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Greene Publishing, Inc. Offers Exclusive Post-Debate Coverage



Bill Nelson

By Jacob Bemby
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Greene Publishing, Inc. will offer exclusive post-Senatorial debate coverage on its website (www.greenepublishing.com). The online broadcast will begin at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17.

The debate between incumbent Bill Nelson and Republican challenger Connie Mack will be

held at Nova Southeastern University in Ft. Lauderdale. According to the Florida Press Association, which is partnering with Leadership Florida to sponsor the debate, "The one-hour post-debate program will consist of a moderator or moderators interviewing guest analysts, journalists, individually or as a panel, in addition to interviews with stu-

dents, and prominent Democrats and Republicans who attend the debate. Guests will be interviewed for several minutes, and the program will then move on to other guests in order to capture a wide variety of viewpoints." The post-debate broadcast is only available to be aired by members of the Florida Press Association.



Connie Mack

School Superintendent Lou Miller Retiring Next Month

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing, Inc.

After announcing her retirement months ago, back in the early spring, Madison County School Superintendent Lou Miller now has about a month left, with two or three more school board meetings to go, before she bids a fond but official farewell to a 38-year career in education. She will join her husband Richard in retirement (since 2007) – also a former educator, with 30 years at Greenville Middle School and six years at Madison County Central School. Between them, they have accumulated about 74 years of education experience.

Miller was born Lou Sirmon in Greenville, Ala. (and, coincidentally, she and her husband now live in Greenville, F.) and her family moved to Madison County in 1955, when she was three years old.

"My family was an education family," she said. Her mother, Betty Sirmon, was the Madison school district financial officer for many years. Her sister, Julia Waldrep, is also a long-time employee in the district office and her brother, John Sirmon, is the instructional technology manager at North Florida Community College. Another sister, Bess, teaches at the University of Texas in El Paso, and yet another sister, Lynn, is director of the nursing program at Calhoun Community College in Decatur, Ala. Thus, Lou's own entry into the education field came as no surprise. "It really wasn't a question of 'what do you want to do when you grow up,'" she said.

After graduating from FSU, she taught her first three years at Aucilla Christian School, including a student who would one day become her future sister-in-law. Eighth-grader Lynette Connell, years later, would marry Lou's brother, John Sirmon.



Next, she taught language arts to sixth, seventh and eighth graders at Greenville Middle School, where she felt fortunate to have a very dynamic mentor, Elzada Johnson, who taught in the classroom next door and so was never very far away. "I learned so much from her and it meant a lot to me," said Miller.

She spent the next three years as a Title I Resource Officer, where she got to visit all the other schools in the county, delivering the Title I resources to the various classrooms. She was then named Principal of Lee Elementary, when it was still K-8

Then it was on to MCHS, one year as assistant principal, followed by 18 years as principal, which she "absolutely loved." High school students, she says, grow and change so much between ninth and twelfth grade.

It is also where some of the fondest memories of her career were created. As a school leader, she went to graduations every year, and sometimes it seemed as if she "never stopped going to high school graduations my whole career."

However, two of those graduations are standouts: the Class of 1994 and the Class of 1998, when her two daughters graduated. Not only was she proud to be onstage as a school leader when the graduates were called up one by one the receive their diplomas from then-Superintendent Colleen Campbell, but both years, when first her oldest daughter, and then her youngest daughter walked across the stage, Campbell allowed Miller to be the one to personally present them with their diplomas.

Another favorite memory was being at the district office for a meeting when she was suddenly called back to the school for an "emergency in the gym." *Please see Miller, Page 3A*

Sexual Offender Registers



Cedrick L. Gee

By Jacob Bemby
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Cedrick L. Gee has registered as a sexual offender with a Madison address.

Gee is a 5'9," 178 pound black male. He has black hair and brown eyes.

Gee's qualifying offense is a 2007 conviction for lewd and lascivious battery or sex with a victim from 12-15 years old.

Gee's address is listed at 620 SE Boundary Street, Madison.

Greenville Health & Wellness Fair Connects With Senior Citizens

Knowledge is power when it comes to the health of Madison County senior citizens.

The Greenville Health and Wellness Fair begins at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 11, with three informative presentations and 10 organizations to talk with senior citizens about their medical care questions.

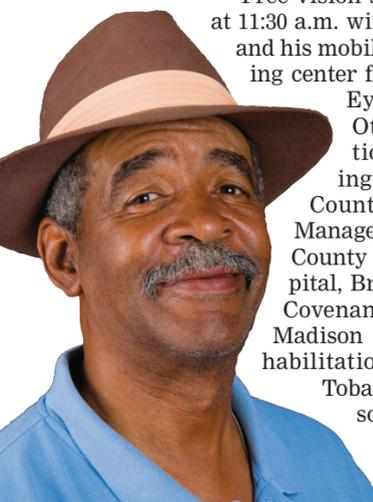
The Greenville Senior Citizens Center is located in downtown Greenville at 166 SW Onslow Street. Guest speakers for the health fair are

Debbie Gates of Amedisys Home Health Care; Michelle Brantley of Big Bend Hospice, as well as Karen Cocan of Lake Park of Madison.

Door prizes and refreshments will be provided by vendors and volunteers for the event, which begins at 10 a.m. and wraps up at approximately 2 p.m. The public is invited.

Free vision screenings start at 11:30 a.m. with Ken Methvin and his mobile vision screening center from South East Eye Specialists.

Other organizations participating are: Madison County Emergency Management; Madison County Memorial Hospital, Brynwood Center, Covenant Hospice, Madison Health and Rehabilitation Center and Tobacco Free Madison of the Madison County Health Department.



Sam Stalnaker Speaks To School Board

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Sam Stalnaker, Coordinator of the Career Pathways Consortium, addressed the Madison County School Board about several programs at MCHS to get students ready for jobs when they graduate.

As he has on previous occasions, Stalnaker acknowledged that, "not every kid is going to go to college." It is those students that the Career Pathways Consortium is focusing on, teaching them specific skills they will need in order to be certified in specific job fields, and getting them "workforce ready" by the time they finish high school. The programs serve high school students, dual enrollment students and adults who pay tuition for the training program, bringing the school extra points and extra FTE funding.

Last year, 63 industry-certified students graduated from programs at MCHS, and by the end of 2014, there could be as many as ten different programs to choose from.

In his school board presentation, he spoke first of a new welding program *Please see Stalnaker, Page 3A*



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo By Lynette Norris, October 2, 2012

Addressing the school board as director of the Career Pathways Consortium, Sam Stalnaker also took the opportunity to thank and honor one of its departing members, retiring School Superintendent Lou Miller. Seen here, Stalnaker presents Miller with a plaque on behalf of Career Pathways, in recognition of her work.

Woman Seriously Injured In Rollover

By Jacob Bemby
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A woman was seriously injured in an automobile accident on Thursday, Oct. 4, in Madison.

According to a Florida Highway Patrol report, Jennifer L. Stine, 20, of Lutz, was traveling east on US 27, one mile west of County Road 150, in the outside lane.

Stine drove her 2008 Nissan Sentra off the south shoulder of the roadway and oversteered, losing control and rotating in a clockwise direction.

Stine entered the south shoulder, out of control and overturned, colliding with some small trees on the south shoulder.

The Nissan came to a final rest on its roof, facing north on the south shoulder in the tree line.

The Florida Highway Patrol was assisted by both Madison County and Taylor County EMS.

FHP Trooper M.V. Fillyaw was the investigating officer.

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Local Weather

Wed 10/10	83/61		Thu 10/11	85/59		Fri 10/12	84/58		Sat 10/13	86/61	
Partly to mostly cloudy. High 83F. Winds NNE at 5 to 10 mph.			Sunshine. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 50s.			Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 50s.			Sunshine. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 60s.		

VIEWPOINTS & OPINIONS

Letter To The Editor

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

Reader Says We Are Better Off Than We Were In 2008

Dear Editor:

In 1980, in a debate against the incumbent President, Ronald Reagan invoked the now famous question "Are you better off than you were four years ago?" It's a harder question than you might think. The answer does not lie in data. Leading economists agree that for most Americans the economy of September 2012 mirrors that of early 2009 when the President was inaugurated.

We, the people, are better off because President Obama's effort to save General Motors and Chrysler workers. The auto industry restructuring worked. The Affordable Health Care for America Act puts in place strong consumer protections, strengthens Medicare and provides access to preventive services for seniors. Sometimes we jump to the conclusion that only our well being includes only our take home pay. The "failed" stimulus bill did not fail; Congressmen who voted against it take credit for public projects in their district and refer to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

We, the people, are better off than we were in December 2008. A recent poll by the Pew Research Center showed that partisan leanings were just as important as personal finances in how people response. The Pew survey concluded that "Americans do not rate their personal finances any better — or worse — than they did when Barack Obama took office nearly four years ago."

"Yes, we are better off" is the response given by Obama surrogates. Vice President Joe Biden during a campaign stop in Detroit said: "Let me just sum it up this way, folks. Osama bin Laden is dead, and General Motors is alive."

Other Democrats point out that there have now been 29 straight months of job growth.

Growth has been in the private sector, not in the public (government) sector.

The recession was caused by reckless spending and unwillingness to raise the revenues necessary to cover expenses. When President Obama took office, the economy was collapsing.

The criticism against the President is that he hasn't "fixed" the damage fast enough. Pessimism and frustration define the debate.

The Bowles-Simpson Deficit Reduction Plan offered a reasonable, responsible, comprehensive and bipartisan solution. I fault the President for not taking a stronger stand on consideration of the plan by the House of Representatives. [It should be noted that Representative Paul Ryan was a key figure in killing the 2010 Bowles-Simpson agreement. Former New Hampshire Senator Judd Gregg is on record for stating that he believed that the House Republicans who rejected it were beholden to an argument by anti-tax advocate Grover Norquist that the measure was tantamount to a tax increase.]

During his administration Richard Nixon introduced the policy of Realpolitik. Distinct from ideological politics in that it is not dictated by ideological principles, Realpolitik is goal-oriented, limited only by practical exigencies.

The ability to seek consensus and find the middle-ground allowed the creation of a federal system of states, the United States. Had essential compromises not occurred and had the delegates to the Constitutional Convention not been willing to yield on ideological principles, the Convention would have failed to agree to ratification of the proposed Constitution by nine states instead of the thirteen required under the Articles of Confederation.

Today the long-term interests of the Nation appear to be subservient to the politics of the moment.

U. S. Representative Nick Rahall (D-West Virginia) in a message to voters in the 3rd District in "The Lessons of Compromise for a More Perfect Union" — written for observance of the signing of the United States Constitution in 1787 and posted on September 14, 2012 — quoted Benjamin Franklin appeal about the virtues of compromise: "I cannot help expressing a wish that every member of the Convention who may still have objections to it, would with me, on this occasion doubt a little of his own infallibility, and to make manifest our unanimity, put his name on this instrument"

When Mitch McConnell, the Minority Leader of the United States Senate, made his statement that his No. 1 goal was to make President Obama a one-term president, partisan interests were put ahead of those of the American people. It might be that Harry Reid in January 2013 will play a highly effective strategy of tit for tat.

Tit-for-tat has to go. It's time to vote into office people who are committed to working for what is the best solution for the American people. It's the right thing to do. "Whatever it takes" best represents the main message of Machiavelli's The Prince (1513).

In the classic example of tit-for-tat, the "prisoner's dilemma," put forward by the RAND Corporation in 1950, knowledge that the other party will do the same to them, preventing short-term self-interest actions. [http://www.gametheorystrategies.com/2011/10/13/five-ways-to-escape-a-prisoners-dilemma.]

During the Ronald Reagan administration, members of both parties had dinner at each other's houses because incumbency trumped party affiliation. Once everyone defaulted to cooperation, the system became open to exploitation by defectors. Newt Gingrich capitalized on the opportunity which presented itself when he was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The question which will be answered in January 2013 is whether the Democrats, when facing a Republican President if Mitt Romney is elected in November, will bring themselves to play the highly effective strategy of tit for tat. Will Harry Reid quote Senator McConnell's comment about his No. 1 goal—substituting Mitt Romney for Barack Obama? Or will Senator Reid compromise for the greater good?

The question that we should be asking is whether the American people are better off in 2012 than we were in 2004.

Jim Catron,
Democrat

National
Security



Joe Boyles
Guest Columnist

The Arab Street

This presidential election was supposed to be all about the economy. Generally, people vote their pocketbook ... which has been filled with moths the past four years. Then, to paraphrase an old movie title, "a funny thing happened on the way to the polls" — foreign policy got in the way. Specifically, our foreign policy toward the Muslim world interfered.

When Barack Hussein Obama took office, he pronounced that America would reset its foreign policy toward the billion plus inhabitants of the Muslim world. With his name, father's background, early schooling in Indonesia, and a variety of other incidental factors, he would "reach out" to Islam and America would reset its thorny relations across Africa and the Middle East. Shortly after taking office, he gave an important speech to this effect in Cairo.

Judging from the events over the past year, all of Obama's good intentions seem to have fallen on deaf ears. The Muslim world, particularly across North Africa, has been turned upside down. Reliable but despotic rulers friendly to America have been overthrown in Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, and Yemen. What has replaced these regimes is variable but generally unfriendly to the US and our interests. Chaos reigns across the Arab street, fueled in part by a militant Iran that is marching inexorably toward nuclear weapons capability.

On the 11th anniversary of al-Qaeda's 9-11 attacks on America, a fresh round of violence broke out in 21 Muslim nations. There was a lot of digital traffic that indicated that a 14 minute video trailer produced in Southern California and mildly offensive toward the prophet Mohamed was the spark that ignited the violence. The Obama Ad-

ministration was quick, too quick it seems, to blame this video for the unrest and attacks upon American interests like our embassies and consulates.

On close and more sober examination, it would appear that the video was more of an excuse than a cause for the violence. In other words, extremists seizing upon any viable reason were able to use the video, which hardly anyone had seen, to incite the crowds. And wasn't it just a little more than curious that all of these "spontaneous" events happened on the anniversary of the world's most significant terror attack?

The Obama Administration fell right into the trap. Rather than have their policy questioned on the eve of a close election, they looked for any excuse to blame someone else. Five days after the attack when it was painfully obvious to the most casual observer that the cover story was falling apart, the administration trotted out UN Ambassador Susan Rice to all five major Sunday television talk shows repeating the now debunked story that the video was to blame. Rice looked like a fool. The Obamamites had better never send her to the Senate for another confirmation because she's toast.

Against the backdrop of this mess and cover-up, a much more serious attack took place at the American Consulate in Benghazi, Libya on the evening of September 11. The consulate was systematically attacked using sophisticated tactics and heavy weapons. In the process, the American ambassador Chris Stevens, his information officer, and two security personnel were killed. This was the first American ambassador to be killed at his post in more than thirty years.

Again, the president and many administra-

tion officials blamed this much more serious attack on the anti-Mohamed video trailer even when it was abundantly clear to every news organization that the attack was neither spontaneous nor the result of an out-of-control mob. Instead, the attack was pre-planned and the result of an al-Qaeda cell operating in Libya.

Investigation of the Benghazi attack is taking on the proportions of a modern "Keystone Cops." FBI investigators have only been allowed into the crime scene once for a few hours. Most of the post-attack intelligence was gathered by a CNN reporter. It would appear that part of the administration response is to slow-roll the investigation until after the election.

At this stage, although we know a lot, there is more that we don't know. Here are some questions that still have to be resolved. What did the administration know; who knew it; and when did they know it? Is it true that there was ample intelligence that an attack of this dimension was known well before September 11th? Did Ambassador Stevens request additional security and was it denied; if so, why? Did Ambassador Stevens have any security assigned to protect him in Benghazi? Why did the administration continue to stick to the video storyline when it was obviously a canard?

Oh, one more question Mr. President. On the night of September 11 when our ambassador was reported missing, what was so important that prompted you to leave Washington and fly to Las Vegas for a campaign fund-raiser?

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Miller

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As she rushed to the gym, wondering what was going on, she rushed right into her own surprise birthday party with the entire school assembled for a program of skits, songs, punch and cookies.

Now, leaving behind so many fond memories of a long education career, she looks forward to making some new memories with her family, especially with her grandchildren. She'll have more time to go visit her two-year-old grandson, Wylie Bethea, who lives in Ocala, and she'll certainly be spending a lot more time with ten-month old granddaughter Valentina Gonzalez, who lives nearby in Greenville. "That's my plan right now," she said.



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Stalnaker

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he would like to bring to Madison, similar to one already in Taylor County. After several students had inquired about the possibility of such a program here, Stalnaker began talking to Ed Sapp at MCHS and several other people in the school district office to see what could be done, because there is a facility behind Ed Sapp's shop at the high school that would be an ideal location once it is retro-fitted to bring it up to current standards. The group is meeting with architect Bill Rutherford to come up with a cost-efficient plan to do just that, as it works out the details of financing.

Another program Stalnaker spoke of was the industrial biotech program headed up by the new science lab instructor Page Thomas. The program will soon be moving to the lab instruction phase and will need to have its lab waste picked up by a company certified to deal with such material. Environmental regulations mean that lab chemicals, bacteria cultures and other waste "just can't be washed down the sink anymore," as was the practice at high school science labs many years ago.

Stalnaker was seeking the board's approval for a contract with Stericycle, Inc., to remove the waste - chemicals, cultures, contaminated gloves, disposable Petri dishes, etc., for \$118 a month. The 24-month contract with the company would be governed under Illinois law, where the company is headquartered.

School Board member VeEtta Hagan asked if the Consortium had sought bids or looked for any other bio-waste company within the state of Florida, before it chose Stericycle in Illinois on a recommendation from the lab instructor. Also, she questioned the two-year contract and asked what measures would be used to safeguard the waste. Would it be under lock and key where the children could not get at it until it was picked up?

Stalnaker assured her that both the instructor and students were safety-trained in proper handling and disposal procedures, and once the waste was

stored in proper sealed containers, it would be locked up.

After further discussion, and with the lab portion of the program coming up in a few short weeks, Attorney Tommy Reeves suggested asking Stericycle if it would accept a one-year contract, and looking for another in-state bio-waste company in the future.

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AROUND MADISON COUNTY

Obituary

Frank Elliott Leach

It is with great sadness that the family of Frank Elliott Leach announces his passing after a long battle with colon cancer, Wednesday, September 26, 2012, at the age of 64. Frank was a wonderful son, brother, husband, and uncle.

Frank will be forever remembered by his loving wife and best friend, Cherrie, of 23 years. Frank will also be fondly remembered by his brothers, Alfonso (Rip) Quito and Walter (Flip) Leach, as well as his sister, Nancy-Lee (Chande) McDermid, and their families. Frank will be profoundly missed by his nieces and nephews as well as extended family members and dear friends.

A prayer service celebrating Frank's life will be held on Saturday, October 13, 2012 at 11 a.m. at The Village Church Chapel in Christian Advent Village, Dowling Park, Florida, with Pastor John Harper officiating. A gathering will be held in the Dining Hall thereafter.

Those who desire may make memorial donations, in memory of Frank Elliott Leach, to the American Cancer Society, R.O.C.K. College Scholarship Program, 1-800-227-2345.



The family of the late Deacon Joe L. Ross, Jr. acknowledges their since thanks for the many gifts given while he was ill. We would like to express our appreciation for many acts of sympathetic gestures given during the time of bereavement. Thanks for the many prayers, visits and acts of serenity by our friends, neighbors and church families in our time of need. May God bless and keep you.

The Family
Chris, Joe III, Jermaine and Jermerial Ross

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

October 14

Homecoming, Midway Church of God, 2485 SE Midway Church Road, Lee. Special music by the Reflectsons. Guest speaker: Bishop Fred Watson. 10 a.m., Sunday School and special music by the Reflectsons. 11 a.m., morning worship followed by dinner on the church grounds. Afternoon sing following dinner.

October 14

Homecoming, New Macedonia Baptist Church. Sing with the Calvaliers at 10:30 a.m., followed by morning worship. with Pastor C.J. Moore speaking. A covered dish luncheon follows. New Macedonia is located off Highway 221, south of Interstate 10, Greenville exit.

October 17

Open Arms Ministries will host another free lunch for people in Madison County on Wednesday, Oct. 17, from noon until 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, located on South Horry Street in Madison.

October 20

A benefit gospel concert will be held Saturday, Oct. 20, for Allen McCormick. The concert will be held at Lee Worship Center, located at 397 SE Magnolia Drive in Lee. McCormick has been ill and recently had surgery to have a toe and part of his foot removed.

October 20

Madison County Recreation Association 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. Dinner will be served at 8 p.m. and a silent art auction will be held. All proceeds will go towards the 20th of May Pageant Scholarship Fund.

B.J. And Yvonne Alexander Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. B.J. and Mrs. Yvonne Alexander celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on October 13, 2012.

They were joined in Holy Matrimony on October 13, 1962 by Judge Curtis Earp.

B.J. retired from Dixie Packers after 24 years of service. His loving wife retired from Madison County Memorial Hospital, giving 32 years of service.

They have raised four children, Darryl, Daniel, Tracy and SJada.

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Dalton Lee, Miss Art Club, was escorted by Ryan Hernandez.



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Alisann Parks, Miss Varsity Volleyball, was escorted by Brandon Hammond.



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Ashleigh Singletary, Miss CSU, was escorted by Stephen Foust.



Picture by Russell Williams, Photographer
Miss Freshman, Asha Davis is seen with her escort Zamaury Page.



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Emerald Greene, October 5, 2012
Miss Freshman, Courtney Richardson was escorted by her father, Todd Richardson.



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Miss Sophomore, Taliyah Bonner was escorted by her father, Terrance Bonner.



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Lyric Davis, Miss Band, was escorted by Jorge Tojeiro.



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Kailee Morris, Miss FFA, was escorted by Wayne Driggers.



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Faith Archambault, Miss JV Cheerleader, was escorted by Shawn Schreiber.



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Tré Arnold hauls in a touchdown for the Cowboys during the homecoming game against West Port.

Cowboys Hunt Down Wolf Pack At Homecoming

By Jacob Bemby
Greene Publishing, Inc.
The Madison County High School varsity Cowboys' football team improved their record to 51-7 with a homecoming win against the West Port Wolf Pack. The Cowboys pound and ground rushing game was complemented with the aerial assault of D.J. McKnight as the Cowboys rolled up 435 total yards on offense on 40 different plays. McKnight threw eight passes and got three completions. He also had two touchdown passes and rushed for a touchdown. Keyon Bruton was the leader rushing, rolling up 92 yards on six carries. He also caught a pass for 26 yards. Sheddrick Williams rushed five times for 74 yards. He also had a touchdown.



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Jamond Bruton breaks out into the open as he gallops for a touchdown run.



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Miss Junior, Daisha Johnson was escorted by her father, Bobby Thompkins.



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Miss Junior, Lyric Mattair was escorted by her father, Merv Mattair.



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Zack Money kicks the extra point for the Cowboys.



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Homecoming Princess, Tamela Brinson was escorted by her father, Luther Brinson.



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Kenyatta Thomas, Miss Varsity Cheerleader, was escorted by Xaviar Dobson.



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Kirsten Bailey, Miss JV Volleyball, was escorted by Jacob Robinson.



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The 2012 Homecoming Queen and Miss MCHS, Ashley Killingsworth, was escorted by her father, Ben Killingsworth.



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Miss Senior, Jazzmin Sledge was escorted by her grandfather, John Alexander



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Ashley Killingsworth and Brandon Crawford were crowned Mr. and Miss MCHS.



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Miss Senior, Carisa Thomas was escorted by her father, Edgar Thomas



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Homecoming Princess, Avience Burch was escorted by her father, Gavin Burch Sr.

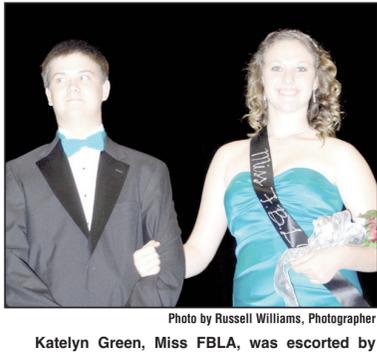


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Katelyn Green, Miss FBLA, was escorted by Greg Foust.



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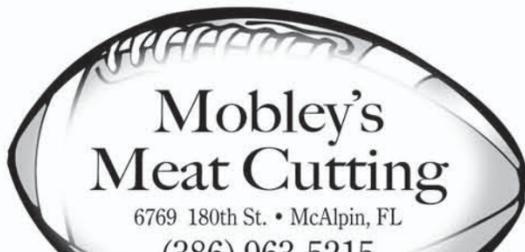
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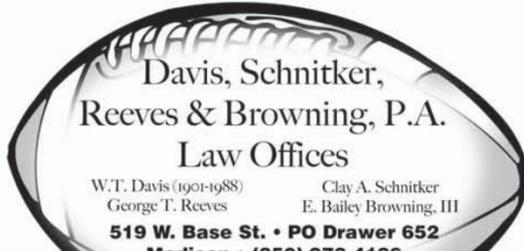
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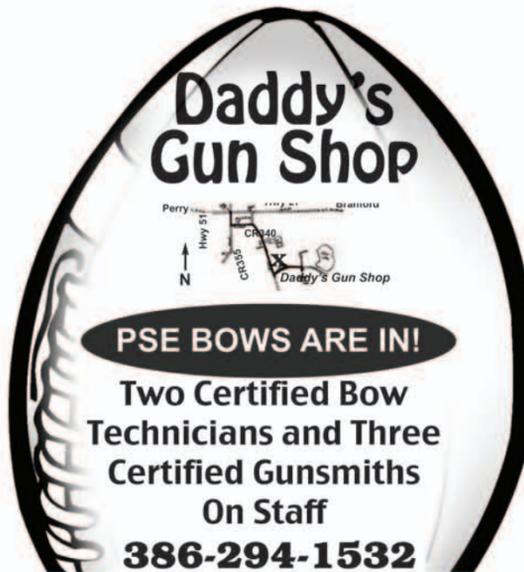
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Aucilla Dominant In 43-0 Shutout Of Rival Munroe

By William Smith

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It was plain to everyone in attendance that this win was vastly different than the others. As the seconds drained away from the scoreboard and the players began to celebrate, a certain air of finality not felt for three years settled on the field at Aucilla.

This was Florida vs. Florida State; Auburn vs. Alabama; Ohio State vs. Michigan. This was Aucilla against Munroe, a bitter rivalry as fundamental as genetic code. Whether your blood runs blue and gold or black and red, each side is raised as elemental opposition to the other, as vital as the duality of yin and yang.

For the past three years the Warriors had left the field of play in bitter defeat against their arch-rivals, a nagging fact of reality which defined the performances of the senior class, who played like men on a mission to set things back in balance. So, when the grudge match ended with a 43-0 thrashing by the Warriors, it was an understandably poignant moment to watch the seniors lead their teammates in raising the Interstate Rivalry trophy high above the turf. It was about retribution, and it had been a long time in coming.

Coach Colby Roberts, former Aucilla player who cut his teeth in high school coaching at Munroe, had a unique perspective for the annual battle of I-10.

"This is really what the sport of football is all about," said Roberts. "It's the struggle of two schools who have much more in common than they would like to admit. It's us against them. This is why the game is special."

For the second week in a row, the Aucilla defense provided a teeth-rattling shutout built upon the physical play of its defensive front seven. Appropriately enough, the searing edge of that defensive effort was brought to bear by the play of three seniors, each of whom provided several game-changing plays which highlighted the night.

Senior linebackers Bradley Holm and Gus Smyrnios punctuated what has been the strongest portion of the Warrior defense all season by turning in dual 13 tackle performances, jolting Munroe ball carriers with bone-jarring hits from beginning to end. Holm also contributed two tackles for loss and two sacks, while Smyrnios totaled one sack and one tackle for loss.

Rounding out the impressive senior performances was roving safety Hans Sorensen, whose five tackles were outshined by two critical interceptions on deep Bobcat routes which Sorensen returned for 34 total yards.

Overall, the stingy Aucilla defense totaled 7 team sacks, a benchmark for the current season, as well as forcing three turnovers.

Sophomore defensive tackle Cole Schwab led in the trenches with a career-high nine tackles, seven of which were solo, as well as two sacks.

While the offense may have taken a backseat to the impressive defense in this contest, several offensive performances deserve recognition. Sophomore signal-caller Wesley Smyrnios threw four touchdowns and 201 yards en route to an impressive, if at times conservative, performance in which the Warriors concentrated on establishing the run.

147 yards and two touchdowns of Smyrnios' total went to senior wide receiver Jared Jackson, who continues to be the most lethal offensive weapon available for the Warrior offense. Despite near constant bracket coverage, Jackson now totals 724 and 10 touchdowns for this year's campaign.

Bradley Holm and Hans Sorensen served once again as equal parts of the Warrior rushing attack, matching each other with 54 yards rushing apiece, with Holm scoring twice and Sorensen finding the end zone once.

With this victory Aucilla improves its record to 4-1, including a four game winning streak in which the Warriors have outscored their opponents by a margin of 210-34, a ratio of six to one.

Next week, the Warriors once again take to the road to face Jacksonville-based Seacoast Christian (1-4). Previously, Aucilla defeated the Eagles 49-0 at homecoming last year. The game will begin at 7:00 p.m. on the campus of Seacoast Christian.

ACA JV Football Team Wins Season Opener

By Fran Hunt

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The Aucilla Christian Academy junior varsity football team won their first official game of the season last Thursday against Florida High for a 14-12 victory.

Head Coach Daryl Adams explained that the game slated against Kingdom Life Prep on September 6 was not played due to some scheduling mishap on Kingdom Life's part.

On the offensive side of the field, quarterback Daulton Browning completed four passes out of 10 attempts for 25 yards.

Austin Harrell had 139 yards rushing, 28 yards receiving, two touchdowns and one two-point conversion.

Joshua Greene had 15 yards rushing.

Timothy Kercher had 13 yards receiving and a 17-yard kick return.

On the defensive side of the field, DT Wilkinson had three tackles and two assists.

Daulton Browning had four tackles, two assists and one fumbler recovery.

Hunter Key had three assists.

Austin Harrell had seven tackles and one assist.

Joe Hannon had seven tackles, five assists and one quarterback sack.

Joshua Greene had four tackles and three assists.

Chris Fitch had three tackles and two assists.

Jake Edwards had

three tackles and two assists.

Tyler Pentz had one tackle and two assists.

Lyle Rodgers had two tackles.

The young Warriors hit the field against Kingdom Life Prep, September 27 at 6 p.m., there; and they wrap up their season against Branford, October 2 at 6 p.m., home.

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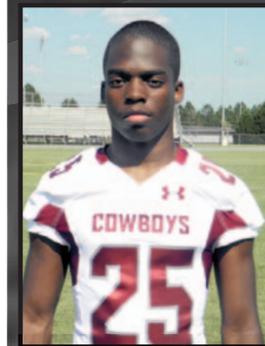
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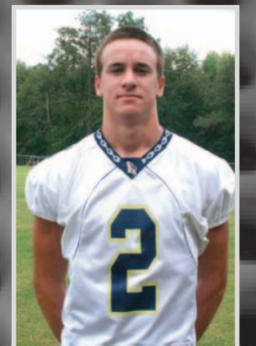
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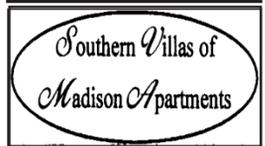
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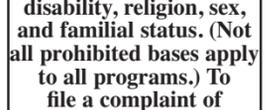


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Advertisement for Bid

City of Madison will accept sealed bids from licensed Contractors for the renovation of City of Madison Police Department 2nd Floor. This project is funded in part by USDA loan and grant, Davis Bacon Wage Rate will apply.

This contract is expected to be in whole or in part using funds from the Americans and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Section 1605 of the ARRA prohibits the use of these funds unless all iron, steel and manufactured goods are produced in the United States. All iron and steel manufacturing processes must take place in the United States, except for metallurgical processes involving refinement of steel additives. There is no requirement for the origin of components and subcomponents of manufactured goods. Products listed at CFR 25.104(a) have been determined to be unavailable in the United States and if required for the project may be purchased from foreign sources. No authorized use of foreign iron, steel, and/or manufactured goods will be allowed on this project.

You are invited to bid on a General Contract, including renovation of the City of Madison Police Department 2nd Floor located at 310 SW Rutledge Street, Madison, FL 32340.

All Bids must be on a lump sum basis; segregated bids will not be accepted.

City of Madison will receive sealed bids until 2:00 p.m. on November 1, 2012 @ City Hall, 321 SW Rutledge Street, Madison, FL 32340, First Floor Conference Room. Address Bids to the Attention of Tim Bennett, City Manager. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud on November 1, 2012 @ 2:01pm in City Hall Conference Room.

Copies of the Bidding Documents may be examined at the Architect's office: Clemens, Rutherford & Associates, 2027 Thomasville Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32308, (850) 385-6153, Project Manager Will Rutherford.

Bidding Documents will be available at noon on October 10, 2012. General Contractors and Subcontractors may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents at the Architect's office in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held on October 22, 2012 at 10:00am at site for Bidders. This will be the only opportunity for bidders to visit the interior of project site. Any and all requests to tour site other than this day are forbidden as this is an occupied building on the first level and will remain so during renovation process.

All questions at the Pre-Bid Conference by General Contractors and Subcontractors shall be presented on the "Request for Clarification Form". See Section 000100 - Instructions to Bidders.

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Tennis Organizational Meeting Set

Looking for a sport you can play at most any age? If so, tennis is for you! Thanks to the United States Tennis Association (USTA) of Florida

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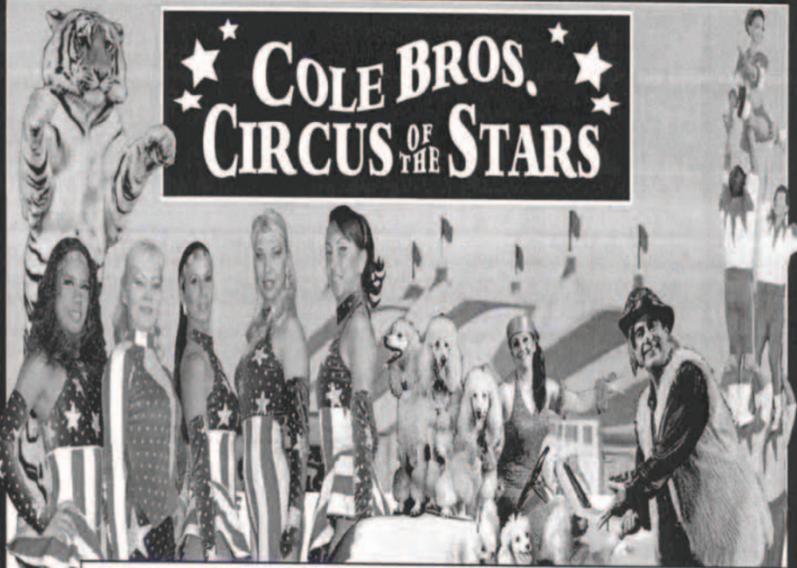
kids will now have an opportunity to learn and enjoy this sport throughout their lives.

Playing tennis is a great way people of all ages can stay in shape, and the best part about the sport is, you only need two people to play.

Anyone interested in growing this sport in Madison County should come to our organizational meeting Wednesday, October 17, 5:30 p.m. at the NFCC Gym. Everyone is welcome, no matter your skill level. Even if you have never played before, but have always wanted to learn, we want you to come. We are a group that likes to have fun and wants to encourage healthy alternatives for recreation for both kids and adults in Madison County!

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Section B

Path *of* Faith

Midway Church Of God Homecoming To Be Dedicated To The Memory Of Vernelle Allen

By Jacob Bemby
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Midway Church of God will hold its annual homecoming Sunday, Oct. 14. The homecoming will be dedicated to the memory of Dr. Vernelle Allen.

Allen, who held a Doctor in Theology from Rice Seminary, was a school teacher in Suwannee County and Polk County schools. She served as the assistant to the pastor at Midway Church of God and was a Church of God chaplain. She taught Bible study groups each week at the Madison and Suwannee County jails. She also organized the church's Operation Christmas Child program and the church's inmate Christmas gifts of fruit, candy and tracts.

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, regional bishop for the 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.





Day To Day Celebrations

By Edna
Haynes-Turner

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and future."
—Jeremiah 29: 11 NIV

My first real, authentic love was when I grew and knew God's love. It has indeed been a journey that has brought me into a "transformed place" in my life. Making that statement to some might sound intellectual or much like a cliché; however, it is quite the contrary. My journey to "knowing Love" has been fruitful and barren; sometimes stormy and at other times drier than the Arizona desert; times of gladness and sadness; times of rejection and being embraced; times of laughter and tears, and those periods of times of being abased and times of being exalted. It does not matter! All of these experiences and more brought me to a relationship of pure and unconditional Love: God the Father.....His Son Jesus.....and the Holy Spirit. This to me is an awesome Love!! I have grown to know and love Him, which is "my greatest passion"....more and more of Him everyday.

When we say that "I know God and I have a relationship with Him".....what are we really saying? The question should be asked and answered personally. God created us for relationships, because in His infinite wisdom He knew that relationships will help us know more of who we really are, and would ultimately shape us into His image. The most profound relationships that assist with our growth and change (in the earth) are the relationships that are in our respective families. We typically find it easy to get along with or at least appear to get along with non-family members. Family members often "rub us the wrong way," however, in His infinite wisdom God made the decision (even before the earth was made) to place us in our respective families. It was for purpose and shaping!!

God wants a personal relationship with each of us. He wants more than intellectual truths and responses about Him; He wants more than theological rhetoric from evangelist, teachers, preachers, apostles, and other believers; He wants more than our "just knowing" that He exists; and He wants

more than an expression of facts about Him. He desires each of us to have a personal and intimate relationship with Him. This type relationship requires that we be "naked and unashamed" before Him. It requires that we are able to say to Him "Father, my heart desires that You see into all of the parts of me. Whether they are dark or hidden, I give You permission to shine the Holy Spirit in each and every area, uncov-

MY SUPREME PASSION... A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

er, reveal, and remove anything that is not like You." As in Philippians 3:10 ... "that I want to know Christ intimately so I will become more and more like Him.

In order to experience depth in our relationship with our First Love, (1) we must be in "right relationship with Him." (2) Self and ego must die and it is not an option. If we choose to "allow self to sit on the throne of our heart," God is not obligated to honor His Word. His Word clearly tells us that "when we love Him.....we will obey Him." It is impossible to be immersed in selfishness and demonstrate love at the same time. Jesus is the Model of Love, and selfishness was never demonstrated in His character. (3) In order for the "self-dying process" to take place, we must allow the Holy Spirit to "take up residence" in our lives. The carnal nature of man/woman is always to please him/herself, and the flesh always wants what it wants, when it wants it, and where it wants it....and the flesh is never satisfied. Therefore, it is imperative that we choose to allow the Holy to reside in our temple, hear His voice and promptings, and ultimately choose to obey. We cannot please God and self, and the Holy Spirit does not force us to do anything. Self must be dethroned from our heart and we must choose to place Him within and on our heart. (4) In order to experience deep relationships we must love. He is Love and we were made in His image. Loving and forgiving are not options; we cannot pray (according to the Word) for someone we do not love, angry with or have an aught against them. Loving and forgiving are personal choices, and God doesn't force that either; and when we choose to unconditionally love and forgive, it pleases God. Did He not love and forgive?.... and yes, we were made in His image.

God's Word is the "only yardstick" that is used to measure our words, actions, everything; and He does not ask or require anything from us that He has not already equipped us to do or made provisions for. When Jesus died on the cross, all of our excuses were nailed on that cross. No excuses for loving, forgiving, giving, faithfulness, longsuffering, kindness.....NO EXCUSES FOR ANYTHING!! Our desire and passion every single day should be cultivating and nurturing our personal and intimate relationship with our First Love: God the Father, Jesus His Son, and the Holy Spirit. Much was sacrificed for the gift of this awesome relationship!!

When I reflect on My First Love, I think about some of the following: He is My First Love, and I desire to be continually intimately (into me you see) with My Love. I choose to spend my time and thoughts with My Beloved; and I want to intimately communicate with Him, because He is My Friend and My First Love. I enjoy basking in the presence of My Love; and He restores and revives me when I am in His presence. I cherish and treasure the fellowship with My Love and me. Even when "He whispers my name"....not loudly...that's not His nature....I hear the whisper, because I've spent time with Him (in relationship), and I recognize His voice. I trust my Love, because He has never changed (in the relationship), and He has promised never to leave or forsake me. He is My First Love, I trust Him, I enjoy Him, therefore, I choose to daily seek Him, His presence and His counsel; and I choose to follow Him however or wherever He leads; I worship, honor, and praise My First Love. God I thank you!! Amen. Amen. Amen

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The Pulpit

**By Thomas Thigpen
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"My God, my God," is the cry of so many is today's world. As I see so much sin, hate and killing that has filled the screen of the television. School children being shot at one school after another. Our little ones die from the evil work of Satan. Now a gunman walks into a church worship service and begins shooting, killing seven and then taking his own life. Over and over these things are happening. Why, we ask ourselves. There seems no answer can be found. But we know all of this is the work of the demons of evil which fill the heart of those who do not know Jesus Christ.

The bible tells us in the last days it will come

to pass. II Timothy 3:1, "*This know also that in the last days perilous times shall come.*" Surely, we are living in the last days.

God's word tells us a nation that forgets God shall be turned into Hell. Matthew 24 reminds us what will come to pass before the end of time. Jesus said, "Take heed that no man deceive you." Man has taken prayer out of school. They say that God's Word has no place in our school. The Ten Commandments cannot be posted on the wall. When you take good away, what do you have left? Nothing but evil.

The Spirit of God spoke to me back around the year 1959 and said tell the people and cry aloud when my Word, the Bible, and prayer is taken out of schools. You will see teachers being shot and raped. Children will be shot and killed. My God, help this nation to wake up and let God back in our schools. Let us teach the Ten Commandments as a guide for our daily lives.

Matthew 24:6 says, "*And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes in divers places.*" Jesus says this is

My God, My God, What Is Next?

just the beginning of sorrows. Ye shall deliver you up to be afflicted and kill you and ye shall be hated of all nations. For my names (Jesus) sake. Ye shall be offended and shall betray one another. Verse 12 says, "*And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.*"

We pray, "My Lord, when will this time of sorrow end?" We see floods, fires, storms, bombing, earthquakes, and plane crashes. So many die untimely deaths. I asked the question, "Lord, how many were ready to meet God in judgment?" We know God's Word says it is appointed unto man once to die then after death, judgment.

Let me ask you a very personal question. Are you ready? Oh, yes, I know you have said I have time. I will pray later. But can you tell me for sure you will live another day? You have no promise of tomorrow. Jesus said today is the day of Salvation. So, my friend, this world has nothing worth losing your soul for. Let Jesus Christ in your heart today. You may think no one really loves you. You could have done some things in your life so bad and the devil may have told you Jesus doesn't love you. You have tried to pray but it seems you get nowhere. But my lost friend, now is your time. I am praying for you now.

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You Never Know What Will Grow

But the ending of apartheid, that totalitarian system of racism, will rightly be his legacy.

Professor and preacher Tony Campolo was on stage with Bishop Tutu many years ago, and he asked him how it happened that he became an Anglican priest, instead of a Baptist or a Methodist which most of the people of color in his country had become. So Desmond Tutu told Campolo this story:

"My family moved to Johannesburg when I was twelve years old. In Johannesburg, in the days of apartheid, when a black person met a white person on the sidewalk, the black person was expected to step off the pavement into the gutter to allow the white person to pass, giving the white person this gesture of respect.

"One day, my mother and I were walking down the street when a tall white man, dressed in a black suit, came toward us. Before my mother and I could step off the sidewalk, as was expected of us, this man stepped off the sidewalk and, as my mother and I passed, he tipped his hat in a gesture of respect to my mother!

"I was more than surprised at what had happened and I asked my mother, 'Why did that white man do that?' My mother explained, 'He's an

Anglican priest. He is a man of God; that is why he did it.'"

That man's name was Trevor Huddleston, a priest who intentionally worked in the worst slums of the city with the forgotten, the marginalized, and the suffering. When Tutu was hospitalized that same year with tuberculosis, again, it was Huddleston who came to visit the young boy; and it was Huddleston who would offer his own books and time to help Desmond catch up with his studies when he returned to school.

Years later, when Tutu became an adult, he transitioned his studies from education to theology. He turned to Trevor Huddleston's Anglican Church, for he had experienced firsthand the love and service of this quiet, extraordinary man. Tutu decided that, "if the Church would have me, the profession of priest could be a good way of serving my people." Thank God they took him, for the world is a better place for the years he has faithfully fulfilled his vocation.

Trevor Huddleston's name is almost forgotten in South Africa's freedom story, but not forgotten by Desmond Tutu. When Tutu is asked why he doesn't hate whites he answers, "I never learned to hate...because ...*Story cont. on Page 5A...*



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Keeping The Faith

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I was fortunate in the whites I met when I was young." Trevor Huddleston's name is the first on the Bishop's list, and a name never far away, for "Trevor" is the name of Desmond's oldest child.

Stepping off of the sidewalk; tipping a hat in respect; visiting a little, poor, sick black boy in a slum hospital; handing over a few worn books to a hungry reader: Who knew what an impact these small acts of kindness would have on our world? Yet, that's how love and service works.

Seeds get planted in the fertile soil of the heart, and they can't help but growing. They burst open producing "a crop that is thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as what is planted!" So when you think the little things you do and say don't matter, remember that sometimes there would be no Desmond Tutus without the Trevor Huddlestons.

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.me.

Benefit To Be Held For Allen McCormick



By Jacob Bemby
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A benefit gospel concert will be held Saturday, Oct. 20, for Allen McCormick. The concert will be held at Lee Worship Center, located at 397 SE Magnolia Drive in Lee.

McCormick has been ill and recently underwent surgery where he had a toe amputated.

The Calvaliers will be the featured artists they evening. They hail from Perry.

There is no admission charge. A love offering will be accepted.

Finger foods will be available. For more information, please call (850) 869-9976.

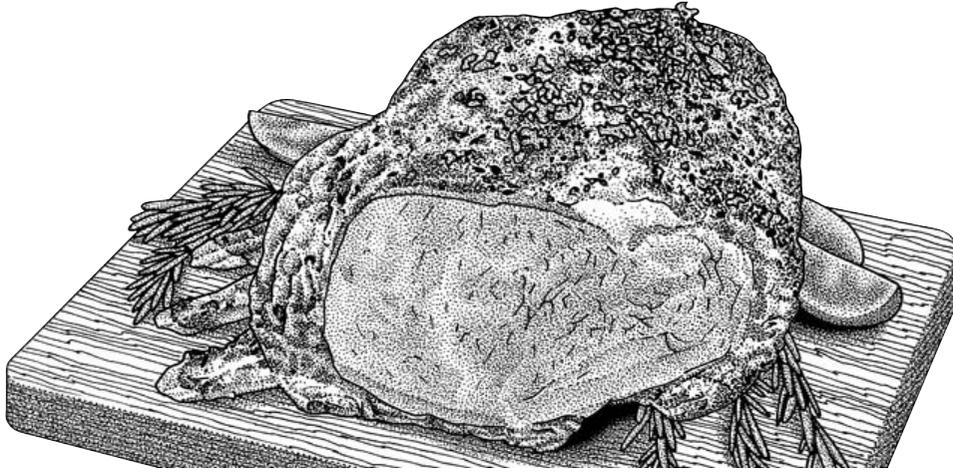
Rotary Club Annual Prime Rib Dinner To Be Held At St. Vincent DePaul

By Kristin Finney
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The Rotary Club will be hosting their annual prime rib dinner this month at St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church. 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.



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 and Sonical at sonical.mitchell@cca.com.

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Christian leader's job description: Ephesians 4:12 Amplified Bible, "His intention was the perfecting and the full equipping of the saints (His consecrated people), [that they should do] the work of ministering toward building up Christ's body (the church)." If they were equipped they will be fishers of men and making disciples.

2 Chronicles 7:14 Amplified Bible, *"If My people, who are called by My name, shall humble themselves, pray, seek, crave, and require of necessity My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land."*

If our land is sick and it is, then who is responsible? Who holds the key to our land being healed? The people called by His name are the obvious answer. As we take an accounting of where we are as individuals and groups that represent Him, it is very easy to see why we are failing as a nation. Jesus said, Matthew 12:30 Amplified Bible, *"He who is not with Me [definitely on My side] is against Me, and he who does not [definitely] gather with Me and for My side scatters."* We hear the first part of the scripture preached many times. The second part of the scripture evaluates whether we are for Him or against Him. We need to take a look at ourselves and our groups and evaluate them.

How many of us are actually gathering with Him, that means fellowshiping with Him? In our relationship with Him, He is the bridegroom and the churches, His people, are His bride. What kind of relationship would you have with a spouse if you never listened to him/her? How long would your marriage last if you treated your partner the way you treat God? Sadly we are praying as we see our leaders pray; we're talking, not listening. When Jesus prayed it was a two way conversation. Our prayers should be the same way. We do not realize it is always better to do things God's way. We never will until fellowship and listen to Him.

We cause the wreck and ruin in our lives, our families, our communities, and our nation because we have a plan, just as our political candidates do. We implement the plan and only get out of it what we can do. If God is the head of our lives He will become head of our families. We would discover the difference if we let God be the head. We could accomplish more in six months God's way than we can in 50 years to restore our selves, families and nation with our own best laid plans.

"And for my side scatters", what are you doing and what is your church family doing, gathering or a scattering? We are called to be fishers of

men and make disciples. How many fish [people] have you caught in the last five years? How many people have you made disciples and they are catching fish [people]? In an overwhelming majority of church families that would be very slim group. Scatters are against God. Scatters are actually for another kingdom [Satan's] whether one wants to admit it or not. Most of us have never been trained to listen to God so we can catch and disciple. When we do listen and obey we will become gatherers with God and for God and make disciples of our catch.

If our leaders were training us to catch fish and make disciples our land would not be sick.

The people who pay the greatest price for the failure of our leaders are their followers and their children.

When we get a new administration in our lives, our families and church our land will be restored.

We are all part of the answer or part of the problem; we are either for Him or against Him.

Before we complain about our government we need to look at ourselves. When we change, trust and obey God in our lives, our families and our government will change without fail.

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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.

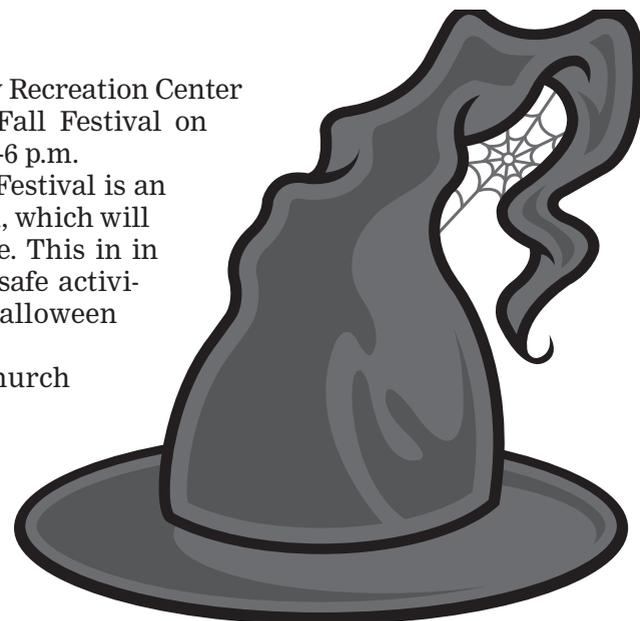
Hallelujah Fall Festival Set At Madison County Recreation Center

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.

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- Minister Clayton Denson, Jr. – Mt. Moriah Church – Dixie, Ga.
- Minister Jay Williams – Shady Grove Baptist Church – Hahira, Ga.
- Minister Josh Robinson – Greater Pleasant Temple Church – Valdosta, Ga.

This program will be Sunday, Oct. 28, 2012, at 3 p.m., at City of Truth Ministries, located on North Jefferson Street in Quitman, Ga. Minister Patricia Harrison is the pastor.

For additional information, please contact Brenda Williams at (229) 356-8080 or Tawanna Christian at (229) 412-8438.

New Macedonia Baptist Church Celebrates Homecoming This Sunday

By Jacob Bembry
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New Macedonia Baptist Church, located south of Interstate 10, 221 exit, south of Greenville, will hold its homecoming service Sunday, Oct. 14.

The Calvaliers, from Perry, will be the special musical group and will perform at 10:30 a.m.

The Sunday morning message, delivered by Pastor C/J. Moore, will be delivered at 11:30 a.m.

Following morning worship, a covered dish dinner will be served.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the services at New Macedonia Baptist Church.

Revival Begins Oct. 28

By Jacob Bembry
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Lee Worship Center, located at 471 SE Magnolia Drive in Lee, will host a revival beginning Sunday, Oct. 28 and ending Sunday, Nov. 4. Services begin at 7 p.m. each evening.

On Saturday, Nov. 3, during the revival, An open microphone sing honoring Pastor Richard Sauls will be held.

At 6 p.m. that evening, there will be a potluck supper, followed by the sing. Anyone who plays an instrument or sings is welcomed to join in. If you just love music and do not sing or play, you can just go listen to the sweet sounds.



Richard Sauls

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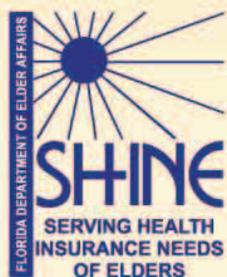
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Construction Begins On New Porch And Ramp

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After months of successful fundraising, St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church is getting a new, wider porch to better shelter everyone from the weather as they make their way inside, and a new handicap ramp to accommodate seniors and disabled members. Construction has already begun on the historic Sumpter Street Building with the demolishing of the old steps. From now until the work is finished, the parishioners will be holding mass in nearby Villa Maria Hall.



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