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## MCHS Homecoming 2012 Schedule

By Kristin Finney  
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The Madison County Cowboys will be celebrating their 2012 homecoming this week. The Cowboys will be playing the West Port Wolves. During the week, students don their spirit wear and get pumped up for the parade and game Friday. The theme for this year's homecoming is Whip the Wolves.

Coronation was held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday at North Florida Community College's Van H. Priest Auditorium.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. on Friday. Each class will have a float as well as the homecoming court representatives. There will also be other local businesses and vendors represented.

The game will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Friday at Boot Hill. The homecoming court and homecoming queen will be presented during half time at the game.

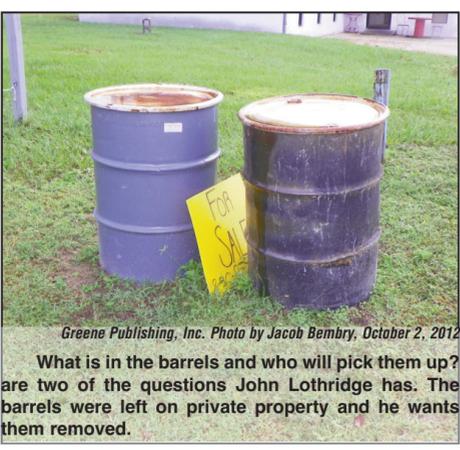
## The Confusing Case Of The Barrels

By Jacob Bemby  
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John Lothridge said that he knows where the barrels in front of his business came from.

"The DEP, State or whoever it is that does the core samples at old gas stations left two 55 gallon barrels of something in the parking lot at the shop," he said. "There are no markings or stickers at all on the barrels to indicate what is inside but they are bolted shut."

Lothridge, owner of Lothridge Computer Ser-



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What is in the barrels and who will pick them up? are two of the questions John Lothridge has. The barrels were left on private property and he wants them removed.

vices, said that he had no idea who to contact so he contacted City Hall and was told that they would look into it.

"That has been over a week ago," he said.

Lothridge said that the barrels were too heavy to move and they are blocking signage at the shop.

"I thought about just rolling them into the middle of US 90 (Base Street), he said. "I bet they would get moved then."

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## Man Arrested On Drunk Driving Charges

By Jacob Bemby  
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A man was arrested on multiple charges after he ran a stop sign and traveled into a ditch on Saturday evening, Sept. 29.

According to a Florida Highway Patrol report, Craig L. Solomon, 23, of Madison, was traveling south on SE Arnett Avenue.

Solomon failed to



Craig L. Solomon stop at the stop sign on SE Arnett at SE Farm

Road and his 1989 Cadillac came to a final rest, facing south.

Solomon attempted to flee on foot but was caught by the Madison Police Department.

Solomon was charged with DUI, DUI with property damage, grand theft auto, VOP, running a stop sign, open container, no valid

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## Trailer Hits Bicyclist

By Jacob Bemby  
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A trailer being pulled by a station wagon hit a bicyclist, injuring the rider on Friday, Sept. 28.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol, the accident took place on US 221 at approximately 8:45 a.m. when Wendy Krzoska, 31, of Greenville, was driving a 1997 Ford station wagon with a trailer in two southbound on US 221.

At the same time, Roger Byington, 45, of Greenville, was riding a 2005 Lake Tech FZR 5000 bicycle southbound on the same highway.

The trailer traveled away from the vehicle and its front struck the rear of Byington's bicycle, ejecting Byington from the bike.

Byington came to rest on the bed on the trailer.

Byington was taken to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital by Madison County EMS where he was treated for his injuries.

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

FHP Trooper Mark Boatwright was the investigating officer.

## Jobless Rate Steady Statewide; Drops In Jefferson & Madison

By Lazaro Aleman  
Special from ECB Publishing, Inc.

Florida's unemployment rate in August remained unchanged from the previous month, while Jefferson and Madison counties' rates dropped slightly.

So indicate the latest figures released by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (FDEO) on Friday, Sept. 21.

The statistics show Florida's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 8.8 percent in August, the same as in July. Jefferson County's rate, meanwhile, was 8.3 percent, down from 8.6 percent in July; and Madison County's was 10.6

percent, down from 11.4 percent in July.

"There were 818,000 jobless Floridians out of a labor force of 9,261,000," the FDEO reports. "The August 2012 rate was 1.7 percentage points lower than the year-ago rate of 10.5 percent."

The U.S. unemployment rate, meanwhile, was 8.1 percent in August.

The FDEO points out that Florida's seasonally adjusted total nonagricultural employment was 7,349,300 in August, "an increase of 23,200 jobs over the month."

"The number of jobs in the state was up 77,800 over the year, an increase of 1.1 percent from August 2011," the FDEO reports.

"Nationally, the number of jobs was

up 1.4 percent over the year."

For Madison County, the 10.6 percent rate translates into 763 jobless persons out of a labor force of 7,172, compared with 822 jobless persons out of a labor force of 7,195 in July.

For Jefferson County, the 8.3 percent rate translates into 564 jobless persons out of a labor force of 6,780, compared with 578 jobless persons out of a labor force of 6,706 in July.

In August 2011, the comparable figures were 609 jobless persons out of a workforce of 6,778, when the unemployment rate was 9.0 percent.

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## Elma Waldrep Celebrates Birthday



Elma Waldrep celebrated her ninety-seventh birthday at Southern Living for Seniors on September 8, 2012.

She was only expecting the usual cake and ice cream along with family, friends and well wishers. Little did she know what her family was up to but she got a big surprise.

After the cake and ice cream, guess who arrived? It was Teddy Mac Elvis, in person.

He put on a whale of a show for Elma and the other residents of Southern Living for Seniors with

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## Madison Approves Bernard Wilson Memorial

By Ginger Jarvis  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The late Bernard Wilson of Madison was known for his newspaper column, his work with Florida Power, and his enthusiastic involvement in any patriotic activity taking place in the area. Soon a memorial tribute to Mr. Wilson will be set in Four Freedoms Park in Madison.

Mr. Wilson's son, David Wilson, and daughter, Betsy Sasnett, came before the Madison City Commissioners at their regular meeting on September 11 seeking permission to install two

stone benches beside the Bicentennial Tree that their father planted in the park in 1976. "There will be no cost to the city," David Wilson assured the board. "Roy Smith of Madison Marble Works will make and install the benches."

Sasnett added, "We want to honor our father. He was instrumental in anything that went on that involved patriotism."

The board discussed the project at length. Commissioner Judy Townsend expressed some concern that the park

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## Listen To The Candidates

By Jacob Bemby  
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Go and listen to the candidates on Saturday, Oct. 13, at Damascus Missionary Baptist Church's annex on Martin Luther King Drive.

The NAACP is sponsoring this event. Each candidate will get to speak about what he or she believes in and will get to answer questions asked by those in attendance.

The meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m.

For more information, please call Earnest F. Rains, Jr. at (850) 673-7127.

## Disability History And Awareness Weeks 2012

Disability History and Awareness Weeks in Florida are October 1-13, 2012. The Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Department in Madison County School District (MCSD) provides the services and programs necessary for students with disabilities to be successful in the academic areas of their education.

ESE teachers, paraprofessionals, regular education inclusion teachers, speech therapists, and support staff, school and district, in the Madison County School District (MCSD) work daily to give over 600 students with disabilities the opportunity to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to achieve their full potential. Many students with disabilities receive support facilitation services (additional assistance) from ESE teachers and paraprofessionals in regular education classrooms. More than 200 students at the district and private schools participate in speech and language therapy programs.

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# VIEWPOINTS & OPINIONS

## CRACKER SEZ Economoney

Folks has been talk'n 'uh lot about this thing they call the economoney. Best I can tell it's got some'm ta' do with the hard times the country's go'n through. Like not enough jobs, folks loose'n their home and live'n on the street. 'n such. I here tell, the federal government has way overdrawn it's bank account. I want ta' know who keeps loan'n them rascals more money. Why, us common folks can't even get 'uh loan.

Yesterdee' I went down ta' Roy Tooten's barber shop. I was about 2 months past due 'uh hair cut. Us fellers started talk 'n about the economoney. Roy asked me what I thought augh-t'a be done ta' get things roll 'n again.

I pondered 'uh bit. Then I said ta' Roy and the other fellers, It reminds me of when my crops failed about 10 years ago. Time I paid all my bills so's we wouldn't loose everything, there weren't no more money. Back then, I told Sweet Tater[ that's what I call my wife, Tate], we was in 'uh bad fix, 'n I didn't know what we was gonna do. I couldn't see no way out. Sweet Tater gave me uh' pat on the back 'n said I got 'uh plan, Cracker. All we gotta do is produce. She reminded me of the left over seed in the barn, the livestock manure for



**Jim Dietrich**  
Guest Columnist

fertilizer, the garden stuff that could be canned, the milk cow and so on. She got me ta' think'n too. I started come 'n up with some ideas. Like all the hay we had in the pasture fer' mule fuel and all the trees on the fence rows fer' fire wood fuel.

Back then the whole family pitched in. I picked up 'uh few odd jobs. I didn't make much money but some how Sweet Tater managed ta' put half of what I brought in, inta' 'uh save'ns account. In 2 years things was back ta' normal thanks ta' Sweet

Tater.

Edgar Floyd spoke up. He said, "Cracker, whats that got ta' do with the economoney?" I said, the way I see it run'n 'uh country ain't no different than run'n 'uh farm. All this country needs ta' do is produce. we've got all the stuff ta' produce with. What's stop'n us?

Roy spoke up 'n said, "What we need is somebody like Sweet Tater ta' run this country."

Sincerely yourn'  
Cracola O'Lustee'

National  
Security



Joe Boyles  
Guest Columnist

## Political Maturity

I feel a little more frustrated this political season than usual. I believe there are really huge matters at stake for the future of our nation and instead of seeing the important issues debated, at least one side (President Obama's) looks as if they're trying to win a high school popularity contest. Even worse, the media is not only letting them get away with it, they're complicit.

So last week, Obama goes to New York to address the United Nation's annual meeting. He passes up the opportunity to sit down with visiting world leaders including the prime minister of Israel to gain a better understanding of the tumultuous events that are rocking the Arab street, and instead, goes on ABC's The View to yuck it up with the coffee clutch. I'm certain he faced some penetrating questions from Whoopi, Joy and company. Yeah ... right.

He summed up the problem in a nutshell when he said, "I'm eye candy." That's the problem I'm having. Obama's candidacy is all about appearances and literally nothing about ideas. The only media outlet that I've seen really challenge the president with tough questions is the Hispanic Univision in Miami.

Some of my friends tell me that Obama is cool while Romney is boring. I don't want a cool president. I want a president that is willing to tackle enormous problems that are looming ahead like the fiscal cliff, trillion dollar deficits, lifeless real estate, high unemployment, stagnant economy, Islam run amuck, nuclear Iran, and spiraling costs for energy and food. Notice that nearly everything

on my short list has to do with economics. This is something that Romney understands while Obama has demonstrated ineptitude over the past four years.

Now back to the media. I get that the main stream media is liberal. All you need to do is look at the "J" (Journalism) Schools at our major universities to understand how that liberalism is seeded into young impressionable minds. What I object to is the blatant bias and double standard that these reporters inject into stories. If we are truly to have a free press that performs a responsible service to our nation, then the reporters need to treat each side equally.

For example, take a look at two recent scandals that you may or may not have heard about. Operation Fast and Furious was a gun-walking program to drug cartels that led to the death of a US border patrol agent and countless innocents in Mexico. If you get your news primarily from networks, you probably don't have a clue what I'm talking about. Same way with the scandal and cover-up over the attack on our consulate in Benghazi. If a republican was in the White House rather than their darling Barack, the main stream media would be killing the administration with a steady drumbeat of negative stories. Oh, there's a cover-up underway, but the biggest culprits are the major news outlets.

There are a lot of people in true pain and what do we get out of our president — he's partying with Jay-Z and Beyoncé or facing a really tough interview from David Letterman.

Give me a break. On the night of the consulate attack in Libya and death of our ambassador, he's jetting off to Vegas for a fund raiser. George Bush would have been crucified for less, but BO gets away with it. Go figure.

We really should be more politically mature when it comes to matters like selecting our president and other high officials. Shortly after I arrived here 15 years ago, a popular local politician told me that getting elected in Madison was about on par with getting selected for the high school homecoming court. That astounded me. Now it seems that the presidency has taken on similar dimensions. Sure, it's important for us to have confidence in our elected leaders, but shouldn't that confidence be based on competence, record, policies, ideas, and solutions? Instead, we seem to be hung up on how cool and hip the big guy is. That's adolescent.

Tonight, many of us will tune in to the first presidential debate which is supposed to be about domestic policy. We have no idea how it will turn out, but I know what I want to see. I hope the format and moderator are even handed. I sincerely hope that the issues which are debated are substantive and each candidate gets an opportunity to express his vision for the future of our nation. Then, let the chips fall where they may. There will be two more debates between Obama and Romney and one vice presidential debate before the election, but the first one will be the most viewed.

All of this rant might sound like "sour grapes" to you, and for that, I apologize. Obama's rope-a-dope strategy appears to be working and it frustrates me. Please bear with me; I'll recover.



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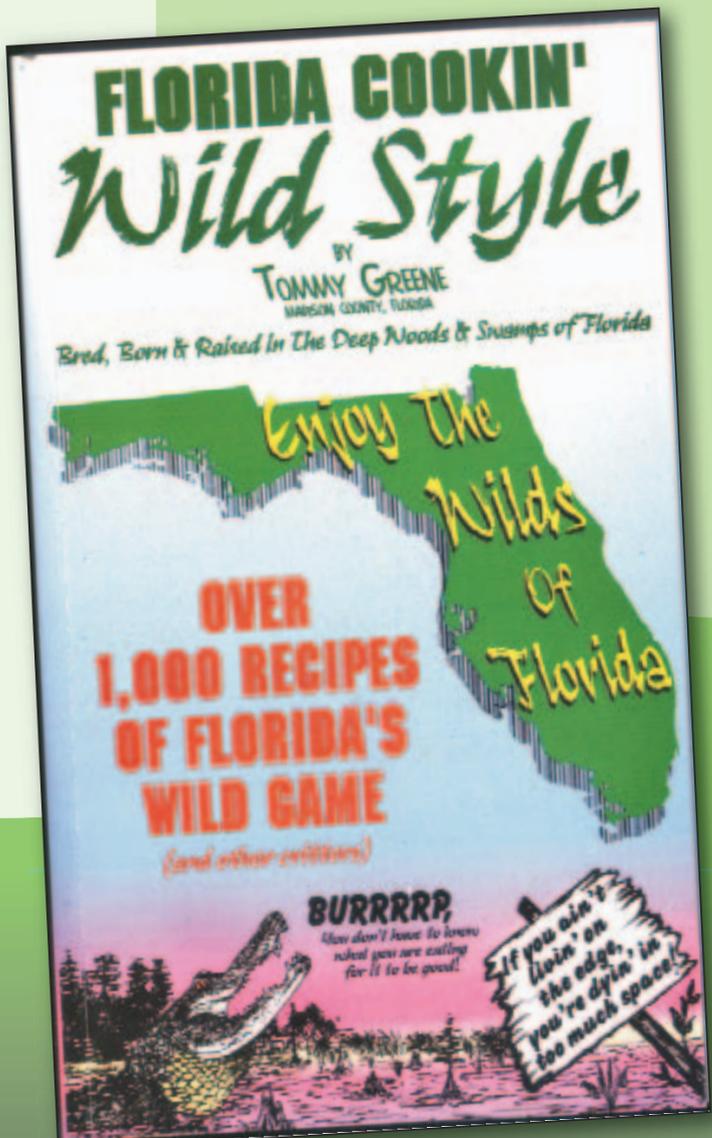
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He said he couldn't even tip them over to roll them to the side of the lot. Lothridge said he is unsure of the contents. "I am assuming that it should be marked as probable contaminated soil," he said. If anyone knows the department that Lothridge should contact, please give him a call at (850) 973-4084.

## Jobs

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were 906 jobless persons out of a labor force of 7,318, when the unemployment rate was 12.4 percent. Seasonally adjusted means the figures have been purged of seasonal and other factors that would increase the numbers. The statistics do not reflect individuals who have given up the search for work or who are underemployed or employed part time. The FDEO reports that the industry gaining the most jobs was professional and business services, up 42,700 jobs, followed private education and health services, up 18,500 jobs; trade, transportation, and utilities, up 15,700 jobs; leisure and hospitality, up 13,900 jobs; financial activities, up 5,800 jobs; manufacturing, up 2,000; and information, up 1,500. The industries losing jobs over the year were total government, down 10,300 jobs; construction, down 8,500; and other services, down 3,500 jobs. Monroe County continued to have the state's lowest unemployment rate at 5.0 percent, followed by Walton County at 5.5 percent; Okaloosa County at 6.1 percent; and Franklin at 6.4 percent. Hendry County continued to have the state's highest unemployment rate at 15.3 percent, followed by Flagler County at 12.4 percent; St. Lucie at 12.2 percent; and Indian River at 11.9 percent. The FDEO reports that 20 of Florida's 67 counties experienced double-digit unemployment in August, down from 20 in July.

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a mix of familiar upbeat Elvis songs along with some of his slower numbers too. Afterwards, Elma said that it was her best birthday ever. And maybe it was just that. It was great!

## Disability

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Special education services are also provided to prekindergarten students who are developmentally delayed in the Prek classes in the elementary schools. Every day the MCSD educators demonstrate their dedication in their ongoing commitment to students with disabilities in Madison County schools.

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might be full of benches or birdhouses placed by other families to honor their loved ones. Mayor Jim Stanley said, "We will handle that on a case-by-case basis.

Commissioner Jim Catron moved to accept the plan, and the project was approved. (The Bicentennial Tree is located in the northeast corner of the park near the gazebo. It is designated by a marker at its base.)

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drivers license and resisting arrest without violence.

The Madison County Sheriff's Office, Madison Police Department, Madison County EMS and Madison County Fire Rescue assisted at the scene.

FHP Trooper Chuck Swindle was the investigating officer.

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# AROUND MADISON COUNTY

## Kiwanis Welcomes Its First Corporate Member



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Madison Kiwanis Club President Lucile Day welcomes Ashley Sevor, who is representing the club's very first corporate member, Lake Park of Madison Nursing Center. Corporate membership is a new element that allows a corporation or business to join a local Kiwanis Club, and send any of its employees to the meetings as a delegate. Sevor has worked as the Director of Social Services at Lake Park of Madison for the last ten years.

## Fundraising Ball Set For Oct. 20

You are cordially invited to attend the Madison County Recreation Association Inaugural Fundraising Ball. The event is a black and white formal. It will be held at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20, at Divine Events, located at 5806 NE Colin Kelly Highway in Madison. Tickets are \$75 for a group of four.

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## Obituaries

### Alphonso "Coot" Hudson Sr.

Alphonso "Coot" Hudson Sr. was entrusted into God's loving care on September 24, 2012 at Madison County Memorial Hospital. He was 100 years old. He was born on October 27, 1911 to the late Joe and Mary Jane Hudson in Madison, Florida. In 1934 he married Bettie Lee and to that union five boys were born, Cary, Lemmie, Tony, Bishop, and Alphonso Hudson Jr. He was a loving father ever striving to give his children the things in life that would be beneficial to him. Alphonso was employed by Georgia Southern Railroad as a Railroad Technician. He later joined Magnolia Church of God in Unity. His influence will never die. He had a pleasing personality and a generous heart. He was loved and respected by all who knew him.

He is survived by three sons: Cary (Mertha), Bishop (Evelyn), and Alphonso Jr. 15 grandchildren: Yolanda, Michelle, Renee, Michael, Kelvin, Andreas, Kenneth, Clifford, Lillie, Cheryl, Tony, Consuelo, Sonia, Allison, and Kendra. One sister, Georgia Johnson. Two sisters-in-law: Delores Hudson and Martha Freeman, one brother-in-law, J.W. Johnson. A host of great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his wife Bettie, two sons: Lemmie and Tony. Brothers: Dave, Joe, S.P., and Columbus. One sister, Roberta, and other sorrowing relatives and friends.

Home going celebration was held Saturday, September 29, 2012 at the Chapel of Cooks and Cooper Funeral Home at 11 a.m. Interment followed immediately after religious service at Oakridge Cemetery in Madison. Repast was held at Damascus Annex.

Special thanks to Dr. Bibb and the nursing staff at Madison County Memorial Hospital, and to his two nieces Naomi Anderson and Pauline Miller for their continuous love and support.

Cooks & Cooper Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

### Daisy Eva Cox Murray

Daisy Eva Cox Murray, age 89 died Friday, September 28, in Madison.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, October 2, 2012 at Pinetta Baptist Church, Pinetta, Florida with burial at Mt. Horeb Cemetery. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church.

She was born in Pinetta, Florida, where she lived all her life. She was a homemaker and a member of Pinetta Baptist Church.

She is survived by 1 daughter: Linda Kicklighter, of Hinesville, GA and 1 sister: Lillie Sue Favors of Pinetta. 4 Grandchildren and 2 Great Grandchildren.

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

## MILITARY NEWS



### Kristopher R. Wood

Marine Corps Pvt. Kristopher R. Wood, son of Stacey L. Stringfellow of Greenville, Fla. and Robert J. Wood, of Perry, Fla., earned the title of United States Marine after graduating from recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S. C.

For 13 weeks, Wood stayed committed during some of the world's most demanding entry-level military training in order to be transformed from civilian to Marine instilled with pride, discipline and the core values of honor, courage and commitment. Training subjects included close-order drill, marksmanship with an M-16A4 rifle, physical fitness, martial arts, swimming, military history, customs and courtesies.

One week prior to graduation, Wood endured The Crucible, a 54-hour final test of recruits' minds and bodies. Upon completion, recruits are presented the Marine Corps emblem and called Marines for the first time.

Wood is a 2011 graduate of Taylor County High School of Perry, Fla.



### Mark E. Timmons

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Mark E. Timmons, son of Linda M. Curtis of Ham Lake, Minn. and Mark E. Timmons, Sr., of Lee, Fla., assigned to Virginia-class attack submarine USS New Hampshire (SSN 778) returned to Naval Submarine Base Groton in Groton, Conn., following a six-month deployment.

The crew conducted months of specialized training prior to deployment. The training prepared USS New Hampshire to operate in some of the world's most complex operating environments.

USS New Hampshire departed for deployment March 13 and conducted maritime security and theater security cooperation efforts in the 6th Fleet area of operations. During their six-month deployment, while the USS New Hampshire steamed 36,000 nautical miles, the Sailors received many

qualifications and promotions.

While on deployment, USS New Hampshire connected with fourth and fifth graders from Heritage Elementary in Saline, Mich. Students from the Michigan elementary school sent nearly 200 letters to the crew of the attack submarine, which were read throughout the deployment. The letter-exchange was launched prior to their deployment between Ensign Patrick Coughlin, supply officer on board USS New Hampshire, and his mother Lynne, who teaches at Heritage Elementary.

USS New Hampshire was delivered to the Navy Aug. 28, 2008, and then was commissioned at Ports-mouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine, Oct. 25, 2008.

Timmons is a 2008 graduate of Blaine High School of Blaine, Minn. and joined the Navy in June 2008



# AROUND MADISON COUNTY

## Rain Proves No Obstacle For Groundbreaking At Madison Youth Ranch

By Lynette Norris  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

They came from near and far, arriving at the Barksdale Farm in three school buses and scores of cars, so many that shuttles ferried them from the parking area to the Barksdale farmhouse. On this rainy, gray morning, a colorful sea of umbrellas ebbed and flowed around the wooden farmhouse and the white pavilion tent that sheltered a long, low mound of earth with the row of silver shovels that would soon mark the "official" beginning – the groundbreaking – for the Madison Youth Ranch.

A ministry of FUMCH (Florida United Methodist Children's Home), the Madison



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Representing Madison, Ashley Killingsworth as Miss Madison turns a shovelful of earth at the site.

Youth Ranch had its beginnings as far back as 2008. FUMCH was celebrating its centennial in Enterprise, Florida, and looking toward the future for a way to expand its services to children, in more places and in more ways.

People from both the Madison and Enterprise regions began meeting and talking, and ideas expanded from offering foster care services in North Florida to a possible second residential facility.

A group of members from the Madison First United Methodist Church invited representatives from the Children's Home to meet and discuss locating that second facility in Madison County.

There were setbacks along the way – the original site chosen didn't work out and some of the nearby residents were hesitant about the proposed Youth Ranch – but the group persevered. When the Shirley Barksdale Foundation learned of the group's need for a location, it offered the Foundation's 240 acres. Billy and Dianne Sullivan donated adjacent property to bring the total acreage for the ranch to 300. John and Bunny Maultsby made the cornerstone financial contribution to fund the first residential home, what will be the first of several, for the children.

Fast-forward to a rainy morning, September 18, when Rev. John

Rivas, FUMCH Vice President for Development, described the excitement he felt to be finally standing on the property where the Madison Youth Ranch would soon be taking shape. He spoke also of the vision that had been planted in the hearts of believers and how God had "grown that vision," as if the rain were not an obstacle to be overcome, but a symbol of God's blessing.

Others too, had spoken of the 'liquid sunshine,' speaking of the rain and blessings in the same breath until it seemed as if the rain were something actually preordained for the occasion. They spoke also of the footprints in the wet soil at the groundbreaking site, symbolizing the thousands of people who had come together locally and from all over the state to make the Madison Youth Ranch a reality.

"This is God's ground," Rivas told those gathered. "And we welcome you."

Evans Hubbard, Chair of the Board of Trustees, said that, "I've spent my life in the woods, and this is the prettiest pieces of woods as I've ever seen." He hoped that many troubled and hurting children would find comfort and healing in the natural beauty of the place and in the caring hearts of those who would extend to them God's love.

Dianne and Billy Sullivan, Campaign



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More than a dozen people participated in the groundbreaking ceremony for the Madison Youth Ranch, some taking turns with shovels. Left to right: Rev. Bob Laidlaw, Evans Hubbard, Billy Sullivan, Dianne Sullivan, Robert Gibbs, Bunny Maultsby, John Maultsby, David Abramowitz, Shawn Salamida, and Bill Rutherford. Others who took turns at a shovel but are not pictured include David Smith, Melinda Stubbins, and Mary Kay Blume.

Chairs who had offered both the land for the original site and then donated land adjacent to the Barksdale property, spoke of the privilege of being in the right place at the right time that allowed them to be a part of the exciting ministry ahead.

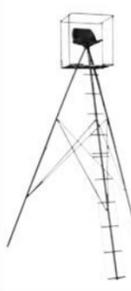
The Youth Ranch hopes to eventually serve 100 children in homes, with loving house parents. The homes will be built in phases over the next few years, along

with an administration building, cafeteria, gym, stables, recreation fields and a chapel. The original Barksdale farmhouse will remain as a welcome center and a tribute to the late Shirley Barksdale, a teacher who loved children, cared for many foster children during her lifetime and instructed that her property would continue to be used to help troubled and traumatized children heal and know that they are loved.

It was all about the children, Mike Galloway, President and CEO of FUMCH told those gathered. Referencing again the theme that seemed to run through the entire morning, of something preordained, he said, "Jesus has been preparing this ground for hundreds and hundreds of years."

Rev. Bob Laidlaw of the first United Methodist Church of Madison led the closing prayer.

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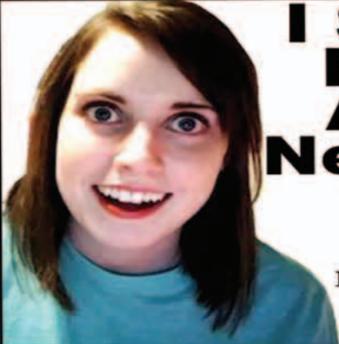
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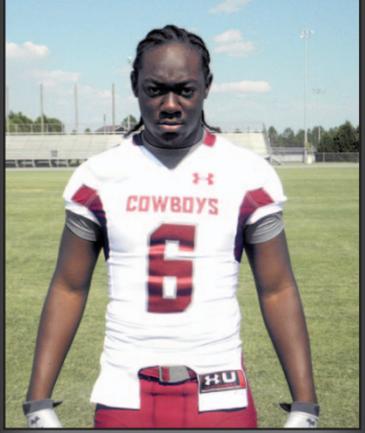
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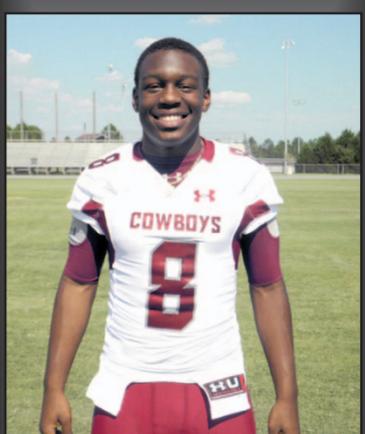
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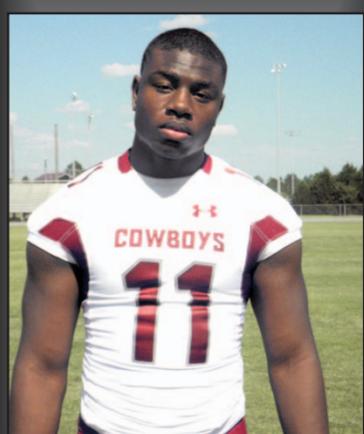
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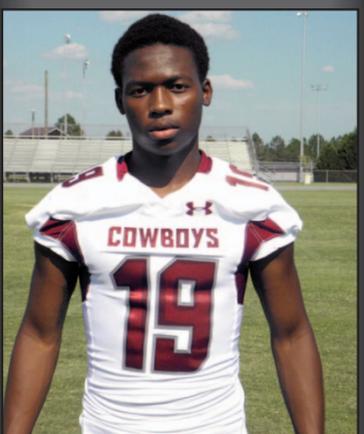
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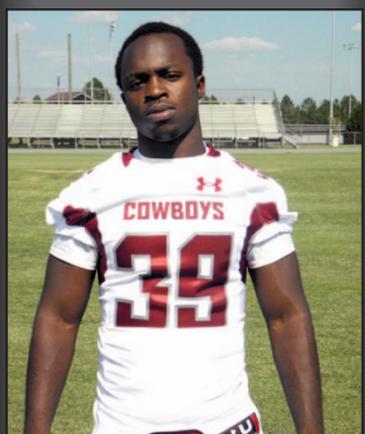
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## Teacher Feature

### Guenter Maresch

By Kristin Finney  
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North Florida Community College is renowned for their exceptional teaching. To help add to their repertoire they have brought in Guenter Maresch, who teaches General Physics, Introductory Astronomy and Intermediate Algebra at NFCC.

Maresch was born in Germany. He graduated from the University of Stuttgart, where he received a degree in physics. After receiving his degree he moved to the United States for two years to take a temporary job as a postdoc. He was in that position from 1987-1989. After those two years, he moved back to Germany to do research at the University of Mainz. He worked on the development of a scientific instrumentation in Karlsruhe, which is close to the Black Forest. Then in 1998 he came back to the USA to work at the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory at Florida State University in Tallahassee. After that he taught Astronomy at FSU. He also worked as a scientific consultant and at a Nanotechnology company. He and his wife Leonia now live in Monticello. "We really enjoyed living in Monticello and how nice the

people are in this area," he shared.

When asked what made him decide to become a teacher, Maresch said, "I don't think it was me who decided to become a teacher. I have been one for many decades with a combination of natural talents and a good education. I seem to have the ability of explaining the most complex subjects in a very basic and structured form and language. I love to use images and metaphors to visualize an idea. It is related to how my thinking works. I believe learning takes a lot of work - students nowadays don't like to hear that. When I was young I didn't like to hear that either. Now I enjoy working hard to help students find an easier understanding of matters, which develop with increasing speed, in particular when we consider modern technology, which is based on physics and mathematics. I enjoy when I finally see in a student the light bulb coming on. I get the satisfaction that this person will be a better person than he or she was before, and I also learn something new: What did it take for this student to finally understand."

When Maresch heard of a position open

at NFCC, he did not hesitate to apply. "Then, when I found out more about NFCC and met the employees and the teachers in and outside the Science Department, and saw how many good people are around here, it was not difficult to make that decision. Also, I was impressed by how well equipped the Science Department at NFCC is with all the stuff a teacher needs for experiments and demonstrations, even compared to larger universities," he said.

Maresch also said of NFCC, "NFCC is a small college in a rural area. It is a special place just because of that. But also, the people who work here are people who are generous, courteous, and pleasant to be around. Administrative tasks and duties get done quickly and are less stressful in a small organization than in a larger one. I like to focus on the teaching, improvement, and expansion of the work I do. At NFCC I can complete other tasks very efficiently, which is only possible in a small organization. Being in a rural area and having most students coming from that area creates a different kind of typical student. I find almost all of my students highly motivated and eager to

learn. Many of them put extra energy and time into their studies. So far, I have the impression that both teacher and student have fewer distractions from the real purpose here at NFCC than at other schools."

"One characteristics of my teaching methodology is hands-on involvement of students: They need to learn, they need to perform actions, which help them understand and remember the subject. In particular in physics and astronomy, labs complement the classes and give students a hands-on experience of subject-related materials," said Maresch.

He also spoke highly of the American culture, "I like to live in the USA because I believe in individual right of freedom and justice. While I learned in Germany that the price for making those rights work in the society of a country is that the individuals have to follow a strict set of rules, the American culture is actually very similar in setting those rules. The difference is that in the U.S., many of those rules are either not clearly defined, or a sea of exceptions exists. This is how I can explain why there is such tremendous creativity in this country and in the American people. I have to admit that I get confused due to the lack of clarity of directions, but mostly, I also have to admit, I enjoy getting along with everybody else."

"I love typical American food, from hot dogs to rib-eye steaks, and



Photo submitted

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from potatoes to tomatoes. I love to eat, and I eat often too much, like many other Americans. However, the truth is that there is some German food, which I really miss. And when I have a chance to go back to Germany and visit my fairly large family, they already know what I like ... and I will be eating even more."

"I enjoy and actively participate in the large variety of American music. I have been to local plays in the Monticello Opera House, to symphony concerts at FSU, and to the Metropolitan Opera in New York City. I enjoy the variety of the many cultures represented by the music. I play

the piano and the trumpet during the services at Christ Church, Monticello, together with the other musicians. And we can play Gospel and Baroque, and everything in-between, and enjoy all of it."

Guenter and Leonia currently reside in Monticello. Leonia was born in Rome, Italy. They share many hobbies together including looking at the stars, riding horses, and playing music together. She has two sons, one living in New York, the other in Virginia. Guenter has one sister and two brothers, all of them living in Central Europe. That is also where both of his parents are.

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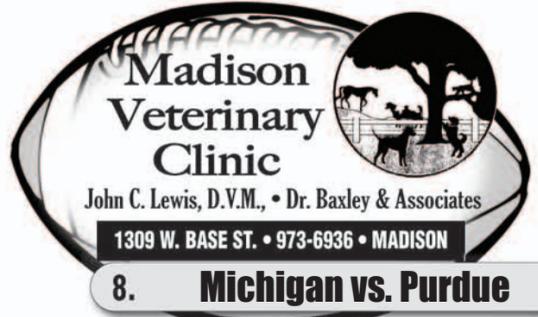
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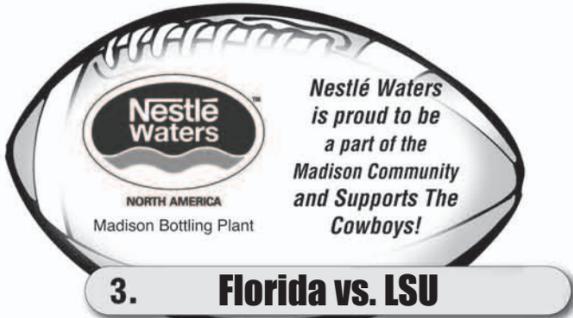
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# SPORTS

## Brandon Crawford Is Cowboys' Leading Tackler



By Jacob Bemby  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Throughout the first four games of the season, Brandon Crawford is the leading tackler for the Madison County High School Cowboys.

Crawford leads MCHS with 23 solo tackles and 15 assists.

Chris O'Hara has nine solo tackles and 21 assists.

Van Thompkins has 10 solo tackles and 20 assists.

Javarus Jones has racked up 17 solo tackles and 11 assists.

Eddrick Williams has 12 solo tackles and 15 assists.

Deandre Miller has 12 solo tackles and 14 assists. Laterrius Davis has 19 solo tackles and seven assists.

Shedrick Williams has 19 solo tackles and six assists.

Brandon Vought has nine solo tackles and 10 assists.

Ira Denson leads the Cowboys with nine tackles for loss.

Devontee Gallon and Van Thompkins each have two tackles for loss.

Chris O'Hara, Brandon Crawford, Tavarus Jones and Shedrick Williams have four tackles.

Van Thompkins leads the team in sacks with two sacks.

Brandon Crawford, Deandra Miler, Tavarus Jones and Chris O'Hara have one sack each.

## JV WARRIORS BLANKED

By Fran Hunt  
Special from ECB Publishing, Inc.

The Aucilla Christian Academy junior varsity Warriors faced off against Florida High on September 20 and even with the home-field advantage, the young Warriors were blanked for a 12-0 loss to now stand 1-1 on the season.

On the offensive side of the field, quarterback Daulton Browning completed two passes out of 17 attempts for 19 yards. Coach Daryl Adams said the receivers kept dropping the ball.

Timothy Kercher collected 39 yards rushing.

Joe Hannon had 19 receiving yards.

DJ Wilkinson rushed for six yards.

On the defensive side of the field, Daulton Browning had six tackles and seven assists.

Timothy Kercher had four tackles and one assist.

Joe Hannon had four tackles, four assists and one fumble recovery.

Joe Walton had three tackles and one assist.

Jake Edwards had five tackles and one assist.

Chris Fitch had three assists.

Tyler Pentz had six tackles and two assists.

Joshua Greene had five tackles, one assist and one fumble recovery.

Kyle Rogers had four tackles and three assists.

The JV Warriors face off against Branford, October 9 at 6 p.m., home, in the final game of the season.

## Cowboys Pound Providence

By Jacob Bemby  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The team that played the first one-and-a-half quarters of the football game Friday night against Providence didn't appear to be the same team the rest of the game. The Madison County High School Cowboys upended Providence 48-6 after trailing 6-0 in the early going.

Quarterback D.J. McKnight completed six of 12 passes for 108 yards and two touchdown passes. He also rushed three times for 43 yards.

Neal Brown caught two of McKnight's passes for 41 yards and a touchdown.

Tré Arnold caught two passes for 41 yards.

Shedrick Williams hauled in one pass for 10 yards and a touchdown. He also rushed six times

for 61 yards.

Deontaye Oliver caught one pass for 16 yards. He rushed twice for 15 yards.

Keon Bruton led the Cowboys' ground game with 18 rushes for 127 yards.

Deonshay Wells rushed four times for 24 yards and a touchdown.

Eric Bright ran the ball four times for 29 yards and a touchdown.

Eric Bright carried the ball four times for 29 yards and a touchdown.

Alex Brown had 51 yards on five carries. He also scored a touchdown.

Troymond Alexander rushed twice for 34 yards.

The Cowboys had 492 total yards on 56 plays.

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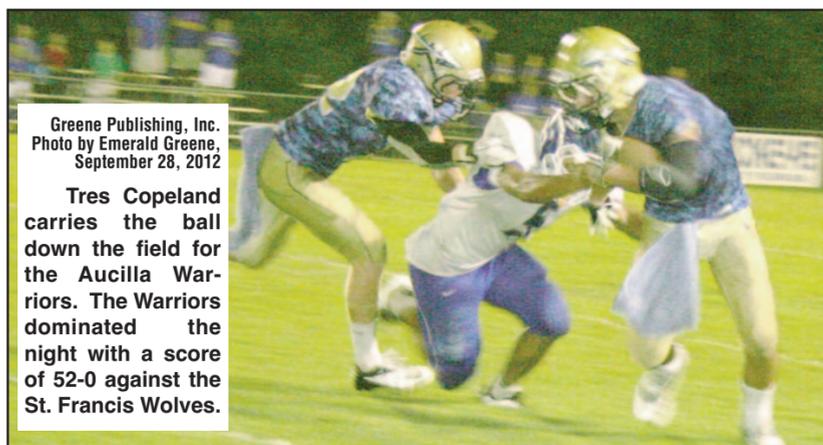
By William Smith  
Special from ECB Publishing

Shutouts are a notably rare achievement in today's offensively fertile football locale. Where once such offenses as the Spread and West Coast were found only in the minds of NFL geniuses, now the offensive blitz has found its way into every facet and level of organized football. Gone are the days of "three yards and a cloud of dust"; now are the days of "no-huddle" and basketball scores on turf.

This setting provides the frame for Aucilla Christian's 52-0 drubbing of the Wolves of St. Francis, who themselves run a multiple spread offense, the fourth such shutout since the beginning of last season. And as impressive as the Warriors were on defense, an effort in which a season-high 13 players contributed with at least one tackle, seniors Hans Sorensen and Bradley Holm kept pace with yet another joint 200 yard rushing effort. The duo combined for a total of 212 yards and four touchdowns.

The Warriors now find themselves on a three-game winning streak in which Sorensen and Holm have averaged 115 and 106 yards respectively per game, as well as 11 total touchdowns, five belonging to Sorensen and six belonging to Holm. The pair represent the grassroots bread-and-butter engine of the Warrior offense, an offense which has averaged in excess of 450 yards in each of the past three victories.

Said head coach Colby Roberts, "We really



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September 28, 2012

Tres Copeland carries the ball down the field for the Aucilla Warriors. The Warriors dominated the night with a score of 52-0 against the St. Francis Wolves.

rely on our ability to rush the football. These two seniors are stepping up in a big way, and the team is benefitting from it."

Specifically profiting from the improved ground game is sophomore quarterback Wesley Smyrnios, who has thrown for 11 touchdowns and since the Warriors began their current streak, 215 yards and three touchdowns of which came on Friday night. While defensive coordinators scheme to stop the run, Smyrnios has worked the play action pass with deadly effect.

Senior Jared Jackson led all Aucilla receivers with his 105 yard, one touchdown performance. Jackson's statistics now total 577 yards and eight touchdowns for the season, well ahead of his record-setting pace last season.

On defense, senior linebacker Gus Smyrnios led a suffocating squad with 12 total tackles, including seven solo stops. Nearly constant pressure produced four sacks, two each by sophomore defensive lineman Nick Roberts and Cole Schwab. The Warriors also forced three fumbles to round out their dominant

show.

Aucilla now looks to continue their string of victories in what is sure to be the most emotional contest of the season so far as the Warriors host the Bobcats of Robert F. Munroe. Au-

cilla has dropped three straight to their archrivals and will play for both revenge and conference perfection in this home matchup, which will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Aucilla's campus.

### Spotlight

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# AROUND MADISON COUNTY

## United Way Celebrity Waiters Night Is A Huge Success



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Shelby's was packed from beginning to end during the United Way Celebrity Waiters Night.

By Kristin Finney  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The United Way of the Big Bend in Madison hosted their annual Celebrity Waiter's Night on September 25 at Shelby's. The event was a huge success that had the parking lot at Shelby's packed from beginning to end. The United Way team along with several local and regional

celebrities served attendees with a smile on their face and joy in their hearts.

Several local celebrities attended including Police Chief Gary Calhoun, Howard Phillips and Jackie Johnson. There was also a new celebrity in the mix with the Madison celebrities. Garin Flowers, from WCTV, along with Sonny Shroyer, from Dukes of Hazzard, and Billy Hill, song-

writer and referee, all helped during the event.

The tips for the night, as well as the money from desserts and the cake auction went to the United Way. The grand total for the event was more than \$4,051. The United Way team of Madison would like to thank everyone who came out to the event or helped in any way for their support.



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Some of the Celebrities from the event posed for a picture. Seen from left to right are Billy Hill, Howard Phillips and Sonny Shroyer.



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Police Chief Gary Calhoun donned his Cowboy apron and oven mitts for the Celebrity Waiters Night



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Enjoying the United Way Celebrity Waiters Event are, from left to right, are Andy Barnes, Rosa Richardson, Ina Thompson, Cheryl Jones and DeLores Jones.



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Sonny Shroyer (center) poses for a picture with Jimmy Pierce (left) and Shelby Richards (right), owner of Shelby's restaurant.



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Some of the team for the Madison County United Way are seen during the event. From left to right are Cathy Bass, Ethyl Barefoot, Jackie Johnson and Vicki Howerton.

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

CIVIL ACTION NO.2012-216-CA

WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS  
6164 Pisgah Lane  
Tallahassee, Florida 32309

Plaintiff,

vs.

GARY LLOYD WILLIAMS  
Post Office Box 1148  
Madison, Florida 32341;  
JARED LLOYD WILLIAMS  
Post Office Box 1148  
Madison, Florida 32341;  
CAPITAL ONE BANK  
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Defendants.

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

TO: GARY LLOYD WILLIAMS  
Post Office Box 1148  
Madison, Florida 32341

JARED LLOYD WILLIAMS  
Post Office Box 1148  
Madison, Florida 32341

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has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Clay A. Schnitker, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Post Office Drawer 652, Madison, Florida 32340, on or before October 31, 2012, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated September 20, 2012.

Tim Sanders,  
CLERK OF COURT

BY: /s/ Karen Holman  
Deputy Clerk

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

UNITED MIDWEST SAVINGS BANK,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

JOHN E. SANCHEZ-BIANCHI, if living and if dead, all unknown parties claiming by, through, under or against John E. Sanchez-Bianchi who are not now known to be dead or alive whether said unknown parties claim as heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees or other claimants claiming against John E. Sanchez-Bianchi, and AUCILLA PLANTATIONS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.,  
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

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By: Kamara Dickerson  
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# AROUND MADISON COUNTY



## SPOTLIGHT: MCI's Warden Diane Andrews

By Lynette Norris  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

She was born on Christmas Day in Raiford, a town almost synonymous with prisons, but she originally intended to be an elementary school teacher.

Her three siblings also went into other fields. One brother is now an electrician, the other works for Coca-Cola, and her sister now works with a child development agency.

MCI's Warden Diane Andrews, one of seven female wardens in the state of Florida, grew up as the oldest of four children. Her father died when she was 11, and her widowed mother worked two or three jobs at a time, including that of school bus driver, substitute teacher and convenience store worker to provide for her family.

"I don't know how she did it," said Andrews. "She was like a rock for all of us. She made sure we had what we needed."

Now with a 28-year-old son of her own who is "the love of my life," she also speaks warmly of her second husband who has been a rock of support and encouragement for her, even though her work has made it impossible to live at home for the last few years. He owns and operates a farm in Starke, visiting her on the weekends and during the week whenever possible.

As a young college student majoring elementary education at Lake City Community College, when she needed a break from her studies, she contacted UCI in Raiford about a temporary job. Unsuccessful at first, she called back and

asked to speak to the warden, knowing nothing about the hierarchal rank of prison staff. She had never intended to go over anyone's head, and assumed she was speaking to someone analogous to 'the manager' at any other place of employment, asking him how she could improve her chances of employment with the facility. Was there a class she needed to take? Some sort of certification she needed to meet before she could be considered? "I just knew I needed a job."

Something about that conversation impressed the warden, who asked her to come in for a personal interview. She was soon hired, and as a new employee that first Christmas on the job in 1981, she was assigned the midnight shift on Christmas Day, where she jokes that she "turned 21 in prison." It wasn't long before she realized that, with the promotional opportunities in the field, that "temporary job" could become a career.

It was quite a shift from her original plans, but something about it that was essentially the same. "I tell everybody I just switched age groups," she said. "Because, in a way, I'm still teaching."

So, she stayed on, and one of the biggest reasons was the staff, who soon became "like a family," watching each other's backs in a place where nothing could be taken for granted. It was a bond made even stronger by the knowledge that the very worst could, and sometimes did, happen; a staff member you had spoken to only half an hour earlier could suddenly end up dead.

They invested a lot of time in her, teaching her how to do things the right way, and how survive dangerous situations, frequently sharing many of their own frightening experiences on the job. "We called it 'telling war stories,'" she said.

She once found herself in a very dangerous situation while hurrying toward the building where she worked – there were rules against employees walking alone inside the compound, but she was running late – when suddenly, she realized she was in a blind spot where no one in the guard towers could see her, surrounded by a group of inmates. Even though she was terrified, she remembered what she had learned from those "war stories:" Don't let them see you're afraid. Look them in the eye. Call them by name.

As she was standing her ground and doing just that, someone else grabbed her arm and ran with her into the safe zone, where the guard towers could clearly see her. It was another inmate.

"I thought I was going to die that day," she said, crediting inmate with saving her life, as well as the staff members who taught her what to do in emergencies.

There were always opportunities chance to give back through teaching, whether it was inmates or the newer employees who came in behind her, especially as she rose through the ranks and people began looking to her as a leader. There was also ample opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others.

She has now worked at 13 different facilities, from Carabelle to Homestead, including two women's facilities. She has worked in the guard towers, the dorms and the control rooms, and each new experience gave her a little more insight into what inmate life is like.

One of the things she is glad to see in the last three or four years is the significant change in the culture of DOC, with Department Secretary Ken Tucker, Deputy Secretary Michael Crews, Assistant Secretary of Institutions Tim Cannon and Deputy Secretary of Planning Analysis Michelle Pyle, shifting the focus from warehousing inmates to preparing them for re-entry into society; unless they are serving life sentences, they will be released sooner or later, and they need to be ready for life on the outside.

Madison's response in forming a "partnership committee" with MCI to help build a successful re-entry program makes Andrews "feel blessed that I came here." Other communities have had good volunteers, but a proactive partnership committee is something she has found nowhere else.

The DOC has also become more willing to let the public see what correctional officers' jobs are like and some of the things they go through on a daily basis. Andrews believes is important that the public see this – it is the staff that is the backbone of a facility, particularly at MCI, where many have been there since the doors opened, accumulating a wealth of experience that can't be duplicated any other way. The warden's position is one she sees as more of a spokesperson for the facility, and a "cheerleader" for the staff. "I just cheer them on and say 'let's go, team!'"

Her goal for MCI is to make it "not just okay, but exceptional. I want us to exceed every expectation."

Also, with MCI work squads taking as much of the burden as possible off the taxpayers, "I want to make Madison County as good as it can be," she said. "It really is a partnership...a win/win situation." So far, she has had a lot of support from community leaders like Alan Cherry, Tim Bennett, Deloris Jones, Linda Jones, and many, many others.

At MCI, she believes she is where she needs to be. As a committed Christian, she believes that there is hope for every inmate, but knows that they will have a hard row ahead of them once they leave. They will need all the help and resources a well-run re-entry program can provide, because, as she puts it, "We have to give these inmates another chance."

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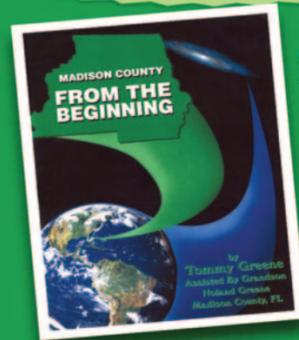


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**Section B**

# Path *of Faith*



## Open Arms Ministries Offers Free Lunch

By Jacob Bembry  
*Greene Publishing, Inc.*

Open Arms Ministries will host another free lunch for people in Madison County on Saturday, Oct. 17.

The lunches are held in the fellowship hall of the First United Methodist Church in Madison and are organized by Chad McCormick, with assistance from Michael Keeler and others. It is designed to be an outreach to the community.

“We want to provide warm meals and relationships to those in need,” said McCormick. “We will also be providing other helpful information for struggling members of our community. We are a nonprofit organization with no form of expected income. The donations of companies and people like you represent an important component of this ministry. Our host, Madison First United Methodist Church, will be donating the use of their fellowship hall, kitchen, plates, bowls, utensils and some volunteers.”

If you are interested in more information, you may contact Chad McCormick by email at [open-armsfumc@yahoo.com](mailto:open-armsfumc@yahoo.com) or by phone at 850-929-7561.

The lunch will begin at noon and end at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Bryant Thigpen, August 29, 2012

Open Arms Ministry opened their doors to the community on Wednesday, August 29, to offer warm meals to the homeless and low-income families of Madison county. The team that made this event happen are pictured left to right: Brian Sanderson, Paula Adams, Chad McCormick, Michael Keeler, and Mark Henry.



## Day To Day Celebrations

By Edna  
Haynes-Turner

*“And (He) said until them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat.”*

——Mark 6:31 (Life Application Bible)

Most of us have really busy lives, and occasionally overwhelmed by the demands that are placed on us. When these times occur, wisdom dictates that we need to stop, renew, and take time for refreshing. If Jesus took time to get away and to rest, we, who are made in His image and likeness need to do the same thing.

There are times when we busy ourselves with things that are not assigned to our lives. When God created us and placed us in the earth, we were created for purpose and assignments. Sometimes we find ourselves doing things that are foreign to our purpose and/or assignment. Our primary purpose in the earth is for kingdom building. No matter what our earthly vocation ..... mother, father, doctor, lawyer, teacher, cook, ditch digger.....our heavenly assignment is to “be a light that leads the lost to the Kingdom of God.” We should never forget nor too busy to be aware of what (He) as asked of us. There are times when it may be a good and worthwhile cause or venture, but if it is not ordained and orchestrated by the Father (for your life), it has no eternal value; and the Word tells us that “only that which we do for Christ will last.” Our focus should be on those things that impact eternity and will ultimately transform us into the image of God. When we do things to be well-spoken of by man, the Word tells us “that will be the only reward that we will receive.”

God does not want us to get so busy that we forget to nurture and cultivate our relationship with (Him). When the busy things in life pull us away from (Him) and the time we spend with (Him), we can be certain that the activity is not ordained by God. He wants to spend time with us. He looks forward to spending time with us. Understand that God is wise

and knows all things. He knows that spending time with Him gives us revelation, clarity, direction, and allows a time of refreshing. When we take time from the busy things in life and spend time in the presence of God, we can experience spiritual refreshing. Taking the time to be refreshed, renewed, and restored, empowers us to be more effective in our purpose and assignments. He can then expand our ter-

# A TIME OF REFRESHING

ritory and we can experience an increase in divine appointments in every facet of our lives. It’s imperative that we take time for Him, in order to be equipped to serve those that He places in our lives.

A time of refreshing allows the peace of God to permeate every facet of our lives. That refreshing comes to us through the Spirit of God. The refreshing may also come through messages of peace through His written Word, through songs, or by persons whom we meet and share peace-giving moments with us. When the peace of God is released in our lives, it truly floods our souls, and we know that such a peace can only come from God. He has assured us that we can trust Him, and rest in His peace. When we don’t take the time of refreshing, we may often forget all that God has promised us with regard to His Peace. As believers, we can rest and have phenomenal peace in knowing that God is concerned about everything that relates to us. We must simply hear and obey God, and can be assured that we will walk in “paths of peace.”

I truly thank God for His holy and divine Word. There is such peace in knowing that He (the Word) does not change. Those of us who love Him and live for Him can rely on the constant, unchanging nature of the Word. He has promised never to leave or forsake us, and this indicates that He is always wanting and waiting to fellowship with us. However, we tend to get busy in the day-to-dayness of living and forget to put Him in the proper place in our lives. He says if we acknowledge Him that He will direct ALL THINGS in our lives. What a wonderful promise that we so often forget.

He does not care how small or large the thing is, if we would only allow Him, He will direct our paths into all that He has purposed and assigned in our lives. It requires spending time ..... time of refreshing with Him ..... time to fellowship with Him ... time for praising and worshipping Him; these allow us to hear Him and He will direct our paths.

Let us each be about our Father’s business ..... He asks us to do that which He has done, and we will do even greater things!! Amen.

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## The Pulpit

**By Robert Ledford  
Pastor, Landmark Baptist Church**

Have you ever had a conversation with someone and you had a feeling that they have left something out, that they were not telling you everything?

Jeremiah 26:2 brings up a very important truth for our discussion. Men seem to have the ability to alter the Word or leave some of the Word of God out and feel that they have been just, in doing so. There is never a just cause to do this, and it doesn't matter if one thinks there is a good reason. As preachers have been called to

# Diminish Not A Word

give the Gospel of the Lord's church through teaching and preaching, we cannot be at liberty to diminish, leave out or change what God has given us in His Word. But yet, it is done on a daily basis in our world. You may be asking what I am talking about. What I mean is that many preachers are not preaching the whole Word of God. There are topics in which many are uncomfortable listening to. For example, sin and judgment are hard to take because it involves what we may be doing wrong. 2 Timothy 4:3 states: *"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but after their own lust shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears."* Now, those who only hand out lollipops and pacifiers in their message diminish the Word of God. Was this what Paul did, what Peter did? Of course not, but many preachers are afraid to rock the boat.

If a minister of God is fulfilling his ministry as the Word directs him, 2 Timothy 4:2 is his light through which his preaching and teaching is seen. It says, "Preach the Word, be instant in season, out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort with

all longsuffering and doctrine." Giving to men what they do not like to hear is a hard job. The prophets in the Old Testament and the apostles in the New Testament suffered greatly for relating to men that which God gave them. Should we in our time be fearful of men that may take offense in what God desires to be told? Of course not. The Word tells us not to fear what man can do to us, and that we should joy in suffering for Christ's sake. We should never give in and not do what we know we should for the sake of numbers or repercussions from those that are convinced by the preaching of the Word of God. We must remember that without conviction, we would not have known that we were a sinner and needed to repent and ask Christ into our heart. Without conviction, we will continue to do wrong against a loving God. Without conviction, we will continue to do wrong against a loving God. Without conviction, we would not know the correct steps to take that leads us in our step by step lives that we live for the Savior.

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In her book *Gravity and Grace*, the late Simone Weil wrote, "Grace fills empty spaces, but it can only enter where there is a void to receive it." With those words she emphasizes a spirituality which for the most part has been only a minority report in the Christian church. It is the spirituality of weakness and emptiness.

It is no wonder that Jesus said, "God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him." He said this, not to glorify poverty, but to show that the only receptacle for God's grace is a vacant human heart. We all must become poor, in one way or another, to receive what God has to give.

Somewhere along the line we simply lost our

# Grace Fills Empty Spaces

Way, that being the Way of Jesus. He always taught and modeled an inverted power, personal capability turned on its head. He never used coercion, strong-arm tactics, or dirty ladder climbing to the top. Rather, he descended to the bottom choosing the way of sacrifice, service, and humility.

Yet, we who are Christian often march forth to clutch for power and accomplishments as quickly as all others. Our good old Protestant work ethic (Catholics work just as hard, by the way) with a strong dose of entrepreneurship drives us to amass everything from fortunes and followers to perfect attendance pins and pats-on-the-back. We can become so full of ourselves that there is no room left for anything else, not even the grace God longs to give.

Personal achievement should be rightly celebrated, but it cannot be forgotten that egotism, pride, and ambition are the real enemies of the gospel. Why? Because when our hands, heads, and hearts are full, we are simply unable to accept what God offers. "Grace fills empty spaces!" Or in the words of Leo Tolstoy, "Even the strongest current of water cannot add a drop to a cup which is

already full."

I remember the telling of an old story about a scholar who climbed the mountain to meet the Zen Master face to face and to learn from him. This scholar had an extensive academic background. He had read and studied all the important texts and was a wealth of knowledge and experience.

After making all the customary bows and introductions, the two sat together and the scholar began talking about all he had done and all he had studied. He talked about all his endeavors and all he hoped to achieve in the future. The Master listened carefully and patiently and began to brew tea for the two to share.

When the tea was ready, the Master brought it over and began pouring it in the scholar's cup; and he kept pouring, pouring, and pouring. It filled the cup, ran over into the saucer, into the scholar's lap and onto the floor! The scholar jumped up shouting, "Stop! Stop! The cup is full and running over! You can't get any more in there!"

The Master stopped pouring and said: "You are just like this cup. ...*Story cont. on Page 5B...*



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# Keeping The Faith

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You are so full of yourself that nothing else can get in! You come here asking to be taught, but I can teach you nothing until your cup is empty.”

None of us will receive God's good grace or experience genuine transformation so long as we remain full of ourselves. The gospel is completely unappealing – it is downright repulsive – to those of us who feel that we can manage our lives with our own abilities, resources, accomplishments, or on our own terms. As long as this self-reliance reigns supreme, the reign of God cannot take hold in our lives.

No, it's not what we're often told, but emptiness is not curse; it is the cure. Insufficiency is not the end; it is the beginning. Admitting that our hands hold nothing is not a liability; it is receptivity. And when we acknowledge that we have nothing left, it is then we have found the most important thing of all: The capacity and space to accept grace when it is offered to us.

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## Midway Church Of God Offers Tutoring Services For School Children

By Jacob Bembry  
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Midway Church of God has found a new way to minister to students in school.

Each Wednesday evening at 6 p.m., those attending the church meet for pizza. Following the pizza dinner, adult members of the church begin tutoring the children and assisting them with homework questions.

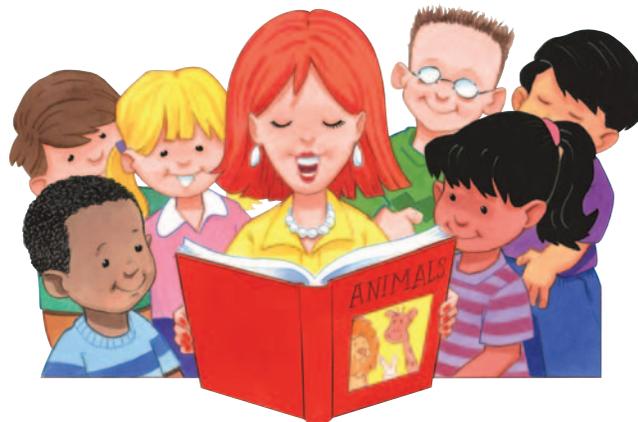
Homework help includes calling off spelling words, checking the students' papers for problems and offering solutions. Sometimes, though, the adults are stumped by the problems. (New math doesn't really work with old minds.)

It is hoped that each student's school performance will increase with the help offered by the adults.

If your child needs assistance with their school work and does not have a church he or she already attends, they are welcome to go to Midway Church of God's Wednesday evening free tutoring session.

The Wednesday evening church service begins at 7 p.m.

Midway Church of God is located at 2485 SE Midway Church Road in Lee.



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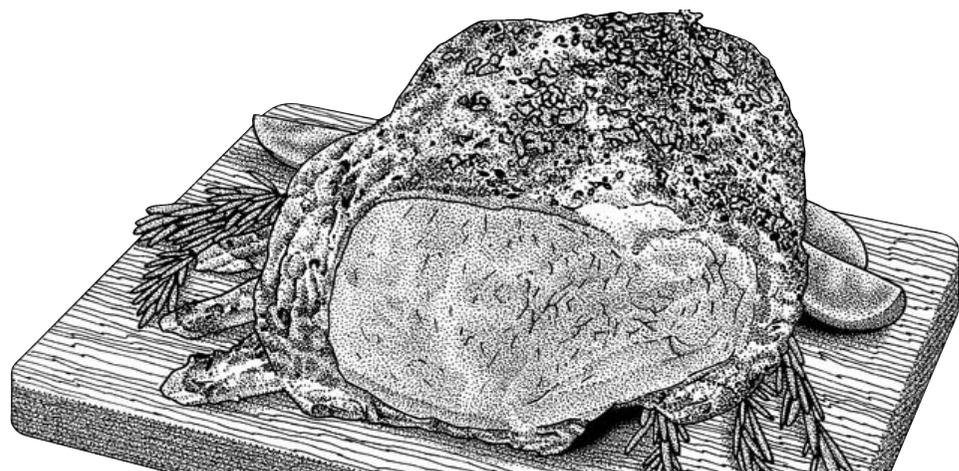
# St. Vincent DePaul Annual Prime Rib Dinner

By Kristin Finney  
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St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church will be hosting their annual prime rib dinner this month. The funds raised from the sale will go to local charities including Take Stock in Children, Project Graduation, A Woman's Pregnancy

Center, Relay for Life and NFCC Scholarship.

Boxes will be on sale for \$25.00 and can be purchased for take out. The meals will be on sale October 18 from 5:30-7 p.m. For more information please call Jim Catron at (850) 673-8201 or email him at [catronj@aol.com](mailto:catronj@aol.com).



# Women's Retreat 2012 Slated

By Kristin Finney  
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Rocky Springs Missionary Baptist Church will be going on a women's retreat this month. The trip will be held on October 26-28. They will begin the retreat on Friday at 9 a.m. with an educational and spiritual teaching on women etiquette, serving others, loving others, family life, etc. They will end with a divine word from Rev. Juanita Crutcher followed by lunch. Then on Saturday morning at 7 a.m. they will depart from Rocky Springs to Savannah, Ga. They will be staying at the Embassy Suites. Some optional activities for the trip include down-

town rides, walking, swimming, relaxation, spa, shopping, site seeing and more. Dinner on Saturday will be at Paula Deen's-Lady and Son's restaurant. There will be a full breakfast bar available Sunday at the hotel. They will have Sunday School in the conference room. They will then depart for home and eat lunch on the road.

The total cost for the trip, which includes hotel, bus, and dinner, is \$150. For more information contact: Catherine Murphy at 850-673-9846,, Linda Robinson at 850-673-9015, and Sonical Mitchell at 850-673-1428. You can also email Catherine at [catherine.murphy@ymail.com](mailto:catherine.murphy@ymail.com) and Sonical at [sonical.mitchell@cca.com](mailto:sonical.mitchell@cca.com).

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# Octavious Lamar Tookes To Be Installed As Pastor

The members of St. James Missionary Baptist Church announced the installation service of their new pastor, the Rev. Octavious Lamar Tookes on Sunday, Oct. 7, at 3 p.m.

The church welcomes everyone to attend and to participate in this service with them.

Rev. James B. Duval, moderator, will deliver the sermon.



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# Bishop Fred Watson To Speak At Midway Church Of God Homecoming

By Jacob Bembry  
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Midway Church of God will hold its annual homecoming Sunday, Oct. 14.

The homecoming will begin with music by the Reflectsons of Trenton at 10 a.m., followed by a short, combined Sunday School service at 10:30 a.m.

Bishop Fred Watson, general overseer for the District Church of God, and former pastor of Live Oak Church of God, will deliver the morning message during the worship service beginning at 11 a.m.

Following a covered dish lunch on the church grounds, the Reflectsons will perform an afternoon gospel sing.

Everyone is welcome to attend homecoming at Midway Church of God, located at 2485 SE Midway Church Road, just off County Road 255, south of the Interstate 10, Lee exit, or off Highway 53 South, south of Interstate 10, Madison exit.

Rev. Retis Flowers is the pastor of Midway Church of God.

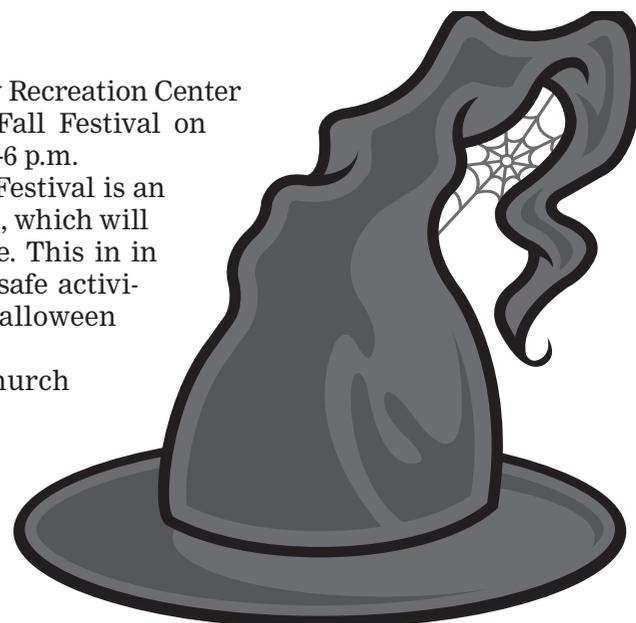
# Hallelujah Fall Festival Set At Madison County Recreation Center

By Jacob Bembry  
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The Madison County Recreation Center will host a Hallelujah Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 27, from 1-6 p.m.

The Hallelujah Fall Festival is an alternative to Halloween, which will let the children stay safe. This in lieu of negative and unsafe activities during the Halloween Holiday.

If you or your church would like to set up a booth and be a part of this event, please contact either Lillie Graham, (850) 973-3263 or Queen Davis, (850) 973-4562.



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# Evangelicals' Image Problem

By Rusty Wright

God should have sued Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson for defamation, says *New York Times* columnist Nicholas Kristof.

Shortly after the 9/11 attacks, the two Christian leaders ventured that America's secularists, liberals, feminists, homosexuals, and abortion rights supporters had angered God, and thus deserved some of the blame.

Kristof writes, "In these polarized times, few words conjure as much distaste in liberal circles as 'evangelical Christian.'" He notes that "the entire evangelical movement often has been pilloried among progressives as reactionary, myopic, anti-intellectual and, if anything, immoral."

Billy Graham, call your press agent.

## Christians Behaving Badly

Jesus, of course, taught people to "love your neighbor as yourself," "love your enemies," and "treat people the same way you want them to treat you." Sometimes, though, his followers can be downright weird.

During my university days, a friend brought an African-American student to a North Carolina church I attended. The next Sunday, the pastor announced that "last week's racial incident" (a black person attending) had prompted church leaders to reaffirm their longstanding racial segregation policy. Thereafter, any blacks attending would be handed a note explaining the policy and asking they not return. I was outraged and left the church.

*Postscript: Thirty years later, I learned that the white church had folded and an African-American church later used the facility. Maybe God has a sense of humor.*

## Shining Lights

However, genuine followers of Jesus can be shining lights. British parliamentarian William Wilberforce led a twenty-year legislative battle that, in 1807, outlawed the slave trade. Slave-trader-turned-pastor and "Amazing Grace" hymn writer John Newton mentored Wilberforce.

Contemporary examples of the faithful serving society abound. Sam Adams, Portland, Oregon's openly gay mayor, developed evangelical church partnerships involving over 26,000 volunteers tackling homelessness, sex trafficking and more. Adams calls it "the largest, most successful... sustained... volunteer effort... the Portland region has ever seen."

*Times of London* writer and former British parliamentarian Matthew Parris, a confirmed atheist, wrote, "I've become convinced of the enormous contribution that Christian evangelism makes in Africa: ... secular NGOs, government projects ... international aid efforts ... education and training alone will not do. In Africa Christianity changes people's hearts. It brings a spiritual transformation. The rebirth is real. The change is good."

World Relief, a Christian organization, provides worldwide disaster relief plus self-help efforts like well-digging and agricultural training. World Vision, the Salvation Army, and most major Christian denominations provide significant help for the poor.

The *New York Times*' Kristof lauds evangelicals' philanthropy and service: "Go to the front lines, at home or abroad, in the battles against hunger, malaria, prison rape, obstetric fistula, human trafficking or genocide, and some of the bravest people

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you meet are evangelical Christians (or conservative Catholics, similar in many ways) who truly live their faith.”

“I’m not particularly religious myself,” he continues, “but I stand in awe of those I’ve seen risking their lives in this way — and it sickens me to see that faith mocked at New York cocktail parties.”

## Bad Rap and Bridge Building

So, why such a bad rap for evangelicals? No doubt that some Christians behave badly. But maybe some bridge building is in order, by all sides.

Veteran leftist journalist/author Mark Pinsky, who is Jewish, says his attitude toward evangelicals changed after getting to know some as neighbors and friends: “I encountered evangelicals simply as people, rather than as subjects or sources of quotes for my stories.” He found they were neither monolithic nor, as The Washington Post once claimed, “poor, uneducated and easy to command,” but surprisingly diverse.

Get to know your intellectual and philosophical adversaries. Take a conservative to coffee or a liberal to lunch. You might find it eye-opening.

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# Upcoming Events

## October 6

Lee Worship Center will be holding its annual monthly open mic sing on Saturday, October 6, with dinner served at 6 p.m., and the music beginning at 7 p.m. Anyone who can sing or play an instrument is invited to join in. For more information, please call (850) 971-4135.

## October 14

Midway Church of God will be celebrating its annual homecoming on Sunday, October 14, starting at 11 a.m. The Reflectsons of Trenton will be in concert during the morning worship service and at 1 p.m., following lunch.



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