrops fall softly on sidewalks, as anxious children peer through windows at the clouds and bemoan the loss of their warm spring

morning. A day that could have been spent outside is instead spent indoors. They still realize though that tomorrow will come and bring hope. A couple of hours and the shower is gone and the children run along to play games and sing enchanted songs.

Somewhere, raindrops pound the very inside of a man's soul. He looks at the clouds and bemoans his fleeting life. A life that could have been spent with family was spent in hours of endless work and frustration. He has

no hope. The sun will not return later today or tomorrow and if it does, it will only bring oppressive heat, which will wither any rose of joy. There are no enchanting songs sending their sounds from within his heart.

This man doesn't realize that there is hope. There can be joy. There can be salvation. He has a life boat that he can board, but no one has told him about Jesus. Do you have any friends who need to know about the Lord? Share the love of Jesus Christ today.

Read Jacob's blog at [www.jacobbemby.com](http://www.jacobbemby.com). His book, *Higher Call*, is available in Kindle format at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) or in paperback at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com), [www.bn.com](http://www.bn.com) and [www.booksamillion.com](http://www.booksamillion.com) or by sending \$10 plus \$3.99 shipping and handling to Jacob Bemby, P.O. Box 9334, Lee, FL 32059. Contact him at [jacobbemby@hotmail.com](mailto:jacobbemby@hotmail.com).

## Pictures From The Past

### Larry Roffe Checking Under The Hood At His Gas Station



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# Hard Choices

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enue sources that would mean heaving to choose between having the city look "nice," as in clean, attractive and well-kept-up, versus letting some of those appearance/cosmetic issues go and focusing on what is strictly necessary to keep the city running while still safeguarding the health and well-being of its citizens.

The city has had to back away from demolition of dilapidated structures and go with just putting liens on them. With the issues of much needed sidewalks in some neighborhoods, using MCI labor would save money, but it would take a lot longer to complete the projects than with using city crews, since MCI workers have scheduling constraints. Bennett predicted that council members would soon start getting calls from constituents about the conditions of sidewalks, roads and so forth.

Councilman Jim Catron stated that part of what the council was looking at were necessities and immediate needs like wastewater and flooding services, things that had already gotten the city in trouble with some penalties from the Department of Environmental Protection. Bennett confirmed that the city had two fines from DEP coming its way in the near future, fines that were the direct result of failing infrastructure several months ago.

"The core of the city, its infrastructure, is 100 years old," he reminded the council. "It is brick and clay."

And it is deteriorating.

"Every week, there seems to be a wastewater problem due to infrastructure," he added. "We're drawing down our Enterprise funds to pay for general operations of the city."

It was, he told them, a "perfect storm" of public safety, pensions and infrastructure problems that was causing the city to "cannibalize" itself, eating away at the Enterprise funds instead of re-investing in them.

"We'll quit spending money wherever we can quit spending money," he said. "Be prepared for the phone calls."

There were questions about whether problems such as, for example, a vacant house with an overgrown yard would be considered a "cosmetic" issue or a "public safety" issue. What if it began harboring snakes and rats?

Such issues would have to be considered on a case-by-case basis, with the crucial test being: was it indeed a true threat to public health and safety.

On top of that, hurricane season was fast approaching, with all of its public safety issues.

Councilwoman Rayne Cooks said that they were working with agencies to try to get the TIF (Tax Increment Financing) district extended all the way to the city limits to help with the infrastructure problem, "but it can't be done right away," she said. "It'll take time."

In the mean time, it was going to be hard choices and careful planning, and as Councilman Jim Catron noted, "A need for us to look at planning for multiple years (in the future)."

# First Lady

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Missy Cherry's third grade class was Mrs. Scott's first classroom to visit at the school. Taking a moment to pose with the First Lady of Florida, front row, from left to right, are: Amber Thompkins, Lovely Irvine, Lauren Sherrill (bending over), T'sadi Irvine, Mason Good, Raul Duarte-Santiago, Marissa Scanlan and Harley Rogers. In the middle row, left to right, are: Lucy Cherry, Tramiya Bea, Abby Washington, Stephanie Hasty, Ivelisse Lee, A'Nesha Robinson, Jack Agee, Dexter White, Peyton Justus and Andrew Pepera. In the back row, left to right, are: Ms. Missy Cherry, First Lady Ann Scott and Principal Beth Moore.



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The First Lady of Florida, Ann Scott, gives students at Pinetta Elementary high-fives as she exits the school.

During her visit to Pinetta, the First Lady visited two classrooms, Missy Cherry's third grade and Gail Washington's first grade. While in the classrooms, she read to students, making it a point to discuss the books while reading and afterwards, allowed the students to ask questions of a more personal nature. She talked openly to them about her life as First Lady and even showed pictures of her family, including grandkids and her yellow Lab Tally. After students asked her a myriad of questions about herself, what her favorite color was (green) and some of her favorite

things to do (taking long walks), the First Lady turned the tables on students and asked them some of the things they liked to do when not in school. This proved to be the funniest part of the question and answer session in Mrs. Washington's classroom as the first graders caught her off guard with answers of, "be lazy" and "I like to chase our goats around and push my brother down in goat poop." After calm was restored, Mrs. Scott's time at the school was over and she walked down the corridors, where students lined the halls, reaching their hands out to give the First Lady "high fives." As

she left, the First Lady of Florida reminded them how important it was to continue their reading throughout the summer break.

For school-aged children, Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, Florida's Department of Education has a suggested summer reading list. You can find the list at [www.justreadfamilies.org/SummerReadingList.pdf](http://www.justreadfamilies.org/SummerReadingList.pdf). To find out more about the statewide reading initiative go to [www.justreadflorida.com](http://www.justreadflorida.com). To find out more about First Lady Ann Scott, visit [www.flgov.com/follow-ann-scott](http://www.flgov.com/follow-ann-scott).



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The students in Ms. Washington's class had a lot of questions for Mrs. Scott during their reading time with her.

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For questions of more information, contact William Gibson at (850) 973-5000, ext. 132, or email William Gibson at [William.Gibson@flhealth.gov](mailto:William.Gibson@flhealth.gov). For directions to the Flowers Chemical Laboratories, call (850) 973-6878.

## FCCLA FUNDRAISER THIS WEEKEND

By Rose Klein  
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The Madison County High School FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) will be holding a carwash for donations this weekend at the Madison County Community Bank from 8 a.m. until noon. They will also be selling raffle tickets for a \$100 Busy Bee card.

The group is raising funds in order for members, Magan Jennings, Lizzy Frakes and Bianca Serrano to attend the National Conference in San Antonio, Texas this summer. These three students qualified to compete at nationals and will be attending to represent Madison County High School and Florida FCCLA in their respective competitions. These three young ladies need your help to get there, so please come out, get your car washed and support these students as they strive to reach their goal.

# Valdosta Explains

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sits downstream, and the steps Valdosta is taking to mitigate future incidents.

With slide presentations that included aerial photos of the flooded plant from this year and from 2009, Hanson stated that Madison sits at the bottom of a 1500 square mile flood basin.

"This is a regional watershed issue, not issues caused by our city," said Hanson. "We're impacted by rainfall as far north as Cordele."

Even so, Hanson explained that Valdosta has not been simply standing by and allowing events to unfold, but has been actively taking steps to try to mitigate the situation. After the 2009 flood, the city tried to go through FEMA to get funding to move the plant. FEMA denied their request three times, a process that took three years. Each time, FEMA wanted more or different information, or wanted something changed in the proposal. The third time, FEMA sent in its own engineers, and then still denied the request. It was a frustrating time for the city management, because only after FEMA had denied them for the third time could they begin taking any steps to address the issue themselves.

In the meantime, they discovered that FEMA's floodplain maps, which showed the present plant located outside the floodplain zone, were outdated. New maps show that the 500-year floodplain boundary actually runs right through the middle of the plant.

Currently, the city of Valdosta is operating under a consent order to make improvements to the existing plant and has begun work on a \$56 million project to relocate the plant in five years' time. The site for the new plant is several miles to the west, where the ground is approximately 70 feet higher.

At the current plant, the wastewater main line has been moved further away from the river. The city is also upgrading its stormwater runoff system, replacing outdated manholes at the rate of 30 a year. So far they have replaced nearly 500. They have also replaced eight lift stations and are rehabbing four more.

The upgrading and improvement at the present plant will keep it in compliance and keep it working as it is supposed to, and the upgraded and replaced pieces of equipment are items that can be picked up and relocated to the new plant as soon as it is completed.

The city is also constantly sampling water around the plant, and the usual findings show that, except under extraordinary circumstances like flood events, river water downstream of the plant was actually lower in contaminants than water from upstream. There were also other sources of daily pollution that included animal droppings from wildlife, domestic animals and livestock, urban runoff, agricultural runoff, construction sites and failing septic systems.

The Valdosta officials encouraged everyone who is interested to visit their website at <http://www.valdosta.com/utilities> and take a look at what is happening and what is being done. While there, website visitors can also sign up for the news feature if they wish and receive email updates that will keep them informed of ongoing developments.



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One of several dramatic slides shows the 2009 flood. Valdosta began to seek funding for relocating the plant, which experienced complete loss of function for nine days and was not fully operational again for a month. The 2014 flood waters did not rise as high and did not reach the plant.

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## Obituaries

### Charles Delahunt

Charles Delahunt, 47, died Monday, May 19, in an auto accident in Taylor County.

He was the son of the late Billy Jim and Frances K. Delahunt. He worked with Amtec Less Lethal Ammunition Factory in Perry.

He is survived by

two brothers: Billy Delahunt (Michelle) of Jacksonville and Daniel Delahunt of Greenville; two nephews: Billy, III and Jason Delahunt; one great niece, Olivia Delahunt and his companion, Janet Jackson.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, May 31 at 1 p.m., at Evergreen Cemetery in Greenville.

Beggs Funeral Home in Madison Chapel is in charge of arrangements. (850) 973-2258 or [www.beggs-funeral.com](http://www.beggs-funeral.com).

### Jerry (Buddy) Hall

Jerry (Buddy) Hall, age 71, died suddenly on May 19, at Archibold Hospital in Thomasville, Ga.

He was married to his wife Faye for 48 years.

Funeral services will be Friday at 2 p.m., May 23, at Greenville Baptist Church with burial at Evergreen Cemetery in Greenville. Visitation was held Thursday evening from 5-7 p.m., at Beggs Funeral Home Madison.

Jerry D. "Buddy"

Hall is survived by; Linda Faye Ansley Hall

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Clay Hall

Kendall Hall

Jerry Hall = Joshua Hall

Bobby & Judy Hall = Jennifer & Mike Beckham & Family

Stacy Mote & Family

Tommy & Debbie Hall = Jenna Hall

Will & Amanda Hall & Family

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The late Curtis "Fuzzy" Ansley & Family

## WAY BACK WHEN

### May 20, 1949

Madison and Cherry Lake Boy Scouts picnicked at Blue Springs Sunday accompanied by Scout Master Ben Pfiel, and Field Scout Executive, John Henry Atkinson, of the Aucilla River District. The boys enjoyed the day swimming and in outdoor games. A picnic dinner was the highlight of the day.

The Lee baseball team defeated the McAlpin team on the Lee field this past Sunday 17 to 0. Next game on the Lee field is May 29<sup>th</sup> with Branford, which at present is in second place in the league standing.

Floodwaters from a 12-inch cloud burst Tuesday at Ft. Worth, Texas left 13,200 persons homeless, four known drowned and three missing. The same day a tornado struck near Spur, Texas, killing at least two persons.

Rev. Gray filled his regular appointment at Moseley Hall Sunday and was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Andrews.

### May 26, 1950

Announcement was made Wednesday by Mr. L.R. Woodard that Saturday, May 27th, would end the Closing Out Sale of Woodward's Dept. Store. The remaining stock of goods and fixtures have been sold and will be moved out next week.

Awards day will be held Friday afternoon at 2:30 at Madison Elementary. At that time, the winners of the Field Day events will be presented their ribbons. Pupils who have had perfect attendance with no tardiness and those who have missed

no more than five days will receive recognition with certificates.

Baccalaureate exercises for the 1950 graduation class of Madison High School will be held at 8:15 p.m., Sunday, May 28, at the First Methodist Church.

A 1940 Ford Sedan loaded with 100 gallons of moonshine liquor in 20 five gal. glass demijohns were captured about three miles west of Madison on Highway 90 by local officers, Sunday, May 28, at the First Methodist Church.

### May 25, 1951

About one hundred and twenty-five friends enjoyed the chicken pilau at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W N Blair, Sr., near Blue Springs Wednesday night, May 16, in honor of their son, Cpl. Wilson N. Blair, Jr., who is leaving soon for overseas duty.

Oscar Cullifer, of Tallahassee, son of rev. and Mrs. J A Cullifer was pastor for several years, died Tuesday when the light plane he was piloting crashed while leading a searching party for a lost fishing craft near the town of Medart on Florida's northwest Gulf Coast.

Mr. and Mrs. James G Sheffield, of Cherry Lake, announce the birth of a daughter, Mary Frances, May 10<sup>th</sup> at the Madison County hospital.

Tallahassee, May 22 - The House tonight passed and sent to the Senate a bill allowing Florida farmers to sell their own seed without being required to have a dealer's license.

## Community Calendar

### May 23

The JV and varsity MCHS Cheerleaders are hosting a fundraiser to help them raise money to attend Fellowship of Christian Athletes Cheerleading Camp this summer. They are selling 6 1/2 pounds of Boston Butts or smoked ham and five pounds of smoked sausage or ribs for \$25 each. They will be cooked and ready for pick-up Friday, May 23 from 2:00-3:30 at the Madison County Courthouse. For more information or to place an order, call or text Ruth Ann Latner at (850) 464-0236 or email at [ruth.latner@madisonmail.us](mailto:ruth.latner@madisonmail.us), or see any MCHS cheerleader.

### May 24

Ebenezer Methodist Church will be holding their annual Homecoming, Saturday and Sunday, May 24 and 25, starting Saturday night at 7 p.m. with singing and ending with lemonade and cookies. The fellowship continues Sunday morning at 11 a.m. with two memorial tributes, followed by speaker Jenny Andrews of Madison. Dinner will be served outdoors immediately following the service.

### May 24

The Madison County Chapter of Charmettes, Inc. will host their first Mother/Son Dance on Saturday, May 24 at Madison County Recreational Center from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. This occasion will be a catalyst in supporting Mother/Son relationships in an atmosphere of delightful entertainment and a plethora of delectable dainties. The event is open to mothers and sons of all ages. You may contact Cheryl Clemons at (850) 948-2071, Shirley K. Barfield at (850) 973-2063 or Annie Jo Martin at (850) 209-6042 for more information regarding donations and tickets.

### May 24

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, at 1374 West Base Street, is having an "International Luncheon," Saturday, May 24, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. The luncheon will be hosted by the Relief Society, a Latter Day Saints women's organization, dedicated to compassionate service to those in the community who need a helping hand. Members of the society will prepare dishes from countries where they have been on missions, or from their own cultural background, providing the event with a truly international flavor. The Relief Society would like to invite other women in the community, who are also interested in helping others, to come on out and get involved. Saturday's "International Luncheon" is an opportunity for them to learn what the Relief Society is all about as they share good food and fellowship, and listen to speakers from Latter Day Saints churches in Tallahassee. For more information on the International Luncheon, the Relief Society, or directions to the church, contact Beth Brinson at (850) 556-6474.

### May 25

Ochlawilla Baptist Church, located on 1315 Ochlawilla Road in Quitman, Georgia is hosting their annual homecoming on Sunday, May 25. Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. followed with a covered dish luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a day of singing and fellowship.

### May 25

Pallbearer Lodge #4 will hold a fundraiser program on Sunday, May 25, at 11 a.m. at Jeslamb A.M.E. Church. The speaker will be Minister Lindsey Fudge. Please come and help us celebrate this special occasion, Sister Lula Roundtree, Secretary; Brother Kerry Townsend, President;

Reverend Debra Warner, Pastor. For more information, contact Eula Donaldson at (850) 510-4822.

### May 25

Mt. Nebo Baptist Church of Greenville will be observing their annual Dual Day Program. You are cordially invited to attend one or both services. The first service is at 11 a.m. with speaker Judy Hill. The second service will be at 2 p.m. and service will be rendered by Pineview Freewill Baptist Church out of Quitman, Ga. Dinner will be served.

### May 26

Monday, May 26 at 11 a.m., The Sunshine Ladies are going to Denny's, off of I-10, for their monthly luncheon. All ladies are invited to join. There are no dues, just bring lunch money. Bring your friends and bring quarters if you want a chance at the door prize and above all bring your best happy face. We will be waiting on you.

### May 31

Pinetta Elementary School will be holding a talent show and silent auction in their gym, Saturday, May 31 at 2 p.m. Doors open at 1 p.m. to browse auction items that will include class art projects, themed baskets (spa, beach, sports, etc.) and more. Concessions of sodas, cotton candy, popcorn and pickles will be for sale. Everyone is invited to attend.

### July 26

The MCHS Cowboy's Football Golf Shootout will be held Saturday, July 26, at Madison Golf and Country Club, starting at 8 a.m. Entry fees are \$200 per group or \$50 per player and includes green and cart fees and lunch; fees are due by July 23. For more information or questions, contact Coach Ben White at (904) 290-0413, (850) 973-5779 or [ben.white@madisonmail.us](mailto:ben.white@madisonmail.us).

## Jail Report

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

### May 14

Geoffrey Walter Hill - Sexual battery.

### May 15

Edward Obediah Dupree - Disorderly intoxication.

Michael E. Gravel - Criminal registration.

Heather Nicole Bengel - Possession of marijuana less than 20 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia.

### May 16

Jonathan Shane Penny - Possession of drug/cannabinoid and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Heidi Jane Hopson -

Possession of drug/cannabinoid and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Bryan Keith Cotrell - Criminal registration.

Vincent Alexander - Battery domestic violence, possession of a controlled substance less than 20 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Jimmie Lee Davis Jr. - Battery DV 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend.

Maurice Germaine Bennett - DUI.

Marshall Windell Straws - Violation of pa-

role.

### May 17

Wally R. Walters - Possession of drug equipment and possession of marijuana less than 20 grams.

James Benjamin Ware - Criminal mischief.

Craig Lamar Solomon Jr. - Aggravated assault with deadly weapon and disorderly intoxication.

Jimmie Lee Bryant - Trespass of occupied structure or conveyance.

Deborice Latrall Harris - Violation of parole and out of county.

Leon Gallon - Battery

Domestic Violence.

### May 18

Essie Mae Johnson - Domestic Violence Battery.

Jerry Jerrod Harris - Violation of parole (circuit).

Frederick Coleman Williams - Expired drivers license more than four months.

Edgar Lewis Thomas - Fleeing/attempting to elude a police officer and must have motorcycle endorsement.

### May 19

Robert Carter Jr. - Ag-

gravated stalking.

Derreck Jeremiah Fead - Violation of parole (county).

### May 20

Jason Paul Madison - Criminal registration.

Bernard Lashawn Brinson - Criminal registration.

Damon Desean Phillips - Burglary of conveyance.

Renee Lea Yates - Fraud/impersonate/display another's drivers license and possession of drug equipment.

## THERE'S STILL TIME TO WIN THE ANGEL QUILT



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo By Lynette Norris, May 14, 2014

The Angel Quilt, containing 35 squares with depictions of angels, is being raffled off by the Pine Tree Quilters. The drawing will held at their July meeting.

By Lynette Norris  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The Pine Tree Quilters will hold the drawing for their Angel quilt at their July meeting, so there is still a little time to purchase a \$5 raffle ticket.

The quilting group, which makes quilts to give away to those in need, is also offering two other beautiful quilts for sale, for suggested donations of \$300 and \$500.

The quilts are on display at the United Methodist Cooperative Ministries Center at

135 NE Dill St., at the corner of Dill and the Valdosta Highway, near Hanson.

For more information about where and how to buy your raffle tickets, or to find out when you can go by and take a closer look at the two gorgeous quilts offered for sale, contact Deborah Brown at the Center at (850) 929-4938.

All proceeds from the sale of the quilts and the raffle tickets go to charity projects of the Pine Tree Quilters and the United Methodist Cooperative Ministries.



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One of the two beautiful quilts offered for sale, this one, composed of 56 colorful squares, has a suggested donation of \$500.



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The other quilt offered for sale has 20 squares and a suggested donation of \$300. All three quilts are on display at the United Methodist Cooperative Ministries Center, (850) 929-4938.

## Kiwanis Delivers Apples To Teachers



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo By Lynette Norris, May 15, 2014

Kiwanis Club members get busy polishing and labeling individual apples for teachers in the Madison County School District (Food Giant provided the apples at a substantial discount). Starting at the left end of the table and going clockwise around it are: Linda Hesketh, Lucile Day, Roy Ellis, Deena Hames, Allen Cherry, Preston Matthews, James Ray, Jerome Wyche, Mike Von Stetina, JoAnne Von Stetina and Ruth Moore.

By Lynette Norris  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The apple has become an icon of not only teachers but their profession as well. A gift of an apple for a teacher has a long history and has come to symbolize, at the cultural level, appreciation for all they do.

Kiwanis Clubs throughout the country recognize this, and their "Apples For Teachers" campaigns demonstrate that appreciation in a public way.

Locally, the Kiwanis Club of Madison polished, labeled, packed and delivered several boxes of apples to each public school in the district, enough so that every faculty member and staff person at that school could have their very own apple of appreciation.



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# 20<sup>th</sup> Of May Jubilee

## Jesse W. Solomon Park Holds Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



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Mayor Judy Townsend joined Jesse Solomon in cutting the ribbon to officially open the community's newest park. Family and friends surround Solomon during the ribbon cutting.



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The day's ceremonies also included a proclamation from Mayor Judy Townsend, officially declaring a Jacobbi McDaniel Day. His mother, Darlann Choice, received the plaque in place of her son. In the picture, from left to right, are: Mayor Judy Townsend, Darlann Choice and Jesse Solomon.

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(Shown right) Shytrinity Jones enjoys a dinner of fried chicken, hot dogs and all the sides, served at the park following the ceremony.



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The Mt. Zion AME Church Choir sang two beautiful and soulful songs during the ceremony. Choir members from left to right are: Reverend Margie Evans, Ben Sampson, LaKay Evans, Timothy McCray, Jerome Wyche and Veveda Vellamy.



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Jesse Solomon (shown left), the park's namesake, gave a very eloquent speech before participating in the ribbon cutting for the park. He spoke of his past, his days in the NFL and shared with the congregation, his emotions and his Mother's sacrifices she made for him and his siblings while growing up in Madison. After the heartfelt recognition about his Mom, Solomon reverted back to a lighter mood and gained laughs from the crowd, when he reminisced about his high school buddies, "the funk brothers." The speech ended with Solomon giving thanks to Madison and the community.

## The Bush Wealth Advantage

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

### Social Security and Working in Retirement



Stacy Bush, President Bush Wealth Management

Planning on working during retirement? If so, you're not alone. An increasing number of employees nearing retirement plan to work at least some period of time during their retirement years.

#### Why work during retirement?

Obviously, if you work during retirement, you'll be earning money and relying less on your retirement savings--leaving more to potentially grow for the future and making your savings last longer. If you continue to work, you may also have access to affordable health care, as more and more employers are offering this important benefit to part-time employees.

But there are also non-economic reasons for working during retirement. Many retirees work for personal fulfillment--to stay mentally and physically active, to enjoy the social benefits of working, and to try their hand at something new--the reasons are as varied as the number of retirees.

#### How working affects Social Security

If you work after you start receiving Social Security retirement benefits, your earnings may affect the amount of your benefit check. Your monthly benefit is based on your lifetime earnings. When you become entitled to retirement benefits at age 62, the Social Security Administration calculates your primary insurance amount (PIA), upon which your retirement benefit will be based. Your PIA is recalculated annually if you have any new earnings that might increase your benefit. So if you continue to work after you start receiving retirement benefits, these earnings may increase your PIA and thus your future Social Security retirement benefit.

But working may also cause a reduction in your current benefit. If you've reached full retirement age (66 to 67, depending on when you were born), you don't need to worry about this-- you can earn as much as you want without affecting your Social Security retirement benefit.

If you haven't yet reached full retirement age,

\$1 in benefits will be withheld for every \$2 you earn over the annual earnings limit (\$15,480 in 2014). A special rule applies in your first year of Social Security retirement--you'll get your full benefit for any month you earn less than one-twelfth of the annual earnings limit, regardless of how much you earn during the entire year. A higher earnings limit applies in the year you reach full retirement age. If you earn more than this higher limit (\$41,400 in 2014), \$1 in benefits will be withheld for every \$3 you earn over that amount, until the month you reach full retirement age--then you'll get your full benefit no matter how much you earn. (If your current benefit is reduced because of excess earnings, you may be entitled to an upward adjustment in your benefit once you reach full retirement age.)

Not all income reduces your Social Security benefit. In general, Social Security only takes into account wages you've earned as an employee, net earnings from self-employment and other types of work-related income, such as bonuses, commissions, and fees. Pensions, annuities, IRA distributions, and investment income won't reduce your benefit.

One last important point to consider: in general, your Social Security benefit won't be subject to federal income tax if that's the only income you receive during the year. But if you work during retirement (or receive any other taxable income or tax-exempt interest), a portion of your benefit may become taxable. IRS Publication 915 has a worksheet that can help you determine whether any part of your Social Security benefit is subject to federal income tax.

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## Kevisa Moore Is Miss 20<sup>th</sup> Of May 2014



Photo Submitted

Looking radiant in their beautiful evening gowns, the contestants participating in the Miss 20<sup>th</sup> of May Pageant are (left to right): Natasha Burnett, Kevisa Moore (Miss 20<sup>th</sup> of May), Tyaunie Richardson (First Runner-up) and Sarah Jackson.



Photo Submitted

It was a tough decision, but the Pageant Committee selected Miss Kevisa Moore as the New Miss 20<sup>th</sup> of May for 2014 and Tyaunie Richardson as the First Runner-up.

#### Story Submitted

On Thursday, May 15, the 20<sup>th</sup> of May Pageant Committee crowned their new Queen, Kevisa Moore, the daughter of Felisha Hall, as the new Miss 20<sup>th</sup> of May 2014. A sophomore at Madison County High School, Moore is part of the cheerleading squad and the track team, and she also plays basketball.

All the contestants, Moore, First Runner-up Tyaunie Richardson, Natasha Burnett and Sarah Jackson, did a wonderful job. The Pageant Committee would like to thank everyone who attended and/or participated in the pageant: Madison Florist for donating the beautiful flower arrangements; Evelyn Butler for supplying the light refreshments; MCHS for the decorations which were beau-

tifully arranged by Malisha Wilson and Pageant Co-chairperson Tanya Butler and all the parents, family and friends who supported this event. Each year, the committee welcomes young women to participate in the pageant, and each year, people of the community come together and help make it possible.

Since being crowned Thursday evening, Queen Kevisa Moore has served as the spokesperson for the 20<sup>th</sup> of May Jubilee Celebration festivities and will appear at other community events from now until she crowns next year's new Queen in 2015. Then, just prior to her graduation from high school, she will be presented with her \$500 scholarship check.

Congratulations Kevisa Moore, Miss 20<sup>th</sup> of May 2014.



# The 20<sup>th</sup> of May Jubilee Celebration

By Jessie R. Box  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The 20<sup>th</sup> of May Jubilee Celebration was a success this past weekend. It all started Thursday, May 15 with the 2014 Miss 20<sup>th</sup> of May Pageant at the Madison County Recreation Facility. Kevisa

Moore was crowned the 2014 Miss 20<sup>th</sup> of May.

The 20<sup>th</sup> of May Jubilee Celebration held a Fish Fry Tiki Luau on Friday, May 16 at the Madison County Recreation Facility on Highway 360 behind the old Madison Middle School, where people were able to

enjoy fish fried to perfection.

The 20<sup>th</sup> of May Jubilee Celebration portion on Saturday, May 17, kicked off with a parade down Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive with FSU Seminole and Madison native, Jacobbi McDaniel as the Grand Marshall. But the fun did not stop there.

There was vendor's set up on Arnold Street selling all kinds of wonderful treats, including, pizza, corn on the cob and snow cones. Other entertainment at the 20<sup>th</sup> of May Jubilee Celebration included the Gospel Celebration, an Entertainment Showcase and a motorcycle and car show.



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City Commissioner District 4, Marcus Hawkins, and his family were enjoying some great food during the celebration this past Saturday. Pictured with Hawkins are: Montrell Hawkins, Carolyn Johnson, MJ Hawkins, Maliyah Hawkins and Cayden McDaniel.



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Miss 20<sup>th</sup> of May and her runner up were enjoying themselves during the 20<sup>th</sup> of May festivities. Pictured from left to right are: Tyaunie Richardson, 20<sup>th</sup> of May runner-up and Kevisa Moore, Miss 20<sup>th</sup> of May 2014.



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Jessica Solomon, a past 20<sup>th</sup> of May Queen, was all smiles during the parade.



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Morgan Whetsel, 2014 Moon Pie Princess, waves to the crowd during the 20<sup>th</sup> of May parade.

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The 20<sup>th</sup> of May celebration was full of vendors, food and activities for everyone to enjoy. Enjoying the festivities are: Komesha Collins, Ka'Siah Collins, Matesha Brown, Ma'Leah Brown, Ke'Merial Pratt, Jontavious Pratt and Ah'Syriah Collins.

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# The 20<sup>th</sup> of May Jubilee Celebration



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A group of children and adults were walking for a great cause during the parade last Saturday. A couple of Justin's Journey supporters stop for a brief second for a picture.



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Motorcycles were everywhere during the big celebration. Not only were the motorcycles part of the parade, but they were also part of a motorcycle show after the parade was over.



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The parade was full of royalty as the young girls waved to the crowd while traveling down Martin Luther King Drive.

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Jacobbi McDaniel was the Grand Marshall for the 20<sup>th</sup> of May celebration that was held this past Saturday, May 17.



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A pick-up load full of children and adults were supporting their church, Mt. Nebo AME Church, during the 20<sup>th</sup> of May celebration.



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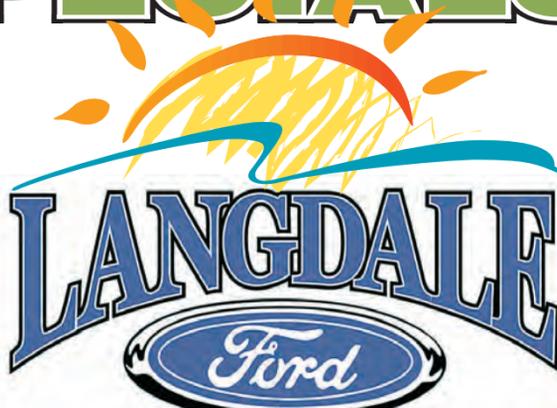
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# Memorial Day

## A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

By Lynette Norris  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

While Veteran's Day in November celebrates the service of all American veterans who have served their country in the armed forces, Memorial Day specifically honors those who have died while serving in the military.

Memorial Day, celebrated every year on the final Monday of May, had its beginnings in the years after the Civil War.

The estimated number of Civil War casualties ranges from 618,000 to 700,000 – more than the country's losses in any war in its history, from the American Revolution through Vietnam.

According to the U.S. Census of 1860, the population just before the war broke out was only 31,443,321. Thus, it was probably difficult to find a family on either side of the war who did not suffer loss of one or more family members, many of whom had to be buried where they died in the days before embalming, in graves hundreds of miles from their homes.

With such devastating losses on both sides, leaving even greater numbers of bereaved loved ones behind to come to terms with their grief, memorializing those who had fallen in battle took on added cultural importance. In many places, where losses were heavy, entire communities were in mourning.

The practice of decorating soldiers' graves with flowers is an ancient custom, spanning centuries and continents; it had continued in the New World, before and during the Civil War, but the sheer number of soldiers' deaths made the practice more frequent, more visible and more public, so that historical accounts began taking notice.

Women in Savannah, Ga., decorated the graves of Confederate soldiers in 1862. The following year, in Gettysburg, Penn., there was a cemetery dedication and commemoration at the gravesites of dead soldiers. Boalsburg, Penn., claims to be the birthplace of Memorial Day due to local historians' account of ladies decorating soldiers' graves there on July 4, 1864. Years later, this would be called the "First Decoration Day." On April 25, 1866, the women of Columbus, MS., laid flowers on the graves of both Union and Confederate soldiers buried in their cemetery.

The first widely-publicized Memorial Day-type observance was in Charleston, S.C., on May 1, 1865, a May Day ceremony organized by black residents of Charleston, who landscaped and built an enclosure for the graves of Union soldiers.

In Waterloo, New York, on May 5, 1866, Civil War hero Gen. John B. Murray and other surviving veterans marched to three local cemeteries and decorated the graves of soldiers. According to local folklore, when Gen. John A. Logan learned of this, he issued "Logan's Order" in 1868 calling for a national, annual "Decoration Day" observance, patterned after a "Confederate Memorial Day" custom that had already become established in several Southern states.

The first national Decoration Day was observed nationwide Saturday, May 30, 1868. That year, Decoration Day events were observed in 183 cemeteries in 27 states. The following year, 336 cemeteries held decoration ceremonies. By 1890, every Northern state had made "Decoration Day" an official state holiday, with memorial events sponsored by the Women's Relief Corps, and the Women's Auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Over the years, the U.S. established 73 national cemeteries (the most famous being the ones at Gettysburg and Arlington) where many soldiers' remains were relocated, and the focus shifted from honoring the Civil War dead to honoring all American veterans who died in service to their country. Over time, the name "Decoration Day" gradually changed to "Memorial Day," a change that accelerated after WWII.

In 1967, federal law officially adopted the name "Memorial Day." In 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which moved four holidays, including Memorial Day, from their traditional dates to Mondays, in order to create three-day weekends. There was some resistance by several states, but after several years, all 50 states had adopted the last Monday in May as Memorial Day.

Today, Memorial Day is a day set aside to honor those who died in service to their country, a day celebrated with patriotic parades and ceremonies. All over the country, volunteer and civic groups visit cemeteries and place flags on the graves of veterans from all wars.

On this day, the American flag is raised to the top of the staff, then lowered to half-staff in memory of the more than one million veterans who have died while serving. It remains at half-staff until noon, when it is raised again to the top of the staff for the remainder of the day.

In Madison, the traditional Memorial Day service will be held May 26 at Four Freedoms Park, under the gazebo, beginning at 11 a.m. Members of the community are invited to attend, honoring those who died to protect those very freedoms which the park itself is named after, freedoms articulated by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt in 1941– Freedom from Want, Freedom from Fear, Freedom of Worship and Freedom of Speech.

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# Relay For Life 2014



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The survivor lap at Relay is a joyful event that kicks off the evening's festivities.



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Tim Dunn and team named their tent (which won the award for Best Campsite) after a Clint Eastwood movie, with a slight change, "The Good, the Bad and Cancer is Ugly." Dunn is shown with a poster board image of Eastwood where people could take "selfies" with the cardboard image.



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Desmond Roberson, Pineland Missionary Baptist Church's Minister of Music, sings with his enthusiastic back-up singers: Taylor Vickers (left), Malia Roberson (center) and Lamarya Roberson (far right).



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Sheila Samuels (center) is flanked in support during the survivor/caregiver lap. Supporting her are fellow members from Nebo Church, Rick Pearson on the left and Chris Cooks on the right.



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Deloris Washington, a cancer survivor is supported by her granddaughter, Lillie Neely (center) and on right, Susan Neely, daughter of Deloris.



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Robert Thigpen, who has been undergoing treatment for renal cell carcinoma, is surrounded by his family at Relay, who are supporting him through sales of "Pray for Robert" t-shirts, sold at the Busy Bee in town.

In the front row, from left to right, are: Charles Ballenger, Hayden Ballenger, Robert Sealey (survivor), Meranda Mani, Kaitlyn Hutchinson, Dorothy Dempsey, Devan Dempsey and Kayla Sealey.

In the middle row, from left to right, are: Charlene Medders, Kaitlin Gibson, Merritt Medders, Ameila Kent, Kyle Sealey, Amanda Ballenger, Cassidy Ballenger, Linda Kent, Ashley Hutchinson, Amanda Sealey, Hagan Hutchinson, Megan Thigpen, Charlotte Thigpen, Diane Dempsey and Jordan Thigpen.

In the back row, from left to right, are: Dalton Tulk, Dylan Thigpen and Edward Hutchinson.

# Relay For Life 2014



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The Tri County Relay Team serves up hungry Relay participants 50s style at Willie's Diner. The team, from left to right, are: Carl Hackle, Jeff Brewer, Steve Walden, Allen Welch, Stephanie Carroll, Kisha Tolar, David Allen, Tamara Ashley, Rusty Smith, Carol Timmons, Kyle King, Trey Barrs and George Webb.



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The dancers in this classical performance defined beauty and grace in motion.



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Jalexis Porter, Bria Arnold and Kamia Dopson makes up the ministry team of the Inspire Praise Dancers. The ministry is under the direction of Tammy Roberson at Pineland Missionary Baptist Church.



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The Relay event made this performance of "Hope" a fitting choice for the evening.



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Cat Maultsby who is a cancer survivor is pushed in the survivor/caregiver lap by her grandfather, John Maultsby, also a cancer survivor.



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Two sweet girls, Malia Roberson (left) and Kysier Thomas (right), take time to flash heart signs for the camera before continuing to clap with the music being played on stage the night of Relay.



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The Relay's theme this year was, "The Stars Come Out at Night," and teams all named themselves after movies. Team Color Purple's tent was well decorated and supported. Team members for the Color Purple tent, from left to right, are: Eva Stevens, Sheila Samuels, Olivia Mitchell, Joshua Johnson, Franeka Sharpe, Chad Mitchell, Nita Mitchell, Kosha Gamble, Shawn Gallon, Vicki Johnson, Jordan Johnson and Latresa Humphrey (kneeling).

## Ochlawilla Baptist Church To Hold Homecoming Celebration Sunday, May 25

Ochlawilla Baptist Church, located on 1315 Ochlawilla Road in Quitman, Georgia will host their annual homecoming on Sunday, May 25. Services will begin at 10:30 a.m., with a covered dish luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a day of singing and fellowship.



## Church Homecoming

## Ebenezer Homecoming Set For May 25

By Ginger Jarvis

Ah, the cooling breeze from a funeral-home fan! Ah, the flicker of gas lamps from wall sconces! Ah, the thrill of voices lifted in old-fashioned song! Ah, the delights of dinner spread invitingly under shady oak trees!

All these and more are facets of the annual Homecoming at old Ebenezer Methodist Church off Little Cat Road.

This year's event is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, May 24 and 25, with an hour of singing from the Cokesbury Hymnal on Saturday night beginning about 7 p.m., closing with lemonade and cookies under the trees. The fellowship continues on Sunday morning with a service beginning at 11 a.m. Gene Gaston will conduct a memorial to the late Frances Sanders, whose family has been part of Ebenezer for many years. Gaston will also lead a memorial tribute to fallen members of the military. The featured speaker

for the morning will be Jenny Andrews of Madison, whose family has also been involved in Ebenezer for years.

The morning service will culminate with folks gathered under the trees for dinner on the grounds. Lawn chairs and picnic blankets are

very much in order, and sharing family news is mandatory. Bring your own insect repellent; funeral home fans are provided.

The singing and the Sunday service are open to anyone who longs for a taste of worship the old-fashioned way. To arrive at Ebenezer, take Hwy. 53 (Cherry Lake Road), north out of Madison; turn right onto Hwy. 146 (Little Cat Road); at 8.5 miles, turn left onto Bobwhite Terrace; at the fork, go left; at the next turn, go right, and you'll see the white country church among the huge trees.

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## --- LEGALS ---

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF MADISON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF CITY OF MADISON, FLORIDA, SERVING ALSO AS THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF THE CITY OF MADISON, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended, and the City of Madison Land Development Regulations, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Regulations, objections, recommendations and comments concerning the amendment, as described below, will be heard by the Planning and Zoning Board of the City of Madison, Florida, serving also as the Local Planning Agency of the City of Madison, Florida, at a public hearing on June 5, 2014 at 4:45 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the City Commission Meeting Room, City Hall located at 321 Southwest Rutledge Street, Madison, Florida.

CPA 14-01, an application by Davis Marketing Group, LLC, to amend the Future Land Use Plan Map of the Comprehensive Plan, by changing the future land use classification from RESIDENTIAL, MEDIUM DENSITY (less than or equal to 8 dwelling units per acre) to COMMERCIAL on property described, as follows:

A parcel of land lying within Section 28, Township 1 North, Range 9 East, Madison County Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: Commence at the Southeast corner of Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 28; thence North 346.00 feet; thence West 27.00 feet to the Westerly right-of-way line of Georgetown Road; thence West 110.00 feet; thence North 100.00 feet; thence East 10.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 00°37'22" West 116.35 feet to the Southerly right-of-way line of Martin Luther King Jr. Drive (County Road 360A); thence Northeasterly, along the Southerly right-of-way line of said Martin Luther King Jr. Drive (County Road 360A) on a curve to the left 134.18 feet to the Westerly right-of-way line of said Georgetown Road; thence South, along the Westerly right-of-way line of said Georgetown Road 204.70 feet; thence West 110.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 0.36 acre, more or less.

The public hearing may be continued to one or more future date. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notice concerning the matter will be published, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearing.

At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the amendment.

Copies of the amendment are available for public inspection at the Office of the Director of Community Development, City Hall located at 321 Southwest Rutledge Street, Madison, Florida, during regular business hours.

All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF THOMAS EUGENE BENTLEY, a/k/a THOMAS E. BENTLEY, Deceased. PROBATE DIVISION CASE NO. 14-45-CF

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The ancillary administration of the Estate of THOMAS EUGENE BENTLEY, a/k/a THOMAS E. BENTLEY, deceased, whose death was April 18, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Madison County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Madison County Clerk of Court, Probate Division, P. O. Box 237, Madison, Florida 32341. The name and address of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against Decedent's estate must file their claims with this Court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the amendment.

Copies of the amendment are available for public inspection at the Office of the Director of Community Development, City Hall located at 321 Southwest Rutledge Street, Madison, Florida, during regular business hours.

All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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