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Outbreak At MCMH?

By Jacob Bemby
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A reported outbreak of a bacteria known as clostridium difficile at Madison County Memorial Hospital has caused concern. The outbreak has been disputed by the hospital's administrator.

Commonly called c.diff or CDF, it is a bacteria that causes diarrhea and other intestinal disease when competing bacteria are wiped out by antibiotics. Some people who get the bacteria never become sick, although they can spread the infection. The disease usually occurs during, or following a course of antibiotics.

According to the Mayo Clinic web site, the most common symptoms of mild to moderate c. diff include watery diarrhea three or more times a day for two or more days and abdominal cramping and

tenderness. In more severe cases, C. difficile causes the colon to become inflamed (colitis) or to form patches of raw tissue that can bleed or produce pus. Signs and symptoms of severe infection include: watery diarrhea 10 to 15 times a day; abdominal cramping and pain, which may be severe; fever; blood or pus in the stool; nausea; dehydration; loss of appetite; and weight loss.

According to sources, on Monday, there were at least five confirmed cases of c.diff at MCMH and two more people were being tested for the infection.

When asked about the number, MCMH Chief Executive Officer David Abercrombie said on Tuesday "We have one patient with symptoms of c.diff. We did have a high level of four patients."

Abercrombie said that the

What Increases The Risk Of Getting A Clostridium Difficile Infection?

- Age
- Antacids
- Antibiotics
- Dormant infection
- Hospital stay
- Weak immune system

Factors all can contribute to infection from Clostridium Difficile

symptoms were those of mild to moderate c.diff.

One concern about the outbreak is that the hospital is putting other patients (including "swing bed" patients) in rooms with the patients who are already infected with c.diff. On Monday, there were a high number of swing bed patients.

Swing bed, also called Skilled Nursing Care, is a Medicare program designed to provide inpatient care for those who need extra time to heal or strengthen before returning home or to a nursing home. The term is derived from the idea that the patient will "swing" from inpatient acute care to return to the same level of independence that had before entering the hospital. Many swing bed patients are nursing home patients or those who have been admitted for rehabilitation.

Madison County Acting Circuit Judge Wins Families Up Front Award

By Jacob Bemby
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Kenneth "Sonny" Scaff was recognized on Wednesday, March 17, with the 2010 Families Up Front Community Award.

Hailing from Hamilton County, Scaff is the acting circuit judge in both Madison and Hamilton Counties, where he presides over dependency court cases.

"Our Child Protection staff members recognize that he is a true advocate for the children he serves," said Ester S. Tibbs, Circuit Administrator for the Florida Department of Children and Families. "Regardless of the circumstances of the case, it is clear that the children's best interest is always the priority in Judge Scaff's courtroom and it is this belief that is



Photo submitted

Ester S. Tibbs, left, presents Circuit Judge Sonny Scaff with the 2010 Families Up Front Award.

his guide in making tough decisions as to the welfare of our children."

Tibbs noted that Scaff's easygoing and knowledgeable manner puts everyone at ease in his courtroom, while the information is brought forth that he needs to make a good decision.

"He makes sure all in his courtroom know he is always open to everyone's suggestion as it relates to the welfare of the children in the cases before him," Tibbs elaborated.

Tibbs also said that Scaff endeared himself to the child protection staff not only because he is extremely knowledgeable about the dependency proceedings, but also he

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Madison Commission Re-Forms With New Member

By Ginger Jarvis
Greene Publishing, Inc.

With upraised hands, three newly-elected members took the oath of office as Madison City Commissioners on March 11. Judy Townsend and Jim Stanley won their districts in the March 9 election; Rayne Cooks upset long-time commissioner Sumter James for the District 1 seat. After being installed by City Attorney Clay Schnitker, the three took their positions. The board then chose Townsend as Mayor, with Commissioner Jim Catron as Mayor Pro Tem.

The first item of business was an expression of gratitude to James for his many years of service to the city. He graciously yielded his chair to Cooks, then departed.

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Bill Russell, Businessman And Former State Representative, Passes Away

By Jacob Bemby
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C.E. "Bill" Russell died Monday, March 22, 2010, in Tallahassee.

Funeral services will be held for him on Thursday, March 25, at 2 p.m. at Beggs Funeral Home, Madison Chapel. Visitation will be held at Beggs Funeral Home, Madison Chapel, on Wednesday, March 24, from 6-8 p.m.

A veteran of World War II, Russell also played football for the University of Georgia. Following his marriage to the former Rosalie Priest, he worked for the Van H. Priest Company for 16 years before becoming an insurance representative for AFLAC.

Russell also served in the Florida House of Representatives.

In addition to his wife, Rosalie, he is survived by Van Russell, who is the Franklin County judge; and Ann Russell Horton; and three grandchildren.

Please see Friday's edition of The Madison Enterprise-Recorder for full obituary details.



How To Identify Census 2010 Workers



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo By Michael Curtis, March 16, 2010

Pat Lightcap (left), co-chair of the Madison County Complete Count Committee, spoke to the 55-Plus Club on March 10 about Census 2010. Betty Williams (right) thanked the speaker for his timely and entertaining presentation.

By Michael Curtis
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Census 2010 is ramping up into full speed in Madison County and organizers are appreciative of the efforts of volunteers and workers to perform this Constitutional duty. Still, it's a shame that corrupt

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SAM's Community Foundation To Hold Awareness Day

By Jacob Bemby
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Two black pioneer families, the Savages and the McCrays, donated the land and a group of black women donated a building, which will host a walk-through tour on Sunday, March 28.

The building will be known as the SAM'S Community Foundation and is located on the corner of Dade and First Street in Madison.

The SAM's Community Foundation is a charitable foundation and has received its 501(c) (3) status through the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

Among the myriad activities to be held at the Foundation will be tutoring youth and adults, community meetings, Senior Citizens activities, Health Education and other civic and religious events.

If the Foundation is approved, plans are to collaborate with the state corrections system and to support Madison County inmates when they return home by supporting them as they adjust to the community and the workforce.

The Foundation is in the final stages of their renovation and have a day planned to show home

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Fri 3/26 78/54 Few showers. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 50s.	Sat 3/27 76/53 Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 50s.

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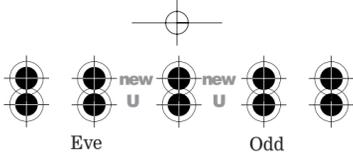
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VIEWPOINTS & OPINIONS

Red, White And True Mysteries

Were Flora Fairfield And A.M. Barnard Related To A Famous Writer?

By Paul Niemann

Since March is Women's History Month, all of the stories in this column this month will be about ... anyone want to take a guess? Anyone?

That's right - women. This week's column is about several women who used pen names as writers. A pen name, by the way, is a fictitious name that a writer uses, such as when Samuel Clemens used the pen name of Mark Twain.

Speaking of pen names, here are a few others that were used by famous writers: Richard Saunders, Victor and Ms. Silence Dogood. Was it possible that Richard Saunders was related to Ms. Silence Dogood? The real identity of each writer will surprise you; you will discover who they were at the end of the story.

Flora Fairfield was born in 1832 in Germantown, Pennsylvania. Most of her education came from her father. Among her friends was the writer Henry David Thoreau. She served as a nurse in Washington, DC, during the Civil War. She began publishing poems, short stories and juvenile stories in 1851.

A.M. Barnard was also born in 1832 in Germantown, Pennsylvania. Like Flora Fairfield, most of her education came from her father. Among her friends was the writer Ralph Waldo Emerson. In 1863 she wrote a book titled Hospital Sketches that was based on her experiences as a nurse, and it was this little-known book that kick-started her career as a serious writer.

Sometimes a writer has a pen name which does not become well-known, and she might change her pen name to a different name and become more successful with the new pen name. The pen name is not usually what determines success,

but changing a pen name allows a writer to start over and re-brand herself when she changes the literary genre in which she writes.

That's what the writer formerly known as Flora Fairfield did. So did A.M. Barnard. You see, both of these names were pen names of ... Louisa May Alcott.



Louisa Mae Alcott

And in a case of art imitating life, Louisa May Alcott's character Jo is based on her own life in Little Women. Her three real-life sisters represented Jo's three sisters in the story: Meg, Beth and Amy. And like Ms. Alcott, Jo's character also wrote stories anonymously.

So, which writers were known by the pen names of Richard Saunders, Victor and Ms. Silence Dogood?

Richard Saunders was the pen name of Ben Franklin when he wrote Poor Richard's Almanack.

Victor was the pen name used by poet Percy Shelley, whose wife, Mary Shelley, created the story of Frankenstein's Monster. Percy had performed experiments with electricity, similar to what scientist Victor Frankenstein did on his monster (many people incorrectly assume that the monster was named Frankenstein, but in reality, the fictional monster had no name).

And, finally, Ms. Silence Dogood was the pen name of a middle-aged widow who wrote an advice column for James Franklin's newspaper in Boston in 1722. The writer used a pen name to hide "her" identity because she knew that her brother would not allow her to work at the paper.

It turns out that Silence Dogood wasn't middle-aged after all. In fact, she wasn't even a woman; she was a 16-year-old boy by the name of ... Ben Franklin!

Emerald's Gem Box
Emerald Greene
Publisher

Historic Day? I'm Afraid So!

Well, March 21, 2010 is being called an "historic day" in America. I'll have to agree. March 21, 2010 will forever be marked the day that America took a farther step away from what our Founding Forefathers stood for; and took a GIANT step towards socialism as ObamaCare passed the House 219-212.

ObamaCare has a mandate that requires nearly every American to be insured by 2014, or face a penalty/fine. However, the law provides an exemption for low-income families. Isn't that what Medicaid is for now - low-income families? Aren't the tax-payers of this country already funding a government functioned healthcare (Medicaid) that is sending us into the deficit more and more? If the government can't run the Medicaid program well, what do you really think is going to happen with ObamaCare?

Threats of lawsuits, calling ObamaCare unconstitutional, are already being discussed, as soon as the President signs the new bill. It is unconstitutional to REQUIRE Americans to buy something or not buy something. This is EXACTLY what ObamaCare does. This is our government TELLING us what we do, or do not, HAVE to buy. And, if we refuse to buy it, then we will get a hefty fine for "disobeying" the government. This is supposed to be the same government that founded this country by breaking away from England's rule and governmental control.

ObamaCare is one Giant Step towards governmental control. ObamaCare is about more government intrusion, into our personal lives. It is about more government intrusion into our country's businesses. Under this new "plan" all small businesses have to provide insurance to its employees, or pay a fine. (Government control - do as we say or we will penalize you.)

The country is in a state of despair, economically, as it is. The reason? The economy has had such a hard hit in the last couple of years. Businesses have had to lay off hundreds of thousands of employees, and businesses (large and small) have declared bankruptcy or simply gone out of business. The unemployment rate has skyrocketed, and there aren't enough businesses left out there to hire everyone back on.

But wait - now the government is going to add yet another burden on the already hurting businesses of this country. Now the small businesses that have barely made it through this last recession is going to be hit even harder with the thousands of dollars to pay health insurance, or pay a fine (to the government.) Unemployment rates will rise. Businesses will not be able to afford more workers with all the new government mandated healthcare laws. The answer will be...don't hire new employees.

The flip-side of the coin, for those supporters of ObamaCare, is that every American can now have coverage whether they can afford it or not.

Answer: NOTHING is free. Every American will be affected by this new law, with higher taxes, of some sort. Rep. Eric Cantor called it a "trillion-dollar overhaul" that would raise taxes, increase our national debt and reduce our freedom of choice in health-care decisions.

If we "give away" all this healthcare, someone has to pay the fine for it.

Our taxes WILL rise. There's no way to deny that. There will be penalties for those that don't buy health insurance. Income taxes will go up, there will be new sources of income tax, high income tax payers will have a higher hospital tax, those who have high medical costs won't be able to deduct as many of them, and the list goes on and on.

Now, our senior citizens, the ones most afraid of ObamaCare, under this new healthcare law, Medicare Advantage will be eliminated, Medicare in general will be hurt and its services will be cut.

ObamaCare is going to destroy healthcare in the United States.

But, the sad, sad truth to all of this is not just our healthcare. The sad truth revolves around control. This is one more way the government has gained control over the American citizens. Our constitution gave the government limited power; and was to keep it from having total power of the country. We are seeing our constitutional rights being stripped right out from under us.

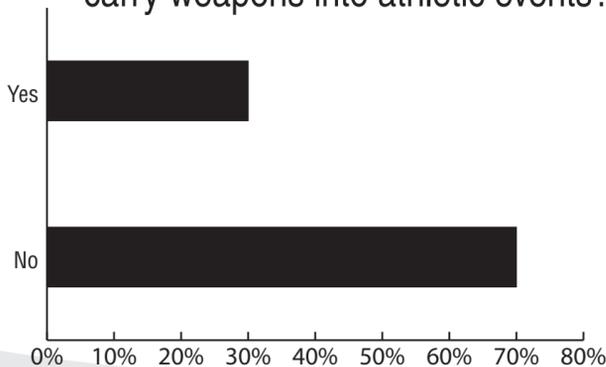
America.....the land of the free?

When the people fear their government, there is tyranny; when the government fears the people, there is liberty. - Thomas Jefferson.

Fear, ladies and gentlemen, Fear your government. Until then.....I'll see you around the town.

LAST WEEK'S Online Poll

Is it a good idea to allow gun owners with permits to carry weapons into athletic events?



This week's question: Do you support the State's proposed budget cut to public libraries?

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Lee Limelight
Jacob Bembry
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Revival Fires Continue To Burn

Revival services continue through Wednesday through Friday evenings at Midway Church of God. A brush arbor will be the setting for the services on Thursday, March 25, and Friday, March 26, at Midway Church of God.

The church's pastor, Retis Flowers, hopes everyone will be able to join in for this time of renewal in the Lord.

Bishop Mike Carson, Jr., the Senior Pastor of Lafayette Church of God, just north of Nashville, Tenn., is the guest evangelist.

Richard Banks will be the special guest musician for the week.

Midway Church of God is located at 2485 SE Midway Church Road, off County Road 255, south of Interstate 10 (Lee exit) off Highway 53, south of Interstate 10 (Madison exit).

The revival at Lee First Baptist Church will conclude Wednesday evening, March 24.

Carl J Moore from Hopewell Baptist Church will be preaching on Wednesday, March 24, at 7 p.m.

Rev. Jimmy MacNeil is the interim pastor of the church.

There will be singing and preaching in each service so please go out and enjoy the revival services.

Lee United Methodist Church will present its annual crucifixion reenactment, The Seven Last Words of Christ, on Good Friday, April 2.

Pastors from seven different churches will speak on the last words that Christ spoke on the Cross at Calvary, while an actor portraying Jesus will hang on the Cross.

Actors from the church will portray soldiers and members of the crowd during the reenactment.

The Seven Last Words of Christ will be presented at 6:30 p.m. that evening, rain or shine.

Lee United Methodist Church is located just off County Road 255 in Lee.

Rev. Steve McHargue, former pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church, will be the guest speaker on Easter Sunday, April 4, during the Sunrise Service at Lake Brittany.

Members of Lee United Methodist Church and Lee First Baptist Church join together each year for the service held next to the lake in Lee.

Lake Brittany is located just north of Lee City Hall.

Sunrise service will begin at 7 a.m.
Everyone is invited to attend.

Happy birthday wishes go out to Faith Archambault and Shawn Webb, who celebrate their birthdays on Wednesday, March 24. Cody Davis will celebrate his birthday on Thursday, March 25. Ally Vasvary celebrates her birthday on Friday, March 26, as does Jim von Roden. Charlene Medders will celebrate her birthday on Saturday, March 27.

Jason and Dawn Phillips will celebrate their wedding anniversary on Tuesday, March 27.

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.

Civil News

Jermonica Davis and Department of Revenue vs. Brian Hill - support

Sharon Gamble and Department of Revenue vs. Gary Haggins, Jr. - support

Charles Mays, Jr. vs. Esther and Shelly Decker - other civil

Tiffany Henderson vs. Daniel Oaks - paternity

Rebecca LaMarsh vs. Cory LaMarsh - domestic injunction

Heather B. Bergeron and Department of Revenue vs. Joshua Ogburn - support

Tammi Henderson and Department of Revenue vs. Trent Henderson, Sr. - support

Henry R. Raines vs. Cheryl L. Raines - dissolution of marriage

Roland White vs. Penske Truck Leasing Co. - auto negligence

Michelle Rooney vs. Timmy Comstock - domestic injunction

Robert C. Snoops, Jr. vs. Farron E. Perry - other civil

Bank of America vs. Kousilla Datadeen - mortgage foreclosure

Melinda Ann Gianino vs. Christopher Lee Gianino, Sr. - dissolution of marriage

Bank of America vs. Matthew Dunn - mortgage foreclosure

21st Century vs. Barbara A. Anderson - mortgage foreclosure

Wells Fargo Bank vs. John Thomas Lytle - mortgage foreclosure

Amy E. Tuten vs. Robert C. Stoops, Jr. - repeat injunction

Nathaniel Ghent, Jr. vs. Shenika Stephens - other civil

William Greene vs. Timothy Hubert Hightower, Sr. - repeat injunction

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Madison County Carrier Photo, August 1987

The Elks Club Hawaiian Luau, sponsored by the Ladi-Elks, was a huge success. Mrs. Howard Putnal (right) puts a lei on the David Frasures of Madison, who won the Best Dress/Dance prize during the evening

Nuclear Iran

National Security
Joe Boyles
Guest Columnist



While there are many foreign policy issues that the Obama Administration must deal with in a dangerous world, the specter of a nuclear-armed Iran tops the list. Most experts believe that the Iranian theocracy will possess a nuclear weapon within two years time. Then they must match the warhead with a delivery system and test that weapon system before becoming a credible threat. Then they have to build a small arsenal.

I have been critical of how the Obama Administration has handled this threat, but the president and his advisors deserve some slack - no one has a good hand to play in this matter. Since the ruling Iranian mullahs are determined to develop this capability, there is little we can do to stop them. Let's try to break this issue down into parts and examine each to better understand the threat and what the future might hold.

First, why do they want the bomb? Is it to deter a threat? I don't think that is the answer. No one from outside Iran is threatening the regime. While the regime does face a domestic threat from their own people, nuclear weapons will not quell internal dissent. If you examine Iran's neighbors - Iraq, Afghanistan, Turkey, Pakistan and a couple of former Soviet states - they are dwarfed by Iran's size, population, wealth and literacy. These regional neighbors in no way threaten the Iranian mullahs.

It is true that the United States has military forces in the region, with a fleet off shore, two armies in Iraq and Afghanistan, and significant air assets in the Persian Gulf, but no one in their right mind has suggested that we are there to invade Iran. While the regime may hold the United States up as a "straw dog," we really aren't threatening them. But make no mistake, the United States (and the world) has high-priority strategic interests in the region - that's why we're there.

Yes, there is a military option where the US or Israel launch an air attack against the Iranian nuclear facilities, but I don't foresee such an attack. It would be far too hard and dangerous to attempt to "take out" the widespread and hardened facilities.

So if Iran does not seek a nuke for the purpose of deterrence, what would they use them for? I can only see two possible uses for an Iranian nuclear weapon. First would be to threaten the Jewish state of Israel. Second would be to hold a major source of the world's oil supply hostage. In either case, Iran would have to take the initiative as the aggressor.

Israel has had a nuclear arsenal for some thirty years, but they haven't employed any of these terrible weapons against hostile neighbors even though the Jewish state has been attacked on more than one occasion since acquiring the capability. To the Israelis, nuclear weapons are a deterrent and choice of last resort. It will take

Iran considerable time to build a capability equal to Israel, either in number or means of delivery. Because of its' small size, Israel is a more compact target than Iran and easier to attack.

For the foreseeable future, Iran will have only one method to threaten an attack on her neighbors - land-based missiles. The potential targets for her attacks - Israel and the Arab nations of the Persian Gulf - need some protection in order to feel safer from this threat. They can either opt for deterrence like Israel or missile defense (which Israel also possesses) or both. If they go the less problematic route of missile defense, the United States can provide some of this umbrella as well as technical assistance.

No defensive system is foolproof, and missile defense is no exception, but it is getting better with testing over time. Of course, even if you successfully intercept a nuclear armed missile, the environmental damage could be significant - plutonium is a very poisonous element - but that is far less damaging than a mushroom cloud over a populated city.

There is one scenario I haven't mentioned until now - the specter of Iran giving a nuclear weapon or materials to a terrorist organization for their use. For instance, how would an organization like Hezbollah which operates out of Syria and Southern Lebanon use such a weapon against the hated Israelis? Moreover, how would we counteract such a threat? This is the type of nuclear proliferation which we especially fear.

Here is what I think will unfold. Iran will march unimpeded toward a nuclear weapon capability and then begin to enhance their capability. In response, the region will "arm up," hopefully with cheaper and less destabilizing defensive systems. I am doubtful that sanctions, if and when they come into play, will have much effect on the situation. Our best hope is to contain the Iranians with missile defenses and world opinion, further isolating and undermining the regime. Then possibly, the regime will fall to the internal threat and be replaced by a saner, more pragmatic government than the revolutionary movement which took over with the fall of the Shah more than thirty years ago.

It is a dangerous situation and deserves our full attention and clear thinking.

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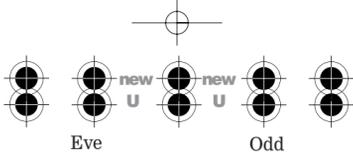
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Commission

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The commissioners heard from Cammie Frakes concerning Purple Day, a time to recognize the devastation of epilepsy and the need to support research into epilepsy, Parkinson's, and other diseases. Frakes shared her own experience with epilepsy and encouraged the board to pass a resolution asking citizens to wear purple on March 16 to call attention to the situation.

Catron moved to approve the request; the board approved unanimously.

Skip James reported on the possibility of procuring a grant to purchase a ladder-equipped fire truck for Madison and Madison County. He referenced conflagrations that required trucks to come from Tallahassee and from Valdosta, Ga. He said that the Madison County School District, presently under severe financial constraints, cannot assist in matching grant funds, and he asked that the city split a \$25,000 shortfall with the county commissioners. This would raise the city's contribution to \$57,500.

After some discussion, Stanley and Cooks moved to approve the request in principle pending the county commission's agreement. The motion passed.

The commissioners also approved changes in two ordinances that will permit interlocal agreements with the Town of Lee relating to sewer lines and lift stations extending service to I-10.

The board discussed a request from the Florida Department of Transportation to raise or lower utility lines and manholes along Hwy. 53 S as the DOT paves that area. At Schnitker's suggestion, they added a change in the city's indemnity for the project. Commissioners Myra Valentine and Stanley moved to approve; the motion passed unanimously.

SAM's

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much they have done with the Community Building (which was formerly a portable school building). The date is set for Sunday, March 28, from 1-4 p.m. in the afternoon at the center site/241 SW First Street.

The Foundation will also accept donations to help complete renovation of the building. Donations may be given on the day of the event or mailed to P.O. Box 952, Madison, FL 32341.

The SAM's Community Foundation Board of Directors is comprised of Deloris Jones, President; Timothy McCray; Carolyn Ray; Glenda Branch; and Gwendolyn Johnson. Members of the SAM's Community Foundation include Simmie Thomas, Peggy Williams, Jean Hughey, Alfred Martin, Lillie Haynes, Cora Wyche, Linda Gail French, Glenda LeLand and Nancy Benjamin.

Award

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is available to the staff on weekends and holidays.

Renna Brock, Child Protective Investigations Supervisor, nominated Scaff. In her nomination letter, she wrote of a recent dangerous court situation, where "Judge Scaff went out of his way and made it his personal responsibility to ensure the safety of all parties involved."

Brock went on to write, "We feel Judge Scaff is more than deserving of this award, and we in Madison and Hamilton Counties are proud to work under him."

The 14th Annual Families Up Front Awards Ceremony was held on March 17 in Gainesville.

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Census

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criminals are trying to take advantage of residents by posing census workers in an effort to steal vital information or stake out property for theft. In response, the Census Bureau has issued the following:

By being counted in the 2010 Census you are standing up for what your community's needs are. That's why census takers are so important. A census taker is a person from your community who is hired by the Census Bureau to make sure that your neighborhood gets represented as accurately as possible. The census taker's primary responsibility is to collect census information from residences that have not sent back their 2010 Census form.

The Census Bureau provides the census taker with a binder containing all of the addresses that didn't send back a filled out census form

The census taker then visits all of those addresses and records the answers to the questions on the form

If no one answers at a particular residence, a census taker will visit that home up to three times, each time leaving a door hanger featuring a phone number; residents can call the number on the hanger to schedule the visit

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Every First And Third Monday

Consolidated Christian Ministries, located at 799-C SW Pinckney Street in Madison, has changed their food distribution give-out days. Food will now be given out on the first and third Mondays of each month from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. to those who have signed up and qualified in accordance with USDA guidelines. Anyone can come in and see if they qualify and sign up on the following days: Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 9 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

March 24

Ken Methvin from Eye Savers will be hosting eye exams, and Gianni Jackson will be taking a group for a walk around the block at the Senior Citizens Center.

March 25

Joan Lapinski from Big Bend Rural Health Network will be doing yoga with the seniors at the Senior Citizens Center.

March 24

Lee First Baptist Church revival concludes at 7 p.m. Wednesday evening with Carl J. Moore as the guest speaker.

March 24-26

Bishop Mike Carson, of Lafayette, Tenn., continues revival services at Midway Church of God in Lee, Wednesday, March 24, through Friday, March 26, beginning at 7 p.m. each evening. Midway Church of God is located at 2485 SE Midway Church Road, just off County Road 255 (south of I-10, Lee) or off Highway 53 (south of I-10, Madison exit). Everyone is cordially welcomed.

March 27

Genesis Missionary Baptist Church presents a live re-creation of Jesus' crucifixion at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 27.

March 29-April 2

Holy Week services will be held at the following churches March 29-April 2: Monday, Grace Presbyterian Church; Tuesday, Shiloh M.B. Church; Wednesday, First United Methodist Church; Thursday, Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church; and Friday, First Baptist Church. The services are sponsored by the Madison County Ministerial Association.

March 29-April 4

The Madison County Ministerial Society will hold Passion Week services March 29-April 4. Host churches include Evergreen M.B. Church, March 29; Genesis M.B. Church, March 30; Pineland M.B. Church, March 31; New Mt. Zion, M.B. Church, April 1; St. James M.B. Church, April 2; Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church, April 3; and Shiloh M.B. Church, April 4. Services begin at 7 p.m. each night, with an Easter Sunrise service at 6 a.m. AT Shiloh.

April 2

Lee Worship Center will resume their first Friday night gospel sings beginning April 2. The church is located at 397 SE Magnolia Drive in Lee. Potluck supper. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish and drinks. For more information, call (850) 673-9490 or (850) 971-4135. People who can sing or play and instrument is urged to come and share

their talents.

April 4

Midway Baptist Church will host Easter sunrise services. The church is located at 338 SE Midway Church Road, just off Highway 53, Madison exit, or off CR 255, Lee exit, in Lee.

April 4

Midway Church of God will host Easter services. There will be an Easter egg hunt and finger foods following the morning worship services. Midway Church of God is located at 2485 SE Midway Church Road, off County Road 255 (south of I-10, Lee) or off Highway 53 (south of I-10, Madison exit).

April 4

Lee Worship Center will host a gospel sing on Easter Sunday morning, beginning at 10 a.m. with the McCormick Family. The church is located at 397 SE Magnolia Drive in Lee.

April 4

Madison Church of God will present its Easter cantata See What a Morning: A Choral Celebration of Christ's Resurrection, written by Mark McClure and directed by Wayne Diamond, at 11 a.m. Pastor Doyle Glass will deliver the Easter message.

April 8

Concerned Citizens of Madison will be meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the Madison Public Library. All citizens of Madison are invited. Concerned Citizens of Madison is a group that is concerned with the improvement and developments in and around Madison. They need residents from all districts. Each district may have their own issues that need to be addressed. Please join them on Thursday nights, once a month at 5:30. Any questions call Ina Thompson at 850-445-7755.

April 16 & 17 - DOWN HOME DAYS

Hosted by the Greater Madison County Chamber of Commerce & Tourism - Vendor and Parade applications are now available! Contact the Madison Chamber at 850-973-2788 or email your request to chamber@madisonfl.org.

April 30

The 4-H Tropicana Speech Contest will be Friday, April 30, 2010 at 9 a.m. at the Madison County Extension Office. The first place winners from each school in each grade division will compete in the county contest. Come support your schools 4th, 5th, and 6th grade winners as they compete for the overall County winners.

May 5

The Quitman Rotary Club will host its third annual Charity Golf Tournament, Weds., May 5th. Individuals or businesses that would like to participate can contact John Wingate at (229) 263-7983. Prizes will be awarded and lunch will be provided.

Obituaries

Lona Belle Humphries

Belle Humphries, 89, of Crawfordville, and native of Daytown, passed away Friday, March 19, 2010, at Eden Springs Nursing Home.

The service will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, March 23, 2010, at Beggs Funeral Home, Madison Chapel, 235 NW Orange Ave., Madison, with burial at Lee Memorial Cemetery.

The family received friends from 2 until 4 on Sunday, March 21, at Beggs Funeral Home, Apalachee Parkway Chapel, 3322 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, (850) 942-2929.

She is survived by her three children, Jimmie Humphries and wife Terri; Keith Humphries; and Janet Chitty; one sister, Eulene Miller; six grandchildren, Nathan Humphries, Celeda Wallace, Alane West, Aletha Starnes, Chris Chitty and Heather Chitty and ten great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Luther Humphries, granddaughter, Summer Humphries and four sisters, Lillious Foxx, Judy Anderson, Chloe Jordan and AvaNelle Griner.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32308.

Henry E. "Sonny" Cason

Henry E. "Sonny" Cason, much-loved and God-gifted multi-talented man, died March 15, 2010, at home in Lovett, surrounded by family after a long battle with ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease.

Graveside funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, 2010 in Concord Baptist Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers and in Henry's memory, please pass on the kindness you have shown to us to someone else in need.

Henry was born on May 13, 1936, in Vienna, Ga., to Weltmer and Essie Mae Register Cason, who preceded him in death, as did a brother, George Cason.

Henry was a gracious person and a friend to all he met. Henry could do most anything. He never faced an impossible situation that he could not solve.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Juanita Jarvis Cason; daughter, Karen (Wayne) Vickers of Pinetta; granddaughter, Jessica Higginbotham of Lovett; two sisters, Frances Norris of Greenville and Leila Burnett of Cherry Lake; a brother, Walter (Paula) Jarvis of Lovett; sister-in-law, Frances Cason of Cherry Lake; and a host of nieces and nephews.



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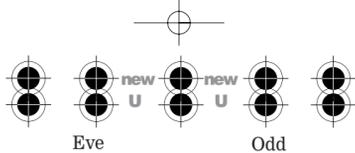
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Madison Kiwanis Holding Charity Yard Sale

Residents urged to donate goods for this worthwhile event

By Michael Curtis
Greene Publishing, Inc.

On May 8, the Madison Kiwanis Club will be holding a pancake breakfast and yard sale to support its ongoing charity campaigns. A leader in scholarship funding, the organization has established an esteemed reputation for community service and educational, among a variety of other causes.

The site of the fun-filled feast and yard sale will be on the grounds of O'Neal's Restaurant, which is adjacent to NFCC on US 90. An affordable inventory of useful and decorative items is expected.

To help in this worthwhile event, organizers graciously request residents to donate those items that have piled up and may be converted into scholarships and other need-based community support. To arrange a donation, please phone Roy Ellis at (850) 971-5864 or (850) 869-9040.

A recent scholarship recipient, Emily Hentges, sent a thank-you card to the club, which was read during their March 11 lunch meeting. Linda Hesketh read it aloud to the group, stating that Emily would be attending Santa Fe College to pursue a degree in dental hygiene, after which she and a friend will attend dental school and plan to open a private practice.

The club membership praised the scholar's accomplishment, also taking a moment to recognize David Driggers and Jim Holben for their recent recognition by Kiwanis for their distinguished service as club officers last year. The Madison Kiwanis Club received a distinguished service award acknowledging their overall performance as well.

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The Madison Kiwanis Club and officers received distinguished service awards for their exemplary contribution to community service. Pictured left to right are: Lucille Day, David Driggers, Jim Holben and Oliver Bradley.

Financial Focus...

Put Your Tax Refund to Work

Provided by Brad Bashaw, Edward Jones

It's Tax Refund Season again. This year, if you're going to get a check from your Uncle Sam, why not put it to work to help you meet your financial goals?

Last year, the average tax refund was more than \$2,700, according to the IRS. The size of your refund, or whether you will get one at all, depends on your individual circumstances. But if you are going to get a refund, plan ahead for what you'll do with it. Here are a few possibilities:

- **Pay down some debts.** In these difficult economic times, you may be carrying a higher debt load than usual. If so, you may want to use some of your refund to pay down some of these debts. The lower your debt payments, the better your cash flow and the more money you'll have to invest for the future.

- **Build an emergency fund.** If you don't already have an emergency fund containing six to 12 months' worth of living expenses, you could use your tax refund to start one. Without such a fund, you may find yourself constantly dipping into your long-term investments to pay for unexpected costs, such as a new furnace or an expensive car repair. Keep your emergency fund in a liquid account — one that you don't draw on for your day-to-day expenses.

- **Help fund your IRA.** In 2010, you can put in up to \$5,000 to your IRA. Consequently, if you received a \$2,700 refund, you'd have more than half of what you need to fully fund your IRA for the year. (If you're 50 or older, however, you can contribute up to \$6,000 per year.) You might not think that your \$2,700 would make much of a difference in the long run. But by investing your refund and giving it many years of growth potential, you could end up with a sizable amount.

Consider the following: If you put \$2,700 in your IRA, and you earned, on average, seven percent a year for 30 years, you'd end up with about \$20,000, even if you never invested another dime. If you put \$2,700 every year in that same IRA, again earning an average seven percent annual return, you'd end up with more than \$270,000 after thirty years. (These examples are hypothetical illustrations and do not represent any currently available investments.)

You'd eventually have to pay taxes on your earnings, typically when you make withdrawals at retirement. And if you qualified for a Roth IRA, you'd never have to pay taxes on your earnings, as long as you had your account for at least five years and didn't start taking withdrawals until you were at least 59-1/2.

- **Contribute to a Section 529 plan.** If you have children or grandchildren, you may want to establish Section 529 plans to help them pay for college. You can contribute virtually any amount, and the earnings grow tax-free, provided the money is used for higher education expenses. (Withdrawals used for expenses other than qualified education expenses may be subject to federal, state and penalty taxes. Contributions are tax-deductible in certain states for residents who participate in their own state's plan. Please note that a 529 college savings plan could impact a beneficiary's ability to qualify for financial aid.)

You may be tempted to spend your tax refund on things you want today — but, with a little planning, you can use it for things you need tomorrow.

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Lee VFD Fries Up Fish For Funds



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The Ladies Auxiliary served up hundreds of dinners at the Lee VFD fish fry held on March 13. Pictured standing left to right are: Cindy Thomas, Rey Anna McGuire, Shirley vonRoden, and Christina Dallas, with Eloise Rutherford sitting.

By Michael Curtis
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Beyond the great amount of time volunteer firefighters spend training and in the field, the dedication doesn't end there. In addition to the time sacrificed, not to mention putting themselves in harm's way to save lives and property, the departments also maintain the responsibility of raising funds to support operations.

On Saturday, March 13, the Lee Volunteer Fire Department held a fish fry fundraiser. Fun, fish and hushpuppies were fried up with all the tasty sides and desserts to satisfy any appetite. In the end though, it was

Chief Reese Thomas and wife Cindy, Jim and Shirley vonRoden, Leroy Rutherford and all the fine men and women of the department and auxiliary continue to give tirelessly, making the fish fry a wonderful opportunity for the community to come out and say "thanks," while grabbing a delicious dinner. The junior firefighters also lent a hand and a fork to the occasion.

Volunteer fire departments consistently search for operational funds, which is notable, although considering the work they do, no one would argue they deserve more. Community support is, again, essential to that effort.

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Jim vonRoden (left) puts the perfect touch on some hushpuppies, as fellow chefs and firefighters, Brian McMullen (center) and Ted Thomas (right) keep a close eye on business.

the neighbors supporting neighbors that really made the day.

The Lee volunteers have really had their hands full the past few years, as have all the departments around the county. Between the great flooding, fires and traffic accidents, Lee VFD has been "on the ready around the clock."

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Guest Speaker Wows Garden Club

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**Membership, Membership – How Do We Grow?
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Reach Out, Reach Out – That’s How You Grow!
Grow Friends, Grow Friends – How Is That?
Share, Share – And That’s How We Grow.
Grow! Grow! Grow!**

Madison Garden Club President Dolly Ballard called on all members who had cheerleader experience to join her in the cheer above in preparation for the district meeting to be held in Steinhatchee on May 14. From the looks of the packed room of members attending the March 4 monthly meeting, she won't have any shortage of participants. In fact, by all accounts, the Garden Club is setting a standard for enthusiastic support, which was particularly well suited for guest speaker, Bob Bell.

Pharmacist by day, plant and floral arranger by love, Bell wowed members and guests with his instruction and designs, which were constructed live. Spectacular by all accounts, the arrangements feature unique use of color, line and theme.

"My designs evolve," Bell explained. "And while there are some general rules to design that I use, I'll definitely improvise."

Bell's designs have received regional and even national recognition, and the group was amazed he could put together such unique and impressive arrangements in the span of 45 minutes. It certainly came at no surprise that the arrangement fetched several hundred dollars from a quick auction conducted at the end of the meeting.

The designer incorporated a variety of plant and flora in his works, further explaining the idea of "weighting," and how to use vertical and horizontal lines to bring the arrangement to life. In the end though, the greatest praise was offered in the frequent applause and sighs of amazement, not to mention that half the group moved in closer and closer, so as not to miss anything. Several members were even seen drawing sketches for future reference. In a word, it was incredible.



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo By Michael Curtis, March 4, 2010

The lovely ladies with March birthdays received best wishes during the Madison Garden Club meeting held on March 4. Pictured left to right are: Glenda Gordon, Ann Paquette, Joyce Primm, Helen Hembree Johnson, Elaine Economou, and Louise Smith, with Karla Rooks in front.

In other business, Inda Tinney gave a warm dedication to Wilma Dickey, who was recently deceased to the immense sadness of an entire community.

Comparing her life in a moving literary reference to Florence Nightingale, the Madison County matriarch was said to be so warm and inviting that being touched by her was like "putting your head down on a pillow."

The group also celebrated the engagement of member, Rebecca Miller, who recently chaperoned a youth group to Wekiva State Park, a trip sponsored by the Garden Club. The club also reminded members to invite others to the Master Gardeners free short course, to be held the morning of March 13, as well as being urged to attend "Table Scapes" in Perry on March 20, which will feature many of Bell's arrangements.

Kudos also went out to the recipients of Yard of the Month, Ashley and Martha Beggs, and to Shelby's Restaurant for the delicious catered

lunch.
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Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo By Michael Curtis, March 4, 2010

Bob Bell showcased several arrangements at the March 4 meeting of the Madison Garden Club.

Tim Dunn Named Lion Of The Year

By Michael Curtis
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During their regular weekly lunch meeting, which is held each Tuesday in the conference room at Shelby's Restaurant, the Madison Lions Club recognized Tim Dunn as Lion of the Year. Club President Lee FerDon presented Dunn a handsome framed certificate acknowledging the accomplishment, while praising him for his contribution to the club and the community.

In other business, the Lions were making preparations for the next Fifth Saturday Framers and Friends Festival set for May 29, where the club will be conducting its customary "Candy Day" to raise money and awareness for the Lions Club's vision health charities.

The club also voted to donate \$100 to the Risoli family following their catastrophic loss due to a home fire. And lastly, the "Lion King," John Erickson, who relocated to Madison County last year from San Diego where his achievements as a Lion were legendary, made a donation to the club's local benevolence fund in remembrance of a recently deceased Lion he knew back in his home club in California.

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The Madison Lions Club names Tim Dunn the Lion of the Year. Pictured left to right are: Vice President Tom Moffses, President Lee FerDon, and Tim Dunn.

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By Keeley Smith,
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Environment. It's where we eat, drink, play, work, rest. It's where we live. It's where we thrive. So, why aren't more people taking a stand to improve our world, and in turn, improve our lives?

Recently, I began a project for FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America) called Environmental Ambassador.

As a part of my project, I had to take a survey to determine my carbon footprint. You can imagine my surprise when I discovered that my family's carbon footprint exceeded the country average by over two times. Our footprint made the world target look minuscule when placed side by side. I immediately jumped into action.

The first question that came to mind was, "What can we do, as a family, to diminish our wear and tear on the Earth?" I read books, searched the Internet, and questioned people who were doing it "right," and managed to come up with a few daily tasks that can have a great overall effect.

Recycle - The most obvious solution is to recycle the things we use daily so that they can be cleaned up and made anew. Some common household items that can



Keeley Smith

be recycled are: paper, aluminum cans, milk cartons, cardboard boxes, and plastic bottles.

Walk, Run, Bike - The exercise wave is constantly in motion, and what better way to get fit than to walk or run, or you can ride your bike. Not only is it good for your body, but it's good for our planet.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not saying you should completely expunge cars from your daily routine (I recently got my learner's permit, so I'm all about the automobile), but you should consider walking if your destination is within walking distance.

Flip the Switch - You're not in that room, so why should the lights be on. During the day, lights aren't even needed

in most parts of the house if you will just open your blinds. Also, turn off your electronics and appliances when you're not using them. You'll save energy and money!

A Little Goes a Loong Way - When buying items, this is a good rule to keep in mind. Instead of grabbing things with lots of fancy extra packaging, opt for the more convenient and small goods.

You can save space and money, and eliminate unnecessary overuse of materials.

Reuse - Do you have a child or grandchild, or just know some kids that love to color? Instead of throwing away that junk mail or other scrap pieces of paper, give it to the children. Kids don't care what they're draw-

ing on as long as they're having fun. Again, you'll save money that you would have spent on buying extra paper for them.

Hopefully you'll take some of these helpful hints to heart. Don't think that you, as one person, don't matter, because if everyone thinks that way, then we'll have 7 billion people killing our Earth, one landfill at a time.

For more information on recycling in Madison, you can visit: <http://www.madisoncountyfl.com/cd-solid-waste.aspx>. For more information on how you can help our planet, I urge you to surf the web for specific things your family can do or check out *Green Your Home For Dummies* at any book store.



Cowboys Holding Drawing On Big Prizes

By Jacob Bembry
Greene Publishing, Inc.

A \$100 gas card is something to be desired in today's stressful economy. If one is an outdoorsman, so is a gun cabinet with glass etching. If one is a Florida State Seminoles fan, then an FSU helmet signed by current Head Coach Jimbo Fisher and legendary Hall of Fame Coach Bobby Bowden is the ultimate fantasy gift.

Where can one get any of these gifts without doling out a lot of cash? The answer is to invest in a drawing being held by the Madison County High School Cowboys football team. Chances are being sold on the three prizes.

The drawing will be held Saturday, April 17, at 2 p.m. at the Cowboys football booth. T-shirts and hats will also be available for sale, along with the chance tickets which cost only one dollar.

All proceeds will go towards the Cowboys going to camps this summer, including the Fellowship of Christian Athletes camp.



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The Madison Academy Lady Panthers softball team is pictured before their game against Trinity. Front row, left to right: Courtney Strickland, Camryn Strickland, Faith Archambault, Alexis Bowen and Magan Jennings. Back row, left to right: Coach Steve Odiorne, Ali Patron, Sadie Haire, Daniella Floyd, Hannah Odiorne, Erin Barrs, Kendall Land, Whitney Stevens and Coach Johnny Stevens.

Lady Panthers Beat Trinity In Close One

By Jacob Bemby
Greene Publishing, Inc.

A big fifth inning helped the Madison Academy Lady Panthers' softball team beat Trinity Catholic in action played at the Madison County Recre-

ation Park on Tuesday, March 16.

The first run of the game was scored by Erin Barrs, the leadoff batter, who scored a run after the catcher dropped a foul tip by Faith Archambault,

and, thinking it was the third strike, threw the pitch to first base. Barrs, who had already stolen a base made it home safely.

The run was the first of three scored by Barrs in the game.

The Lady Panthers scored another run in the third inning as Barrs once again made it safely home.

The Lady Panthers led 2-1 at the end of three innings.

In the fourth inning, Trinity went to work with their hitting and scored four runs, giving them a 5-2 lead, going into the bottom of the fourth.

The Lady Panthers fought back fiercely and Hannah Odiorne

scored a run to cut Trinity's lead to 5-3.

Trinity kept battling and in the fifth inning, racked up four runs to give them a seemingly insurmountable 9-3 lead.

Undaunted, the Lady Panthers went to work in the fifth and final inning.

Erin Barrs, Whitney Stevens, Hannah Odiorne, Alexis Bowen, Magan Jennings, Ali Patron and Sadie Haire all scored runs in the

fifth to secure the 10-9 victory for the Lady Panthers.

Whitney Stevens, who struck out nine batters, handled pitching duties for the Lady Panthers.

Other players include Camryn Strickland, Courtney Strickland, Daniella Floyd and Kendall Land.

Videos from the game can be viewed at www.greenepublishing.com.

Madison Academy Beats ACA JV

By Jacob Bemby
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The Madison Academy Lady Panthers pulled out a squeaker against Aucilla Christian Academy's junior varsity Lady Warriors on March 9. The Lady Panthers chalked up a 12-10 victory.

The Lady Panthers went to bat first and went to work fast, opening a 7-0 lead on the Lady Warriors.

The Lady Warriors fought back and forced the Lady Panthers into an extra sixth inning before falling to

them 12-10.

Erin Barrs, Whitney Stevens, Alexis Bowen, and Magan Jennings all scored runs for the Lady Panthers.

Emma Witmer, Kelli Evans, Hadley Revell, Whitney McKnight, Jessica Webb and Courtney Watts had one run each.

Whitney Stevens pitched for the Lady Panthers, getting three strikeouts.

Taylor Copeland pitched for the Lady Warriors and notched up two strikeouts.

JV Lady Warriors 4-5

By Fran Hunt
Special to the Madison County Carrier

The Aucilla Christian Academy junior varsity softball team won their past slated contest to now stand 4-5 on the season.

The game slated against Maclay March 12 was rained out.

In the game scheduled against Taylor County March 16, the JV Lady Warriors emerged with a hard-fought 9-7 victory.

The Lady Warriors crossed the plate twice in the first inning while holding Taylor to 1; Aucilla scored 3 in the second inning while Taylor scored 2; both teams were scoreless in the third inning.

The JV Lady Warriors scored 2 in the fourth while holding Taylor to 1 run; the fifth and sixth innings went scoreless for both teams; ACA was inched 3-2

in the seventh inning.

On the mound, Taylor Copeland pitched the entire game, giving up 7 hits with 3 walks and 1 strikeout. The Lady Warriors committed 9 errors in the field.

At the plate, Emma Witmer went 2 for 5 with 2 runs scored and 1 RBI.

Copeland went 0 for 4 with 1 run scored, 1 walk and 2 strikeouts.

Kelli Evans went 3 for 5 with 3 runs scored, 1 RBI, 1 double and 1 triple.

Hadley Revell went 5 for 5 with 1 run scored, 5 RBI's and 2 doubles.

Whitney McKnight went 1 for 4 with 2 RBI's and 1 hit-by-pitch.

Jessica Welch went 1 for 4 with 1 double.

Jessica Webb went 1 for 4 with 2 strikeouts.

Julie High went 2 for 4 with 2 runs scored and 1 strikeout.

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Tips For Picking The Perfect Engagement Ring

(NAPS)—It could be one of the most memorable moments in your life. You pull an engagement ring out of your pocket and ask the love of your life to be your wife. You desperately want her to say yes and fall in love with her ring too, right? But how do you make sure that happens? Guys who successfully navigated this step in their relationship share some tips.

Use a Fake Ring

Mike Vietti, of Washington, D.C., wanted his fiancée's engagement ring to be a complete surprise but had no idea what she would like. So he decided to use a fake one for his proposal and take her shopping later.

"I thought it was brilliant," said Emily Vietti. "I love surprises, but I couldn't imagine wearing something for the rest of my life I didn't love. It was the perfect solution."

Consider Her Taste and Style

Make sure the ring fits her existing jewelry collection, said Kevin Saghy, of Chicago. "I realized all of my fiancée's jewelry is very clean and simple, like one large pearl on a string or a clean trail of diamonds on a necklace, so I chose a three-stone engagement ring that looks simple but impressive. It has gone over really well."

Get A Little Help From Her Friends

"My wife found a drawing of the kind of ring she would like and gave it to a friend to hold—under the condition that the friend would not tell her when she gave it to me," said Andrew Brown, of Detroit. "She was totally surprised the day the exact ring she wanted was given to her."

Shop Together

Randy Holmes, of Atlanta, was overwhelmed by the number of options he faced when he started to shop for his fiancée's ring, so he asked her to join him. "It was great to have Lauren involved," he said. "It was romantic and took a lot of pressure off."

Do Your Homework

Erik Mason, of Boston, did a "ton of research" on diamonds before he even set foot in a jewelry store. "I think most guys believe as long as they're familiar with the four Cs, they're all set," he said. "I was surprised to find that was only half the story you should be thinking about."

Mason spent almost five months learning about the four Cs—color, cut, clarity and carat weight—and how that translated to his budget and girlfriend's taste. He used online resources, visited retailers and flipped through fashion magazines to get a sense of what she liked. "I got a great learning experience and another connection to our marriage through a spectacular piece of symbolism I truly understand inside and out," he said.

The Gemological Institute of America, the world's foremost authority on gems and jewelry and the creator of the four Cs, provides independent assessment of diamond quality in its grading reports. It is also a helpful resource to learn more about diamonds. Visit www.gia.edu or call (800) 421-7250.

Be Well-Tressed At Your Wedding

(NAPS)—On your wedding day, you want everything to be perfect—your shoes, your flowers, your dress but perhaps most importantly, your hair. After all, it's the day when all eyes are on you.

Great hair begins months before the big day, according to cosmetologist Ernie McCraw, director of professional beauty education for Sally Beauty Supply. He suggests this timetable for your tresses:

Six Months Out

Six months before the big day, schedule a consultation with your stylist for your hair's state of the union. He or she can tell you if your hair is on the right track and give you some good pointers.

Are you happy with your color? If not, do a little experimenting since you have some time. Demi-permanent dyes are great for this as they don't contain ammonia, won't damage hair and only deposit color.

They last about four to six weeks, so you can try a few before settling on the one that compliments your features the best. Ion Color Brilliance carries a clear demi-permanent for those who like their color but want to add extra shine.

Three Months Out

Moisture is key to good-looking hair, so start a weekly conditioning treatment at this point. Test out a few different products to find one that's right for your specific hair type. Dry hair will need a heavier deep conditioner while those with oily hair might want to opt for a light leave-in conditioner such as Miracle 7.

Four To Six Weeks Out

Four to six weeks before the wedding, hold a hairstyle dress rehearsal. Bring along any headpieces or embellishments you're planning to use to get the full effect. Once the style is complete, take it on a test-drive to see how it holds up. You won't be spending the entire wedding sitting in a chair, so you want to make sure the style will still look fabulous after you've hugged all those relatives and lived it up on the dance floor.

Two Weeks Out

For hair that looks fresh without looking too newly done, add color or highlights two weeks before the wedding. To keep color looking vibrant, replace your normal shampoo and conditioner with something specifically formulated for color-treated hair: Ion Color Defense has a complete line to help extend and protect hair color.

Ernie McCraw is a licensed cosmetologist with more than 25 years in the beauty industry in all phases of cosmetology and is director of professional beauty education for Sally Beauty Supply. To find a Sally Beauty store, call (800) ASK-SALLY or go to SallyBeauty.com.



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HEALTH & NUTRITION

MCHD Reminds Residents That March Is National Nutrition Month

Registered Dietitian Day was March 10th

By Michael Curtis
Greene Publishing, Inc.

According to a recent press release, the Madison County Health Department is reminding residents that March is National Nutrition Month, which is sponsored each year by the American Dietetic Association to encourage people to focus on eating better. This year's theme is "Nutrition from the Ground Up". The theme is a great reminder for eating fruits, vegetables, grains, nuts and beans to create a healthy diet.

National Nutrition

Month is a good time to take a good look at your current diet. Start off slowly and make changes to work towards a healthier lifestyle. Try getting the most nutrition out of your calories. Choose foods packed with vitamins, minerals, fiber and other nutrients—and lower in calories.

Healthy eating tips.
Emphasizes fruits, vegetables, whole grains and fat-free or low-fat milk and milk products. Include lean meats, poultry, fish, beans, eggs and nuts.

These meats and vegetables are low in saturated fats, trans fats, cholesterol, salt (sodium) and added sugars. Be aware of portion sizes. For more tips on building your healthy diet from the ground up, contact the Leon County Health Department at 850-606-8300 and ask to speak to a nutritionist or visit www.eatright.org or www.mypyramid.gov to make your own healthy plan. Michael Curtis can be reached at Michael@greenepublishing.com.

Floridians With Disabilities Must Choose: Medicaid Or Job

Work Incentive Program could make both employment and healthcare access a reality.

For many Floridians with disabilities, the choice between competitive work and Medicaid assistance is all too real. While many of these citizens have a desire to work and contribute to the economic vitality of their communities, Florida law strongly discourages against this. To qualify for Medicaid assistance, individuals must not exceed a low-income and asset level. There are exceptions for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients; however, current policy limits their opportunities to work.

The Partnership for Work & Healthcare, a Florida coalition comprised of more than 30 agencies statewide, is encouraging legislators to pass landmark legislation this session that would eliminate the choice between taking a job and having healthcare. According to the Federal Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Act (TWWIA), individual states have the option to create a program offering employed persons with disabilities a Medicaid "buy-in" option.

"Florida is one of only 9 states not incorporating this work incentive option into their state Medicaid plan," said Olga Golik, a member of the Partnership for Work & Healthcare. "This legislation, championed by Senator Victor Crist, would provide invaluable support to citizens with disabilities while simultaneously bolstering the workforce, economy and communities across the state."

The proposed Work Incentive Medicaid Coverage initiative would allow persons with disabilities to enter the workforce while retaining access to needed healthcare via the following:

Individual can earn up to \$39,000 or 250 percent of the Federal Poverty level.

Individual can accrue cash assets of \$10,000 (individual) or \$15,000 (married).

Participants could be charged a premium based on a sliding scale once earned income exceeds 100 percent of the Federal Poverty level.

"Ultimately, this buy-in will enable people with disabilities to keep their healthcare and participate in their communities through meaningful employment," said Margaret J. Hooper, Public Policy Coordinator for Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, Inc. "These Floridians

should not have to choose between work and healthcare access."

Research conducted by The National Disability Institute indicates that a majority of individuals with disabilities surveyed would try to obtain a job if their Medicaid services were not jeopardized as a result. This would positively impact Florida in the following ways:

Reduce dependence on taxpayer dollars and public assistance programs

Increase workforce assets

Increase tax revenues generated

Increase independence and quality of life for Floridians with disabilities

For more information about the Work Incentive Medicaid Coverage initiative, to become a partner or tell your personal story, visit www.PartnershipForWork.com.

Calculator Helps Asthmatics

(NU) - If you're one of the 40 million Americans with allergies or asthma, your sniffing, sneezing and wheezing that may seem like just a nuisance can add up to

unnecessary years of not feeling well. Nearly half, or 43 percent, of people with allergy and asthma symptoms who participated in a recent survey

conducted on behalf of the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (ACAAI) reported that they experience breathing difficulties or other asthma and allergy symptoms for two months to six months a year – which can total 12 years to 36 years of suffering during a lifetime.

To find out how much you could be suffering, plug your stuffy stats into the ACAAI's new allergy and asthma symptom calculator at www.AllergyAndAsthmaRelief.org/Calculator.

"Allergy and asthma symptoms keep millions of people from feeling their best every day," said allergist Richard Gower, M.D., ACAAI president. "But there's no need to suffer. An allergist can work with you to find the cause of your symptoms and help you find allergy and asthma relief with effective treatment."

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Florida Youth Spread Anti-Tobacco Message On National Kick Butts Day

Tobacco Free Florida celebrates Kick Butts Day on March 24 by empowering Florida's youth to take action against the tobacco industry by joining their local Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) organization.

Youth nationwide have the opportunity to stand out, speak up and take control within their communities by exposing the lies that Big Tobacco spreads to the public.

The mission of Florida's SWAT is to mobilize, educate and

equip Florida youth to revolt against and de-glamorize Big Tobacco.

They are a united movement of empowered youth working towards a tobacco free future. Through their efforts, they will shape tobacco-free norms, making tobacco less desirable, less acceptable and less accessible.

SWAT is participating in 'Kick Butts Day' at Madison County Central School. SWAT members are going to display a graffiti wall that students can use to write messages, as a memor-

al to lost loved ones from tobacco. Students can also use this graffiti wall to express their thoughts towards Big Tobacco. Students will have the opportunity to sign a pledge to be tobacco free and support those who are trying to quit.

"For too long the tobacco industry has targeted, manipulated and killed our youth," said Kahreem Golden, Chair of the Youth Advisory Board. "Now is the time to show Big Tobacco what they're up against, by having youth stand

up, seize control, and speak out while saving the lives of 430,000 Americans a year."

According to the Center for Disease Control, each day, more than 4,000 young people between the ages of 12 and 17 try their first cigarette and another 1,140 become regular, daily smokers.

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3/17, 3/24

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,
CASE NO. 40-2009-CA-000274 DIVISION
vs.
TONY D. MACARAGES, JR., et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated March 09, 2010 and entered in Case No. 40-2009-CA-000274 of the Circuit Court of the THIRD Judicial Circuit in and for MADISON County, Florida wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., is the Plaintiff and TONY D. MACARAGES, JR.; ANGELA N. MACARAGES; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; MADISON COUNTY COMMUNITY BANK; TENANT #1 N/K/A JOHN DOE, and TENANT #2 N/K/A LISA SINGLETARY N/K/A LISA SINGLETARY are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at EAST DOOR OF THE MADISON COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00 AM, on the 14 day of April, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

START AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP INORTH 1 RANGE 9 EAST, MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST ALONG SECTION LINE 3293.08 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF WEST HALF OF NORTHWEST QUARTER OF NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 13 AND AT NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREE EAST ALONG 20 ACRE LINE 1190 FEET, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 15 SECONDS WEST 360 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING AND NORTHEAST CORNER OF HEREIN DESCRIBED LOT 16 AND ON WEST SIDE OF STREET; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREE EAST ALONG STREET 39.6 FEET TO BEGINNING OF A CUL-DE-SAC WITH 50 FOOT RADIUS, WHOSE CENTER POINT IS SOUTH 37 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST 50 FEET THEREFROM; THENCE SOUTHERLY 50 FEET FROM SAID CENTER POINT AND THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 143 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 48 SECONDS FOR A DISTANCE OF 124.9 FEET TO FORTY LINE; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 24 SECONDS WEST 248 FEET ALONG FORTY LINE; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREE WEST 129.6 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST 218 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING, AND BEING PART OF SAID WEST HALF OF NORTHWEST QUARTER OF NORTHEAST QUARTER.

A/K/A 332 NE COFFEE WAY, MADISON, FL 323406146
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 sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on March 11, 2010.

Tim Sanders
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Ramona Dickinson
Deputy Clerk

**See Americans with Disabilities Act
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Ms. Yanel Gonzalez P. O. Box 1569 173 N.E. Hernandez St., Room 408 Lake City, FL 32056-1569 Phone: 386-754-1569 Fax: 386-758-2162

NOTICE OF BID
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Sealed bids marked "Truck" must be submitted to: Tim Sanders, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Madison County Courthouse, Room 101, 125 SW Range Avenue, Madison, Florida 32340 or P.O. Box 237, Madison, FL 32341-0237, no later than 5:00 P.M. on Monday, April 5, 2010. Bids will be opened on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 and the successful bidder will be notified on April 7, 2010.

Madison County reserves the right to accept or reject all bids.
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IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA

FLORIDA GAS TRANSMISSION COMPANY, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company,

Petitioner,
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 2010-121-CA
PARCEL(S): FL-MADL-023
FL-MADL-035
WALTER E. JIMENEZ, et al.,

Defendants,
FOR PUBLICATION

SUMMONS TO SHOW CAUSE, NOTICE OF EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS AND NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE NAME OF AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, TO ALL THE SHERIFFS OF THE STATE AND TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

YOU ARE COMMANDED to serve this summons and a copy of the Petition in Eminent Domain, the Notice of Lis Pendens, Declaration of Taking, and Petitioner's Motion for Order Limiting Service of Papers, upon: All defendants named in the attached party list and all persons claiming interests by, through, under or against the named defendants; all persons having or claiming to have any right, title, or interest in the property described in Exhibit "A" and the unknown spouses of the above-named defendants, if any, and their heirs, devisees, assignees, grantees, creditors, lessees, executors, administrators, mortgages, judgment creditors, trustees, lienholders, persons in possession, and any and all other persons having or claiming to have any right, title or interest by, through, under or against the above-named defendants, or otherwise claiming any right, title, or interest in the real property described in this action.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE DEFENDANTS NAMED IN THE ATTACHED PARTY LIST AND TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, INCLUDING ALL PARTIES CLAIMING ANY INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANTS; AND TO ALL HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE, OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE Petition, that Petitioner has filed a Petition in Eminent Domain and Declaration of Taking to acquire certain property interests in Madison County, Florida as described in the Petition. Each Defendant and any other person claiming any interest in, or having a lien upon, such property is required to serve a copy of written answer and defenses to the Petition upon KRISTIN M. TOLBERT, of the law firm of Bricklemeyer Smolker & Bolves, P.A., 500 East Kennedy Boulevard, Suite 200, Tampa, FL 33602, attorney for Petitioner, and to file the original of the answer and defenses with the Clerk of this Court, on or before April 7, 2010, showing what right, title, interest, or lien the defendant has in or to the property described in the Petition and to show cause why that property should not be taken for the uses and purposes set forth in the Petition. If any Defendant fails to do so, a default will be entered against that Defendant for the relief demanded in the Petition.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a Declaration of Taking has been filed in this cause and that Petitioner will apply for an Order of Taking vesting title and possession to the property as described in the Petition in the name of Petitioner, and any other order the Court deems proper before the Honorable Gregory S. Parker, Circuit Judge, on Thursday, April 8, 2010, at 9:00 A.M., of the Madison County Courthouse, 125 S.W. Range Avenue, Madison, Florida 32341. All Defendants in this action may request a hearing and be heard at the time and place designated. Any Defendant failing to file a request for hearing shall waive any right to object to the Order of Taking.

Dated this 9 day of March, 2010.
Tim Sanders, Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Ramona Dickinson
Deputy Clerk

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PARTY LIST

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EXHIBIT "A"
LEGAL DESCRIPTION

FL-MADL-023
PERMANENT EASEMENT - A BASELINE DESCRIPTION OF A PERMANENT EASEMENT FIFTY (50) FEET IN WIDTH, LYING 25 FEET EACH SIDE OF SAID BASELINE, SITUATED IN SECTIONS 13, 14, AND 23, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 10 EAST, MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING ON, OVER AND ACROSS THAT CERTAIN TRACT OF THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED (UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION) IN THE DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS AND PROTECTIVE COVENANTS FOR WESTWOOD FOREST RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 679, PAGE 1 AND DESCRIBED BY WARRANTY DEED TO WALTER E. JIMENEZ RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 690, PAGE 294, BOTH IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT AN IRON ROD WITH CAP (NO IDENTIFICATION) FOUND FOR THE GRANTOR'S SOUTHWEST PROPERTY CORNER AND THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 14; THENCE ALONG THE GRANTOR'S SOUTH PROPERTY LINE, S 89°15'29" W (BASIS OF BEARINGS) FOR A DISTANCE OF 119.45 FEET; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG THE GRANTOR'S SOUTH PROPERTY LINE, S 85°36'52" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 44.64 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PERMANENT EASEMENT; THENCE N 44°19'41" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 257.36 FEET TO THE POINT OF TERMINUS ON THE GRANTOR'S EAST PROPERTY LINE AND THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD 255, SAID POINT BEING S 04°05'02" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 179.84 FEET TO THE AFOREMENTIONED POINT OF COMMENCEMENT. TOTAL LENGTH OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PERMANENT EASEMENT IS 257.36 FEET OR 0.72 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, TOTAL ACREAGE MAY EXCLUDE ACREAGE OVERLAP(S) WITH OTHER EASEMENT(S) DESCRIBED BY THIS PLAT. IT IS THE INTENT OF THIS DESCRIPTION TO TERMINATE AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE GRANTOR'S PROPERTY LINES. IT IS THE INTENT OF THIS DESCRIPTION FOR THE SOUTHEAST LINE OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PERMANENT EASEMENT TO BE ADJOINING AND PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTHEAST LINE OF THE POWER LINE EASEMENT DESCRIBED BY DEED RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 26, PAGE 82 IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA. SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS, RESERVATIONS AND RIGHTS OF WAY OF RECORD. TOGETHER WITH: TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT - A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT BOUNDED ON THE SOUTH AND EAST BY THE GRANTOR'S PROPERTY LINES AND BOUNDED ON THE SOUTHEAST BY THE NORTHWEST LINE OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PERMANENT EASEMENT. THE NORTHWEST LINE OF THE TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE GRANTOR'S SOUTH PROPERTY LINE AND THE NORTHWEST LINE OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PER

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MANENT EASEMENT: THENCE ALONG THE GRANTOR'S SOUTH PROPERTY LINE, S 85°36'52" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 37.89 FEET; THENCE N 44°19'41" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 225.47 FEET; THENCE N 45°40'19" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET; THENCE N 44°19'41" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 272.35 FEET TO THE GRANTOR'S EAST PROPERTY LINE; THENCE ALONG THE GRANTOR'S EAST PROPERTY LINE, S 05°04'02" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 197.52 FEET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE NORTHWEST LINE OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PERMANENT EASEMENT. CONTAINS 29,766 SQUARE FEET OR 0.68 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, TOGETHER WITH TEMPORARY ACCESS EASEMENT - A CENTERLINE DESCRIPTION OF A TEMPORARY ACCESS EASEMENT THIRTY (30) FEET IN WIDTH, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE GRANTOR'S SOUTH PROPERTY LINE WHICH LIES S 85°36'52" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 199.77 FEET FROM THE INTERSECTION OF THE GRANTOR'S SOUTH PROPERTY LINE AND THE BASELINE OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PERMANENT EASEMENT; THENCE N 44°32'66" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 566.21 FEET TO THE POINT OF TERMINUS ON THE GRANTOR'S EAST PROPERTY LINE. THE TOTAL LENGTH OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED TEMPORARY ACCESS EASEMENT IS 566.21 FEET OR 34.32 RODS AND CONTAINS 9,559 SQUARE FEET OR 0.22 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. TOTAL ACREAGE MAY EXCLUDE ACREAGE OVERLAP(S) WITH OTHER EASEMENT(S) DESCRIBED BY THIS PLAT. IT IS THE INTENT OF THIS DESCRIPTION THAT THE SIDELINES OF SAID THIRTY (30) FOOT WIDE TEMPORARY ACCESS EASEMENT(S) ARE TO BE EXTENDED OR SHORTENED TO TERMINATE AT THE INTERSECTION LINES USED FOR THE BEGINNING AND END OF THE CENTERLINE DESCRIPTION, THOSE LINES BEING THE GRANTOR'S PROPERTY LINES, PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY, AND/OR OTHER LINES AS CALLED FOR IN THE ABOVE DESCRIBED TEMPORARY ACCESS EASEMENT(S). IT IS INTENDED THAT THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION(S) FOR THE ABOVE DESCRIBED TEMPORARY ACCESS EASEMENT(S) FOLLOW AND ENCOMPASS THE EXISTING DIRT ROADS THEY FOLLOW THROUGH THE GRANTOR'S PROPERTY. ALL SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS, RESERVATIONS AND RIGHTS OF WAY OF RECORD.

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PERMANENT EASEMENT - A BASELINE DESCRIPTION OF A PERMANENT EASEMENT FIFTY (50) FEET IN WIDTH, LYING 25 FEET EACH SIDE OF SAID BASELINE, SITUATED IN SECTIONS 7 AND 18, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 11 EAST AND SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 10 EAST, MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING ON, OVER AND ACROSS THAT CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND DENOTED AS PARCEL 13A, GLENWOOD EAST (UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION) IN THE DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS AND PROTECTIVE COVENANTS FOR GLENWOOD EAST RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 679, PAGE 21 AND DESCRIBED BY WARRANTY DEED TO ARGENIS JIMENEZ RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 693, PAGE 280 IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT (NO IDENTIFICATION) FOUND FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 18; THENCE ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 18, S 00°42'55" E (BASIS OF BEARINGS) FOR A DISTANCE OF 405.29 FEET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE GRANTOR'S NORTHWEST PROPERTY LINE; THENCE ALONG THE GRANTOR'S NORTHWEST PROPERTY LINE, S 52°31'36" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 181.08 FEET TO THE CALCULATED LOCATION OF THE GRANTOR'S WESTERNMOST NORTHWEST PROPERTY CORNER; THENCE ALONG THE GRANTOR'S WEST PROPERTY LINE, S 02°08'31" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 89.24 FEET; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG THE GRANTOR'S WEST PROPERTY LINE, S 00°04'19" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 102.58 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED PERMANENT EASEMENT; THENCE N 52°31'16" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 1345.27 FEET TO THE POINT OF TERMINUS ON THE GRANTOR'S NORTH PROPERTY LINE, SAID POINT BEING N 87°48'50" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 1432.49 FEET; THENCE ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 18, S 89°16'29" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 2920.29 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (NO IDENTIFICATION) FOUND FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 18. TOTAL LENGTH OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PERMANENT EASEMENT IS 1,345.27 FEET OR 81.53 RODS AND CONTAINS 67,253 SQUARE FEET OR 1.54 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. THE SIDE LINES OF SAID FIFTY (50) FOOT WIDE PERMANENT EASEMENT ARE TO BE EXTENDED OR SHORTENED TO TERMINATE AT THE GRANTOR'S PROPERTY LINES. IT IS THE INTENT OF THIS DESCRIPTION FOR THE SOUTHEAST LINE OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PERMANENT EASEMENT TO BE ADJOINING AND PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTHEAST LINE OF THE POWER LINE EASEMENT DESCRIBED BY DEED RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 26, PAGE 82 IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA. SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS, RESERVATIONS AND RIGHTS OF WAY OF RECORD. TOGETHER WITH: TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT - A TWENTY-FIVE (25) FOOT WIDE TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT ADJOINING AND PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH SIDE OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PERMANENT EASEMENT. CONTAINS 31,590 SQUARE FEET OR 0.73 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. THE SIDE LINES OF SAID TWENTY-FIVE (25) FOOT WIDE TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT(S) ARE TO BE EXTENDED OR SHORTENED TO TERMINATE AT THE GRANTOR'S PROPERTY LINES. TOGETHER WITH: TEMPORARY ACCESS EASEMENT - A CENTERLINE DESCRIPTION OF A TEMPORARY ACCESS EASEMENT THIRTY (30) FEET IN WIDTH, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE GRANTOR'S WEST PROPERTY LINE WHICH LIES N 00°04'19" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 102.58 FEET AND N 02°08'31" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 69.76 FEET FROM THE INTERSECTION OF THE GRANTOR'S WEST PROPERTY LINE AND THE BASELINE OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PERMANENT EASEMENT; THENCE N 52°31'36" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 1047.58 FEET TO THE POINT OF TERMINUS ON THE GRANTOR'S NORTH PROPERTY LINE. THE TOTAL LENGTH OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED TEMPORARY ACCESS EASEMENT IS 1,047.58 FEET OR 63.49 RODS AND CONTAINS 31,427 SQUARE FEET OR 0.72 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. TOTAL ACREAGE MAY EXCLUDE ACREAGE OVERLAP(S) WITH OTHER EASEMENT(S) DESCRIBED BY THIS PLAT. IT IS THE INTENT OF THIS DESCRIPTION THAT THE SIDELINES OF SAID THIRTY (30) FOOT WIDE TEMPORARY ACCESS EASEMENT(S) ARE TO BE EXTENDED OR SHORTENED TO TERMINATE AT THE INTERSECTION LINES USED FOR THE BEGINNING AND END OF THE CENTERLINE DESCRIPTION, THOSE LINES BEING THE GRANTOR'S PROPERTY LINES, PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY, AND/OR OTHER LINES AS CALLED FOR IN THE ABOVE DESCRIBED TEMPORARY ACCESS EASEMENT(S). IT IS INTENDED THAT THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION(S) FOR THE ABOVE DESCRIBED TEMPORARY ACCESS EASEMENT(S) FOLLOW AND ENCOMPASS THE EXISTING DIRT ROADS THEY FOLLOW THROUGH THE GRANTOR'S PROPERTY. ALL SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS, RESERVATIONS AND RIGHTS OF WAY OF RECORD.

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

GREEN TREE SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff,
CASE NO: 2010-009-CA
1400 Turbine Drive, Suite 200, Rapid City, SD 57703,

vs.
RONALD E. WEBB, A/K/A RONALD E. WEBB, SR., ANN M. WEBB, CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A., and THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendants,
NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: ANN M. WEBB:

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a civil action has been filed against you in the Circuit Court, County of Madison, State of Florida, to foreclose certain real property described as follows:

SEE EXHIBIT "A"; TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1990 48 x 24, SPRY MOBILE HOME, SERIAL NUMBER GAFLK34AB11900SH.

You are required to file a written response with the Court and serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Timothy D. Padgett, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 2878 Remington Green Circle, Tallahassee, Florida 32308, at least thirty (30) days from the date of first publication, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated this 15 day of March, 2010.

CLERK OF COURT
By: Ramona Dickinson
Deputy Clerk

Attorney for Plaintiff:
Timothy D. Padgett, Esq.
2878 Remington Green Circle
Tallahassee, FL 32308
(850) 422-2520 (phone)/(850) 422-2567 (fax)

EXHIBIT A

All that certain land situate in Madison County, Florida, viz:

Commence at the Southeast corner of Section 12, Township 1 South, Range 10 east, Madison County, Florida, and run N. 00 deg. 05' 14" W. 259.89 feet to the point of beginning, from said point of beginning continue N. 00 deg. 05' 14" W. along a County Backstop Road 210.0 feet; thence leaving said County Road, run 210.0 feet; thence S. 89 deg. 54' 46" W. 420.0 feet to the point of beginning.

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Unemployment Tax Relief Passes Both Chambers

The Florida Legislature has recently unanimously passed HB 7033 which provides Florida employers with immediate relief from unprecedented unemployment compensation tax increases that they were facing this year.

Without this important legislation, most Florida employers would be forced to pay unemployment taxes at levels higher than 1200% over last year's amounts. Plus, the full payments would have been due at the end of the first quarter. Many Florida businesses simply could not pay these unexpected, exorbitant taxes without terminating more workers, cutting benefits or possibly closing their doors all together.

Fortunately, AIF began working diligently with our legislative leaders a few months ago to develop a way to alleviate and mitigate this year's tax burden. Because this law passed today, businesses will have lower tax bills this year and

Qualified Retirement Plan Distributions Must Begin By 70-And-A-Half Penalties can be steep for non-compliance

According to The Elderlaw Forum, the IRS keeps track of birthdays. It takes particular note when you turn 70, because six months later you may have to do something you would rather not do: Begin withdrawing monies from your IRA, 401(k), 403(b), or individual retirement account. This essentially includes all locations where your savings have earned interest and have been safe from federal and state taxation.

The withdrawals are called RMDs, or "required minimum distributions." They must begin by April 1 of the year following when you turn 70-and-a-half.

The RMD amount will be based on the December 31 value of the account in the year prior to the year you turn 70-and-a-half. In all subsequent years the RMD must be distributed by December 31. But qualified employer retirement plans offer additional flexibility, allowing you to delay taking RMDs as long as you continue to work.

"Does that mean I don't have to start taking out monies from my retirement accounts?" asked a 71-year-old senior helpline caller. He has spent the last 20 years working for a national banking system that maintains a contributory retirement plan. Assuming it is "qualified," he would not have to begin withdrawals until April 1 of the year following his retirement.

"When do you plan to retire?" the

representative asked. "I don't," he responded. "I've been rat-holing money for 50 years. I worked for a processing company for 30 years and now 20 with this bank. I've never made big money, but I've lived within my means and taken full advantage of the tax shelters built into both retirement plans. It's confusing," he said.

Here is the current status: Required minimum distributions from IRAs and defined contribution plans were suspended in 2009, allowing those typically required to take distributions to further grow their account values without penalties. But RMDs returned in 2010. The representative therefore advised him to contact human resources and verify that it is a "qualified plan," exempt from the RMD withdrawal. The failure to withdraw a full RMD on time in any year exposes a person to an IRS penalty of 50 percent of the required amount that wasn't distributed.

Eventually the caller will have to begin withdrawing monies from one or both of his qualified retirement plans. If he doesn't need the RMDs for living expenses, he should consider reinvesting the after-tax proceeds into tax-efficient accounts such as a mutual fund or municipal bond fund; or invest the proceeds in a 529 college savings plan for his grandchildren.

Individuals at or beyond age 70-and-a-half should ask their financial advisor, accountant or phone the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 to be sure.

will be able to make their payments on a quarterly payment plan, with payments spread throughout the calendar year, rather than having to make a large lump sum payment at the end of the first quarter.

Specifically, HB 7033 makes the following key changes to the 2010 tax requirements:

Reduces the amount of each employee's wages upon which the employer pays the UC tax - from \$8,500 back down to \$7,000 for 2010 and 2011.

Establishes a quarterly payment plan for 2010 and 2011 that lets employers spread out their unemployment compensation payments over the whole year without normal application of penalties or interest.

Eliminates all elements of the rate calculations in the current law that would otherwise increase the tax for purposes of replenishing the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund balance for 2010 and 2011.

Allows unemployed Floridians to receive additional extended unemployment benefits funded by the federal government.

Each and every member of the Florida Legislature is to be commended for their votes today. They have listened to the outcry of thousands of Florida businesses and have responded by passing this critical legislation. AIF applauds Senate President Jeff Atwater and House Speaker Larry Cretul for their leadership and commitment in making this important bill the top priority of the session and ensuring its passage in such a timely manner.

Businesses Must Provide Victims And Law Enforcement With Transaction Records Relating To Identity Theft

The Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) spells out rights for victims of identity theft, as well as responsibilities for businesses. Identity theft victims are entitled to ask businesses for a copy of transaction records such as applications for credit relating to the theft of their identity.

Indeed, victims can authorize law enforcement officers to get the records or ask that the business send a copy of the records directly to a law enforcement officer.

The businesses covered by the law must provide copies of these records, free of charge, within 30 days of receiving the request for them in writing. This means that the law enforcement officials who ask for these records in writing may get them from your business without a subpoena, as long as they have the victim's authorization.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the nation's consumer protection agency, enforces the FCRA including this requirement, which is known as Section 609(e). Here is some additional information to help your business comply with this provision of the law:

Q. Who must comply with Section 609(e) of the FCRA?

A. The law applies to a business that has provided credit, goods, or services to, accepted payment from, or otherwise entered into a transaction with someone who is believed to have fraudulently used another person's identification. For example, if your business opened a cell phone account in the victim's name or extended credit to someone misusing the victim's identity, you may be required to provide the records relating to the transaction to

the identity theft victim or the law enforcement officer acting on that victim's behalf.

Q. What documents must my business provide?

A. Your business must provide applications and business transactions records, maintained either by your business or by another entity on your behalf, that support any transaction alleged to be a result of identity theft.

Records like invoices, credit applications, or account statements may help victims document the fraudulent transaction and provide useful evidence about the identity thief.

Q. What are the procedures for requesting these materials?

A. Requests for documents must be submitted in writing. Your business may specify an address to receive these requests. You may ask the victim to provide relevant information, like the transaction date or account number; if they know it. You also can require that victims provide:

1. Proof of identity, like a government-issued ID card, the same type of information the identity thief used to open the account, or the type of information you are currently requesting from applicants; and

2. A police report and completed affidavit. Victims can use the FTC's ID Theft Affidavit, available at ftc.gov/idtheft, or another affidavit you accept.

Q. Is it ever appropriate not to provide documents?

A. You can refuse to provide the records if you determine in good faith that:

* you cannot verify the true identity of the person asking for the information;

* the request for the

information is based on a misrepresentation; or

* the information requested is Internet navigational data or similar information about a person's visit to a website or online service.

Your business may not deny disclosure of these records based on the financial privacy provisions of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (see Subtitle A of Title V of Public Law 106-102). Nevertheless, you may refuse to disclose them if state or another federal law prohibits you from doing so.

Q. Are there record-keeping requirements of Section 609(e)?

A. Section 609(e) does not require any new recordkeeping procedures for your business.

For More Information - The FTC works to prevent fraudulent, deceptive and unfair business practices in the marketplace and to provide information to help consumers spot, stop and avoid them. To file a complaint or get free information on consumer issues, visit ftc.gov or call toll-free, 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357); TTY: 1-866-653-4261. Watch a new video, How to File a Complaint, at ftc.gov/video to learn more. The FTC enters consumer complaints into the Consumer Sentinel Network, a secure online database and investigative tool used by hundreds of civil and criminal law enforcement agencies in the U.S. and abroad.

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