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Greenville Town Clerk Fired After Almost \$18,000 Missing

By Jacob Bemby
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In a special called meeting on Monday, July 23, Greenville Town Clerk Sherry Roland was terminated. The move came as the result of an audit, which showed there was \$17,800 missing from the town.

Greenville Town Councilman Michael Halley made a motion to wait until all board members and Town Attorney William Blue were present to take a vote on the matter. The motion died for lack of a second.

The vote to terminate Roland passed 2-1, with Hal-

ley voting against the motion. Board members Robin Housh and Margaret Poppell voted in favor of the motion.

This writer was told that Roland said at that the meeting that she accepts "full responsibility" for the missing money.

Former DCF Employee Arrested For Falsifying Records

On Friday, July 20, agents with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Office of Executive Investigations arrested Sheila Ann Choice, 55, of Greenville, for one count of falsifying records of an individual in the care and custody of a state agency, a third-degree felony.

According to a press release, FDLE was provided information by the Department of Children and Families' Office of Inspector General that Choice had allegedly falsified visitation documents on five different occasions, claiming she had completed in-home visits.

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Sirmans VFD Holding Political Rally And Fundraiser

By Jacob Bemby
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The Sirmans Volunteer Fire Department will hold its political rally and fundraiser on Saturday, July 28.

The event will begin at 11 a.m. at the fire station in Sirmans.

Ribs and chicken dinners will be available, as well as cakes and pies. There will be free hot dogs for the children, as well as games for the youngsters.

Don't miss your chance to go out and ask questions of the candidates running for office.

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It's Not Too Late To Contribute To Madison's Back-To-School Event

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Hosted by the Madison County Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Prevention Coalition, the "Back-to-School, Stay-in-School" event at the North Florida Community College Fitness Center is a community-wide affair. Coalition Member Jerome Wyche said that everyone, children, teenagers and adults, were welcome to come on out Saturday, July 28, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and be sure to bring a lawn chair to enjoy the free entertainment and more for the whole family.

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Still Dealing With Debby at the County Commission Meeting

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Three weeks after tropical storm Debby washed through here, Madison County Commissioners were still dealing with the after-effects, and the July 18 agenda was peppered with several items born of the June 26 event. Although Debby had lost much of the wind speed she had when she came ashore in Dixie County, she still dumped copious amounts of rain on Madison in a few short hours. That, together with the onset of "dog days," the summer afternoon thunderstorm season, have left some parts of the county (particularly to the south of I-10) knee-deep in water, and the entire county knee-deep in mosquitoes.

Storm-related items ranged from a citizen bringing up the issue of tree-fall debris on the Four Freedoms Bike Trail, a problem from before June 26 that Debby had made much worse, to 15 foot erosions

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Fire Victims In Need Of Help



Photos submitted by George Blevins of the Salvation Army

Barbara Lyons takes care of her dogs. She is pictured standing with the dogs in front of the home that was destroyed in the fire. Inset: Lewis Aman is shown bandaged. He sustained third degree burns in the fire.

By Jacob Bemby
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An Eridu couple who lost their home to a fire on Monday, July 16, is desperately in need of help.

Lewis Aman and Barbara Lyons lost their home and all their belongings as the blaze destroyed their living quarters. The couple currently lives in a store front that they are renting on Highway 19 in the Eridu community.

Aman received third degree burns in the fire and many of the couple's animals were lost.

The couple's vehicle had not been running. Aman, who was admitted to Shands in Gainesville, was released Saturday and now needs cash for his vehicle to be repaired and to have a set of good tires

placed on it so he can go back and forth to his doctor in Gainesville.

Money is also needed for prescription drugs.

Lyons also worries about how she will feed the five dogs and the two horses that she has. She said that currently it costs her a total of \$37 per week to buy food for the brood.

The Salvation Army, New Home Volunteer Fire Department and Shady Grove Baptist Church have both helped meet needs of the couple, such as clothing and food.

Anyone wishing to contribute and help this family financially may do so by contacting George Blevins, of the Salvation Army, at (850) 948-2119.

Any help is appreciated.

U.S. Flag At Half-Staff In Lake Francis

Submitted by Pat Lightcap

U.S. President Obama has ordered the national flag to be flown at half-staff from July 20 to sunset on July 25. This action is to honor the victims of the tragedy in Aurora, Colorado. In response to the President's order Florida Governor Rick Scott has asked that all U.S. and State of Florida flags be lowered to half-staff.

In the rural city of Madison, Florida this reporter was present at 10:30 AM on Monday, July 23, when city workers boated to the middle of Lake Francis on the east side of the city. They respectfully lowered the American flag to half-staff to remember all those affected by the incident in Aurora, Colorado and comply with the State and Federal directives.



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Local Weather

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VIEWPOINTS & OPINIONS



Wandering With The Publisher
Mary Ellen Greene
Columnist

Happy Birthday, Bill

Looking back at my childhood, I have to say it was one every family should have had. Our family consisted of our oldest sister, Roberta Lucile Selman, then came the twins, Wiley Alan and Mary Ellen Selman; next, 10 years later, was our sister, Susan Lee Selman (now deceased); and last, but not least, came our brother, William Buford Selman, Jr. (Bill, as

we call him).

As our years together came and went, and we grew older, we became closer and closer to one another.

Today, we still remain very close to each other; and, even though we all live in different towns, we try to keep in touch as much as possible.

This week's column is dedicated to Bill, who

had a birthday July 20. Bill was born in 1951, making him now 61 years old.

Bill lives in Gainesville, and is an official referee, who umpires many sports events in north Florida. He has even been to Madison, Jefferson and Columbia counties to referee. He has umpired at North Florida Junior College, when they had a softball program.

His daughter, Amber, is married to Don Albrecht and they have a three-year-old son named Tristan. The family resides in Firestone, Colorado.

I love you, Bill, and hope you had a wonderful birthday, and have many, many more to come.

Bye for now.....See 'ya.

Nearly two weeks ago, during a campaign event in Roanoke, Virginia, President Obama made this statement near the end of his speech: "If you've got a business - you didn't build that. Somebody else made that happen." The president has been getting a lot of heat for suggesting that entrepreneurs, the people who build businesses and hire people, are not responsible for their own success.

Of course, we all have mentors, people we look up to, particularly when we're young and impressionable, to guide us through rough spots and build the learning experience. At some point, the most successful in business, athletics, medicine and dozens of other pursuits begin to separate themselves from the crowd. They begin to chart their own course and rise far above the competition.

One of those individuals is Mitt Romney. He has a great pedigree; his father, George Romney, was a highly successful auto executive and governor. Mitt had a good start, but he's risen above that to even greater heights as a leader in business and the public sector.

He created Bain Capital and guided it through its formative years as one of the most successful venture capital firms on Wall Street. During Romney's tenure, 80 percent of the companies that Bain either provided start-up capital to or rescued from insolvency became profitable, employing tens of thousands, providing valuable products for their customers. When the 2000 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City were headed down the drain, Mitt left Bain to rescue the games and turn them into a resounding success. Then he was elected governor of Massachusetts and led the commonwealth for a four-year period with great success; not an easy task as a Republican in a Democrat-controlled state.

Obama's suggestion in Roanoke is that government, not the individual, is responsible for your success, the success of entrepreneurs, in fact, all success. Government, according to Obama, is the indispensable change agent that everyone depends upon. Government builds all the infrastructure, without which, we would be lost.

This is sophistry. Government is certainly important, but what happened to "government of the people, by the people, for the people?" All government-funded infrastructure is built by the private sector under contract. Obama claimed that the government built the Internet. Not so. The internet protocols were created by defense-related government agencies, but neither they nor Xerox understood the true commercial application of the Internet until Steve Jobs and Apple took over. Hooray for private enterprise.

National Security



Joe Boyles
Guest Columnist

"You Didn't Build That"

There is a huge dividing line in political philosophy between the two sides this November. Barack Obama is a collectivist, believing that all success comes from government central planning. Mitt Romney is an individualist, believing that success is the result of private enterprise and the entrepreneurial spirit.

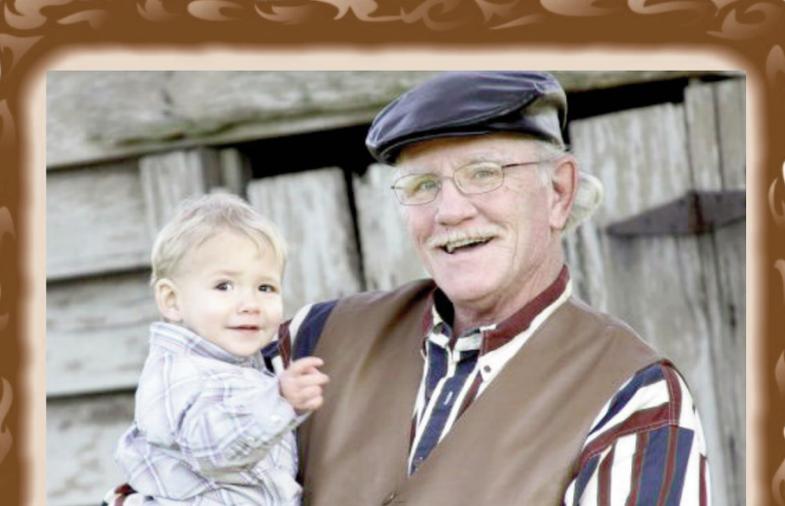
Now the historian in me comes out. I hate to say this, but it's true: Obama's theory of who is responsible for business success originated a century and a half ago by a German named Karl Marx. Marx gave no credit to capitalism, risk, property ownership, or anything like it. To Marx, every bit of value was dependent on the labor which capitalists exploited. When Obama said that entrepreneurs "didn't build that," he was borrowing a page from none other than Karl Marx, the evil genius that gave us communism.

Am I saying that Obama is a Marxist? Sounds like it, doesn't it? At the very least, he needs to be much more careful (back to the teleprompter) in his rhetoric. If you look at his background, there is nothing to suggest that Obama has any appreciation or respect for capitalism. From birth, through his upbringing, schooling, mentorship, and community organizing, he has absolutely no experience with private enterprise, business, or economics. Why should we expect him to govern any other way?

Let me close with a personal example. Seventy years ago, when he was just 22, my Father bought his first piece of farmland in Suwannee County, 365 acres for \$4000. He faithfully made mortgage payments (principle plus interest) on the loan until it was paid in full. Each year, he made property tax payments to the county. Eight years later in 1950, he put in his first pine plantation.

Since that humble start, we have acquired seven more farm tracts, organized the business as a family-owned limited liability company, continued to plant pine trees, and paid our taxes every year helping to build roads and schools in three counties. Dad died in 1991, so we transferred management to the second generation. Occasionally, we've used a government cost share program and county foresters have always proved helpful, but our family, not the government, has built this business brick-by-brick, tree-by-tree.

That's how private enterprise and the economy work. Romney understands this. Obama does not.



William Buford Selman, Jr.
and grandson Tristan

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DCF

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FDLE agents verified these alleged falsifications and secured a warrant for Choice's arrest. The alleged false visitations occurred in May and June of 2011.

"We have a zero-tolerance policy for this kind of behavior from our employees," said DCF Secretary David Wilkins. "We took this very seriously and brought these actions to the attention of FDLE so that criminal charges could be pursued. We appreciate the hard work of our partners in law enforcement who worked with us to ensure that protecting children is our priority."

Choice will be booked into the Madison County Jail.

Back-To-School

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For several weeks, the Coalition has been raising funds to purchase school supplies - everything from pencils and notebooks to backpacks - to give away to children and help get them ready for that first day of school (children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian in order to receive the free school supplies). The event itself is not only to help prepare children for school, but to encourage them to STAY in school.

The Coalition has been buying supplies all along for several weeks now as financial contributions came in, said Wyche, and it's not too late to make a contribution. Just visit the Madison Chamber of Commerce at 248 SW Range Avenue (ph. 850-973-2788), which is serving as the collection point.

"We'll keep accepting donations and buying supplies up until the very last day," said Wyche, adding that they were expecting a crowd of about 2000 people to attend.

Sirmans VFD

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The Sirmans Volunteer Fire Department is located at 112 SW Okaloo Way, just off Highway 221, six miles south of Interstate 10, turn on First Federal Road. There will be signs posted.

Debby

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Greene Publishing Inc., Photo by Lynette Norris, July 18, 2012

In addition to updating the board on recent storm damage, Madison County Road Department Director Lonnie Thigpen (standing) goes over some routine maintenance maps for several county roads. Seated, left to right: Commissioner Roy Ellis, Commissioner Wayne Vickers, Commissioner Justin Hamrick and County Attorney Tommy Reeves.

around bridge pilings, to the Madison County Mosquito Control Department trying to arrange for state help with aerial spraying to mitigate the plague of mosquitoes, to thousands of dollars worth of damage to the Madison County Public Library building.

Lonnie Thigpen, Director of the Madison County Road and Bridge Department, gave the Commission an update on the storm damage. Most of the roads were in pretty good shape, he told them, but there was a depression on Route 14 coming from Taylor County; there would have to be some drilling to figure out what the department was dealing with and whether or not the roadway would need to be closed for awhile and traffic rerouted; however, since an engineering firm had said that the damage was most likely due to the heavy rainfall preceded by a long period of drought, the department was hoping it could persuade FEMA to help with the drilling and repair cost.

Myrrh Street Bridge on the Hamilton County line had been closed for a couple of weeks after the storm had eroded soil away from one side of the pilings near the riverbank, leaving 15-foot holes. However, there was no structural damage to the bridge, which was reopened Friday the 13th. Bridge engineers and the DOT were satisfied that backfilling the holes to equalize horizontal pressure on the pilings would make the bridge safe for use again, until per-

manent repair could be made; an engineering firm was coming up with a plan for such repair.

The strangest thing about the bridge, however, was that there did not seem to be any record in existence concerning how deep the pilings are. Not even DOT has that number. In looking at cross-section plans of the bridge, Thigpen stated that the pilings look to be about 40 or 50 feet deep, but for some reason, no depth measurements are included on the plans.

FEMA will cover 75 percent of the cost for repairing the bridge; whether or not they would do the same for Route 14 was a little doubtful.

At a previous county commission meeting before the storm, library director Betty Lawrence had told the board about the worsening leaks in the Madison County Public Library's roof, and asked them to put out bids for repair. Debby demonstrated just how badly those repairs were needed. The board voted to accept the one bid they had received for the roof, and to replace the building's commercial grade carpet and padding that County Coordinator Alan Cherry described as "beyond salvaging." The material, if purchased directly from the manufacturer, would cost about \$12,000, with insurance covering all but the \$5000 deductible. Commissioners hoped that FEMA would help with the \$5000, and the county plans to use inmate labor for installation to help keep the costs down.

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AROUND MADISON COUNTY

Obituaries

Charles "Charlie" Wynn, Jr.

Charles "Charlie" Wynn Jr., age 73, passed away Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at the HPH Hospice of Brooksville.

Graveside Memorial Service will be 11 a.m. Saturday, July 28, 2012 at Oak Ridge Cemetery with Rev. Tom Slagle and Rev. Leary Willis officiating.

He was born June 2, 1939 in Madison, Florida to Charles and Kathleen Burnette Wynn Sr.

Survivors include one son: Charles T. Wynn III (Qingxia Lynn); sister: Gloria Kunz, beloved friend and companion Jan Ledsome; Siblings: Clint, Cindy and Charla of Georgia.

Donations may be made to Gulf to Lake Baptist Church, Crystal River, Florida, "Celebrate Recovery" which was Charlie's passionate service to his Lord Jesus Christ.

Dorothy Lee Lennard

Dorothy Lee Lennard, age 78, died Thursday, July 19, 2012 in Tallahassee.

Celebration of Life Service will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 26, 2012 at Landmark Baptist Church, Madison, FL.

Mrs. Lennard was born in Jefferson County and had lived in Riverview for 50 years.

She is survived by two sons: Wayne Hamrick and Carl Hamrick (Edna), both of Greenville, FL; two daughters: Brenda Williams (Carl) and Marie Buhr (Brian); one brother: Thurman Hobbs of Lakeland; one sister; eight step-children; 26 grandchildren and 42 great grandchildren.

Beggs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. 850-973-2258.

MCHS FCCLA Attends National Conference

Members of the Madison County High School FCCLA Chapter attended the National Conference in Orlando, Florida, July 8-12. The purpose for attending the conference was to represent chapter in competitive and educational events on the national level while learning about the project plans for the upcoming year on the national level.

Amelia Blanton and Courtney Strickland were selected to be Florida's representative in the competitive event Life Event Planning. In this competition, students select an event that would take place in their life and plan out all of the details in order to make the event a success. They have to use the FCCLA Planning Process to identify the steps involved in planning for the event. They also have make a budget do comparison shopping, identify resource, and justify the choices that they made. This is demonstrated to a panel of judges in a 10-minute presentation with the



aid of a portfolio.

Jessica Mullinax was selected from a national search to share with members of the chapter's project Sew Much More, which won gold medal honors at this year's state conference. Sew Much More is a project that focuses on using sewing skills to support a local charity. This year the group supported the Refuge House by making 100 toiletry bags and 20-plus no-sew pillows for the women and children who are guests at various shelters throughout the area.

Keeley Smith, Florida's Vice President of

Alumni and Associates, was a part of the welcoming committee to the over 7000 students and advisors from across the United States, Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. As a state officer in the host state, her duties included introducing convention speakers, working the registration and hostess table, participating in the state meetings, and keeping the Florida delegation pumped up throughout the convention.

The chapter would like to thank the following businesses for their support: Madison County Memorial Hospital,

Madison County Community Bank, Bart Alford, Daisies and Doodlebugs, Becky's Dance Steps Studio, Vann Insurance, Madison Cleaners, Madison Health and Rehabilitation, Tim Sanders, Gordon Tractor, Hair Station, Shelby's Restaurant, Capital City Bank, Hall's Tire and Muffler, Madison County Sporting Goods, Pine Tree Quilters, Madison Florist, Ashlyn's Florist, Jimbob Printing, Johnson and Johnson, Browning and Sons, North Florida Pharmacy and Madison Veterinary Clinic.



The family of the late Mother Mamie Lou Haynes Akins would like to express our appreciation for the many prayers, visits and acts of serenity by our friends, neighbors and church family in our time of need.

Geraldine, Elbert, Rodger and Priscilla

COMMUNITY

CALENDAR

July 28
Madison County "BACK TO SCHOOL" EXPLOSION, SPONSORED BY THE MADISON COUNTY ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG PREVENTION COALITION Where: NFCC Gym - Don't forget to bring your lawn chair! Join us for a Back to School/Stay in School community event to help our children prepare to go back to school. FREE school supplies, entertainment and more. A parent or guardian must be present with child (children) to receive supplies. For more information, please contact

Jerome Wyche, 850-464-0196; Bruce Smith, 850-510-7512; or Rev. Nargue Evans, 850-973-4243.

July 28
The Sirmans Volunteer Fire Department will hold a political rally on Saturday, July 28, beginning at 11 a.m.

August 4
Lee Worship Center will host a potluck supper and open mic gospel singing on Saturday, Aug. 4. The supper will begin at 6 p.m. and the sing will begin at 7 p.m. Anyone is welcomed to sing or to play an instrument. Allen McCormick will

be recognized. He will be turning 70 on Aug. 24.

North Carolina, will be the special guests.

August 4
Midway Church of God will host a peanut boil and open-air gospel singing on Saturday, Aug. 4. The Gaddis Family, from

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AROUND MADISON COUNTY

Dealing With Debby:

The Madison County Public Library

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The distinctive smell of damp and mildew is apparent, although not yet overwhelming, as soon as you walk in the front door of the Madison County Public Library.

Most people get used to it and don't notice it much after a while, but library employees told of a library patron on a respirator who was unable to stay in the building longer than five minutes.

In one corner, a bucket sits on the top shelf above several rows of books. There is visible mold and mildew around the windows near the ceiling. Near the front of the main room, a dehumidifier designed for a small house runs constantly, and is emptied of about four gallons of water a day, which can't be very good for the electronics in the building, employees agreed. It was also causing some parents a little concern, and patrons with breathing problems and other health issues were having a hard time of it as well.

The 23-year-old flat-roofed building has had problems with a leaking roof for quite some time, but the staff had managed

with buckets under the drips and patches over the leaks. However, it seemed that the water kept finding other places to get in; as soon as one leak was patched, another one sprang up somewhere else.

Betty Lawrence, Director of the Suwannee River Regional Library Services, the region that includes Madison County, had appeared before the County Commission on June 6 to request that the county seek bids for repairing or replacing the roof. It was getting to the point, she said, where she was afraid the library would start losing assets if something were not done. The Commission voted to seek bids.

Then along came Tropical Storm Debby on June 26...which didn't help matters any, to say the least. When staff returned to work two days later, they found the Conference Room/Youth Services Room flooded with so much water it looked like a swimming pool. Worse, eight large acoustical ceiling tiles had collapsed into the wet, sopping mess.

The colorfully decorated room had been where the children gathered each week



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Lynette Norris, July 20, 2012.

Decorations from the DREAM BIG Summer Reading Program, cheerful yellow paper stars and inflatable toy astronauts dangle from the ceiling in the Youth Services/Conference Room, surrounding the gaping hole left when soaking wet ceiling tiles collapsed onto the floor below

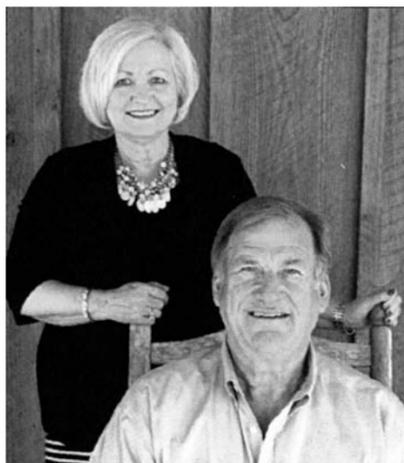
for their Summer Reading Program. The mess has been cleaned up and the water pumped out, but the room is now closed to public use. The Summer Reading Programs continue to meet, but

they have been moved out into the main part of the library. The programs include: Dream Big Read Event, Tuesdays 10:30a.m. - 11:30a.m.; Own the Night! Teens, Tuesdays 2p.m. - 3 p.m.; Dream Big Read Preschool Storytime, Thursdays 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.; and Movies @ the Library, Thursdays 3p.m. - 4:30p.m. They will continue until their scheduled ending date, through the first week of August. On Tuesday, July 31, at 10:30a.m., Dr. Jay Whitesell plans to visit the library with his barred owl Lucky.

However, the other non-profit organizations that used that room for meetings (the Madison Trail Riders, the Sons of the Confederacy, the Republican and Democratic Parties of Madison, Healthy Start, and various church groups, to name a few) are out of luck as far as meeting space goes.

The County Commissioners voted at their July 18 meeting to go ahead with the necessary repairs, to the roof, the ceiling and the ruined carpet, but it is not known how quickly the repairs will proceed or whether or not FEMA might help with expenses not covered by insurance.

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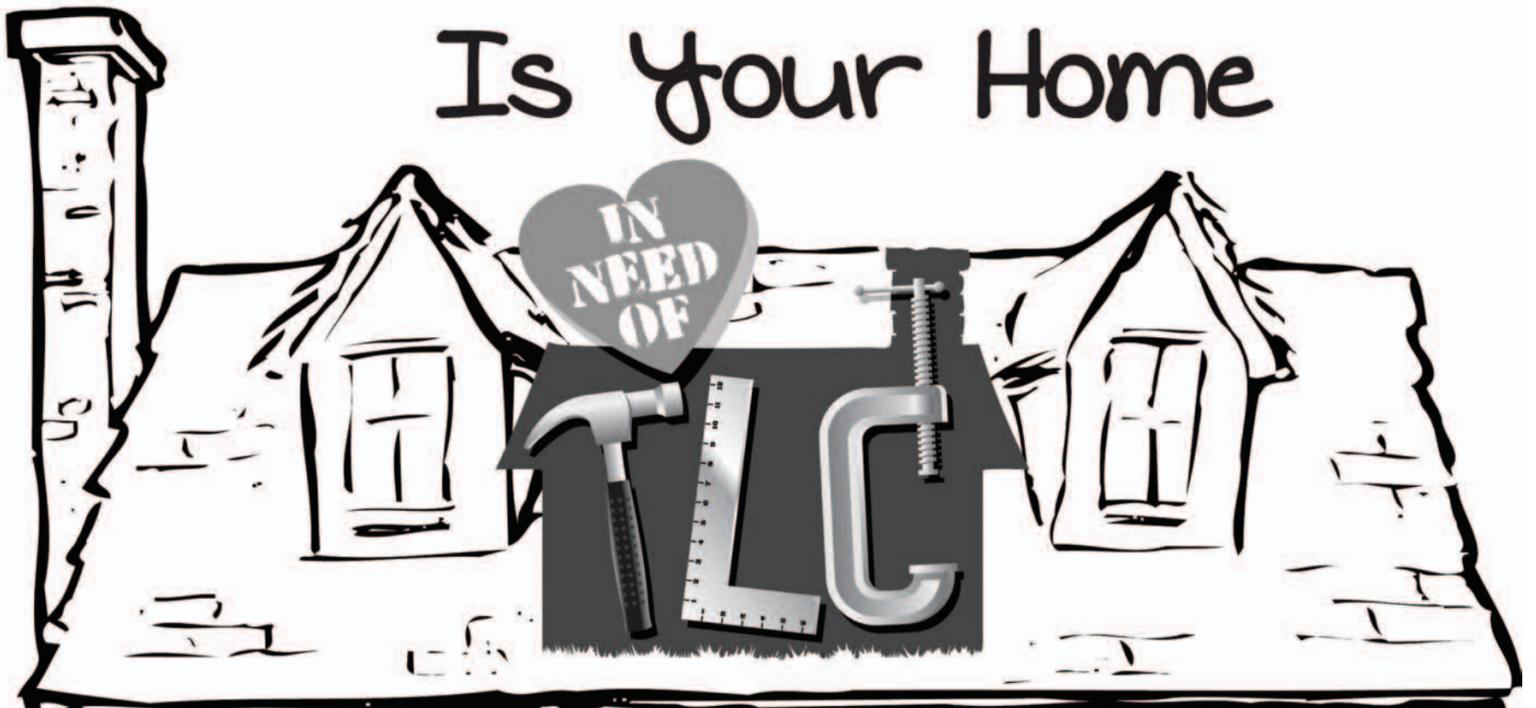
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Inaugural Fundraising Ball Slated



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Tamika Brown (center) is seen with two of the Miss 20th of May Contestants.

The Madison County Recreation Association is making plans for the first Annual Fundraising Ball to benefit the 20th of May Pageant Scholarship Fund. The proceeds from the ball and silent auction will allow the Pageant Committee to raise the scholarship prize. College tuition is constantly on the rise and the Pageant Committee wants to be able to support the young ladies that compete and win the title of Miss 20th of May with a scholarship for the winner up to \$2500 and subsequently a smaller but feasible scholarship for the 1st Runner up. Currently the scholarship for the Queen is \$500.00. The events of the 20th of May Jubilee Celebration is a historical milestone in the African American community but marks the auspice of change for the entire community.

The Fundraising Ball is scheduled for October 20, 2012, 7 p.m. at Divine Events. It will be a formal, black tie, invitation only event. The Pageant relies largely on sponsors, who lend their names and financial support to the Madison County Recreation Association during the annual 20th of May Jubilee Celebration. For those that would like to make a donation to this endeavor may do so at any time during the year. We are also asking for donations for the silent auction. Point of contact for this event is Tami Brown-Wilson, Pageant Chairperson at (850)673-6702. If you have questions or would like to lend your time on the committee please call. Make checks payable to the MCRA-20th of May Pageant Scholarship Fund. We're counting on public and private sector support. Thank you in advance for your willingness to support the efforts of Madison County Recreation Association and making a difference in our community.

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The Return Of "CRACKER SEZ" by Jim Dietrich

Some of you may remember the CRACKER SEZ stories that appeared weekly in the *Enterprise Recorder* during the late 90's. For those of you who haven't read Cracker, the stories are in the form of a personal letter written with the accent of a southern Cracker. The character, Cracker, tells humorous tales which often contain wisdom that doesn't necessarily depend on intellect. It's my desire to make you laugh, possibly shed a tear of joy, and think about the "good" things in life, like family, friends and being neighborly.

It's been 13 years since I last wrote "CRACKER SEZ". I had three children to finish raising, so in 1999 I decided to put CRACKER on hold and invest as much time as I could being a father. All three are out on their own now so the time is right to resume CRACKER SEZ.

I had written over 120 stories back then. I have many more to tell.

With a name like Dietrich, some have wondered how I could call myself a cracker. I'm only half cracker but it's a big half. My mother's ancestry is Scotch, Irish. Southern crackers are descendants of the Celts who originated in Scotland, Ireland and Whales.

I would like to share my first new story with you but first, as a tribute to my friend Tommy Greene, I have a story that I did not write. I gave this story to Tommy years ago in hopes that he would run it in the paper. Out of modesty, he didn't run it but filed it away. Now that Tommy has passed on, I think it is appropriate to publish this tale by Mr. Bert Oatman of Jacksonville, FL.



bus was flat, of which I was unaware as we were being totally sported by the outside tire. Traveling at highway speed the other tire would have soon disintegrated leaving us with two flat tires and only one spare.

The man's name was Tommy Greene and he offered to help us get the tire changed. Almost immediately, a state trooper pulled up [Tommy knew him by his first name and apparently called him even before we stopped]. The trooper escorted us as we slowly drove to the next exit, avoiding unsafe travel on a high speed highway. There Tommy Greene was on his cell phone talking to a woman who ran a truck-tire shop. Overhearing his conversation, apparently this was the tire mechanic's day off and he wasn't there, but Tommy insisted she get him from home to the shop as this church bus needed help.

I was somewhat reluctant to follow this uniquely dressed stranger to a remote location- I feared some kind of rip-off - but we didn't have much choice. A few miles down a rural road following Tommy Greene, we came a small town named Greenville, where there was a ramshackle truck shop with old tires, vehicles and auto parts all around. I thought this is where we would find Tommy's true purpose in being so helpful, when we had to deal with his

friends who operated the repair facility.

We could not find the tools on the bus that are required to access the spare tire, so the mechanic had to improvise and struggle to get the spare out, elevate the bus, remove the outer tire and inner flat tire, and reassemble the whole thing with the spare. When Judy Hiden went into the small office to settle the bill, she noticed christian posters and other symbols on the walls. The total bill presented by the woman for that service and strenuous work was \$15. Tommy Greene would accept nothing but our thanks and soon disappeared. We were on our way in just a short while and arrived here in time for dinner.

Some may ask, what's the point in this true story? Well, I think the tire was damaged and was going flat wherever we may have been. The second tire would have also blown at highway speeds causing a dangerous situation. If we had followed our original route, we may well have been stranded in the middle of a cotton field with no help readily available. We would never have known about the helpful trooper, Tommy Greene, the woman and mechanic who run an honest repair shop, or Greenville, and would not have made it home on time. I am tempted to go back to see if Greenville really exists and if anyone there knows of a Tommy Greene, but that would take the mystery out of the episode.

In the Advent season, with the help of an angel in green, I'd rather think this is a practical application of Emmanuel [God with us] in the form of all the above.

AN ANGEL IN GREEN by Bert Oatman

In early December, the Young At Hearts took a trip in the church bus to Callaway Gardens [near Columbus, Ga.] to view the Christmas lights and other seasonal sights. We left there early Wednesday morning on the 7- hour return trip in order to participate in Lake-wood's Wednesday night dinner and planned Christian activities. Roy Bowen drove the first half until lunch, and I the rest of the way. Our planned rout was US 82 easterly across Georgia from Albany to Tifton, a rather desolate stretch where you may see another vehicle every five miles or so, and then it probably would be a tractor or some other farm equipment.

Somewhere in Albany, we must have missed a turn because at lunch we found ourselves way south of Albany on US 19. But there was no real harm done as we could continue south to I-10, and then across north Florida and still be in time for dinner.

As I was driving the bus at highway speed along I-10 near Madison, a green pick-up truck came alongside with the driver motioning me to pull over, which I did. The driver of the truck was already on his cell phone when I met him on the side of the highway. He was a rather small man dressed entirely in green, even green shoes, and reminded me of a Christmas elf. He had seen the inside tire of the rear dual wheels on the right side of the

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American Legion Sends Two Delegates To Boys State



By Debbie Snapp
Special to Greene Publishing, Inc.
 American Legion Otto Walker Post 49 has sent two local delegates to Boys State. Samuel Hanks and Joshua Wood will be joining with 500+ other participating delegates.
 Boys State began in Tallahassee on Sunday, July 8 and will continue through Friday evening, July 13.

Before leaving for a grueling but exciting week of sessions at the Capitol the delegates attended an orientation with their mothers and American Legion members, including Boys State Chairman Buddy Westbrook.
 Samuel Hanks is a senior at Florida Virtual School in Madison and Joshua Wood is a senior at Aucilla Christian Academy.

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By Kristin Finney
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Retiring Circuit Judge E. Vernon Douglas Speaks to Rotary Club

By Lynette Norris
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He was first elected to the bench as a county judge at age 29, and has served as a judge for the last 36 years. Since 1989, he has served as one of seven circuit judges in the Third Judicial Circuit, covering seven counties. He has twice served as the Chief Judge of the Third Circuit, from 1992 – 1995 and again from 2007 – 2009. As an alumnus of the University of Florida (with his J.D. from Stetson) he once good-naturedly ribbed a defendant brought before him wearing a red University of Georgia jersey, and subsequently made a lasting impression on a young court clerk named Tim Sanders. He also presided over the first court appearance and several other preliminary appearances of Ted Bundy.

Madison County Court Clerk Tim Sanders introduced Judge E. Vernon Douglas of Lake City to the Madison Rotary Club, with a few short anecdotes and facts from his long career on the bench.

Judge E. Vernon Douglas has presided over capital murder cases in every county in the circuit, founded and produced 20 Florida air shows, served as a Green Beret, reshaped the way child custody cases are handled in Florida, and is currently the Rotary Citizen of the Year for Lake City. Also, he isn't afraid to occasionally use humor from the bench.

Coming up on his retirement at the end of this year (Dec. 31 to be exact), Judge Douglas reflected on his judicial career as he spoke about some of the things he had learned as a judge, looking at it from the perspective of did you make a difference and did it matter? Seeing himself as a link in the chain that is the American justice system, he has always tried to be at least as strong as all the other links, never wanting to be known as the weak link. "Being a judge is a chilling and awesome responsibility, and I take it very seriously," he said.

Also, the American court system affects every single American citizen, regardless of whether or not they ever set foot in a courtroom. They have roads to travel on and utility lines feeding their homes and places of business because they have agreed to give the courts the power of eminent domain. They have buildings like the Rotary Club meeting place because people have agreed to give the courts the power to enforce things like building contracts.

While the American system of justice is the most complex in the world, he told the audience, it is also the best in the world, for two important reasons.

First, because it allows communities to elect judges who reflect their own values, and the character and integrity of those who are chosen means that people respect the courts and the court systems, even though they may disagree with some of the decisions.

Second, because in the American system, every judge's decision is made in the open, in writing, and it is subject to review. There are no secret trials held in remote locations, no secret deals made behind closed doors. There is the right of appeal. There is a body of law that every judge must follow in rendering decisions, and if he goes too far afield from that body of law, his decisions are subject to possible reversal.

Having been a judge for over three and half decades, he has seen a lot, especially in such a large geographical circuit that stretches from Columbia County to the Gulf of Mexico and from the Georgia line to the southernmost tip of Dixie County. He has traveled the length and breadth of it to hear capital murder cases in all seven counties that comprise the Third Judicial Circuit.

"Now I know what those old preachers meant when they talked about 'riding the circuit,'" he said.

During his tenure on the circuit bench, he began focusing on family law because he had always found child custody cases so frustrating.

Criminal law cases and civil law cases are by their nature adversarial, he told the audience, and that is as they should be; that is how the truth is eventually ferreted out. However, plugging families into that same system just does not work. Lawyers trained in an adversarial system were locking horns and looking out for the best interests of their respective clients, at the expense of the best interest of the family.

It was Douglas's belief that wise parents would know what was best for their families, and he had observed that parties in conflict who reached their own solution would own that solution and live with it more willingly than with a solution imposed from the outside. His father had also taught him at an early age that, "Reasonable people will reach reasonable solutions."

With that in mind, he began seriously talking to families about communicating with each other, reaching an agreement and writing a plan on their own that they could both live with.

Otherwise, he told them, "I will write a plan for you, and you will live with it until your child is 18. I will run your life during that time, after having known you for three hours."

It was a beginning that would eventually rewrite the rules on the way families are treated in the court system. Mediation is now required in all such cases, and if one of the parties continues to be unreasonable, there are now supervised visitation centers in each of the seven circuits where family interactions are observed by professional psychologists to determine which family member is the unreasonable one.

The many individual cases he has heard during his long career have run the gamut from family law to capital murder. "It's impossible to summarize 36 years on the bench," he said, but there are some cases that stand out – in particular, the cool, detached intellect of a man named Ted Bundy.

Judge Douglas presided over the first Florida court appearance and several other preliminary appearances of the notorious serial killer shortly after his arrest in connection with the kidnapping and murder of 12-year-old Kimberly Diane Leach of Lake City. In relating the story, Douglas described the chilling manner

in which Bundy viewed the court hearings: as a chess match between himself and the justice system.

"My first question to him was 'are you Theodore Robert Bundy?'" said Douglas. Bundy immediately understood the import of the question and almost didn't answer. He wanted the recognition and the notoriety of the name that had been all over the news reports in connection with the shocking murder, "But he wanted you to prove it," said Douglas.

However, despite the near-genius intellect, chess master Ted Bundy would, in this case, be checkmated by something as mundane as a cigarette butt.

In the days before DNA-matching technology existed, the prosecution needed something to tie Bundy to the Lake City murder. It was Bundy's peculiar pattern of bite marks on one of his murder victims in Tallahassee that tied him to the Chi Omega sorority murders, and in a similar fashion, it was the peculiar bite mark pattern found on Benson and Hedges Light Menthol cigarette butts in the stolen van he used to kidnap and murder his young Lake City victim that would trip him up. Bundy had a strange habit of biting his cigarette butts when he finished with them, and the bite marks matched.

After his arrest, Bundy was asked what kind of cigarettes he wanted.

"He requested Benson and Hedges," said Douglas. "Light. Menthol."

It was one of the more memorable cases, and quite possibly one of the most heartbreaking, as Douglas concluded the story of the 12-year-old cheerleader taken from her school on a Friday afternoon, by a man in a stolen FSU van, who called out to her and told her something terrible had happened to her parents, and he needed to take her to them right away. She went with him willingly, said Douglas, "Because she respected authority."

Not all the cases were so dark and grim, however. Occasionally, there was that routine case with an unusual twist that rendered it just a bit out of the ordinary. In one such case, a defendant refused to enter a plea. Rather than allow the man and his lawyer to further waste the court's time and that of twelve jurors as well, Douglas told the defendant, who claimed to be a talented singer and musician, that if he could sing "Amazing Grace" well enough to impress everybody in that courtroom, he would get six months off his sentence. The man accepted the deal and broke into a rendition of "Amazing Grace" that not only impressed



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(Left to right) Third Judicial Circuit Judge E. Vernon Douglas, is greeted by Wayne Conger, President-Elect of the Madison Rotary Club. Judge Douglas was the guest speaker at the Rotary's July 18 meeting.

everyone in the courtroom, it got a standing ovation. Douglas struck six months off the sentence the man would have normally received and the case was closed.

Perhaps the quirkiest case he ever heard was that of The Man Who Would Be God – or at least, wanted to legally change his name to "God."

In trying to dissuade the man from such a choice, Douglas explained to him that people would simply find such a moniker too confusing.

Suppose you needed to call 911 with an emergency, he asked the man. When they ask your name and you tell them you're God, they'll ask 'well, why can't you just fix it?'

The man agreed to think up a more suitable name. A few moments later, he returned with his new request: "I Am Who I Am."

Douglas decided to grant his request. The man was now to be legally known as: "I Am Who I Am." Another case closed.

However, there was no escaping the Fox News Lady. She had been dogging that story and demanded to know why Douglas had allowed the man to change his name to "I Am Who I Am."

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2003 Mustang
 131,000 miles. Great condition, no rips or stains on interior. Regularly serviced, runs great. \$5,000 obo. Call 706-232-4673.

Sago Palms For Sale
 Call (850)-464-2239.

Blue Willow China Pieces still in shipping boxes. Butter dish, sugar and creamer dish, cereal bowl and cups. \$20.00 per box. Call (850)-464-2022.

Children's Dresses...

Size 3 - white long dress, worn as flower girl dress, sequin/beadwork all on bodice, sequin/beadwork/appliques on bottom, built-in crinoline. - \$50

Size 4 - off white dress, worn as flower girl dress, lace work around bodice, pretty lace work at bottom, cap sleeves - \$25

Size 7-8 - off white dress, worn as a flower girl dress, overlay of lace over entire dress, probably knee to calf length - \$25

Size 8 - white, long dress, lace around neck with decorative bodice - \$25

Size 16 - white long pageant gown, cap sleeves, white sequin work across entire bodice and sleeves, buttons around neck with circular cut-out on back, beautiful gown - \$100

Teen dresses.....

Size 14 (child's size 14 but dress is for a teen division approximately 13-15) - GORGEOUS lime green dress, strapless but with spaghetti straps that criss cross across the back, sequins spotted across the entire gown, built-in crinoline - absolutely gorgeous. - \$300 (paid over \$50 for it) Call 850-973-3497 and leave message.

HOUSES FOR SALE

2 bedroom, 2 bath frame house on 3/4 acre lot with 2 out. Building for sale by owner. Down town Lee, FL. 386-719-0421. City water. Tax parcel I.D. # is 03-15-10-1057-000-000. \$59,000 price firm.

2 bedroom, 1 bath frame house fully furnished located at the mouth of the Suwannee, where the land, sea and sky meet. Yard has fruit trees and is fenced. Tax parcel I.D. # is 191312-3285000K-0030. Has city water, sewer and cable available. 386-719-0421. \$68,000.

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LAND FOR SALE OWNER FINANCING ALL LAND IS HIGH AND DRY Madison / Lee
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 • Hwy 90 East 3.8ac \$19,995 wooded \$2000 down 200/mo
 • Hwy 90 East 10ac \$39,995 wooded \$3000 down 385/mo
 • Cactus Rd. 8.5ac \$44,995 wooded and fields \$3000 down 425/mo
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 • Oak Hills Rd 5ac \$27,995 \$2000 down 250/mo
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 Larger Farms and Commercial
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FOR RENT

2 BD Trailer For Rent
 869-0916.

1 BD 1 BA on lake.
 1 year lease. No pets. \$350 rent/\$400 deposit. (850)-929-4333.

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Mystic Lake Front 2 BD 2 BA spilt plan. Lots of extras. \$700/month. 1 year lease. \$700 damage/clean up deposit. (850)-464-7052.

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 Adults only. Quiet Country Setting. Modern Kitchen, 1 Large Bedroom, and Family Room. Heating & A/C. **Ideal for Retired Persons.** Non-smokers. Call 850-973-8548.

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 Across the street from the Courthouse, on Shelby Street. (between Owens Propane and Burnette Plumbing)
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 Equal Housing Opportunity

To Place Your Classified
 Call 973-4141

FOR RENT

Apartment for Rent in Lee 2 BD with attached garage. Private and quiet. (850)-971-5587.

House for Rent
 3 BD 1 BA. Total electric. Appliances included. 221 SW Arnold Street in Madison (next to the rec center.) For more information call (850)-973-3917.

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 Equal Housing Opportunity

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Farm equipment mechanic.
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Therapist
 JoAnn Bridges Academy in Greenville, FL is looking for a Mental Health Therapist. The Therapist will provide individual, family, and group psychotherapy and develop specific treatment goals for the youth. This person must be able to document appropriate clinical information in the medical record in a timely manner. Excellent interpersonal and communication skills. Applicants must have graduated from any accredited college or university with a master's degree in social work, counseling and guidance, psychology or human services as well as a successful background check. Experience working with clients in a facility setting and substance abuse problems is preferable. Please fax resume to the attention of Ms. Mobley, Facility Administrator at (850)-948-4227 or call (850)-948-4220 for more information.

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LEGALS

WOODLAND III, LTD., a Florida limited partnership, Plaintiff,
 vs.
RICKY H. MAKHANLALL and BHAGVATEE MAKHANLALL, Defendants.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 * **CIVIL ACTION**
 * CASE NUMBER: 2011-385-CA
 * DIVISION:

NOTICE OF SALE
 NOTICE is hereby given that, pursuant to an Order or a Final Judgment of Foreclosure in the above-captioned action, I, Tim Sanders, Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, at the west front door of the Madison County Courthouse, 125 SW Range Ave., Madison, Florida at 11:00 a.m. on the 21st day of August, AD, 2012, the following described property:

PARCEL 20, WESTWOOD FOREST
 A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN SECTIONS 11 AND 14, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH; RANGE 10 EAST, MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 14, AND RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 27 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 1,200.50 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 39 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 868.73 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 56 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 110.83 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 1,365.27 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING; RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 1,311.79 FEET TO THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY OF TRACT B; THENCE RUN THE FOLLOWING COURSES ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY, NORTH 85 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 467.56 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 53 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 848.53 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY, RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 1,332.51 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 24 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 1,314.62 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING A NET ACREAGE OF 40.30 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

AND
 THE SOUTH 12.0 FEET OF THE EAST 3104.57 FEET OF TRACT B, DESCRIBED WITH MORE PARTICULARITY AS FOLLOWS:
 TRACT B, WESTWOOD FOREST

A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN SECTIONS 11, 12, AND 14, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH; RANGE 10 EAST, MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 11, AND RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 08 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 795.81 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 885.29 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 777.04 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING; RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 57 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 102.76 FEET; THENCE NORTH 86 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 17 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 268.11 FEET; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 457.03 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 42 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 259.48 FEET; THENCE NORTH 85 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 02 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 243.41 FEET; THENCE NORTH 85 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 501.74 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 53 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 1,141.40 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 03 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 761.94 FEET; THENCE NORTH 86 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 42 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 721.75 FEET TO THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY OF COUNTY ROAD NO. 255, SAID POINT BEING THE POINT OF CURVE OF A NON TANGENT CURVE TO THE RIGHT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 11,409.16 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 20 SECONDS; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG THE ARC, AND SAID RIGHT OF WAY A DISTANCE OF 60.84 FEET, FOR A CHORD OF SOUTH 13 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 44 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 60.84 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY, RUN SOUTH 86 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 42 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 734.23 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 03 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 764.23 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 1,138.55 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 85 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 12 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 499.24 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 85 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 02 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 245.79 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 42 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 260.21 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 26 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 455.33 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 86 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 17 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 269.42 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 57 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 104.67 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 60.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING A NET ACREAGE OF 6.15 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

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.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 17 day of August, 2012.

Tim Sanders
 Clerk of the Circuit Court

BY: /s/ Ramona Dickinson
 As Deputy Clerk

(COURT SEAL)

H. EDWARD GARVIN
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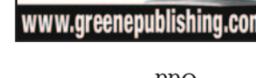
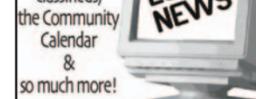
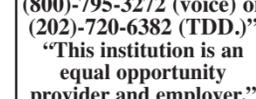
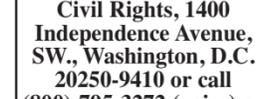
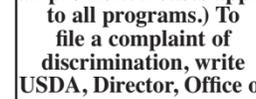
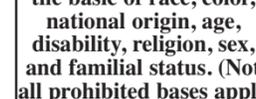
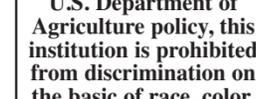
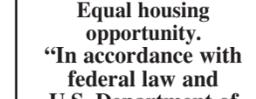
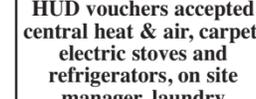
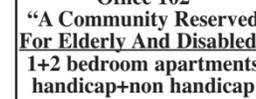
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Legals

Notice of Sale Pursuant to Chapter 83, Part IV

Under the Authority of the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Section 83.805 the described below has been seized for nonpayment of rent and other accrued expenses. The property consists primarily of household & personal goods in units rented by: **Terri Butler-Victoria Solomon, Chris Neal, Douglas Vanduwe, Christina Knowles and Tameka Dean**. The property will be sold at auction to the highest bidder as provided by the Self-Storage Facility Act, Section 83.806. The sale will be held Saturday August 4, 2012 at the Madison Mini Storage, 1098 E. U.S. Hwy 90, in Madison, Florida. For further information call 850-973-2008.

7/20, 7/25

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

OLD BLUE SPRINGS, LLC, a Florida limited liability company,
Plaintiff,

CASE NO.: 12-104-CA

v. WARREN A. LEADER,

Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that, pursuant to Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated July 6, 2012, entered in the above styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Madison County Courthouse in Madison, Madison County, Florida, at 11:00 A.M. on August 7, 2012, the following described property:

Lot 29, Block A, of RIVER HIGHLANDS SUBDIVISION, a subdivision according to plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, pages 23-25, public records of Madison County, Florida.

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 filed herein must file a claim with this court within sixty (60) days after the date of the sale.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Notice and affixed the seal of this Court this 11 day of July, 2012.

TIM SANDERS
Clerk of Court

By: *Ramona Dickinson*
Deputy Clerk

7/18, 7/25

TOWN OF GREENVILLE FAIR HOUSING INFORMATIONAL MEETING NOTICE

In conjunction with a proposed FFY 2012 CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization application, the Town of Greenville is conducting an informational meeting on Fair Housing, including review of the existing Town of Greenville Fair Housing Ordinance. The educational presentation is designed for Elected Officials and the General Public to acquaint them with the Town's Fair Housing requirements.

The meeting is scheduled for **Monday, July 30, 2012, at 9:00 A.M., or as soon as possible thereafter, at Town Hall, 154 SW Old Mission Avenue, Greenville, Florida.** To obtain additional information, please contact Ms. Sherry Roland, Town Clerk, at 850/948-2251.

The meeting is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER/HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE/FAIR HOUSING

7/25

NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LEE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that an ordinance, which title hereinafter appears will be considered for enactment by the Town Council of the Town of Lee, Florida at a public hearing on August 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at Lee City Hall, 286 NE County Road 255, Lee, Florida. Copies of said ordinance may be inspected by any member of the public at the office of the Town Manager, Lee City Hall, 286 NE County Road 255, Lee, Florida during regular business hours. On the date, time and place first above mentioned, all interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2012-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF LEE, MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA, CREATING A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT WITH CRITERIA TO REGULATE SPECIAL EVENTS OCCURRING WITHIN THE TOWN; PROVIDING FOR RATIFICATION; PURPOSE AND INTENT; PERMIT REQUIRED; DEFINITIONS; APPLICATION AND FEE; MINIMUM CRITERIA PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT; SPECIAL EVENT VENDOR; DURATION OF SPECIAL EVENT AND LOCATION; HOURS OF OPERATION; INDEMNIFICATION; SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT; APPEAL; ENFORCEMENT, VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES; SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY; SEVERABILITY; CONFLICT; INCORPORATION IN CODE AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

The public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notice concerning the matter be published.

All persons are advised that, if they decided to appeal any decision made at the public hearing, they will need a record to be proceedings and, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

7/25

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

OLD BLUE SPRINGS, LLC, a Florida limited liability company,
Plaintiff,

CASE NO.: 12-106-CA

v.

VERONICA A. PATTEN,

Defendant.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Notice and affixed the seal of this Court this 11 day of July, 2012.

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ORDINANCE NUMBER 2012-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF LEE, MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA, IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM FOR 365 DAYS, TEMPORARILY PROHIBITING BUSINESSES WHICH DERIVE ANY FUNDS, REMUNERATION OR BENEFIT OF ANY KIND FROM ANY SIMULATED GAMBLING DEVICE INCLUDING SLOT MACHINE-LIKE SPINNING REELS, VIDEO DISPLAYS OR OTHER SIMILAR TECHNOLOGY TO DISPLAY THE RESULTS OF A RAFFLE, SWEEPSTAKES, CONTEST OR OTHER PROMOTIONS; TEMPORARILY PROHIBITING THE USE OF ANY SIMULATED GAMBLING DEVICE INCLUDING SLOT MACHINE-LIKE SPINNING REELS, VIDEO DISPLAYS OR OTHER SIMILAR TECHNOLOGY TO DISPLAY THE RESULTS OF A RAFFLE, SWEEPSTAKES, CONTEST OR OTHER PROMOTIONS; MAKING FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; ESTABLISHING EXEMPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA, CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 402010CA060607XXXXXX
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS C/WALT, INC. ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2005-55CB MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-55CB,
Plaintiff,
vs.
RICHARD METACARPA, JR. A/K/A RICHARD METACARPA; et al.,
Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated August 24, 2010 and an Order Resetting Sale dated July 11, 2012, and entered in Case No. 402010CA060607XXXXXX of the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit in and for Madison County, Florida, wherein THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-55CB is Plaintiff and RICHARD METACARPA, JR. A/K/A RICHARD METACARPA; LORRAINE METACARPA A/K/A L. LORRAINE METACARPA; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2, and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at on the West Side of the Madison County Courthouse, 427 SW 1st Street, Madison, FL 32304 at Madison County, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 7th day of August, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:

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NOTICE OF SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION FOR FFY 2012 FIRST PUBLIC HEARING

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- To benefit low and moderate income persons; or
- To aid in the prevention or elimination of slums/blight; or
- To meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

The categories of activities for which these funds may be used are in the areas of housing rehabilitation, neighborhood revitalization, commercial revitalization, and economic development. Eligible improvement activities include construction of infrastructure, acquisition of real property, loans to private-for-profit businesses, rehabilitation of houses and commercial buildings, and energy conservation. Additional information regarding the range of activities that may be undertaken will be provided at the public hearing.

For each activity that is proposed, at least 70% of the funds must benefit low and moderate income persons.

In developing an application for submission to DEO, the local government must plan to minimize displacement of persons as a result of planned CDBG activities. In addition, the local government is required to develop a plan to assist displaced persons.

The public hearing to receive citizen views concerning the community's housing and community development needs will be held on **Monday, July 30, 2012, at 9:00 A.M., or as soon as possible thereafter, in the Greenville Town Hall, 154 SW Old Mission Avenue, Greenville, Florida.** To obtain additional information contact Ms. Sherry Roland, Town Clerk, at 850/948-2251.

The public hearing is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Any handicapped person requiring special accommodation at this meeting should contact Ms. Roland at least three (3) calendar days prior to the meeting. Any handicapped person requiring an interpreter for the hearing impaired or the visually impaired should contact Ms. Roland at least three (3) calendar days prior to the meeting and an interpreter will be provided. Any non-English speaking person wishing to attend the public hearing should contact Ms. Roland at least three (3) calendar days prior to the meeting and a language interpreter will be provided. To access a Telecommunication Device for Deaf Persons (TDD) please call (850) 948-3363.

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Feel the salty sea breeze on your face and the sand on your toes at Amelia Island State Park, just north of metropolitan Jacksonville. One of the few beaches in Florida where you can enjoy a horseback ride along a pristine section of beach, observe endangered shorebirds nesting and even catch a glimpse of the occasional right whale, this park is a true hidden gem of Jacksonville. The wide beaches provide the perfect place for you and your family to

stroll for shells, relax, build sandcastles, swim, do a little fishing or enjoy a picnic.

If you're looking for a cooler way to enjoy Florida's sunshine, try out one of the many lesser-known springs in the area. Manatee Springs, Fanning Springs, Troy Spring and Lafayette Blue Springs state parks offer fantastic swimming and diving destinations. You can catch some rays and relax while the kids have a ball - with the added bonus of a nice, cool spring to dip your toes in if the temperature gets too hot.

For those who don't mind the heat, take a walk along one of the many trails in Payne's Prairie Preserve State Park and experience the Midwest - right here in Florida. Wild bison and horses roam the prairie and marshlands of this Gainesville park, ensuring that this trip will be one that the kids remember for years to come. The visitor center provides educational displays and observation platforms are situated throughout the park for excellent

wildlife viewing.

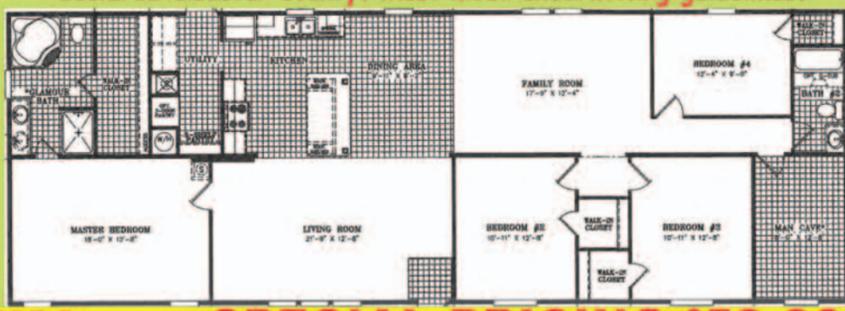
To truly immerse your family in Florida State Parks, pack your bags - and canoe - and embark on a full-blown adventure on the Suwannee River Wilderness Trail. This 170-mile paddling trail begins at Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park in White Springs and winds on past river campgrounds, outposts and 11 state parks before ending at the Gulf of Mexico. Along the way, stop, shop and explore some of Florida's most charming small towns. The trail is divided into segments, so you can customize the length of your adventure. Accommodations along the trail range from primitive campsites to full-blown cabins. The cabins at Stephen Foster and Suwannee River state parks have all the comforts of home, minus the computers and video games that many kids are glued to these days.

Everyone enjoys the outdoors differently, and Florida's 160 state parks offer countless ways for all of your family and friends to enjoy the outdoors in their own way, so get a little park on ya this summer. To help you get started planning your summertime fun, visit FloridaStateParks.org/GetALittleParkOnYa for a list of 50 fun ways to spend time in Florida's state parks.

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Path *of* Faith

Desmond Roberson: *Being Real*

By Bryant Thigpen
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No matter what culture or religious background one comes from, there seems to be one thing in common that most every American enjoys: listening to music. Whether it's riding down the road listening to the radio, or attending a music performance of their favorite artist, the popularity and love of music stretches over the entire globe. Although other music offers much, Christian music is the only genre of music that can make an eternal difference. Local musician Desmond Roberson believes that to be true, and that's why he has spent most of his life performing Christian music.

Roberson was born in Madison County on February 26, 1986. "I was one of the last babies born at the Madison hospital," he laughs. Roberson is the proud son of Dexter Roberson and Tammy Mullins, and has two brothers who currently reside in Washington, D.C., and one god-brother, Tevin Roundtree. Roberson began school at Madison Primary School, later enjoying the last days of the Madison Middle School. He graduated from Madison County High School in 2004.

He continued his education at North Florida Community College before moving to South Florida to attend Full Sail University in Winter Park. When his mother became very ill in 2007, he and his family made their way back to Madison so he could care for his mom.

As a student at Full Sail, Roberson was actively studying recording arts. His choice of study comes as no surprise when one sees his passion for music. At 12 years old, he became one of the lead vocalists for Christian artists, Elder Carl Joseph and the Gospel Tru-Tones. At the early age of 14, he began learning how to play piano. Not taking it very seriously for the first couple of years, interest in the stringed instrument was full throttle when Roberson was named the pianist for the band. He remained with the group until it left the road about two years ago from traveling full-time.

After the disbandment of the group, Roberson joined the Chosen Disciples of Ashburn, Ga. On top of a busy tour schedule, he serves as the minister of music at Pineland Missionary Baptist Church in Madison. At his church, he oversees the music ...*Story cont. on Page 5B...*



Desmond Roberson

LoveAn Everyday Action



Day To Day Celebrations

By Edna Haynes-Turner

*"A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love one to another."
~~~John 13: 34-35*

Once we receive revelation from God in any facet of our lives, we cannot remain the same. Even if we choose not to walk in that revelation, we still do not remain the same. When I received the revelation that God doesn't just love us, but the fact is "He is Love." Granted, we can't walk in the kind of perfect love that He is, because "only He is perfect;" but our daily goal and prayer should be striving for perfection. As a believer we should not only demonstrate love, but when others see us they will "see love personified." It is impossible for the "world to see Jesus," except through our actions and words; and we need to know that "the world is looking," and God is waiting for (us), His Body of Christ to be the "vehicle and catalyst of love" in the earth.

What should the Body of Christ be "saying and doing?" The answer is really simple, because as we read and go through the Word of God, .....God....the living, walking, talking Jesus was the model that we, the Body of Christ should be emulating. Can we honestly say that we are following Him....the Model?" If Jesus would come into our homes, communities, and yes in our churches, would He be able to recognize the traits and character of the church that He had ordained in the earth? If He were to come into our churches and communities, would we truly be honoring His mandate to "draw all men unto Him?" God sacrificed His Son, Jesus for the purpose of reconciliation; if He were to come, would we find ourselves continually bringing healing and wholeness to the lives of families, communities, and all people?" His Word tells us that all of the gifts and talents in the Body of Christ are designed to "build His Kingdom....drawing all men unto Him." No one individual is greater or smaller than another, but are all designed to be jointly connected to honor Him. A lot of the challenges in our churches result from rights and privileges and prestige. Someone has not given his or her place; someone has been neglected or not thanked or honored. The indication that a (believer) wants to look like Christ is humility, and not disgruntled about "my place or position." When we look at the Body of Christ, is that what we

see? Would Jesus be able to say "well done," if He were to walk into our respective places of worship? Has His divine order, love, compassion, and peace taken up residence in our places of worship, and ultimately in every facet of our lives? When strife enters in any of these arenas, the hope of divine results cannot manifest. He cannot take up residence where strife lives.

When the world looks at us the Body of Christ..... love must be completely sincere. There must be no hypocrisy, no play-acting, no ulterior motives, no selfishness, no demonstrations of superiority, and no self-righteousness.....nothing other than that which looks like Jesus. When we choose to act like the world, the world clearly recognizes that behavior, because it is so familiar to them. Yes, based on the Word, we do have the right to hate that which is not like God, but we are not to hate individuals. Often times we do make that statement, but "self-righteously" add judgment to it, not realizing that our responsibility (as a believer) is to pray for the individual and allow God to do "the finish work." He has promised to separate the wheat and the tare "at His appointed time." Our responsibility (until He comes) is to lift Him up and He will draw those that are lost. Some will plant....some will water, but He will bring the increase. It is important that He is God, and we are simply His vessels to be used according to His will and His way. When Jesus was in the earth, no matter the setting or the individuals, He demonstrated love and compassion. Even in instances of correction or rebuke, He did so with love, because He only knows how to say and demonstrate LOVE. Love and compassion has the ability to transform the nature and character of the most callous individual or most challenging situation. Often times "our intentions are good," but we should always seek His instructions before we proceed in anything that we say or do, because good does not necessarily mean Godly."

Jesus was our earthly model, and He came to the earth so that no one would have an excuse for earthly God-like behavior. So, why do we not "follow that divine model?" Why do we decide to do things (even in our churches) that are not aligned to the model that He left for us? Remember this incidence: when satan was in heaven with God that he desired to usurp God's authority; is it possible that we (not intentionally), but are doing exactly the same thing? At such a time as this, it is so important that The Body of Christ be aware of "God's assignment" for us. Of course satan has no new tactics, because he is unable to create anything, but because he is a master liar and deceiver he is able to get "even the most elect deceived or blind-sided." The world is always a battleground between good and evil, and believe it or not the time is short, and this life and all that we do is preparation for eternity. It is imperative that we must choose only God's way and remain centered in His will and way in every facet of our lives. It is extremely important that the decision should and must be that "I choose to please God, and embrace and model the examples that Jesus have given us in His Word."

The Word of God tells us that they (the world) will know us (His children) by the love we have one for another. We have heard and read this scripture so often, and it really does seem so very simple to do. The thing that hinders us from accomplishing this is that often times we look at and define love in terms of the human perspective. He is the Model!! God has clearly told us in His Word that His ways are not like our ways, and His thoughts are far above our thoughts. Therefore, the first thing that we need to do is align our ways and thoughts with His word....renewing our minds with the Word of God.

One of the most important reasons for us to learn to love as our Father does is if we don't, we cannot have fellowship and be at one with Him. When we lose our fellowship, we fail to hear His voice, and we lose our joy and peace. Without joy and peace, we are unable to be that vessel that God has ordained us to be. At such a time as this, the Body of Christ.....as believers we need to daily strive to embrace the "Model of Jesus" and reflect the "embodiment of who He is....Love."

*"And now abides faith, hope, and love; but the greatest of these is love."*

~~~1 Corinthians 13: 13

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The Pulpit

**By Jeff Bailey
Pastor of Midway Baptist Church**

I want you to think back to your childhood with me for a few minutes. Picture yourself on the playground lining up for a race with your friends. Your coach calls out, "On your mark, get set, Go." Well, I remember sometimes whoever was calling out commands would trick you and

say something like "On your mark, get set, stop." Sometimes they would make it sound like go and would say, "On your mark, get set, goat." Man I would get so mad because everybody would take off and then realize what was said and we would have to start over and everybody watching would laugh.

This is what God said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Now, we don't have to expect to start over and we don't have to wonder if we should GO, we should simply GO.

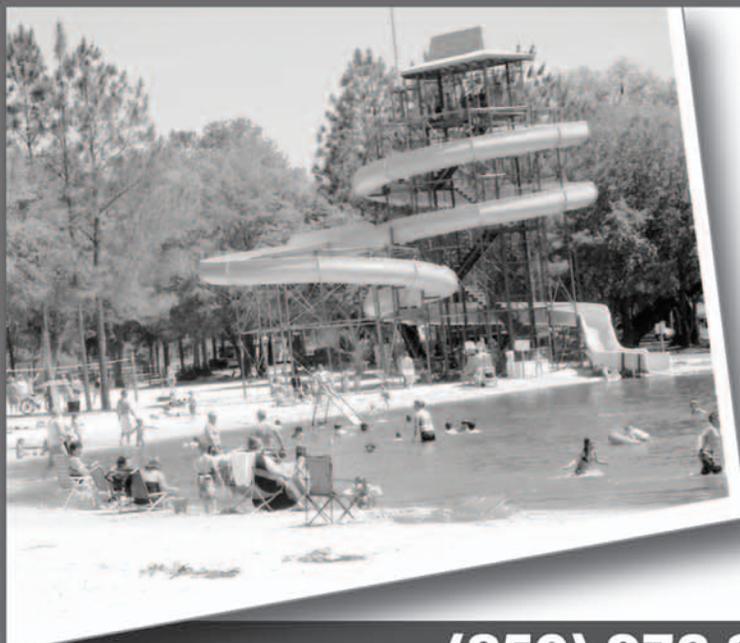
All nations simply means every person ever created in the image of God. Sometimes we get the idea of selective evangelism; in other words, we choose who we witness to instead of following the command "GO." God will not bless sin, and not witnessing to someone because of some personal feeling is sin. However, God blesses obedience every time.

Let's try to remember this as we go through everyday life that we are ALL created in the image of God and when He was asked which command-

ment was the greatest His reply was simple: "Love God and love my people."



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More than 120 years ago this week, Vincent Van Gogh died of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound. In his short life, Van Gogh produced hundreds of watercolor paintings, sketches, and prints – some of which are the most valued in the world – now fetching tens of millions of dollars at auctions or private sales.

Van Gogh's posthumous success is a tremendous surprise, for his life was considered all but a mournful disaster. He was an insufferable friend; his struggles with mental illness, depression, malnutrition, insomnia, and alcoholism were well-known; and he failed at a number of attempted careers.

One of those career choices was the Christian pastorate. "God has sent me to preach the Gospel to the poor," Vincent wrote to his brother while still a young man in his twenties. So off he went to Amsterdam to enter the seminary, but Van Gogh failed the entrance exam. Undeterred, he entered a missionary school in Brussels. He flunked out after only three months.

Still resolute in his chosen vocation, he convinced the Dutch Reformed Church to

appoint him as a missionary pastor to the coal miners in the village of Borinage. There he succeeded in his own way. Broken-hearted by the poverty of the village and his parishioners, Van Gogh gave away all his possessions to the miners. He lived like a beggar himself, barely surviving.

When the church authorities came to inspect his successful and growing ministry, they were appalled by him and his appearance. They removed him from his position because he "undermined the dignity of the priesthood." Vincent never seemed to heal from this wound; a wound that played a role in him turning to the easel for the first time.

In one of his iconic paintings, "The Church at Auvers" (view it online), Van Gogh's pain from being rejected by the church bleeds off the page like his hues of blue and starry nights. It is a painting with a road leading to a massive house of worship. Yet the path, upon arriving at the church, is suddenly diverted.

The road bypasses the stately church, and here is why: This church has no doors. After being rejected by the church, Van Gogh concluded that there was no way for him to



get in. For him, religion was an empty room with no doors, and this painful discovery broke his heart. Yet, this pain played a significant role in his majestic creativity.

Feeling like his calling had been redirected, Van Gogh picked up his brush as an artist in God's service. The one rejected by the church for going to the rejected, said, "The great artists, the serious masters, tell us in their masterpieces what leads to God. One writes it in a book; another in a picture."

It was Vincent Van Gogh's pictures – his interpretations of his surroundings – that he used to lead people to God. And he did so with all his rough edges and broken pieces; his fragmented mind and his constant illnesses; with his short, remarkable life; bringing the world priceless joy out of tremendous personal pain.

pilgrimage of inexpressible joy and excruciating suffering. It is the constant rising and falling of the path beneath our feet, pushing us harder and higher until we despair, but giving us great views of the land below us.

Every pilgrim's journey is a mingled pathway of sorrow and rejoicing; of birth and death; of both pain and joy; of difficulty and satisfaction. Some of it we understand and it makes sense; and a lot of it leaves us with the question marks of hopelessness.

But somehow there is joy behind the suffering, and resourcefulness behind the aching. There is purpose behind the rejection, and in one way or another, there is a future behind the knockbacks that life deals. Truly, the pain can lead to something extraordinarily beautiful.

Ronnie McBrayer is a syndicated columnist, speaker, and author of multiple books. You can read more and receive regular e-columns in your inbox at www.ronniemcbrayer.net.

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Desmond Roberson

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program and plays the keys, while his wife directs the choir.

For the last three years, he has been in and out of the studio working on his first solo recording. This highly anticipated project entitled, *InSpire* features many original songs in many different styles.

"This project is a new sound for me," he said. "Many people know me for the traditional sound. I was doing traditional music, but I needed something that would reach out to the younger generation." The different styles of music vary from hip-pop to jazz, praise and worship and some traditional. Planning is still underway for his CD Release Party, which is set for December 21. "This concert is going to be big. It's a night no one will want to miss.

"Something very special about this recording is it features my wife and my kids," he stated. Although Roberson has had a very illustrious music career, his family has always been on the forefront of his life. He met his wife, Tammy, in the sixth grade, and they were united in marriage on February 8, 2004. The couple has welcomed four children: Dai-Shawn, Desmond, Jr., LaMarrya, and Malia, into the family. The title of his

music company DaiDeLaMal: The Movement," represents both his passion and direction of his life. DaiDeLaMal is the first couple of letters of each of his children's names. The second part, "The Movement," expresses the direction in which his music career is headed in gearing towards reaching the youth in today's society.

In church, he is known as the "Crazy Praiser," and when one sees what he has been through, it's no wonder why he is giving God so much praise. At age 12, Roberson was baptized but admits, "I just did it because somebody else was doing it. I really didn't understand what I was doing." A year later, he found himself in a hospital bed facing two heart surgeries and a long road to recovery. "I had to learn how to walk and talk again. When I realized that it was God that had healed me, I've been giving him the praise ever since."

About a year ago, Roberson released a book entitled, *From Tribulations To Triumph: The Inspirational Story Of Tammy Mullins*. This writing was inspired by his mother's life, as she overcame childhood struggles and hardships as an adult.

"In 1992, my mom was diagnosed with Lupus. In her fight for

health, she had to quit working, lost both of her legs, and we about lost her twice. I named my new CD *InSpire* because I want to inspire people just like my mom did. To the community, she is known as "Madison's Miracle." And after reading this inspirational story inspired by the life of Tammy, readers will see she truly is a miracle from God.

Whether he is sitting on the couch in the living room with his family, or standing before a crowd of people performing the music he loves, the legacy he desires to leave is simply being real. "I'm a real person. I believe that when we would be real with each other, the world would be a much better place. I want to be remembered as an outspoken person who wasn't scared to stand up for what they believe in. I



The Reflectsons To Appear At The Madison Church Of God

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The Madison Church of God will present an evening of southern gospel music on Sunday evening, July 29, at 6 p.m., featuring the Reflectsons of Trenton. The concert is free; however, a love offering will be received during the concert.

According to their website, "After 20 years in the gospel music arena, The Reflectsons are still perpetuating a rich tradition in the most modern progressive gospel music of our time. From their obscure beginning, this group has become known as one of the leading gospel ministries today. While their beginning was small and simple, each year has brought about new developments and opportunities that have grown into what this group is best known for today. Some of the things that have developed over the years is the gift of songwriting. Each member of the group contributes new songs regularly to the performance repertoire, as



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The Reflectsons will take the stage at the Madison Church of God on Sunday, July 29. Pictured left to right are: Dale Thigpen, Pam Renew, Bruce Renew, and George Pushkar.

well as the recording releases. Combined, this group has produced, recorded and performed approximately 50 of their original compositions. Each of these compositions presents an exciting, entertaining and concise gospel message. Many of their songs have been recorded and performed by many other gospel groups."

The Reflectsons consists of Dale Thigpen, who is manager, emcee, and lead vocalist; George Pushkar, who serves as a baritone vocalist; Pam Renew, who is the alto vocalist; and Bruce Renew, who handles the sound and accompanies the group on guitar for selected songs. Together, these four present a three-part harmony along with lively accompaniment.

This group may be booked for churches, civic organizations, concerts, fairgrounds, special events, etc. by contacting Dale at (352) 463-2481 or email to office@reflectsons.com. Log on to www.reflectsons.com for more information.

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Bible Deliverance Church To Celebrate 32nd Homecoming

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Bible Deliverance Church will be celebrating its 32nd year of ministry on Sunday, August 5, beginning at 10 a.m. with Sunday school. The Reflectsons will be in concert during the morning worship service with group manager and evangelist, Dale Thigpen, bringing the morning message. The Reflectsons will also perform an afternoon concert immediately following lunch.

Bible Deliverance Church was formed in 1980 under the leadership of Thomas Thigpen. The church began in an old church building that sits off to the right on Highway 90, heading to Greenville. After several years in the country, the church moved to a building by the cotton gin on the south side of the railroad tracks. After a couple of years at that location, he then felt like it was time to begin a building fund to build new worship facilities. In 1989, the church held its first service on homecoming morning in the facilities that currently serves as home to the church.

Every church has its vine of traditions, and one that has remained at the church down through the years is the music and message by the Reflectsons. Before Dale formed the Reflectsons about 20 years ago, he traveled with a group called



Reflectsons

the Reps who performed annually at the homecoming services. When the Reps disbanded, Dale continued the trip to Madison every year for the service bringing his family, who later became known as the Reflectsons. Dale was joined by his sons Dale and Glen to form a trio.

Dale's brother and Madison resident Tommy joined the Reflectsons in May of 1994 as the bass vocalist. Later, Tommy's son, Tommy Lee, joined as the bass guitarist. For about two years, Tommy's old-

est son, Brian, traveled as the group's drummer. Leslie (Glen's wife at the time) joined as the group's drummer when Brian left the group. More personnel changes were on the way when Dale's oldest son left the group to enter into pastoral ministry. At one time, Leslie moved from the drums to singing the alto part, Tommy Lee moved from the bass guitar to drums, and Bryant, Tommy's youngest son, joined the group playing bass guitar. This group toured the country together for over five years.

Today, the group is made up of Dale Thigpen (lead), Pam Renew (alto), and George Pushkar (baritone), with Pam's husband, Bruce, handling the sound and bus driving duties.

The Reflectsons recently released a new project titled, "Good News," which features many requested songs that were penned by group members including, "He Came To Die By Choice," "Prayer Changes Things," and "There's Gonna Be A Change." The project also features new material such as, "Good News" and "Will I See You?" This CD will be a favorite for all gospel music lovers.

For more information, please visit www.reflectsons.com.

Bible Deliverance Church is located at 720 SW Range Ave., in Madison.



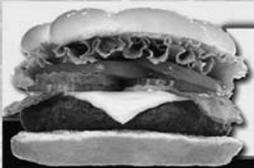
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Salvation Army Enjoys Successful Music Camp

Submitted by George Blevins

It's summer, which means summer music camp again at the Salvation Army Music Conservatory "Music box". Music Box is the name given the building we use for our Summer Music Camp. You may know it as the old Historical Jail on Pinckney St. What a great time we have had so far. "It's like a five week Vacation Bible School with music lessons, one of the kids said.

We have had a great time learning and discovering our Gifts of the Spirit as well as learning about sharing the fruits of those gifts. For our community service project this year the kids helped a couple of times sort out locally grown vegetables to assist in our community wide food distribution. The children also helped pack up family hygiene packs to assist our neighbors in Live Oak in their time of need as the recovery from the flood continues.

The children learned to play a brass instrument, guitar, keyboard, as well as being introduced to other assorted instruments. We were blessed this year to have Pat Shartran a wonderful professional music teacher join us as well as having David Sanders, a Valdosta State University student, return to help us at this year's camp.

Our graduation performance was Friday July 13 at 5 p.m. at the Music Box @ 487 SW Pinckney St. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. The kids this year have done an outstanding job of learning to play their instruments and I am sure you will be surprised at the expertise at which they play.



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The students were excited to be a part of the music camp offered by the Salvation Army. Pictured are Roderick Shaw (left) and Brishauna Conner (right) warming up for class.
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Pastor Robert Holmes of Architillery Missionary Baptist Church was on hand to receive goods to be distributed to local residents in Live Oak who were affected by the flood for their community service project.



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Participants of the camp had the opportunity to learn how to play a brass instrument. Pictured, left to right are: Olivia Carter, Shawn Medders, Julua Rollins and Annalis Davis.

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One of the most popular classes during the camp was learning to play the guitar. Pictured left to right are Dalton Cochran, Joshua Richardson, Zane Rollins and Eli Curl.

Midway Church Of God Peanut Boil Set For August 4

By Bryant Thigpen
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Get ready for an afternoon of great gospel music and all the boiled peanuts that one can eat at the Midway Church of God in Lee, beginning at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 4. The concert and festivities will be held outdoors in the cool of the evening.

This year's talent is the Gaddis Family of North Carolina. Over the past several years, the family has performed in this county many times, and are loved for their variety on stage. Not only does the family perform as a family singing group, but the girls perform in con-



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The Gaddis Family is shown left to right: Joe Gaddis, Kim Gaddis, Kelsey Gaddis and Kambrie Gaddis. They will perform at the peanut boil at Midway Church of God on August 4.

tests and shows across the country as Elvis impersonators. Their high-energy and spirituality connecting performances are sure to be a crowd family.

The two daughters, Kelsie and Kambrie, per-

form with their parents, Joe and Kim, on a full-time basis, and perform for revivals, concerts and can even host summer camps for churches.

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