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Man Found In A/C Vent Arrested



LaFredrick McQuay

Submitted by the Madison County Sheriff's Office

Madison County Sheriff Ben Stewart reports that on Friday, August 1, at 4:45 a.m. deputies of the Madison County Sheriff's Office responded to 783 SE Byrd Ave after receiving information that fugitive LaFredrick McQuay was inside the residence. McQuay

had previously evaded arrest on two occasions by fleeing on foot as deputies approached.

Deputies parked their vehicles more than a block away and stealthily approach the residence. Upon arriving at the residence deputies made contact with persons inside who told the deputies that McQuay was not there. Deputies were invited into the residence to

search for McQuay. All rooms were checked but McQuay was not located.

While walking through the hallway a deputy noticed the hinges and door latches on the air conditioner return vent were in the unlocked position, however the vent door still appeared to be closed. The deputy pulled the vent and the vent was pulled back. Deputies then

snatched the vent open and found that McQuay had concealed himself inside the A/C ductwork of the mobile home. Deputies pulled McQuay out of the A/C vent and arrested him without further incident.

McQuay had three warrants out on him. Two warrants for battery domestic violence and one for trespassing.

New Millennium Director Questions Withholding Funds



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo By Lynette Norris, August 5, 2014

Dr. Jerri Haynes, Director of the New Millennium Charter School, addresses the school board regarding FTE funds. Because of several questions regarding an eviction notice the school had received, the board agreed to meet again in a couple of days, after the results of another eviction hearing were known, before it voted on the matter.

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing, Inc.

With the first day of school less than two weeks away, New Millennium Charter School Director Dr. Jerri Haynes appeared before the school board during the public input segment of the Aug. 5 meeting to ask why the monthly FTE funds meant for the school had not yet been released. The question became such an involved matter that the board amended the agenda to include the New Millennium FTE money so board members could try to sort the matter out and vote on it if need be.

FTEs, or Full Time Equivalents, are funds received from the state department of education, based on student population counts taken periodically throughout the school year, as well as the number of students receiving ESE services for disabilities and other special needs. ESE needs are taken into account and translate into extra FTEs. New Millennium was receiving FTEs for 23 K - 3rd grade students, based on their most recent student count, plus an extra 4.5 FTEs for students receiving ESE services. New Millennium had received its monthly allotment through June of 2014; Haynes was inquiring about the payment for the month of July (approximately \$15,000), which she said she should have received already. It had not shown up, and now it was August. The

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Of Cheerleaders And Charter Schools: What Does "Full Participation" Mean?

By Lynette Norris,
Greene Publishing, Inc.

As the Madison County School District moves into its second year of having a chartered public high school (James Madison Preparatory High School) included in its offerings, the district is moving into uncharted waters and running into questions and situations no one anticipated.

One of those questions arose recently regarding the state department of education's "full participation" requirement for charter schools. If a chartered public school such as James Madison does not have its own sports teams, marching band, chorus, cheerleading squad, or other co-curricular/extracurricular activity, its students by law must be allowed full participation in those activities at another public school.

For the past school year, several JMPHS students participated in high school sports and other activities at Madison County High School, but this year added a new twist to the question of what constitutes "full participation." Two tenth-

grade junior varsity cheerleaders, who had expected to attend MCHS during the 2014-2015 school year, were elected by their peers as captain and co-captain of the squad. Then they were accepted into James Madison Preparatory High School.

Of course they could still be cheerleaders. But the question was, could they remain in their position as captain and co-captain of the squad?

At first, under the full participation rule, the answer seemed to be yes, but after a meeting held with School Superintendent Doug Brown, MCHS cheerleader sponsor Ruth Ann Latner, MCHS Principal Ben Killingsworth, JMPHS board member Justin Davis and JMPHS Principal Demetrius Rice, the answer was no.

The cheerleader who was chosen co-captain chose to remain at MCHS and retain her role as co-captain, but the captain has decided to attend James Madison Prep School; thus having to forfeit her position as captain.

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Lee Town Council Appoints New Board Members

By Jessie R. Box
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The Lee Town Council meeting on Tuesday, August 5, at 7 p.m. had one item on the agenda. The item was the discussion and possible action of open seats on the Code Enforcement Board and the Planning and Zoning Board.

Each board must have five members on it. The Planning and Zoning Board had four members and needed one more. Chad McCormick was appointed to the board. The members that he will be joining are: Frank Ellis, Kathy Bass, Karen Hires and Can-

dace Sisto.

The Code Enforcement Board had one board member and that was Sydney Bontrager. The newly appointed members are: Linda McMullen, Elizabeth Bush, Brad McNicol as an alternate and John Anderson. Anderson's appointment is contingent upon the decision of whether it is a conflict of interest for him to be on Lee's board and be an alternate for Madison's Code Enforcement Board as well.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Lee Town Council will be Tuesday, September 2 at 7 p.m.

School Board Approves Starting Times For Schools

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing, Inc.

One of the things the school board discussed and approved at its last regularly scheduled meeting before the first day of school (Aug. 18) was what time each school would begin and end its school day.

The district has to take several things into account, such as school bus routes and state requirements for some schools. This year, some schools will see slightly longer school days, but Greenville Elementary, as one of the 300 lowest performing schools in

the state, must add an extra hour to its school day as mandated by statute. A SIG grant will help pay staff and teachers for the extra hour.

Both school board member Kenny Hall and Academic Services Director James Mills pointed out that just because Greenville had a low grade, it did not mean that good things couldn't happen.

"It doesn't mean that learning isn't taking place," said Hall. "That's something the state puts on there, and sometimes it does more harm than good."

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ANNUAL PEANUT BOIL

Peanut Boil And Political Rally Scheduled For Saturday, August 16

The Hamburg-Lovett Volunteer Fire Department will be holding their Annual Peanut Boil, Saturday, August 16, from 5 p.m. until... There will be chicken and rice dinners, hamburgers and hot dogs for sale, along with a cake auction. Location for the Peanut Boil will be at the Fire House on Lovett Road. For more information, or for Political candidates who would like to speak during the event, please call (850) 948-4353 or (850) 948-2025, after 7 p.m.

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Local Weather			
Fri 8/8	96/74		Sunshine and some clouds. High 96F. Winds W at 5 to 10 mph.
Sat 8/9	96/74		Afternoon showers and thunderstorms.
Sun 8/10	93/74		Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 70s.
Mon 8/11	93/74		A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 70s.

Viewpoints & Opinions

Madison County Extension Service



Diann Douglas
Guest Columnist

Summer weather brings thunder storms and we have been experiencing our share. Although the rain is welcome, these storms often cause a power outage. Although most electricity is restored fairly quickly, you may find yourself without power for several hours. Consumers risk losing food stored in the refrigerator and freezer during long periods of power loss and it can have a significant drain on your wallet if you have to replace all that food. If you find yourself in a situation where the power is out, USDA has recommendations you can take to safe guard your refrigerated and frozen food.

If the power fails, do not open the refrigerator or freezer. I know it is hard to resist, but keep the door closed! Our first instinct is to check on the food, but opening the door will raise the internal temperature and speed up thawing. Food stays frozen longer if the freezer is full, well insulated and located in a cool area.

PROTECT FOOD DURING A POWER OUTAGE

A half-filled freezer will keep foods frozen only about 24 hours. Cover the freezer with blankets to help hold in the cold; but don't cover the air vent.

USDA suggests if power is not to be resumed within one to two days or if the freezer is not back to normal operation in that time, use dry ice to keep the temperature below freezing and to prevent deterioration of spoilage of frozen foods. This is usually not an issue with thunderstorm outages, but maybe an issue if we experience a tropical storm. To locate dry ice, check with companies that transport food. When dry ice is obtained quickly after a power interruption, 50 pounds of dry ice should keep the temperature of food in a full 20 cubic foot freezer below freezing for three to four days.

Refreezing Thawed Food

The first rule of thumb is, "When in doubt, throw it out." It is not unusual for me to get calls each summer concerning a freezer crisis and half frozen food. Some partially thawed foods can be refrozen; however, the texture will not be as good. Extension Specialist in food safety recommends the following:

Meat - Refreeze meat and poultry only if the temperature is 40° F or below and if

the color and odor are good. Check each package and discard if signs of spoilage such as an off color or order are present.

Vegetables - Refreeze only if ice crystals are still present or if the freezer temperature is 40°F or below.

Fruit - Refreeze if they show no signs of spoilage. Thawed fruits may be used in cooking or making jellies, jams and preserves. Fruits survive thawing with the least damage to quality.

Cooked foods and shell fish - Refreeze only if ice crystals are still present or the freezer is 40°F or below. If the condition is questionable, throw the food out.

Ice cream - If partially thawed, throw it out. The texture after thawing is not acceptable. If its temperature reaches above 40°F it could be unsafe.

During the summer months, it may be a good practice to lower the temperature of your freezer to make sure food is frozen and at a colder temperature. This will give you more time if the power does fail.

For more information on food safety and nutrition, contact the Madison County Extension office.

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Conservative Corner

By Nelson A. Pryor, Lee, FI.

Carvel Lewis

So why is a middle aged man from Georgetown, Quitman County, Georgia, of interest to people in Madison County, Florida? I'll tell you why.

It's a story of pluck! It's a story of going against the odds! It's a story of the unusual!

A young man, Carvel Lewis, born to a prominent Georgetown black family, started the first College Republicans chapter at Hampton University, where he ticked off more than a few classmates at the historically black college when he persuaded then-President George H.W. Bush to deliver a campus address.

He later became a speechwriter for the president and a GOP (Grand Old Party) operative in Washington and Atlanta before moving back to Quitman to help run a family funeral home business.

Returning to Quitman, he has preached a big-tent message to fellow partisans, to grow the Republican party.

Mr. Lewis admits that he has not always been a favorite, "but we have to be a group of inclusion and not exclusion."

In an interview with the Atlanta Constitution, of July 13, 2014, Mr. Lewis, who

had by now, become a county commissioner, declared that he might become a candidate for higher office.

Lewis's Message

The GOP message of fiscal conservatism could appeal to residents of Quitman County, where the median household income hardly tops \$30,000 and roughly one in four residents lives below the poverty line.

Lewis said he's been pleasantly surprised to see ranks break over a recent debate for a leaner budget. And that the county, heretofore run by the predominately registered Democrats, has now recalibrated to allow for Republicans to pick up an occasional office.

For instance, State Representative Gerald Greene, a Democrat-turned-Republican, has represented the area for more than 30 years.

"The average African-American won't admit they're voting for a Republican," Lewis said. "But most voted for Gerald Greene in the last election. They vote for the man and not the party."

Outreach

As more and more

people concentrate in the Atlanta area, smaller counties such as Quitman take on more importance. And Lewis is planning on being part of the vanguard to elect fiscal conservatives to office. Traditionally, the fiscal conservatives were the Democrats, but no more. That day has passed. Most now realize that the torch has been passed to the Republican party.

Leading the parade are men like Carvel Lewis, who realize that top down policies don't work; and that bottom up is the answer.

Lewis is offering his, and his family's experience, as a way to reenter the American Revolution. The dream will only be fulfilled when everyone grabs the handle and pumps for himself. To row his own boat. To create his own business.

Lewis has a message for all of us. He has planted the flag in Quitman, but it echoes in a widening circle from there. Madison County has seen its influence, as more and more hear the message coming from that direction, and the vote for office reflects that.

The Republican Club of Madison County meets August 11, 2014 at noon at Shelby's Restaurant. The Republican Executive Committee meets August 26, 2014. Everyone Welcome. Paid for and approved by the Madison County Republican Executive Committee. rec.madison@yahoo.com

Letter To The Editor

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Not Just Any Teddy Bear

While many of us in the Big Bend enjoyed this year's Memorial Day weekend that was not the case for one unfortunate family in Wakulla County. A fire destroyed the mobile home they were living in and most of their belongings. As he has done countless times in similar situations, Red Cross volunteer Joseph Simmons responded to the home to offer emergency assistance, a sympathetic ear and a reassuring smile to the devastated family.

Joe provided the grandfather a debit card that could be used to pay for temporary shelter, food and clothing, bringing tears to the grandfather's eyes. That made Joe, a seasoned disaster volunteer, get a little teary too. But what happened next truly was heart-wrenching.

The grandfather became visibly upset when his sobbing granddaughter whispered in his ear that her favorite teddy bear was lost in the fire. Her late grandmother had given her the teddy bear nine years before she passed away. This was too much to endure.

Joe quickly went to his Red Cross vehicle where stuffed animals are kept for such instances and brought the girl a new teddy bear. Amazingly, the bear was almost identical to the one she lost. And in that moment of despair, the little girl's tears changed from tears of despair to tears of hope and she actually smiled.

Upon receiving the Chapter's Disaster Volunteer of the Year Award this year, Joe unexpectedly told this story. He told the audience that it is moments like these - whether they occur on holiday weekends or in the middle of the night - that keep him working for and believing in the mission of the Red Cross.

The Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross serves Gadsden, Leon, Wakulla, Jefferson, Liberty, Taylor, Madison and Franklin Counties. We are among the first responders on the scene at around 200 emergencies every year - one every 31 hours. Our 400 volunteers respond locally and last year 164 of these selfless heroes deployed to disasters in New York, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Alabama and to other regions of Florida.

We provide people in crisis with shelter, food, water, clean up and comfort kits, medical supplies and prescriptions. Through our referral and resource system, we help victims of tragic events to begin their transition back to a normal life. More importantly, when families are in their moment of greatest despair, we are there with a sympathetic smile and a shoulder to cry on.

We offer the only certified emergency communications to U.S. military stationed worldwide, notifying soldiers or family members during an emergency or life-changing event. Last year, our volunteers

provided follow-up in 315 cases involving our servicemen and women and provided financial assistance to many of their families.

We continue to train thousands of our community members in CPR/AED, first aid, disaster preparedness, water safety, babysitting and much more.

While our volunteers provide their invaluable assistance for no compensation, the infrastructure that allows them to operate and the assistance they deliver to disaster victims is very expensive. For that, we rely on our community partners and individual donors.

It is important to know that when you make a donation to Red Cross that \$.91 of every \$1.00 goes into our service delivery to assist our humanitarian efforts. Your donation could help your neighbor next door, as well as those we serve in our eight-county region.

Go to <http://www.redcross.org/fl/tallahassee> or contact me to find out how you can help out and also how we may be able to help you or your organization with training and education. And to Joseph Simmons and all of our fantastic volunteers - thank you for your service!

Bob Lotane
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Letter To The Editor

I Would Like To Tell Everyone About A Dog Named "Bing."

Dear Editor,

In March of this year we had the passing of our oldest and only dog at that time. We have always had several dogs, as we are dog lovers at heart. After reading in the paper about a dog in the adoption clinic in Lee we decided to take a trip over there to see just what they had available.

When we first looked at the dog,

"Sing" was his name, he was such a delight we decided to take him home. We have experienced nothing but sheer delight from him. You could not ask for a more loving and devoted dog. The only thing we did was to change his name from "Sing" to "Bing" as all our previous dogs were in the "B" names.

We are telling you this story for anyone who is hesitant to adopt a pet. "Just Do It" you will never regret it...they are truly devoted animals and will definitely give you more love back than you can

give them; they will be a best friend forever.

The staff (at Suwannee Valley Humane Society) is very nice, pleasant and helpful. The clinic is very clean and the animals are well taken care of. Please give a dog the chance to be your best friend and buddy.

Thank you,
Cathy McLeod



Photo Submitted

This photo of "Bing" (previously Sing), ran in February of this year in the *Madison County Carrier's Pet of the Week*.

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Participation

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By statute, they can both remain cheerleaders, but to be in the leadership positions as captain or co-captain, they need to be students at MCHS and be physically present on the campus.

Brown explained the difference between cheerleading captains and other team and activity captains as one of access and availability. Sports team captains and co-captains could fulfill their duties in their leadership roles after school, on the sports fields. It is the same way with co-curricular activities such as band, where the students would have to take a music class at the high school. JMPHS principal Rice said he had no problem releasing students for regularly scheduled events such as a music class, or releasing the cheerleaders for pep rallies at MCHS or other events scheduled ahead of time during the school day.

The thing about cheerleading captains and co-captains is that the duties and obligations, as delineated by sponsor Ruth Ann Latner, meant that often she would need to request their help with something (for example painting signs or

other activities) on short notice during the school day. JMPHS representatives said that while releasing the students for regularly scheduled events was fine, it would be problematic allowing them to leave on the spur of the moment for unplanned things that would come up during the day.

It is a situation that is unique to cheerleading at MCHS, given the kind of duties and obligations that were expected of a captain and co-captain. Both needed to be present on the campus in order to fulfill those duties, and Brown emphasized that it was the question of the sponsor needing ready access to the students in those two positions during the school day that was key. The groups' decision, he said, should in no way be regarded as a reflection on either of the girls, both of whom he described as "outstanding" and "exemplary young ladies."

"This is new territory for all of us," said Brown, listing other examples of questions that had unexpectedly come up during the previous year, many of which school official had worked out on the fly. There was the

MCHS Homecoming, where it had been decided that one student would be allowed to represent JMPHS, but the Homecoming King and Queen, they felt, needed to be MCHS students.

This year, they're trying to anticipate some other situations that might come up in regards to the full participation rule, and Brown didn't rule out the possibility that they might re-visit the cheerleading question or any other full participation question next year if circumstances changed.

Brown later repeated some of his remarks after the Aug. 5 school board meeting. School board attorney Tommy Reeves added that "full participation is tricky" and the district would have to be careful that it was not preventing full participation. For example, if a cheerleader attending MCHS could not be available at short notice for the obligations and duties the sponsor required, then she wouldn't be eligible for the leadership role of captain or co-captain either.

When it comes to leadership roles, "we have to take a good look at what the requirements are," he said.

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Nevertheless, he felt that low marks couldn't be completely ignored, either.

"We're moving in the right direction," said Mills, adding that is often the case with very small schools, a handful of students can make a difference in whether or not a

school gets a higher letter grade. With Greenville, if it had had just three more students in a reading improvement class, it would have gotten a C rather than an F.

In response to a question about school open houses scheduled for the next few days,

Superintendent Doug Brown said that classrooms at the Central School would be open this year, during both of its open house nights. No more crowding everyone into the hallways.

"We've learned from last year," he said.

Schedule for Madison County school days for the 2014-2015 school year:		
	STUDENTS	TEACHERS
Greenville Elementary	7:45 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.	7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Madison County Central	8 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.	7:45 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.
Madison County Excel School	8:10 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.	7:50 a.m. - 3:20 p.m.
Madison County High School	8:10 a.m. - 3:20 p.m.	7:55 a.m. - 3:25 p.m.
Lee Elementary	8 a.m. - 3 p.m.	7:45 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.
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Questions

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August payment would be due the following week.

School Superintendent Doug Brown replied that he had withheld the funds because the school board office had received a copy of an eviction notice filed against the school by the Madison County Recreation Association (MRCA), landlords for the property and buildings where New Millennium is located. The eviction proceeding still had another hearing pending at that time, and Brown stated that it he felt it was "unclear whether or not the school would even have a place to meet." Court records indicate an eviction notice was posted on the school property July 10, 2014, by the Madison County Sheriff's Office.

School board member VeEtta Hagan indicated that she was not comfortable going on the superintendent's feelings about the matter and asked School Board Attorney Tommy Reeves to explain the case law that would apply to the situation.

"One of the things the charter school has to provide is assurances that they have a place to be," Reeves answered, adding that he had asked the court for an update on the eviction proceeding and the final hearing.

Haynes said New Millennium had already filed a response to the eviction. Although court records show that New Millen-

nium is \$77,000 in arrears on the \$7000-a-month rent, Haynes said the school had withheld the rent because MCRA was the entity in default for not fulfilling the terms of the lease. The school's response, filed June 9, 2014, contends that although the four-year lease commenced June 1, 2013 (ending June 30, 2017), the school did not receive a certificate of occupancy or access to the premises until Aug. 16, 2013, three days before school began. Only six of the 15 rooms were operational, and New Millennium had to spend approximately \$14,500 to correct some of the problems with the roof, electrical wiring, tech wiring, plumbing and so forth.

If the building was not up to code as spelled out by Florida Statute, "we're not liable for rent," said Haynes. Additionally, New Millennium wanted to meet with MCRA to cancel the old lease and renegotiate a new one.

A copy of a letter dated March 3, 2014, from MCRA president Albert Barfield to New Millennium, states that the MCRA would be willing to apply the \$14,500 to the amount owed in the lease, and that MCRA was "willing to work with New Millennium Charter School...and to ensure that the school is a success."

Haynes stated that the eviction document had been improperly filed, in the wrong

court, and by an individual who was a board member of MCRA, not the chair or president, and as such, had no authority to file any legal action on the board's behalf. Furthermore, MCRA did not have an attorney, "and they have to have an attorney," said Haynes, reiterating that New Millennium, on the advice of its own attorney, planned to be at the same location as last year, in the old middle school building.

"There has been no action, no judgement to close us," she said.

The school board had voted to rescind New Millennium's charter, due to fiscal mismanagement, at their June 17 meeting, but New Millennium exercised its right to request an administrative hearing. The following month, the school board voted to have the Department of Administrative Hearings in Tallahassee hear the case and make recommendations. The hearing has not yet taken place, but is expected to be held in about a month and a half.

"What happens if school starts and we don't have the money?" Haynes asked. She added that she had 42 students signed up so far.

Reeves told the board members they had to decide if the school had "reasonable assurances" of a place to be, not base their actions on "what might happen six months down the road." Even so, there was the ques-

tion of the eviction that had not been dismissed yet.

"Until that happens, it's not how we 'feel,' it's what the law says," added VeEtta Hagan, who had earlier voiced concerns that the board could be sued if it withheld the funds without a solid enough legal reason.

After several minutes of discussion in which other board members also expressed concerns about releasing the money, Reeves reminded the board that if it believed that enough of a question had been raised concerning the school having a place to hold classes as of Aug. 18, then it should vote not to release the money.

The board ultimately decided on a special meeting dedicated solely to considering the matter, and agreed to meet again Thursday, Aug. 7, at 6 p.m. At that time, they believed that the results of the final hearing on the eviction notice would be known, and that they would have a much better handle on where the school stood as far as having a place to meet, and would then be able to make a more informed vote on whether or not to release the FTE funds.

However, as of press time, the latest court filing in the eviction complaint against New Millennium is an order dated Aug. 6, continuing the case until both sides have retained counsel to act on their behalf.

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Around Madison County

Community Calendar

August 1 – August 24

Taylor Gymnastics will be taking orders for donuts from Johnson's Bakery, August 1 until August 24, with fresh doughnuts delivered the morning of Tuesday, Sept. 9. Donuts are sold for \$10/dozen and donut holes for \$3/dozen. Anyone interested can contact Renee Demps at (850) 766-2868 or email at sissirenee5604@yahoo.com. All proceeds will go towards competition costs for next year's competition season.

August 9

It's time again for the annual "Back to School – Stay In School Explosion" at the NFCC Fitness Center, Saturday, Aug. 9 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Sponsored by the Madison Prevention Coalition and its community partners, the Madison County Department of Health and Tobacco Free Madison, "Back to School – Stay In School" is a fun community event that brings business leaders, public officials, churches and community volunteers together to make sure Madison County school children get the resources they need to succeed in school. Parents or guardians are encouraged to bring their children to receive free school supplies. Registration is required at the door, and supplies are limited, but they will be given away while they last, along with free food and entertainment for a fun and festive atmosphere (to give you an idea of how many people attended last year's event, volunteers

grilled and gave away nearly 2000 hot dogs). There will also be information booths with everything parents need to know about getting their children ready for the 2014-2015 school year.

August 9

The 11th Hour gospel trio will be in concert at Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park Opera Hall on Saturday, Aug. 9, at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. The event is being hosted by Sirmans Missionary Baptist Church, of Greenville. Everyone is invited to attend this concert and there will be no admission charge. A love offering will be accepted.

August 10

Ochlawilla Baptist Church, located at 1315 Ochlawilla Rd. in Quitman, Ga., will hold Revival starting Sunday, Aug. 10 through Wednesday, Aug. 13. Sunday services will be at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday services will begin at 7 p.m. Rev. Michael Frazier from Grace Baptist Church from Naylor, Ga. will be the guest speaker. Everyone is invited to attend.

August 12

The Joe P. Burns Funeral Home, next to the Woman's Club on Lake Frances, is holding an Open House for its new facility, Tuesday, August 12. The event begins with a ribbon cutting at noon, followed by an Open House from 1 – 7 p.m., where people can drop by anytime for refreshments, tours and a chance to meet the owners, talk to them and ask questions. At 7 p.m., they will hold a

dedication ceremony for their new chapel, with Bro. Steve McHargue as guest speaker.

August 13

The Senior Citizens Council of Madison County will be holding their annual Senior Health Expo, Wednesday, August 13, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. All seniors, caregivers, loved ones and friends are welcomed to attend the event that will include special presentations and vendor booths, offering education and information on services available, along with door prizes and plenty of food. Seniors, come out and learn how you can, "Be the best you can be!"

August 14

There will be a Revival at Reapers of the Harvest Church, Thursday, August 14 – Saturday, August 16 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, August 17 at 11 a.m. The church is located two miles west of Greenville, on Hwy. 90. Reverend Preston Haddock will be preaching. Everyone is welcome, come and be blessed. For more information, contact Reverend Samuel Bass at (850) 948-6751.

August 16

The Hamburg-Lovett Volunteer Fire Department will be holding their Annual Peanut Boil, Saturday, August 16, from 5 p.m. until...There will be chicken and rice dinners, hamburgers and hot dogs for sale, along with a cake auction. Location for the Peanut Boil will be at the Fire House on Lovett Road. For more information or for Political candidates who would like to speak during the event, please call (850) 948-4353 or (850) 948-2025, after 7 p.m.

Have something you would like to add to the Community Calendar? Simply call Greene Publishing, Inc. at (850) 973-4141 or email your information to rose@greenepublishing.com.

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.

July 30
Nathaniel Burnett – Possession of drug paraphernalia.
Tommy Lee Turner, Jr. – Possess/sell/manufacture of a controlled substance, drug paraphernalia, possession with intent to sell, sell a controlled substance, possession with intent to sell a controlled substance and sell a controlled substance (marijuana/MDMA).
Bernard Leon Frazier – Possess/sell/manufacture of a controlled substance, two charges of possession of a controlled substance (crack cocaine) and two charges of sell of a controlled substance (crack cocaine).
Brandon Octavious McQuay – Possession of a controlled substance (marijuana), sell of a controlled substance (marijuana), possession with intent to sell a controlled substance (crack cocaine), unlawful sell/manufacture or possess, possession/sell/manufacture of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.
Dana Brian Kotoski – Possession with intent to sell a

controlled substance and sell of a controlled substance (Oxycodone).
James Alvin Waples – Violation of parole (county).
July 31
Gerald Adrive-lasqu Ramirez – Driving while license suspended.
Hector Vazquez Hernandez – Expired driver's license.
Quinton Lamar Thompkins – Criminal registration.
Ashley Latoya Mobley – Criminal registration.
Grady Joseph Foster – Possession of marijuana less than 20 grams.
August 1
Douglas Eugene Dixon – Trespass property other than conveyance, possession of marijuana less than 20 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia.
Lafrederick Octavious McQuay – Two charges of battery domestic violence and failure to appeArk.
Elton Leroy Bellinger – No valid driver's license.
James Earl Hampton – Weekender.
Cedric Lavar White – Possession of cannabis less than 20 grams.
August 2

Beverly Helen Evans – Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and disorderly intoxication.
Jacob Marcel Monts – Criminal registration.
Patricia Lynn Bass – Reckless driving.
Anthony Michael Perkins – Reckless driving.
August 3
Laura Cadena – Possession of drugs and possession/use/manufacture/deliver/advertise of drugs.
James Kelsey Ayers – Aggravated assault.
Terrance Antone White – Disorderly intoxication.
August 4
Jimmie Lee Davis, Jr. – Trespass after warning.
Christopher Daniel Williams – Out of state warrant.
August 5
Curtis Lee Jones – Kidnap, tampering with a witness, aggravated assault, battery domestic and disorderly intoxication.
Terrell Lamont Smith – Writ of bodily attachment.
John Eric Schupbach – D.U.I. (3rd offense), reckless driving and refuse to submit to D.U.I. test.

Obituaries

Gene Johnston 1952 - 2014

On August 1, the Lord called Gene Authur Johnston, Sr., 62, home for his eternal rest. He was born on May 18, 1952 to the late Orbie and Grace Johnston.

Gene graduated from Arkansas High before serving in the United States Army, where he received an Honorable Discharge in 1974. He was a self-employed contractor until his untimely death.

He leaves behind to mourn his passing his companion, Cynthia Mahoney of Greenville; three sons: Daniel Johnston of Detroit, Mich.; Gene Johnston, Jr. of Mound House, Nev. and Jesse Johnston of Ashdown, Ark.; one daughter, Amber Johnston of Ashdown, Ark.; and five grandchildren. Also, five brothers, Raymond (Joyce) Johnston of Doddridge Ark., O. L. (Teresa) Johnston of Texarkana, Ark., Ray (Barbara) Johnston of Texarkana Ark., Dave (Kay) Johnston of Doddridge, Ark.,

and John Dale Johnston of Swansboro, NC.; four sisters, Thelma Johnston of Texarkana, Ark., Fay (Wayne) McClain of Texarkana, Ark., Judy (Malvin) McKinney of Fouke, Ark., and Syble (Gary) Clark of Texarkana, Ark.; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Gene was proceeded in death by his brother Curtis Johnson and sister Lucille Clayton. A local memorial service with military honors was held on Wednesday, August 6, at 11 a.m. at the Monticello Community Temple Church Of God In Christ, 630 East Holly Street, Monticello.

Another memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, August 11 at Life House Church, 915 East Street in Texarkana, Ark., with Rev. James Ross officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Fisher House, P.O. Box 358296, Gainesville, FL 32635.



Bobby "Buffalo" Roffe

Bobby "Buffalo" Roffe, 60, of Clyattville, Ga. passed away Monday, August 4, at his residence after a brief illness. He was born in Madison, on March 13, 1954 to Joyce (Davis) Roffe of Cherry Lake, and the late Lawrence L. Roffe. He worked as an electrician for Bradford Electric over 15 years. He was very adventurous, loved riding motorcycles and hunting arrowheads. He loved being a part of the Suwannee River Music Park family.

Along with his mother, he is survived

by three children: Jenny Drain (David), of New Jersey; David Roffe, of Lake Park, Ga.; and Rebecca Redding, of Valdosta, Ga.; soulmate, Felecia Hodge, of Clyattville, Ga.; six grandchildren: Mitchell, Jaxson, Robbie, Kira, Shawn and Madi; two sisters and one brother-in-law: Amy and Brad Browning, of Colorado Springs, Colo. and Brenda Bracey, of Largo, FL; one brother, Marty Roffe, of Cherry Lake; and a number of nieces, nephews, cousins and all of his Suwannee Family.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, August 9, at 11 a.m., in the Valdosta Chapel of Music Funeral Services. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service on Saturday. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Spirit of Suwannee Music Park, Attn: Suwannee Spirit Kids Music Camp, 3076 95th Drive, Live Oak, FL 32060. Sympathy may be expressed online at www.musicfuneralservices.com. Music Funeral Services, Valdosta is serving the Roffe family.

WAY BACK WHEN

August 5, 1949

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Zeichold, of Manitowoc, Wis., were hospitalized for minor cuts and bruises at the local hospital Tuesday evening about 6:30, as a result of the wreck of their car, east of Madison near the Country Kitchen.

Mrs. Jack Wade entertained her bridge club Wednesday afternoon. Visitors playing were Mrs. T C Merchant, Jr., and Mrs. P S Cante. First and second prizes were won by Mrs. Howard Studstill and Mrs. J L Sullivan, Jr. Mrs. Cante won the visitor's prize. The hostess served a dessert course.

Mr. and Mrs. George F Burnett, and Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Burnett, and Mr. C E Croom spent Sunday at Silver Springs.

A revival will begin Sunday night at Green Ridge Church of God in Hamilton County. All invited.

August 4, 1950

State Road Patrolman Nathan Sharon, and Deputy Sheriff A H Wade apprehended transportation of 140 gallons of moonshine liquor Tuesday night on Highway No. 90 near Greenville. The liquor was in five gal-

lon glass jugs, loaded in a 1940 Ford sedan, and was consigned to Thomasville, Ga.

The Madison County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis held its annual meeting Wednesday of this week. Mr. Murdock Martin, field representative of the Foundation, attended the meeting and participated in the discussion.

Mrs. Henry Messer entertained the Camelia Circle of the Garden Club Thursday morning. There were 18 present. Miss Julia Barnwell was a visitor.

The intermediate department of the Sunday school of the Greenville Baptist Church enjoyed a delightful picnic in Perry, Thursday afternoon.

August 3, 1951

Mr. and Mrs. George Norwood Strickland of Orlando announce the arrival of

a baby boy, George Norwood, Jr., July 29 at Florida Sanatorium. Mrs. Strickland is the former Betty Jean Strickland, grand daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Pridgeon of Madison.

Charles Watson of the Florida Power Corporation was taken as a new member, and Larry O'Steen of Madison, F C Dowdy of the Pyrofax Co. and Phil Hochs of Kansas City Life Insurance Co. were visitors.

Mount Dora, July 29 – a former Dixie County sheriff was killed today in a head-on collision with a truck east of here on State Road 46. Lake County officers identified him as Jesse L. Baggett, 60, of Cross City. He served as sheriff of Dixie about 10 years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. T C Pinkard announce the birth of a daughter, July 30.

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Around Madison County

MEET THE PEOPLE IN THE PROPERTY APPRAISER'S OFFICE



LEIGH BARFIELD

Title: Madison County Property Appraiser
Responsibilities: Overseeing staff and certifying taxable values to tax authorities.
How long have you been working at the Property Appraiser's Office: "I have worked in the Property Appraiser's office since May 1986 and ran for office in 2004."
Family: "I have been married to Brad Barfield for 30 years."
Hobbies: "Gardening, spending time with my grandson, visiting the beach and traveling when I have the chance."
Goals: "Continue following the guidelines, answering to the taxpayers of Madison County and try to fulfill any questions they may have concerning this office."
Hero: "My mother, Brenda Blair Baker, because she was a good Christian lady. She was a beautiful person inside and out. People still remember her as a fine Christian lady."



JIM WILLOUGHBY

Title: Field Appraiser
Responsibilities: "Inspect and measure every parcel of land, use GPS system to help with 911 addresses and adjust values of property if houses are condemned."
How long have you been working at the Property Appraiser's Office: 10 years.
Hobbies: "Farming, spending time with family and taking care of maintenance of Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church."
Family: "My wife is Anita Willoughby, and we have one son, a daughter-in-law and one grandson."
Favorite Book: The Bible.
Music: Country and gospel.
Quote: "Always keep your eyes on God."
Hero: "My grandson. He is my heart."



MARIE SMITH

Title: Administrative assistance
Responsibilities: "I Handles All deed changes, help the customers that come in, pay the bills, help with the budget and answer the phones."
How long have you been working at the Property Appraiser's Office: 13 years
Favorite part of the job: "The people I work with. It's easier to come to work if you like the people you are going to be spending the day with."
Favorite Quote: "Courage is being scared to death but saddling up anyways," by John Wayne.
Hero: "My dad, he's a strong personality and he never backed down. He taught me to work hard for what you have because nothing comes free and to always be yourself. Don't change based on who you are with."
Hobbies: "We have a cattle ranch. Most wouldn't call that a hobby but that's what I do when not here. We work cows, ride horses and bail hay."



DAVID WHEELER

Title: Mapper and Agriculture Appraiser
Responsibilities: "Administer agriculture classification and gather stumpage rates, which is the value of timber as it sits on the stump."
How long have you been working at the Property Appraiser's Office: Six and a half years.
Favorite Part of Job: "Working with people in Madison that I grew up with. It's nice to work where you live and grew up."
Hobbies: Fishing and being outdoors.
Family: "My wife is Michelle Wheeler.
Favorite Authors: John Muir and Ralph Waldo Emerson.
Music: Blues and rock and roll.
If you could travel anywhere, where would you go: "Aucilla River to catch red bellies."



KENYA ALEXANDER

Title: Exemption Specialist
How long have you been working at the Property Appraiser's Office: "I started working with the county in 1999 and in the Property Appraiser's Office in 2005."
Responsibilities: "Granting, denying and researching exemptions, handling customer service, and doing payroll for the office."
Favorite Part of Job: "Being able to help customers who leave (and are) satisfied that they have been helped. That's a good feeling."
Hobbies: "Shopping and spending time with friends and family."
Family: "My husband is Maurice Alexander and we have two daughters and two sons."
Favorite Quote: "What doesn't kill you, makes you stronger."
Favorite Music: "I like all kinds of music."
If you could travel anywhere, where would you go: "I'd like to go on an Alaskan cruise or go to Hawaii."
Hero: "My husband. He is my knight in shining armor."



JANIE FARNELL

Title: Addressing Assistant
Responsibilities: "I draw up the addresses for Madison County, add new roads to the map and maintain the photo on the website."
How long have you been working at the Property Appraiser's Office: Seven years.
Favorite Part of Job: "The people are really friendly and the best boss I've ever had."
Hobbies: Sewing and quilting.
Favorite Author: Linwood Barkley.
Favorite Music: Country.
Favorite Quote: "A mistake is not a mistake unless you learn something from it, then it becomes experience."
If you could travel anywhere, where would you go: "Somewhere warm, maybe Hawaii."
Family: "I am the wife of the late Bug Farnell."

MADISON COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER'S OFFICE: A PLACE FILLED WITH PEOPLE READY TO HELP

By Jessie R. Box
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The Madison County Appraiser's Office is your resource for information on property values, maps of property, 911 addressing and exemptions that may apply to your property. The Property Appraiser is Leigh Barfield and she has a team of eight employees to help give the best service to the community of Madison.

The property appraiser's office annually appraises all property in Madison County to the fair market value, which is the amount your property could sell for on the open market. The property is appraised through three methods: Direct Sale Comparison, Cost Approach and Income Approach.

The Direct Sale Comparison is where your property is compared with similar property that has recently sold. The Cost Approach is when the appraiser considers how much money it would take to at current material and labor cost to replace. If the property is not new, a depreciation cost is determined. The estimated value of the land as if it

were vacant is added to the depreciated cost of the building. The Income Approach is a concept that the current value is the present worth of future benefits to be derived from the income produced by an asset over the remainder on its economic life.

Exemptions that can be applied for include: Homestead Exemption, Disability Exemption, Blind Exemption, Veteran Exemption and Total Exemption of Homestead Property from Ad Valorem Taxation.

Property owners can also apply for agricultural classification. The land must be used for bona fide agricultural purposes, which means good faith commercial agricultural use of the land.

Another aspect of property appraisal is tangible personal property. Tangible personal property refers to all assets used in a business or rental activity that are subject to an ad valorem assessment. This applies to whatever is used to generate income.

For more information, contact the Madison County Property Appraiser's Office at (850) 973-6133.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE PROPERTY APPRAISER'S OFFICE

2014 Proposed Tax Notices should start being in the mail on August 21, 2014. Please look these notices over, if you should have any questions please do not hesitate to contact our office at (850) 973-6133 or visit our website at www.madisonpa.com



CINDY COLWELL

Title: Director of Mapping
Responsibilities: "Parcel mapping, addressing, coordinating updates on maps and maintaining updates for website."
How long have you been working at the Property Appraiser's Office: 16 years
Favorite Part: "I like doing the mapping. It's like a jigsaw puzzle."
Hobbies: "I read a lot, draw and play with my cats."
Favorite Book: "I like science fiction."
Hero: "My mom, because she is somebody that I look up to."
If you could travel anywhere, where would you go: "New Zealand, I want to see the country side, or Alaska."



ANITA WILLOUGHBY

Title: Chief Deputy
Responsibilities: "I run the reports that go to the Department of Revenue, sales reports of where our values are and where they should be and customer service."
How long have you been working at the Property Appraiser's Office: 25 years
Favorite Part: "Getting the reports to balance and helping customers."
Favorite Book: "Whichever one my grandson wants me to read to him."
Favorite music: Country and gospel.
Hobbies: "Spending time with my family."
Family: "I am married to Jim Willoughby and we have one son.
Hero: "Dad, because of watching the life he lived and what he taught my sister and me."



KELLIA FRAZIER

Title: Tangible Personal Property
How long have you been working at the Property Appraiser's Office: Seven years.
Favorite Part of Job: "The people that I work with and I am always learning something new. I like meeting new people."
Hobbies: "Spending time with my daughter."
Favorite Book: "I like to read different books all the time."
Quote: "If it ain't broke, don't try to fix it."
Hero: "My daughter. She gives me a reason to get up in the morning."
Music: Blues and some Christian hymns.
If you could travel anywhere, where would you go: "I am not the travel type person. I am comfortable at home."

Around Madison County

Lee Student Wins Essay Contest

Think Before You Click: Staying Safe On The Internet And Social Media

By Elijah Hunt

Lee Elementary School, 5th Grade

We have been learning in our class about how kids should think about the consequences of clicking the mouse on their computer before they make a terrible mistake. I have chosen a few tips that I think are important for kids to know before they click anything on the computer.

- Never talk to strangers on the Internet.
- Don't click on pop-ups.
- Be careful downloading apps.
- Report cyber-bullying.
- Block bad web pages.

Now, I'm going to tell you why you need to watch out for these things. Never talk to strangers on the Internet. You never know if they could be old creeps who want to hunt you down. And never give them your real name or your phone number. And do not, I mean do not, give them your address!

Now, I am going to tell you a rather helpful tip. Don't click on pop-ups. Some pop-ups may give your electronic devices a virus that will mess up your computer where you cannot use it. Some viruses can really do weird things to your computer where it won't even turn on!

Here's another tip. Be careful downloading apps. Just like pop-ups, some apps give you viruses and it can mess up your computer or your laptop. Want another tip? Here you go. Report cyber-bullying. If you see cyber-bullying happening, you need to report it to a grown-up or tell the bully to stop! Some people cyber-bully to make people feel bad about themselves.

Block bad web pages. If you see one, you should block it. If you see a nasty web page, you should block it. Blocking a web page is the best way to get it off of your computer!

Here's a bonus tip: Keep kids underage off of social websites such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and other websites kids should not get on. If the kids meet a person they have never met, you don't know who really is behind the profile. The person could pretend to be a nice little kid but it could be an old man, a guy, or even a girl who wants to snatch you.

There are tips that I think are very important. So, be careful in what you do on the Internet!



Photo Submitted

Lee Elementary Principal Robin Hill (right) presents Elijah Hunt (left) with a Certificate of Excellence from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and Florida Department of Education stating that he is the regional winner for the Tallahassee region of the Florida Missing Children's Day Statewide Fifth Grade Essay Contest. He was also awarded a \$100 check.



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.

5 Critical Financial Issues in Remarriages



Stacy Bush, President
Bush Wealth Management

Many Americans are in their second and third marriages. In fact, statistics from a 2012 book, *The Remarriage Blueprint*, suggest that nearly 40 percent of new marriages include at least one previously married spouse. Remarrying later in life can produce a number of complex financial, legal, and emotional matters that should be addressed as soon as possible. If you or someone you love is part of a blended family, I urge you to think about these important issues.

Be candid about your financial situation. Couples who are remarrying frequently have significant financial baggage. Being open and honest with each other about assets, debts, and obligations from a previous marriage can help avoid problems later on.

Update life insurance, medical directives, and beneficiary designations. It's unbelievably common for couples to forget to update important documents when they remarry. If you or your spouse dies without changing beneficiaries on a retirement account or life insurance policy, a significant part of the estate could go directly to a previous spouse, with no legal recourse. If you and your spouse have living wills, healthcare powers of attorney, or medical directives (and you should), review them with your attorney to make sure that these documents reflect your current wishes. If you don't currently have an attorney, I can introduce you to one from my professional network.

Think about how remarriage affects your retirement planning. Some divorce settlements require retirement benefits to be split with an ex-spouse, which could reduce your income in retirement. In the event of your death, your current spouse might have to split survivor benefits with your ex-partner. Social Security benefits can also be affected. For example, if you are entitled to spousal or survivor's Social Security benefits from a previous marriage, getting remarried might affect how much you are entitled to

collect. Discuss these issues with your spouse and financial representative to make sure that your retirement takes into consideration your change in financial circumstances.

Consider drafting a prenuptial (or postnuptial) agreement. While most Americans get married without a prenup, I believe that they are essential in a remarriage situation. In many cases, one or both spouses will have children from a previous marriage or have significant debts and assets. When developed by an experienced attorney, a financial agreement can help you protect yourselves and your heirs from the financial fallout of a divorce.

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Remarrying later in life is wonderful, but a new marriage can introduce many complex financial considerations. I strongly recommend discussing these issues with your spouse as early as possible to ensure that your financial health is protected and to help lay the groundwork for future conversations about money.

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

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Calling All Seniors For Holy Land Experience



By Rose Klein
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The seniors who attend the Senior Citizen Center are planning their October 9 trip to Orlando to see the Holy Land Experience and would like to invite all seniors to go.

The Holy Land Experience takes visitors on a trip back in time to

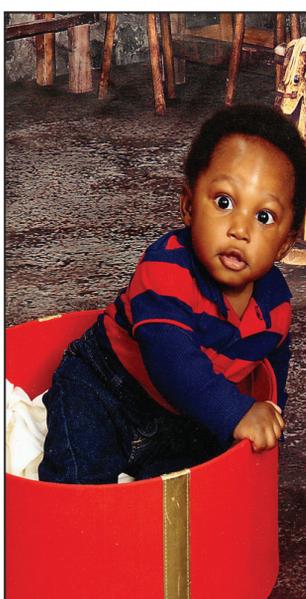
ancient Jerusalem where attractions and Biblical dramas are scheduled throughout the day. Places of importance in the Bible are recreated such as the Garden of Gethsemane, the town of Bethlehem and the tomb where Jesus was resurrected. There is shopping and dining at the park, and all events

are wheelchair accessible.

Tickets to the Holy Land Experience usually cost \$50, but for this trip, seniors will receive a group rate of \$35 per ticket. There will be a cost for the bus and depending on the amount of people who attend, cost will be between \$26 and \$52 per person. The more people who attend, the less the bus ride will be! You will also need money for food and souvenirs.

If you are interested in this trip and would like to sign up, or if you have any questions, come by the Senior Center, located at 1161 SW Harvey Greene Drive in Madison. Money for tickets and bus ride must be collected by September 10.

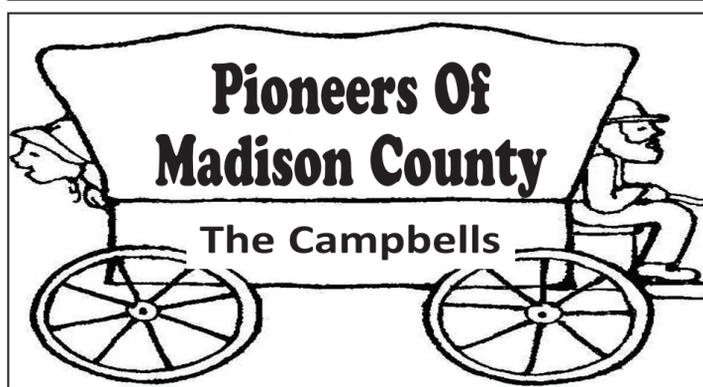
Birthday August 9, 2013
Joshua L. Bell, Jr.



On August 9, 2013 God Blessed Us With A Baby Boy. He Is The Son Of La-Shadya Lee And Joshua Bell. He Has Two Sisters Zy'maya Ward And Kwantianna Bell. His Grandparents Are Latricia Dans And Dexter Lee And Calvin And Linda Bell. He Is Going To Enjoy His Birthday With Family. We Love You JJ And Are Wishing You Many More

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Around Madison County



Submitted by The Madison Genealogical Society

John Campbell, Sr., born in Scotland in the 1770s, came to the US after the Revolutionary War on the same ship as his future wife, Mary Nicholson. They were the parents of five children: 1) John Campbell, Jr.; 2) Neill Campbell, Sr.; 3) Flora Campbell; 4) Sarah Campbell and 5) Mary Campbell. Mary died about 1820 and he later married Susan whose last name is currently unknown. Although both of John's sons moved to the Florida Territory and helped to establish Madison Co., FL, many of their descendants ended up moving further south.

1) John Campbell, Jr. was born July 4, 1800 in S.C. He married a Miss Nancy Taylor on Dec. 20 1820 in Appling Co., Ga. In March 1825, they moved to the Florida Territory, settling first in Gadsden Co. By August 1929, they had moved to Madison Co. settling near Mosey Hall. In 1838 he joined the Middle Florida Mounted Volunteers at San Pedro Station, Madison Co. In late April or early May 1838 he was wounded in action with the Seminole Indians and on May 27, 1838 died at his home, where he was buried. In late 1841, Nancy and her unmarried children moved to Melender's Settlement, Hillsborough Co., FL. where she lived the remainder of her life. She died Sep. 28, 1884 and was buried at the Clearwater Cemetery. John and Nancy were the parents of: 1) Mary Campbell, born Sept. 1822, died July 3, 1890. She married first Ferdinand Whiddon (1818-1840) on June 26, 1839 in Madison Co., FL. He was killed by Indians in 1840 where he was serving as a 2nd Lt. in the Seminole War. She later married David Benjamin Turner (1819-1868). Both Mary and David were buried in the Clearwater Cemetery, Clearwater, Pinellas Co., FL.; 2) Elizabeth Campbell born Feb. 25, 1825 and died Dec. 17, 1890. She married James Parramore McMullen who served as a Captain in the CSA. He was born June 11, 1823 and died April 17, 1895. Both Elizabeth and James Parramore were buried in the McMullen Cemetery in Clearwater, Pinellas Co., FL.; 3) Catherine Campbell born July 1 1827 in Gadsden Co., FL.. Catherine passed away in 1858 in Clearwater, Pinellas Co., FL. She had married Daniel Scott Whitehurst, who was born in 1816 in Jasper, Hamilton Co., FL. and killed during the War Between the States at Boca Ciega Inlet, Florida. They were the parents of five children; 4) William N. Campbell was born May 16, 1830 and died May 26, 1896. He served in the War Between the States as both an infantry man and a seaman. He died at Clearwater, Pinellas Co., FL., and was buried in the Clearwater Municipal Cemetery. He married Florida A. Harn. Florida was born Feb. 26, 1838 and passed away on Jan. 13, 1910. She also was buried in the Clearwater Municipal Cemetery; 5) Margaret Ann Campbell born April 17, 1833 and passed away on April 21, 1909. She married Daniel McMullen, born July 26, 1825 and died Aug. 5, 1908. They were both buried in the Largo City Cemetery, Largo, Pinellas Co., FL.; 6) Lavincia Jane Campbell was born Feb. 25, 1836 and passed away in 1884. She married Robert J. Whitehurst, born March 5, 1831 and died Oct. 20, 1916. They were both laid to rest in the Anona Pioneer Cemetery, Largo, Pinellas Co., FL.

2) Neill Campbell Sr. was born Nov 3, 1802 in Marlborough District, S.C. He met his wife, Elizabeth Taylor (born July 19, 1809), in Appling Co., Ga., and they were wed on Oct. 14, 1824. After their marriage, they also moved to Madison Co., FL., settling near Moseley Hall. Neill joined the Florida Territorial Militia to fight in the second conflict with the Seminole Indians (Flori-

da War; 1835-1842). Harmony Baptist Church was founded in the southwestern portion of Madison County. The Campbells were early members and Neill served as a deacon for many years. In November 1873, the New Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church was organized and the Campbell family shifted to it, with Neill becoming a deacon in Aug. 1874. Neill died March 15, 1875 and Elizabeth died Sept. 26, 1883. Both were buried at the Campbell/Spradley Cemetery in Madison, FL. It was sometimes known as the "Old Neilly Field." Neill and Elizabeth were the parents of: 1) Alexander Neill Campbell, born in 1826, married Margaret Ann Lee; 2) Nancy Campbell, born 1830, married John A. McDonald; 3) James R. Campbell, born 1834, married Jane Elizabeth Lanier; 4) Lavincia Campbell, born 1842, married Daniel J. DeVane; 5) Neill Campbell, Jr., b. 1843, married Julia Williams and later Susan Elizabeth Tedder; 6) Elizabeth Campbell, b. 1847; 7) Sarah A. Campbell, b. 1849; 8) Flora J. Campbell, b. 1851, married George H. Tedder

2A) Neill Campbell, Jr., son of Neill Campbell, Sr. and Elizabeth Taylor, was born Oct. 1843 in Madison Co., FL. On Aug. 20, 1861, he enlisted in the Florida Volunteers, Co. "M," 2nd Florida Infantry (Confederate). He was taken prison on April 9, 1865, at the Appomattox Court House, Va. On Jan. 1, 1874 in Madison Co., Neil married Miss Julia Williams who was born April 7, 1854. They were the parents of three children: James Wesley Campbell, John Alexander Campbell and Lulu Arline Campbell who was born Aug. 20, 1879 and died Oct. 11, 1882). Julia died on Sept. 6, 1879, shortly after Lulu's birth, and was buried along with her daughter in the "Old Neilly Field." Shortly after Julia's death, Neill moved to Taylor County. On Dec. 28, 1883 he married Susan Lovely Elizabeth Tedder. She was born Oct. 2, 1844 and died July 15, 1900. Both Neill and Susan were buried in the Pleasant Grove Cemetery in Perry, Taylor Co., FL.

2B) Alexander Nicholson (NEILL?) Campbell, son of Neill Campbell, Sr. and Elizabeth Taylor, was born Jan. 20, 1826 in Gadsden Co., Florida Territory. While still very young, his parents moved to Madison Co., where he remained the rest of his life. At the age of 12, he enrolled at Camp Taylor, Florida as a private in Captain Richard B. Turner's Company, 12th Regiment, First Brigade, Florida Mounted Militia (it is possible that a James Smart served as a substitute for him). On Jan. 25, 1847 he married Margaret Ann Lee, daughter of Elam Zadoc Lee, Sr. and Annie Dill. Margaret was born at Fort Gaines on Oct. 1, 1832 in Early Co., Ga., but came to Madison Co. with her parents about 1842. In 1849, Alexander moved his family close to his parents' home. On March 1863, Alexander enrolled in the Confederate Army at Madison Co. He served as a corporal in Captain Charles Begg's Independent Co. (Bradford Avengers), Florida Infantry, later known as Company "E," Eleventh Florida Infantry. On March 2, 1870, he purchased the land on which the "Old Neilly Field" or "Campbell/Spradley Cemetery" is located. Margaret died on April 30, 1903 and two years later Alexander died on Aug. 10, 1905. According to the *Madison County Cemetery Book* by Joseph Eichelberger, they were both buried at the "Little Brown Church Cemetery," the name Mr. Eichelberger gave to the Campbell/Spradley Church Cemetery (or "Old Neilly Field") on Co. Road 150, Madison, Florida because he did not know the official name of the church and because it was located near a "Little Brown Church."

Margaret and Alexander were the parents of the following children who remained in the Madison area: 1) Allen Dennett Campbell born Dec. 15, 1854, died July 2, 1916, married Winnie Jane Spradley. Both were buried at the Campbell/Spradley Church Cemetery. 2) Margaret Nancy Campbell born July 27, 1879, died July 24, 1963, married Thomas Jefferson Mathers. Both were buried in the Lamont Walker Cemetery. Their daughter; 3) Annie Elizabeth Campbell married Richard William Spradley. They both moved to Burleson, Tex., and were buried there. The remainder of their children moved to the Dade Co., FL. area. They were: 4) William Wesley Campbell who married Mary Jane Reams; 5) Thomas Alexander Campbell who married Amanda Elizabeth Mathers. 6) John Richard Campbell who married Sallie Tillman Eason; 7) Emma Margaret Campbell who married John Lumis Chambers; 8) Neill Willard Campbell who married Julia Bell Lanier and 9) Mary Alice Campbell who married Robert Joseph Mathers. Robert and his wife were two of Miami's oldest pio-

neers, moving to Miami in 1900. He was killed in an automobile accident on Pembroke Road in Hallandale. At the time of his death, he was president of the Diamond Furniture Company.

3) Flora Campbell, daughter of John Campbell and Mary Nicholson, was born about 1805 in S.C. She married David Rowell, Jr. on Oct. 20, 1833. They were the parents of three children: Elizabeth Rowell, born Sept. 2, 1834; Thomas Rowell, b. Dec. 4, 1836, died Jan. 1, 1838 and Mary Rowell, b. Aug. 11, 1839. David died in Lowndes Co., Ga., in 1847 and his estate was administered by his widow, Flora and her father, Neill Campbell. There is no indication that they ever lived in Madison Co., FL., but they were just across the state line from Madison Co., in Ga.

4) Sarah W. Campbell, daughter of John Campbell and Mary Nicholson, was born about 1816 in Appling Co., Ga. She married Hugh Nunez, son of Daniel Nunez (1775-1815). After the death of Daniel Nunez, his sons Hugh and Daniel, as minors, were taken to Tattall Co., Ga., where they were placed in the charge of Allen Johnson who was appointed their guardian on Aug. 7, 1815. Hugh was first married to Sarah Virginia Carter, daughter of Richard Carter. In Nov. 1842, Sarah and Hugh were married. They were the parents of 1) George W. Nunez, born 1842, 2) Frances E. Nunez born 1844 who married Elbert M. T. Smith, 3) Mary Caroline Nunez born 1846 who married David Young, 4) Jasper V. Nunez, born 1847, 5) Newton C. Nunez, born 1848, 6) Sarah Angeline Nunez, born 1850 who married Henry Rush, and Hugh C. Nunez, born 1851. There is no indication that they ever lived in Madison Co., FL.

5) Mary Campbell, daughter of John Campbell and Mary Nicholson, was born about 1805. In the early 1820s in Appling Co., Ga. she married Malcolm Hugh Morrison, who was born about 1800 in N.C. Malcolm died about 1845. They were the parents of two children: Daniel and John Morrison. There is no indication that they ever lived in Madison Co., FL.

Allen Dennett, (1854-1916) the son of Margaret and Alexander Campbell, was the son who remained in Madison County. He and Winnie Jane Spradley had 13 children: Lenora Inez (1876-1933), married to Jessie Andrews, died in Indian River, FL.; William Asa (1878-1923) married to Edna Donaldson, lived in the Madison area; John Thomas, Sr. (1879-1937), married to Nina Hamilton, lived in the Madison area; Sylvia Floyd (1881-1959), married to Samuel Adams, lived in the Madison area; Dennett Caraway (1882-1932) married to Mamie Cruce, lived in the Madison area; Emma Jane (1884-1931) married to Colin Lewis, lived in the Taylor area; Pearl Lee (1860-1947), married to George Andrews, lived in the Madison area; Rosa Bell (1888-1920), married to William Lewis Sr., lived in the Shady Grove, Taylor area; Elam Neal (1890-1961), married Effie Spradley and moved to Polk County; Richard Ernest (1892-1958), married Sarah Godwin and ended up in Thomas County, Ga.; Margaret Georgia (1889-1992), married Charles Kersey and lived in Indian River; Robert William (1899-1901); and Nellie Mae (1901-1986), married David Denmark, Sr. and died in Leon County. Six of Allen and Winnie Jane's children were buried in Harmony Cemetery. While Allen and his wife, Winnie Jane Spradley were buried in the Campbell/Spradley Cemetery, near the Harmony Cemetery. Apparently there was some feuding between the Spradleys and Campbells over ownership of the small cemetery, and the case was taken to court. Today, the cemetery is known as the Campbell/Spradley cemetery.

Possibly, two of Allen and Winnie's sons, John Thomas, Sr. (1879-1939) and Dennett Caraway (1882-1932) may still have descendants in Madison County. A few Campbell families remain in the county. Many more Campbells remain imprinted in the history of the county, especially in the Harmony Church area.

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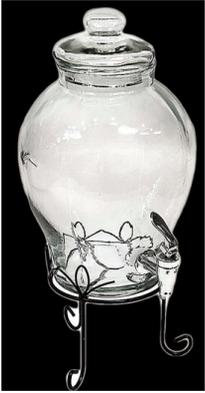
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Recall Update

Far East Brokers Recall Glass Beverage Dispenser Set Due to Injury Hazard; Sold Exclusively at Publix

This recall involves glass beverage dispenser set including, a clear glass oval shaped container with a clear glass lid, a silver spigot and a wire three-legged metal stand. The glass container holds up to 1.7 gallons of beverage and measures 13.5 inches high. The item number 962826 FEB44496-01-113 and barcode number 11546-34437 are both included on the packaging. About 4000 units were sold through Publix Super Market stores from April through June of 2014,



retailing for about \$25. The company has received reports of the metal stand breaking and one consumer injured while trying to catch the falling container.

Consumers should immediately stop using the container and stand and return the set to a Publix store for a full refund. The container was imported by Far East Brokers of Jacksonville and manufactured in China.

For more information about the product, contact Far East Brokers toll-free at (877) 695-8354 anytime, or online at www.fareast-brokers.com. Click on "Safety Recall."

Dynacraft Recalls Avigo Youth Bicycles Due to Fall Hazard; Sold Exclusively at Toys "R" Us

This recall involves the 20-inch Avigo Turn N Burn youth bicycles with model number 8107-62. The model number and date of manufacture, "08202013," are printed on a data label on the frame's seat tube. The bicycles have a silver frame, blue handlebars and black front fork with blue accents, hand brakes and a kickstand. The serial number can be found etched on the frame on the underside of the bottom bracket shell. Serial numbers included in the recall have:



• letters "DJFH" followed by a six-digit number between 026588 and 027104, and between 089533 through 090562;

• or the letters "DJFH" followed by a six digit number between 015107 and 015552, and between 100093 and 101193.

The front wheel on the bicycle can detach, posing a fall hazard. Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled bicycle and contact Dynacraft to arrange for a free repair. About 3100 of these bikes were sold through Toys "R" Us stores nationwide and online at ToysRUs.com between September 2013 and June 2014, for \$130. For more information about the product, contact Dynacraft at (800) 551-0032 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. PT, Monday through Friday, or online at www.dynacraft-bike.com. Click on "Owners," then select "Warnings/Recalls." The bikes were manufactured in China.

Pets Of The Week



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These two cute kitties were found as strays a few weeks ago but unfortunately, can't stay with their rescuer, as she is severely allergic. These little balls of fur are about 10 weeks old and have been wormed, but still need all of their routine vet care. The brother and sister pair is little box trained but do enjoy some outside time as well. The pair is currently living with a dog, so gentle dogs are okay as housemates.

"Orange" is the male, the cuddlier of the two and is very sweet and loveable. He also likes to keep close tabs on his sister. "Gray" is cuddly, but is also curious and more independent than her brother, but she still manages to keep him entertained by playing with him most of the day. "Gray's" coolest feature is that she has six toes on three of her feet.

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Around Madison County

Meet The People Behind Emergency Management

By Jessie R. Box
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Tom Cisco has been the Emergency Management Director since 2010. His responsibilities include planning for disaster, coordinating the Emer-

gency Management operation center, preparedness activities, exercises and training for first responders in Madison and being a resource for first responders in the county. Cisco's favorite part of the job is

"working with the first responders and community members to make them prepared in case of disaster."

When he is not working, he enjoys fishing and working outdoors. He also enjoys watching the new tele-

vision show, *The Last Ship*. The show, to him, is in the emergency management vein.

His advice to the Madison County resident during hurricane season is "always think it's not a question of 'if,' it's a question of 'when.' You have to take a small measure of ownership of your safety. Have an emergency supply kit and if asked to evacuate, do it."

Working along side Cisco is Leigh Webb, the Program Coordinator for Emergency Management. Her responsibilities include assisting Cisco with training and exercises, grant management, financial records and weather notifications.



Tom Cisco



Leigh Webb

Webb's favorite part of the job is "the outreach programs, especially in schools where we interact with kids and teach about preparedness."

When she is not working she enjoys going to the beach, playing softball and spending time with her kids. She is married to

John Webb and they have a six-year-old boy and a two-year-old girl. She also enjoys watching *NCIS* and reading Nicholas Sparks' books.

Her advice to the Madison County resident during hurricane season is to "always have a plan and be prepared."

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Simple Test Helps Doctors Catch More Concussions On The Field

On the football field, sometimes the signs of a concussion are subtle. A player may have taken a tough hit but isn't showing symptoms yet, and either doesn't notice anything is wrong or won't report it for fear of being taken out of the game.

Devastating injuries can occur if a concussed athlete continues to play. Luckily, researchers at the University of Florida and New York University have discovered a simple way to improve sideline detection of concussions. In an article published this month in the journal *Neurology: Clinical Practice*, the researchers report that adding one simple test to a team physician's sideline repertoire detected 100 percent of concussions that occurred during games.

"We want coaches to realize that the sooner we get them out, the sooner they can get back to a healthy state," said one of the study's co-authors, James Clugston, M.D., a UF team physician and an assistant professor of community health and family medicine in the UF College of Medicine. "If an athlete is playing with a concussion, there is a greater risk of getting a worse injury. Most of the time that means it takes longer to get better. It's also possible to get post-concussive syndrome, or second-impact syndrome, which may be fatal."

Researchers studied 217 athletes on UF's football team as well as the UF women's lacrosse and women's soccer teams for 18 months. During that time, 30 of the student-athletes were diagnosed with concussions they incurred during game competition or practice, Clugston said.

In the study, researchers evaluated the King-Devick test. Developed more than two decades ago, this vision test was initially used to evaluate children for learning disabilities. In 2011, NYU researchers, led by Laura Balcer, M.D., published findings showing that the test helped detect brain injury in boxers and mixed martial arts fighters.

During the test, athletes read a series of numbers arranged in patterns

on three index cards. Their baseline score is taken prior to play and used later to measure against their scores after a potential injury. During the UF study, this test was used in addition to the two other measures team physicians already use to evaluate potential concussions.

Alone, the King-Devick test identified concussions 79 percent of the time, but when combined with the other two tests — which measure cognition and balance — the trio was 100 percent accurate in recognizing concussions.

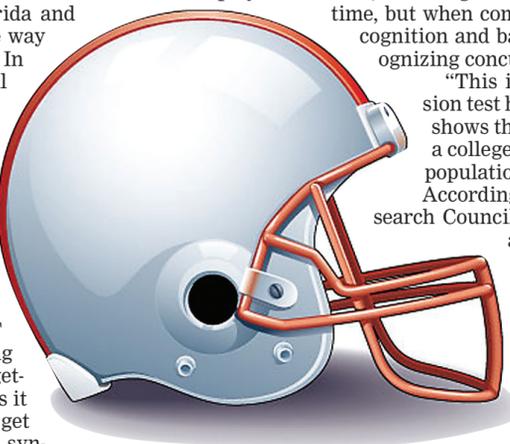
"This is the first study that has shown that adding a vision test helps to identify more athletes with concussion and shows the vision-based King-Devick test is very effective in a college setting," said Balcer, a professor of neurology and population health at NYU.

According to a 2013 Institute of Medicine and National Research Council report, concussions occurred in college athletes approximately every 4.3 out of 10,000 times they were on the field, either to practice or play.

UF team physicians are now using the full trio of tests to identify concussions in many of their athletes. In addition, more studies are planned to evaluate other tests and continue improving ways to detect concussions in athletes, Clugston said.

"These athletes have many things they want to do in life," Balcer said. "Protecting their brains is important."

UF Health, the most comprehensive academic health center in the Southeast, is a collaboration of the University of Florida Health Science Center and Shands. The colleges of Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Public Health and Health Professions, and Veterinary Medicine, various research centers and institutes, a network of faculty practices and the Shands family of hospitals fall under the UF Health umbrella, which extends to a regional campus in Jacksonville. UF Health also has a statewide presence through satellite medical, dental and nursing clinics staffed by UF health professionals and through affiliations with community-based health care facilities stretching from Hialeah and Miami to the Florida Panhandle.



Madison Braves To Play In Championship Game This Saturday At Boothill



By Rose Klein
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The Community Baseball League (CBL) will have their final championship game this Saturday, Aug. 9, at 11 a.m. The Madison

Braves will be taking on the Tallahassee Rays at Boothill Stadium in Madison, playing in a tied championship game series that will determine the 2014 CBL champions. Madison

Braves' Damon Brewer, former San Francisco Giants pitcher, will start from the mound opposing the Tallahassee Rays Logan Runyan.

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

CASE NO. 2014-65-CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF VERA H. CONE Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of VERA H. CONE, deceased, whose date of death was June 21, 2014, is pending in the Circuit Court for Madison County, Florida, Probate Division; File Number 2014-65-CP; the names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representatives' attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons, who have claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unsecured, contingent or unliquidated claims, and who have been served a copy of this notice, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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8/1, 8/8

MADISON BLUE, INC., a Florida corporation, Plaintiff,
vs.
PEDRO L. RODRIGUEZ, Defendant.

CIVIL ACTION
CASE NUMBER: 14-CA-12
DIVISION:

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that, pursuant to an Order or a Final Judgment of Foreclosure in the above-captioned action, Tim Sanders, Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, at the West Front Door of the Madison County Courthouse, 125 SW Range Ave., Madison, Florida at 11:00 a.m. on the 10th day of Sept., AD, 2014, the following described property:

Lot 25, River Country Subdivision, a subdivision as more particularly described in the Declaration of Restrictions and Protective Covenants filed at O.R. Book 136, page 216 of the Public Records of Madison County, Florida.

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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TIM SANDERS
Clerk of the Circuit Court

BY: *Pamela Dickinson*
Deputy Clerk

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8/8, 8/15

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

VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC., a Tennessee corporation authorized to transact business in Florida, Plaintiff,
vs.
DARLISA CHOICE WILLIAMS A/K/A DARLISA WILLIAMS A/K/A DARLISA CHOICE A/K/A DARLISA R. CHOICE, et al., Defendants.

CASE NO. 2013CA000270

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By: *Pamela Dickinson*
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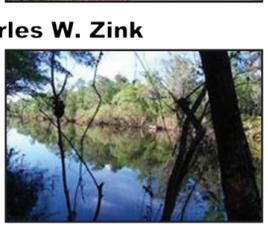
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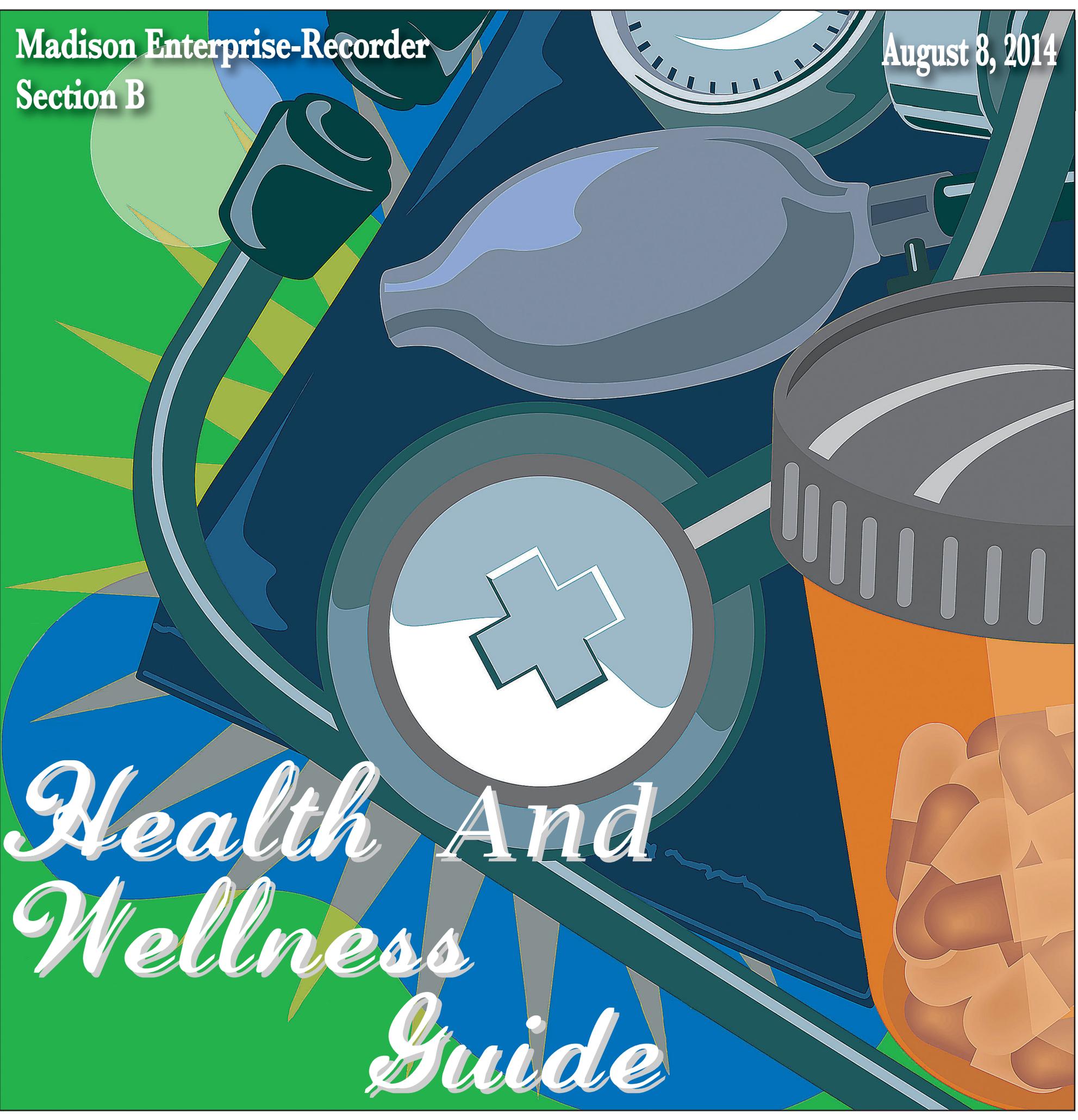
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Gov. Scott Announces Fee Reductions For Health Care Professionals

By Jessie R. Box
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Governor Rick Scott announced fee reductions for the licensing of certain health care professionals on Friday, July 25, which should save Floridian physicians and nurses a total of \$7.75 million.

The Board of Medicine will reduce the physician license renewal fee for the next biennium from \$360 to \$250. Physicians renewing their license in 2015 or 2016 will pay this lower fee, which has the potential to produce up to \$6 million in savings that can be reinvested into Florida's economy by these medical professionals.

The Florida Board of Nursing reduced the initial application and initial license fee effective July 1, 2014. Applicants for initial licensure as a Registered Nurse or Licensed Practical Nurse will now pay \$100 instead of \$165. It is estimated these fee reductions will result in a cost savings to new licensees of approximately \$1.75 million each fiscal year.

Medical professionals who practice in the state of Florida are required to be licensed. These licenses are renewed every two years. For more information on the license renewal process, please visit the Board of Medicine website at www.flboardofmedicine.gov or the Board of Nursing website at www.flboardofnursing.gov.



Study: Fist Bumps Reduce Spread Of Germs

Story Submitted

A popular friendly greeting may not be as innocent as it seems.

Although handshakes might be the preferred method of greeting others, fist bumps might actually be better for your health, according to a recent study published in the American Journal of Infection Control.

The study, an experimental model to compare the transfer of bacteria during greeting exchange, found that fist bumps transfer ten times fewer bacteria than handshakes.

"I would say microbiologically it only makes sense because bacteria, they like moisture, so you're going to find them in high levels where there's moisture," said Paul Gulig, a professor in the department of molecular genetics and microbiology.

The study found that nearly twice as many bacteria were transferred during a handshake compared with a high five, whereas the fist bump consistently gave the lowest transmission of bacteria.

Gulig said he believes the fist bump, despite being a viable alternative for the handshake, would not gain popularity as a greeting because of the

historical roots attached to handshakes.

"It goes all the way back at least to the Middle Ages," Gulig said. "The bottom line was that if you went to shake somebody's hand, you were basically saying 'I don't have a knife or a sword in my hand.'"

"It's a symbol kind of like 'I'm not threatening you.'"

A frequent fist bumper, 20-year-old UF marketing junior David Nassau first became a fist-bump fan after seeing a Miami Heat game with a friend.

"Dwyane Wade and LeBron James would do this double-tap fist bump on the side. It was something small, but we thought it was the coolest thing," Nassau said. "It just became a thing and casually evolved."

However, Nassau agrees that the findings of the study will not be enough to change individual greeting habits.

"In business, there are certain ways to go about things and that is going to be very difficult to change," Nassau said.

"However, in a casual setting, I think that studies like this will help people try to change their ways a little bit."

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Painkiller Reduces Hypersensitivity To Pain In Patients With Fibromyalgia

Story Submitted

Patients diagnosed with fibromyalgia complain of chronic pain throughout their bodies, but often doctors have difficulty detecting what causes the pain, and therefore, how to treat it.

These patients also complain of hyperalgesia, or increased sensitivity to pain. A University of Florida study published in the July issue of the *European Journal of Pain* has found that injections of the painkiller lidocaine in peripheral tissues such as muscles in the shoulders or buttocks reduced hyperalgesia, bringing researchers one step closer to understanding how chronic pain works within these patients.

"We hypothesized that if pain comes from the peripheral tissues, and we can take this pain away by injecting local anesthetics, then this would be indirect proof of the importance of peripheral tissues for the clinical pain of these individuals," said Roland Staud, M.D., a professor of medicine within the UF College of Medicine's department of medicine.

Sixty-two women diagnosed with fibromyalgia were involved in the study. Each woman received two injections in the trapezius muscles of the shoulders and the gluteal muscles of the buttocks, for a total of four injections per patient. The women were divided into several groups and given mechanical and heat pain stimuli immediately before and then 30 minutes after the injections. One group received four saline injections. The second group received four lidocaine injections.

Although the lidocaine injections significantly reduced hyperalgesia, the placebo injections did not. The study also found that the lidocaine and saline placebo injections both resulted in a 38 percent reduction in patients' clinical pain, or the pain a person feels at the point of injury as well as pain radiating throughout the area near the injury. There was no statistical difference between the painkiller and the saline placebo.

Treatment of chronic pain is difficult because doctors often can't detect evidence of injury at the site where patients experience pain, Staud said. But chronic pain affects the body differently than, for example, a single incident such as a leg break. It actually changes nerve function along patients' spinal cords, said Michael Robinson, Ph.D., director of the UF Center for Pain

Research and Behavioral Health.

He said hyperalgesia is a phenomenon in which the nervous system becomes sensitized to stimulation, amplifying the intensity perceived by the patient. Knowing what kind of treatment is successful in treating this sensitivity could bring researchers closer to providing relief to patients — combating their hyperalgesia and curbing chronic pain.

"The best way to treat chronic pain conditions is multidisciplinary and multimodal, looking at emotional, sensory and tissue damage. We know there are central and peripheral and social and behavioral components to someone saying, 'Ow, it hurts,'" said Robinson, also a professor in the department of clinical and health psychology in the UF College of Public Health and Health Professions.

For example, in a person with a history of cancer pain, even if the cancer has been treated and is in remission, experiencing new pain in the afflicted area can trigger associations with the pain surrounding the patient's cancer, including fears about the patient's prognosis and anxiety about treatment.

"That sensation may well feel more painful than if they just thought it was a tweaked muscle," Robinson said.

Staud said the study can help them develop better ways of managing chronic pain.

"Over-the-counter medications and prescriptions such as opiates aren't really effective for controlling chronic pain conditions," Staud said. "We are able to explain the pain of chronic patients better and manage it better. We are making progress but it will take time."



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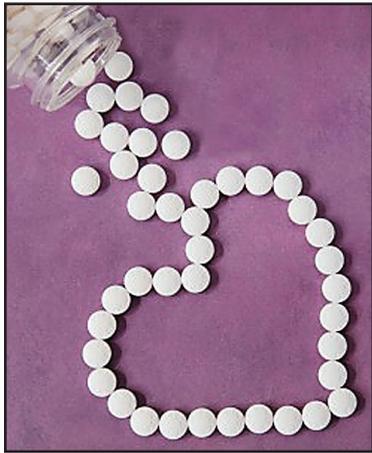
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MANY AT-RISK HEART DISEASE PATIENTS LACK GUIDANCE ON BENEFICIAL ASPIRIN TREATMENT



Story Submitted

A daily low dose of aspirin can offer important protection against cardiovascular disease, but University of Florida researchers say that the people who could receive the most benefit

from the medication may not be taking it.

A UF study found that only 40 percent of people who were at high risk of cardiovascular disease said they received a doctor recommendation for aspirin therapy, while one-quarter of people at low risk reported their doctors told them to take the drug.

The results appear Monday, July 14 in the Journal of the American Heart Association.

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, a panel of national experts in prevention and evidence-based medicine, recommends aspirin use to prevent heart attack and stroke in men age 45 to 79 and women age 55 to 79 when the benefit outweighs the risk of gastrointestinal bleeding, a possible side effect of regular aspirin use.

"Cardiovascular disease is a significant

problem in the United States and the appropriate use of prevention strategies is particularly important," said Arch G. Mainous III, Ph.D., the study's lead investigator and chairman of the department of health services research, management and policy at UF's College of Public Health and Health Professions. "Aspirin has been advocated as a prevention strategy but only for certain patients. There are health risks associated with the treatment. It is important that doctors are directing the right patients to get aspirin for cardiovascular disease prevention."

Other studies have examined whether people at risk of heart attack or stroke were taking aspirin, but the UF study is the first to explore whether a person had received a doctor's recommendation for aspirin.

For the study, UF researchers analyzed data from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey 2011-2012, a large, nationally representative survey that combines survey questions with laboratory testing. About 3,500 participants over age 40 were asked if their doctor had recommended they take low-dose aspirin for the prevention of cardiovascular disease, stroke or cancer. If they had received the recommendation, participants were also asked if they were following their doctor's advice.

The UF team compared individuals' survey responses to their Framingham Risk Score, a

risk assessment tool for determining a person's 10-year risk of having a heart attack. The tool calculates a score based on a person's age, gender, total and HDL cholesterol, smoking status and blood pressure. Researchers classified people who had a 10-year risk score of more than 10 percent as high risk, while patients with less than a 10 percent risk were classified as low risk.

"The results indicated that more than half of the patients who should have been recommended to take aspirin did not report being told by their health care provider to take aspirin," said Mainous, the Florida Blue endowed chair of health administration. "Further, a substantial proportion of those not at increased risk for cardiovascular disease were recommended to take aspirin."

"The vast majority of patients who reported being told to take aspirin were complying with their doctor's advice. The issue that was concerning to us wasn't adherence to treatment, but whether the right patients were being given advice on aspirin treatment appropriate for them."

Future research should evaluate whether making Framingham Risk Score computations available through electronic medical records would aid doctors in making accurate decisions about who should take low-dose aspirin, Mainous said.

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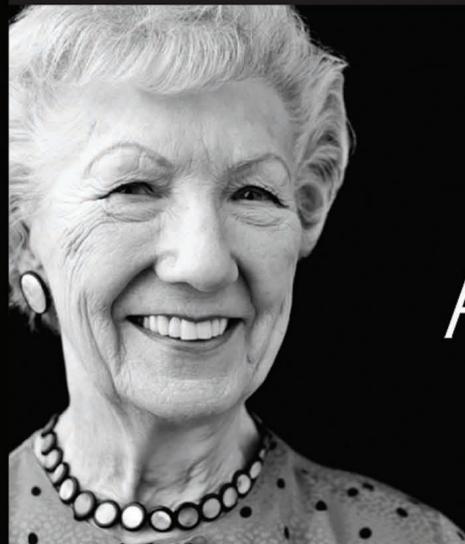
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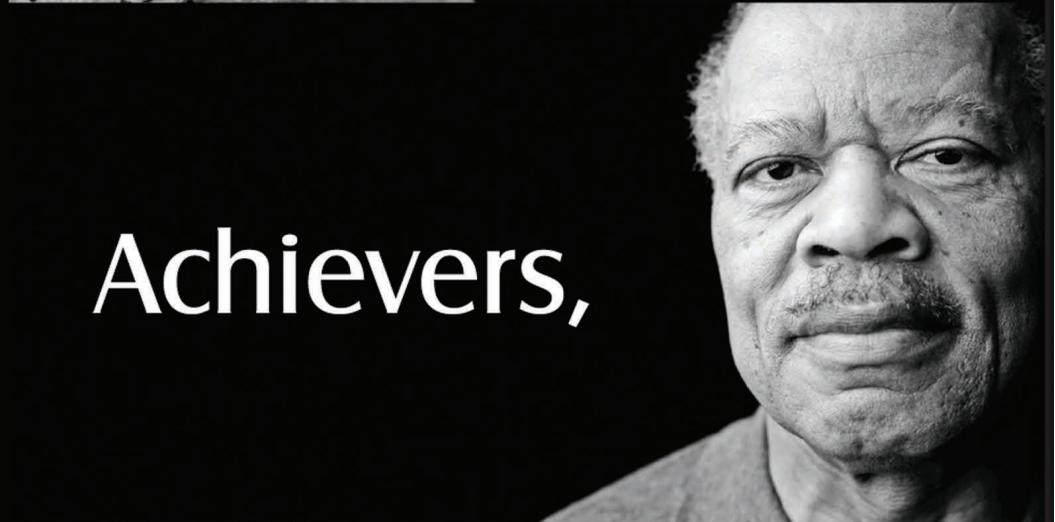
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Madison Resident Received Cutting Edge Heart Procedure

By Jessie R. Box
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Jeff Keel, 48, of Madison, received a new procedure called, CTO Angioplasty, from Dr. John Katopodis, MD, FACC and Dr. William Dixon, MD, FACC of Southern Medical Group, PA, on Friday, June 13 for a 100 percent blocked artery. Dr. Katopodis and Dr. Dixon are co-directors at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital for the CTO Program.

Keel's heart issues stem from his heredity. He learned in his 30s that he had hypertension.

"I chose not to act on what my doctor told me to do, which was take blood pressure medication," said Keel.

He had a triple bypass surgery eight years ago and was "good to go," but then noticed four years ago that he lacked stamina. He was an active person and exercised daily but was now getting exhausted from the simplest things.

He knew from experience what the issue was and immediately went to a cardiologist. The two ways to deal with completely blocked arteries,



Jeff Keel

also known as chronic total inclusion, is through medication or open-heart surgery and sometimes surgery is not an option.

With the new procedure, Dr. Dixon and Dr. Katopodis were able to poke through the plaque in the artery, and perform an angioplasty, which

is a technique of mechanically widening and opening up an obstructed artery. The surgery took two hours and was performed through the femoral artery. Keel compared the procedure to a heart catheterization.

With this new procedure, it is also possible to go through the wall of the artery and bypass the blockage to perform the CTO Angioplasty.

According to Dr. Katopodis and Dr. Dixon, this new procedure could benefit a lot of patients and greatly increase the opportunity to treat patients with 100 percent blocked arteries.

After the procedure, Keel had to stay in the hospital for observation for a night and as soon as he was out of the hospital was able to play with his band, Big Kettle Drum, where he plays the guitar, banjo and mandolin. His doctors did ask him to wait two weeks before restarting his exercise regiment.

Keel recommends that people be aware of their body. "You are not strong and cool by not going to the doctor."

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UF Research Shows Rhymes Can Inspire Reasoning During The Third Trimester In The Womb

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Mozart, Beethoven or even Shakespeare — pregnant mothers have been known to expose their babies to many forms of auditory stimulation. But according to researchers at the University of Florida, all a baby really needs is the sound of his or her mother's voice.

Research published in the most recent issue of the journal *Infant Behavior and Development* shows that babies in utero begin to respond to the rhythm of a nursery rhyme — showing evidence of learning — by 34 weeks of pregnancy and are capable of remembering a set rhyme until just prior to birth. Nursing researcher Charlene Krueger, Ph.D., A.R.N.P., and her team studied pregnant women who recited a rhyme to their babies three times a day for six weeks, beginning at 28 weeks' gestational age, which is the start of the third trimester of pregnancy.

"The mother's voice is the predominant source of sensory stimulation in the developing fetus," said Krueger, an associate professor in the UF College of Nursing. "This research highlights just how sophisticated the third trimester fetus really is and suggests that a mother's voice is involved in the development of early learning and memory capabilities. This could potentially affect how we approach the care and stimulation of the preterm infant."

Krueger's team recruited 32 pregnant women during their 28th week of pregnancy, as determined by fetal ultrasound. The participants were between 18-39 years of age, spoke English as a primary language and were pregnant with their first baby. Once recruited, the women were randomly assigned to either an experimental or control group. The mean age of the women in the group was 25. In addition, 68 percent of the women were white, 28 percent were black and four percent were of another race or ethnicity.

From 28 to 34 weeks of pregnancy, all mothers in the study recited a passage or nursery rhyme out loud twice a day and then came in for testing at 28, 32, 33 and 34 weeks' gestation to evaluate for the emergence of learning. To determine if the fetus could remember the pattern of speech at 34 weeks of age, all mothers were asked to stop speaking the passage. Then the fetuses were tested again at 36 and 38 weeks' gestational age.

During testing, researchers used a fetal heart monitor, similar to what is used during traditional labor and delivery, to record heart rate and determine any changes. Researchers interpret a small heart rate deceleration in the fetus as an indicator of learning or familiarity with a stimulus.

At testing, the fetuses in the experimental group were played a recording of the same rhyme their mother had been reciting at home but spoken by a female stranger. Those in the control group heard a different rhyme also spoken by a stranger. This was to help determine if the fetus was responding simply to its mother's voice or to a familiar pattern of speech, which is a more difficult task, Krueger said.

The researchers found that the fetus's heart rate began to respond to the familiar rhyme recited by a stranger's voice by 34 weeks of gestational age — once the mother had spoken the rhyme out loud at home for six weeks. They continued to respond with a small cardiac deceleration for as long as four weeks after the mother had stopped saying the rhyme until about 38 weeks. At 38 weeks, there was a statistically significant difference between the two groups in responding to the strangers' recited rhymes — the experimental group who heard the original rhyme responded with a deeper and more sustained cardiac deceleration while the control group who heard a new rhyme responded with a cardiac acceleration.

Further research is needed to more fully understand how ongoing development affects learning and memory, Krueger said. Her aim is to recognize how this type of research can influence care in the preterm infant and their long-term outcomes.

"This study helped us understand more about how early a fetus could learn a passage of speech and whether the passage could be remembered weeks later even without daily exposure to it," Krueger said. "This could have implications to those preterm infants who are born before 37 weeks of age and the impact an intervention such as their mother's voice may have on influencing better outcomes in this high-risk population."

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Top 10 Reasons To Laugh

By Rose Klein
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Have you ever found yourself in a stressful situation, when you could feel your muscles tighten and your blood pressure begin to rise? Maybe your one of those individuals whose face turns red when upset and you feel the heat slowly start to spread across your face. We all have moments of negative emotion, and when we experience those moments, our mind and body need a way to reverse the emotional and physical effects left behind by tension and stress.

Through numerous studies, most everyone now knows how stress and tension, if not allowed to be released, can wreak havoc on our physical well-being. Finding ways to counter those moments described above can be difficult, but occasionally our bodies can take over and help us out. Imagine being at your wits' end, frustrated and unable to solve whatever offense is staring you in the face and then...you laugh, uncontrollably. This type of laughter has been described as "hysterical laughter," meaning you can't contain your giggles or guffaws and there's no need to even try. This might just be your body's way of saying, "Hey, lighten up and give me a break!"

Laughter can take the focus away from negative emotions and stress more effectively than any other distraction, and is beneficial to our bodies as well. Study after study has been done, showing "laughter (really is) the best medicine."

Here are some ways that laughter has been found to have a positive effect on people:

1. It Boosts the Immune System

Cortisol and epinephrine, the hormones that suppress the immune system, are reduced when we laugh, warding off infection, illnesses and general poor health. Laughter helps fight off bacteria, improves circulation and oxygen intake and has even been found as a beneficial addition to treatments for cancer and HIV patients.

2. It Helps Manage Pain

Norman Cousins, a patient suffering from a painful, debilitating disease, found that laughter offered relief from his symptoms and believed in it so much he published the observations in his autobiography, "Anatomy of an Illness." In his book, he states that 10 minutes of laughter (from watching comedies) provided him two hours of pain-free sleep. Robert Provine, professor of psychology and neuroscience at the University of Maryland concluded from studies that laughter

does have the ability to dull pain and people in pain or discomfort have found when they laugh, their pain doesn't bother them as much.

3. It Provides a Workout

If you've ever had a good belly laugh, one that leaves you with your sides hurting and your eyes watering, you have most likely felt out of breath and exhausted by the time you were through. This is because a good belly laugh exercises the diaphragm, contracts the abs and even works the shoulders leaving those muscles feeling relaxed afterwards. Another positive effect from laughter is it helps burn calories. Maciej Buchowski, a researcher from Vanderbilt University, conducted a study and found that 10-15 minutes of laughter burned 50 calories.

4. It Makes You More Attractive

Laughing requires as many as 15 facial muscles to produce a smile, increasing the blood flow around the face to make you appear younger. In another study, a sense of humor is the number one romantically attractive trait. Can you say, "aphrodisiac?"

5. It Promotes a Sense of Well-Being

Laughing not only makes us feel better when we do it, but

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Conservative Senior

Dear Conservative,

There are actually quite a few senior advocacy organizations out there promoting themselves as conservative alternatives to AARP.

While AARP, with a membership of almost 38 million, is by far the biggest and most powerful advocacy group for people age 50 and older, there are millions of older Americans that don't like or agree with their stance on various issues. Many believe AARP leans too far to the left despite its stated nonpartisan nature.

For seniors that are anti-AARP, there are numerous conservative leaning groups that you can join that may better represent your views, and most of them offer discount benefits too. Here are several to look into.

The Seniors Coalition: Established in 1990, this nonprofit organization has around four million supporters. Their key issues are to protect Social Security benefits, save Medicare, repeal Obamacare, eliminate the death tax and reform the Social Security COLA system. Members also get access to deals on travel, shopping, car insurance and a discount healthcare program. Annual membership fees to join run \$10 for one person per, or \$13.50 per couple. To learn more visit Senior.org, or call (202) 261-3594.

60 Plus Association: Established in 1992, this nonprofit group that claims over 7.2 million supporters, believes in smaller government and lower taxes. Their top priorities include the fight to end the inheritance tax, and taking steps to help save social security for future generations. There's no membership fee to join 60 Plus, but they do take donations for those who want to support their effort. They also don't offer discounts to their members. 60plus.org, (703) 807-2070.

American Seniors Association: Open to all ages, this for-profit group stands on what they call the five foundations of security for America's seniors. These include rebuilding the national values respecting seniors, Social Security and Medicare reform, tax code reform, and control of government overspending. Fees to join run \$15 per year, and members receive access to a variety of discounts on travel, health care, office supplies and more. AmericanSeniors.org, (800) 951-0017.

Association of Mature American Citizens: With more than one million members, this for-profit organization was started in 2007 for people age 50 and older. Their mission is to help seniors fight high taxes, reduce excessive government involvement in our day-to-day lives, and preserve American values. They also offer member discounts on auto insurance, travel, vision, dental, prescription drugs, and much more. Membership fees run \$16 per year, or less if you join for multiple years. Amac.us, (888) 262-2006.

The National Association of Conservative Seniors: Founded in 2012, this for-profit organization emphasizes two key missions. One is to provide members, age 60 and older, with services and benefits that include discounts on travel, quality of life opportunities, better insurance and financial programs at competitive prices, and savings on household goods, food, and fun. And the second is to uphold conservative values in the United States. Membership is free the first year, but costs \$12 the second year. Or, for \$5 per month you can become a "Gold Patriot" member and receive their "Click to Call" feature, which gives members direct connection to government officials. Naocs.us, (800) 570-7769.

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CHIKUNGUNYA VIRUS CROPPING UP IN FLORIDA

By Lynette Norris
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With mosquitoes, if it isn't Equine or West Nile virus, it's something else, and this time, that something else is Chikungunya virus, or Chik-V, as it's becoming known.

The first case cropped up in Florida earlier this year, with 18 cases reported by June 8. By June 14, the number of cases was 42. As of July 29, the latest figures from the CDC show 107 cases in Florida. New York was the second highest state with 44 reported cases, and New Jersey was third with 25 cases. Nationwide, the total is 601.

Unlike the West Nile virus, Chikungunya is rarely fatal, although people with weak immune systems are at a higher risk of complications. It is also not a new virus (it was first noted in the African continent in 1962), although few people outside the medical field may have heard about it before now.

It is currently making the news because of the recent spike in stateside cases, especially in Florida, which has the lion's share, as well as its attendant symptoms of high fever with intense headaches, muscle and joint pain, described as "debilitating and miserable." In some cases, joint pain can last for months after the initial infection has passed.

Also, the cases being tracked by the CDC are almost exclusively cases of returning travelers who contracted the illness in the Caribbean (where thousands of cases have been reported), South America, the South Pacific Islands or other places where the virus is widespread.

In Florida, 105 of the reported cases are travelers who were infected abroad; only two were acquired locally, with bites from infected mosquitoes.

The virus has actually been on the CDC's radar since 2006, with reports showing an average of 28 persons per year suffering from the disease. All were travelers returning to the U.S. from affected areas, mostly Asia.

In the U.S., two species of mosquito, the Asian tiger and the yellow fever mosquito, can transmit the virus, which spreads from mosquito to human and back to mosquito again. Although both mosquitoes are imported varieties from years back (the Asian tiger mosquito's native range is southeast Asia, while the yellow fever variety is native to Africa), both of these species are now quite at home here in the U.S., especially in the Southeast, and they are here to stay. Entomologist Marah Clark with the City of Jacksonville Control Division states that these two species might as well be considered local mosquitoes. "They are in your backyard, and the best thing to do is follow the guidelines with the



CDC (for avoiding mosquito bites)."

This can be more of a challenge than usual, because both of the species are active during broad daylight, instead of just at dusk or dawn. The Asian tiger mosquitoes are especially bothersome, being more closely associated with humans and likely to hang around human habitation, rather than hanging out in swamps and wetlands as most "normal" mosquitoes do. These mosquitoes can be easily distinguished by their black and white striped legs and black and white "tiger-striped" markings on their bodies. They are small and fast, and when the females go into attack/feeding mode, they are persistent and mean.

Since there is no way to tell which mosquito is infected and which one isn't, the best way to avoid a chance encounter with the Chikungunya virus is to avoid a bite. CDC guidelines include:

Insect repellent containing DEET applied to clothing and skin, whether you are going into wooded areas or just out in the yard, whether at high noon or late in the evening. Mosquito-repellent coils, citronella torches or candles on patios and decks can also help drive the insects away while you work or relax outside. Other options include clip-on battery-operated insect repellent devices. Inquire about these at hardware stores and places with outdoor or gardening sections.

Wear long clothing. Yes, this is Florida in the summer, but if you can stand the long sleeves and long pants, they're good protection. Light colors appear to work better than dark colors.

Get rid of any standing water around your home. Also consider clearing out that undergrowth and brushy area. Mosquitos love to hide in thick foliage during the heat of the day, and have been known to take refuge in large hanging ferns under porches.

Use screening in windows and around porches and patios, and keep them in good repair.

When you travel, take along the insect repellent and other protection.

So far, locally-contracted cases of the virus have been extremely rare, but Dr. Daniel Cantor of Duval County feels that it could spread rapid-

ly and become a public health threat under the right conditions, requiring only that a mosquito bite an infected person and then bite someone else, or perhaps several someone elses. Then, more mosquitoes bite the newly infected hosts and then go one to bite others, and so on. Protection is key.

Considering the painful symptoms of the Chik-V virus, it may be worth a little extra preventative effort.

The virus' incubation period can be anywhere from one to 12 days, but two or three days after a bite by an infected mosquito is about the average length of time before symptoms appear, and the vast majority of those infected will develop symptoms; these often include a high fever of up to 104 degrees (F) or 40 degrees (C), a rash on the trunk, limbs and/or extremities that is either petechial (tiny blood vessels rupturing under the skin) or maculopapular (resembling a heat rash), and musculoskeletal pain in various joints. The pain from this has been described variously as similar to arthritis or like the worst case of Type-A-flu-with-body-aches the patient has ever experienced.

The high fever may suddenly end after a couple of days, but the joint pain can linger, lasting anywhere from several days, weeks or months to even a year or two after an infection passes. This is the part of the disease that many find so incredibly miserable, with chronic pain that can impede their ability to function normally. The length of time the joint pain remains seems to be linked to the age of the patient, with younger patients generally recovering faster than middle-aged or elderly patients.

Other symptoms can include intense headaches, with nausea, vomiting, insomnia, conjunctivitis, sensitivity to light and extreme weakness and fatigue that lasts for several days. Less common symptoms are retinal lesions and swelling of the legs.

The lingering joint pain after acute infections can resemble symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis in many patients, but studies done after recent epidemics have revealed no markers for autoimmune diseases in the patients' blood. The causes are not fully understood, although increased age and prior rheumatological disease seem to be linked to long-term post-infection joint pain.

Although the Chik-V virus is seldom fatal, it is painful and debilitating, and can impact a patient's health for a considerable amount of time. There is no cure for the infection, which must run its course, only treatment to lessen the severity of the symptoms. There is no vaccine that will provide immunity. There is only prevention, which means protection from mosquito bites.

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laughter is contagious and positively affects others around us. Some view laughter in the workplace as interference or distraction, but laughter actually increase productivity and effectiveness and may decrease absenteeism from physical and mental health problems. Humor gives a more lighthearted perspective and helps us view tasks or events as challenges: learning to laugh at our mistakes is one of the best things we can do to feel good about ourselves.

6. It Improves Blood Pressure

Laughter has been shown to balance blood pressure and increase vascular blood flow, making it a powerful ally when fighting heart disease. In a study conducted at the University of Maryland, results indicated laughter seemed to cause the endothelium (the tissue lining the blood vessels) to expand, allowing for better blood flow.

7. It Boosts Social Skills

A single funny person can lift the spirits of everyone around them, so the next time you find yourself alone in a room full of people, ask yourself if you have been a "Debbie Downer or Pessimistic Pete." People naturally gravitate to what make them feel good, and laughing is an act that draws people to you. Finding humor in your life, instead of looking at what's wrong with your life, will only improve your social skills, not to

mention your mood. Many scientists believe laughter builds bonds by connecting us with each other; the more comfortable you feel with someone else, the easier it is to laugh, creating social harmony.

8. It Kick-Starts Internal Organs

Laughing energizes our heart, brain and lungs, stimulating these organs to work more efficiently by the increase of blood flow and oxygen as mentioned above. Laughter is also believed to aid our digestive system and can help people with conditions such as irritable bowel syndrome and diverticulosis. Laughter is also purported to releases toxins from the body.

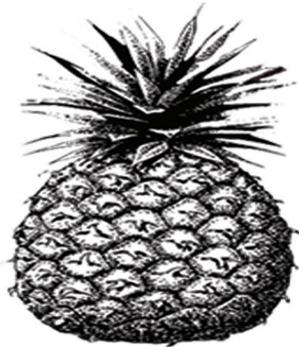
9. It Reduces Aggression and Fear

Like the scenario with hysterical laughing described above, laughter takes focus away from negative emotions and stressful situations in a beneficial way. It is also a way to reduce tension and anger in social settings. If you've ever been in a room where tension was so thick, a knife was needed to cut it, you know the benefits of a good, well-placed joke that allows everyone to relax. Unfounded fear can also be helped with a little humor. A good example of this is clown doctors, professionally trained entertainers, who work with medical staff to ease fear in patients, mostly children, but also families, helping them to cope

with serious illness or treatments.

10. It's Free

Laughter costs you nothing, but gives you so many benefits in return. It's effective, available everywhere and needs no prescription. Laughter is part of every language and understood across all ages and cultures. Another bit of information on laughing all us 'mature' folks should know, it has been found that while children laugh 300-400 times a day, adults reduce their laughter to just 10-15 times a day. A little change might be in order.



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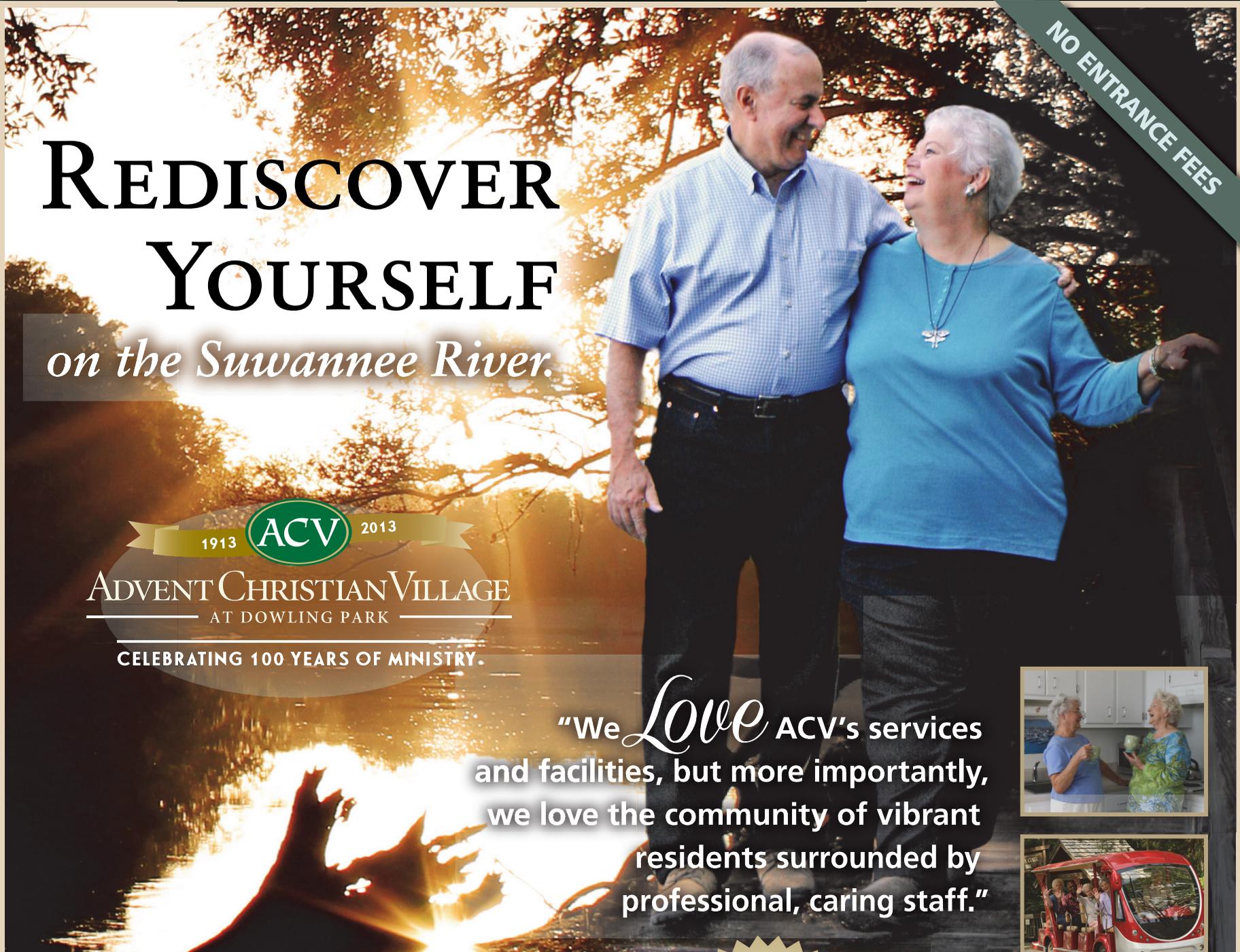
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