

Pickup, Camper Destroyed In Wreck



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By Jacob Bemby
Greene Publishing, Inc.

A pickup truck and camper were destroyed in a one-vehicle accident on Sunday night, March 11.

According to a Florida Highway Patrol report, Timothy Shawn Stiver, 48, of Columbus, Miss., was hauling a camper trailer traveling

south on County Road 14. He approached the T-intersection of County Road 360 and failed to stop at a stop sign.

Stiver traveled through the intersection and entered the woods, where he struck a tree head-on and the truck caught fire.

Stiver was able to escape from

the 1997 Dodge Ram but the pickup and the camper were destroyed by fire.

The Madison County Sheriff's Office and firefighters assisted at the scene.

FHP Trooper Manuel J. Smyrniotis was the investigating officer.

Walter Copeland Seeks Office Of Tax Collector

It is with great enthusiasm that I am announcing my candidacy for Tax Collector of Madison County, Florida.

If elected I will commit to use my experience, education and training to run an effective and efficient office that will be responsive to the citizens of Madison County. I will work with the current Tax Collector's staff to continue the positive and effective practices currently in place as well as identify and address areas of change and improvement that could enhance the office of Tax Collector.

My first and most important priority if elected will be enhanced customer/taxpayer service. Specifically, I will immediately begin to work with the State of Florida and other county officials to try and find a way to bring the issuance of driver's licenses to the office. I will also review the hours of operation to determine if we could open after hours or a half day on Saturday in order to provide better access to the office.

Since 2007, I have practiced as a certified public accountant with the Madison firm of Copeland & Schnitker, PL. Prior to my current position, I served as the Madison City President of Wachovia Bank as well as the CFO of Ware Oil and Supply Company in Perry, Florida. I believe my work experience has prepared me to be an effective and efficient Tax Collector.

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Two And A Half Pounds Of Cocaine Seized

Madison County Sheriff Ben Stewart reports that on Tuesday, March 6, at 11:50 a.m., agents of the Madison County Sheriff's Office Drug Taskforce stopped a 2002 Dodge Ram truck traveling east bound on interstate 10 in Madison County. The 2002 Dodge Truck was stopped for a speeding violation. The truck was being driven by a Misael Deleon Nunez, 41, address unknown, and occupied by one illegal immigrant.

While taking enforcement actions for the traffic violation, agents detected signs of deception and criminal activity. Agents requested consent to search and permission was granted. During the search agents noticed that the trucks engine oil pan showed signs of recent tampering.

The truck was relocated to complete the search by draining the oil and removing the oil pan to discover two and a half pounds of 99% pure cocaine from inside the oil pan. The oil pan had been modified to accommodate the cocaine. The United States Drug Enforcement Administration was contacted to assist in the investigation. The investigation led agents to Gainesville where a third man was arrested. All three subjects were secured in Alachua County Jail and the Drug Enforcement Administration will present the case for federal prosecution.



Photo Submitted

Two Arrested For Possession Of Marijuana With Intent To Sell



Christopher Collier Deontre Williams

Madison County Sheriff Ben Stewart reports that on Thursday, March 8, at 5:40 p.m., agents of the Madison County Sheriff's Office Drug Taskforce stopped a 1992 Buick sedan traveling east-bound on interstate 10 in Madison County for a traffic violation. The Buick was driven by Carl C. Collier of Jacksonville and occupied by passenger Deontre M. Williams.

While taking enforcement action for the traffic violation, agents detected a strong odor of marijuana coming from within the vehicle. Agents conducted a probable cause search and located six ounces of high grade marijuana individually packaged for sell along with a digital scale concealed inside the vehicle. Both Collier and Williams were arrested and charged with possession of marijuana with intent to sell and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Arrested were driver, Carl Christopher Collier, 21, Jacksonville, and passenger, Deontre Martez Williams, 20, of Jacksonville.

Madison County's Recycling Successes

Submitted By Jerome Wyche

Most citizens are not quite sure of what happens at the large green recycling barn located at 2040 NE Rocky Ford Road, unless they have had to conduct a specific business transaction at the Madison County Recycling Center.

Actually, the administrative services conducted in that large green barn are the initial starting point for all business operations to secure a valid business license to conduct business in Madison County consistent with the county ordinances. Other services include the rental of industrial containers for both personal and business use as well as citizen's opportunity to dispose of hazardous and electronic waste items and other recyclable items.

When citizens enter and depart our work place, they almost always end with this comment; "I had no idea that all of this happened in our county!" What people probably remember most are the 13 solid waste and recycling collection centers spread throughout Madison County, the employees that manage them and the services that they provide. The Solid Waste and Recycling Department takes great pride in recognizing its 35 employees that do their very best to provide the best services possible to our citizen users.

Moreover, it's the behind the scenes work and the actions that account for untold successes. Daily work plans are initiated every work day; however the work day of the department is subject to change by a simple phone call, including any number of typical managerial challenges. Regardless of the challenges, our daily objectives are accomplished. Within the last 2 - 3 months, the department has recognized a noticeable increase in the capture of recyclables at the collection centers.

This may be due in part to the convenient location of recycling containers, a general reorganization of equipment on the sites, a vigorous scheduling plan and an increase in recycling education. In any event, the Solid Waste and Recycling Department appreciate the efforts of our citizen users and the hard work by its employees to help make it happen. The green recycling barn is the central processing center and the drop off hub for all recyclables captured at the collection centers.

The direct work assistance received from the work squads of the Madison Corrections Institute, in all categories for the department is invaluable. When calculating the savings, based upon the number of hours of labor performed, consistent with the minimum wage offering, approximately \$91,000 per year is realized in services. Work crews with their inmate laborers are trained in the efficient use of machinery and other department equipment, enabling them to sort, bale and palletize recovered

recyclables items for sale to various vendors throughout the southeastern United States. Because of their efforts, the department has actually marketed and received a non-audited total of approximately \$68,000 for fiscal year 2010 - 2011. A combined total of approximately \$161,000.00, or more, in labor and sales of recyclables speak to the department's successes.

The actual sale of recyclables enables the department to help offset costs for new and updated equipment, equipment repairs, purchase of environmentally friendly supplies and minor updates to the appearances of the collection sites. As citizens of Madison County, the department would like you to know that we all reap an even bigger reward than just the monetary gains...extending the life of and protecting our environment. For every item that is recycled, we prevent it from being buried in the county land fill. Other items described as hazardous waste, is disposed of through a joint grant between Madison and Jefferson County, sponsored by the Department of Environmental Protection.

Those items include all fluorescent bulbs, batteries, used paint, solvents and like items. Hazardous waste items may be disposed of by bringing the items to the recycle center on our Rocky Ford Road location, Monday through Friday, from 6:30 AM until 5:00 PM. Electronic waste items may

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VIEWPOINTS & OPINIONS

THE SAVVY SENIOR

Dear Savvy Senior

My wife and I provide a lot of financial support to my elderly mother and are wondering if any of it is tax deductible. What can you tell us?

Stretched Thin

Dear Stretched,

There is some tax relief available to adult children who help look after their aging parents or other relatives. But in order to be eligible, both you and your mom will need to meet Uncle Sam's criteria. Here's what you should know.

IRS Eligibility

If you're helping financially support your elderly mother, to get a tax deduction you'll need to claim her as a dependent on your tax return. For the 2011 tax year, claiming an additional personal exemption would reduce your taxable income by \$3,700. But to get this tax break, you'll need to pass the IRS's income and support tests:

Income test: To qualify as a dependent, your mom's 2011 gross income must have been less than \$3,700. Her income from Social Security does not count towards that total, nor do disability payments. But if your mom receives more than \$3,700 from other sources, such as pension benefits, interest and dividends from investments, or withdrawals from retirement savings plans, you can't claim her as a dependent.

Support test: In addition to the income test, you must provide more than half of your mom's costs for housing, food, medical care, transportation and other necessities. Even if all of your mom's income is from Social Security, you can't claim her as a dependent unless you pay more than half her living expenses.

It's also important to note that your mom doesn't have to live with you to qualify as a dependent, as long as she meets the income test and you provide more than half her financial support. If your mother lives with you, you can include a percentage of your mortgage, utilities and other expenses in calculating how much you

contribute to her support. IRS Publication 501 (see www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p501.pdf) has a worksheet that can help you with this. To receive this, or other IRS publications or forms via mail, call 800-829-3676.

Shared Support

If you share the financial responsibility for your mom with other siblings, you may be eligible for the IRS multiple-support declaration. Here's how this works. If one sibling is providing more than half the parent's financial support, only that sibling can claim the parent. But if each sibling provides less than 50 percent support, but their combined assistance exceeds half the parent's support. In that case, any sibling who provides more than 10 percent can claim the parent as a dependent. But only one sibling can claim the tax break in any given year. Siblings can rotate the tax break, with one claiming the parent one year, and another the next. The sibling who claims the parent as a dependent will need to fill out IRS Form 2120 (www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f2120.pdf) and file it with his or her tax return.

Medical Deductions

If you can't claim your mom as a dependent, you may still get a tax break for helping pay her medical costs. The IRS lets taxpayers deduct money spent on a parent's health care and qualified long-term care services, even if the parent doesn't qualify as a dependent.

To claim this deduction, you still must provide more than half your mom's support, but your mom doesn't have to meet the income test. And the deduction is limited to medical, dental and long-term care expenses that exceed 7.5 percent of your adjusted gross income. You can include your own medical expenses in calculating the total. See the IRS publication 502 (www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p502.pdf) for details.

Check Your State

In addition to the federal tax breaks, more than 20 states offer tax credits and deductions for caregivers on state income taxes too. Check with your state tax agency to see what's available.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

National Security



Joe Boyles
Guest Columnist

What Is Healthcare?

Last month, the Obama Administration announced under the auspices of the new healthcare law that all insurance policies must offer women's contraceptive services including the abortifacient RU-486 (morning after pill). This touched off a firestorm of controversy with many religious orders because Obama reversed himself on promises to honor the "conscience clause" afforded religious liberty. At the forefront of this controversy is the Roman Catholic Church which violently objects to being forced to cover services at their many schools and hospitals which are contrary to their doctrine.

When liberal Democrats who back the president's pronouncement tried to present a view supporting their position, they invited a Georgetown Law student named Sandra Fluke to give her opinion. Then radio host Rush Limbaugh weighed in, using some ill-advised adjectives to describe Ms. Fluke which he has since apologized for.

Liberals have painted this brouhaha as an issue of women's rights. In the process, they have (intentionally) obscured two very real issues: is this a violation of religious liberty captured in the First Amendment to the Constitution; and should services like these be mandated in any healthcare law?

Putting the first objection aside for now, let me tackle the second question under the rubric "what is healthcare?" You see, if we don't define our terms, then nearly anything can be called healthcare. If we don't set a specific definition, then I promise you that the pledges made by vote-hungry politicians will break the bank, sooner rather than later. We simply cannot afford all they will promise.

Let me use a personal example. I'm recovering from prostate surgery two weeks ago (nothing serious folks). I've been under the care of my urologist for five years. In January, he informed me that we needed to correct my problem with surgery because medication wouldn't do the job. My insurance company quickly agreed and authorized the surgery.

But if I went to a plastic surgeon and said that I needed my double-chin removed and thinning hairline re-rooted to improve my self-esteem, I would not be surprised at all if they declined to cover the procedures. In the first case, there is a medical necessity that was increasingly becoming a problem to my health. In the

second case, the problem would be in my head and the evidence that it would make any meaningful difference is shaky. It is the difference between health related and elective surgery.

There is nothing wrong (yet) with me or you paying directly for elective surgery. But if lawmakers require insurance to cover this, then it will skyrocket the cost to all of us to cover the few who actually will have this surgery.

Here's another thing I think about healthcare: before I depend on my doctor, my insurance company, or the federal government, I need to take personal responsibility for my own healthcare. That means five things. First, I'm responsible for what and how much I eat. Second, I need to watch for health sign indicators for things like blood pressure and see a specialist if I detect a problem. Third, I need to exercise sufficiently to keep in good shape. Fourth, I need sufficient emotional health to keep my mind and spirit in unison. And last, I need to avoid self-destructive things to my health like alcoholism, smoking, narcotics, etc.

These things are my job. I cannot lay off this responsibility on another. If I'm overweight and out of shape, it's my fault, not someone else's. I'm responsible; only I can correct it. Genes and culture may be working against me. If so, it simply means that I have to work harder. Life isn't always fair.

I'm inclined to think that contraceptive services are a matter for personal responsibility, not the governments. Before leaving the subject of Ms. Fluke, she argued in a law paper that health insurance should also cover sex-change operations, now called gender reassignment in modern language. Now I ask you in a direct appeal to your common sense, does a sex-change operation sound like a medical necessity that should be covered under health insurance? I hope your answer is no.

We need to narrowly define what is included in healthcare coverage and what is not. So much mandated coverage has been added to these policies by vote-crazed lawmakers that they have driven up the cost incredibly. It is virtually impossible to buy a low cost, high-deductible, catastrophic coverage insurance policy because of so much meddling by lawmakers and lobbyists. They have larded up the insurance requirements so much that the cost of these policies has skyrocketed.

The conservative answer to healthcare is to (really) drive down the cost to make coverage more affordable for more people. This is what the president said he was going to do, not what he actually did.

Debt update: the federal deficit for February added a record \$229 billion to the debt.

Letters To The Editor

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

Where Was The SPCA When A Kind-Hearted Man Was Helping Helpless Animals?

Jacob at Greene Publishing,

The SPCA concern for the cat population at Kaboodle brought many volunteers to help restore health to the hundreds. An observer may admire these manifestations of sympathy and support for animals – until reading the projected costs of thousands of dollars for net care. I wonder how much good could have been done with that care and cash applied to people in Madison County. How many children's teeth could have the cavities filled? How many needing braces for future dental health care could have been helped?

Maybe I have a jaundiced view by growing up here without dental care until after World War II, when an Army dentist settled in Quitman, Ga. The "great cat cure" is a mis-use of money by mis-guided people. Where was the SPCA when a kind-hearted man was helping helpless animals?

Marianne Green



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Janna Barrs, Head of School

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Copeland

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lector should I be elected.

Born on January 4, 1968, I am a fourth-generation Madison County Resident. I hold a Bachelor of Science degree in finance from Florida State University and a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in accounting from Valdosta State College. I have been a licensed certified public accountant since 1998. I am married to Jennifer Burnett Copeland and we have two children, Parker Luke, age 6 and Collin Burnett, age 4. My family and I are active in First United Methodist Church.

I currently serve on the North Florida Community College Foundation Board of Directors as well as the Third Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee. I have previously served as a Board Member for The Greater Madison Coun-

ty Chamber of Commerce and as a Supervisor with the Madison County Soil and Water Conservation District. I am an active member of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

I look forward to meeting the citizens of Madison County during this campaign and recognize that if elected I would be working for every taxpayer in this county. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or suggestions as I look forward to the possibility of serving the taxpayers of this county. I can be reached via phone at 850-673-9425 or email at walter@wckscpa.com.

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Recycling Successes

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be dropped of at any of the 13 collection sites, based upon their hours of operation or the items may be dropped off at the recycle center at the same times as listed. The contact number for the department is (850) 973-2611. We encourage all citizens to continue to recycle and urge others to follow suit. The following table is presented for your information relevant to the recycle reclamation totals for the 2010 - 2011 fiscal year:

CORRUGATE (CARDBOARD)	4,899.18 TONS
MIXED PAPER (OFFICE AND NEWSPAPER)	3,869.82 TONS
MIXED PLASTICS	368.02 TONS
GLASS	378.00 TONS
METALS/WHITE GOODS	336.22 TONS
WASTE TIRES	332.00 TONS
YARD TRASH	1,052.40 TONS
ELECTRONIC WASTE	62.70 TONS

NOTE: Madison County is required to pay for the disposal of its waste tires and yard trash. The cost for disposal of waste tires, per contract is \$105.00 per ton. The cost for disposal of yard trash, per contract is \$26.00 per ton. The yard trash is ground into mulch for friendly environmental usage. All electronic material is disposed of by a recycling agency at no cost to the county.

Gone, But Never Forgotten



**John Henry Williams Sr.
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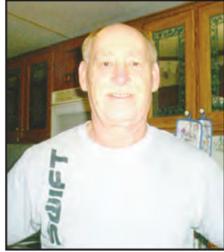
God needed another angel in his midst; he knew you were a good and faithful servant. On March 14, 2011 he spoke to you and said, "Come onto me and rest, lie down thy weary head upon my chest". It has been a year since you passed on to glory, yet it still feels like yesterday in my heart.

**Always in my heart and on my mind. I'm
living the foundation you laid out for me.
We love you, but God loved you best.
"Rest on daddy"**

**Forever Your baby girl,
Joyce Williams Mays**

AROUND MADISON COUNTY

Obituary Durwood Sweat



Durwood Sweat, age 59, a truck driver, passed away after a long illness on March 1, 2012, in Cape Canaveral.

All family and friends are invited to attend a memorial service that will be held March 17, 2012 at noon at the Faith Baptist Church, 1135 East US 90, in Madison.

Mr. Sweat is survived by two sons, Scott (Christina) Sweat of Lee and Paul (Gena) Sweat of Lee, and one daughter, Lisa (Kevin) Bryant of Vierdunville, W. Va., and seven grandchildren: Ciara, Macie, Samantha, Cody, Junior, Damian and Ryan; three brothers; and two sisters.

Tri-County Electric Company Selling Tumblers For Relay For Life



Photo submitted

The Tri-County Electric Company Relay for Life team is selling tumblers to raise money for the Relay for Life.

By Kristin Finney
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The Tri-County Electric Company Relay for Life team has begun a fundraiser to help raise money for the Relay for Life. The team is selling customized tumblers and is asking everyone in the community to support the Relay

for Life by purchasing one.

The tumblers are \$10 for one initial or \$13 for 3-5 letters. They offer many different colors including: maroon, silver, garnet, gold, red, black, white, soft pink, hot pink, light blue, royal navy, turquoise, lilac, purple, yellow, lime

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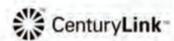
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Open House At Unity House Bed And Breakfast

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing, Inc.

It's been three years in the making, and it's still a "work in progress" said Linda M. "Miss Linda" Barnes, the gracious innkeeper at the Unity House Bed and Breakfast at 307 SW Dade Street.

At the Open House Feb. 23, she invited everyone to come in and see the downtown gem of a two-storey Victorian house, built in 1890, that she and her family and friends have lovingly restored to its former glory...and then some.

Approaching the front, the elegant lace curtains can be seen from the tall windows. Stepping through the front door is like stepping into an exotically elegant life-sized dollhouse. The lace curtains aren't just in the front windows, they're everywhere, filtering the outside light onto the eclectic décor.

The blue walls of the formal parlor set off the creamy white mantel and the black marble flagstone hearth framed by vases of tall flowers and statuettes of giraffes. Paintings and tapestries adorn the walls. Another formal sitting room next to it shares the same soft, deep blue, bathed in the glow of light coming through the white lace curtains. Above a hallway door is one of many of the old architectural charms of the house still intact: an interior transom window, partially open. In the dining room, the royal blue upholstered chairs invite guests to sit down to a sumptuous gourmet breakfast beneath a chandelier and gaze out of the large windows upon a stand of bamboo and other greenery. Afterward, they can step out onto a sun porch painted in pale peach and aqua, where they can relax in an atmosphere evocative of a beachside resort cottage in the Caribbean.

When the guests head upstairs, the first thing they may notice is a deep rose-colored glow spilling down from the top of the stairs, which turns out to be outside



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In the elegant dining room, guests can enjoy one on Miss Linda's gourmet breakfasts while taking in a peaceful view of greenery.



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Innkeeper Linda Barnes, her brother Edward Hunt and her goddaughter Alicia Ritchey stand in front of the fireplace in the front parlor of the Unity House Bed and Breakfast.

light coming in through deep rose colored curtains.

Here are the guest rooms, all of them elegantly done up in antique beds with big fluffy bed coverings. Every room has a small television with cable service and wi-fi access. Some of the rooms even have their own fireplaces, and each room is named after a person who either helped or inspired Miss Linda in some way.

There is the Hunt Room named for her brother Edward Hunt, a professional decorator who made the interior and exterior so charming; he also did a similar decorating job for the people he used to work for in Stratton, Pa, who owned a bed and breakfast. He now lives in Macon, Ga. with another sister, Julia Davis. There is the Ritchey Room named after her goddaughter, Alicia Ritchey. There is also the Carter Room and the Monroe Room and the Roundtree Room, painted in shades of soft blue or pale green or creamy yellow.

However, "you'll find a little blue in every room," says Miss Linda, no matter what color the walls are. Blue is her favorite color.

There are still a few pictures to be hung, and she wants to replace the modern, brightly colored ceiling fan in one of the sitting rooms downstairs with something more traditional...and there are a few other small things most people wouldn't even notice.

"It's still a work in progress," she says again. But it's a work so breathtakingly beautiful it's worth a look for those considering a quiet, charming getaway for a weekend. Or a week. Or two weeks....

For more information, visit the Unity House website at <http://www.theunityhousebedandbreakfast.com>, or call (850) 973-4556.

Organic Gardening 101: Green Industries Institute's March Workshop Coming Up This Saturday

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Imagine a garden without all the bending, stooping and weeding, and learn how to grow some green on St. Paddy's Day.

At the North Florida Community College's Green Industries Institute in Monticello, the March workshop of the Organic Gardening 101 series will be all about how to build raised-bed gardens.

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Learn how to set up your beds, irrigation and square-foot garden design for a garden that's considerably less worry than a traditional in-ground garden.

The workshop is \$25 and runs from 9 a.m. until noon. Pre-register online at the green Industries Institute website: <http://www.nfcc.edu/green-industries/organic-gardening-101>.

NFCC Green Industries Institute is located at 2729 West Washington Street (West Highway 90) in Monticello, about three miles west of the courthouse, on the left hand side of the road.

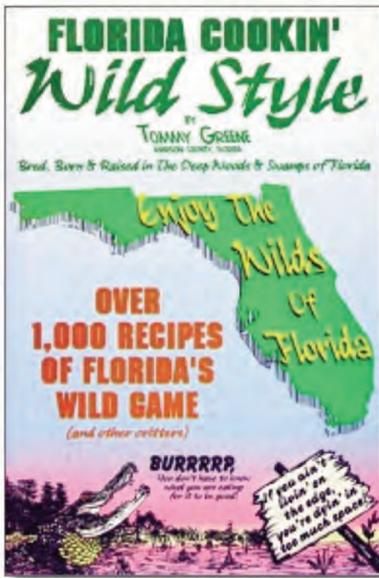
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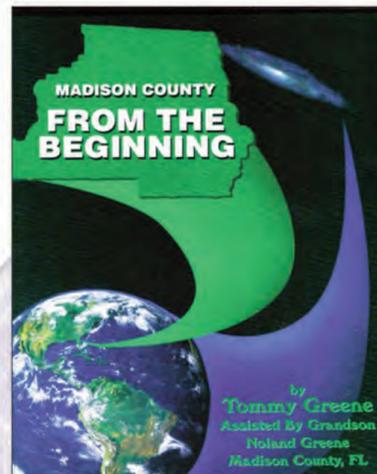


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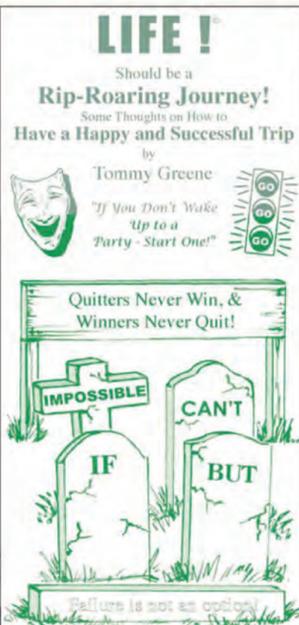
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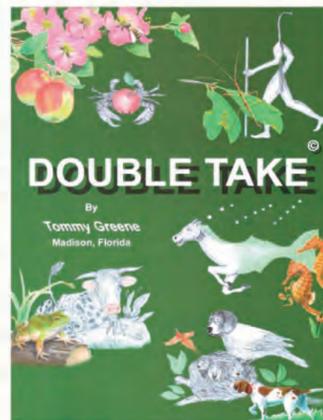


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AROUND MADISON COUNTY

Madison Masonic Lodge And Greenville Masonic Lodge Hold Combined Meeting

On Tuesday, Feb. 28, Madison Lodge No. 11 F&A.M. and Greenville Lodge No. 28 F&A.M. held a combined official visit for the Right Worshipful Paul Harvey, Deputy District Grand Master and his committeemen.

Greenville Lodge No. 28 was the host Lodge.

This was an open meeting for Master Masons, friends and family. The Masons would especially

like to thank Lynette Sirmon, wife of the Right Worshipful John Sirmon, Sister Sharon Cone, wife of the Right Worshipful Calvin Cone, and Sister Ali Hibbs, wife for the Right Worshipful Roy Hibbs, for all their wonderful help with this program.

The Masons also had in attendance a candidate for the three degrees in Freemasonry, Mr.

Chris Degracia, retired police officer from Ft. Lauderdale, who now lives in Madison.

The meeting was a huge success with an overabundance of food and delicious desserts. Five Lodges from the 8th Masonic District were represented and the District Deputy Grand Master was extremely pleased with all the effort put forward by the Madison and Greenville Lodges.



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Masons from all over the district attended the combined meeting of Madison Lodge No. 11 and Greenville Lodge No. 28. Front row, left to right: Tom Partin, SW, Joppa 4; Worshipful Les Flaherty, Secretary, Shamrock 268; Worshipful Bert Waldrep, Worshipful Masster, Greenville 28; Right Worshipful Paul Harvey, District Deputy Grand Master, District 8; Brent Wittman, Worshipful Master, Madison 11; Roy Hibbs, JW, Greenville 28; Larry Parker, SW, Perry 123; Jim Catron, SD, Madison 11; Right Worshipful Richard Terry, Madison 11; Right Worshipful Guye Daniels, Treasurer, Joppa 4. Second row, left to right: Right Worshipful Calvin Cone, SW, Greenville 28; Right Honorable Rick Green, District Instructor, OB; Worshipful Allen Wood, secretary, Perry 123; Worshipful Terry "Studmuffin" Studebaker, JS, Madison 11; and Coleman Raines, Tyler, Madison 11. Back row, left to right: Greg Wynot, SD, Greenville 28; Worshipful Homer Melgaard, Madison 11; Right Worshipful Jim Stanley, secretary, Madison 11; Jason Stanley, JW, Madosn 11; and Right Worshipful John Sirmon, secretary, Greenville 28.



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Masons are pictured at the combined meeting. Front row: left to right: Worship Bert Waldrep, Worshipful Master, of Greenville Lodge 28; Right Worship Paul Harvey, District Deputy Grand Master; Worshipful Brent Wittman, Worshipful Master of Madison Lodge 11; Right Worshipful Roy Hibbs; Brother Larry Parker, of Perry Lodge 123; Brother Jim Catron, of Madison Lodge 11. Back row, left to right: Right Worshipful Calvin Cone, Brother Greg Wynot, of Greenville Lodge 28; Worshipful Jimmy Sherrod, Treasurer, Greenville Lodge 28; Right Honorable Rick Green, District Instructor; Right Worshipful Jim Stanley, Secretary, Madison Lodge 11; Right Worshipful John Sirmon, Secretary, Greenville Lodge 28; Brother Jason Stanley, Madison Lodge 11; Brother Coleman Raines, Tyler, Madison Lodge 11.



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The Worshipful Bert Waldrep, Worshipful Master of Greenville Lodge 28; the Right Honorable Rick Green, District Instructor, the Right Worshipful Paul Harvey, District Deputy Grand Master, and the Worshipful Brent Wittman, the Worshipful Master of Madison Lodge 11, are pictured left to right at the combined meeting for Harvey's visit.

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AROUND MADISON COUNTY

New City Manager Tim Bennett Guest Speaker At Rotary

By Lynette Norris
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After six days on the job, brand-new Madison City Manager Tim Bennett spoke with the Rotary Club members at their Feb. 22 meeting, to tell them a little about himself and why the City of Madison holds such a special place in his heart...and what he hopes to bring to Madison in return.

Born in New Orleans, Bennett's family moved to Graceville, near Marianna in Jackson County, in the mid-1950s. Somewhat smaller than Madison, Graceville was a little Florida Panhandle town "known for peanuts, preachers and good fried shrimp," said Bennett.

His father, a Baptist preacher, preached in Baptist churches up and down Highway 90 in the days before I-10 became a fact of life. Bennett and his wife were high school sweethearts, but they went their separate ways after graduation, only to find each other again 25 years later.

"We were married within the month," said Bennett. "Because I wasn't going to wait another 25 years."

Bennett attended Chipola Junior College and Florida State University; in his early 20s, he covered high school sports, first for the Tallahassee Democrat, and then for the Pensacola News Journal, traveling up and down the panhandle to dozens of little communities. "I grew to know and love the Panhandle of Florida," he said. "That was why it was so important that I come back."

Then one day, while transcribing a tape from an interview, he realized he wanted to do something different - so he joined the Marines.

He described a scene where he walked into the USMC recruiting office, a bearded figure in a blue paisley shirt, much to the surprise of the recruiting officer, who asked him, "What the heck do you want?"

"Except he didn't say 'heck,'" Bennett told the audience.

He wanted to be a marine, he told the surprised officer. He saw their ad in Reader's Digest and liked it.

Furthermore, he wanted the hardest job they could give him - that of infantryman, where he served for the next four years, in the Mediterranean and the Caribbean.

For the following 16 years after that, he was transferred into the public affairs office, becoming the Marine Corps liaison with dozens of local communities. At one point during those 16 years, he was responsible for providing American radio and television fare for U.S. military families stationed in Japan.

After 20 years in the Marines, he transitioned back into civilian life, and began to work directly with local communities, in varying capacities. He worked for a year putting welfare clients into jobs. He worked as a public information officer for Beaufort County, S.C., and then as the Vice President of the Chamber of Commerce for Hilton Island.

In the nearby town of Bluffton, he worked first as an assistant town manager, and then as the deputy town manager. While he was there, he saw that town, historically tagged with the adage "One Square Mile," suddenly take off in late '90s, rapidly growing to 55 square miles within the next few years. "It was a challenge just keeping up with the infrastructure," he said.

His next position was in Allendale County, S.C., a small, rural, poverty-stricken area with a 25 percent unemployment rate and an extremely



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Madison's new City Manager Tim Bennett speaks to the Rotary Club about his first few days on the job.

high rate of teen pregnancies. In such an environment, it took an outlook that was not just positive, but "aggressively positive...at every level. We got things done."

The guiding philosophy was "we may be a small, poor county, but we don't take a back seat to anybody."

As the new City Manager for Madison, he brings to his new position that same outlook. The County and City of Madison have a lot in common with Allendale County, being small, poor and primarily agricultural, with a high teen pregnancy rate and a significant percentage of families living below the poverty line. The City of Madison has small businesses that struggle in tough economic times, and the city's budget is tight, as is the county's.

These are the kind of challenges Bennett is familiar with.

In his first six days as City Manager, Bennett has met with all the department heads to establish a rapport and start building dialogue. He has also had meetings with all the City Commissioners except one. He has attended county commission meetings and chamber of commerce meetings to get a sense of things, and would like to meet with the prison warden, the president of NFCC, the CEO of the hospital and several other officials.

His first few days will be "Look, listen, feel...get a sense of what is going on." He will be working with many departments and city services, but does not want to change anything unless such changes are warranted.

Acknowledging the challenges ahead, he thanked the City Commissioners and the citizens of Madison for the opportunity to come back and serve in an area he loves.

The City of Madison may be small and poor, he told everyone, but it will not take a back seat to anybody.

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Crosswinds Nursing And Rehabilitation Center Is A Busy Place

By Lynette Norris
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Pandy Kensler, Activity Director at Crosswinds Nursing center in Greenville, keeps the calendar filled with things to do and ways to keep the residents active and moving. A large shamrock-decorated bulletin board for the month of March is filled with plans for the entire month.

There's an auction on the 20th. Community members and staff donate things like powder, perfume, small soaps and other small items that residents can "buy" with play money Pandy gives them as an incentive to stay as active as possible. There is also a "Pet Therapy Day" on the 14th, when Jane Vollerson from "Comforting Paws" of Tallahassee will bring her golden retriever to visit. St. Patrick's Day will be celebrated with "green beer" (ginger ale) and the wearing of the green. There is a big birthday party scheduled on the 21st for all those who have birthdays in the month of March: Mary Davis, Bobby Williams, Patty Moore, Patricia Severson, Kazimiere Juszynski and Leland Walters. Covenant Hospice always provides the cake.

The residents also love musical entertainment and are especially fond of gospel groups. The Greenville Baptist Church comes by every Sunday afternoon, but other church groups are welcome to come by and sing or visit, as are any group of visitors or entertainers. The residents also love magic tricks and gardening, but music is the big favorite of everyone.

Then there are "Red Hat Days" that the ladies love, not to mention bowling night, arts and crafts three mornings a week, movie night, bingo, checkers, the coffee club, Front Porch Stories, stretch and exercise sessions, ice cream socials and much more.

Originally from Pascagoula, MS, Pandy got her B.A. in Therapeutic Recreation, and prior to working at Crosswinds, she worked at a stroke unit in Gulfport, MS. She began at



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Activity director Pandy Kensler congratulates Bobby Williams, whose birthday was the day this photo was taken. He will celebrated his birthday with the other March birthday folks on March 21.

Crosswinds in November of 2010, her first time at a long-care facility with seniors.

"Being from a small town myself, it's comforting being here (in Greenville)," she says.

Her office is filled with games, decorations, costume hats and boxes of art supplies. Crosswinds can always use donations of more games, as well as coloring books, art supplies, bingo items, costume jewelry and other small items.

Crosswinds could also use more volunteers.

"Right now, I'm trying to get my volunteer pool up," said Pandy, who has been calling around to various churches looking for people. Any church group, community/civic group or individual with time or talent who wants to help can contact her. Anyone with activity/game items to donate can contact her as well, at Crosswinds' main number, 948-4601.

Or just come on by and visit. The residents of Crosswinds would be happy to have you drop in and sit for a spell.



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Mary Davis, another March Birthday, gets a hug and a smile from Pandy.



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Patty Moore will be 92 on her March birthday.

Music, Music, Music...At Greenville Elementary



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Strike up the band! George Blevins directs a practice session for (left to right) Jonathan Reams, Samonty McIntyre, Isabella Herndon and Alexis Braswell.

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Every Thursday morning for the last three or four months, Pat Shartran and Gail and George Blevins arrive at Greenville Elementary School, unload several musical instrument cases from the back of a white van and wheel them into the resource room, where they teach a 45 minute hands-on music class.

The class is an elective for the children, who can chose between the music lesson or going to P.E. class. "They can come, check it out and see if they like it," said Gail Blevins, who was taught music at a very young age. "So we get the children who really want to work at it."

Her husband George also believes it's important to give the children a chance to try a music class and see if they might be interested in continuing musical training on through middle school. As part of the Salvation Army, which has the largest

band in the world, the Blevins have always made music a very important part of their lives.

"Music to me is the language of the soul," said Gail. "We felt that they Lord was calling us to use the resources of the Salvation Army to give the kids the opportunity they wouldn't ordinarily have to explore that avenue."

The Salvation Army has been very good about loaning the instruments the children use to practice, and every week, about half a dozen children show up for a chance to learn how to read musical notes, clap rhythms, play scales on a keyboard or blow a C note on one of the horns. This week, they are learning a D note as well.

It's not as easy as it sounds. Even the open C note ("open" meaning no keys are pushed down) requires the right amount of breath to get the correct tone, and the children must learn to control their breathing.

To play a D note, they depress the first and third keys. Then they learn to go back and forth between the two notes.

Next week, they'll learn another note.

Almost every single parent has told the Blevins that their child's grades have improved since they began the music class; in fact, things are going well enough that the children plan to play for the PTO in May.

The weekly class at Greenville is also a sort of pilot program. If other elementary schools are interested, the Blevins would like to teach weekly music classes there as well.

They both speak of the music classes as a "real blessing." Churches and individuals have been very supportive of their efforts.

"It's all about helping the children discover their God-given talents and helping them express those talents," said George Blevins. "They really do need that self-expression."



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Pat Shartran, standing, leads the class in identifying whole, half, quarter and eighth notes and clapping out the rhythms. To the right and proceeding clockwise around the table are Samonty McIntyre, Rachel Vann, Isabella Herndon, Alexis Braswell, Gail Blevins and Jonathan Reams.

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Greenville Elementary Celebrates "Dr. Seuss Day"

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You'll be on you're way up! You'll be seeing great sights! You'll join the high fliers who soar to high heights.
 - Dr. Seuss, *Oh, the Places You'll Go!*

Friday, March 2, wound up Read Across America Week for school children all over the country.

For children at Greenville Elementary School, who began each day of that week reciting the "Reader's Oath," Friday ended the week with "Dr. Seuss Day," held in honor of the late iconic children's author Theodor Giesel's (Dr. Seuss's) birthday.

The children spent fun-filled morning as local officials and leaders of the community, some in costume as Seuss characters, read their favorite Seuss books to each class. The children even enjoyed a birthday cake for Dr. Seuss (green icing, of course) in the cafeteria, prepared by Katina Young and Deborah Howard.

The whole week had been about getting the children excited about reading, explained Paula Kauffman, Curriculum and Guidance Director. Friday's "Dr. Seuss Day" capped off the fun-filled, reading-focused week, with prominent community members bringing their own favorite Seuss books to read aloud. "It's important for kids to see that we (grownups) like to read, too...that you don't read just because you have to."

Some classes also worked on Dr. Seuss activities related to their curriculum. Victoria Crews' second graders, who had been working on how to write friendly letters, got some more practice by writing letters to Dr. Seuss for his birthday and posting them on the wall outside the classroom door. Retired educator Gail Blevins, now a member of the Salvation Army, was the guest reader for Ms. Crews' class.

Wendi Willis' Kindergarten class did Cat-in-the-Hat art projects, drawing cat faces on paper plates and adding hats and bow ties. Jodie Price from the mentoring program read "Green Eggs and Ham" to them.

"Green Eggs and Ham" was quite the favorite. School Board member VeEtta Hagan read "Green Eggs and Ham" to Leslie Blue's first graders, County Commissioner Renetta Parrish, in costume as the Cat-in-the-Hat, read it to Traci Jones' class, and the Junior Auxiliary's Janie Barnes read it to Montez Curbeam's class.

School Superintendent Lou Miller, in a Dr. Seuss hat, read "The Big Brag," about an earthworm with big eyes that can see all the way around the world, to Kathryn Jones' class. George Blevins of the Salvation Army read "The Foot Book" to Velma Andrews' class.

School Principal Davis Barclay was delighted with the way Dr. Seuss day had turned out, praising all the community leaders who had participated, especially VeEtta Hagan, who had delighted her young



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 Some of the Cat-in-the-Hat art projects decorate Ms. Willis' classroom door.



Photo submitted
 School Superintendent Lou Miller reads "The Big Brag" to Kathryn Jones' class.



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 Katina Young, Thomas Barclay and Deborah Brown take a break from cafeteria duties at Greenville Elementary. Katina and Deborah, full-time cooks, created a green birthday cake for Dr. Seuss Day. Barclay, who goes by "Mr. Thomas," works as a custodian and sometimes helps out with the cooking when things get really busy.



Photo submitted
 County Commissioner Renetta Parrish delights her audience with "Green Eggs and Ham."

audience by wearing the Dr. Seuss hat they had made for her, and Lou Miller, who "is a wonderful, wonderful reader to kids." Barclay also hopes to have a chance to read to each class before the third, fourth and fifth graders take the FCAT April 16.

The list of guest readers also included Gwen Johnson, another retired educator and member of the AKA sorority, reading to Rebecca Gonzalez's class; Willy Gamalero, President of Madison County Community Bank, reading to Katie Hatcher's class and Greenville Mayor Elesta Pritchett reading to Joi Collins' class.

Clerk of the Court Tim Sanders read much-loved "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" to Lynne Sapp's students. As encouragement, as inspiration, as a

metaphor for life, the contagious rhythm of its unmistakable Seussian rhyme has made it a favorite childhood book of many.

The school administration also has plans to purchase some non-fiction books from the Cat-in-the-Hat Learning Library with some of Greenville Elementary's SIG (School Improvement Grant) money. Titles under consideration are those that would tie directly into the classroom curriculum and include, "Oh Say Can You Say, What's the Weather Today?" about meteorology/weather systems and "There's No Place Like Space," about the solar system.

Read Across America Week and Dr. Seuss Day are just a part of the ongoing effort at Greenville Elementary to instill in its children a lifelong love of learning that will take them to far away places and open up new worlds for them each time they open a book.

Oh, the places they'll go.

Volunteers, Parental Involvement Key Focus For Greenville Elementary School Advisory Council

By Lynette Norris
 Greene Publishing, Inc.

Cheryl Clemons believes in volunteering; it's how she spends much of her time. Last month, she helped organize a Prayer Brunch as an initiative of the Education Committee of the Madison Branch of the NAACP, an initiative for the entire Madison School District. About 60 people attended the brunch to pray for Madison Schools and raise awareness about what needs to be done. The NAACP wants to work in conjunction with the district to gather infor-

mation from other school districts about hat has worked in their schools and get information out to Madison educators, parents and community leaders about what they can help do for the school system.

Closer to her heart, through is the Greenville Elementary School.

"Greenville is my personal interest because I'm from Greenville, attended school here, know the community and volunteer a lot at GES now that I'm retired," she said.

She is also a member of the Greenville Elementary School Advisory Committee and attends all the PTO Meetings.

Two of the GES Advisory Committee's main focuses right now are the Parent Participation Initiative and the School Volunteer Program.

"I live here, so it's easy for me to come in whenever Mr. Barclay needs me," she said, whether it's substitute teaching or acting as the librarian. Greenville Elementary does not have a librarian, and it is a need another volunteer could help her fill; that is where she spends most of her volunteer hours, keeping the library open as much as possible, because it's important, she believes, for the children to have that opportunity to spend time in the library and have that experience of checking out a library book. When a teacher is working on a particular topic with a class, she will pull out books related to that theme or topic.

Another need she has identified is for a volunteer

school nurse. Right now, Greenville has a nurse from the Madison County Health Department visiting twice a week, but four times a week would be better. Perhaps there is a retired nurse living in the community who would like to volunteer a few hours each week.

The Advisory Committee's Parent Participation Initiative and the School Volunteer Program keep her busy, and there is more work to be done. Parents and community members who would like to help are always welcome.

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Tenth Grade: Lacey Clayton, Kimberly Fields, Dalton Lee, Alexandra Patron
Eleventh Grade: Christian Griffin, Kevin Merritt, Keeley Smith, Rachael Webb
Twelfth Grade: Jessica Gallegos, Ryan Kornegay, Tarvis Peacock, Lindsey Pinkard, Quanesha Robinson

A/B Honor Roll

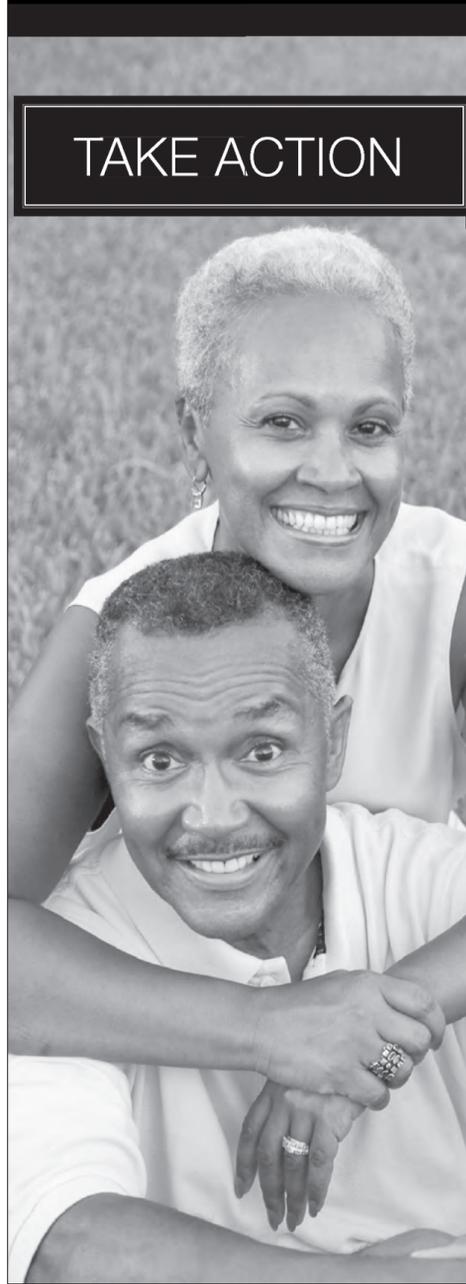
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Tenth Grade: Austin Bass, Sloan Bickford, Mary Bryant, Ashlyn Carroll, Emily Cauldwell, Jazmin Floyd, Laquana Givens, Bridgett Grigsby, Karl Grosskopf, Shelbi Hughes, Kelvontrey Jonas Jared

Kinsey, Ian McClellan, Trace Mendheim, Deontaye Oliver, Jodi Phillips, Kimberly Sapp, Ashleigh Singletary, Hannah Smith, Taylor Smith, Whitney Stevens, Darby Thompson, Ashley Walden
Eleventh Grade: Saba Akbar, Tymesha Baker, Da'keria Choice, Brandon Crawford, Lyric Davis, Victoria Davis, Loki Eikeland, Quanisha Gallon, John Gudz, Jamison Kier, Ashley Killingsworth, Brooke Kinsey, Laurence Krause, Daniel McKnight, Whitney Miller, Jessica Norwood, Chad Oliver, Elizabeth Parsons, Emily Parsons, Crystal Resendiz, Kassidy Stallings/ Charles Walker
Twelfth Grade: Abigail Blanton, Corey Borgert, Quatoni Bradshaw, Kelia Brown, Tamarick Bruton, Jessica Clark-Solomon, Michael Collins, Laphiammo Cooks, Taylhor Corprew, Nicolette Davis, Morgan Ellison, Kristina Ferrell, Cameron Frakes, Dylan Hammock, Skyler Hanna, Chelsea Hanners, Erika Hunter, William Johnson, Tommy Langford, Michael McCool, Essence Monlyn, Dylan Morgan, Kasey Odom, Nakosha Pryor, Breon Seabrooks, Mary Terry, Dashonte Thomas, Latre' Wilson

Madison County Central School

2nd Nine Weeks Honor Roll
 2011-2012

3rd Grade - Principal's List: Seth Edderson, Mathew Gassler, Morris Dimitrius;
A Honor Roll: Se'qoiya Turner
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4th Grade - Principal's List: Breasia Arnold, Michael Gibson, Sheddrick Johnson, Kristal Joseph, Taylor Kinsey, Rashad Walker, Kyla Whitaker
A Honor Roll: Xavier Alexander, Richard Anderson, Jalisa Daniels, Jak'via Davis, Elizabeth Halterman, Verdayzia Hampton, Chalon Howard, Janiya Joseph, Brook Krause, Sayna Livingston, Atticus Molnor, Nathaniel Mullenix, Rekeyln Ware
B Honor Roll: Makala Bell, Daffany Brinson, Todd Brown, Le'tavious Cuthbertson, James Fead, Nion Francis, Jakayla Garvey, Morgan Harry, Jabarrek Hopkins, Da'myah Johnson, Kiara Johnson, Rodderick Johnson, Shad'deja Jordan, Latoria Lewis, Kayte Martinez, Justin Mcleod, Jakiah Mcquay, Lexie Reyna, Adrianna Roberson, Jarquise Robinson, Aliyah Sharief, Omarion Spencer, Jalyric Stevenson, Tyrone Turner, Zytavious Gee- Washington, Derrick Wills, Sha'daria White
5th Grade - Principal's List: Shauntasha Christian, Logan Fadden, Makeela Hawkins
A Honor Roll: P'esha Aikens, Donte' Fulmer, Cj Mays, Luke Robinson, Artheria Williams
B Honor Roll: Alexia Anderson, Crystal Branch, Corbin Brown, Antonia Bowman, Nicholas Cherry, De'mondre Davis, Donya Farmer, Jakayla Fead, Jamiya Fead, MacArther Ford, Tekayla Graham, La'neisha Jennings, Zorreya Lee, Fredasha Marshall, Trinity Mathis, Shaniya Mitchell, Ta'kera Mcquay, Darrian Moore, Phoenix Parker, Beyonce Pullens, Ka'nisha Sanders, Lillie Singletary, Ta'mya Simmons, Zaria Straughter, Da'quarius Thompkins, Jordan Weatherspoon, Shawn West



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The Healthy Start Coalition of Jefferson, Madison, & Taylor Counties, Inc. will hold their Quarterly Board Meeting on March 26, 2012 at 5:00pm at the Coalition Office located at 1336 SW Grand Street, Greenville, Florida.

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
RFQ Emergency Management Contractual Services
The Madison County Emergency Management will receive sealed qualification documents at the Board of County Commissioners, 229 SW Pinkney St., Room 219, Madison, Florida 32340 until Friday, April 13, 2012 at 12:00 PM. Qualifications received will be publicly opened on Monday, April 16, 2012 at 12:00 PM for the following:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING: The District Board of Trustees of North Florida Community College will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. in the NFCC Board Room, NFCC, 325 NW Turner Davis Dr., Madison, FL. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by writing: NFCC, Office of the President, 325 NW Turner Davis Dr., Madison, FL 32340. For disability-related accommodations, contact the NFCC Office of College Advancement, 850-973-1653. NFCC is an equal access/equal opportunity employer.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA
21st CENTURY FINANCIAL INC., CASE NO. 2010-143-CA
P.O. Box 830898
Ocala, Florida 34483-0598,
Plaintiff,
vs.
BARBARA A. ANDERSON, and
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Defendants.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CONTRACTUAL SERVICES
MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA
Any qualifications received after Friday, April 13, 2012 at 12:00 PM, will be retained at the Emergency Management Office. Emergency Management reserves the right to reject any and all documents received, waive formalities and re-advertise and award the RFQ in the best interest of Madison County.
The Board of County Commissioners does not discriminate because of race, creed, color, national origin or handicap status.
Anyone wishing to obtain RFQ documents may contact Emergency Management at 850-973-3698. Any questions concerning the RFQ specifications should be directed to Tom Cisco.
Five (5) sets of qualification documents must be submitted and labeled on the outside of the envelope as "SEALED RFQ EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CONTRACTUAL SERVICES"

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA.
CIVIL ACTION NO. 2011-591-CA
CITIZENS STATE BANK
Post Office Box 1247
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Plaintiff,
vs.
MADISON ACRES, LLC, a dissolved Florida limited liability company
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Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
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SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"
at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, except as set forth herein after, at public sale on March 27, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time) or as soon thereafter as the sale may proceed, to the highest bidder for cash, except as prescribed in paragraph 7, of the Madison County Courthouse 125 SW Range Avenue, Madison, Florida 32340.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA
CAPITAL CITY BANK, Plaintiff,
vs.
LLOYD STRICKLAND, Defendant.
CASE NO. 11-514-CA
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE is hereby given that TIM SANDERS, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Madison County, Florida, will on the 26th day of MARCH, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. at the Madison County Courthouse in Madison, Florida, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Madison County, Florida, to-wit:
Parcel ID: #11-2N-10-5940-003-000
A Parcel of land in the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section 11, Township 2 North, Range 10 East, Madison County, Florida, being a portion of a parcel described in Official Record Book 34, Page 677 of the Public Records of Madison County, more particularly described as follows:
Commence at the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of said Section 11 and run North (Base Bearing 2904.00 feet to a concrete monument at the Northeast corner of said parent tract and the Northeast corner and Point of Beginning of the herein described parcel, thence return South 410.00 feet, thence South 89°38'04" West parallel with the North line of said parent tract 1062.44 feet, thence North 410.00 feet to said North line, thence North 89°38'04" East along said parent tract North line 1062.44 feet to the Point of Beginning containing 10.00 acres, more or less.

AMENDED NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE PURSUANT TO SECTION 45.03(1), FLORIDA STATUTES
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Amended Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 29, 2012, in the above styled action I, Tim Sanders, Clerk of the Court, will sell at public sale the following described real property:
All of Lots 2 and 3 of Hardee Addition as shown on the plat thereof as recorded in the Public Records of Madison County, Florida, to together with all that part of Lot 4, Block B, of Park Place Subdivision lying South of the right-of-way of U.S. Highway 90, together with a portion of the former right-of-way of U.S. Highway 90, lying South of the Southerly right-of-way line of present U.S. Highway 90, all being more particularly described as follows:
BEGIN at a concrete monument marking the Southwest corner of said Lot 3 of Hardee Addition, said point lying on the Northerly right-of-way line of Westover Avenue (50 foot right-of-way); thence North 00 degrees 35 minutes 31 seconds West along the West line of said Lot 3 a distance of 113.03 feet to an iron pipe marking the Northwest corner of said Lot 3; thence continue North 00 degrees 35 minutes 31 seconds West along the East line of those lands described in O.R. Book 491, page 200 of the aforesaid records a distance of 36.15 feet to a rebar on the Southerly right-of-way of U.S. Highway 90 (80 foot right-of-way); thence South 67 degrees 52 minutes 39 seconds East along said right-of-way line a distance of 91.85 feet to a rebar on the Southerly line of Lot 6, Block B of said Park Place Subdivision; thence South 49 degrees 50 minutes 19 seconds East along the Southerly line of Lots 6 and 5, Block B of said Park Place Subdivision a distance of 95.29 feet to a rebar on the South line of said Lot 5; thence South 89 degrees 37 minutes 56 seconds East along the South line of said Block B a distance of 26.33 feet to a rebar marking the Southwest corner of said Lot 4, Block B; thence North 00 degrees 24 minutes 45 seconds East along the West line of said Lot 4, Block B a distance of 20.42 feet to a rebar marking the intersection of said West line of Lot 4 with said Southerly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 90; thence South 67 degrees 35 minutes 14 seconds East along said right-of-way line a distance of 70.29 feet to a rebar marking the point of curvature of a circular curve to the left, having a radius of 1185.92 feet and a central angle of 06 degrees 17 minutes 08 seconds; thence along said curved right-of-way line an arc distance of 130.10 feet (Chord: South 70 degrees 43 minutes 52 seconds East, 130.03 feet) to a rebar marking the intersection of said right-of-way line with the Westerly right-of-way line of Martin Luther King Jr. Drive (Variable width right-of-way); thence South 00 degrees 22 minutes 45 seconds East along said Westerly right-of-way of Martin Luther King Jr. Drive a distance of 31.98 feet to a rebar; thence North 88 degrees 49 minutes 14 seconds West a distance of 109.76 feet to a rebar; thence South 00 degrees 28 minutes 14 seconds East a distance of 8.61 feet to an iron pipe marking the Northeasterly corner said Lot 2, Hardee Addition; thence South 47 degrees 50 minutes 38 seconds West along the Easterly line of said Lot 2 a distance of 142.55 feet to a rebar on the Northerly right-of-way line of Westover Avenue; thence North 51 degrees 01 minutes 02 seconds West along said right-of-way line a distance of 102.27 feet to a rebar marking the Southwesterly corner of said Lot 2; thence North 49 degrees 08 minutes 49 seconds West along said right-of-way line a distance of 100.62 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 1.09 acres, more or less. Said lands situate, lying and being in Madison County, Florida.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2011-471-CA
BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY, a North Carolina banking corporation,
Plaintiff,
vs.
CLOJEN INTERNATIONAL, INC., a Florida corporation, DBA Investors International, Inc., and AUCILLA PLANTATIONS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida non-profit corporation,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE
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at public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash, at the front entrance of the Madison County Courthouse, 125 S.W. Range Avenue, Madison, Florida 32340, on the 9th day of April, 2012, at 11:00 a.m., pursuant to the terms of the Final Judgment after Default and in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
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Dated this 12 day of March, 2012.
TIM SANDERS
CLERK CIRCUIT COURT
By: Ramona Dickson
Deputy Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENEVA McELVIN, ARTHUR BRADLEY JR., ZARA THOMAS
Petitioners,
vs.
JACOB BRADLEY, NATHANIEL BRADLEY, MARTHA LAMAR, ESAU BRADLEY, JOYCE ROSS JOHNSON, DORTHY JEAN ROSS, LARRY ROSS, TERRY HUMPHREY, FRANCES KELLER, JOSEFA BINGHAM, RUSSELL BINGHAM, JR., LILLIE MAY HILL, & MAY OLA HARDMAN,
Respondents.
NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: MAY OLA HARDMAN, and any unknown heirs at law assigns, devisees, grantees, and any other parties claiming any interest under aforesaid parties.
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Complaint to Quiet Title has been filed relative to the following-described real property located in Jefferson County, Florida:
Parcel ID # 25-3N-SE-0000-0040-0000
East half of Northwest quarter, West half of West half of West half of Northwest quarter, Section 25 Township 3 North, Range 5 East, Consisting of 100 acres, Jefferson County, Florida, 25-3N-SE-0000-0040-0000, Monticello, Florida Plaintiff and Defendants own the subject Property as joint tenants in common, all as more specifically set forth in that order determining heirs and beneficiaries in Jefferson County, Florida Probate Case No. 09-84-PR.
You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on the Petitioner's attorney, Harold M. Knowles, Esquire, whose address is 3065 Highland Oaks Terrace, Tallahassee, Florida 32301 on or before March 13, 2012 and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on the Petitioner's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
AS CLERK OF THE COURT
BY: Sherry Sears
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AROUND MADISON COUNTY

Camellias, Camellias And More Camellias: Carol And Jerry Selph Guest Speakers At Garden Club



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It's all about that perfect bloom. Carol Selph, serious camellia enthusiast and cultivator along with her husband Jerry, displays one of their prize-winning varieties at the Madison Garden Club.

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing, Inc.

At first, they thought they would have only about 200-300 camellia bushes. "But our involvement got way out of hand once we started growing and showing," laughed Carol Selph, who with her husband Jerry, talked about their mutual love of, and addiction to, camellias. They now have over 3000 bushes.

Camellias, the roses of winter, the jewels of winter, the official state flower of Alabama, and members of the tea family, originated in China and traveled via ships to Italy, France and Spain in the 1740's. In 1832, there is a record of a shipment of camellias from France arriving in Hoboken, New Jersey. By the mid 1800s they were making their way into the South via a Philadelphia florist who bought land in Charleston, S.C., and began growing and selling camellias to the Southern landed gentry.

Soon afterwards, they were known in every major southern city. The beautiful camellias of the Hardee Plantation, the historic home of Florida's 23rd governor, Cary Augustus Hardee (serving 1921 to 1925), arrived by train from New Orleans in the 1860s.

At first, they graced church grounds and plantations almost exclusively, and there was just the single bloom variety, in either red or white.

Now there are over 30,000 different registered varieties, and they can be found anywhere, in private yards and public parks, in formal gardens, in nurseries and garden center and the Selphs grow about 1,100 of those varieties on their land - japonicas, sasanquas, reticulatas, single and double blooms, in all colors of red, white, pink, and everything in between. "These are not your grandmother's camellias," said Carol.

Like roses in snow, camellias carefully tucked into boxes of cotton are a glimpse of some of the Selphs' hundreds of different camellia varieties.

Jerry, who grew up in Cherry Lake, spent about 25 years selling fertilizer and other chemicals in Ft. Pierce before retiring and moving back close to home with his wife Carol. They now live about halfway between Cherry Lake and Quitman, Ga., where they took up the hobby that soon became their passion.

Camellias bloom primarily in winter months and are beautiful year round because of their leathery leaves - dark green and usually glossy on top and much paler underneath. They grow into hardy, woody tree-like shrubs.

In the winter, their big, showy flowers are literally showstoppers, and the Selphs constantly prune, dead-head, and de-bud their bushes to produce even bigger blooms. At times, they remove as many as half the buds on a tree in order to get bigger flowers.

However, it's not only the big flowers that judges love. The 'Pink Perfection' a small, delicate pink blossom, still wins a lot of shows, too.

"Judges look for the flower that speaks to them," said Carol, whether it's the diminutive 'Pink Perfection' or its bigger cousins, the 'Frank Houser' or the 'Leila Gibson.' There is even a flower called the 'Henry Lunsford,' named after an uncle of Mary Ellen Greene of *Greene Publishing*. Lunsford, a camellia enthusiast, cultivated and registered that variety in the mid-1980s.

People from all walks of life come under the camellias' charm. Doctors, lawyers, college professors, judges...anyone can become passionate growers of the nearly endless varieties, searching for that perfect blossom that wins the hearts of judges in shows.

For more information on camellias and the dates and times of nearby camellia shows, visit the American Camellia Society website at www.camellias-ac.com/.

Nestlé Waters Teams Up With North Florida Springs Alliance For Annual 'Eco Day' At Madison Blue Springs State Park Just In Time for National Groundwater Awareness Week

Nestlé Waters employees and Madison Blue Springs State Park employees partner with NACD and NFSA for Eco Day cleanup at Madison Blue Springs State Park.

Nestlé Waters in Florida, the National Association for Cave Diving, and the North Florida Springs Alliance are joining forces to celebrate National Groundwater Awareness Week (March 11-17, 2012), culminating in the second annual "Eco Day." This is one of the many efforts Nestlé Waters is honored to participate in throughout the year as an important partner of the business and environmental community.

Eco Day will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on March 17, at Madison Blue Springs State Park. Participants will repair and install park equipment and clear away excess vegetation and debris.

"Clean groundwater is essential to the well-being of the environment. We depend on it for our food production and to maintain our personal health," said

Kent Koptiuch, natural resource manager for Nestlé Waters. "It is vital to always remember the importance of a healthy water supply; water used in irrigation of our food products is just as important as water that comes out of the tap."

While many residents receiving water through a public system don't readily identify with groundwater safety concerns, everyone's quality of life is affected by the groundwater supply. A quality water supply is especially important to people who are vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water.

Groundwater contamination can result in health problems such as gastrointestinal illnesses, neurological, and reproductive problems. People undergoing chemotherapy or living with HIV/AIDS, transplant patients, children, infants, the frail, the elderly, and pregnant women and their fetuses can be particularly at risk for infections.

Five key points Floridians need to remember about their public water supply:

Conduct routine inspections on septic systems and keep up with regular maintenance to ensure proper waste treatment and to prevent contaminants from leaching into the groundwater.

Reduce paved areas such as walkways to decrease harmful runoff and allow rain to soak into soil.

Avoid the use of toxic chemicals and substances that could potentially flow into groundwater, i.e. pesticides and fertilizers. Do not pour toxic chemicals down household drains.

Test your water whenever a "boil water alert" has been issued or there is a change in the taste, odor or

appearance.

Boil contaminated water for at least one minute to kill most types of disease-causing organisms that may be present. This is the best method to ensure the water is safe to drink.

Five key points Floridians need to remember about their private well water supply:

Hire a certified or licensed water well contractor annually to test your water.

Do not drink or wash from a well that has been flooded without first having it inspected for sanitary integrity.

Avoid mixing or using pesticides, fertilizers, herbicides, degreasers, fuels and other pollutants near your well.

Never dispose of harsh chemicals, solvents, petroleum products or pesticides in a septic system or dry well.

If you intend to leave your well unused, fully seal the well until a licensed well contractor correctly abandons it.

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Question: I know I have a cavity because I see a dark hole in my tooth. It doesn't hurt at all. Can I wait until it hurts before I get it filled?

Answer: I understand the logic. Why pay for a filling today when I can put off the expense for another day? I usually get this question when concerns over money are the issue.

The trouble is they apparently do not know what their dentist knows because they have not asked. Not all fillings are the same. The cost of fillings varies with the size of the filling. Small is cheap, big is expensive. Having a tooth filled when the cavity is small is a simple and cost effective thing to do. A simple filling can often be done for \$80-\$100. You can spend that much at the beauty parlor.

Letting the cavity get out of control makes it difficult to fix and much more expensive. A cavity that goes too far may require a large and expensive filling or even a crown. If the tooth abscesses you will be well over \$1,000 to keep the tooth.

Sooooo....my bailout to you for the week is to go ahead and have your tooth filled. It will save you money to get it fixed sooner than later.

Roderick K Shaw III, DMD, MAGD
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