

ARGH, MATEYS! WIN A PIRATE SHIP



Photo submitted

The Madison County Central School PTO has teamed up with Madison Correctional Institution to build a Pirate Ship Playhouse which will be given away during the upcoming Madison God and Country Fireworks festival on July 4th at Lake Francis. The pirate ship was constructed by inmate labor from Madison CI at no cost to the PTO. Materials were donated by Studstill Lumber Company and the transformed into the playhouse by a talented work crew. The playhouse is currently sitting at the Busy Bee at the corner of Hwy 90 and SR53. Tickets are currently available for a \$5 donation at the Busy Bee, Linda's Class Act Hair Salon or Madison Central School.

Greenville Recreation Board Sponsoring "Fun Day"

The Greenville Recreation Board will be sponsoring "Fun Day" June 2, at the Tracy Stephens Recreation Park in Greenville beginning at 9:30 a.m. with a cake auction. Plates of pulled pork sandwiches with sides of cole slaw and baked beans will be available as well. The schedule of events is as follows:

- 10:30 Madison Community Bank vs. Farmers & Merchants Bank
 - 11:30 Florida Plywood vs. H & R Grocery
 - 12:00 Lunch Break
 - 1:00 Sharon Community Church vs. Greenville Fertilizer & Chemical
- Softball games will follow. Everyone is invited to come out and support our youth. We would like to thank everyone who came to Opening Day and showed your support for the children in Greenville. If you have any questions, please contact JA Lane, President of the Recreation Board at 850-973-7510.

Brush Fire Turns To Structure Fire



Photos submitted by Pat Lightcap

At approximately 2:05 p.m. on Saturday, May 26, Madison 911 Center received a report of a brush fire in the vicinity of 6216 NE Colin Kelly Highway (also known as Highway 145 or the Valdosta Highway). As fire units were being dispatched the call was upgraded to a structure fire and brush fire with one home ablaze and two more in danger. Pinetta Fire Rescue, Cherry Lake Fire/Rescue, Madison Fire/Rescue and the Florida Division of Forestry responded to the scene and extinguished the one-structure fire. More effort was needed to save the other two homes and prevent the quickly moving grass fire from reaching the Methodist Center just south of the homes. No homeowners were present as fire units did their initial attack. But two of the residents arrived while firefighters were still trying to control the blaze. Fire units were supported by personnel from the Madison County Emergency Medical Services and the Madison County Sheriff's Office. The origin of the fire was unknown and the State Fire Marshall's Office has been called to the scene.

Sheriff Ben Stewart Announces Re-Election Intent For 2012

As Sheriff of Madison County I would like to announce my intent to seek re-election as your Sheriff for the next four years. It has been an honor to have been your Sheriff since January of 2009. It also has been a privilege to lead and work with the men and women of the Madison County Sheriff's Office as we stand in the gap against crime for the citizens of Madison County. The Sheriff's Office is committed and willing to lead the fight against crime in Madison County for the next four years.



Although I have made some mistakes during my time as Sheriff, I would like to take this opportunity to name just a few of the accomplishments that the Sheriff's Office has made. Our first goal was to establish a drug task force. This was accomplished during my first day as Sheriff. Since inception the MCSO Drug Task Force along with uniformed deputies have initiated more than 400 drug related investigations. These investigations have resulted in over 150 drug dealers being prosecuted, 50 meth labs being dismantled, 3 major indoor marijuana grow house operations being shut down and property seized. Other results include the seizure of more than 100 firearms, 30 vehicles, and more than 2 million dollars in drug related money. Best of all is 35 million dollars worth of illegal drugs being taken off the streets.

Seized drug money has allowed the Madison County Sheriff's Office to cut one half million dollars from our net budget. We have also been able to eliminate capital outlay for vehicles. We have purchased 25 vehicles and four drug dogs in the last three years at the expense of drug dealers. We have equipped our deputies with new tasers, uniforms, vests, and other needed items. We have purchased computers and software to network and expedite all reports generated by the deputies. We have also paid for the archiving of all Sheriff's Office records dating back to the sixties by using seized drug money.

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Happy 101st Birthday, Eloise Stewart



Thoughts as warm as sunshine,
wishes bright as flowers
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the day with you
and share the happy hours.
Have a Wonderful Day

We love you!
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Jobless Rate Continues Slow Downward Trend

By Lazaro Aleman
Special from ECB Publishing, Inc.

Like Florida's, Madison and Jefferson counties' jobless rates continued to decline in April, reflecting an overall downward trend in the unemployment picture, according to the latest statistics released by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (FDEO) on Friday, May 18. The figures show Madison County's April jobless rate was 9.7 percent while Jefferson County's was 7.3 percent, compared with 10.1 and 8.0 percents respectively in the previous month.

During the same month, Florida's seasonally adjusted rate was 8.7 percent, down from 9.0 percent in March, the lowest since January 2009 and representing a 1.9 percentage points drop from April 2011, according to the FDEO. "This continued drop in Florida's unemployment rate is proving our economy is on the path to recovery and Floridians are getting back to work," Gov. Rick Scott is quoted saying. "With Florida being ranked as one of

the top two states for business in the nation, employers are sure to continue expanding and moving to Florida, creating jobs that help us ensure the pattern will continue." The U.S. unemployment, meanwhile, was 8.1 percent in April, down from 8.2 percent in March. For Madison County, the 9.7 percent translates into 689 jobless persons out of a labor force of 7,067, compared with 717 jobless persons out of a labor force of

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Local Weather

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Partly cloudy early. Scattered thunderstorms developing in the afternoon.			Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.			A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.			Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.		

VIEWPOINTS & OPINIONS

Red, White & True Mysteries Actress Marries Four Times, Adopts Four Children

The # 1 question that readers ask me is: "Where do you come up with story ideas for your column?"

The answer is: "Ideas come from everywhere." Some story ideas come from the internet, some come from doing the research for another column, and some come from you, the reader. This one comes from last night's story on The History Channel.

Sometimes I don't even know the story behind the person until I do my research, as is the case with this week's subject.

There was an actress named Lucille LeSeuer who had a secret that severely damaged her reputation once it was revealed; it was revealed to the public in a book that her oldest daughter wrote before Lucille died.

Lucille LeSeuer was born in San Antonio, Texas, in 1905. She was the third child born to Thomas and Anna Bell LeSeuer. Her father ran off a few months before Lucille was born, and her mother later married a man named Henry Cassin.

The family moved to Lawton, Oklahoma, where Henry ran a movie theatre. This probably played a role in Lucille gaining an interest in performing, as she would attend the vaudeville performances at her stepfather's theatre. She originally wanted to become a dancer.

Lucille took the advice of Pete Smith, who was in charge of publicity for the MGM studio in 1925, when she adopted a stage name, which you will recognize when you read it. Pete ran a contest to let movie fans choose her new name. Lucille didn't like her new name because she thought it sounded

too much like "crawfish," even though it was better for her than her birth name, which sounded like "Le Sewer."

By the 1930's, Lucille had become as big a star as Greta Garbo. She was voted one of the 50 greatest screen actors by the American Film Institute in 1999. While her success as an actress made her famous, it was the way that she treated her two oldest children that made her infamous.

Lucille had married four times, divorcing the first three husbands and outliving the fourth one. Each marriage lasted four years. She had adopted four children; a girl named Christina, a boy named Christopher, and then twin girls named Cynthia and Cathy.

While she treated the twins as well as any loving mother would do, she treated the oldest two children very harshly at times. Known as an alcoholic, she would have fits of anger with Christina and Christopher. She once allegedly tried to strangle Christina, and they both moved out of her house as soon as they were old enough to do so.

There were even rumors that she may have adopted her children in order to gain the positive publicity that came with it, although this would be nearly impossible to prove since she never admitted it. It's usually surprising to see someone who is so successful in her career have so many problems in her personal life.

Older readers know Lucille LeSeuer by her stage name, while younger readers know her because of the 1978 book that her oldest daughter wrote about her. What was the title of that

groundbreaking book, which was really the first celebrity tell-all, and also the movie by the same name which followed the book?

Mommie Dearest. And just what was her stage name?

Joan Crawford. But you knew that all along, didn't you?

National Security



Joe Boyles
Guest Columnist

Memorial Day

Today, I want to take this opportunity to wish all of my loyal readers a happy Memorial Day. Wait a minute, Joe; Memorial Day was Monday. Oh, contraire. Memorial Day was originally designated as May 30 and stayed that way for over a century until Congress decided to rewrite history. They do that too much.

Many if not most of our citizens confuse Memorial Day which happens this time of year with Veterans Day which occurs in November. Some of the confusion is the result of name changes while some of it is the responsibility of Congress when they adopted the Mondays Holiday Bill about forty years ago. Let's clear the air so we understand what it is we're supposed to remember about today.

Memorial Day was originally named "decoration day." It was the creation of the GAR – the Grand Army of the Republic, a union veteran's organization in the aftermath of the war between the states. "On May 5, 1868, Commander-in-Chief (Major General John A.) Logan, by General Orders No. 11, had assigned May 30, 1868 as a memorial day which was to be devoted to the strewing of flowers on the graves of deceased comrades who had died in the defense of their country during the Civil War."

Because Memorial Day was a "Yankee holiday," it was not accepted in the South for many decades. In fact, veterans of the Confederacy decided to hold their own decoration day, des-

ignating April 26th, the date when the last major Confederate army surrendered at Bentonville Court House in North Carolina. Many southern communities refused to recognize the national Memorial Day until 80 years later when World War II united the country.

Mary Jane Smith Pfeil told me once that when she was a grade-schooler in the 1930s, school would dismiss mid-morning each April 26 and the children would march down to the cemetery at Oak Ridge. On the west side of the cemetery, they would form up by the 31 unknown Confederate graves and listen to a litany of patriotic speeches and hymns.

From the start, Memorial Day was an occasion to remember those who had paid the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of our nation – soldiers who had died during our wars. Today the strewing of flowers has largely given way to placing small flags in our cemeteries to honor not only those who died during our wars, but all deceased veterans. However the basic idea of decorating the graves of the fallen remains intact. So my Father's grave at Andersonville National Cemetery, Georgia will be decorated with an American flag even though he did not die until years after World War II. Typically, veterans groups like the VFW or Boy Scouts place the flags at each veteran grave.

Just to differentiate, Veterans Day which occurs about six months later in the year, is to honor all veterans, living

and dead, who have served or are currently serving in our nation's armed forces. That holiday was originally named Armistice Day to commemorate the day and hour (11 AM, November 11, 1918 – 11-11-11) when the "war to end all wars," later known as World War I, ceased and "all quiet on the western front" was restored. Subsequent conflicts led to the holiday being renamed Veterans Day.

Over the years, Memorial Day has become more than originally intended. Traditionally, the great Indianapolis 500 car race is held on the Sunday closest to Memorial Day. Also, Memorial Day marks the unofficial start of summer. Picnics and family outings abound, but first and foremost, it is the day we set aside to honor fallen veterans.

It may sound to you like I am splitting hairs to point out the correct meaning of this date, but I believe it is important to be both correct and accurate. After all, if we adults do not understand the true meaning of these holidays, how can we ever expect our children who look to us for example to do any different?

More than one million Americans have died over two centuries in our nation's wars, beginning with the American Revolution, including about six thousand during the current War on Terror. History tells us that the number will continue to grow as we encounter threats to our freedom like that represented by Islamic jihadists. Memorial Day is the date we set aside to honor their sacrifice ... and remember. We owe these heroes more than we can imagine. We owe them our very freedom. Today, the American flag which flies proudly in my front yard will be at half-staff. I see faces, hear voices ... and remember. God Bless America.

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Stewart

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We have worked diligently trying to obtain grant money for other needed projects. Since 2009 we have obtained over 600 thousand dollars in federal and state grants to purchase equipment and hire employees. These grants along with seized drug money have been used to obtain a computer aided 911 dispatch system, a patrol boat, electronic traffic citation computers and software for patrol cars which has allowed us to network directly with the clerk's office. The grants have paid for a full time dispatcher, a full time victim's advocate, a full time traffic deputy, and a part time deputy for Greenville just to name a few. One of the best accomplishments was the filling of a federal mandate for narrow banding our radio system which cost a half a million dollars. This was paid for with a 290,000 dollar grant and money from traffic citations.

However, the accomplishment that I am most proud of has been the retaining and hiring of the best personnel that any Sheriff can have. I feel that this is the greatest benefit that I can offer as Sheriff. The men and women of the Sheriff's Office have stood in the gap by keeping the law enforcement, corrections, and communications operations running smoothly, professional, and efficient, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, including all holidays, storms, and even a flood. Finally, I can tell you that we will continue to work hard to serve the citizens of Madison County for the next four years. Thanks in advance for your continued support.

Ben Stewart
 Sheriff of Madison County
Political advertisement paid for and approved by Ben Stewart, candidate for Sheriff of Madison County.

Jobless

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7,103 in March. In April 2011, the comparable figures were 737 jobless persons out of a labor force of 7,179, when the unemployment rate was 10.3 percent.

For Jefferson County, the 7.3 percent rate represents 491 jobless persons out of a labor force of 6,722, compared with 545 jobless persons out of a labor force of 6,842 in March. In April 2011, the comparable figures were 577 jobless persons out of a workforce of 6,810, when the unemployment rate was 8.5 percent.

Statewide, the 8.7 percent translates into 804,000 jobless Floridians out of a labor force of 9,255,000. Seasonally adjusted, Florida's total non-agricultural employment was 7,325,300 in April, up 52,600 jobs when compared with a year ago, but representing a loss of 2,700 jobs over the month, according to the FDEO.

"April was the 21st consecutive month with positive annual job growth after the state lost jobs for three years," the FDEO reports. "Nationally, the number of jobs was up 1.4 percent over the year."

Seasonally adjusted means the figures have been purged of seasonal and other factors that would increase the numbers. The statistics also do not reflect individuals who have given up the search for work for whatever rea-

son, or those who are underemployed or employed part time.

The top three industries gaining jobs are professional and business services, up 24,400 jobs; private education and health services, up 24,200 jobs; and trade, transportation and utilities, up 18,000 jobs.

The industries losing jobs over the year include construction, down 24,500 jobs; total government, down 11,800 jobs; and information, down 700 jobs.

Monroe County continued to have the state's lowest unemployment rate at 4.8 percent, followed by Walton County at 5.2 percent; Okaloosa County at 5.7 percent; Franklin at 6.1 percent; and Alachua at 6.2 percent.

Flagler County continued to have the state's highest unemployment rate at 11.6 percent, followed by Hernando at 10.8 percent; Hendry and St. Lucie at 10.7 percent; Dixie at 10.2 percent; and Putnam at 9.9 percent.

The FDEO reports that five of Florida's 67 counties experienced double-digit unemployment in April, down from 10 in March.

Of the 23 metropolitan statistical areas (MSA) in the state, the Tallahassee MSA had the third lowest unemployment rate at 6.7 percent. Jefferson, Leon and Wakulla counties are in the Tallahassee MSA.



Dear Neighbors:

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you in the Florida House of Representatives. These past four years have been rewarding, fulfilling and some of the most meaningful years of my life. It has truly been an honor to work for the people of House District 10. There have been many opportunities to serve you this past term. This past session, I filed an amendment to the Budget Appropriations Bill to provide \$10.3 million to keep Jefferson Correctional Institute open and operating in order to save 158 jobs. With the support of my colleagues in the Florida House, I had the honor to sponsor successful legislation during my 2011/2012 term that:

- Creates true rural economic opportunities under the newly formed Department of Economic Opportunity.
- Waives state park fees for immediate family members of fallen veterans, police officers, and firefighters.
- Clarifies the environmental permitting exemptions farmers have for bona fide agricultural activities.
- Authorizes continuing care retirement communities to offer continuing care at-home contracts to residents living at home or in the facility.
- Provides an exemption from regulation as public lodging establishments for all rooming houses and any apartment buildings inspected by HUD that are designated primarily as housing for persons age 62 or older.
- Provides more private lands to become available to the public for outdoor recreational activities by providing additional incentives to private landowners than what currently exist in law.

The 2012 Legislative Session presented many opportunities and challenges as this was the fourth consecutive year of revenue estimate shortfalls and budget cuts. The \$70 billion budget cut spending in many areas that will touch all of our lives. There were cuts to: County Clerks, Medicaid reimbursement, state employees, rural health departments, rural hospitals and nursing homes, and many other areas that will affect working people. In some cases, there are spending increases in the budget that I do not think will benefit our state. I was among several House members who opposed the budget because we could not agree on the necessity of the cuts, nor the budget increases.

Throughout the Session, there were many controversial issues:

- Prison Privatization, which failed in the Senate, could have had unforeseen negative economic consequences for the State of Florida.
- The Septic Tank Regulation was repealed and replaced with a more balanced approach.
- Redistricting maps for Senate, House and Congressional districts were passed.
- A School Privatization Bill, which I voted against, also failed in the Florida Senate.

I look forward to continue working for you. We must keep up the fight for more jobs and to bring more good-paying private sector employment to our region. I believe that a vibrant small business community is what will bring prosperity to our state and nation.

Again, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve you!

Leonard L. Bembry
 State Representative

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AROUND MADISON COUNTY

Obituaries

Wilbur Hubert Bishop

Wilbur Hubert Bishop, 90, of Valdosta, Ga., passed away Tuesday, May 22, 2012. He was born in Aucilla on November 28, 1921 to the late George Thomas Bishop and Alice Eva Anderson Bishop. He retired from Owens Illinois now Packaging Corporation of America after 30 years of service. He was a charter member of Azalea City Baptist Church now known as Crossroads Baptist Church where he was active as a deacon, trustee and in the senior ministry.

Mr. Bishop was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Rebecca Shattles Bishop who died in 2004, his sister, Vera Jones, brother, George Thomas Bishop and son-in-law, Jim Narey. Survivors are his daughters, Gwen Simmons of Valdosta, Sharon Narey of Ringgold, Georgia, grandson and his spouse, Gregg Simmons and Nancy of Jacksonville, Florida, granddaughters and their spouses, Lysbeth Simmons Wilson and Andrew of Cambridgeshire, England, Lynn Simmons Orenstein and Scottie of Valdosta, great grandson, Austin Orenstein and four great granddaughters, Jordan Simmons, Ally Orenstein, Hollie Simmons and McKenna Wilson; a sister, Muriel Taylor of Monticello, Florida, a nephew and two nieces. The family would like to thank United Hospice and Mr. Bishop's caregivers for their loving and dedicated service.

The family received friends on Thursday, May 24, 2012, from 5-7 p.m. at the Carson McLane Funeral Home. Funeral services were held on Friday, May 25, 2012 at eleven a.m. in the chapel of the Carson McLane Funeral Home with burial at McLane Riverview Memorial Gardens. Reverend Charlie Scarbrough will officiate. Those who wish may make memorial contributions to Crossroads Baptist Church Senior Ministry, 3001 Country Club Drive Valdosta GA 31601 or to United Hospice 407 Cowart Avenue Valdosta, GA 31602. Condolences may be conveyed online at www.mclanefuneralservices.com.

Richard Jackson Brown

Mr. Richard Jackson Brown, age 87, died Friday, May 25, 2012, at the Lake City Medical Center in Lake City.

Funeral services will be held, Tuesday, May 29, 2012, at 11 a.m. in the Beggs Funeral Home Madison Chapel. Burial will follow at the Oak Ridge Cemetery in Madison, Florida.

Visitation will be one-hour prior to Service.

He was born in Madison and had lived over 50 years in Jacksonville before moving to Lake City.

He was retired as an Interior Contractor and of the Methodist faith.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Deborah Myles and husband (Terry); one step-daughter, Mrs. Brenda Barfield and husband (Tony); one brother, Ruben Brown, Sr. and wife (Geri); one sister, Margaret Sands; five grandsons: Mathew Myles; Mark Myles; Michael Myles; Richard Moore and wife (Julie); Michael Moore and wife (Holly); one great-grandson, Tyler Myles; three great-granddaughters: Amanda, Megan and Jillian; and many nieces and nephews.

Way Back When

June 2, 1972

A 15,000 square foot addition is being built on to Madison House Furniture.

Airman Douglas J. Oliver, son of Mrs. Grace A. Oliver, of Madison, completed basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Tex.

Miss. Linda Diane McCullough and Mark Allen Cherry were married Friday, May 19, at 7:30 in the evening in the First Baptist Church in Madison.

Members of college and high school graduating classes who attend the First Baptist Church are Walter McCullough, Valdosta State; Ann Russell, Emory University; Diane Richardson, North Texas State, Denton, Tex.; Debbie Perides, North Florida Junior College; Neva Hutchinson, Madison High; Annette Medlin, Madison High; Della Ragans, Madison High; Becky Robinson, Madison High; Gene Rutherford, Madison High; Sherri Stout, Madison High; Robbie Sutton, Madison High; Brenda Woodard, Madison High; Susan Smith, Perry High; and Robert Sherrod, Aucilla Christian.

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WHAT DOES THE ECONOMIC & PROPERTY DAMAGES SETTLEMENT PROVIDE?

The E&PD Settlement makes payments for the following types of claims: (1) Seafood Compensation, (2) Economic Damage, (3) Loss of Subsistence, (4) Vessel Physical Damage, (5) Vessels of Opportunity Charter Payment, (6) Coastal Real Property Damage, (7) Wetlands Real Property Damage, and (8) Real Property Sales Damage. There is no limit on the total dollar amount of the E&PD Settlement; all qualified claims will be paid.

HOW TO GET BENEFITS FROM THE ECONOMIC & PROPERTY DAMAGES SETTLEMENT

You need to submit a Claim Form to request a payment. You can get a copy of the various Claim Forms by visiting the website or by calling 1-866-992-6174. Claims can be submitted online or by mail. If you have questions about how to file your claim, you should call the toll-free number for assistance.

The deadline to submit most E&PD claims will be April 22, 2014 or six months after the E&PD Settlement becomes effective (that is, after the Court grants "final approval" and any appeals are resolved), whichever is later. There will be an earlier deadline to submit E&PD Seafood Compensation claims. The earlier deadline to submit Seafood Compensation claims will be 30 days after final approval of the Settlement by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana (regardless of appeals). Actual claim filing deadlines will be posted on the website as they become available. Valid claims will be paid as they are approved, beginning shortly after the Court-Supervised Settlement Program commences. It is highly recommended that E&PD Settlement Class Members complete and submit their claim forms promptly. Please read the Medical Benefits Settlement notice because you may also be eligible for benefits from that settlement.

YOUR OTHER OPTIONS

If you do not want to be legally bound by the E&PD Settlement, you must Opt Out or exclude yourself by **October 1, 2012** or you won't be able to sue BP over certain economic and property damage claims. If you stay in the E&PD Settlement, you may object to it by **August 31, 2012**. The Detailed Notice explains how to exclude yourself or object.

The Court will hold a hearing on **November 8, 2012** to consider whether to approve the E&PD Settlement. You or your own lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own cost. The Court will also consider Class Counsel fees, costs, and expenses including an interim payment of \$75 million and additional awards equal to 6% of class claims and benefits paid. Class Counsel fees, costs and expenses under the Economic and Property Damages Settlement Agreement and the Medical Benefits Settlement Agreement jointly cannot exceed \$600 million. Class members' payments will not be reduced if the Court approves the payment of Class Counsel fees, costs, and expenses because BP will separately pay these attorney fees, costs, and expenses.

Medical Benefits Settlement

Providing Benefits to Clean-Up Workers and Certain Gulf Coast Residents

If you have a medical claim related to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, you could get benefits from a class action settlement with BP Exploration & Production Inc. and BP America Production Company ("BP"). Go to DeepwaterHorizonSettlements.com for more information, including information on how to file a claim.

WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE MEDICAL BENEFITS SETTLEMENT?

The Medical Class includes (1) clean-up workers and (2) certain people who resided in specific geographic areas in coastal and wetlands areas along the Gulf Coast during specific periods in 2010. The website DeepwaterHorizonSettlements.com has detailed descriptions and maps to help you determine whether a geographic location may be included in one of these zones. Additionally, you can call 1-866-992-6174 or e-mail info@DeepwaterHorizonMedicalSettlement.com to find out if a geographic location is included.

WHAT DOES THE MEDICAL BENEFITS SETTLEMENT PROVIDE?

The benefits of the Medical Benefits Settlement include: (1) payments to qualifying people for certain acute (short-term) and chronic (ongoing) medical conditions occurring after exposure to oil or chemical dispersants; (2) provision of periodic medical examinations to qualifying people; and (3) creation of a Gulf Region Health Outreach Program, consisting of projects to strengthen the healthcare system. Benefits (1) and (2) will be provided only after the Court grants final approval and any appeals are resolved.

HOW TO GET BENEFITS FROM THE MEDICAL BENEFITS SETTLEMENT

You need to submit a Claim Form to request benefits. You can get a copy of the Claim Form by visiting the website or by calling 1-866-992-6174. Claims can be

submitted by mail. If you have questions about how to file your claim, you should call the toll-free number for assistance.

The deadline for filing a Claim Form is one year after the Medical Benefits Settlement becomes effective (that is, after the Court grants "final approval" and any appeals are resolved). The exact date of the claim filing deadline will be posted on the website. It is highly recommended that Medical Class Members complete and submit their claim forms promptly. Please read the Economic and Property Damages Settlement notice because you may also be eligible for a payment from that settlement.

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The Court will hold a hearing on **November 8, 2012** to consider whether to approve the Medical Benefits Settlement. You or your own lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own cost. Class Counsel will ask the Court to consider an award of fees, costs, and expenses of 6% of the value of the benefits actually provided under the Medical Benefits Settlement Agreement. Class Counsel fees, costs, and expenses under the Medical Benefits Settlement Agreement and the Economic and Property Damages Settlement Agreement jointly cannot exceed \$600 million. Class members' payments will not be reduced if the Court approves the payment of Class Counsel fees, costs, and expenses because BP will separately pay these attorney fees, costs, and expenses.

Spotlight: Barry Barnhart

By Bryant Thigpen
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Only God could have known that a young man born in Rock Island, Illinois, would have made such an impact on Madison County. Being born in the north, Barry Barnhart was raised in Rock Island before moving to Moline, Ill. After facing several years of illnesses, his parents, Bud and Beth Barnhart, decided it was in his best interest to move him from the north to the south, unpacking in Mt. Dora.

While in Florida, the family did a little moving, leaving Mt. Dora for Tarpon Springs. During Barnhart's freshmen year of high school, the family moved to Orlando, where he would eventually graduate in 1962 from Maynard Evans High School.

In 1964, Barnhart began his collegiate career at Orlando Junior College, and graduated in 1964 with an Associate of Arts degree.

Barnhart then moved to Tallahassee to attend Florida State University and graduated in 1967 with a Bachelor of Science with a major in Biology and minor in history. It was on August 25, 1967 that he married the love of his life, Tomye.

He continued his education at Florida State, eventually graduating in 1969 with a Masters of Science degree. During graduate school, Barnhart received an opportunity of a lifetime while employed with the city of Tallahassee. He was asked to conduct a study on wastewater treatment through land irrigation, which was an application of the study performed by Ohio State University.

Shortly after graduation, Barnhart began teaching at North Florida Junior College in 1969 (which later became known as North Florida Community College), and they say the rest is history.

With tears in her eyes, his wife Tomye said, "He tried to be more than a teacher." Filled with emotions, she continued to talk about what her husband has meant to people, including students and co-workers, and most of all, what a wonderful husband and marriage she has. Over his 38-year career in education, Barnhart left a mark on NFCC and this community that will always be remembered.

"I first met Barry while I was attending NFCC as a student," Lisa Roland said. "He is a remarkable instructor. He is unrivaled when it comes to knowledge in his field and unparalleled in his enthusiasm. Even the most blasé student soon is caught up in Barry's exciting natural world and becomes his ardent fan. He is extremely passionate about his work."

In 1976, Barnhart played a vital role in the formation of what is known today as the Ladell Brothers Outdoor Environmental Center (OEC). He worked diligently in acquiring the land and directed all projects in setting up the center, including collecting donations for the material and labor.

Barnhart is the founder of the popular "NFCC Ecology Day," which began in 1991. During the years, Barnhart has invited thousands of students at local primary schools to the campus of NFCC to explore the science center and was introduced to natural science. Rip Prine, writer for the *Valdosta Daily Times*, stated that Barnhart "has been the driving force for the children's event since it began." Prine goes on to say, "He was originally approached by Nancy Torres, then 4-H coordinator for Madison County, who asked him about starting a hands on approach for children in the area concerning ecology. 'We decided to concentrate on third graders since it's the age they are making mental decisions.'"

At Ecology Day, third graders are introduced to various natural habitats of the Nature Center. Students learn that many plants are the source of important medicines used to treat illnesses and diseases from the common cold to cancer. Barnhart allows the students to touch and smell a variety of common cooking spices that come from nature.

Another source shares the story of a child at Ecology Day who sniffs a reddish-orange powder and shouts, "Cinnamon!" Barnhart acknowledges the correct identification and proceeds to ask the student about the origin of the spice. "Where does cinnamon come from?" "The grocery store," the students say. Barnhart chuckles and tells them cinnamon comes from a tree. It is this increased awareness of the natural world that has driven Barnhart's efforts.

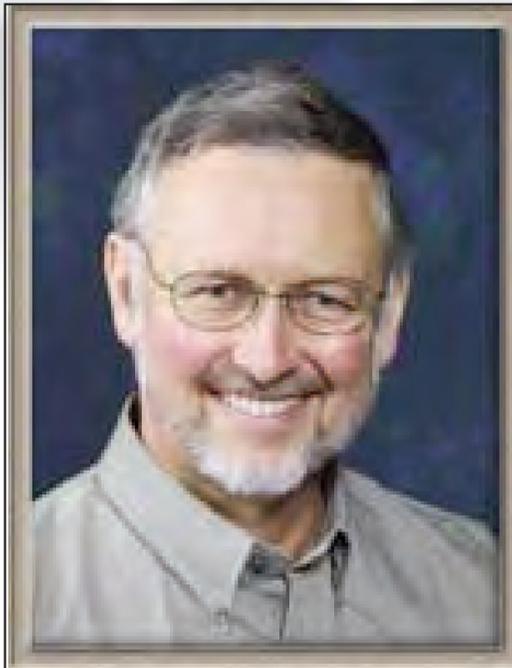


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Barry Barnhart retired from North Florida Community College after nearly two decades of service as an educator.

Featured in headlines across the region, one in particular that stands out is the feature on Barnhart by the *Valdosta Daily Times* in the Sunday, September 14, 1997 edition titled, "it'ssssss A Wonderful Nature Trail." It's a piece that recognizes Barnhart for his accomplishments and dedication in the field of environmental education.

North Florida Community College broke grounds on a 4.8 million dollar science complex in the spring of 2006, and one of the men with a shovel in their hand at the ceremony was Barnhart, accompanied by other science instructors at NFCC. The science building was the first construction to the campus in over 40 years. The building would be 16,291 square feet and would house the biological and physical science department.

Down through the years, Barnhart has been the recipient of many prestigious awards including the Appreciation Award by the Madison Garden Club in 1981, Speaker of the Year award by the Women's Club in 1981, Ambassador of Good Will by the Rotary Club in 1979, NFJC Citizen of the Year in 1975, and was nominated as one of three finalists in the Florida Professor of the Year of the Florida Association of Community Colleges.

Away from nature at the college, Barnhart has been an active member in the community, serving on the administrative board and assisting with children's church at the First United Methodist Church in Madison. He has assisted the local hospital and doctors with identifying poisonous insects and plants. He also served on the advisory council for planning of the Barksdale Nature Center.

"Professor Barnhart is one of those unique teachers that students remember for the rest of their lives," said former NFCC president Morris Steen. Doug Brown agreed by sharing that his "influence goes beyond the traditional classroom." Desiree James, a former student reminisced being in Barnhart's class with these words, "the two biology classes had a first impression on me that lasted until I graduated with my A.A. degree. I saw Mr. Barnhart's enthusiasm, dedication, and enjoyment he received that he received from teaching his students. Even though biology class had the same workload and tests as other classes, Mr. Barnhart made it extremely interesting with his wit, expertise, and boundless facts and knowledge of science."

After 38 years of service to the community of Madison and North Florida Community College, Barnhart retired as a professor at the college. Although he retired, there is no doubt he left a lasting impression among his peers and students.

Barnhart enjoyed nearly two decades in education, but he is quick to credit the students as to why his teaching career has been so wonderful. Looking



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Barry Barnhart taught with enthusiasm and was often comical with his illustrations.



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Barry Barnhart (left) was presented with a plaque by then NFCC President Morris Steen, after his retirement in 2007 after 38 years of service to North Florida Community College.

back, he recalls many students who came through the class, and he's very thankful that he's been able to make a difference in somebody's life, and illustrate to them the wonders of nature.

After his retirement, here is what many had to say about him:

"How many students have marveled at the wonders in your biology lab or your lively demonstration in the Ladell Brothers Nature Center? How many young minds have you inspired with your love and enthusiasm for saving our natural resources? Hundreds? Thousands? What a legacy for your dedicated service to NFCC over 38 years!" -Trish

"You have made such a great difference on this campus, not only with your teaching, but also with the Ladell Brothers Environmental Center, sponsoring SOAR and recycling, and the menagerie in the Biology Building. Your Ecology Days have always been a big hit with the little kids, and who knows how many future biologists you have inspired there." -Sheila

"Not only have I had the privilege of being your colleague and friend for the past 12 years, but I am blessed to have been a student of yours in the early days of my college career. You may not know this, but it was in your class one evening when I had my epiphany, that I, too, wanted to work in the community college sector and make a difference in students' lives. I'm sure you helped many other students make positive, life changing decisions without even realizing the impact you had." -Jessica

These days, Barnhart and his wife are enjoying life together and are members of the First United Methodist Church in Madison.



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Barry Barnhart, founder of Ecology Day at NFCC, is pictured with students from Lee, explaining the importance of plants in the environment. Pictured left to right are: Cearra Williams, Barry Barnhart, Billy Walker and Alex Henderson.



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Teaching children the importance of ecology was Barry Barnhart's passion. Here he is pictured holding a snake before a small group.

HEALTH & NUTRITION

Runners Raise Awareness Of Autism



Photo submitted

Family and Friends of Sean McLeod made the trek to Tallahassee to run in the FSU Autism Project 5K.

- More children will be diagnosed with autism this year than with AIDS, diabetes & cancer combined
- Autism now affects 1 in 110 children and 1 in 70 boys
- Autism prevalence figures are growing
- Autism is the fastest-growing serious developmental disability in the U.S.
- Autism costs the nation over \$35 billion per year, a figure expected to significantly increase in the next decade
- Autism receives less than 5% of the research funding of many less prevalent childhood diseases
- Boys are four times more likely than girls to have autism
- There is no medical detection or cure for autism

A group from Madison took part in a 5K run in Tallahassee recently to raise awareness for the FSU Autism Project.

Family and Friends of Sean McLeod was started by Sean McLeod's parents, Jack and Leslie McLeod. Sean was diagnosed one year ago. Sean was also part of the Brain Scan Research. An MRI and a DNA test was done on Sean.

Sean's mother, Leslie, said, "We learned it he had an 'autism brain, which looks differently than non-autism brains and he had Autism Markers in his DNA, which means it is genetic. This makes sense considering he has a first cousin who is also autistic. It is not uncommon. It's called Genetic Autism. Parents who have an autistic child are at a shockingly higher risk of having another autistic child.

There is a new study on siblings with autism. Odds are especially high for brothers and children with multiple siblings who are autistic. There has also been new research that shows the likelihood that a younger sibling will have autism is much higher than originally thought. If one has a child with autism, there is a one in five chance that her new baby will have autism also.

The cause of Autism has not been found, however there are many speculations. Some believe it is caused by vaccines. There are some who believe it is caused by a history of auto-immune diseases in the family, or because the mother was obese during pregnancy.

"Doing the brain scan of our child showed us



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Sean McLeod was diagnosed with genetic autism. His parents, Sean and Leslie McLeod, are helping raise awareness of the disorder.

that with Sean, it is genetic," Leslie said. "He was born that way and honestly, I wouldn't have it any other way. We, along with over 80 other people, came together and raised money for the cause, FSU Autism Project. We became clients of CARDS soon after Sean was diagnosed, and it was through them I learned about the event. I found out that if we donated \$500 or more, we could send 10 runners from a group to run in the race. Banks and other businesses usually do that, so I thought, I'll start a group myself. I did, and we were able to donate more than \$500 to the FSU Autism Project."

The group had shirts made and had people donate \$20 to get a shirt. A big group of runners went from Madison to Tallahassee. The McLeods are planning to make it an annual thing in order to raise money and awareness for the FSU Autism Project.

Autism affects more than just one family in Madison County. There are many known cases of Autism in Madison, and most likely more that are not documented or haven't been diagnosed yet.

If a parent thinks their child may be on the Autism Spectrum, they should go to their pediatrician. The sooner a child is diagnosed, the sooner they can receive the therapies they need and the better off the child will be. You can also seek help through CARDS at <http://autism.fsu.edu/>. For more information about autism, visit www.autismspeaks.org/.



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If it has been a while, get an appointment to have an exam. If the denture fits poorly, have the denture relined to reduce the dependence on denture creams.

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SCHOOL

Greenville Elementary School's Fifth Grade Visits 'Earth Day at the Capitol'



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Three of the Greenville Elementary fifth graders who attended Earth Day at the Capitol talked about some of the things they saw, learned, and or participated in. Left to right: Marcus Gallon, holding the winning water bottle rocket model, Chris Fead and Isabella Herndon.

By Lynette Norris

Greene Publishing, Inc.

"Earth Day at the Capitol," Friday, April 20, sponsored by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, hosted hundreds of students, teachers, parents and community leaders, who came to Tallahassee to be a part of the largest civic event in the world, celebrated by about a billion people all over the globe.

However, no matter how large, or how global, every mission begins with individual effort: a willingness to learn what we can do as individuals, how we can effect change and why we should care. With several "hands-on" educational booths and activities, along with collection sites where students could drop off plastic bags and old cell phones, Earth Day in the Capitol Courtyard showed the fifth grade science class students from Greenville Elementary School a number of ways they could help conserve the planet's natural resources and why their efforts were important.

Fifth grader Isabella "Izzy" Herndon described a display in one of the Earth Day booths at the Capitol that ran water over a model of a simulated roadway, complete with garbage scattered on the sides; then the water was drained out through holes in the bottom. The sight of the murky-looking water and the question it posed, would you want your water to look like this, was an effective demonstration about why people should care about the problem of runoff pollution and what it could do to the water supply.

Chris Fead, another fifth grader, enjoyed participating in the bottle rocket experiment. Not your typical bottle rockets, these missiles competed in the "Water Bottle Rocket Launch." They were created from two-liter soda bottles and propelled with 400 milliliters of water, pressurized with a bicycle pump and a length of PVC pipe. Teams and individual students from several elementary, middle and high schools in nearby counties, including Leon, vied for first place –

the rocket that could travel the farthest – by creating the most aerodynamic Water Bottle Rocket they could design. Individuals and teams of students from various schools designed and attached fins, nose cones, and other accoutrements to make their rockets travel as far as possible.

"Earth Day encourages teachers to come up with fun activities that involve the STEM subjects of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math," explained fifth grade Greenville Elementary science teacher Lynne Sapp, who, with Lyndsey Cook (substituting for Montez Curbeam) made the trip with the fifth graders. The Water Bottle Rocket Launch was one of the fun ways the students could apply some of the principles learned in STEM classes and see how well they worked.

In fact, the winning Water Bottle Rocket Launch Team was from Greenville Elementary, and one of the team members, Marcus Gallon, was in Sapp's class the following Monday morning with the winning rocket model. It traveled 18.1 meters, beating out rockets designed by middle and high school students, including several from Tallahassee.

The theme for this year's Earth Day at the Capitol was "Green Schools: Creating Healthy, Efficient and Productive Learning Environments," encouraging students to think of ways to help their own schools be better stewards of the environment. Efforts so far have produced tangible results, according to Greg Ira, Director of DEP's Office of Environmental Education.

"Last year a handful of green initiatives – many of which were led by students – generated \$10.8 million in gross cost savings," he stated. "These initiatives not only saved schools money they reduced their impact on the environment, made schools healthier places to learn and work and provided opportunities for students to explore real-world applications of science, technology, engineering and mathematics."

Senior pictures were not received for the following students. As a result their pictures were not included in Graduation Tab that ran on May 16. In an effort to amend for this error, their names are being included below.

Madison County High School Class of 2012:

Anton Anderson	Deontay Jones
Timothy Bellamy	Tommy Langford
Jawonda Boynton	Nathaniel Lee
Heather Bristol	Joseph McFarland
Steven Bryant	Aime Mendez
Gabriel Burns	Kevin Merritt
Laphiammo Cooks	Emerald Moore
Cantrell Davis	Damarcus Norton
Tyjuan Fayson	Tarvis Peacock
Derrick Fead	Kayla Pippin
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SPORTS

Madison County Athletes Awarded At ACA Athletic Banquet



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In girls' cross country Camryn Grant, Most Improved; Taylor Copeland Most Valuable Runner; and Sarah Tharpe, not pictured, Most Inspirational.

By Fran Hunt

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The awards were many during the annual Aucilla Christian Academy Banquet hosted at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall May 12.

Attendees enjoyed a delicious meal followed by a Power Point presentation, which highlighted the different sports throughout the year, with some humorous captions added.

In girls' cross country, Taylor Copeland was named the Most Valuable Runner,

For varsity cheerleading, Shelby Witmer was the recipient of the Coach's Award.

For varsity girls' basketball, Shelby Witmer received the Warrior Award.

In varsity baseball, Tres Copeland was named the Best Fielder.

The female Academic Athlete of the year was Shelby Witmer.



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In varsity baseball Tyler Jackson, Work Ethic Award; Hans Sorensen, Best Pitcher; Trent Roberts, Most Valuable Player; Tres Copeland, Best Fielder; and Jared Jackson, Best Hitter.



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For varsity cheerleading Shelby Witmer, Coach's Award; Sunnie Sorensen, Most Valuable Cheerleader; Stacie Brock Best All Around.

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36TH ANNUAL WATERMELON SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT JUNE 9

By Fran Hunt
Special from ECB Publishing, Inc.

It is time to sign up teams for the 36th Annual Watermelon Softball Tournament in Jefferson County, which is slated for Saturday, June 9, at the Recreation Department.

The fee for teams is the men's division is \$200. The games will be a 2-7 homerun low bid then out, one and one count then out format using

Core 44/375 comp balls. Hit a homerun and win a watermelon.

Trophies will be awarded for first, second and third place, first place individual T-shirts and first place MVP.

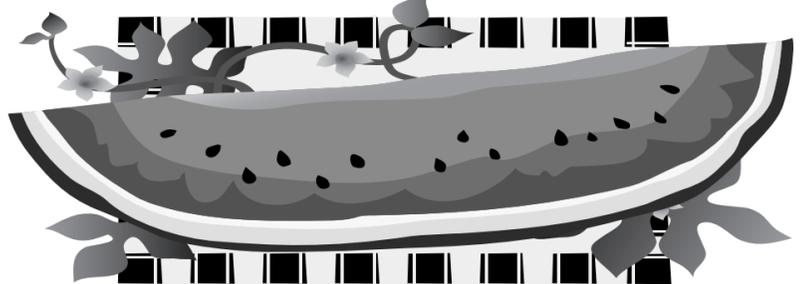
The fee for teams in the women's division is \$150. The games will be

in a 2-7 homerun, low bid then out, one and one count and trophies will be awarded for first, second and third place, first place winners will also receive individual T-shirts, and a trophy will be awarded to first place MVP.

The deadline for reg-

istration is noon, Thursday, June 7 and a \$50 deposit is due in the park office by Thursday, June 7.

To sign up, or for additional information, call the Recreation Department office at 342-0240 or Mike Holm at 519-6640.



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Employment applications may be obtained from and submitted to the County Commission Office between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday in the Courthouse Annex at 112 E. Pinkney Street, Room 219, Madison, FL 32340. For further information about the job itself, contact the Madison County Road Department Office at Phone Number (850) 973-2156. Madison County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and a Drug Free Workplace.

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CASE NO. 2011-CA-00282

US BANK, N.A.

Plaintiff,

vs.

CANDACE COOKS A/K/A CANDACEN COOKS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CANDACE COOKS A/K/A CANDACE N. COOKS; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; and all unknown parties claiming by, through, under or against the above named Defendant(s), who (is/are) not known to be dead or alive, whether said unknown parties claim as heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, licensees, creditors, trustees, spouses, or other claimants;

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Final Judgment dated May 16, 2012, in this cause, I will sell the property situated in MADISON County, Florida, described as:

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Dated at Madison, Florida, this 17 day of May, 2012.

Tim Sanders
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Rose M. Decker, Jr.
Deputy Clerk

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Clerk of Court
By: Rose M. Decker, Jr.
As Deputy Clerk

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

CASE NO. 2012-37-CA

BELL TREE FARM, INC., a North Carolina corporation authorized to do business in Florida, for itself and as servicing agent and nominee for CITIZENS STATE BANK,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MARC CLEOPHAT, a single man, and ANDRE CLEOPHAT, a single man; et al.

Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Default Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 15, 2012, in the above referenced case in which BELL TREE FARM, INC., a North Carolina corporation authorized to do business in Florida, for itself and as servicing agent and nominee for CITIZENS STATE BANK is Plaintiff and MARC CLEOPHAT and ANDRE CLEOPHAT; unknown tenants; and other unknown parties in possession, including the unknown spouse of any person in possession of the property, and if named Defendant is deceased the surviving spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against that Defendant, and all claimants, persons or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under any of the named or described Defendants, are Defendants, I, TIM SANDERS, Clerk of the Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door of the Madison County Courthouse or such other location in the Madison County Courthouse in Madison, Florida, as I, as the Clerk of the Court may designate at the time of sale, at 11:00 o'clock A. M., on the 26 day of June, 2012, the following described property set forth in the Default Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

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Any and all bidders, parties or other interested persons shall contact the information desk of the Clerk of the Court prior to the scheduled foreclosure sale who will advise of the exact location in the Madison County Courthouse for the foreclosure sale.

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.

NOTICE PURSUANT TO THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT:

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WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said Court, this 17 day of May, 2012, at Madison, Madison County, Florida.

HONORABLE TIM SANDERS
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Rose M. Decker, Jr.
As Deputy Clerk

(COURT SEAL)

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Suwannee River Water Management District intends to sell certain lands. A description of the lands is as follows:

50 acres, more or less, in Madison County, Florida, adjacent to and lying West of the intersection of SE River Road and SE Plantation Street. Part of Property Appraiser Parcel ID #04-25-11-1592-000-000 and being a part of Section 4, Township 2 South, Range 11 East, Madison County, Florida and also part of Property Appraiser Parcel ID #33-15-11-1583-000-000 and being a part of Section 33, Township 1 South, Range 11 East, Madison County, Florida.

A complete description and map of the above described property may be obtained by contacting the Suwannee River Water Management District at the address and telephone number set out below.

The sale of the above lands shall take place not less than 30 days nor more than 45 days after the first publication of this notice.

This notice is given to comply with the publication requirements of Section 373.089, Florida Statutes.

This notice shall be published on the following dates: May 16, May 23, and May 30, 2012.

Terry E. Demott
Senior Land Resource Coordinator
Suwannee River Water Management District
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AROUND MADISON COUNTY

Third New Member Of Kiwanis Is Reason For Unusual Celebration

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Sometimes, you just have to cut loose and have fun.

That's what happens at Kiwanis every third new member, when the club celebrates in a most unusual manner – the club's officers and past officers get a pie in the face, or pay \$15 to take a pass.

However, another club member can always bid higher see it happen, then the officer must bid higher to avoid it. Part fun and part fund-raiser, the highest bidder wins.

Kiwanis Club President Lucile Day successfully bid her way out of the honor, but Vice President Jerome Wyche and Past President Willy Gamalero, wearing old shirts and plas-

tic rain ponchos to spare their clothing, ended up with faces full of whipped cream.

Joanne Vonstetina was the reason for the celebration, being the third new member to join since her husband Michael joined in February of this year and chose her to place the Kiwanis pin on his lapel.

The May 17 meeting, when Joanne was inducted as a new member, was almost a mirror image of February. She chose Michael to do the honor during her pinning ceremony.

After another three members join, it will be pie-in-the-face time again.

May is "Invite-New-Members Month."

Let the games begin.



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Michael Vonstetina places the Kiwanis pin on wife Joanne's lapel.



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Outbid by club member Cindy Veas, Jerome Wyche gets a pie in the face from her as club president Lucile Day looks on and laughs in the background.

The Other Side of Jamaica: Medical Missions In The Caribbean

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing, Inc.

You wouldn't think that a crayon would be so hard to get, but in the poorest sections of Jamaica, a child's crayon is a precious commodity. Imagine, then, what a pair of reading glasses would be, or a three-month supply of blood pressure medication.

There is another side to Jamaica, one that people don't see from the cruise ships with the all-you-can-eat buffets as they sail through the clear blue-green water just off the white sandy shores.

Shawn Hamm, Center Director for Tri-County Family Health Center, has been going on medical missions with CAMEO (Caribbean American Medical Educational Organization) to the medically underserved portions of Jamaica for six years, and will be leaving on yet another mission in July.

Every three months, a CAMEO medical team visits the population in the remote, tiny villages in Jamaica, St. Vincent and Belize, bringing free medical help, donated medical equipment and school supplies, and three months' worth of prescription medications, mostly for hypertension and diabetes. They also work very hard at educating people on how to manage their conditions during the time between visits from medical teams.

Hamm, who has a master's in public health, told the Rotary Club that he was inspired to go on his first medical mission by another CAMEO veteran, Dr. David Keen, Jr., of Tallahassee, who has been going on medical mission trips for 20 years (Keen's father, Dr. David Keen Sr., was instrumental in eradicating malaria from Jamaica.)

There is a lot of paperwork for getting everything through customs, but CAMEO's work is sanctioned by the Jamaican government, which has very few resources to devote to public health.

Additionally, although health care in Jamaica is free, there are several barriers for most of the population. Most people have no means of transportation – not even a bicycle – to get to a clinic when they are sick, and the primary means of public transportation is by taxi. There are no ambulances.

There is also a shortage of permanent physicians and other health care workers. CAMEO teams alternating with teams of physicians from Cuba are often the only medical professionals many of the people see.

Consequently, the hours are long and the work is hard for visiting clinic workers, who may see 500 patients in four days' time.

The limited resources even affect how the teams can help their patients, said Hamm, using the example of a nursing home in Port Antonio with no air conditioning and no fans in any of the rooms; but even if someone donated the fans, the government would not pay for the electricity to run them. Another group had donated a large commercial washing machine, but without sufficient water pressure to fill it up, the clinic linens and other laundry are still done the old fashioned way: down in the village in a large basin. Nevertheless, the three or four permanent nurses at the facility take care of their 70 patients as best they can, with their very limited resources.



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"Bitten by the mission bug," Shawn Hamm, Center Manager for Tri-County Health, tells the Rotary Club about the CAMEO medical missions he participates in every year.

It is the kind of work that changes someone's outlook, Hamm told the Rotary. After watching a woman's emotional reaction to being able to read her Bible for the first time in years with a pair of donated reading glasses, "the (mission) bug had bitten," he said. He has returned every year since then. He has also learned to be more patient after watching people waiting four or five hours for a chance to see a visiting doctor.

Finally, it was the mission trips with Dr. Keen that inspired him to switch from a medical career as a private physician, where he could help one person at a time, to a career in public health where he could help many all at once.

"I take care of people at Tri-County the way I would want my family to be taken care of if they were sick and needed help," said Hamm. "And I approach the mission trips the same way."

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