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FIRES BLAZE Over July 4th

Blaze Consumes Trailer

According to the City of Madison Fire Department report, a late-afternoon structure fire extensively damaged a doublewide mobile home located at 1404 Boundary St. (pictured right). Madison Fire Rescue personnel, supported by officers of the Madison Police Department, Madison County Sheriff's Department and Madison County EMS, responded to the call at 5:03 p.m.



Photo Submitted by Pat Lightcap

The home was unoccupied at the time of the

blaze, although furniture and other items were stored there. There were

no reported injuries and the State Fire Marshall has been notified.



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo, July 4, 2009

Fire Causes \$23,000 Damage

The City of Madison Fire Department reports that a fire has caused an estimated \$23,000 worth of damage to a trailer located at 143 Cannon Trail (pictured left), which is near the intersection of SR 360 and I-10. The Independence Day fire is under investigation, although no reports of wrongdoing have been issued. The call came in at 11:15 p.m. on July 4.

Four-Wheeler Crash Claims Life Of 11-Year-Old



Photos Submitted

The Honda ATV driven by Eduardo Fernandez crashed into a tree alongside Camelot Way in Lee on July 3. Eduardo (inset) was pronounced dead at the scene. He was a student at Madison County Central School.

By Michael Curtis
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The Florida Highway Patrol announced on Friday, July 3, that Eduardo Fernandez, an 11-year-old Madison County resident, died after the four-wheeler he was driving struck an embankment and overturned alongside Camelot Way in Lee near his home.

According to the FHP report, Fernandez and passenger Leonardo Tamayo, 26, were traveling north on SE Camelot Way on a Honda ATV, when Fernandez passed a vehicle on the left side. As he crossed back in

front of the vehicle, the front right tire of the four-wheeler struck a small embankment on the northeast, which jerked the wheel to the right, causing the vehicle to swerve into a large tree near the roadway.

Witnesses noted that when the four-wheeler jumped the embankment, it swerved northeast and caught the edge of the tree, tipping on its nose and then turning in its axis, resting upright against several nearby smaller trees. As the four-wheeler did so, Fernandez' head struck the tree and Tomayo went

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Toxic Mold Forcing EMS Move



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EMT Supervisor Lisa Jordan points to the toxic black mold on the ceiling of the central room in the EMS building. Dozens of areas like this one are currently being crudely covered by pieces of plastic to attempt to slow the spread of harmful spores.

By Michael Curtis
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It's an ugly irony, but those who specialize in rescuing others are now in need of rescue. The headquarters for Madison County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is contaminated with toxic black mold and county officials are scrambling to find them a new facility. The broken down, blue metal building beside the jail that they call home — which also houses the Thrift Store and other storage — has been well past its prime for years, although Juan Botino

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Help Needed For Fire Victims

By Jacob Bembry
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Firefighters from Sirmans, Greenville, New Home and Madison responded to a fire at 415 SW Wabasso Terrace on Friday, June 26.

According to reports, the fire destroyed the home of Francis and Judy Hand. A shed was also lost in the fire.

No one was at home at the time the fire erupted. A neighbor spot-

ted the fire and immediately called 911.

The Hands and four other family members (including an 11-year-old granddaughter) lived in the home, which was comprised of two singlewide trailers joined with a roof over them.

The family did not have any homeowners' insurance and both families suffer from poor health.

Rocky's Store in Shady Grove has proven to be good neighbors.

Alisa Pullum, the manager of the store, had provided drinks and food for the family, as well as for the fire department personnel, who were on the scene doing mop-up work.

Alisa and her husband have firsthand knowledge of how devastating a fire can be. Two years ago, they lost their home in a fire.

Rocky's has also set up a donation bucket and are taking clothes donations. Alisa can be reached at Rocky's at (850) 584-2596.

Local Seniors Need Help From The Community

By Bryant Thigpen
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While everyone enjoys the comfort of their own home, it gets tough for seniors. Many seniors become dependent on their loved ones and the services that help keeping them along. That's where the Senior Citizens Council of Madison County comes into the picture. The Senior Center works diligently year-round to help prolong their stay at home by working to meet the needs the seniors may have.

A list of items is available at the Senior Center
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Carter's Questioning Leads To Arrest

On July 1, at 9:25 p.m., Officer Reginald Alexander was dispatched to SE Pride Street in Madison for battery.

According to a police report, the victim was at her friend's house when Charles Carter arrived and knocked on the door. Carter then entered the res-



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Madison Neighborhood Watch Program Organizing

Citizens meeting set for July 13 with Sheriff Ben Stewart and Chief Rick Davis

In an effort to support neighborhood safety and quality living in Madison, citizens are organizing a Neighborhood Watch Program. Accordingly, organizers have arranged a question and answer period with Madison County Sheriff Ben Stewart and City of Madison Police Chief Rick Davis.

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Charlie H. Moore, Jr., Passes

Deacon Charlie H. Moore, Jr. (affectionately known as "Junior" by some) was born April 4, 1926, in the Hamburg Lovett community of Madison County to the late Charlie H. Moore, Sr., and Lillie Smith Moore. Charlie was the youngest of eleven children. His parents and siblings preceded him in death.



He was converted at an early age and joined
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Local Weather

Wed 7/8 90/72



Scattered thunderstorms in the morning becoming more widespread in the after.

Thu 7/9 87/72



Scattered thunderstorms possible.

Fri 7/10 88/72



A few thunderstorms possible.

Sat 7/11 93/74



Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 70s.

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VIEWPOINTS & OPINIONS

I Didn't Know That! (WHY WE SAY THE THINGS WE SAY!)

"Spit Fire"

"I had no idea you were such the little spitfire." I felt certain it wasn't a compliment. But I couldn't say for sure.

Not to be confused with the World War II fighter plane by the same name, spitfire is not an unfamiliar label for women in the South. In essence, it's a euphemism (big word meaning you go polite when you'd much prefer to use the "b" word... Our Southern equivalent of "Bless his heart" spoken just before we say what we really think.)

But try to find the origin on this one, and you'll have to dig.

In case you aren't familiar, the word refers to one with a feisty, fiery, spunky spirit, most often a female. (Personally, I prefer to call it "passionate concern," but I don't get to decide these things.)

One source traces the word to Elizabethan roots, crediting its source as one, Lord Spitfire, (but since Lord Spitfire is not a woman, I question the accuracy of this, thus we move on.)

Digging deeper we find that the word was first used in the 1600s, no doubt from someone (I'm guessing a woman) whose feisty spirit made her forever synonymous with one who spits fire from her mouth when she needs to get something done.

I was told my great-grandmother was a spitfire. I'm thinking this may be genetic.

But whatever the true story, I prefer the definition of "a person subject to strong emotion" as opposed to what we all know it really means.

"Burning The Midnight Oil"

Here of late we have a theme, but to be sure (as I get asked about these things if I don't follow up) burning the candle at both ends has nothing to do with burning the midnight oil (save for the fact that both expressions convey a message of wakefulness). Otherwise, they are different expressions entirely. One hails from England; the other - straight from the Bible.

Yes, both phrases engage primordial light-burning devices, and it is true that burning the midnight oil is often used to mean one who works well into the night. But scripturally, the connotation goes much deeper, having to do with being awake, aware and ever watchful for the return of the Messiah, represented by the bridegroom in the story from which this expression hails.

In the parable of the ten virgins, Jesus likens the kingdom of heaven to those who are eagerly awaiting their bridegroom. Five wise, five foolish, the latter took no oil for their lamps while the wise (like responsible girl scouts) were always prepared.

From the book of Matthew (25: 6 - 10) we read: "And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, No so; lest there be not enough for us and you; but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut."

A passage more about being prepared than working late, the story is a reminder for Christians everywhere to be on your toes and ever watchful for the Lord's return.

"Johnny Cakes"

As if Talking Turkey and cooking High on the Hog wasn't enough to make your kitchen banter better, I am now researching everything from the history of strawberries (once believed to cause birthmarks) to the naming of the sandwich (John Montagu, fourth earl of Sandwich). In a nutshell, I never knew cooking could be this fun.

But as this is a Southern cookbook we're baking up, there are certain stories that I cherish...like the naming of the Johnnycake (those skillet greasy corn cakes that will only clog one artery).

Truth be told there are two stories tracing the name.

The first suggest that the original johnnycakes came to us via the Shawnee Indians, who taught the white man how to make them and how to eat them. From this, the original "Shawnee Cakes" were misinterpreted, and over time, slurred into the johnnycake today.

But the more likely story, credits the name not to Johnny, but to the journey for which these cakes were made. A staple for the trail rides and hunting expeditions of our earliest settlers making their way cross country, these journey cakes were soon the hit of the great frontier at a time when flour variation was likewise making the scene, (hence the phrase Selling like Hotcakes). Because they were easily transported and kept even better than flour, these journeycakes that we now call johnnycakes, were as American as apple pie.

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Letters To The Editor

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PROTESTING THE PROTESTORS

Two letters protest the hospital administration requirement for staff uniforms. I protest the protesters. We are fortunate that we could hire a hospital administrator for the hospital rescue underway as we sales-tax and government-grant our way to a new hospital. If buying a uniform is a financial hardship for current staff, they may consider the example of an army lieutenant colonel who grew up in Louisiana. His appearance for Staff College classes in Norfolk, Virginia was always inspection ready and his wife explained: he did his own laundry, not trusting the base laundry. Part of his college degree requirement was teaching one semester in her high school her senior year. He was as neatly dressed then although he wore the same shirt every day. Every night he washed and ironed the only shirt he had. (There were many other good reasons to marry him, of course.)

Marianne Green

Emerald's Gem Box
Emerald Greene
Publisher

THE 4th OF JULY FOOD~FUN~ AND MEMORIES

I love excuses to get together with friends and family and make memories/have fun. The 4th of July weekend was no different.

We started the fun-filled weekend out by going tubing down the Ichetucknee Springs. Cheltzie, Brooke, their two boyfriends Corey and Trent, and myself all left my house Friday morning at 7:00 a.m. to head to the river. We rented our tubes, sat in line for over an hour, finally made it into the park, they then had to sit and wait on me for another hour while I had to drive the car back to the "south entrance" and catch the van back to the "north entrance," and then finally we were off. Put our tubes in the COLD water, around 11 a.m. and off we went....tubing down the river/springs.

About 20 minutes into the float.... The thunder started, and then the rain. (No one told me it was going to rain that day.) For the first one and a half hours of the float it was cloudy, windy, and raining. I was miserable. You see I HATE cold. I was floating in cold water, the cloudy day and the wind was making me colder and then the rain started.... I had chill bumps and was shivering. My mind wondered, "How in the world will I be able to float for three hours in this?" But I continued to smile and tell the girls how much fun I was having.

But God heard my prayers (and I'm sure everyone else's floating down that river at the time), and it eventually cleared up. The sun came out and the last half of our float was absolutely perfect (except the fact I lost my sunglasses in the river.)

We eventually came to the end of our floating adventure, climbed out of the river and then stood in line while waiting on the tram to take us back to our car. The rain did hold out....until we got to our car to start unpacking our picnic lunch. No problem.... We sat on towels and started our trip home, instead. The "kids" unpacked the cooler and passed the lunch out, and we ate while driving home, in the car.

I still had/was having a great time with the kids. I guess I was more worried about them and what they were feeling/experiencing and if they were having fun. But all the worrying was in vain. They are teenagers, for gosh sakes. They can have fun no matter where they are, just as long as they are all together.

We got back to the house and the four of them swam in the pool, shot basketball, played pool and just "hung out" together. No worries.

The rest of the weekend found us hanging out with friends, eating more food, watching fireworks, going to Valdosta to see a movie, and watching a DVD movie at home.

It ended up being an absolutely perfect weekend. Even with the rain - I couldn't laugh then.... But I can laugh at it now. I have a quote taped above my computer at work that says, "Life is not what it's supposed to be. It's what it is. The way you cope with it is what makes the difference."

My Mother has always taught me to find the silver lining in everything, to always make the best of everything that comes across my path, but most importantly.... to make memories.

I try my best to make as many memories as I can. There WILL come a day when all we have left is memories.

Hug your children. Tell them you love them. And by all means....go do something with them. When our final days are upon us, we won't wish we had worked more during our life....we will wish we had spent more time with our loved ones.

Until then.... I'll see you around the town.

Red, White & True Mysteries

Jackie was born in Los Angeles in 1914. There didn't appear to be anything wrong with the baby at first.

Jackie was somewhat of an oddball. Jackie would often fish ... using dynamite; only had one outfit, which was a big black overcoat; and always kept a cannon in the bedroom. Yes, a cannon.

But wait, there's more!

As an adult, Jackie had a treehouse in the backyard. Also rode a motorcycle. And was bald, with bulging eyes unlike anything you have ever seen.

Jackie's niece and nephew referred to Jackie as an uncle. Speaking of the nephew, he was a bit odd, too, as evidenced by the fact that he had a pet octopus. In fact, the whole family was a little, how shall we say it, weird. But that was part of what made them so appealing. Their neighbors thought they were strange, yet this family thought their normal neighbors were strange. Again, it's part of what made them so appealing.

The entire family had a few unusual pets, including hawks, bats and an alligator. Not to mention that the cat was a lion, and they also had spiders, two piranha and a vulture, as well as a man-eating plant.

This was no ordinary family that Jackie was a part of; in fact, it was something that you would expect to see on a television sitcom.

There's one other

thing you should know about Jackie: He was once married to actress Betty Grable. She was his first wife, and he would later marry three more times.

You see, Jackie was the actor known as Jackie Coogan, but he was best known as Uncle Fester on The Addams Family show!

It was in his role as Uncle Fester that he did all of the above strange things on The Addams Family. He also played many other memorable roles during his career, including that of Charlie Chaplin's sidekick in "The Kid" and the title role in Oliver Twist. He was one of the very first child actors to become a big star, and he was the first star to get a major merchandising deal, with his likeness appearing on numerous products.

In addition to his Addams Family legacy, Jackie Coogan played a role in getting the California Child Actor's Bill passed into law. Jackie earned more than \$4 million as a child actor, but his mother and stepfather took most of it.

By the time Jackie sued, most of the money had already been spent. He received only \$126,000 after his legal expenses. Charlie Chaplin, who discovered Jackie Coogan as a child actor, helped Jackie financially. The Child Actor's Bill, which gave child actors certain rights over their contracts and their money, is often referred to as the Coogan Law.

LAST WEEK'S Online Poll

Which is your preferred news source?

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|---------------|----|
| Internet | 18 |
| TV | 10 |
| Newspaper | 8 |
| Radio | 2 |
| Magazine | 2 |
| Word of mouth | 0 |

This week's question: Where did you celebrate July 4th?

To view and participate in our weekly online poll, visit www.greenepublishing.com.

VIEWPOINTS & OPINIONS



Lee Limelight
Jacob Bemby
Columnist

Birthdays And Barbecues

I hope that everyone had a happy and safe Independence Day and took time to thank God for the freedoms we all enjoy as Americans.

Lee Worship Center held a cookout and gospel sing on Saturday. Lots of local folks set off fireworks and lit up the night sky over Lee.

Glen and Revonda Frith and Elvoe and Betty Thomas hosted their fifth anniversary at Studstill Lumber last Wednesday. They also held the open house in

the newly-renovated building. Congratulations to them.

Tiffany Phillips will celebrate her birthday on Thursday, July 9. Brad Forrest will celebrate his big day on Monday, July 13.

That's all the news for this week! Have a great week and a beautiful forever! May God bless each and every one of you!

A note from co-writer Bryant Thigpen: Please remember Jacob in your prayers. As many of you know, Jacob's brother Danny was taken to the hospital on Friday, had heart surgery Monday morning, and has been diagnosed with severe Coronary Heart Disease.

Danny came through the surgery okay, but is experiencing complications from post surgery. Please remember Jacob and his family in your prayers.

Civil News

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Pictures from the PAST



U.S. Navy photo, April 9, 1959

Mrs. Marshall Hamilton and a group of her seniors were guests of the Naval Air Reserve Training Unit, Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, on April 9, 1959. In addition to boarding several types of Naval aircraft, the high school students visited the station fire department; power plant; chapel and aircraft hangars. Mrs. Hamilton is shown with her pupils alongside a Navy F9F jet "Cougar."

Did You Know...

If you stretch a standard Slinky out flat, it measures 87 feet long.



Phantom

National Security
Joe Boyles
Guest Columnist



For about 10 years of my military career, I flew the McDonnell-Douglas F-4 Phantom II. Developed originally by the Navy as a fleet defense fighter, the Air Force adopted the F-4 as its mainstay tactical fighter in 1962. Still, the aircraft retained at least three elements of its original Navy design: two engines, heavy landing gear, and a strong tailhook.

The Phantom was an ungainly looking aircraft with wingtips bent upward and a horizontal stabilizer bent downward, but those two big J-79 turbojet engines would get the machine moving in a hurry proving the old adage that "with enough power, even a brick can fly."

In fact the Phantom was a Mach 2 fighter, capable of flying more than twice the speed of sound. The fastest I ever flew was Mach 2.05, a little over 1400 miles per hour true airspeed. Of course, as fast as the airspeed gauge was increasing, the fuel gauge was decreasing, so that type of speed wasn't too practical.

One of the most amazing things to me was how quickly the big aircraft could accelerate. With both engines in full afterburner and the aircraft unloaded, you could gain a hundred knots in seconds. It would literally run away from you.

Dry, the aircraft weighed about 29,000 pounds and we could double that weight to 58 thousand with fuel and ordnance. The engines produced about 25 thousand pounds of thrust at military power. In full afterburner, they produced 35 thousand pounds so when we reduced our fuel below 6000 pounds, our thrust to weight ratio exceeded 1:1 – we could climb vertically, literally the world's fastest elevator.

Inside the cockpit, I sat on a Martin-Baker ejection seat which fortunately, I never had to activate. I had to make 11 separate connections to "strap in" to the egress and life support system of the aircraft.

The cliché "jack of all trades, master of none" is a good de-

scription of the F-4. We could haul every type of ordnance in the Air Force inventory and accomplish any mission: air intercept; close air support; interdiction; nuclear attack. Nine weapon stations permitted us to carry guns, missiles, and a wide variety of bombs and munitions. Armed with a tactical nuclear weapon, I sat alert in England, Germany, Italy, Turkey, and Korea. Probably the most ordnance I ever carried was eight thousand pounds of bombs, about twice the bomb load of a World War II B-17. That's a lot of iron.

in weapon during air-to-air fights.

For its day, the aircraft was quite maneuverable. A clean jet with less than 6000 pounds of fuel was capable of 8.5 Gs, but again, that wasn't too practical. Six Gs at corner velocity was a much more practical figure. The F-4E was retrofitted with leading edge slats that reduced the corner velocity to about 380 knots.

Against the multi-layered air defense threats of the old Soviet Union, we practiced a lot of low level, high speed attacks. I can't describe how bumpy a ride it is at 540 knots and 75 feet altitude across a hot desert floor. I have a lot of dents in my helmet to prove the point. Not surprisingly, we lost more than a few jets and crews practicing such tactics.

The F-4 was an all-weather aircraft, so we had radar and a blind bombing system. It also proved to be a good platform for add-on sensors in the 1970s as the Air Force began its early experiments with precision guided weapons. At this point, we began to trade in quantity for quality. For example, if ten "dumb bombs" give you a probability of kill (pK) of 50 percent, then one "smart bomb" may improve the pK to 80 percent.

By the mid-1980s when I last flew fighters, the Air Force had begun to phase out the F-4 for more modern and capable Eagles, Falcons, and Thunderbolts. By that time, McDonnell-Douglas had built 5076 Phantoms at its Lambert Field, St. Louis facility. I cannot foresee another production run that large for a military aircraft. Today's combat aircraft are much more capable and enormously expensive. Besides, the future trend is toward unmanned aircraft flown from a remote console thousands of miles from the battlefield.



1975 — Intrepid aviator climbs aboard the trusty Phantom.

In 1972, I flew 121 combat missions in the F-4, first from DaNang Airbase in Vietnam and then Korat Airbase in Thailand. These missions ran the gamut of close air support, interdiction, and air defense. On a "Linebacker" mission, I might be one of more than a hundred fighters approaching North Vietnam from the west while the Navy sent a like number from the east. Generally, we flew in 4-ship formations.

When the Navy designed the aircraft, the prevailing wisdom was that a gun was unnecessary; all future air-to-air engagements would be fought with missiles. Consequently, the F-4C and D models had no gun – we could carry a 2000 pound gun pod on the centerline station, but that

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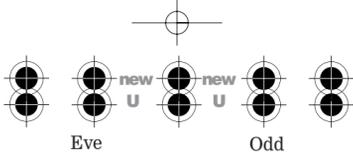
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CRIME BLOTTER & FROM PAGE ONE

Madison County CRIME BEAT

ALL SUSPECTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED
INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY IN A
COURT OF LAW

McQuay Arrested

On July 3, at approximately 6 p.m., Patrolman Gilbert was dispatched to SW Georgetown Rd., in reference to a trespassing after warning call.

According to the police report, Gilbert responded to the call on Georgetown Rd. Upon arrival, Gilbert spoke with the victim who reported that her ex-boyfriend, Eugene McQuay, came over and took the keys to her house. He then questioned the victim of who he was and where he lived, and was informed that McQuay had a trespassing warning for the entire Madison Heights Complex. Gilbert was then informed of where he was and what he should be wearing.

Gilbert went to the residence of McQuay, where he said he had been to the residence, but did not have her house keys.

McQuay was then placed under arrest for trespassing after warning and was transported to the Madison County Jail.

Gonsalves Arrested

According to the police report, On July 2, at approximately 8:38 p.m., Patrolman Joseph Agner was dispatched to the Madison Heights Apartments in reference to a trespassing.

An anonymous caller notified dispatch that Donovan Malachi Gonsalves was at the apartment complex, but had been issued a trespassing warning. Agner was advised that there was a trespassing warning that was issued by Sgt. Chris Cooks of the Madison Police Department on Sept. 10, 2008.

When Agner arrived at the complex, he spotted Gonsalves walking toward the E-building. Agner then made contact with Gonsalves and placed him under arrest for trespassing after warning.

Agner was then advised Gonsalves was on county probation in Madison County.

Gonsalves was charged with trespassing after warning and violation of probation.

Carter

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idence and requested that the victim come outside. Carter refused to go outside and Carter reached over the coffee table and grabbed the victim by her clothes. The victim used much force and snatched the victim's clothes off, leaving scratches and bruises on the arm. Witnesses were present confirming the victim's testimony.

According to a separate police report, on July 2, at approximately 3:31 p.m., Patrolman Jeff Rosenberg was at the intersection of Moore and Thompkins St. Rosenberg was looking for a blue or purple Chevrolet vehicle. The car was believed to contain Carter, who was wanted for questioning in the battery case.

Rosenberg observed a car that matched the description, and at the intersection of Armwood and SE Farm Road, he activated the emergency lights, signaling the car to stop. The vehicle continued on Armwood and did not stop until he turned onto County Camp Road.

Rosenberg then made contact with the driver, and observed that Carter was sitting in the passenger seat. The patrolman then asked for the passenger's name and he replied Ron John and provided a false social security number. Rosenberg had Carter's driver's license photo in the patrol vehicle. The person in the passenger seat was the same person in the photo.

Officer Reginald Alexander arrived at the scene and verified that it was in fact Charles Carter. Alexander advised Carter to step out of the vehicle. Carter was then placed under arrest.

While searching Carter's personal belongings, Rosenberg found a white powdery substance wrapped in a five dollar bill. Also inside Carter's pocket were two straws approximately two inches in length.

Carter was charged with battery, resisting without violence, possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Carter was transported to the Madison County Jail.

Neighborhood Watch

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The session will be held on July 13, at 7 p.m., at the Public Safety Academy at North Florida Community College. The facility is located at #35 Anhinga Lane, which can be easily accessed from Highway 53 North (Washington), by taking the first left after Oak Ridge Cemetery, just out of downtown.

Organizers further stated, "Everyone's invited. We need residents from all districts to attend." For additional questions, please call (850) 445-7755.

Black Mold

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and his staff have managed to provide exceptional services in spite of the less than desirable digs.

Those conditions have now passed a point of no return, however, and the mold is beyond cleaning or cost-effective treatment. Illnesses have occurred as a result, so health officials have given the order to relocate. The question is "Where to move them?"

During their board meeting of July 1, county commissioners were presented a few preliminary suggestions, including rental of temporary space at North Florida Community College, the purchase and renovation of a building near downtown Madison, and/or temporarily splitting crews between the fire and rescue stations in Lee and Greenville.

Indoor air quality is regulated under the Environmental Protection Agency, as well as other health agencies, and while there is a prevailing sentiment that these organizations sometimes interfere with business unnecessarily, all close to this situation acknowledge the urgency.

"Black mold" or "toxic black mold," is frequently associated with poor indoor air quality that arises after fungal growth on water-damaged building materials, which simple visual observation confirmed throughout the facility. After mold formation, it needs nutrition to grow, which it obtains by degrading the surface it is growing on. During the process of degrading surface for nutrition, mold causes formation of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs). These VOCs are harmful to human respiratory and nervous systems.

Symptoms of black mold poisoning can be very serious and include:

- Development of rashes and hives on skin
- Nausea
- Memory loss
- Bleeding in lungs
- Allergic respiratory reactions
- Irregularity in blood pressure
- Damaged digestion and respiratory system
- Infections of urinary tract, problems in urination
- High level or prolonged exposure to mold can lead to infertility

The Board of County Commissioners intends to move the process forward quickly, targeting their meeting of July 15 for review and follow-up.

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Seniors

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that the elderly have requested they desperately need. Some items that seniors are urgently needing consist of fans or air conditioners, Ensure/Boost, lift chair, walking canes, a vacuum, sofa or love seat, mops and mop buckets, brooms, other cleaning supplies, and incontinence supplies (pull-ups or adult diapers, poise pads).

The Senior Center is also looking for volunteers to facilitate and organize a group to do chore services for the elderly three to four times a year. This group will perform house duties for the elderly, such as minor repairs, painting, yard work, etc.

The food pantry at the Senior Center is running low on food, and they are seeking individuals or groups who would be interested in sponsoring a canned food drive for the seniors.

Also, the activities coordinator is searching for an individual who would volunteer their time to host a birthday party once a month at the center for seniors who had a birthday in that month.

If you wish to donate the needed items, or to volunteer your time for the much needed cause, please call Sharon Underhill at the Senior Citizens Center at (850) 973-4241.

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Eduardo

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airborne, hitting the tree with his full body.

Fernandez died at the scene and Tamayo was taken to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital with serious injuries.

"This is a tragic loss for the family. Eduardo was a very responsible young man and had only driven the four-wheeler on the family property prior to the accident. Their property is right next to the spot where the accident took place. We believe he was taking his father a cell phone, which his father had left behind when leaving to bring a mutual friend to visit my chicken farm," Jesus Martinez explained.

"Family and friends were visiting for the Fourth of July. Leo (Fernandez-the boy's father) was just leaving his driveway, when Eduardo pulled around him to get his father's attention. We believe he was trying to motion for his father to stop when the four-wheeler struck the embankment. The family has always taken great care with Eduardo, and this unfortunate accident is very hard on them," he added.

Comments from the public have been numerous and mixed, with some harshly condemning the family for allowing the young man to drive the four-wheeler — even with adult supervision — which was used in the family farming business. Friends close to the family urge the public not to rush to judgment, stating that the family's contribution to the community and each other is noteworthy, reinforcing that the loss was a tragic accident.

Memorial Services will be held on Thursday, July 9, at 7 p.m. at the Fernandez residence on Camelot Way, with signs posted for convenience.

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Moore

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New Canaan Missionary Baptist Church. Charlie remained faithful and dedicated senior Deacon at New Canaan until he was stricken with illness. He served in every capacity as needed such as arriving first to make the sanctuary comfortable for the congregation, leading devotion during service, chairing the deacon board and superintendent of Sunday school.

At the age of 19, Charlie enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in World War II. He was decorated with a Victory Medal and Army Occupation Medal before he was honorably discharged in 1946.

Upon his return to Madison County, he married Ezell Lauria and to this union five children were born. He was employed at the Stern Mill in Greenville, and a full-time farmer to support his family. In 1966, Charlie gained employment at Proctor and Gamble (Buckeye) in Perry, and retired in 1992.

Charlie was a very active member of the community and a champion for community progress. He was a member of the Widow Son Masonic Lodge #9, Big Bend Rural Healthcare Network and Madison County Chamber of Commerce. He was also a former member of the Board of Directors of Madison County Memorial Hospital and a current member of the Board of Directors for the Madison County Community Bank and several other local organizations.

God called this good and faithful servant home on July 6, 2009. Mourning his passing, yet rejoicing in knowing that he is with the Lord, his faithful and loving wife of 60 years, Ezell L. Moore, daughters: Wanda Moore-Williams (Ozell) Miami; Frances Moore-Phillips (Ben) Las Vegas, NV; sons Charles Moore (Elizabeth) Atlanta, Ga.; Ronnie Moore (Rhonda) Greenville; Kenneth Moore (Cassandra) Miami. Eight grandchildren: Antionette Moore, Kristin Williams, and KeAundra Moore of Miami, FL; Kendra Moore of Tallahassee; Brandon and Jessica Phillips of Las Vegas, Nev; Capt. Marques Moore, Ft. Carson, Colo.; 2nd Lt. Ashley Moore, Camp Johnson, N.C. Seven great-grandchildren: Marquita, Tyresha, Jovan, Justin, Kaylin, Kyra and Amani Miami; two nieces: Louise Moore-Campbell (Willis) Tampa and Dorothy Moore-Singleton (Charles) Merritt Island; god-son Raymond "Chookie" Stephens (Beatrice) Madison, and host of sorrowing relatives and friends.

Viewing will be held at New Canaan Missionary Baptist Church July 10, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Services will be held July 11, at 2 p.m., at Van H. Priest Auditorium, NFCC.

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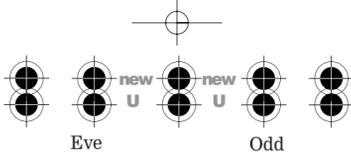
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†† Obituary ††

Elizabeth Winderweedle Hinton

Elizabeth Winderweedle Hinton, 87, resident of 105 Windsor Oaks Ct., widow of Lawrence Van Hinton, died June 30, 2009, at her home.

Born in Day, Sept. 17, 1921, she was a daughter of the late William E. and Mary Frances Culbreth Winderweedle. She was a graduate of Florida State College for Women and taught in the Florida public school system for 43 years. She retired from Pinetta Elementary School. Formerly of Pinetta, Mrs. Hinton had made her home in Greenwood since 2006.

A member and former treasurer of Pinetta United Methodist Church, she also served in various other leadership roles within the church.

Surviving are three daughters, Sandra Gail H. Fischer of Charlotte, N.C.; Mary Van H. and husband, Phil Ellenberg, of Greenwood; and Susan H. and husband, Gary Leive, of Black Mountain, N.C.; two grandchildren, Winde Ellenberg and Philip Ellenberg, both of Charleston, S.C.

Graveside services will be conducted at 1 p.m., Thursday, in Mt. Horeb Cemetery in Pinetta, with Rev. Lee M. FerDon officiating.

The body is at Blyth Funeral Home. The family will receive friends at the home in Windsor Oaks until 8 p.m., Wednesday.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to be made to Pinetta United Methodist Church, Pinetta, FL 32350.

For online condolences please visit www.blythfuneralhome.com.

Blyth Funeral Home & Cremation Services is assisting the Hinton family.

†† Obituary ††

Gussie Norris O'Neal-Smith

Gussie Norris O'Neal-Smith, of Greenville, age 90, died Thursday, in Tallahassee. She was born Dec. 18, 1918, in Madison County.

Funeral services were held Sunday, July 5, at 3 p.m., at Beggs Funeral Home in Madison, with burial at Harmony Cemetery.

Visitation was held Saturday, July 4, 6-8 p.m., at Beggs Funeral Home.

She was a life-long resident of Madison County. Her joy in life was family, friends and most of all, her God. She was an active Sunday school teacher at Harmony Baptist Church. She enjoyed cooking homemade chicken and dumplings, coconut cake and peanut brittle. When she found out she had to have surgery on her heart, her goal was that she would be able to teach Sunday school and make her chicken and dumplings again.

She was loved by many and will be missed. She was a member of Harmony Baptist Church in Cherry Lake.

She is survived by one son, Jimmy O'Neal (Dot) of Cherry Lake; three stepsons, Russell Smith (Joan) of Redlands, Calif., and Glen

Smith (Florida), and Freddie Smith (Mary Kay) of Madison; a step-daughter, Linda Poppell (Fain) of Madison; two sisters, Lorene Darville (Walter) of Tampa and Louise Morgan (Harvey) of Day; two brothers, Donald Norris and Johnny (Sandra) Norris of Madison; three sisters-in-law, Martel Norris of Soddy Daisy, Tenn., Willette Norris of Bryceville, and Kathryn Norris of Huntsboro, Ala.; two grandchildren, Lynn Key (Vernie) of Monticello and Cindy Williams (Lee) of Madison; seven step-grandchildren, Ricky Smith, Richard Smith (Krista), Becky McClure (Jonathan), Ben Smith (Juana), Margaret Ann Bunch (Scott), Beth Poppell and Melissa Quinton (Lincoln); four great-grandchildren, Kalyn Key, D.J. Key, Josh Williams and Scott Williams; and a host of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 48 years, Willie O'Neal; husband of five years, Russell Smith; daughter, Myrtice Marie O'Neal; son, William Jack O'Neal; her parents, Reno and Mamie Lou Norris; sister, Rilla Norris; and five brothers, Wilbur, Charles, Billy, James and Jack Norris.

†† Obituary ††

Henry "Hank" Randell Stallings

Henry "Hank" Randell Stallings passed away on Thursday, July 2, 2009, in Valdosta, Ga. Mr. Stallings was born on July 30, 1962, in Madison.

The Service of Remembrance was Sunday, July 5, at 4 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church in Madison.

Donations may be made to First United Methodist Church, PO Box 294, Madison, FL 32341.

He worked as a cardiovascular surgeon's assistant in Houston, Texas, and Atlanta, Ga., before moving to Quitman, Ga., in 2008. He was a graduate of NFCC, FSU, and two years' Surgical at University of Alabama. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Madison.

He is survived by his mother and step-father, Ann and Rudy Hamrick of Madison; a grandmother, Rachel Reichmann; two brothers, Nat Norfleet (Monica) of Tuscon, Az., and Mike Norfleet (Nida) of Madison; two nieces, Lindsay Fico (Damon) and Kristen Norfleet; two nephews, Eric Norfleet and Tre' Norfleet; and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Henry Alison Stallings.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

For the complete calendar, visit www.greenepublishing.com.

July 11

Big Bend Horseman's Association's first open all breed horse show will be held July 11. For more information, please visit www.bigbendhorse.com.

July 11

LifeSong will be in concert at Sirrims Baptist Church in Greenville on Saturday, July 11, at 6 p.m. Admission is free; a love offering will be re-

ceived during the concert. For more information, please call (850) 948-4228.

July 12-15

Madison Church of God announces a revival with Evangelist Bennie Jones, an ordained bishop who has been in full-time ministry for over three decades. The revival will be held July 12-15; 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., Sunday, and 7 p.m., Monday thru

Wednesday; at Madison Church of God, located at 771 Colin Kelly Hwy., in Madison. For more information, please call (850) 973-3339.

July 14-17

The Salvation Army Youth V-Team — Shining God's Light — will host Crocodile Dock, a Vacation Bible School, July 14-17, 5:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. A picnic supper will begin the evening at Greenville Haffye Hayes

park with bible school activities in the Senior Citizen Center for ages 5 to 95 following. Pre-register with George or Gale Blevins at (850) 948-2119.

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AROUND MADISON COUNTY

Madison Residents Join Taylor TEA Party

By Michael Curtis
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Starting with protests that began immediately after President Barack Obama's election, the national Taxed Enough Already - TEA Party campaigns continue, with a regional gathering on July 4 in Perry. Aligning with the national themes associated with Independence Day and the Boston Tea Party, protesters rallied around concerns ranging from government spending, taxation and health care, to gun control and morality.

Organizers made no apologies for the anti-Obama sentiment, as was evidenced by statements on posters and banners, and although there were few black participants, one black organizer noted that regardless of race, he isn't against Obama's spending policies so much as he opposes what he believes are decisions that "oppose conservative Christians."

Regardless of race or party, however, it was obvious that many present genuinely believe that current federal policy will conclude in financial disaster and the destruction of private enterprise, concluding in a socialist state. And while many agree that President George W. Bush and many corrupt business executives — many of who are Republicans as well — are also responsible for the current state of the economy, they passionately hold that, left unchecked, Obama will be the proverbial "nail in the coffin."

Held at Forest Capital State Park, the TEA Party was one among hundreds that have been conducted nationally. There was an estimated 200 visitors, which included residents from Madison, Jefferson and surrounding counties.

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Madison County residents Jimmie and Latrelle Ragans are joined by Mike Williams (center) at the Taylor TEA Party held on July 4 in Perry.



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Nelson Pryor stands on the corner of US 27 and 19 in Perry to direct traffic to the Taylor TEA Party held on July 4 at Forest Capital State Park.

Teen Advocate Launching Second Book

Word From My Kings & Queens
author seeking stories of triumph

By Michael Curtis
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Teen advocate and author Merv Mattair is undertaking a new book and is seeking input from those he wishes to serve with this new writing effort. Emphasizing the theme of "Overcoming Seemingly Insurmountable Odds," is also the name of the book.

"Now, it's time to hear a 'Word From My Kings & Queens' to show readers how to overcome seemingly insurmountable odds that keep them from renewing their minds," Mattair explains. "This is an opportunity to be a Blessing to others around the world by sharing your story with them in my upcoming book that's going to top the charts. I only have a few slots available; therefore, if you think that your story can benefit someone else, I would love to review it and possibly reveal it to the world."

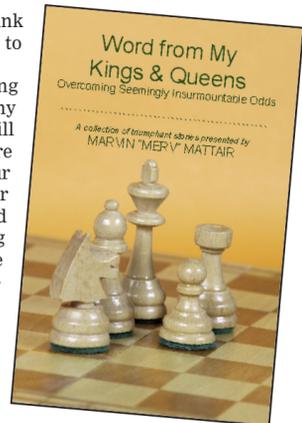
The author further declares, "Overcoming Seemingly Insurmountable Odds are only obsta-

cles that we think are impossible to overcome."

"By applying for a space in my next book, you will be able to share your Web site, your business, your email address, and your life changing story to the world," he continues.

Mattair believes in renewing youth and young adults, and is therefore looking for those stories that capture the theme most effectively. He, again, reminds potential contributors that only a select number of slots are available, so if interested, please contact him at www.kingsqueens.org or by e-mail at royalty@myexcel.com.

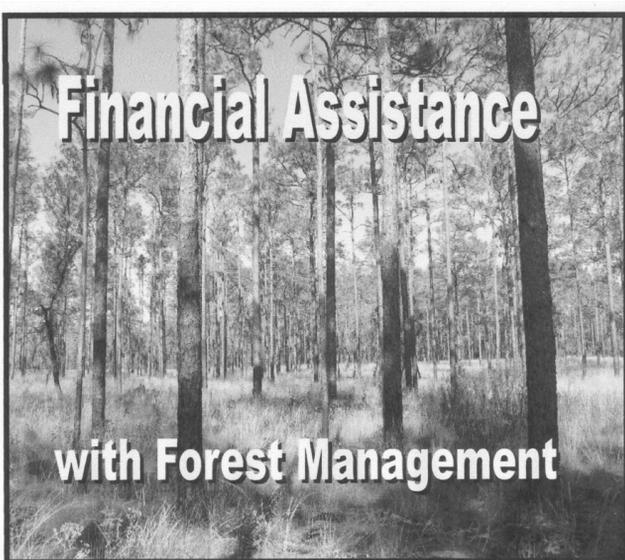
Mattair can also be reached by phone at (850) 673-7481, where either Mattair or his publisher will be available for more information. Lastly, this opportunity is for anyone, no matter age or race.



Teen advocate and author Merv Mattair is following his first book, *Word From My Kings & Queens*, with a complement book, *Overcoming Seemingly Insurmountable Odds*.

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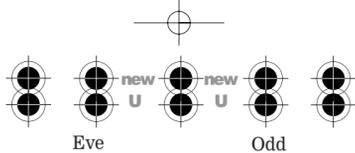
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AROUND MADISON COUNTY

Officials Honor Jim Stanley

By Michael Curtis
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Jim Stanley has been making contributions to Madison County for over half a century. From the early days, helping his father run the family business, to the years managing T.J. Beggs Men's Store; from his stretch with the Florida Highway Patrol, to his election as city commissioner of Madison, where he is currently mayor; Stanley has touched the lives of thousands, many of whom came out on June 30 to celebrate his retirement after 18 years as Emergency Management Director.

Held at the courthouse, the retirement reception featured a number of state and local officials, in addition to family and friends, who traveled to Madison to recognize Stanley for the enormous strides the emergency management department has realized dur-

ing his tenure. Recalling exceptional achievements and memorable milestones, each congratulated him, but none more than his program coordinator, Vicki Brown, now succeeding him as director.

"I nominated Jim for Boss of the Year a few years ago, which he won," said Brown. "It was a very special moment for me as well, because it gave me an opportunity to let others know what a wonderful boss he was to me, and what a friend he is to everybody. I will miss him so much and thank him for all he has taught me," she announced tearfully.

Board of County Commissioners Chair Wayne Vickers echoed the sentiments, presenting Stanley a handsome plaque in recognition of his service. State Emergency Response Team officials were also in attendance, also honoring

Stanley with a certificate for outstanding achievement. To put these associations in perspective, Craig Fugate, currently the U.S. FEMA director is among colleagues who expressed personal praise for Stanley's emergency management leadership.

As Stanley stepped forward to address the gathering, his family surrounded him, which visually captured the feature that perhaps best describes Stanley's management style: Treat everyone like family. Whether one is a judge or a fraternity brother, a citizen with a complaint or a political opponent, Stanley always has an ear to lend to his great sense of

fair play.

"I want to thank everybody for coming. I appreciate all of your support and the wonderful recognition I have received today," Stanley said. "I want to especially thank my wife, Sandra, for her support and sacrifice ... as well as Vicki Brown, who I know is going to make an excellent director. I complement the commissioners on choosing her to replace me and thank them again for all they've done to support the department over the years. Of course, I also give thanks to the Lord who is the provider of all things."

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Wayne Vickers (left), chair of the Board of County Commissioners of Madison County, presents Emergency Management Director Jim Stanley a handsome plaque for eighteen years of outstanding performance.

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Jim Stanley is joined by his family during his retirement reception at the Madison County Courthouse on June 30. Pictured back row left to right: Ben and Shawn Godwin, Jim and Sandra Stanley, Terra Godwin, and Jennifer and Jason Stanley. Front row: J.B. Godwin and Sam Stanley.

CROSSWINDS PULLS OUT THE OLE RED HATS

By Bryant Thigpen
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Crosswinds Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Greenville hosted their first Red Hat Society meeting in nearly two years on Wednesday, June 24, in the cafeteria of the center.

"Back when I was here in 2006, we became members of the Red Hat Society," stated Dianne Sullivan, the activities director for the center. "When I left for a short time, no one did any Red Hat meetings, to my knowledge. Now that I'm back, I, along with Tracy Smith, plan to start having the meetings again."

"The women love it," she said. "These women need something that will make them feel special." And the purpose of the Red Hat Society is to do just that.

According to *redhat.com*, the objective of the society is to help mothers, daughters and grandmothers enjoy life to its fullest. The program is a network for women who are approaching the age of 50 and beyond, and who are interested in joining red-gloved hands and



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Lyvonne Taylor, (center) was crowned Queen during the Red Hat Society meeting, and is pictured with Activities Director Dianne Sullivan (right) and CNA Christina Allmendinger.

spreading joy and companionship found within and among the chapters.

The Red Hat Society throws most rules to the wind, and believes in having a good time, while remembering manners.

People who haven't reached the age of 50 are welcome to the organization as the "Pink Hats."

Crosswinds enjoyed the Red Hat meeting that

consisted of fun music, a little bit of dancing, and strawberry shortcake, along with fruit punch. "The residents had a wonderful time with the music and the entertainment," Sullivan stated.

The queen for this month was Lyvonne Taylor, who was robed and honored during the gathering. "Next month we'll select a new queen, so that we are sure to honor each member participating," said Sullivan.

Ten ladies participated in the party, which is open to all members of the Red Hat Society. If one is interested in participating in next month's meeting, please call Dianne Sullivan or Tracy Smith at (850) 948-4601.

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MADISON FARMERS HONORED AT CARES SUPPER AND CELEBRATION

LIVE OAK

June 30, 2009
Twenty-six local farmers who help protect the environment were recognized for their efforts as part of the County Alliance for Responsible Environmental Stewardship (CARES) program on June 25.

The Florida Farm Bureau and the Suwannee River Partnership created CARES to highlight efforts by farm owners to improve natural resource management in the Suwannee and Santa Fe river basins.

At the event, held at the Dwight Stansel Farm and Nursery in Suwannee County, CARES farmers were recognized and congratulated by Florida Agriculture Commissioner Charles Bronson and Florida Farm Bureau President John Hoblick.

The event drew hundreds of folks, including farmers, local officials and others from both the Suwannee and Santa Fe river basins.

Before supper was served, some participants sat on bales of hay and listened to a local band, while others enjoyed tasty appetizers, including boiled peanuts, corn on the cob and fried gator tail. Members of the partnership manned the dinner line, serving up steak, brisket, pulled pork and barbecued chicken, all donated by lo-

cal growers and producers.

Kelly Philman, a farmer who was recognized this year, spoke in favor of the program.

"We need to not only protect our water resources, but need to let people know outside the farm that we are doing our best," said Philman, of Gilchrist County. "We want to let the public know that we are taking care of the land and we are protecting our resources."

CARES farmers are committed to improving the environment by implementing Best Management Practices (BMPs). BMPs help conserve water and reduce nitrate pollution in groundwater that can result from animal wastes and from fertilizers that aren't applied properly.

The following were recognized at the 9th Annual CARES dinner: Timmy and Mickey Tuten, Madison; Coggins Farms, Hamilton; Michael Dukes, Union; David Echeverria, Levy; Gary Jones, Dixie; Jack Meeks, Levy; John Parrish, Levy; Roland Parrish, Union; Kelly Philman, Gilchrist; Don Spradley, Columbia; James Tallman, Bradford; Big Trees Plantation, Inc., Alachua; Bud and Judy O'Quinn, Columbia; Ross, James and William Terry, Colum-

bia; Bryan and Wendi Jennings, Columbia; John and Donna Risoli, Madison; Corrence Fields, Madison; Jerry and Vicki Fletcher, Madison; Jesse and Beulah Cone, Madison; Paul and Almera Blount, Madison; Mike and Debra Knowles, Madison; W.H. and Emogene Fletcher, Madison; Henry and Tanya Terry, Madison; Irma and Fidenacio Torres, Madison; Harold and Troy Platt, Madison; and Howard Mobley, Suwannee.

For more information about the CARES program, call the Suwannee River Partnership at 386-362-0431. You may also call your county Farm Bureau office or Scot Eubanks, Florida Farm Bureau Federation, at 352-384-2633.

Farmers recognized for environmental stewardship



Timmy and Mickey Tuten, of Madison County, were recognized for environmental stewardship at the 9th Annual CARES dinner on June 25. Pictured from left, Florida Agriculture Commissioner Charles Bronson, the Tuten family and Florida Farm Bureau President John Hoblick.



Corrence Fields, of Madison County, was recognized for environmental stewardship at the 9th Annual CARES dinner on June 25. Pictured from left, Florida Agriculture Commissioner Charles Bronson, Fields and Florida Farm Bureau President John Hoblick.



W.H. and Emogene Fletcher, of Madison County, were recognized for environmental stewardship at the 9th Annual CARES dinner on June 25. Pictured from left, Florida Agriculture Commissioner Charles Bronson, W.H. Fletcher, Emogene Fletcher and Florida Farm Bureau President John Hoblick.



Henry and Tanya Terry, of Madison County, were recognized for environmental stewardship at the 9th Annual CARES dinner on June 25. Pictured from left, Florida Agriculture Commissioner Charles Bronson, the Terry family and Florida Farm Bureau President John Hoblick.



Irma and Fidenacio Torres, of Madison County, were recognized for environmental stewardship at the 9th Annual CARES dinner on June 25. Pictured from left, Florida Agriculture Commissioner Charles Bronson, Irma Torres, Fidenacio Torres and Florida Farm Bureau President John Hoblick.



Harold and Troy Platt, of Madison County, were recognized for environmental stewardship at the 9th Annual CARES dinner on June 25. Pictured from left, Florida Agriculture Commissioner Charles Bronson, the Platt family and Florida Farm Bureau President John Hoblick.



Jesse and Beulah Cone, of Madison County, were recognized for environmental stewardship at the 9th Annual CARES dinner on June 25. Pictured from left, Florida Agriculture Commissioner Charles Bronson, Jesse Cone and Florida Farm Bureau President John Hoblick.



John and Donna Risoli, of Madison County, were recognized for environmental stewardship at the 9th Annual CARES dinner on June 25. Pictured from left, Florida Agriculture Commissioner Charles Bronson, the Risoli family and Florida Farm Bureau President John Hoblick.



Jerry and Vicki Fletcher, of Madison County, were recognized for environmental stewardship at the 9th Annual CARES dinner on June 25. Pictured from left, Florida Agriculture Commissioner Charles Bronson, Jerry Fletcher, Vicki Fletcher and Florida Farm Bureau President John Hoblick.



Paul and Almera Blount, of Madison County, were recognized for environmental stewardship at the 9th Annual CARES dinner on June 25. Pictured from left, Florida Agriculture Commissioner Charles Bronson, Paul Blount, Almera Blount, and Florida Farm Bureau President John Hoblick.

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WEDDING TRENDS

FAMILY FEATURES

Springtime ushers in the glitz and glamour of wedding season, which lasts into late fall. This year, economizing is foremost on everyone's minds, but betrothed couples want their weddings and the events leading up to them to be as special as ever.

These wedding trends are how brides and grooms are turning bridal showers, couples' showers and, of course, the wedding itself into priceless yet affordable experiences for everyone involved.

- Revisiting food classics that are guaranteed to please the palate but don't break the bank, like the Sizzling Mini-Sliders featured.
- Choosing fresh and flavorful wines that present incredible value for the price but don't compromise a smidge on quality.
- Serving food in smaller portions, a restaurant trend, is a hit for guests and a boon for the budget.
- Conserving resources with 3L Premium Wine Casks, a convenient, no-waste way to serve a crowd.

Here are some stylish, budget-friendly food and wine options that allow happy couples to have their cupcakes and eat them too.

Bridal Shower

To create an elegant and festive party atmosphere, decorate the event space with fresh flowers and set aside a table where gifts can be presented. A buffet table lets guests serve themselves and also provides a tableau for food and wine selections to be artfully displayed. Arrange an inviting layout of fresh seasonal salads and bite-sized desserts, with a delectable angel hair pasta dish as the centerpiece. Pair with the delicious Angel Juice Pinot Grigio, quintessentially Californian with delicate peach notes and a refreshing finish.

Couples' Shower

A couples' shower is the ideal way to informally celebrate the upcoming marriage. Commonly known as a Jack and Jill party, the event can be a luncheon, a laid-back barbeque or a party at a local park. A couples' shower is a prime opportunity for everyone to take a break and enjoy spending time together. Mini-burgers, or gourmet sliders, have universal appeal and offer up a new twist on an old favorite. Paired with the vibrant Big House Red, a California blend bursting with ripe red fruits that costs less than \$10 a bottle, they will easily satisfy guests.

Wedding Reception

As an alternative to the traditional wedding cake, a cupcake wedding tree is a sophisticated way to end the momentous occasion on the sweetest of notes. Paired with the luscious, food-friendly Cupeake Chardonnay from the prized Central Coast winegrowing region, this spectacular dessert and the creamy, fruit-forward wine are a match made in heaven.

Wine Planning Checklist for Parties

- Use 3L Premium Wine Casks for large groups, as each cask will serve up to 20 guests, each guest with a standard five-ounce glass.
- Guests at daytime parties usually drink less wine. Serve approximately one glass of wine per guest every 90 minutes.
- For evening parties, serve approximately one glass of wine per guest every hour.
- Chill white wine for at least three hours before guests arrive.
- Open and decant red wines about 30 minutes before guests arrive to allow the flavors to open up and breathe.
- Be a responsible host and offer special non-alcoholic beverages and plenty of water for thirsty guests.

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Sizzling Mini-Sliders

Serves 4
Prep time: 30 minutes

- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 1/2 cup Big House Red
- 1 1/2 pounds ground chuck
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 12 3-inch dinner rolls

Condiments

- Caramelized onions (sauté in olive oil, very slowly, about 20 minutes)
- 1/2 cup loosely packed watercress
- 1/2 cup thinly shredded radicchio

In medium bowl, combine onion powder, garlic, wine, beef, salt and pepper. Shape into twelve 1/2-inch-thick patties. Grill until browned, 3 to 4 minutes per side. Grill dinner rolls until slightly toasted. On bottom of each roll, place caramelized onions, patty, watercress and radicchio. Top with roll top.

Pairing suggestion: Big House Red

For more information about these wines, please visit www.UnderdogWineMerchants.com.

Angel Hair Pasta With Shrimp & Rosemary

Serves 6
Prep time: 30 minutes

- 16 ounces dried angel hair pasta
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- 3/4 cup chopped onion (about 1/2 onion)
- 4 teaspoons minced garlic
- 3 teaspoons seeded and minced serrano chile (about 1 chile)
- 2 teaspoons finely chopped fresh rosemary and sprigs for garnish
- 2 cups Angel Juice Pinot Grigio
- 3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice, about 1 lemon
- 24 large shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 1/4 cup pine nuts, toasted in a 350°F oven for 10 minutes until lightly browned
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

Cook pasta according to package directions. Set large saucepan over medium heat and add olive oil. Sauté onions, garlic, chiles and rosemary about 4 minutes or until soft.

Add wine and lemon juice, raise heat to high and boil until liquid is reduced by half.

Add shrimp and cook until pink, about 2 minutes. Remove pan from heat, stir in butter and pine nuts, and toss with drained pasta. Add salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste.

Pairing suggestion: Angel Juice Pinot Grigio

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HEALTH

Three Madison County Youth Attend Leadership Summit

By Michael Curtis
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There is a growing sentiment in America that few possess real leadership skills. Merely being the boss or owning the company or running the government doesn't mean one is a leader. Today's

leaders must reflect character and be willing to steer clear of social temptation.

But experts agree, good habits don't just appear. They must be taught and nurtured; and today the learning or kids just won't con-

nect to it. At their recent summit, titled, "Eagle Not a Vulture," three Madison County youth, Jalon Sheffield, Beverly Oro and Michael Robinson – who are part of the Students Working Against Tobacco pro-

gram – traveled to Panama City, where they were introduced to a number of leadership themes, particularly "Vision, Commitment and Perseverance." Topics included: the power of choice; dealing with peer pressure; bullying; following heroes, not bad guys; the ability to make a positive difference in someone's life; and we don't know what other people are going through.

The summit also dealt with good health habits, with an emphasis on avoiding tobacco use. The group learned that globally, there are 1.3 billion smokers, and 73 percent of smokers live in

developing countries. They also learned the alarming fact the world is on pace to begin losing 10 million smokers annually by 2010.

The event provided training on media, helping the youth determine the message and target audience. They were also introduced to the concept of "truth in advertising," creating a test demonstration of the "Sham WOW." It was revealed to the group that the carpet used in the infomercial was paper thin with no backing, which is why the product appeared to soak up the spilled cola so effectively. The con-

clusion, of course, is that the product wouldn't likely perform at home under normal circumstances.

When the school year starts back for these and other youth that participate in the SWAT program, leadership development activities will be emphasized as much as healthy lifestyles. Organizers expressed their appreciation to the schools and community for their support, adding that parents are essential partners in the process. Appreciation was extended to them as well, as all look forward to similar events in the future.

CLAUDIETTE IRVINE NAMED CNA OF THE YEAR

By Bryant Thigpen
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In recognition of National Certified Nursing Assistant Week, Madison Nursing and Rehabilitation Center holds an open vote for staff and residents on their favorite CNA. With much excitement, Madison Nursing is pleased to announce the winner of this year's Certified Nursing Assistant of the Year award. Having over 23 years of experience as a caregiver, this CNA was the popular choice because of her character. The winner is Claudette Irvine.

Out of a total of 40 CNAs, choosing Irvine was a clear choice for the award. "She provides that one-on-one relationship that residents need, and she of-

fers a sense of security to the residents during the night shift that helps the them feel at ease," stated activity director Mattie Hackle.

Having worked at Madison Nursing Center for over two years, Irvine counts it a joy to serve in this capacity. "I love helping people and being there to serve others," stated Irvine. Irvine has spent her entire working career serving in capacities that reach out to people in need. Irvine is also a certified phlebotomist.

"I'm excited because it came so unexpectedly," she said about winning the award. Irvine was attending a mandatory staff meeting when the award winner was announced. "It's a great honor because I try to

serve my residents the best I can. It's an honor to serve people and to help them when sometimes they can't help themselves."

Irvine is originally from Miami, but lived in Tallahassee for seven years. She moved to Madison in October of 2006, and began working at Madison Nursing Center in 2007.

Irvine is married to Madison native Joseph Irvine, and is the mother of four children, Tony, James, Christopher and daughter Brittanie (deceased). "My family has always been supportive of my work schedule and helping others," she said.

Congratulations on this prestigious award from this reporter, and the staff at Greene Publishing, Inc.



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Peggy Powers (left) was on hand to recognize Claudette Irvine as the winner of the Certified Nursing Assistant of the Year award.



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Attending the leadership summit, "Eagle Not a Vulture," the SWAT kids from left to right are: Jalon Sheffield, Beverly Oro and Michael Robinson.

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HEALTH

PROTECTING FLORIDA'S HEALTH ACT BEGAN JULY 1

By Michael Curtis
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The 2009 Florida Legislature passed "Protecting Florida's Health Act," which levies a surcharge on both cigarettes and tobacco products, excluding cigars. The surcharge on both cigarettes and tobacco products will be administered, collected and enforced by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation's Division of Alcoholic Beverages and

Tobacco (ABT). In preparation for the July 1 effective date, ABT launched a new web page to help educate cigarette manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers, retailers and the public. The new Web page (<http://www.myflorida.com/dbpr/abt/surcharge/>) provides helpful information about the new legislation, including frequently asked questions, payment options, required documents and much more.

The new surcharge on cigarettes is at the rate of one dollar per standard pack of 20 cigarettes, or five cents per cigarette. The surcharge on other tobacco products is 60 percent of the wholesale sales price.

The surcharge on both cigarettes and tobacco products will be administered, collected, and enforced in the same manner as the excise taxes on these products. The mission of ABT is to keep alco-

hol and tobacco out of the hands of underage persons, to ensure that licensed establishments are in compliance with the laws and rules regulating the industry in Florida, and to collect taxes and fees related to these industries.

Florida's previous 34-cents-a-pack cigarette tax was among the nation's lowest. It's going up to \$1.34 through what's called a 'surcharge' in the Protecting Florida's Health Act. The law also in-

creases a 25 percent tax on the wholesale price of other tobacco products except for cigars, which are exempt, to 60 percent.

That's on top of higher federal tobacco taxes consumers began paying April 1. Cigarettes went up by 62 cents a pack, bringing the federal tax to \$1.01. The federal tax also increased from 5 to 40 cents on large cigars and a bit less for smaller ones.

Besides raising more than \$900 million a year for health care, sponsors say they hope Florida's higher tobacco taxes will encourage

smokers to kick their often fatal habit and discourage young people from taking it up. The higher tobacco tax is one of several new revenue sources needed to pay for the \$66.5 billion in spending during the budget year beginning July 1.

Others include \$5.3 billion in federal stimulus money and about \$1 billion in fee increases.

A conforming law already has gone into effect to raise court-filing fees, but a wide range of motor vehicle fees won't go on the books until Sept. 1.

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KIDS THESE DAYS SAY GLASSES ARE COOL

By Michael Curtis
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Kids who wear glasses used to be easy targets for the classroom bully. Today, they are making as much of a fashion statement as an improvement to their vision.

Reports indicate that fewer and fewer children are disappointed about

wearing glasses. In fact, most children are accepting of needing glasses because someone among their friends or siblings wears glasses.

Unlike the very large or horn-rimmed glasses from decades ago, today's frame styles and thinner lenses have made glasses more at-

tractive for kids, especially pre-teens. Now, ironically, some children want them who may not necessarily need them.

One optometrist explains, "I can tell if they are not trying hard enough when reading the eye chart. At the end of the exam, I give them plain lenses without a prescription.

Most of the time, they are able to read it better because they want to demonstrate to their parents the glasses helped them see better."

While some kids may be eager to get glasses, parents are typically less enthusiastic about the idea as well as the cost. Some parents will ask, "Does my child have to wear glasses now? Can't we put this off?" Of course, they also control the purse strings, and therefore choose the price range of the glasses. Experts advise that while budget is completely understandable, always encourage the child have some type of say, because they have to like them enough to wear them.

Here are a few suggestions to parents whose children may require eyeglasses or contact lenses:

Go to establishments that treat a lot of children with eye problems. Usually, those places have opticians

who are properly trained to fit glasses for children.

Make sure a child's eyeglasses are adjusted frequently. Walker says children's frames are typically made of plastic, and in time, facial heat could make them stretch out and not fit properly.



Make an appointment for an eye exam if a pediatrician detects potential vision problems. These may include strabismus (the misalignment of an eye so its line of vision is not pointed in the same direction as the other eye) and muscle palsies, which can cause double vision. Sometimes, bifocals or other specialty lenses can correct these problems.

An eye-examination for children entering school is always a good recommendation as well.

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I can only imagine the sore spots under these mail order dentures. I have often wondered if teeth like these would be anything other than cosmetic. I doubt they would have been functional for chewing purposes. If you want to see 18th Century cosmetic dentistry at its finest... see: www.msnbc.msn.com/id/6875436/. Thank goodness cosmetic dentistry has come a long way since 1776.

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HEALTH

President Signs Historic Tobacco Legislation

By Michael Curtis
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President Barack Obama, who still struggles with his own addiction to cigarettes, signed into law the most sweeping federal anti-tobacco legislation to pass Congress in decades. The law gives the Food and Drug Administration broad authority to regulate the marketing and manufacture of tobacco products. It bans fruit- and spice-flavored cigarettes, slaps expansive new warnings on packages and gets rid of the monikers "light" and "low-tar."

The new law also allows the FDA to order manufacturers to reduce — though not eliminate — the amount of the addictive chemical nicotine that's in cigarettes.

With children on-stage and sprinkled in the audience at the Rose Garden ceremony, and with the new playground for the presidential daughters in the distance, Obama said that the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act would curtail the "constant, insidious" advertising that tobacco companies targeted at children.

He pointed out that nearly 90 percent of smokers start before age 18.

"I know; I was one of those teenagers," Obama said in his speech. "I know how hard it is to break the

habit once you've started."

Tobacco-related diseases cost an estimated \$100 billion a year to treat, and kill nearly 400,000 Americans annually. "FDA oversight over tobacco products will fundamentally change the entire tobacco industry and will save countless lives in the decades to come," said Stephen J. Nolan, the chairman of the American Lung Association's board of directors.

Among those at the White House on Monday was Rep. G.K. Butterfield, a Democrat from Wilson, N.C., where auctioneers used to rattle off leaf prices after harvest each fall. He represents one of the heaviest tobacco-farming districts in the nation.

"This has been a very difficult issue for me," Butterfield said. "But when I take a step back and look at it objectively, there's no question we need to reduce smoking . . . We need to be realistic about the issue."

Also present was Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., one of the measure's primary proponents, but another prominent backer, Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., who's undergoing treatment for brain cancer, was not.

"Decade after decade, Big Tobacco has seduced millions of teenagers into lifetimes of addiction and prema-



ture death," Kennedy said in a statement. "Enactment of this legislation will finally put a stop to that. It is truly a lifesaving act, and a welcome demonstration that this Congress is capable of enacting major health reform."

Tobacco companies spent millions opposing the bill, though the country's top tobacco

company, Ltria, the owner of Philip Morris of Virginia, supported it in what opponents labeled a cynical move to use the measure's restrictions on advertising to maintain the market dominance of Philip Morris' leading brand, Marlboro.

In a sign of tobacco's waning power; however, the legislation

passed with overwhelming bipartisan support, even as a Gallup Poll released Monday found that 52 percent opposed the law, while 46 percent approved. The telephone survey was conducted June 14-17 and had a margin of error of 3 percentage points.

Senators Richard Burr, a Republican, and Kay Hagan, a Democrat, both of North Carolina, fought the legislation fiercely. Burr, whose hometown of Winston-Salem is the headquarters for the Reynolds American tobacco company, stretched debate on the Senate floor to nearly two weeks in an effort to slow the bill. He argued that the FDA was ill equipped to handle new regulatory du-

ties. Hagan, whose hometown of Greensboro is home to the Lorillard tobacco company, was the only Democrat in the Senate who voted against the bill. She argued that it would cost manufacturing jobs and hurt tobacco farmers.

Obama and other supporters said that the law was a victory over the deceit and power of tobacco companies' lobby on Capitol Hill.

"Since at least the middle of the last century, we've known about the harmful and often deadly effects of tobacco products," the president said.

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AMERICA'S DEBT LEGACY BEGAN WITH FOUNDING FATHERS

By Michael Curtis
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The Founding Fathers left one legacy not celebrated on Independence Day, but which affects us all. It's the national debt.

According to historical records, the country first got into debt to finance the Revolutionary War. Growing ever since, the debt stands today at a staggering \$11.4 trillion — equivalent to about \$37,000 for each American, and it continues to grow at over one trillion dollars per year, not to mention the stimulus spending.

"Unless we demonstrate a strong commitment to fiscal sustainability in the longer term, we will have neither financial stability nor healthy economic growth," Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke recently told Congress.

Higher taxes, or reduced federal benefits and services — or a combination of both — may be the inevitable consequences. Additionally, the debt is complicating efforts by President Barack Obama and Congress to cope with the worst recession in decades as stimulus and bailout

spending combine with lower tax revenues to widen the gap.

Interest payments on the debt alone cost \$452 billion last year — the largest federal spending category after Defense and Medicare-Medicaid. It's crowding out other government spending and the Treasury indicates it's harder to find new lenders.

The United States went into the red the first time in 1790 when it assumed \$75 million in the war debts of the Continental Congress. Alexander Hamilton, the first treasury secretary, said, "A national debt, if not excessive, will be to us a national blessing."

Since then, the nation has only been out of debt in one year, 1834-1835. The national debt typically expands during times of war and usually contracts in times of peace, while staying on a generally upward trend.

Over the past several decades, it has climbed sharply, with the exception of the last two years of the Clinton Administration, when there were annual budget surpluses. The debt soared with the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and



economic stimulus spending under President George W. Bush, which has only expanded under Obama.

This year's deficit is now estimated at about \$1.85 trillion.

The debt gap is "something that keeps me awake at night," Obama says. He pledged to cut the budget deficit in half by the end of his first term. But "deficit" just means the difference between government receipts and spending in a single budget year.

In other words, deficits don't reflect the debt that carries over from previous years. Some spending items — such as appropriations for Social Security — aren't included, either, although they are part of the national debt. Moreover, the national debt is a more revealing way to look at the government's balance sheets than just considering a particular

year's deficit, especially the next few years. According to the Treasury Department, which updates the number to the penny every few days, the national debt was \$11,518,472,742,288 on July 1. This figure represents over 80 percent of the annual output of the entire U.S. economy, as measured by the gross domestic product.

By historical standards, that number is not proportionately as high as during World War II, when it briefly rose to 120 percent of GDP. Also, the United States is not the only nation struggling under a huge national debt. Among major countries, Japan, Italy, India, France, Germany and Canada have comparable debts as percentages of their GDPs. So, where does the government borrow all this money from?

The debt is largely financed by the sale of Treasury bonds and bills. Even today, on a global scale, they are still seen as one of the world's safest investments. That's one of the rare upsides of U.S. government borrowing. Treasury securities are purchased by individual investors and very

popular with other countries, especially China, Japan and the Persian Gulf oil exporters — the three top foreign holders of U.S. debt.

Unfortunately, as the U.S. spends trillions to stabilize the recession economy, it forces down the value of the dollar, so Treasuries become less attractive as investments. Some major foreign lenders are already paring back on their purchases of U.S. bonds and other securities. And if major holders of U.S. debt were to quit buying, it would send shock waves through the global economy — and sharply force up U.S. interest rates. As time goes by, population trends will only lead to worse conditions, as more baby boomers retire and begin collecting Social Security and Medicare benefits.

While the president remains personally popular, polls show there is rising public concern over his handling of the economy

and the government's mushrooming debt — and what it might mean for future generations.

If things can't be turned around, including establishing a more efficient health care system, "We are on an utterly unsustainable fiscal course," said the White House budget director, Peter Orszag.

Some budget activists claim even the debt understates the nation's true liabilities.

The Peter G. Peterson Foundation, established by a former commerce secretary and investment banker, argues that the \$11.4 trillion debt figures does not take into account roughly \$45 trillion in unlisted liabilities and unfunded retirement and health care commitments. That would put the nation's full obligations at \$56 trillion, or roughly \$184,000 per American, according to this calculation.

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SINGLE MOMS HAVE ENOUGH TO WORRY ABOUT

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Let's start with the basics. A budget is a systematic plan for the expenditure of a usually fixed resource, such as money or time, during a given period. Wait a minute! What kind of language was that? I know: The kind that makes reading articles about starting a budget almost unbearable. So, let's start again.

As a single mother, you might groan at the thought of putting together a household budget with all your expenses, but it's easy to do and will also help you become very financially organized. Shaping up your finances is particularly important if you are experiencing a life altering experience such as a marriage, divorce, new baby, or any other event that changes your finances dramatically. Whatever the state of your financial life, developing a sensible household budget will allow you to be in charge of your money.

How to Create a Simple Budget

Budgeting as a single mother is simply about understanding

monthly spending needs and habits. The purpose of a household budget is to track personal cash flow, where personal cash flow is how much money comes in, and how much goes out.

Adding up monthly income is easy, but totaling up all expenses takes a little more effort.

First, collect all bills, credit card statements, checkbook register, and receipts for groceries, gas, or anything else bought with cash. If you haven't been keeping good records, you may have to get a receipt of every dollar you spend for a month before you can put together an accurate budget.

Next, track expenses by making entries in a notebook, or better yet, learn how to do it in a spreadsheet program on the computer (don't worry, first graders are doing it). There are also inexpensive programs such as Quicken or Microsoft Money or a program that comes with the computer.

Now, divide your spending into fixed costs and variable costs. Fixed costs include such things as utilities, mort-

gage payments, rent, or loan payments. Variable costs include such things as clothing, car repairs and entertainment.

How to Stick to a Budget

Once spending is measured and managed, you can easily decide which costs as a single mother you can cut and which you cannot. In most cases, as soon as you see how much you are spending on your morning breakfast items, you will be motivated to cut back. Stay motivated by setting goals.

Here are a few budgeting tips to get started:

Budgeting isn't difficult, but getting started does take motivation. Promise yourself a reward for your efforts.

Gather three months of bills or, if possible, all of the past year's bills, and add up how much is spent every month. Divide them into categories such as housing, entertainment, and food.

Take a good look at what can be spared. Entertainment expenses are easy to cut, but utility bills are not. Keep a daily journal of what is spent each day. This may sound obsessive, but it can be helpful. Once you know where your money goes, you can spot your unnecessary costs. It is really not that hard to give up morning coffees or bring lunch from home.

Pay bills as soon as they come in. Avoid destroying your budget with late fees.

Decide what you can cut, and then cut it out. Track what you are saving, and you will be pleased with the results.

Lastly, don't hesitate to get the kids involved in a constructive way. It makes things work better and kids are amazingly helpful given the right opportunity to support mom when they understand the importance.

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Financial Focus...

How Do Mutual Funds Compensate Investors?

Provided by Brad Bashaw, Edward Jones

As you probably know, a mutual fund may contain many different types of investments, such as stocks, bonds and government securities. But as an investor, you need to pay attention not only to what goes into your mutual fund, but also what comes out of it — namely, the three ways in which a fund can compensate you.

Let's take a look at these three avenues:

*** Dividends and interest** — A mutual fund earns income from dividends on stocks and interest on bonds. The fund pays out nearly all the income it receives over the year, in the form of a distribution, to you and the other fund owners. Usually, you have the choice of taking the distribution check or reinvesting the earnings to purchase more shares. If you don't actually need the income to boost your cash flow, you'll certainly want to consider the reinvestment option, because it's an easy and cost-efficient way of building your share ownership. Keep in mind, though, that whether you take the distribution as a check or reinvest it, you will still owe income tax on the dividends.

*** Capital gains distributions** — You will receive your share of any net profits the fund makes from selling investments. Mutual funds usually make these capital gains distributions annually or semi-annually. You can choose to automatically reinvest these distributions back into your fund, thereby purchasing more shares. Even if you reinvest the proceeds, you'll incur taxes, but as long as the gains are long-term, you'll only have to pay the capital gains rate, which will likely be 15 percent for you.

*** Increased share value** — Generally speaking, you invest in a mutual fund because you are hoping its price will rise over time. When its price per share — its net asset value — does rise, you can sell your shares for a profit. As long as you've held them for more than a year, you'll just pay the capital gains rate, rather than your normal income tax rate.

Of course, there are no guarantees when it comes to earning a profit from mutual funds; some funds decline in value and never recover. So, when choosing a mutual fund, you'll need to carefully evaluate a number of factors, including these: What are the fund's overall objectives? Has its management team been in place long? Does it have a good track record? While past performance can't guarantee future results, you can get a sense of how a fund has done in different economic environments by looking at its history over five or ten years.

To sum up: You'll need discipline and patience when investing in mutual funds. You'll need the discipline to continually reinvest your dividends and capital gains distributions so that you can accumulate more and more shares. And you'll need patience to wait for an increase in share value, which is not guaranteed, and which, in any case, may take years to develop.

But if you have this patience and discipline, you may find that mutual funds can help you make progress toward your financial goals. So, look for quality funds that are appropriate for your situation and risk tolerance. Your search may well be worth the effort.

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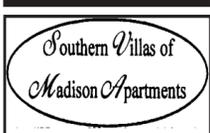
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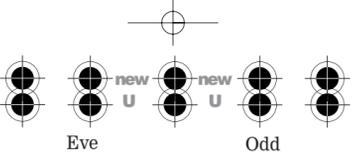
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR MADISON COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION

TAYLOR, BEAN & WHITAKER MORTGAGE CORP.,

Plaintiff,
vs.

CASE NO. 2008-482-CA

JOHN HENRY AUST, JR. A/K/A JOHN H. AUST, JR.; KIMBERLY ANNA AUST/AKIMBERLYAUST; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KIMBERLY ANN AUST A/K/A KIMBERLY AUST; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2;

Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of MADISON County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in MADISON County, Florida, described as:

LOTS 54 AND 55, LAKESIDE TERRACE SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE L, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A

232 SE PARK LOOP
MADISON, FL 32340

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash, AT THE WEST FRONT DOORSTEPS OF THE MADISON COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 125 SW RANGE Ave., MADISON, FLORIDA 32340, County, Florida, at 11:00 AM, on the 3rd day of July, 2009.

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.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

By Ramona Dickinson
Deputy Clerk

THIS INSTRUMENT PREPARED BY:
Law Offices of Daniel C. Conuegra
9204 King Palm Drive
Tampa, Florida 33619-3128

In accordance with the American with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the ASA Coordinator no later than seven (7) days prior to the proceedings. If hearing impaired, please call (800) 955-9771 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (voice), via Florida Relay Service.

7/8, 7/15

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA JUVENILE DIVISION CASE NO. 08-11-DP

IN THE INTEREST OF:
O.P. DOB: 03/03/1996
F.P. DOB: 04/14/2000
M.P. DOB: 09/19/2002
M.P. DOB: 12/23/2003
MINOR CHILD

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: G. P.

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a petition under oath has been filed in the above-styled court for the termination of parental rights and the permanent commitment of O.P., a male child born on 03/03/1996, in Maryland; F.P., a male child born on 04/14/2000, in Lowndes County, Georgia; M.P., a female child born on 09/19/2002, in Leon, County, Florida; M.V., a female child born on 12/23/2003, in Leon County, Florida to the State of Florida, placing agency, for subsequent adoption and you are hereby to be and appear in the above court at the Madison County Courthouse, Madison, Florida 32340 on Thursday, July 23, 2009 at 1:00 P.M., for a Termination of Parental Rights Advisory Hearing and to show cause why said petition should not be granted. You must appear on the date and time specified. FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR AT THIS ADVISORY HEARING CONSTITUTES YOUR CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THESE CHILDREN. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED, YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS AS A PARENT TO THESE CHILDREN.

6/17, 6/24, 7/1, 7/8

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA JUVENILE DIVISION CASE NO. 03-16-CJ

IN THE INTEREST OF:
B.P. D.O.B. 10/31/2002
MINOR CHILD

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: W. G.

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a petition under oath has been filed in the above-styled court for the termination of parental rights and the permanent commitment of B.P., a female child born on 10/31/2002, in Alachua County, Florida to the State of Florida, placing agency, for subsequent adoption and you are hereby to be and appear in the above court at the Madison County Courthouse, Madison, Florida 32340 on Thursday, July 23, 2009 at 1:00 P.M., for a Termination of Parental Rights Advisory Hearing and to show cause why said petition should not be granted. You must appear on the date and time specified. FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR AT THIS ADVISORY HEARING CONSTITUTES YOUR CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THESE CHILDREN. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED, YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS AS A PARENT TO THESE CHILDREN.

6/17, 6/24, 7/1, 7/8

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

TAYLOR, BEAN & WHITAKER MORTGAGE CORP.,

Plaintiff,
vs.

CASE NO. 2009-CA-115

DANNY A. ROBINSON; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DANNY A. ROBINSON; MARY ROBINSON; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARY ROBINSON; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED/ AND IF DECEASED/ THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); NORTHWOOD PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.; WHETHER DISSOLVED OR PRESENTLY EXISTING, TOGETHER WITH ANY GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS/ OR TRUSTEES OF SAID DEFENDANT(S) AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH/ UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1, UNKNOWN TENANT #2;

Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: MARY ROBINSON; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH/ UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S);

Whose residence are/is unknown.

YOU ARE HEREBY required to file your answer or written defenses, if any, in the above proceeding with the Clerk of this Court/ and to serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiffs attorney/ Law Offices of Daniel C. Conuegra/ 9204 King Palm Drive, Tampa, FL 33619-1328, telephone (813) 915-8660, facsimile (813) 915-0559, within thirty days of the first publication of this Notice, the nature of this proceeding being a suit for foreclosure of mortgage against the following described property, to wit:

LOT 3, BLOCK F, NORTHWOOD SUBDIVISION, UNIT 1/ ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE N, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA.

To include a:

2006 FLEETWOOD MOBILE HOME, VIN GAFL635A917065C21 and 97970640

2006 FLEETWOOD MOBILE HOME, VIN GAFL635B917065C21 and 97971054

A/K/A
1062 NE FORD DRIVE
MADISON, FL 32340

If you fail to file your answer or written defenses in the above proceeding, on plaintiff's attorney, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or Petition.

DATED at MADISON County this 26 day of June, 2009.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

By Ramona Dickinson
Deputy Clerk

In accordance with the American with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the ASA Coordinator no later than seven (7) days prior to the proceedings. If hearing impaired, please call (800)955-8771 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (voice), via Florida Relay Service.

7/1, 7/8

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

IN RE: ESTATE OF

LOUISE M. BOOTH,

Deceased.

PROBATE DIVISION
CASE NO. 2009-36-CP

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The ancillary administration of the Estate of Louise M. Booth, deceased, whose death was March 18, 2008 is pending in the Circuit Court for Madison County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Post Office Box 237, Madison, Florida 32341. The names and addresses of the Co-Personal Representatives and the Co-Personal Representatives' attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against Decedent's estate must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is July 1, 2009.

Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives: *vs* Co-Personal Representatives:
vs Scot B. Copeland, P.L. Albert K. Booth, III
Scot B. Copeland (FBN 0156681) 1229 3rd Street, S.E.
Law Offices of Scot B. Copeland, P.L. Moultrie, Georgia 31788
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Madison, FL 32341
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vs James M. Booth
James M. Booth
121 Suwannee Road
Moultrie, Georgia 31788

7/8, 7/15

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

BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY,

Plaintiff,

CASE NO. 2008-CA-000633
DIVISION:

vs.

DANIEL L. CARET; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DANIEL L. CAREY, et al,

Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause, in the Circuit Court of MADISON County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in MADISON County, Florida described as:

COMMENCE AT AN IRON ROD MARKING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 7 EAST, MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA AND RUN SOUTH 00°5'2" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 927.56 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE NORTH 89°04'22" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 1491.51 FEET TO A POINT IN THE CENTERLINE OF AN 80 FOOT WIDE ROADWAY, UTILITY AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT (ROAD 329), THENCE RUN SOUTH 06°40'39" EAST ALONG SAID CENTERLINE, A DISTANCE OF 546.69 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE SOUTH 07°57'43" EAST ALONG SAID CENTERLINE, A DISTANCE OF 270.71 FEET FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING AND LEAVING SAID CENTERLINE, RUN NORTH 89°06'09" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 439.31 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 10.50 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, SUBJECT TO AN 80 FOOT WIDE ROADWAY, UTILITY AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT (ROAD 329) OVER AND ACROSS THE WESTERLY 40 FEET THEREOF, ALSO SUBJECT TO A 10 FOOT UTILITY EASEMENT ALONG THE SIDE AND REAR LOT LINES.

and commonly known as: TRACT #13 AUCILLA PLANTATION, GREENVILLE, FL 32331, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the West Front Steps of the Madison County Courthouse, 125 SW Range Avenue, Madison, Florida 32341 at 11:00 a.m. on July 30, 2009.

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Nancy K. Nydam, Court Administrator, P.O. Box 1569.

Dated this July 7, 2009

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7/8, 7/15

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Mosquito-Borne Disease Advisories for Madison County

Mosquito-Borne Illness Advisory for Madison County

This is to advise that there has been increased mosquito-borne disease activity in the area of Madison County. Two horses have tested positive for EEE (Eastern Equine Encephalitis) virus. The risk of transmission to humans has been increased.

Madison County Health Department reminds residents and visitors to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes that may cause disease. Madison County Mosquito Control and the health department continue surveillance and prevention efforts and encourage everyone to take basic precautions

to help limit exposure by following the Department of Health recommendations.

Your personal mosquito protection efforts should include the "5 D's" for prevention:

Dusk and Dawn — Avoid being outdoors when mosquitoes are seeking blood. For many species this is during the dusk and dawn hours.

Dress — Wear clothing that covers most of your skin.

DEET — When the potential exists for exposure to mosquitoes, repellents containing DEET (N,N-diethylmeta-toluamide, or N,N-diethyl-3-methylbenzamide) are recommended. Picaridin, oil of lemon

eucalyptus, and IR3535 are other repellent options.

DEET is available for FREE at the Madison County Health Department.

Drainage — Check around your home to rid the area of standing water, which is where mosquitoes can lay their eggs.

Elimination of breeding sites is one of the keys to prevention.

Tips on Eliminating Mosquito Breeding Sites

- Clean out eaves, troughs and gutters.
- Remove old tires or drill holes in those used in playgrounds to drain.
- Turn over or remove empty plastic pots.
- Pick up all beverage containers and cups.

• Check tarps on boats or other equipment that may collect water.

• Pump out bilges on boats.

• Replace water in bird-baths and pet or other animal feeding dishes at least once a week.

• Change water in plant trays, including hanging plants, at least once a week.

• Remove vegetation or obstructions in

drainage ditches that prevent the flow of water.

DOH continues to conduct statewide surveillance for mosquito borne illnesses, including West Nile virus infections, Eastern equine encephalitis, St. Louis encephalitis, malaria, and dengue. Residents of Florida are encouraged to report dead birds via the web site

<http://myfwc.com/bird>.

For more information on mosquito-borne illnesses, visit DOH's Environmental Health web site at <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/environment/communty/arboviral/index.htm>, or call the West Nile Virus Hotline at 1-888-880-5782, or call the Madison County Health Department at 850-973-5000.

CALLING ALL FANS

Electric fans needed for seniors suffering from local heat wave

By Michael Curtis
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The residents of Madison County, along with communities throughout the region, are banning together to help seniors that are suffering from the severe heat that is consuming the area. Locally, the Senior Citizens Center is joining community partners to provide electric fans to any senior in the county that can't afford one.

These types of fans can be picked up at any home store or local discount store for \$20 or

less. Organizers gratefully request any donations be delivered as soon as convenient, as the situation is urgent and the health risks associated with heat related illness can be very serious, especially for seniors.

"The Senior Center is asking businesses, individuals, churches, and organizations to donate fans for our seniors, to help keep them cool. The drop off site is at the Senior Center located at 486 SW Rutledge Street, Madison," noted Sharon Underhill, who

can be reached at (850) 973-4241. "Box, round, or fans on stands would be great."

The Madison County Senior Citizens Council is devoted to the support of needy seniors everywhere. The council and its community supporters express immense appreciation for every type of contribution — time, money and encouragement, and now fans.

Michael Curtis can be reached at michael@greenepublishing.com.

SALVATION ARMY VBS SET FOR JULY 14-17

The Salvation Army is scheduled to hold its much-acclaimed Vacation Bible School, titled, "Crocodile Dock." Presented by the Salvation Army Youth V-Team, the pro-

gram will feature, "Shining God's Light"

The VBS is scheduled for July 14-17 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. daily. There will be a picnic supper in Haffye Hayes Park, with the bible school

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To pre-register or for more information, phone George or Gale Blevins at (850) 948-2119.



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