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One Killed, Four Injured

By Jacob Bemby
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A man was killed when a car he was riding in overturned on Little Cat Road on Saturday, Sept. 10.

According to a Florida Highway Patrol report, Aaron Breu, 32, of St. Augustine, was traveling west on Little Cat Road in a 2003 Nissan Altima. He failed to maintain a single lane and traveled onto the south shoulder, where he overcorrected the car.

The Altima traveled across both lanes and onto the north shoulder, where it overturned and came to a final rest on its top.

Jared Joest, 31, of Green Cove Springs, a passenger in the car, was killed in the accident.

Breu, along with his other passengers, Melissa Hicks, 25, of St. Augustine; Kevin Phillips, 38, of Green Cove Springs; and Danny Dustin, 29, of Green Cove Springs suffered minor injuries in the accident.

The Madison County Sheriff's Office and Madison County EMS assisted FHP on the scene.

FHP Trooper M.C. Boatwright was the investigating officer. FHP Cpl. Carlton Yarbrough was the homicide investigator.

Where Did the Summer Go? The Madison Garden Club Resumes for Another Year

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing, Inc.

On the first day of September, as that pale, white, late-summery light reflects off Lake Frances through the open doors of the Madison Woman's Club House, it seems like it was at most a couple of months ago, when outgoing President Dolly Ballard bid everyone farewell for the summer hiatus at the May meeting.

Now, it is almost four months later, and there is a line of late arrivals at the door. Inside, it is already a full house, where the new Madison Garden Club President Martha Beggs will soon
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The new officers of the Madison Garden Club are ready for another year. Left to right, Vice President Laura Coleman, Treasurer Jan Ledsome, President Martha Beggs and Secretary Ann Paquette. Not pictured: Chaplain Vicki Howerston.

Treasured Memories & Folklore Of Madison County DVD Released

Submitted by Justina A. Cone

The Treasures of Madison County is all about sharing local history!

This week the sharing is plentiful with a newly released DVD entitled Treasured Memories & Folklore of Madison County, FL.

Never before has the founding of Madison County been portrayed with such vivid description and detail. Intriguing stories, voiced by beloved citizens, are brought to life with archived photographs



collected with the help of Madison County families. Step back in time with the click of your remote and the convenience of modern media!

Get your copy of this historic DVD for \$15 at the TREASURES MUSEUM in downtown Madison.

The Treasures of Madison County is a non-profit organization that is actively preserving early Florida and Madison County history. (Museum hours: Tue-Fri 10 - 2 and Sat 10 - 12)

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Reminder!

The annual Meeting/Dinner of the Farm Bureau will be held next Tuesday, Sept. 20, at the Madison County Central School.
Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.

Back and Better Than Ever, That's 55 Plus!

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Wednesday, Sept 14, it's time to gather together with old and not-so-old friends, find out what they've been doing over the summer, make some new friends and enjoy lunch at the 55 Plus Club.

For their very first program of the 2011-2012 year, the special guest will be Sheriff Ben Stewart and one of his Drug Enforcement Team Dogs. Stewart has prepared a PowerPoint presentation on the drug problem in Madison County, how the K-9 force is helping abate it, and what happens to the drug cash seized in the process. Stewart will also talk about his department's search-and-rescue team.

Lee United Methodist Church will host this first meeting and be in charge of the food, and the meeting will be at noon, at the United Methodist Cooperative Ministries Community Center, about five miles north of Madison on Highway 145, on the corner of Dill Street and 145.

Anyone 55 and older is welcome to come and enjoy the food and the presentation. No reservation is necessary and there are no dues or fees.

For more information about the 55 Plus Club or any outreach ministry of United Methodist Church Ministries, call coordinator Deborah Brown at (850) 929-4938.



Ben Stewart

First Annual District Parent Advisory Council Meeting Sept. 15

Everyone's voice is important, and that's why the District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) cordially invites all parents, teachers, school administrators, School Advisory Council (SAC) members, and anyone else in the community with a stake in the welfare of our students to take advantage of the opportunity to address the needs of our students. We would like to hear from the school and community about strategies you feel might be implemented to improve reading, math and science FCAT Scores. We would also like to elect officers for the upcoming year and set a schedule of meetings to discuss ongoing monitoring of district assessment results.

The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 15, 2011 at 6 p.m. at the District Office boardroom located at 210 NE Duval Avenue.

Please RSVP to confirm your plans to attend by calling Linton Hart, Title I Parent and Teacher Liaison, (850) 973-5192, ext. 266 or sending an email to: linton.hart@madisonmail.us.

LATMA Christian Academy Celebrating "National Constitution Day"

On September 17, 1787, the U.S. Constitution was signed by thirty nine brave men who changed the course of history. National Constitution Week allows Americans to express their gratitude for the life changing freedoms and rights that were secured by the Constitution.

Mock Signings of the Constitution help Americans to understand the importance of the amendment process, as a crucial element in keeping the document relevant. For the past eight years, LATMA Christian Academy has been one of the official sites of Mock Signing Constitution Signings.

LATMA Christian Academy invites you to join in this celebration as Madison County Government Officials speak on the First ten Amendments of the Constitution and LATMA Students make informative presentations. Citizens and visitors of Madison County may also come out to relive that historical moment that took place in 1787.

After a brief program, a delicious lunch will be served for a small donation. This event will also help to raise funds that will support excellent education. Advanced lunch tickets may be purchased from LATMA students and staff members. For more information, call 973-2359.

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Local Weather

Wed 9/14	95/67	Thu 9/15	96/67	Fri 9/16	94/67	Sat 9/17	88/62
Mostly sunny skies. Hot. High around 95F. Winds light and variable.		A few clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.		Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.		Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 60s.	

VIEWPOINTS & OPINIONS

President Obama has said on more than one occasion that he has "a laser-like focus on jobs." I'm going to try to explain why this misses the mark.

More jobs and reduction in the unemployment rate is the result of economic growth. If you get this economy growing once again, instead of the stagnant rate (less than 1 percent) we're seeing now, jobs which result in meaningful, productive work will naturally occur. But a focus on jobs is similar to treating a symptom rather than a cure.

Here's another analogy - a quarterback who looks at his pass rather than the receiver will throw an incompleteness most of the time. I've made that mistake plenty of times. I'm so impressed with the spiral of the ball that I end up missing my target by ten feet.

So the question is: how do we get this economy rolling again? First, let's reset the predicate. I've said on more than one occasion that the real economy is the private sector. It isn't government. Government does not add any value to the economy. Instead, government pulls money out of the private sector to fund its operations. Some of those operations are important and valuable, but many are superfluous and wasteful. The art of good government is to know the difference and defund those that have outgrown their usefulness or make no sense.

Business people, particularly small business that characterizes our local economy, will tell you that government "needs to get out of our way" so we can make prudent business decisions (investment, capital improvement, hiring) for the long haul. We need to take

National Security
Joe Boyles
Guest Columnist



Economic Growth

that plea with a grain of salt because not all regulation is necessarily bad.

For example, last week I explained how a Democrat president and bi-partisan Congress removed the Glass-Steagall Act in 1999 and set large final institutions on a crash course toward buying toxic mortgage backed securities that led to financial ruin. But so many regulations and misguided taxes lead to business decisions that neither promote growth nor safety. That's where we need to begin deregulation and tax reform.

Last Thursday night, President Obama introduced his American Jobs Act to a joint session of Congress and national television audience. It was fiery rhetoric that sounded like an election stump speech, but will it do anything to stimulate the economy? Was there anything new and creative other than what has already been tried and failed with the February 2009 stimulus? I'm going to address each of his proposals through the prism of enhancing economic growth.

The president wants to spend billions on "crumbling" roads and bridges and build new schools. That doesn't add anything to economic growth. If it is well done (which government rarely accomplishes), then some needed repairs will be completed and some out-of-work construction workers will have

temporary employment, but this kind of infrastructure spending invariably leads to waste, like a turtle crossing under a highway!

Obama wants to add jobs by hiring more teachers, veterans, and young summer hires, but each of these are temporary and none create any kind of economic growth. Speaking of summer hires, a troubling anecdote sticks in my mind when we attempted to hire a teenager but failed because her Mother insisted that we provide transportation to the job as well. That's the tragedy of the entitlement mentality.

The American Jobs Act (which at this stage isn't a written bill but instead, a speech) also calls for payroll tax cuts for small businesses and credits for hiring the chronically unemployed, but these measures were tried two years ago with the first stimulus and weren't very effective. Are we supposed to double down? Isn't the definition of insanity trying to do the same thing that has already failed but, this time, expect different results?

And let's not forget extending unemployment insurance beyond the current 99 weeks for another year. This is nothing more than a rolling welfare program. Sure unemployment compensation isn't very much, but what's happening is that many of these folks are supplementing their in-

come with other hidden money and getting by well enough to be satisfied with the status quo.

When journalists asked White House spokesman Jay Carney how these measures would stimulate economic growth, he trotted out the tired old liberal saw that more money in your pocket means more retail spending. Anyone with a modicum of economic understanding (which excludes Carney) knows that retail follows core industrial work. The only reason we have money to spend in stores and restaurants is because of industries like Nestlé's, Tri-County, farming, Birdsong, the food processing plants, forestry, etc. The secret of economic development in a place like Madison is to produce those things which people in wealthier communities desire and are willing to buy.

Remember when Obama said that "everything in my bill is paid for?" What a joke. First, he puts all of the responsibility (passes the buck) for finding offsets to his \$445 billion bill on the joint debt reduction committee of Congress. But second and more importantly, how can you suggest that half a trillion dollars in new spending is paid for when this year's budget deficit (red ink) will exceed \$1.5 trillion? This is sophistry.

The real trouble with make-work jobs like the president proposes is that they don't produce anything that will move our economy forward out of the doldrums. While receiving a paycheck is good, working with little sense of accomplishment carries its own toll. What we need is productivity that in turn leads to new and better jobs for more people.



Emerald's Gem Box



Emerald Greene
Publisher

I'm Back In School

I figured it up and I have attended 15 years of school - kindergarten through 12th grade and two years of college, obtaining my A.A. from North Florida Junior College. I feel like I paid my dues, and then joined the working force of America. I'm still paying my dues (and taxes, mind you).

But sometimes I ask myself, "When do I get to QUIT going to school?"

You see, when you have children in school you never really get to quit going to school - the quizzes, the tests, the homework and the projects. They just never quit coming. This year I am attending the 11th grade and I am beginning to re-live college, through Cheltsie's first year at NFCC.

Proofing English papers, calling out science terms, solving math problems and attending class meetings; and the school year has only begun. But, oh, just helping with the homework is NOTHING compared to if I had to actually TAKE/DO all of these tests and projects. I try to remind myself often that no matter how bad, or hard, it is for me to stop what I'm doing to help with that homework, that at least I'm not the one actually HAVING to do it.

The thing that tickles me the most is "You're not going to understand it. You can't do it." This is always said when referring to math homework. Mind you that I LOVE math and my children know that. I've even heard (a few years ago), "You won't understand it. My teacher even said you wouldn't understand it." FYI, I did.

However, I am finding it harder to remember all the math equations; Algebra II and College Intermediate Algebra are the two courses "I'm" taking this year. It's been 24 years since I graduated high school. However, it's been 26 years since Algebra II. I'm doing well, however, considering the circumstances. The problem is I need time to sit, read and remember. Given time, I can remember. But, the girls don't seem to like waiting on me to figure it out. I have found that they prefer to just skip me and go straight to their aunt for help. This is fine with me, for she helps them understand far better than I can.

The thing I'm the best at, I guess, is proofing English papers and/or projects. My mother was an English teacher and I feel like she taught me a thing or two through the years. It really bothers me to see how many young people are not being "taught" correct grammar. I understand grammar is primarily taught in the elementary grades, but shouldn't it be enforced throughout their high school years? I truly don't feel that it is. I feel that more and more teachers are putting emphasis on reading books, doing projects and looking things up on the Internet, but yet these teenagers do not know the proper way to make a subject/verb agreement, don't know the difference between "there" and "their" or "to" and "too," and not to end a sentence with a preposition.

So, I try to read/proof most of the girls' papers before they turn them in. Cheltsie has never minded my help in this department; in fact, she wants me to proof her papers.

Brooke, on the other hand, has always seemed to think she can do it without my help, thus the arguments begin. "I don't need you to proof it." "Yes, Brooke I am going to proof it." Then I proof it, hand her back her paper with all the red marks, and then she has to correct it and reprint it. New day - same argument.

But this is the life of a mother. And I would not trade this life for ANYTHING in the world. The life of a mother is second to none. No man will ever understand that and no mother will ever argue that.

Being young is not easy. I think a lot of us "old" folks forget that. We look back and know that it (being in school) is easier than working, paying bills, being in debt and raising children. But before you laugh at your child's problems, please take a step back and actually remember what it was like to be that age.

I remember tests, quizzes, homework, housework, after-school work, peer pressure, pimples, teachers, rules and the hormones. Life is not so grand at 16, when you are 16. Just remember that from time to time when dealing with your teenager.

Have you hugged your child today (and told them you loved them)?

Until then...see you around the town (or school-yard).

Civil News

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Letter To The Editor

Letters to the Editor are typed word for word, comma for comma, as sent to this newspaper.

Stepmother Salutes Soldiers In The Family

When the War on Terror began in Afghanistan a decade ago, I personally foresaw a Draft in the midst of the future. I honestly didn't realize just how brave these kids joining the service and wanting to go strait to Afghanistan, where so many lives have brutally ended. I am very thankful for this type of bravery and have cried many tears this past week watching all the evening coverage specials of 911.

A special example of this brave new world is my stepson, Michael Clayton Angel. This man

is deserving of the finest tribute and he will know that this is his printed applause.

Michael joined the Army at the age of 18. He began what has turned into a career, graduating from Ft. Benning/Infantry Training Brigade, Columbus, Ga., fall of 2000. He then went to serve as an Infantry Squad Leader. He then went on to service in Alaska, Korea, Japan and has done several tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. My daughter-in-law, Mollie Angel, has also served our country and they each



have about 10 years and they will retire. I am so very proud of them, as

are their parents.

At Michael's graduation from Fort Benning, the colonel, Infantry Commander Thomas W Hayden, said something special. He said, "Our Army has never failed us: the men who leave here today will continue that proud, glorious tradition and hold the torch high for America's defense."

These men and women who carry this on, I salute you, and thank you.

We love you, Michael and Molly Angel! Salute.

Love, Dad and Kimmy

Written from the heart by Kimberly Ann Angel



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Garden Club

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call the first meeting of the Club year to order and the rest of the new officers will take on their roles for the year: Laura Coleman as Vice-President, Vicki Howerton as Chaplain, Jan Ledsome as Treasurer, Ann Paquette as Secretary.

There were nice surprises awaiting the returning members as well. Catherine Cassidy had designed new Garden Club Members' books with floral covers, each one imprinted with the member's name, and created matching floral name tags, at no cost to club. Cassidy donated her creations.

Lura Fine and her husband John were also recognized for their contribution to the Club's float in the December "Down Home Days" Parade. The Fines had purchased all the materials and decorations themselves and the float they created was awarded a plaque by the parade judges. President Beggs in turn presented that plaque to Lura and John Fine in appreciation for their generosity and effort.

Eulah Donaldson announced the September Yard-of-the-Month award; Tom and Tracy Gniewek of NE Livingston Street, whose garden included lovingly tended knock-out roses and impatiens.

Big golden sunflowers and birds decorated the tables and set the perfect stage for guest speaker Vanessa Walthall, whose parents own and operate Native Nurseries in Tallahassee, talked about "planting to attract wildlife," using only plant species native to the area.

Native plants are important for a healthy ecosystem because specific insects have evolved

to live on specific plants, Walthall explained. Native plants can support many times the number of caterpillars and butterflies that non-native varieties can. These in turn attract more birds, which eat some of the insects as well as the seeds and berries the plants produce. Moreover, native plants are non-invasive, having evolved to live in harmony with the ecosystems that thrive in this area.

Walthall presented a series of photos showing how her parents had transformed their yard, a typical suburban lawn with boxwood borders, into a flowering native haven for several species of caterpillars, moths, butterflies and birds. By replacing non-native trees and shrubs with such varieties as dogwood, sweetgum, Elliot's blueberry, parsley hawthorn and several varieties of palm, the Walthalls created not only a year-round display of colorful flowers and berries, but also a magnet for a wide array of butterflies and birds. Photographs, including an amazing shot of a hummingbird feeding its young in a nest, documented the variety of visitors.

Native Nurseries of Tallahassee sells only native plant species, as well as bird and wildlife feeding supplies and other natural gardening necessities. For more information, visit their web site at www.nativenurseries.com.

Then, the first club meeting was over, but the familiar rhythms and expectations of another good year were taking shape. Dolly Ballard, who was in charge of the youth gardening classes for Pinetta Elementary last year, will resume that role now that school is in session again, starting new hands-on gardening projects for dozens of little hands to help out with. For September, she is collecting small flowerpots, so the children can each raise a plant of their own to enter in a contest in November at the North Florida Fair in Tallahassee.

There are already plans for a fundraiser Oct. 29 - a booth at the Farmers and Friends Market Fifth Saturday. The club will have its next regular meeting Thursday, Oct. 6.



Photo Submitted by Vanessa Walthall

A hummingbird feeds its young in their tiny nest.



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President Martha Beggs presents Lura Fine with the plaque won by the Garden Club's float in last year's Down Home Days.

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Hot Questions, Hot Topics

By David Abercrombie, MCMH CEO



Does the State require a doctor in the hospital in case of an emergency in the ER? Explain who works in the emergency room.

No. The State of Florida requires either a physician or a mid-level practitioner to be in a hospital emergency department (emergency room, or ER). An ER physician can be a medical doctor (MD) or a doctor of osteopathy (DO). An ER mid-level practitioner can be either an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP) or a Physician Assistant (PA-C).

However, the State does require that if a mid-level practitioner is in the ER, and a physician is not, then a physician must be available to the mid-level practitioner by telephone at all times; and the physician must physically arrive at the ER within 30 minutes if requested by the mid-level practitioner.

Madison County Memorial Hospital (MCMH) contracts with Southland Emergency Medical Services to provide physician and mid-level practitioner services at the hospital ER. Doctor Paul Hart is the medical director of this company. He works closely with us to provide these professionals, and to oversee the quality of the services they deliver. The MCMH ER is generally staffed by a mid-level practitioner, with physician back-up as described above. Occasionally, it is staffed by a physician, but this is not the normal staffing pattern. As the State requires, a physician is always available by telephone and can always be in the ER within 30 minutes.

Mid-level practitioners are called physician extenders because they can extend a physician's ability to serve a community when there are too few physicians. When an area has too few physicians it is called a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA). Madison County is a HPSA. There are just too few physicians here and it is incredibly hard to recruit new ones. In rural communities, and especially in poverty pockets such as Madison County, these physician extenders stand in the gap day after day, to make sure that your family gets the healthcare it must have. They play a critical role in both, emergency rooms and in conventional office practices.

After working closely with mid-level practitioners for the many years of my career, I can say without reservation that those in Madison County are exceptional. I can promise you, we owe a lot to these dedicated professionals. As a county that ranks 67, among the 67 Florida counties, in healthcare behaviors (i.e. tobacco use, poor diet, too little exercise, et cetera) where would we be without them? We would have some mighty tired physicians and some mighty long patient care wait times. And with too few physicians, we would likely have much sicker families.

By the way high school kids, physician assistant jobs were ranked #2 in the 50 Top Best Jobs in America for two years running (Money Magazine, Nov, 2010). Consider becoming either a physician assistant or a nurse practitioner (or of course, a physician!). In Madison County you would make a good living, be appreciated, and make a world of difference in the lives of thousands of people. You would stand in the gap alongside some mighty fine people.

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AROUND MADISON COUNTY

Obituaries

Michael Ray Rowell

Michael Ray Rowell, 55, passed away August 25, 2011 at his home in Lloyd, with his family and mother by his side.

The family received friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on September 8 at Beggs Funeral Home in Madison. His funeral was at 11 a.m. Beggs Chapel, and burial followed in Hanson Methodist Church Cemetery.

He was born February 4, 1956, in Greenwood, South Carolina. He had lived most of his growing up years in Madison, Florida, being very active in 4-H work.

He moved to Melbourne for about five years, working for General Development driving heavy equipment, building roads and later, building houses. He loved to fish at the Sebastian Inlet.

He then returned back to Madison and worked with Tim Sanders, doing survey work.

He met and married Renee Curry, who worked at a nursing home. Their house burned on Range Avenue, which led them to Tallahassee, and Michael going to college and learning to be a paramedic, first in Thomasville, Georgia, then Tallahassee Community College, where he graduated. Renee continued to work at a nursing home.

Michael immediately went into paramedic work in Gadsden County, where he continued to work for 15 years. He loved his work and helping people in need, and saving lives. This job helped him be at home during some part of the week to check on the children's needs and their home schooling. The oldest two have now graduated with top honors. There are five children, Christina, now 23, Michael age 20, Aaron age 15, Zachary age 12, and Caroline, age 10.

They were led to church, the three oldest having been baptized, and joining the church. They all continued going to church and serving the Lord.

They will greatly miss their father, as whenever he went, they went. Please keep them in your prayers.

David Bitner, the chairman of the Republican Party of Florida and a former state lawmaker, died at his home in Monticello, on Thursday, Sept. 8, 2011, after his months-long battle with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or ALS. Bitner was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and friend to many around the state of Florida.

Born in Hagerstown, Maryland, Bitner grew up on a farm, graduated from North Hagerstown High School. Even late into his life, Bitner prided himself on keeping farm hours by reporting to work early and staying late.

Bitner relocated to Southwest Florida and served for many years as the General Manager of the Port Charlotte-based *Charlotte Sun-Herald*. Over the course of a decade, Bitner transformed the *Sun-Herald* into one of the most successful newspapers in Southwest Florida.

Dave came to work with the free weekly when we had only 4 employees, said Derek Dunn-Rankin, Chairman of the Suncoast Media Group. He was the key player in building it into a significant daily newspaper.

In 1990, Dave sold his interest in the newspaper and joined his wife, Wendy, in starting Sun Specialties, a provider of company promotional products and business gifts. In 1992, Dave was elected by the people of District 71 to serve as State Representative in the Florida House of Representatives.

As a legislator, Dave earned a reputation as a hard-working, common sense conservative leader committed to enacting laws such as tort reform, stricter penalties for criminals and a reduction in taxes. A tireless defender of Republican policies, Bitner is credited with aiding in the Republican resurgence in the Florida House during the 1990s and passing policies to cut the size of Florida's government, lower taxes, and reduce frivolous lawsuits. One of his key legislative accomplishments was his sponsorship of Florida's name change law, ensuring the record of prisoners incarcerated under one name and released under another reflected their complete criminal record.

In Charlotte County, Bitner remained active as President of the Charlotte County Cultural Center, President of the Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce and as a member of the Charlotte County chapter of Big Brothers & Big Sisters and the YMCA. He was also involved in local high school booster programs.

During his first two terms,

David I. Bitner



Bitner served in the minority, but helped the Republican Party gain the majority in the Florida House, his 3rd and 4th terms under Speakers Webster and Thrasher, then under Governor Jeb Bush.

Throughout his years of service, Bitner was honored by several statewide organizations. In 1994, Bitner was honored by the Florida Homebuilders Association as Legislator of the Year and Legislator of the Year by the Florida Economic Development Council in 1997. He was also recognized by the Florida Association of Postsecondary Schools and Colleges as an Outstanding Legislator and by the University of Florida for his Dedication, Leadership and Support of Higher Education. Other honors include a Legislative Leadership Award from the Florida Restaurant Association, a Friend of the Family Award by the Christian Coalition of Florida and the House Republican Champion of Workers Compensation Reform.

In 2000, Bitner was asked by then-Governor Jeb Bush to travel the state and campaign for George W. Bush for President. Throughout the campaign, Dave traveled across Florida to knock on doors, attend rallies and make phone calls, playing a critical role as a liaison between the Bush Campaign and the 67 Republican Executive Committee members throughout Florida.

Following his tenure as a state representative, joined by his wife Wendy, Bitner permanently relocated to the Tallahassee area and founded government consulting firm Bitner & Associates. While Bitners love for politics drove him to serve as a lawmaker, baseball was his second passion and while at Bitner & Associates, he represented Major League teams including his beloved Baltimore Orioles. Bitner is credited with helping to keep several major league baseball teams in Florida for spring training and also helping to lure the Tampa Bay Rays to his former home of Port Char-

lotte for spring training in 2008.

Since leaving the statehouse, Bitner remained active in Republican Party politics as a Jefferson County precinct committeeman and a member of the Jefferson County Republican Executive Committee. Bitner and his wife walked door-to-door for many candidates across the state of Florida, including candidates for the Florida House of Representatives and Florida Senate.

In early 2011, Bitner was elected Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida. During his tenure, Chairman Bitner traveled the state extensively, meeting with local Republican clubs and helping to unify the party. He also worked to honor Florida's nearly 250,000 military veterans through the Greatest Generation Tour across Florida.

Even in the face of the challenge posed by ALS, Chairman Bitner worked tirelessly to fundraise, meet Republican and conservative leaders and improve organization within the party's ranks around the state.

Bitner and his wife Wendy marked 20 years of marriage in 2010 and resided in Monticello. Both are the founders of Jefferson Outreach for Youth (JOY) to help under privileged children in Jefferson County. In his spare time, Bitner enjoyed woodworking, tending to the animals on his farm and discussing politics.

Dave is survived by his loving wife, Wendy M. Bitner of Monticello; a daughter, Jennifer Blackburn of North Port; three sisters, Debbie Poff of Sarasota, Darlene Muse of Winter Haven, and Dawn Lewis of Hagerstown, MD; a brother, Don Bitner of Tallahassee; mother-in-law, Sandie Checchia of Port Charlotte and father-in-law, Damian (Lisa) Wojdula of Englewood; brother-in-law, Steven Wojdula of Venice; grandchildren, Kelly Plueger, Dylan Hixson, Amanda Blackburn & Bob Blackburn; and a great grandson, Phoenix Plueger.

Celebration of Life memorial services for Dave will be held Thursday, 3:00 PM, September 15, 2011 at WC Dover Farm, 534 Dover Road, Havana, FL 32333. Memorial services will also be held later in Port Charlotte.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to J.O.Y. (Jefferson Outreach for Youth, Inc) P.O. Box 206, Lloyd, FL 32337. Friends may visit online at www.robersonfh.com to sign the memory book and extend condolences to the family.

Arrangements by Beggs Funeral Home, Monticello and Roberson Funeral Home & Crematory, Port Charlotte, Florida.

Vickie Nicole Barnes-Jones



Funeral arrangements for the late Vickie Nicole Barnes-Jones will be held at Pineland Missionary Baptist Church in Madison, Florida on Saturday September 10, 2011 at 1 p.m.

Vickie Nicole Barnes-Jones was born January 7, 1973, in Madison, to the late Willie James Barnes and Dorothy Jean Akins. She departed this life on September 2, 2011, at Shands Hospital in Jacksonville, Florida.

At an early age she was baptized and attended many churches throughout Jacksonville. She attended school in Madison County and FCCJ in Jacksonville.

She was employed at ADT Security. She was the mother of two beautiful daughters.

The viewing will be held on Friday, September 9, 2011, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Cooks and Cooper Funeral Home in Madison.

Bettie Byrd

On Sept 8, 2011, Bettie Byrd, 75, of Dade City, was reunited with her husband of 53 years, "Bill" Byrd and Parents Janie (Waring) and "Chick" Williamson.

She was born in Madison. She is survived by sister, Mary Ann Toney (Crescent City); daughter, Sandra Davis (Lakeland); grandchildren, Nikki Hughes with child due in November (Polk City), Jessica Raymer and great-grandchild Zoey (both of Lake Wales); two step-grandchildren and 10 step great-grandchildren (and one due in October).

There will be no service.

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Crystal Sircy Of Enterprise Florida Speaks At Rotary Club

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Greenville native Crystal Sircy, now Senior Vice President of Business Retention and Recruitment for Enterprise Florida, addressed the Rotary Club for the second time at its Sept. 7 meeting. The first time, she was 16 years old, and her presentation to the Rotary was part of a public speaking contest.

She related to story to illustrate the positive influence the Rotary had both in her life and that of her father, a Rotarian for many years, adding that individuals and civic organizations should never underestimate the impact they can have on other people.

Sircy has now been with Enterprise Florida since 1997, an organization that is striving to have a positive influence on Florida's economic development. Having also worked in economic development for several years before she joined Enterprise Florida, she has become passionate about the effect the group can and does have on Florida's economy.

Enterprise Florida, Inc., a public/private partnership that bridges the gap between government and busi-

ness, composed of about 60 of Florida's major business leaders, from major banks like Wells Fargo, to large landowners like the St. Joe Company, to major law firms, to corporations with headquarters in Florida. It is a "heavy-hitting" organization with a mission of bringing business to Florida and creating new jobs, whose chair is none other than Florida Governor Rick Scott, a man who is also very much into creating jobs.

"So the pressure is really on us to produce results," said Sircy.

Rather than having the state's economic structure dependant on one industry, Sircy supports diversity, which is better able to weather economic ups and downs. Enterprise Florida targets the aviation/aerospace/defense industry, clean tech energy, financial planning and similar professions, information technology, life sciences and others. It does not target retail, an industry that will move in with or without incentives, or tourism, which is handled by Visit Florida.

Through research and contacts, Enterprise Florida looks for companies that are about to make major decisions

— where to build, where to hire more workers, and where to invest capital. It might be pharmaceutical companies just finishing up ADA trials of a new drug and looking to expand, or a company that has been investing heavily in research and development of a new product.

In just the few months since January of this year, the group has had 205 active projects going with various companies, with a potential of 55,000 new jobs. So far, 100 of those projects have "landed," said Sircy, creating 13,904 new jobs in the state. The companies usually contract with Florida for tax breaks, but they don't get these until they fulfill their part of the contract, producing the promised results. "And (those results) are all orders," she said.

In Madison and in other surrounding counties of "critical economic concern" (Hamilton, Taylor, Baker, Suwannee and Columbia), over 2600 jobs have been either saved or created. It is a process of "patient effort" said Sircy, urging Madison and other small rural counties with limited resources not to give up county-owned land to the first company that pops up, but rather to

wait for a company that will bring the most benefit possible to the area.

Currently, although Madison's unemployment level and poverty rate significantly exceeds the state average, the tools are in place to help bring more jobs to the area, and Sircy is on the front lines of the recruiting and retaining effort.

"That's why I do it...the reward of helping someone keep their job." She said. It is part of what she has done for the last almost 20 years in her work. "Creating jobs is what I'm passionate about. And that's where I've landed."



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Lynette Norris, September 7, 2011

Crystal Sircy speaks to the Rotary Club about her work with Enterprise Florida.

Madison County Schools Begin ADC Tutoring

By Kristin Finney
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Now that the school year is underway, students desire to succeed is growing and flourishing. While Madison schools have sometimes struggled to meet yearly goals, this year they have implemented a new tool to make reaching this goal easier. This new tool is the ADC Tutoring Program.

ADC Tutoring Corp. describes themselves on their website as "a Florida-based tutoring company providing quality tutoring services to Title I schools through the Supplemental Educational Services (SES) program. ADC Tutoring, Corp. utilizes a research-based curricula for both Reading & Math. The curriculum is

designed for daily 20-30 minute activities providing children with meaningful practice in reading fluency, comprehension, word study as well as math skills and concepts. Tutoring services are provided after school two to three days a week for 60-90 minutes per session. Our services assist students in improving their academic achievement through additional instruction and review."

ADC's program has helped several counties across Florida assist their students in succeeding each year. The program is designed to help students make gains in FCAT as well as in school testing. Their website explains, "ADC has demonstrated considerable evidence of

high academic achievement over the past four year of serving student through SES. In the 2009-10 school year (SY) the program student participation increased by 48%."

ADC's mission is, "ADC Tutoring is sensitive to individual student needs and is committed to helping each student meet specific academic goals that will promote confidence and success." They also say of their program, "Instruction is based on norm-referenced, research based reading and math assessments which allows ADC Tutors to pinpoint individual student learning needs. ADC has demonstrated considerable evidence of high academic achievement over the past four years."

"ADC personnel plan with parents and school districts to develop measurable achievement goals, Student Learning Plan (SLP), for each student via diagnostic test information, gathering district student data, i.e., IEP, 504 plans and meeting with the parent face to face. ADC tutors/instructors utilize the following pre-post assessment instruments in identifying areas of strengths and weakness: Florida Assessment for Instruction and Reading (FAIR), Group Reading Assessment and Diagnostic Evaluation (GRADE) and Group Mathematics Assessment and Diagnostic Evaluation (GMADE)."

This after-school tutoring program is being offered for grades K-12 in both math and reading. They serve all Madison County SES school sites. For more information you can visit their website at www.adctutoring.com or contact Denise Robinson at 464-1153, or email her at denise.robinson30@gmail.com.

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As the nation witnesses the destruction of thousands of Texas homes as a result of devastating wildfires, local residents are urged to look at the state of their own home with a critical eye. If a wildfire were to sweep through Madison County, would your home stand a chance? Although wildfire may seem like a helpless situation, there are steps that homeowners can take NOW that can drastically reduce the risk of property damage or loss.

Clearing forest brush and dry debris at least 30 feet away from the home is the most important thing a homeowner can do to protect themselves from wildfire. Regular yard maintenance and brush clearing reduces the risk of the devastating damage and destruction associated with wildfire. A "lean, clean, and green" 30-foot zone around the home also provides a safer, more accessible place for firefighters to work as they defend your home against a wildfire.

There are many other steps a homeowner can take to increase their safety and help defend their

home from the devastating effects of wildfire including:

- Remove flammable debris such as pine straw and dead leaves off of the roof and out of gutters
- Do not let debris accumulate underneath structures
- Mow tall grasses and rake leaves and pine straw away from your home
- Regularly prune shrubbery to remove excess growth and dead branches
- Prune tree limbs 6-10 feet off the ground and remove climbing vines
- Dispose of yard clippings promptly and legally

Florida is known for its year-round fire season, so act now! It's never too early to take the precautions that could mean the difference between a home destroyed and a home saved. For more information on how to protect your home from wildfires, visit the Firewise website at: www.firewise.org and the Florida Forest Service website at www.fl-dof.com.

Historical Society To Meet At Barksdale Farm Sunday

The Madison County Historical Society will have their meeting Sunday, September 18, at 2:30 p.m. at the Barksdale Farm, 1647 NE Captain Buie Road, Pinetta. Take Colin Kelly Highway and turn left at Captain Buie Road at the Pinetta Baptist Church, follow the road until you see the sign on the right. If you prefer you can meet at the courthouse at 2 p.m. at the flagpole to travel as a group. Dues are \$5.00 per person and are due in September.

Community Foundation Announces Funding Opportunity

Knight Foundation Donor Advised Fund Will Grant \$124,000 before Year-End

The Community Foundation of North Florida announced today the opening of The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation Donor Advised Fund 2011 grant cycle. Grant applications are now being accepted from local nonprofit organizations. The application deadline is 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011. The Knight Fund will invest \$124,000 before December 31, 2011 to support projects fostering an informed, engaged community.

The Knight Fund, a component fund of the Community Foundation, was created in 2004 as a part of Knight's Communities Program which aims to improve the quality of life in the U.S. communities where the Knight Brothers owned newspapers. The priority area of interest of the Knight Fund is informed, engaged communities within the geographic area of the Community Foundation (Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Taylor and Wakulla County).

Knight Foundation has provided guidance as to the meaning of "informed, engaged community." Knight wants Knight Communities to be places where the greatest possible numbers of people have the opportunity to belong, care and take action in their own true interests. Knight cares about local access news, and information - that's the "informed" part of the equation. To Knight, community engagement means creating opportunities for ordinary residents to come together, deliberate and take action collectively to address public problems or issues that residents themselves define as important and in ways that they themselves decide are appropriate. Knight believes approaches that put residents at the center are powerful ways to achieve social change, and that engaged communities are better places to live, work and play.

For more information about this funding opportunity, please visit the Community Foundation's website at www.cfnf.org and click on "Nonprofits" and then "Apply for a Grant" or contact Joy Watkins at 850-222-2899 ext. 104 or jwatkins@cfnf.org. About the Community Foundation of

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SPORTS

Cowboys Gun Down Tigers In Death Valley

By Jacob Bembry
Greene Publishing, Inc.

For the first half of the football game, it was the worst of times for Madison County's offense. Try as hard as they might, they still could not score. It was the best of times in the second half as the Cowboys poured some pain on the Jefferson County Tigers in football action played at Death Valley in Monticello.

The Tigers scored first as they intercepted the ball in one end zone and ran it all the way back to the other end zone.

As the Cowboys were tentative and lackluster on offense in the first half, the Tigers smelled an upset as they went into the locker room leading 7-0.

Coming out in the second half, the Cowboys found their groove and went on a tear. Behind strong running by Tommie Young and Deontaye Oliver, the Cowboys racked up 42 points and ended the game winning 42-7.

Young was the leading rusher with 16 attempts

for 200 yards and three touchdowns.

Deontaye Oliver rushed 16 times for 164 yards.

D.J. McKnight had four carries for one yard.

Keon Bruton rushed one time for 11 yards.

Shedrick Williams rushed five times for 26 yards.

Troymond Alexander rushed three times for 12 yards.

McKnight threw eight passes, completed three, had a touchdown pass and had two interceptions.

Young caught one pass for six yards.

Octavious Fayson caught one pass for 29 yards.

Neal Brown had one reception for zero yards.

Tommie Young was named Offensive Player of the Week, Deshawntee Gallon was Defensive Player of the Week and Devontee Gallon was Special Teams Player of the Week.

The Cowboys suit up Friday evening and take on Trinity Christian at Boot Hill. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

Go, Cowboys!



JV WARRIORS WALLOP VALWOOD 27-6

By Fran Hunt
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The Aucilla Christian Academy junior varsity Warriors football team faced off against Valwood, Thursday, September 8 and Aucilla walloped their opponent for a 27-6 victory to now stand 2-0 on the season. Thus far, ACA has played two games and won both, within those two games the Warriors collected a whopping 53 points and only allowed the opponents to score six points altogether.

Aucilla lost the toss and kicked to Valwood but quickly took over with Nick Roberts returning an interception for a 28-yard touchdown.

Timmy Burrus then ran in the two-point conversion.

The Warriors kicked again and again took over when Timmy Burrus returned an interception 98 yards for a touchdown.

Austin Bishop kicked for the point after, bringing the score to 15-0.

Roberts led the defense with 10 tackles.

Burrus had seven tackles and forced one fumble.

Bishop made seven tackles including one quarterback sack.

Bryce Sanderson made six tackles.

Jake Edwards had four tackles and recovered one fumble.

Erick Hutsell and P-cole Harrell each made four tackles.

Valwood found the end zone in the second quarter for six points.

Aucilla's offense moved the ball on the ground well and only attempted six passes all night. Three of those passes connected.

Hunter Handley had one reception for 15 yards.



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Hunter Handley carries the ball downfield for the JV Aucilla Warriors during last week's football action.

Ricky Finlayson caught two passes for a total of 38 yards.

Burrus had 95 yards total offense and scored one offensive touchdown.

Roberts had 14 yards rushing and one offensive touchdown.

"We are looking forward to facing Brookwood in



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Timmy Burrus, #15, is pictured running the ball for the Aucilla JV Warriors. Burrus ended the game with 95 total offensive yards, seven tackles, a forced fumble, one touchdown and ran in a two-point conversion.

Thomasville Thursday, September 15 at 6 p.m., there. These boys are very coachable and work very well as a team. They made necessary adjustments this week and I am very proud of the way they played," said Coach Derrick Burrus.

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SPORTS

Warriors Downed By Oak Hall

By Fran Hunt

Special from ECB Publishing, Inc.

The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Warriors winning streak came to an end last week when they faced off against Oak Hall and Aucilla was dropped for a 42-12 defeat to now stand 2-1 on the season.

Coach Colby Roberts named the co-offensive players of the week as Jared Jackson, who had 100 reception yards and one touchdown; and Trent Roberts who had 150 passing yards and two touchdowns.

The defensive player of the week was Tyler Jackson, who had two pass deflections and did not allow a completed pass all night.

On the offensive side of the field, Tyler Jackson had 15 yards receiving.

Austin Bentley had 35 receiving yards and one touchdown.

Brad Holm had 30 yards rushing.

Phillip Watts had 35 rushing yards.

Jared Turner had 10 yards rushing.

On the defensive side of the field, Jared Turner had 12 tackles.

Gus Smyrniotis had 10 tackles.

Trent Roberts had two quarterback sacks and four tackles.

The Warriors face off Friday against St. John's Country Day, Friday, 7 p.m., away.



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Tyler Jackson, #6, is pictured right after catching the ball and turning to run down the field, for the ACA Warriors.

ACA Cross Country Teams Perform Well At Panhandle Jamboree

By Fran Hunt

Special from ECB Publishing, Inc.

In their first race of the season the Aucilla Christian Academy boys and girls cross country teams performed very well with the Lady Warriors finishing in fifth place and one of the girls setting a personal record and the boys finishing in seventh place with three of them setting personal records.

Running for the Lady Warriors, Megan Giddens finished in fifth place, being passed by one runner and finishing with a time of 21:02, setting a personal record.

Taylor Copeland finished in sixth place, passed one runner and finished with a time of 21:03.

Sarah Tharpe finished 33rd, was passed by two runners and finished with a time of 24:38.

Camryn Grant finished 43rd with a time of 26:11.

Stephanie English finished 85th, passed five runners and finished with a time of 30:20.

Sarah Hall finished 90th, passing three runners and finished with a time of 30:45.

Sarah James finished 62nd,

she was passed by two runners and finished with a time of 30:55.

Caroline Yaun finished 63rd, she was passed by two runners and finished with a time of 31:06.

Skylar Dickey finished 67th, was passed by one runner and finished with a time of 31:59.

Summerlyn Marsh finished 101st, she passed nine runners and finished with a time of 33:49.

Sarah Riley finished 108th, she passed seven runners and finished with a time of 36:02.

Braden Mattingly finished in fifth place, was passed by two runners and finished with a time of 18:55.

Gatlin Nennstiel finished 39th, was passed by four runners and finished with a time of 19:49.

Donnie Kinsey finished 51st, he was passed by one runner and finished with a time of 20:46.

Carson Nennstiel finished in 58th place, he passed five runners and finished with a time of 21:27.

Timothy Finlayson finished 60th, he was passed by two runners and finished with a time of 21:36.

Brandon Slaughter finished

97th, was passed by two runners and finished with a time of 24:02.

Sam Hogg finished 104th, passed 11 runners and finished with a time of 25:04, to set a personal record.

Dilyn Stowers finished 48th, passed two runners and finished with a time of 25:23, setting a personal record.

Chaz Hamilton finished 49th, passed five runners and finished with a time of 25:45.

Sammy Ritter finished 50th, passed 11 runners and finished with a time of 25:48.

Cannon Randle finished 56th, passed six runners and finished with a time of 26:08.

Stewart Dalzell finished 65th, passed four runners and finished with a time of 26:57.

JT Ham finished 72nd, was passed by two runners and finished with a time of 27:30.

Traynor Barker finished 75th, was passed by two runners and finished with a time of 27:46.

Both teams compete again Saturday in the Lincoln Invitational at Tom Brown Park at 10 a.m.

Spotlight

**Varsity Cheerleader
Chelsea Hanners**

Grade: 12th
Age: 17
Favorite Cheer: "L-E-T-S-G-O Everybody Say Lets Go"
Favorite Class: Early Childhood Education
Favorite Food: Steak
Favorite Season: Fall, because of football

Spotlight

**JV Cheerleader
Jessica Mullina**

Grade: 10th
Age: 15
Favorite Cheer: "Cowboys Let's Fight (3-3-3)
Favorite Class: Criminal Justice
Favorite Food: Tirimisu
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The Musical Tale of Peter Rabbit Oct. 13 at NFCC Area schools invited to attend performance by Bits 'N Pieces Puppet Theatre

Award-winning Bits 'N Pieces Puppet Theatre is bringing its splendiferous giant puppet musical The Musical Tale of Peter Rabbit to North Florida Community College's Van H. Priest Auditorium on Thursday, Oct. 13. NFCC invites all area schools (public, private, or home school) in NFCC's district including Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee and Taylor Counties to attend. Reservations are required. Tickets are \$2 per person. To make reservations, contact the NFCC College Advancement Office at (850) 973-1653 or email Artist_Series@nfcc.edu for more information. Reservation forms and more information is available on the NFCC website at <http://www.nfcc.edu/community-programs/children's-theater>.

This larger-than-life musical tells the story of dapper, young Peter Rabbit believes he knows better than Mama Rabbit. Ignoring her warnings he is determined to go to Farmer McGregor's forbidden garden. Peter slips away from the drudgery of chores on a musical adventure to the paradise carrot patch. He's sure no harm will come to him as he gives in to the temptation of the farmer's prize vegetables. Peter not only gets a taste of fresh vegetables but also of life and the perils of trespassing.

Children will be delighted as they watch the thoroughly Scottish Farmer McGregor in hot pursuit of that rascal Peter Rabbit. Little Peter, played by live actress Holli Rubin, hops, scampers and finally eludes the towering farmer. Peter makes his way to safety aided by a cat-chasing dogfish but loses his brand new shoes and jacket. Sheepishly, he faces the music with Mama Rabbit and manages to save his own tail when he admits he's learned a valuable lesson – "It's better to be good than bad!"



Photo submitted

Characters from The Musical Tale of Peter Rabbit

Bits 'N Pieces Theatre has been creating original musical productions for more than 25 years. Headquartered in Tampa, Florida, the giant puppets ensemble spends most of the year on national tour while its classic hand puppets and marionettes perform year-round at Puppetworld in Tampa. For more information about Bits 'N Pieces Puppet Theatre or to access The Musical Tale of Peter Rabbit educational activity guide, visit www.puppetworld.com.

The performance is sponsored in part by the Sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, and the Florida Arts Council.

NFCC Art Department Exhibits Work By New York Artist Nadine Anderson

EXHIBIT: September 2011



YOUNG, CHEER UP!
THIS IS THE WAY TO THE SKIES

An Exhibit by New York Artist Nadine Anderson

NFCC Hardee Center for the Arts

Exhibit Postcard

An exhibit by New York artist Nadine Anderson - "Young, Cheer Up! This Is The Way To The Skies" - will be on display at North Florida Community College's Hardee Center for the Arts throughout the month of September.

Anderson's exhibited work at NFCC depicts an expose of the sights, sounds, and visions of the artist's own experiences and dreams. She uses photography and video to create a jagged mix of action and fantasy reflecting both optimism and pessimism. "I wanted to explore the way that humans absorb and assimilate their world on a daily basis," said Anderson. "I install myself into multiple roles playing the surrogate; the historian, and the master of ceremonies."

Anderson was born in the Michigan suburb of Inkster and currently resides in New York. She studied political science during her years in college but eventually found greater expression through photography, film, and video. She pursued an intensive education at the International Center of Photography and has been exhibiting nationally since then. In 2006, she was awarded a New York Foundation of the Arts fellowship for her work in video.

See the work of this award-winning artist at NFCC in September. The exhibit will be open to the public through Sept. 29.

New exhibits are featured monthly at the Hardee Center for the Arts during NFCC's fall and spring terms. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, contact Lisa Barden, NFCC art instructor, at (850) 973-1642, email or visit (search Visual Arts).

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**For the safety of our students and community, please do not throw candy or toys from your float/car/truck/etc.*

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NFCC Testing Schedule

TABE TESTS

Every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. & Evenings (by appointment only)-TABE (Test of Adult Basic Education) at NFCC Testing Center (Bldg. #16), Madison, Florida. TABE is required for acceptance into vocational/technical programs. Photo ID required. Pre-registration is required. To register & schedule a testing date, please call 850/973-9451.

CJBAT TESTS

Every Wednesday at 8:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., & Evenings (by appointment only) - CJBAT (Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test) at NFCC Testing Center (Bldg. #16), Madison, Florida. CJBAT is required for acceptance into Corrections & Law Enforcement programs. Photo ID required. Pre-registration is required. To register & schedule a testing date, please call 850/973-9451.

PERT TESTS

Every Thursday at 8:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., & Evenings (by appointment only): Post Secondary Education Readiness Test (PERT), NFCC Testing Center (Bldg. #16), Madison, Florida. Register in NFCC Student Services 24 hours before test. To register & schedule a testing date, please call 850/973-9451.

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The North Florida Community College Foundation is hosting a clay shoot fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 1 at Southwind Sporting Clays in Quitman, Georgia. Join the fun while supporting education; registration deadline is Sept. 2. For clay shoot registration forms or more information, contact the NFCC Foundation at (850) 973-9423 or email Foundation@nfcc.edu.

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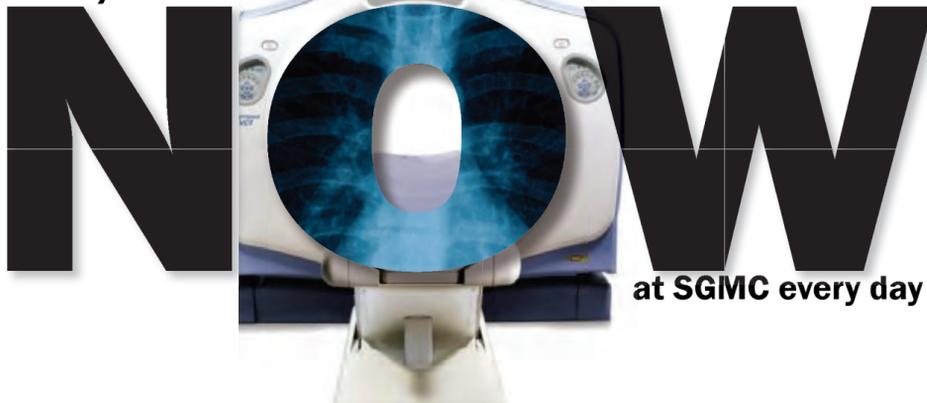
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New Tips For Finding A Job

(StatePoint) Whether you are looking to switch jobs or are out of work, it can now take longer than ever to find a new job. And it's not just the economy that's to blame.

"The rules have changed when it comes to finding jobs," says William Holland, author of the new book "Cracking the New Job Market." "Globalization and technological advances have permanently transformed the job market. It's not about your credentials, but rather the value you offer a company."

Recruiter Tony Beshara agrees. "A résumé is not a simple list of your credentials, devoid of context," says Beshara, author of the new guide, "Unbeatable Résumés." "It's a sales tool that lets the hiring authority know you can perform the duties needed immediately."

To help job seekers, Holland and Beshara offer the following advice:

- **Be open to all opportunities.** In decades past, job seekers were told that networking was critical to finding the right job, as if there was a hidden job market only others knew about. That may have been true when companies hired family members and friends of employees, but in today's competitive market, companies are focused on hiring the person who can best do the job with minimal training.

- **So don't shy away from applying to postings on job boards or company websites.** But continue to reach out to friends and family, or even connections through social networking sites like LinkedIn. Just know that the most important thing is that you match a company's desired attributes.

- **Tailor your résumé.** The average résumé gets read in ten seconds. With that kind of attention span, you better make sure your résumé stands out. This doesn't mean using distracting formats or flourishes. Make sure your résumé reflects the responsibilities of the job in language the screener (often not an expert in your field) can understand.

- **Ace the interview.** You need to demonstrate the value you can bring to a company through the interview process. Before interviewing, prepare by making a chart listing the job's responsibilities and your matching experience. But remember, the key to achieving maximum performance is to enter any testing situation with an uncluttered mind.

- **Plan for the future.** The average white collar worker holds a job for two and a half to three years, according to Beshara. Therefore, it's wise to plan for future job searches after getting your next job.

This means planning for a future period of unemployment by saving for an emergency fund and living within your means so you don't accrue debt, says Holland. It also means keeping in touch with your network and updating your résumé as you log accomplishments, adds Beshara.

More tips on finding a job in today's economy can be found in the new books "Unbeatable Resumes" and "Cracking the New Job Market."

SCHOOL

North Florida Community College Announces President's Honor Roll

Sixty-five North Florida Community College students have been named to the President's Honor Roll for at the conclusion of NFCC's Summer Term 2011. The President's Honor Roll recognizes outstanding academic achievement at the completion of each semester. Inclusion on the list is awarded to all full-time students who, during summer term, have earned a grade point average of 3.8 to 4.0 on course work of at least 12 hours.

NFCC students named to the President's Honor Roll for Summer Term 2011 are:

HAMILTON COUNTY

Leslie J. Smith Carter	Jasper
Winston L. Crosby	Jasper
Chineeta S. Jackson	Jasper
Angela B. Cameron	Jennings
Peter Gomez	Jennings
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DUVAL COUNTY

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Albert S. Luggi	Tallahassee
David R. Stoot	Tallahassee

WAKULLA COUNTY

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Randal L. Waltman	Crawfordville

For information contact the Office of College Advancement, (850) 973-1653 or email News@NFCC.edu.

North Florida Community College Announces Dean's Honor Roll

Forty-seven North Florida Community College students have been named to the Dean's Honor Roll at the conclusion of NFCC's Summer Term 2011. The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes outstanding academic achievement at the completion of each semester. Inclusion on the list is awarded to all full-time students who, during summer term, have earned a grade point average of 3.50 to 3.79 on course work of at least 12 hours.

Students on the NFCC Dean's list for Summer Term 2011 are:

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Elizabeth K. Dedge	Jasper
Jordan E. Perez	Jennings

MADISON COUNTY

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Katelyn A. Scarboro	Greenville
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Brooke N. Turner	Pinetta

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Christopher D. Ferguson	Branford
Keysha L. Horn	Branford
Clifford Register	Branford
Bo G. Cameron	Live Oak
Donald J. Carr	Live Oak
Jonathan D. Hale	Live Oak
Heather L. LeBlanc	Live Oak
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For information contact the Office of College Advancement, (850) 973-1653 or email News@NFCC.edu.

Madison County Board Vacancies

The Madison County Board of County Commissioners seeks volunteer members to serve on the below named Madison County Boards:

Madison County Tourist Development Council:

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Madison County Planning and Zoning Board:

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Responsibilities include board decisions on planning and land use issues, review of the Madison County Land Development Code and Comprehensive Plan, and recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on requests and applications submitted for approval.

Interested parties should send their name and contact information, along with a brief resume, to Mr. Allen Cherry, Madison County Coordinator, PO Box 539, Madison, FL 32341 or email to madisonbocc@embarqmail.com. Deadline for submitting applications is Friday, September 23rd at 5:00 PM.



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Organic Gardening 101 Series Continues At Green Industries Institute In Monticello NFCC Offers "Seed Starting" Short Course Sept. 17

There is a world of heirloom and hybrid vegetable varieties - Red Giant mustard greens, Champion collards, Di Ciccio broccoli - available for home gardens and North Florida Community College's Organic Gardening 101 series is just the place to learn what works best in our area. NFCC's Green Industries Institute in Monticello will hold a Seed Starting class through its monthly series Organic Gardening 101 on Saturday, Sept. 17 from 9 a.m. until noon. Like all the Organic Gardening 101 classes, the September class is only \$25 and is open for registration at www.nfcc.edu/green-industries.

Participants in this month's class will learn the benefits of starting their own transplants, which include getting a head start on the winter season and choosing interesting hybrid and heirloom varieties sometimes not available locally. Sustainable Agriculture Programs Manager and course instructor Claire Mitchell will also demonstrate different seed starting techniques and go over troubleshooting tips for best results.

"Though some crops grow well in the fall when planted by seed, some vegetables need a head start before the shortened days and chill of winter," said Mitchell. "For these vegetables, it's best to germinate them in a protected space, and then move them outdoors when the weather and pest levels are better suited to plant health."

The Seed Starting class will take place both indoors and out, and participants will have the opportunity to try out a seed starting method called soil blocking, which requires a special potting mix but doesn't use any plastic trays or containers. Participants will also be able to take home a few seeded soil block transplants for their garden at home.

Those interested in signing up for the September Seed Starting class or any upcoming Organic Gardening 101 short courses should email Claire Mitchell at mitchellc@nfcc.edu or call (850) 973-1702. More information, including a full list of upcoming courses, is available at www.nfcc.edu/green-industries.



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Participants get hands-on experience during the August Organic Gardening 101 course at NFCC's Green Industries Institute.



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Sustainable Agriculture Programs Manager Claire Mitchell instructs the Organic Gardening 101 course at Green Industries Institute in Monticello.



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Participants in Green Industries Institute's August Organic Gardening 101 course learn cool season crop planning techniques.

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Here are some tips to help you look and feel your best this season:

- **Flaunt What You've Got.** Focus on what you love - whether it is your beautiful smile or fabulous hair - don't be afraid to show off your best assets.

And don't measure the success of your weight management by the number on the scale. Instead, focus on what you will gain when you lose this year. Perhaps a little bit more moxie and sass? Or a boost in confidence?

- **Go From Day to Night.** You can also go from casual chic to evening elegant by pairing darker wash jeans with a sequin top, chandelier earrings and a pair of sassy stilettos.

- **Visualize Success.** Use the image of yourself on the runway of a national fashion show while you are walking around your home, office, or community. Carry yourself with the same confidence as the models you love to watch on the runway.

- **Drop a Jean Size.** Whether you are comfortable with your current weight or looking to set new goals, what you eat can make a difference. For example, the Special K Challenge can help kick start your weight-management plan. Replace two meals

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- **Think Color.** For post-summer blues, add some color to your routine by testing out a pair of colored jeans, such as red denim. Or dare to take your color even further with colored corduroys. Bold colored, fitted pants will pair perfectly with a light-colored, blousy top.

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Madison Country Day School

Where Children Are Safe, Happy And Healthy

By Kristin Finney
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The saying "A good daycare center is hard to come by" is no longer true in Madison. Lisa Macaluso has recently opened a day/evening care center named the Madison Country Day School. What this school offers is more than just snacks, naps and arts and crafts, it offers 24/7 learning and fun for children.

Children who attend the Madison Country Day School are offered many fun learning activities such as music and creative movement, arts and crafts, dramatic play, big screen movies, indoor and outdoor play, phonics and reading, a math and science center and circle time.

Miss Lisa cooks lunch for the children each day, and they also have two snack times. However, unlike most daycares, the children are not limited to the times at which they can eat or drink. Miss Lisa explained, "If they

show what they have learned that day. The current project that the children are working on is an alphabet gallery. Last week the letter was A and they made projects such as apples, acorns and airplanes. This week the project is B where they will make bears and balls and other "B" projects. This will continue each week through the whole alphabet.

Lisa Macaluso is helped at the center by her mother, Marianne Macaluso, and Mavis Shaffer. Lisa has a Child Care Management credential. Her mother was a teacher of elementary age at Miami-Dade Public School for 30 years. Mavis Shaffer has 18 years of experience working with children. Lisa said, "My whole family is filled with educators. I just love working with children. We try to let them have fun, but we also want them to have a jumpstart in Kindergarten so we teach letters and phonics. We just try to

offer a safe and happy environment."

If a parent is interested in enrolling their child at the Madison Country Day School, they can call them or

stop by any time. The weekly cost is \$80 a week for 1-5 years old. \$80 a week for 1-12 years old evening care, from 6 p.m.-7 a.m. Drop off care is \$20 a day.

Before school care, from 6-8 a.m. is \$20 a week. After school care is from 3-6 p.m. and costs \$30 a week. Both before and after school care is \$50 a

week. The Madison Country Day School is located at 336 N. Washington Ave. in Madison. The phone number is (850)973-2700.



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Miss Lisa is seen with some of the children that she cares for. From left to right they are, Symia Chancey, Kendall Odom, Rachel Barrs, Jacen McCrary, Miss Lisa Macaluso and she is holding Presley Tompkins.



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Miss Lisa Macaluso is the owner of the Madison Country Day School.

want a juice box, we give it to them. If they are hungry, they can have a snack. We don't have a set regimen for snack times."

Currently, the center is open from 7 a.m.-6 p.m. However, the school is willing to be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. "We are only here from 7 [a.m.] to 6 [p.m.] because there are no children who need night care yet."

The focus of Madison Country Day School is to be a home away from home for the children. All of the activities that they offer are centered around being fun and educational. Every day the children take home a project to

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WHEN: Saturday, September 17, 2011
WHERE: Van H. Priest Auditorium, North Florida Community College, Madison, Florida
TIME: Registration 9:00 a. m.; business meeting 10:00 a.m.

ENTERTAINMENT: Georgians, Valdosta, Georgia

GUEST SPEAKER: Carey Knowles, Southern Humorist & Storyteller, McRae, GA

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