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**Run Walk Roll**  
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**Set For Saturday**

Community Urged to Attend Bullying Prevention Rally

The 2nd Annual Run, Walk, Roll Rally in recognition of National Bullying Prevention Month is set for October 27th at Lake Francis from 9 a.m. until noon. Featuring the Greenville Drum Line, a drama from the FCA performers, guest speakers, free food, prizes and bounce houses, the entire community is encouraged to wear orange in support of this important cause. For more information, contact Project Safe Zone at (850) 973-5192, ext. 137.

**Truck Crashes Into Car**

By Jacob Bemby  
Greene Publishing, Inc.  
A two-vehicle accident occurred Friday evening, Oct. 19, at US 90 and Rollercoaster Hill Road.

According to a Florida Highway Patrol report, Curtis R. Sevor, 40, was traveling westbound on Highway 90 when Charline H. Johnson, 29, was stopped to make a legal left turn onto Rollercoaster Hill Road.

She was waiting for oncoming traffic to pass when Sevor's 1999 Toyota pickup struck the rear of her 2006 Chevrolet car.

The truck came to a final rest in the westbound lane of US 90.

The car traveled southwest cross the eastbound lane and onto the south should of US 90, facing west.

Sevor and Johnson both suffered minor injuries.

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

FHP Trooper Chuck Swindle was the investigating officer.

**Madison County Man Arrested For Capital Sexual Battery**

Agents with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Tallahassee Regional Operations Center arrested Richard George Sweitzer, 65, of Madison, Fla., for one count of capital sexual battery on a victim under 12 years of age.

The investigation began in September 2012, when FDLE was



Richard Sweitzer

provided information relating to this case that allowed agents to secure a warrant for his arrest.

The alleged crime occurred in Madison County.

The investigation is continuing.

Sweitzer was booked into the Madison County Jail and his bond is \$250,000.00.

**Cindy Vees Asks For Your Vote On Nov 6 For County Commission District 5**

My name is Cindy Vees and I am a candidate seeking your support in the upcoming election for County Commissioner District 5. All elected officials should be diligent to find the mind of the people in order to make decisions based on the best interest, wishes, will and desires of the people they serve. This election and campaign is not about me - it is about YOU and your family having someone to represent YOU regardless of personal opinion, agenda, or special interests. Whether you decide to support me or someone else with your vote it is YOUR opinion that should matter.



Cindy Vees

I have attended every county commission meeting since January 2011 and am familiar with the issues that this county is facing. I have been involved in this community seeking to build and improve relationships with businesses and people throughout this whole political process, but more importantly, I was involved before I decided to run for this office, and I will continue to be involved and strive to improve our community whether I win this election or not. Those who know me know I love and serve all the people of Madison county without prejudice to color, social, economic, financial status, political party, or family ties. I am actively involved in many organizations such as:

- Madison County Prevention Coalition and the Back to School Event Team
- Relay for Life which is near and dear to my heart being a breast cancer survivor
- Tobacco Free Madison
- Safe Schools/Healthy Students and the Anti Bullying Event Team
- Kiwanis Club of Madison County
- Four Freedoms Trail Friends
- Madison County Economic Development Council

Volunteer Guardian Ad Litem for the 3rd District Court

Madison Correctional Institution Volunteers and others....

Prior to coming to Madison, I worked in commercial real estate development and co-owned a small Landscape Business in Central Florida for over 20 years. I am the mother of six beautiful children and one grandchild. I am currently the Executive Director for the Madison County Chamber of Commerce.

I believe that I bring fresh ideas and a heart that truly wants to represent the people of Madison County, to improve economics, education, and the community as a whole. I believe that I am the most qualified person for this position and I believe that I can make a difference. Not only would I be honored to have your support on November 6 but also the support of your family and friends. Its not about me... its All About You....

In the meantime, whether you vote for me or not, if there is anything I can do to help you or your family, please contact me by my cell number at 850-464-7611, home is 971-5213, by email CindyVees.District5@gmail.com, or by mail at PO Box 488 - Madison, FL 32341.

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**Structure Fire**



Photo Submitted by Pat Lightcap

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At approximately 8:20 p.m. on Monday, October 22, the Madison County 911 Center received a report of a structure fire in the 7000 block of Sundown Creek Road in south central Madison County. Responding Sheriff's deputies reported the structure was fully involved as they arrived. Because of the remote location, fire units from Greenville, Madison, New Home, Sirmans and Hamburg-Lovett responded to the blaze and quickly brought it under control.

Please see Structure Fire, Page 3A

**Madison Woman, Man Arrested In Georgia On Drug Charges**

Investigators arrested Sherry Daggy and Andrew Flores after observing the two buying cold medication at a local pharmacy. Tubing was also located in the vehicle they were stopped in.

Flores was charged with Felony Possession of Tools to Manufacture a Schedule II Narcotic

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Sherry Daggy



Andrew Flores

**11 Proposed Amendments Made Comprehensible**

By Lazaro Aleman  
Special from ECB Publishing, Inc.

Chances are most citizens are aware by now that the Florida Legislature has placed 11 proposed constitutional amendments on the ballot for the Nov. 6 general election.

Chances are also that the average citizen will have difficulty understanding the intent of the amendments, given the legal language that comprises the text of each.

At the least, the average citizen may find it difficult to decipher what exactly a yes or a no vote will accomplish, in terms of expressing the voter's particular preference on the issue.

That's where the Collins Center for Public Policy comes in. The center has produced a brief and fairly objective summary of the intent, history and pros and cons of each amendment. Best of all, the summaries are written in plain English.

Following are excerpt from the center's website relating to the mean-

ing, pros and cons and what a yes

or no vote means in terms of each amendment. For a fuller explanation, visit [www.collinscenter.org/2012flamendments/home-2](http://www.collinscenter.org/2012flamendments/home-2).

\* Amendment

1, titled "Health Care Services," seeks to add an amendment to the state constitution that would prohibit the government from requiring individuals to purchase health insurance.

A "yes" vote on Amendment 1 means that the Florida Constitution should include a provision prohibiting

the government from requiring citizens to purchase health insurance.

A "no" vote means the Florida Constitution should not include a provision prohibiting the government from requiring citizens to purchase health insurance.

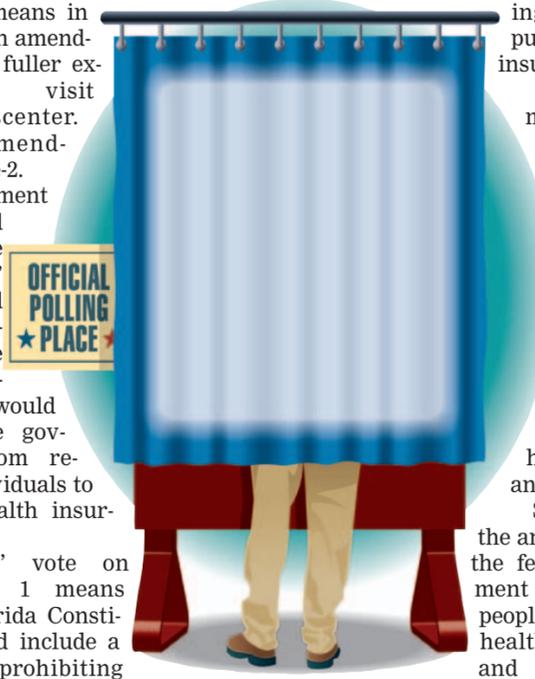
Supporters of the amendment say the federal government cannot force people to purchase health insurance and the amend-

ment is an attempt to protect Floridians from that requirement in the federal healthcare act passed in 2010. They say voting for this measure would send a message that Congress overstepped its authority.

Opponents counter that despite its stated intention, the amendment will not allow Floridians to opt out of the requirement that all Americans purchase health insurance. They point out that the U.S. Supreme Court ruled on June 28, 2012, that the federal requirement to purchase insurance is constitutional.

\* Amendment 2, titled "Veterans Disabled Due To Combat Injury; Homestead Property Tax Discount," seeks to allow disabled veterans who were not Florida residents prior to entering military service to qualify for a discount on their property taxes.

A "yes" vote means the state should give a property tax discount to disabled veterans who moved to Florida after entering the military. A "no" **Please see Amendments, Page 3A**



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**Local Weather**

<b>Wed 10/24</b>	86/66		<b>Thu 10/25</b>	86/67		<b>Fri 10/26</b>	84/63		<b>Sat 10/27</b>	82/60	
Sunny along with a few clouds. Warm. High 86F. Winds NE at 5 to 10 mph.			Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 60s.			Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 60s.			Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s.		

# VIEWPOINTS & OPINIONS

## CRACKER SEZ

### Hooked On Weeds

My momma, Opal Jane O'Lustee, thought the weeds in the fall were beautiful. Mrs. Opal Jane passed away 'uh while back. Now I can't help but see the beauty in the fall weeds myself.

Mrs. Opal never mentioned anything bad about anybody. She only had good ta' say about folks. It was always 'uh pleasure ta' see her come'n 'cause she always made ya' feel good about yer'self 'n she pointed out the good in others. I'll admit, at times, I got a little flustered with her fer' not tell'n the whole story about some people. I tend ta' remember that them weeds that's so soft n' plush n' colorful in the fall is the same ones that I worked hard ta' keep outa' my garden. Oh well, I guess I at least learned ta' appreciate the good in folks.

If yer' wonder'n why this story is so short, there might be some folks, like me, that don't like ta' read. So I try not ta' use more words than it takes ta' say what I wanta' say.



**Jim Deitrich**  
Guest Columnist

Sincerely Yourn'  
Cracola  
O'Lustee  
(Cracker fer short)

## Editorial

### Vote No On Amendment 8

Fade in. The scene is a sparsely decorated room at a Christian school. A painting of the crucifixion adorns one wall. A conference table sits on a worn green carpet. The Board of Directors at the school sits around a long conference table. One of them rubs the palm of his hand against his forehead. Another nervously taps his pencil on the table. One of them has her hands knit together, almost in a praying position. All different, yet still in the same team and in the same huddle. At the head of the huddle is the quarterback, Board chairman. At the end opposite him is the school's principal, ready to receive what the chairman throws at him.

Breaking the silence, the chairman clears his throat and speaks.

"We have a problem here," he says. "We have an influx of students but we still don't have the money to pay to run the school. Power bills are going up. Fuel costs are enormous and we don't have the money to keep running the buses."

Different ideas are tossed around. Cutting the football program is one of them. This is seriously considered until someone points out that is the only thing, along with the tuition, that is keeping the school barely afloat. All of a sudden, one of the board members has what he thinks is a great idea.

"Do you remember Amendment 8 that was voted in the November 2012 election?" he asks. "It gives churches money. It gives religious schools governemtn money. We could get our piece of the pie."

The Chairman says that he doesn't think it is a good idea, but, in the end, the votes in favor of it win out.

A few months later, the government tells the school that they can't pray a prayer in Jesus' name. It has to be generic so that it doesn't offend anyone else.

The school's baccalaureate program is also another sore spot with the government. They inform them that they must have the leader of a cult who lives in the town speak at the program.

The school auditorium is now also controlled by the government. The Muslims demand that they be allowed to have a program there. The government orders the school to allow it.

Before the government money was accepted, the school taught the Bible. Now, it is taught but is taught along with teachings from the Koran and the Satanic verses.

Where before there were pictures of the country's founding forefathers in the school, now the government has ordered them if they want to put up a picture of George Washington, there also have to be photos of the Dalai Lama and Jim Jones.

Maybe this is a little over the top but it could happen if Amendment 8, alleging to be for "religious freedom," is passed.

Vote no on Amendment 8.

### Pickels Presents Lawson With Check From International Union Of United Steel Workers



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Text submitted by Howard Pickels

Howard B. Pickels, left, presents Al Lawson, Democratic candidate for the U.S. Congress, with a check for \$5,000.00 from the United Steel Workers. Pickels said, "For almost 30 years, Sen. Lawson has worked to help the working men and women of Florida and we feel now it is time for him to take it to Washington. In the last two years, we have seen too many times when Congress has made partisan issues out of issues that should have never been partisan. In 2011, we saw Congressman Southerland vote against working men and women 28 times out of 28, and again in 2012, Congressman Southerland has had 13 opportunities to directly affect the working men and women in a positive manner but instead he voted against all 13 of those times as well. All of these issues could have and would have not only helped working men and women that so badly needed the help but they would also have helped the economy, which we all know needs help. It is time we put someone in office that will work these issues for us and leave the partisan games out of the chambers. The United Steelworkers International Union is glad to endorse Senator Lawson for Florida Congressional District 2 and we know he will serve us well. Don't forget to vote November 6." Pickels serves as President of USW Local 1192 and 1192-01 in Perry and is currently working for the International Union as a Labor 2012 Political Casual.



National Security

Joe Boyles  
Guest Columnist

## Mea Culpa

Some of my critics claim that I am overly partisan. I can understand how they would get that idea. I don't like professional politicians. I'm critical of labor unions, particularly public sector unions. I really dislike ambulance-chasing trial lawyers. I literally despise the abortion industry that profits from human misery, abandonment and fear. These positions and others are core constituencies for the Democrats, so it's not surprising that many of my positions are opposed to those of the Democrat Party.

On the other hand, when I see a Democrat do something I appreciate, I'm not ashamed to praise them even though it is not a frequent occurrence. For example, did you know that when Barack Obama was inaugurated nearly four years ago, I wrote a column supporting him?

It's true! The week after the inauguration (Jan 28, 2009), my column titled "The Obama Administration" suggested that I hoped the new president "deserved" reelection to a second term in office. Boy did I miss the mark! Now, in fairness, I went on to describe the results I felt were necessary to support (in theory) his reelection. Let's go back and look at the metrics I suggested to see how our 44th president has performed. Better yet, I'll give him a grade in each category; then we'll look at his report card.

First, I said that I didn't want to see America attacked again like we were on 9-11. The Obama Administration was cruising along pretty well until the 11th anniversary when our consulate in Benghazi, Libya was attacked and our unprotected ambassador murdered. Now it appears that calls for additional protection went unheeded and the Obamamites covered up their negligence. Grade: D.

Concerning economic prosperity, I said that we should be at full

employment (unemployment less than 5 percent); the stock market with a Dow Jones above 12K; and recovery of the real estate market. The only reason why the president doesn't get an F is because the stock market is doing well ... at least for now. Our economy is in the tank and Obama's policies have resulted in the most anemic economic recovery from recession since World War II. Grade: D-

About the Middle East, I hoped that our troop level would be significantly reduced in a new peaceful Iraq; that Afghanistan would be stabilized; and that Iran's nuclear ambitions would be thwarted. Good for Iraq. Afghanistan is a mess where our supposed allies are attacking and killing American servicemen. Iran is marching irretrievably toward their quest for nuclear weapons and our closest ally Israel is feeling estranged. Today, the Arab street, particularly across North Africa, is on fire. Grade: a generous C-

Energy is a nightmare. The price of oil is double the \$50 mark that I set in January 2009. The Obama Administration is willing to subsidize electrical rates above 20 cents/kilowatt hour, double the mark I set. Even then, 36 "green" energy companies where Obama has invested \$11 billion have gone bankrupt, headed by Solyndra which devoured \$535 million taxpayer dollars before closing. Result: fuel prices are double what they were when Obama took office. Grade: F.

About health care, I wanted to see more people insured without resorting to mandates. What we got was Obamacare, 2700 pages of mandates, regulations, bureaucracies, and taxes. This thing is a monster, the dimensions of which we cannot even imagine. To make matters worse, this thing was rammed through on a partisan basis by a bare majority. Since Obama is refusing to campaign on this mat-

ter as an achievement, I'm left to conclude that he failed. Grade: F.

On domestic matters, immigration has been an abject failure for the administration. Don't take my word for it; look at Univision's conclusion just last month. Republicans have largely kept the lid on taxes, but look at what Obama is advocating in his platform - higher taxes. The February 2009 Economic Stimulus was so laden with congressional earmarks that it is both embarrassing and wasteful. Grade: D.

Finally, I said that I hoped President Obama's election as our first Black president would mark the end of affirmative action quotas and other distasteful remnants of past civil rights strife. It seems as if just the opposite has happened. He claimed to be a uniter. That was a façade. I'm left to conclude that he is a divider despite claims to the contrary. Here, I am more than disappointed. Grade: F.

Let's sum this up: one C; three D's; and 3 F's. Grade point average: 0.71. Doesn't sound like Columbia and Harvard material to me. How 'bout you? If he had a solid C or better, maybe he'd deserve a second chance, but not with this report card.

As I look back over what has happened the past three and a half years, I admit that I was pretty naïve. What was I thinking? Did I get caught up in this "hope and change" ideal? As the Romans would say, mea culpa - I'm sorry. You see, I wanted the president to succeed because I wanted to see my country succeed and turn around this economic morass. It hasn't happened. For this reason more than any other, I'll cast my vote for Mitt Romney. Do you agree or not?

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## Amendments

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vote means the state should not extend the tax discount to disabled veterans who moved to Florida after entering the military.

Supporters argue this amendment will benefit older veterans who were injured in combat but did not live in Florida at the time they entered the military. They say the property tax discount can help with medical bills and may allow veterans to stay in their homes longer as they age. It might also stimulate the housing market by persuading veterans to move to Florida.

Opponents say state and local governments face mounting budget shortfalls in part because of diminished property tax returns brought about by the collapse of the housing market. They say schools and local governments need to maintain the tax base or consider cuts to public services.

\* Amendment 3, titled "State Government Revenue Limitation," would set a state revenue limit each year based on a formula that considers population growth and inflation instead of using the current method of calculating the revenue limit based on personal income.

A "yes" vote means the state should change the way it calculates its revenue limit. A "no" vote means the state should not change the way it calculates its revenue limit.

Supporters say the amendment would ensure that the state budget never grows beyond a family's ability to pay the taxes and the fees needed to fund that growth. They say it would make government more efficient.

Critics say that during tough economic times, when tax revenues drop and there is a greater need for government services, this amendment would make it impossible for agencies to meet the demand, even when there is available revenue. They say it threatens funding for critical government services such as healthcare and education.

\* Amendment 4 is titled "Property Tax Limitations; Property Value Decline; Reduction For Nonhomestead Assessment Increases; Delay of Scheduled Repeal."

Amendment 4 seeks to reduce the maximum annual increase in taxable value of non-homestead properties from 10 to 5 percent. It further seeks to provide an extra homestead exemption for first-time homebuyers and allow lawmakers to prohibit assessment increases for properties with decreasing market values.

A "yes" vote means you favor the enhanced tax breaks being proposed. A "no" vote means you are against the enhanced tax breaks being proposed.

Supporters say the amendment would make Florida property taxation more equitable, stimulate the housing and commercial real-estate markets and attract investors to

the state.

Opponents say it would create tax disparities and strip an estimated \$1 billion from the tax base over the next three years at a time when local governments are struggling to provide basic services.

\* Amendment 5, titled "State Courts," would provide for Senate confirmation of Supreme Court justices; give lawmakers control over changes to the rules governing the court system; and direct the Judicial Qualifications Commission, which investigates judicial misconduct complaints, to make its files available to the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives.

A "yes" vote means you want the Senate to have confirmation power over Supreme Court appointees, and some authority over changes to the rules that govern the state's courts. You also want to grant the House access to Judicial Qualifications Commission's investigative files on judges. A "no" vote means you do not want these proposed changes made to the state's judiciary.

Supporters say the measure would make the appellate court system run more efficiently and add a Supreme Court justices are appointed.

Opponents say the measure is a dangerous attempt to exert political influence over the judicial branch by giving legislators more authority.

\* Amendment 6, titled "Prohibition on Public Funding of Abortions; Construction of Abortion Rights," would make the existing federal ban on public funding for most abortions part of the state constitution. It would narrow the scope of a state privacy law that is sometimes used in Florida to challenge abortion laws.

A "yes" vote means you support putting the existing federal ban on the use of public funds for abortions into the state constitution and you support eliminating the state's privacy right with respect to a woman's right to choose.

A "no" vote means you are against placing the existing federal ban on using public funds for abortions into the state constitution and you are against eliminating the state's privacy right with respect to a woman's right to choose.

Supporters say this amendment makes it clear that Florida prohibits public funding for abortions and gives the public a voice in deciding state abortion law.

Opponents say the amendment discriminates against women, strips away a woman's fundamental right to choose, and erodes established law, including rights of privacy.

\* Amendment 7 ceased to exist as a result of a legal challenge by opponents that led to the rewriting of some of the ballot language and the amendment's reinstatement on the ballot as Amendment 8. There

is, in effect, no Amendment 7 on the ballot.

\* Amendment 8, titled "Religious Freedom" (formerly Amendment 7), seeks to remove the prohibition in Florida's Constitution that prevents religious institutions from receiving taxpayer funding.

A "yes" vote means you want to remove from the Florida Constitution a prohibition against the state funding religious institutions and replace it with a provision that prohibits the state from denying funding to institutions based on religious affiliations. A "no" vote means you want to retain the provision in the Florida Constitution that prohibits the state from funding religious institutions.

Supporters say the amendment would allow the state to fund programs that provide a valuable public service but are currently denied that funding because they are affiliated with religious organizations. They also say the current law that denies funding to religious groups was passed in 1885 and is rooted in anti-Catholic bias and should be removed from the state's constitution.

Opponents say the amendment would eliminate a long-established component of the separation of church and state that prevents the government from funding groups that espouse religious beliefs. They also say the anti-Catholic bias cited by supporters of the amendment was not a motivation for the law's passage in 1885 and, even if it were, that bias no longer exists and should not be a reason for eliminating the ban on funding religious groups.

\* Amendment 9, titled "Homestead Property Tax Exemption for Surviving Spouse of Military Veteran or First Responder," would grant a full property tax exemption to the surviving spouses of military veterans who die while on active duty and to the surviving spouses of first responders who die in the line of duty.

A "yes" vote means you want the state to grant the full homestead exemption to the surviving spouses. A "no" vote means you do not want the state to grant the full homestead exemption.

Supporters say the amendment will help the families left behind when a veteran or first responder dies in service to his country or community.

Opponents say it takes a bite out of the tax revenues that schools and local governments need to provide services.

\* Amendment 10, titled "Tangible Personal Property Tax Exemption," would double the tangible personal property tax exemption and allow local governments to increase the exemption.

A "yes" vote means you want to double the tangible personal property tax exemption and allow cities and counties to expand the exemptions beyond that. A "no" vote means you do not want to double the tangible personal property tax ex-

emption and you do not want to allow cities and counties to expand the exemptions.

Supporters say the amendment will give tax relief to small businesses and help stimulate the economy. They say it provides a way for local governments to offer further reductions in the business tax.

Opponents say this amendment is part of a trickle-down economic theory that does not work. They say it will strip millions in tax revenue from local governments struggling to provide basic services.

\* Amendment 11, titled "Additional Homestead Exemption; Low-Income Seniors Who Maintain Long-Term Residency on Property; Equal to Assessed Value," would give an additional property tax exemption to low-income seniors who have lived in their home for more than 25 years.

A "yes" vote means you think cities and counties should have the authority to grant a full property tax discount to eligible seniors. A "no" vote means you do not think that cities and counties should have the authority to grant a full property tax discount to eligible seniors.

Supporters say this amendment will benefit elderly residents on fixed incomes. They say the property tax discount can help with medical bills and may allow more elderly residents to stay in their homes as they age.

Opponents say state and local governments face mounting budget shortfalls in part because of diminished property tax returns. They say schools and local governments need to maintain the tax base.

\* Amendment 12, titled "Appointment of Student Body President to Board of Governors of the State University System," would change the way the state selects the student representative on the state university system's Board of Governors, which oversees the university system.

A "yes" vote means you want the state to create a new council of university student presidents from which the student representative to the Board of Governors will be chosen. A "no" vote means you want to keep the current system of selecting the student representative to the Board of Governors.

Supporters say this amendment guarantees every university has a chance to have their student body president be named as a representative of the Board of Governors.

Opponents say this amendment is unnecessary.

## Structure Fire

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The structure had been vacant for some time and there were no injuries reported. However, this was the second vacant structure to catch fire in the County in the past week or so. The State Fire Marshal was requested to respond to the scene for further investigation. In addition to Madison County S.O. Madison County EMS was on scene for support.

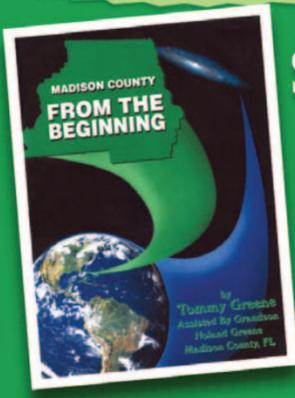
## Drug Charges

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(Party to a Crime).

Daggy was charged with Felony Possession of Tools for the Manufacture of a Schedule II Narcotic and F-Use of Communications Device to Facilitate VGCSA.

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## Obituaries

### Arthur Ray Braswell

Arthur Ray Braswell, known as "Mr. Arthur" age 73, died October 17, 2012 in Gainesville.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Sunday October 21, 2012 in the Greenville United Methodist Church with burial to follow in the Walker Cemetery in Lamont. The family received friends 6-8 p.m. Saturday at T. J. Beggs, Jr. & Sons Funeral Home in Madison (850) 973-2258. Donations may be made to the American Heart Association.

He was born and raised in Jefferson County and, after high school, he enlisted in the U. S. Navy. He lived in various places including Miami and Medford, Ore. In 1967, he moved to Newport News, Va., where he owned and operated the Mary Kay Beauty Salon. This is where he met and married his wife, Virginia Sparks Braswell, on August 25, 1971. He later sold his business and moved to Greenville in May of 2012 to be closer to his family. He loved to fish and be outdoors, he loved cooking and baking cakes and gathering with his friends and family always doing for others. He was a member of Zions United Methodist Church in Grafton, Va. and attended Greenville United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia; two sons, David Braswell (Daphaney) of Green Sea S.C., and James Braswell (Leann) of White City, Ore.; a daughter, Mindy Denn (Butch) of Coquille, Ore.; three brothers, Dave Braswell of Madison, Russell Braswell (Joyce) of Atmore, Ala., and James Braswell (Shirley) of Pensacola; three sisters, Mary Powers (Harold) of Richmond, Va., Irene Waldow (Bob) of Keystone Heights, and Betty Hudson (John) of Greenville; five grandchildren, Caden, Dylan, Savannah, Autumn and Stephen; a great grandchild, Serena; and many nieces, nephews, and friends, including Mike and Shannon Colvard, who he regarded as his children; and a good fishing buddy, John Kline.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Virginia Goodreau, Daisy Givens and Mae Robertson.

### JERRY D. DICKERT

Jerry Dickert passed away early Wednesday morning, October 17, 2012 at home following an extended illness. He was born in Ariton, Alabama on June 23, 1926 to Dewitt T. Dickert and Georgia Carter Dickert. In 1941 the family moved to Boyd and then to Perry in 1942, where he remained until his death at age 86.

Jerry attended Taylor County High School and graduated in the Class of 1944. He joined the Navy in May of 1944 upon graduating high school and entered into the V-5 program to train as a Navy pilot. The war ended and he received an honorable discharge in April of 1947 and returned home to work with his father and older brother George, at Perry Lumber Company.

On February 27, 1947, Jerry married Coleene Shealey, and began his married and working life in Perry. During the 50 years he worked at Perry Lumber Company, he was also involved in the local community as well as numerous lumber associations. He was a charter member of the Perry Elks Club, a member of the Shriners, Masons, Jesters, as well as a charter shareholder of the Citizens Bank of Perry in 1958. Jerry remained involved with the bank and served as Chairman of the Board for 20 years until his illness prohibited him from serving. Jerry felt close ties to the bank stressing the need for the bank to maintain its' responsibility to the local community and remained a shareholder until his death.

While working at Perry Lumber Company, he was involved in helping to establish lumber standards for southern pine lumber with the Southern Pine Inspection Bureau (SPIB), a member of the Southeastern Lumber Manufacturing Association (SLMA) and the Florida Building Materials Association



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During his career at Perry Lumber, Jerry also started other lumber related businesses; Jerry D. Dickert Trucking Co., Forest Sales Corporation, Augusta, Ga., Starkey Lumber Co., Largo, Florida and Atlantic Lumber Company, Pompano Beach.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, brother George Dickert and sister Edith Garrett.

He is survived by his wife Coleene; two children, Paul Dickert (wife Laura) and Mark Dickert (wife Lori), five grandchildren; Erin Crum (husband Brian Crum), Adam Dickert, Ray Dickert (wife Andrea Webster Dickert), Haile Dickert and Dylan Dickert; and two great grandchildren Cole and Mason Crum. Jerry is also survived by his brother, John Dickert (wife Gayle) of Madison, and his sister, Betty Dickert of Jacksonville.

The funeral service was held Friday, October 19, 2012, at the First Baptist Church in Perry. Visitation began at 10:00 a.m. with the service followed at 11 a.m.

Memorial donations may be made to Covenant Hospice, 1545 Raymond Diehl Road Suite 150, Tallahassee, Florida, 32308.

### Rosa Virginia Green Zipperer

Rosa Virginia Green Zipperer, 97, of St. Petersburg, passed away on October 18, 2012.

She was born on March 18, 1925 in Jasper to Alonzo and Cora Green. She was the former owner and operator of Alachua Fog Service. She was preceded in death by her husband, Pennywell Zipperer, and all of her children, Mary Virginia Zipperer, Alonzo Pennywell Zipperer, Helen Inez Zipperer, Marjorie Frances Zipperer, Frank Alex Zipperer. She is survived by her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She was also the sister of Lucile Green Selman (deceased) of Madison.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at 11 a.m. at Forest Meadows Funeral Home Chapel, 725 NW 23rd Ave, in Gainesville, with Chaplain Henry Lunsford, Jr. and Brother Otis Evans officiating. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery in Gainesville. A visitation was held one hour prior to the service beginning at 10 a.m.

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# AROUND MADISON COUNTY

## Woman’s Club And Garden Club Hold Annual Joint Meeting



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Left to right: Woman’s Club President Margaret Ann Bunch, Dolly Ballard (busy volunteer, 2012 Citizen of the Year, member of both clubs and past president of the Garden Club) and Garden Club President Martha Beggs pose outside the clubhouse after the joint meeting Oct. 4.

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By Lynette Norris  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

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Avid garden expert Ralph Esposito, a recent guest lecturer at the Madison Garden Club and owner of the Esposito Garden Center in Tallahassee, has stepped up to help raise needed money by volunteering to donate a portion of all proceeds from one day's purchases made by Madison County residents.

From 7:30 a.m. until 7 p.m., Nov. 2, everyone in the county is encouraged to go by and look over the huge variety of items, including plants, gifts, Christmas décor, seeds, fertilizers, and bird feeders. Anything and everything in the store purchased by Madison County residents is eligible. Be sure to tell the cashier you're from Madison County so your purchase can count toward Esposito's final donation to benefit the Garden Club scholarship fund.

Esposito's Garden Center is located at 2743 S.E. Capital Circle in Tallahassee. For directions or more information, call (850) 386-2114.

## Big Bend Hospice Shares Goodies With Greene Publishing Staff



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Ladies from Big Bend Hospice stopped by Greene Publishing, Inc. and brought some goodies to show their appreciation. Pictured left to right: Kristin Finney, Greene Publishing, Inc. reporter; Michelle Brantley, Big Bend Hospice; Louise Strickland, Hospice volunteer; Deloris Jones, Hospice volunteer; and Jeanette Dunn, Greene Publishing, Inc. sales representative.

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# AROUND MADISON COUNTY

## The Junior Auxiliary Of Madison County Welcomes A New Provisional Class And Recognizes New Board Members

The Junior Auxiliary of Madison County would like to introduce their incoming provisional class and board members for the 2012-2013 year. Junior Auxiliary is a national non-profit organization that encourages members to render charitable services which are beneficial to the general public, with particular emphasis on children.

The Junior Auxiliary of Madison County was chartered by a group of caring, enthusiastic women in 2004 and continues to grow and thrive throughout

Madison County. Volunteers work tirelessly throughout the year on a variety of projects that focus on local children and families in need of assistance.

The Junior Auxiliary of Madison County is a part of the National Association of Junior Auxiliaries (NAJA), a non-profit organization founded in 1941 with Headquarters in Greenville, Miss. NAJA has more than 13,500 active, associate, and life members in 101 chapters in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee and Texas. To date, the Madison County chapter is the only chapter in the state of Florida.

The NAJA slogan is "Care Today - Character Tomorrow" and when teamed with the current focus of the Association, Junior Auxiliary Chapters are working more than ever before to increase awareness of child health and welfare and how it affects their futures.



**2012-2013 Provisional Class**  
 Front: Kim Borgert, Stacy Newsome, Diane Webb, Ronda Garner, Soneyda Jarvis, Melanie Parks-Provisional Trainer  
 Middle: April Herring, Paula Ginn  
 Back: Darla Carver, Stefanie Thomas, Kelly Renfroe, Kathy Stallings, Mary Kay Blume



**2012-2013 Board Members**  
 Front: Beth Ebberson-Treasurer, Elizabeth Waring, President, Lori Newman, Vice President, Wendy Branham, Treasurer, Brooke Bass, Education Chair  
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## Tommy Beggs:

*“I Know Where I’ve Been, But I Want to Know Where I’m Going”*

By Lynette Norris

Greene Publishing, Inc.

“I know where I’ve been, but I want to know where I’m going,” retired funeral director Tommy Beggs told the 55 Plus Club. It was the title he would have given his speech, he said, if he’d been able to think of a title for his collection of stories, some funny and some poignant.

After 50 years in the 125-year-old family funeral business, he did have some unusual tales, but, as he reminded his listeners, there was a time from before when he wasn’t yet a funeral director.

“I did a few things in the army, and I did a few things in college,” he said, recalling life at Emory University in 1955, when, fresh out of the army, he became the proud new owner of a Pontiac...and a horse.

It was also at Emory that he met and married the love of his life, Mary Jane. “And then I had to sell the horse,” he said. “Because I couldn’t afford to feed both of them.”

Going back to childhood memories, he spoke of some of his favorite people from that time, including an old gentleman by the name of Chandler Reddick, a kind and generous soul who lived by the motto, “Be who you is, and use what you got.” He was also known for sharing five gallon buckets of blackberries with his neighbors and waving to people in cars as they passed by his front yard.

Then, there was Beggs’ favorite aunt, Dot Davis, who would come over whenever she was needed on Sunday mornings to help get the five Beggs children ready for church.

Church holds several childhood memories for him, like the Fourth of July Sunday they ended up sitting behind the church ladies with the red, white and blue hair. The five children got so tickled, their dad couldn’t calm them down no matter what, and they all had to leave church.

But the Sunday he recalls most vividly is the one in early December when he was ten years old. Everyone had just gotten out of church and his family was heading home for Sunday dinner, when, just two blocks away on U.S. 90, they encountered hordes of paperboys all over the street, shouting, “Extra!”

It was Dec. 7, 1941, and the Japanese had just bombed Pearl Harbor.

“It was a shock to everybody,” he told the audience. “But most of you probably weren’t even born then.”

Then, pausing and looking around the room, he pulled out his cell phone and called his assistant, Debbie. “I think you sent me to the wrong group,” he told her. “These folks are all *over 55!*”

As the laughter died down, one of his listeners remarked, “That is so Tommy!”

Being in the funeral business, naturally he would have a collection of unusual funeral stories, and all the families mentioned had granted permission for him to tell their unusual tales.

Once, while staying at the Beggs family beach house on Dog Island, he was preparing to go out in his boat and scatter a very nice lady’s ashes, when Gov. Leroy Collins, who also had a beach house there (but, oddly enough, no boat) happened along and asked for a ride. Beggs agreed and they set off; however, scattering ashes with the governor on board didn’t seem, well, right somehow; he ended up bringing the urn back home, wrapping it up and placing it under the family Christmas tree. When his daughter Susie asked, “Won’t she get hot all wrapped up in that box?” Beggs replied, “She’s been hotter than that.”

In his 50 years, he has also comforted a lot of people in grief, and seen them make it through devastating times, with a lot of help from friends and a lot of prayer. It was something he was accustomed to seeing, but sometimes, things were different and death wasn’t always sad.

Such was the case with Miss Mary, a woman who lived in a house with no heat,

no furniture except apple crates, and only a straw bed. When he told her he was sorry that her husband had died, she startled him with her reply: “Well, I’m not! I feel like a bird let out of a cage!”

Miss Mary then shared her story of a controlling, short-tempered husband who would fly into a jealous fit if she so much as waved at people on the train that passed by their house. Much of the time, however, she could outrun him, climb up a tree and watch while he circled around and around the property looking for her.

No, she would not miss him one bit, she said. In fact, she was elated at her new-found freedom, and when Beggs picked her up for the funeral, she laughed and joked with him all the way to the cemetery.

Miss Mary so impressed him with her exuberance, he bought a wooden chair, painted it bright red, and gave it to her. Later, when relatives convinced her to move out of the tiny, squalid house and into a trailer in their backyard, the only thing she took with her was that red chair.

Another time, an elderly, unmarried woman told him that she didn’t want any male pallbearers at her funeral. “They wouldn’t take me out when I was alive,” she told Beggs. “And they’re certainly not going to take me out when I’m dead!”

He has also learned that sometimes, bereaved loved ones see things differently. Once, a very poor lady wanted a very expensive bronze casket for her husband, but he wouldn’t let her have it, convincing her to go with a less expensive model. Years later, when she brought in the last monthly payment, she told him she was still mad at him. If he had let her buy that expensive casket like she wanted, she could have continued doing something nice for her husband for several more years to come. What he had thought of as a monthly financial burden for her, she had seen as a token of love.

Of course, no undertaker’s stories would be complete without mentioning a ghost or two. On a recent weekend, there were some strange goings-on at Beggs’ office, but when sheriff’s deputies investigated, they couldn’t find any evidence of human activity.

In his home, it sometimes seemed that an awful lot of cans kept falling off pantry shelves for no discernable reason.

His take on the strange occurrences is that there are “weird things in life” and we don’t always have the answers, but God always knows what is going on.

Looking around the room as he concluded, he asked, “Does anyone else here have a haunted house?”



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**Now retired from the long-lived family funeral business, Tommy Beggs shares some amazing stories with the 55 Plus Club.**

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## Fall Festival Set For Friday

By Jacob Bemby  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

A touch of autumn has invaded the warm climes of Lee and that can only mean that the time for Lee Elementary School's Fall Festival is fast approaching. This season, the fun event will be held Friday, Oct. 26, from 5-7 p.m. at the school, located off US 90 in the western part of the town's city limits.

Although the school is new, one of its hallways is haunted. The fifth graders want to show it to those who attend. Maybe the school was built on sacred Native American burial grounds.

It couldn't be that the fifth graders could just want to scare you for the fun of it, could it?

Other fun stuff will include a cake auction, which will begin at 5:30 p.m. There will also be a cakewalk, a toss where the entrants can win gold fish and a ring toss.

Three different bounce houses will also be featured for the children to have fun and there will be lots of good hamburgers and hotdogs available for purchase.

Make plans now to be at the Lee Fall Festival.

## Pupils, PTO Pick Staffer To Pucker Up With Porker

By Jacob Bemby  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Students at Lee Elementary School are asking for teachers and staff to be willing to pucker up and kiss the pig!

In the front office at LES are jars with the name of principals, teachers, or staff members. Students and people visiting the office can drop cash or loose pocket change in to vote on their favorite person. The one with the most votes gets to pucker up with the porker.

The election is a fun way to raise money for Lee's Parents Teachers Organization (PTO).

The faculty or staff member that pupils pick to plant one on the pig will have to do it at the Lee Fall Festival set for Friday, Oct. 26.

# Nestle Awards Every Drop Counts Scholarship

Wayne Silverman will begin classes at Florida Gateway College on scholarship this year, but this isn't the first time Silverman has been to college. He already holds a two-year degree in business management and has spent over 30 years working in the printing and retail industries. Recently, Silverman decided to make a career change, one that required extensive education and training, but that he couldn't fund on his own, so he started searching for scholarships. He discovered the Nestle Waters Florida Every Drop Counts scholarship, a need-based award that is given to individuals interested in water and conservation efforts. Silverman is this year's recipient of the award.



Wayne Silverman

Silverman began his career working in the printing business at the Hauppauge, NY union plant for Bregg Data Forms, and then he became a partner in United Data Forms based out of Bohemia, N.Y. before moving to Cape Coral. In New York, he learned business as an operations manager where he

got experience in purchasing, shipping and receiving, customer service and sales.

After moving to Florida, Silverman began working as a construction manager trainee for Lennar Homes in Fort Myers, Fla. where he progressed quickly and found success during the real estate boom. After a short time Silverman had been promoted to a director position where he was responsible for quality control awareness, storm water and safety inspections. Then a neighbor who worked for Aqua America introduced him to the water business.

Silverman was attracted to the water business because he likes to work in and out of the office. He went to the Punta

Gorda water treatment plant and applied for an internship. During his unpaid internship, Silverman learned that to be a water quality technician he needed to pass a certification test and get specialized education. He also learned that he could prepare for the test and further ad-

vance in a career in water by attending Florida Gateway College. It was through the college that Silverman learned about Nestle Waters Florida's Every Drop Counts scholarship, which is allowing Silverman to complete a two-year environmental science technology degree. He

has passed the state test for C-Level Water Treatment Plant Operator certification and is currently working at the Punta Gorda Water Treatment Plant to obtain the 2,080 hours required for licensing.

Silverman has already completed over 500 hours.

## Homecoming Set At Lee First Baptist Church

Pastor Sammy Hiers and the congregation of Lee First Baptist Church

cordially invite you to join them for Homecoming on Sunday, Novem-

ber 4, 2012. Sunday School begins at 9:45 AM. "Life Song" will be in concert at 10:30 AM and the worship service at 11:15 AM. A covered dish lunch will follow, immediately after worship, in the Fellowship Hall.

Dr. John Sullivan, Executive Director-Treasurer of the Florida Baptist Convention since 1989 will be the guest speaker. A native of Ansted, West Virginia, Dr. Sullivan has earned a B.A. from Grand Canyon Baptist College in 1961; a B.D. (1965), a M.Div. (1968), and a D.Min. in 1973 from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has been active at the Church, Association, State Convention and Southern Baptist Convention levels on committees, Task Forces, and as an elected officer.

Dr. Sullivan is a much sought after speaker having spoken at conferences, conventions and meetings of at least 30 state conventions. We are honored to have him in our services at Lee First. You are welcome to join us on this special occasion.

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- Entries must be submitted to the newspaper by 2 p.m., Wednesday, October 24.
- One winner will be selected in each age category, 0-3, 4-7 and 8-10, and awarded four tickets to the Cole Bros. Circus.

**Entry Form**

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# SCHOOL

## Madison Schools In Second Year Using Sprigeo Bully Reporting System

By Kristin Finney  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Madison's public schools are currently in their second year of using the Sprigeo Bully Reporting system. This system allows students, teachers and parents to anonymously report online any incidents of bullying and danger at their school.

Sprigeo is an online bully reporting system that can be accessed by computer, cell phone or tablet. The student, parent or teacher simply goes to [www.sprigeo.com](http://www.sprigeo.com) and can file an anonymous report of the incident. Sprigeo then immediately sends an alert to the members of the school's administration that are responsible for controlling bullying. The alerts are sent to their emails and their cell phones. The administration member can then respond to the bullying report immediately, without ever knowing who made the report.

Sprigeo can also be used to report safety concerns outside of bullying. If there is a weapon on campus, a fight is about to happen or any other safety concerns, they can be reported through Sprigeo.

During the day, while students are at school and can't use their cell phones, they can either use a computer at the library or speak with their teacher who can work with them to create the report or allow them to use a computer to make the report.

Octavious Tookes, Dean of Students at Madison County Central School, said of Sprigeo, "It is a wonderful system that provides anonymity and another level of safety for our students in the Madison school system."

There are approximately 500 schools across 21 states that are using the Sprigeo program. Madison is currently the only school system in North Florida that is implementing the Sprigeo bully reporting system. For the low price of \$295 per year per school, Madison is able to offer anonymous safety to their students. Current the Madison County Central School, Madison County High School, Lee Elementary School, Pinetta Elementary School and Greenville Elementary School are using the system.

## ACA FALL FESTIVAL FRIDAY

By Fran Hunt  
Special from ECB Publishing, Inc.

Aucilla Christian Academy will host its annual Fall Festival from 2:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m., Friday, October 26.

During the Festival there is a wide variety of activities, games and lip smacking good food on hand for attendees to enjoy.

Food booths sponsored by the high school students will include the ninth grade, French fries; tenth grade, snow cones; eleventh grade, pizza; and twelfth grade, Chic-Filet sandwiches.

The ever-popular class theme baskets raffle tickets will also on sale for \$1 each and a wide variety of baskets will be available. Tickets will also be available during ACA's football game, Thursday night, October 25.

Roslyn Bass' K-4 class and the ACA PTO will be sponsoring the ACA Spirit Basket, valued at \$247.

Debbie Stephens' K-5 class will be sponsoring the FSU basket, valued at \$110.

Tonya Roberts' first grade class will be sponsoring the Pamper Me Basket, valued at \$325.

Debbie Love's second grade class will be sponsoring the Gift Card Basket, valued at \$315.

Carol Aman's third grade class will be sponsoring the Hunting/Fishing Basket, valued at \$400.

Shona Whiddon's fourth grade class will be sponsoring the Gator Basket ( includes four Jacksonville/UF tickets), valued at \$550.

Jennifer Falk's forth/fifth grade multi-class will sponsor the Rainey Day Basket, valued at \$250.

Coach Drew Sherrod's sixth grade class, Coach Colby Roberts' seventh grade class and Coach Daryl Adams' eighth grade class will be sponsoring the Vera Bradley Pattern Ellie Blue Basket, valued at \$624.

Each class will also sponsor different game

and activity booths. The booths will be judged and the winner will receive either a pizza party or an ice cream party.

Booths include the K-4 Candy Count; K-5 Plinko; first grade Roberts Rowdy Ropers; second grade Balloon Dart; third grade Skee-Ball; fourth grade Pick A Pumpkin; fourth/fifth grade multi-class Bean Bag Toss; fifth grade Goldfish; sixth grade Country Store; seventh grade Football Toss; and eighth grade ACA Ink.

Ninth grade will have Cow Patty Bingo. This is a new game where the ninth grade class is selling a chance to win \$100 and a staff member to win \$25. You can purchase a square and put a staff members name in it and at the end of the festival a cow will be brought out and if she poops in that square the purchaser and the staff member will win money.

There will also be the tenth grade Jump House; and the twelfth grade will be sponsoring the FWC Skeet Shoot, as well as the Cake Walk.

Tickets will also be available for the senior raffle.

The first place prize is a Mossberg bolt-action rifle with scope, with the caliber of choice, which includes .243, .308, .270, or 30-06.

Second prize is a Ruger 10-22 automatic rifle.

Third prize is a one-day deer hunt on Boyd Farms. The hunter will be placed in a deer stand. This prize includes a morning and an evening hunt.

Tickets are \$10 each and the winner will be drawn during the Fall Festival.

Winners do not have to be present to win.

Tonja Dukes will also be on hand selling sports necklaces and bracelets. She will be donating a percentage of her sales to the ACA PTO.

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# SCHOOL

## MCHS Vaquero Guard Sets New Competition Record



Photo submitted

The 2012 Vaquero Guard scored a 63.6 in the 17 Annual Showcase of Champions. This the highest recorded score by a band from Madison County since the formation of the FMBC in 2000.

Saturday, October 13, Santa Fe High School hosted the "17 Annual Showcase of Champions" marching band competition. One of the bands scheduled to perform in competition was our very own, Madison County High School Vaquero Guard.

The marching band at MCHS is no stranger to these competitions. They have performed in Florida Marching Band Coalition (FMBC) Regional Events since 2001 and have improved their scores in these events over that period of time. There have been highs and lows over the years, but the band has always been fairly consistent. The "Friday Night Jazz Club" show for this year seemed to be a big hit on Boot Hill each Friday night, but the students and staff had no idea how it would fair in a competition setting.

Each year, the leadership staff sets a realistic goal that takes into account previous scores and abilities of the current students. This year the goal was an overall score of 54 or higher. This score was designed to motivate the students to improve over last years program and it also took into account the large number of first time marchers on the field. When the announcement was made that the Vaquero Guard finished 4th in class with an overall score of 63.6, the students were ecstatic! This is the highest recorded score by a band from Madison County since the formation of the FMBC in 2000. Other highlights of the day came from the auxiliary guard which finished 3rd in class and from Drum Major Joshua Stafford who received an individual Superior medal for his leadership on the field.

Bands of interest in our area that also competed

in this event were Lawton Chiles H. S. (66.85), Chiefland H.S. (60.50), Dixie County H.S. (62.55) and Suwannee H.S. (60.85). The Champion of the days performances was Bucholz H.S. (82.40) out of Gainesville.

The MCHS Vaquero Guard will be traveling to Pensacola this week to support the Cowboys against Pensacola Catholic and then they will be in preparation for the Florida Bandmasters Association district performance assessment in Tallahassee, FL on October 27th at Gene Cox Stadium. To follow the bands and keep up with their events, check out their website at: <http://mchsbands.shutterfly.com/>

The bands would like to thank all of their 2012/13 sponsors, MCHS administrators, the district level personnel that continue to offer their support, and the MCHS Band Parent Association.

Photo submitted

Beverly Oro was honored as the Student of the Month for September 2012 in the Career and Technical Education Business Education Department at Madison County High School.



## MCHS Student Honored As Student Of The Month In CTE

By Kristin Finney  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Beverly Oro was honored as the Student of the Month for September 2012 in the Career and Technical Education Business Ed-

ucation Department at Madison County High School. She was given this honor by maintain- ing a minimum of an 80/B average or above in

her Web Design course. She also had to maintain a 2.0 cumulative grade point average, good at- tendance, and good be- havior in the classroom.

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# SPORTS

## Varsity Cowgirl Volleyball Senior Night



Photo submitted

The junior varsity Cowgirls volleyball team is seen above. In the top row from left to right are Brittany Bailey (10th), Tatayana Barfield (10th), Samantha Hentges (9th), Pazlei Jenkins (9th), Terrika Denson (10th) and Meghan Plain (9th). In the bottom row from left to right are Caitlin Griffin (head coach), Anna Robinson (11th), Miranda McCamman (10th), Kirsten Bailey (12th), Courtney Strickland (10th), Erin Barrs (10th), and Chris Day (assistant coach). The JV season ended with 4 wins and 7 losses.



Photo submitted

The Varsity Cowgirls are seen during their senior night against Taylor County. The girls wore pink in honor of breast cancer awareness. Kneeling from left to right are Rachael Webb (12th) Alexis Livingston (9th), Hannah Odiorne (11th), Courtney Richardson (9th), Kirsten Bailey (12th) and Taylor Harvey (9th). Standing from left to right are Kimberly Sapp (11th), Breanna Carroll (11th), Hope McLellan (12th), Caitlin Griffin (head coach), Kailee Morris (12th), Brooke Kinsey (12th), Alisann Parks (12th) and Hope Smith (10th).



Photo submitted

The Varsity Cowgirl volleyball team of 2012 is seen above. In the top row left to right are Chris Day (assistant coach), Alexis Livingston, Hannah Odiorne, Taylor Harvey, Kimberly Sapp and Rachael Webb. In the bottom row are Caitlin Griffin (head coach), Hope McLellan, Hope Smith, Courtney Richardson, Kailee Morris, Alisann Parks and Breanna Carroll.

By Kristin Finney  
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The Varsity Cowgirl volleyball team played their senior night game against Taylor County on October 11. The seniors honored during the night were Rachael Webb (#6), Hope McLellan (#19), Kailee Morris (#9), Alisann Parks (#3), Kirsten Bailey (#16) and Brooke Kinsey.

Varsity volleyball plays best three out of five games, with the final game being a 15-point tiebreaker. In set one, Taylor County won 25-23. In set two, Madison won 25-18. In set three, Madison won 25-15. In set four, Taylor County won 25-23. In the final set, Madison won the tiebreaker 15-12.

Breanna Carroll led the team with kills, along with Hope McLellan and Kim Sapp. Hope Smith, the setter, led the team with assists. Kirsten Bailey and Courtney Richardson, the liberos and defensive specialists, guarded the court with digs and passes. Seniors Rachael Webb, Kailee Morris and Hope McLellan lead the team in service points with a 10-point streak going to Hope McLellan.

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Within weeks of his death in March of 1985, Camarena's Congressman, Duncan Hunter, and high school friend Henry Lozano, launched Camarena Clubs in Imperial Valley, California, Camarena's home. Hundreds of club members pledged to lead drug-free lives to honor the sacrifices made by Camarena and others on behalf of all Americans. These coalitions began to wear red badges of satin, red ribbons, as a symbol Camarena's memory. The Red Ribbon Week campaign emerged from the efforts of these clubs and coalitions.

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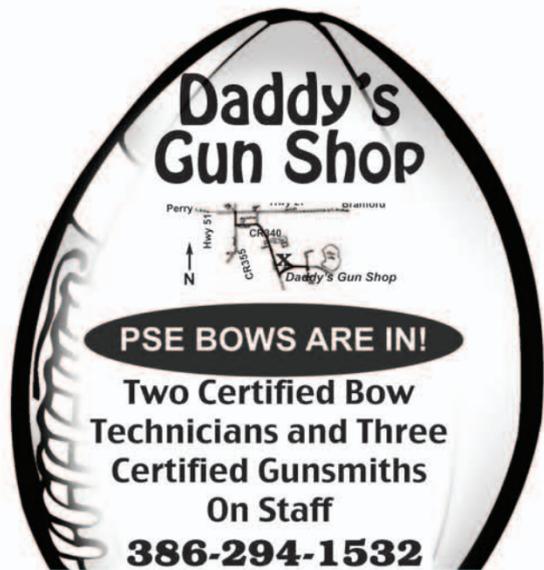
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**Tie Breaker:**



# SPORTS

## Aucilla Suffers Critical 35-7 Conference Loss to Maclay



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Emerald Greene, October 19, 2012

**Aucilla Warriors, Gus Smyrnios (left) and Hans Sorensen (right) bring down a Maclay runner during football action last Friday night. Aucilla's Austin Bishop, #5, is pictured in the background.**

By William Smith  
Special from ECB Publishing, Inc.

Defeat, as they say, is a bitter pill to swallow under any circumstances for a competitive sports team, made all the more difficult when the weight of future exploits is tied to the performance of the present. The Warriors of Aucilla learned this acrimonious lesson Friday evening when the Maclay Marauders arrived in what was in effect a mid-season playoff matchup with huge post-season implications.

The contest, a 35-7 defeat for Aucilla, was burdened with the mass of an automatic qualifier for the two schools' conference championship game held after the conclusion of regular season play. Both Aucilla (5-2) and Maclay (5-2) had secured undefeated divisional records and needed only to defeat the other to ensure at least a shot at hoisting the tournament brass in late November.

"You have to give all of the credit to Maclay for this victory," said head coach Colby Roberts. "They are a well-coached team, and don't make the types of mistakes that lead to self-destruction. They force other teams to beat them, which is much rarer than you might think."

The normally high-octane Aucilla offense was held to an anemic 207 total yards in what was a mistake-prone night of turnovers and momentum halting penalties.

They key to the Warrior offensive game plan for the entire season has been in the establishment of an effective rushing campaign, which creates balance and gives access to deadly play action passes which gouge defenders who concentrate on stopping the run.

The duo of senior running backs Hans Sorensen and Bradley Holm, who had combined for 943 bruising yards and 16 touchdowns in Aucilla's five game winning streak entering into this contest, were stunted to the tune of 130 yards and one fumble.

The passing game also suffered against the Marauder defense, as sophomore quarterback Wesley Smyrnios completed only 39% of his passes on his way to a 110 yard, one touchdown, two interception stat line which included a season-high five sacks for -40 yards.

The lone touchdown went to senior wide receiver Jared Jackson, who hauled in four catches for 54 yards and the score early in the fourth quarter.

The game was actually far closer than the final score indicates, with Maclay holding only a 14-0 lead entering into halftime due to a few explosive Marauder plays and several Warrior mistakes.

Maclay's offense, which averaged nearly 56 points per game in their previous four game winning streak, was often halted by a motivated Warrior defense which has been the centerpiece of three consecutive shutouts.

Normally deadly in forcing crucial turnovers, Aucilla's defense failed to record any game-changing plays due to the highly efficient nature of the Marauder offense. This lack of turnovers proved to be Aucilla's downfall as trudging Maclay drives effectively controlled the time of possession throughout the contest while adding points that choked any chance of a Warrior victory.

Once the second half began, Aucilla's lack of depth was revealed to be its Achilles's heel. A late charge by the Warrior offense in the fourth quarter failed to ignite a comeback as the remainder of the fourth quarter was lost to a time-consuming Maclay drive that ended in yet another score.

Leading a valiant, yet doomed, defensive effort were three seniors who combined for 43 tackles, two tackles for loss, and two sacks.

Linebacker Bradley Holm totaled 16 tackles, 10 of which were solo, as well as one tackle for loss and one sack. Holm played like a man possessed, involved in nearly every play on defense.

Fellow linebacker Gus Smyrnios also sacrificed his body in what seemed like every defensive snap, tallying 14 total tackles, 10 solo, and one sack.

Rounding out the standout defensive performances was safety Hans Sorensen, who totaled 13 tackles, 8 solo, and one tackle for loss.

Said Roberts, "I'm certainly proud of how our boys reacted tonight. In years past, a 14 point deficit would have been a death sentence for Aucilla. We fought back and certainly didn't quit. We competed, we improved, and that's really all that a coach can expect from his football team."

Aucilla will now look to avenge this heartbreaking loss Thursday evening against North Bay Haven Academy in the midst of the annual Fall Festival week of celebration. The 7:00 matchup will also be Senior Night, a chance for friends and family alike to recognize the achievements of the senior class.

## Close One: Cowboys Win Conference Game Against Crusaders

By Jacob Bemby  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The date was not great. It seemed nothing could go right but when it was over, the Madison County High School Cowboys each felt they had kissed the prettiest girl at the prom. Like a 1980s John Hughes movie, the rest of the kids cheered.

The date was Friday, Oct. 19, in Pensacola against Pensacola Catholic. The kids were the Cowboys faithful fans who listened on the radio or who made the trek across Florida's Panhandle and stopped just short of Alabama.

It looked like everything was going to go right as the Cowboys drove down field and Sheddric Williams put the ball in the end zone from 11 yards out.

Quarterback D.J. McKnight then ran for the second score to put the Cowboys up 14-0.

McKnight, who was only two for nine throwing on the night, connected with Neal Brown on a 30-yard touchdown play to put the Cowboys ahead 21-0.

It seemed comfortable. The date was going smoothly until the Cowboys spilled water right in their laps.

Pensacola Catholic looked at their date with disdain and decided to take the matter in their own hands.

The Crusaders' running back, Simon Smiley, scored from one yard out to narrow the gap to 21-7.

The Crusaders would score

again and then they would get a touchdown for the highlight reel at the end of the season.

A flea flicker play caught Madison off guard. Crusaders quarterback Cody Henry lateraled to Emon Smith. Smith threw the ball back to Henry, who scored the Crusaders' third touchdown of the game, narrowing the score to tie the game at 21-21.

Cowboy kicker Zack Money would miss a 40-yard field goal that would have given the boys from Boot Hill a victory and the game went into overtime.

The Crusaders would score first in overtime and take a 28-21 lead.

Fullback Keyon Bruton would score a touchdown to narrow the Crusaders' lead to 28-27, then the bruising back would put it in the end zone for a two-point conversion to seal the Cowboys' victory.

Bruton was the Cowboys' leader rusher with 203 yards on 32 carries.

Sheddric Williams had 11 carries for 84 yards.

Deonshay Wells carried the ball seven times for 81 yards.

Deontaye Oliver carried the ball five times for 43 yards.

The win puts the Cowboys' overall record at 8-0 and their conference record at 1-0.

The Hurricanes from Gainesville High will blow into Madison on Friday, Oct. 26, for a match-up at Boot Hill. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

## MCCS Bronco Girls Basketball Schedule

November 12 - Live Oak (Home) - 5:00  
November 15 - Wakulla (Home) - 5:00  
November 19 - Richardson (Away) - 6:00  
November 20 - Lighthouse (Home) - 5:00  
November 27 - Live Oak (Away) - 5:30  
November 29 - Hamilton (Away) - 5:00

December 3 - Taylor (Home) - 5:00  
December 4 - Lighthouse (Away) - 6:00  
December 6 - Lake City (Away) - 6:00  
December 11 - Wakulla (Away) - 6:00  
December 13 - Richardson (Home) - 5:00  
December 17 - Havana (Home) - 5:30  
December 18 - Taylor (Away) - 5:00

January 9 - Havana (Away) - 5:30  
January 20 - Brooks Co. (Home) - 5:30  
January 25 - Brooks Co. (Away) - 5:30  
January 27 - Hamilton (Home) - 5:00  
January 23 - Lake City (Home) - 5:30  
January 24 - Championship (TBA) - TBA

### Spotlight

Aucilla Christian Academy  
Cheerleading Squad

**Co-Captain, Hometown: Madison  
Brooke Kinsley**

Grade: 12th  
Favorite Cheer: Defense Let's Roll  
Favorite Subject: Physical Education  
Loves Cheerleading Because...  
"I love stunting and yelling my team on and getting the crowd into it."

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING BONDS TO FINANCE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF QUALIFIED FACILITIES  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE MADISON COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT will cause to be conducted a Public Hearing regarding the issuance of its Hospital Revenue Bonds, Series 2012 and Hospital Revenue Bond Anticipation Notes in the aggregate principal amount of \$22,543,400, to be held on November 1, 2012, beginning at 12:00 P.M. or as soon thereafter as such matter may be heard at Madison County Memorial Hospital, 309 NW Marion Street, Madison, Florida, 32340.  
Proceeds of such bond and note issue will be used to finance the acquisition and construction of new acute care hospital facilities to be owned by the Madison County Hospital District and leased to Madison County Hospital Systems, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation organized and existing under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The project will be located at Paramore and Marion Streets, Madison, Florida.  
All interested parties are invited to present their comments at the time and place set forth above.  
Persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decisions made at this hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purposes, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. The needs of hearing or visually impaired persons shall be met if the District is contacted at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing and special meeting by any person wishing assistance.  
For further information contact David Abercrombie, telephone number 850-253-1903.  
DATED: October 15, 2012  
MADISON COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
By: *D. Abercrombie*  
Chief Executive Officer/MCHH  
10/17, 10/19, 10/24, 10/26, 10/31

**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 pm 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 public and read aloud on November 1, 2012 @ 2:00pm in City Hall Conference Room.  
Copies of the Bidding Documents may be examined at the Architect's office: Clemons, 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.  
Bid Security in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. A letter from a bonding company must accompany each bid, stating that the bidder is capable of obtaining all bonds required by the Construction Documents.  
The City of Madison reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject any and all Bids.  
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**LEGALS**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA. CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO. 402010CA000007XXXXXX  
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS C/WALT, INC. ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2005-55CB MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-55CB, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
RICHARD METACARPA, JR A/K/A RICHARD METACARPA; et al., Defendants.  
RE-NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated 08/24/2010 and an Order Rescinding Sale dated October 15, 2012, and entered in Case No. 402010CA000007XXXXXX of the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit in and for Madison County, Florida, wherein THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS C/WALT, INC. ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2005-55CB MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-55CB is Plaintiff and RICHARD METACARPA, JR A/K/A RICHARD METACARPA; LORRAINE METACARPA A/K/A N. LORRAINE METACARPA; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the West Side of the Madison County Courthouse, 125 SW Range Avenue, Madison, FL 32340 County, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 11th day of December, 2012 the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:  
THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF MADISON, STATE OF FLORIDA, MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS:  
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ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.  
DATED at Madison, Florida, on Oct 16, 2012  
TIM SANDERS  
As Clerk, Circuit Court  
By: *Rosemarie Sullivan*  
As Deputy Clerk  
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vs.  
LORENE SANDERS, Defendant.  
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# AROUND MADISON COUNTY

## Madison Woman's Club Hosts District 3 Meeting

By Lynette Norris  
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At the Annual Florida District 3 Meeting of the Greater Federation of Woman's Clubs (GFWC), held Oct. 10 and hosted by the Madison Woman's Club, President Margaret Ann Bunch formally welcomed state officers and members of the Monticello, Mayo, Live Oak, Capital City and several other area clubs. The meeting included a PowerPoint presentation on some of the more famous and influential members from the GFWC's history.

Jane Cunningham Croly, founder of the GFWC, was a successful female journalist in New York, in an era when few women worked in the media or any other profession. Julia Ward Howe, prolific writer, abolitionist, pacifist, suffragette and author of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" was the first woman elected to the American Academy of Arts and Letters. Jane Addams, founder of Chicago's

Hull House, advocated for child-labor laws and believed that women must have the vote in order to be fully effective in bettering their communities. In 1931, Addams became the first woman awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

One of the most famous of American First Ladies, Eleanor Roosevelt, is well known for her work on behalf of world peace, civil rights, woman's rights, and human rights in general.

At the turn of the century, Florida First Lady May Mann Jennings supported women's rights, Indian rights, child welfare and education. She was also instrumental in creating Royal Palm Park, which would later become part of the Everglades, and began the very first Woman's Club in Florida.

Like the Woman's Club motto, "Unity in Diversity," one thing this diverse group of extraordinary women has in common was the belief that women could and



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State and District Officers, local members and guest members from Woman's Clubs throughout the area of North Florida's District 3 gather for a group photo before the meeting gets underway.

should make a difference in their communities, and belief shared by club members today.

Several of the items discussed included future community service projects both statewide and local. District 3 Director Donna Peacock emphasized the importance of local Woman's Clubs to their home communities, citing as an example that 75 per-



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cent of the local libraries in the country were begun by a local Woman's Club. Other state officers urged clubs to document their service projects for the GFWC archives and emphasized upcoming conferences, great places to gather information and ideas that could take home and put to work in their communities ... making a difference.

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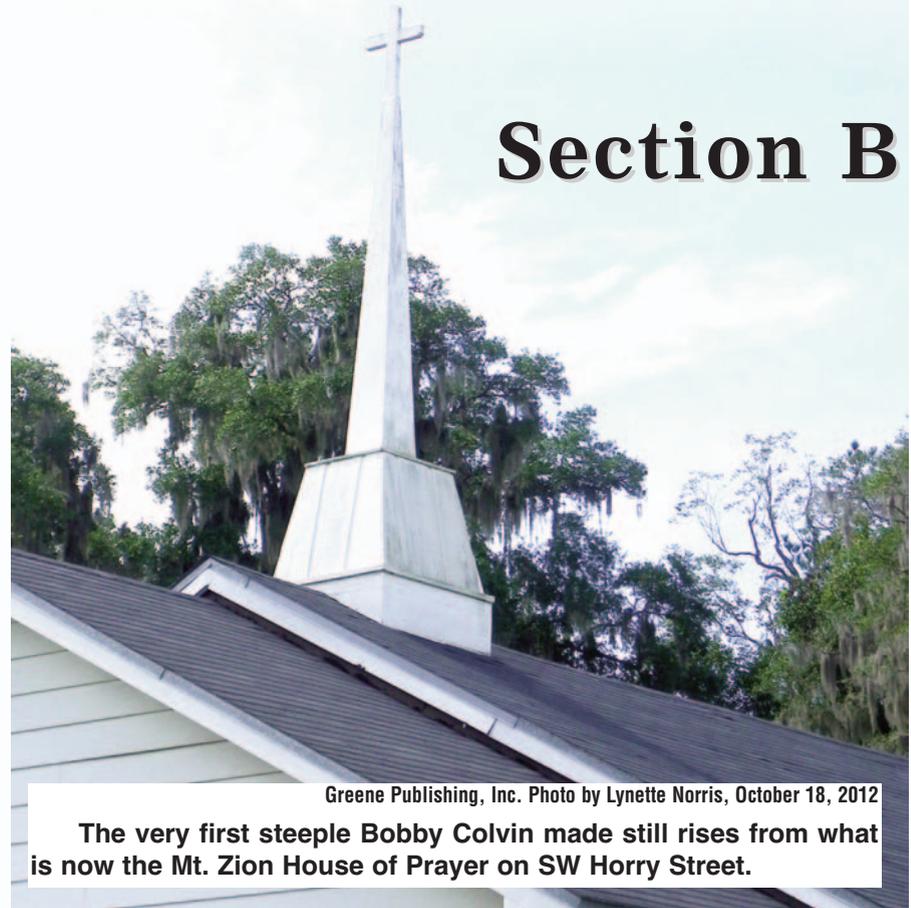
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# Path *of* Faith

## Section B



## Steeple, A Reflection Of God's Glory

By Lynette Norris  
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They're the most distinctive architectural features of church buildings, directing the eye upward toward the heavens, iconic representations of the spiritual almost everywhere one goes.

To put it another way, nothing says 'church' quite like a steeple.

They are "reflections of God's glory," says Bobby Colvin, who has been building church steeples for about 18 years.

Colvin, who retired from the Division of Forestry in 2004 after 35 years, also designs and builds pulpits, communion tables, altars and podiums for churches, but the majority of his work is making steeples.

"It's just something I love to do," he said. "I can't teach and I can't preach, but I'm blessed with way I can use my hands...just for the love of the Lord and doing something for Him."

The very first steeple he ever made was for his church, the Madison Church of God, when it was located on SW Horry Street, about three or four blocks south of the fire station. The church needed a new steeple, and Colvin recalls looking at the

old one and thinking, 'I can do that.'

The Madison Church of God congregation has since moved to its current Colin Kelly Highway building, but the Horry Street church with Colvin's hand-made steeple is still there.

Today, most of the steeples he builds go to the Four Corners area, where the states of Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and Utah meet, and where great numbers of Native Americans live, including the Navajo tribe, mostly on reservations. There are even a couple of his steeples in Monument Valley that have a special place in his heart.

He tries to make about one or two steeples a year to take out to the Four Corners region, but last year, due to some medical problems, he was unable to do that. This year, he plans to make up for it.

It was on a mission trip to the Four Corners area about 16 years ago, helping a group called "Men of Action" rebuild a church, and a couple of subsequent trips building new churches, that he first felt "something that God laid on my heart," to begin his work building church steeples for the people of the Four Corners region.

Since then, the mission trips to deliver the new steeples have consisted solely of Colvin and his wife.

"It's something I love to do," he says, and something that brings joy to the Native American congregations, and gives them pride in their buildings. He can see it in their faces when the new steeples go on top of their churches.

The sight of a steeple also draws other people in. They may have passed by a building without a steeple dozens of times and not even realized it was church, but the sight of that tall white spire on top is an unmistakable beacon. "When you see it, you know," says Colvin.

Those who enter may be looking for a hand-out, or they may be hurting, or they may be lonely, but for whatever reason, once they follow that beacon and come inside, they present an opportunity for God's people to minister to them. Touched by God's love through the hands and the witness of His congregation, sometimes they respond by turning their hearts over to Him.

And, being a part of that ministry, Colvin says, "that's the joy in it for me."



## Day To Day Celebrations

By Edna  
Haynes-Turner

*“The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying: “I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness.”*

~~~Jeremiah 31:3~~~

*“For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future.”*

— Jeremiah 29:11

I continually marvel at the awesomeness of God and His love for us. He loves me, and He loves you with a love that we are unable to comprehend; His love is great and in the Scriptures is compared to the height of the heavens. There is no human love comparable to His divine love. God loves us. He wants to forgive us. He wants to have relationship...fellowship with us. It doesn't make any difference how far we try to run from God. He woos us. He loves us and His eye is always on us. He sees you and desires to spend time with us. There is no place we can be that He is not already there. God loves us, and the Bible says that God sent His Son from heaven to earth for us. Jesus Christ came to this earth to take our sins upon a cross. That is Love and He made the choice “while we were still sinners,” ..... He chose to “lay down His life for us.” God doesn't say, “as soon as you clean up your act, I'll love you;” nor does He say, “I'll sacrifice my Son if you promise to love Me.” In Romans 5:8, we find just the opposite. God wants us to know that His love is unconditional; again, be reminded that He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for us while we were still unlovable sinners. We didn't have to get clean, and we didn't have to make any promises to God before we could experience His love. His love for us has always existed, and because of that, He did all the giving and sacrificing long before we were even aware that we needed His love. His dying gave us assurance and insurance for an eternal plan for our lives. His love for us is beyond measure. This is an amazing love, because (we are the ones) who choose to reject God (with our words, actions, and acts of rebellion)..... yet it's God who mends the separation through His intense personal sacrifice, and all we have to do is accept His gift.

The Bible indicates that love is from God, because “God is Love.” He doesn't simply demonstrate acts of love, rather the core, nature and character of God is Love. God has endowed us with the capacity for love, because we are created in His image. This capacity for love is one of the ways in which we are “created in the image of God.” Love requires action. God gave us Jesus and Jesus gave His love for us. God sacrificed His only Son so that we, (who put our faith in His Son), will not spend eternity separated from Him.

## The Immeasurable Love Of God.....A Free Gift

Love is caring in action. Love isn't what we feel, but what we do. What are we willing to give, because of love? He gave His life for you and me, but do we daily surrender our life and will to Him? Do we choose to make decisions that are selfish rather than allowing my selfish flesh be satisfied in order to please God? He loves us, and His word says if we love Him that we will obey Him.

Father God loves each of us so much, and it is His desire that we be shaped daily into His image. He really wants us to be like Him, so often He allows things to happen in our lives from which we can learn lessons that we bring us into closer relationship with Him. Everything that occurs in our lives is designed for lessons and purpose. However, because the flesh always wants to please itself and do what makes it feel good, we often resist and are sometimes rebellious to the promptings of God. As a result we miss an opportunity that God has presented for our growth and shaping “in Him.” However, He still loves us!! He continually has His arms outstretched for us to return to Him!!

He created us in His image and is daily shaping us into that perfect image for which He will be looking for.....when He returns. Jeremiah described it as being on the Potter's wheel. God is the Potter. Anyone who has observed or read about the process of a potter shaping a lump of clay into a priceless vessel knows that the process is sometimes long and requiring lots of labor. Depending on the shape and type of the vessel desired, there are times when the clay must be pushed, pressed, prodded, and ultimately placed in the fire (with extreme high temperatures) in order to be perfected. This process is much like the Master Potter's process with our lives. He wants us to stay on the Potter's wheel until our process is complete. He loves us and He wants us to be “whole, entire, complete and nothing missing.” However, if we choose to be a vessel that will not yield, again we resist and become rebellious; choosing to “get out of the fire,” because the process is too painful; the circumstances are unfair; when will it all be over? Why me? I don't deserve this!! We make the decision to “get out of the hands of the Potter.” That is unfortunate, because until our eternal process is complete, our lessons learned, and our shaping is complete, we will repeat some of the same lessons and often times they are even more difficult. When we choose to “get off the Potter's wheel,” we are left to defend for ourselves. However, He still loves us!! His arms are still outstretched asking that we “return back to Him.” When we get off of that wheel, we forget how much He unconditionally loves each of us, and how much He gave (His life).....just for us. LOVE HUNG ON THE CROSS.....just for us!! Do we love Him enough to surrender our lives to Him? Are we able to love others the way He says we are to love? This only happens when we choose to develop a close, intimate, and personal relationship with Him. We can have that close relationship with God by fellowshiping with Him and putting our faith in Jesus Christ, who was God's sacrifice of love for us.

God defines love. He is the very definition of love itself. He is love!! He can only love!! The very essence of God's being, His personality, His very nature - is Love. The motivation for God sending Jesus into this world was Love. There is no such thing as love without God. Love cannot be authentically experienced outside of knowing God....no matter how we try it cannot happen. All of our relationships should begin and end with God. In order to understand and experience the “love your brother as you love yourself,” kind of love, we must first know and love God. Love that is found or defined in the intellect or emotions is transitory (come and go). God does not change and His Love never changes!!

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# The Pulpit

**By Rev. Murrell Bennett  
Cherry Lake Baptist Church**

*"I know God will not give me anything I can't handle. I just wish that He didn't trust me so much."*

Mother Teresa

**"Being Good" is not a requirement to get into heaven.**

Luke 18:18 *And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? 19 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? none is good, save one, that is, God.*

What's "good?" How "good" must you be? Was either of the thieves on the crosses good? Didn't

## Minimal Requirements To Get Into Heaven

one get to go to heaven?

Luke 23:39 *And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. 40 But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? 41 And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. 42 And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. 43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise.*

**You can't "pay" your way into heaven.**

Acts 8:13 *Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done....18 And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, 19 Saying, Give me also this power; that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost. 20 But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.*

God's People ought to pay tithes and offerings, but don't ever think that the more you pay, the better seat you get in heaven.

**Just because you pray doesn't mean you go to heaven.**

Matthew 6:5 *And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.*

Many people in today's world "say" they pray. I wonder how many of them have prayed a prayer of repentance and regeneration. If that prayer has not been prayed (and from the heart), then other prayers are redundant.

**Just because you may talk the Jesus lingo doesn't mean you go to heaven.**

Matthew 7:21 *Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*

It's not enough to "talk the talk;" you must also "walk the walk" ...*Story cont. on Page 5B...*

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# For The Long Haul

much yet. I hadn't got to do much of anything! I hadn't traveled, hadn't earned my driver's license, hadn't had sex, hadn't turned twenty-one or really even lived. If Jesus was content waiting all these centuries before returning to earth, just to show up at this particular blip in history to interrupt my simple little plans, then I concluded it would be a raw deal.

My feelings about so much of the "Second Coming" preaching I hear still makes me cranky (but for a different reason than when I was a teenager). We are so absolutely convinced that we are living in the final chapter of human history – on the last page, if not within the last sentence – that we are in danger of giving away the future.

Growing up in a tradition where the impending, imminent return of Christ was a pillar of our faith, the question was always asked, "What if Jesus came back today?" That's a good question, no doubt. But here is a question that might be better: "What if he doesn't?"

What if Jesus does not come back today...or tomorrow...or next year...or next decade...or next century? What kind of world do we want to leave for our descendants? What kind of world will we have then? If we aren't prepared for the long haul,

prepared to persevere into a distant future, then have we not given up on actually living the faith we profess?

We who are Christian could take a lesson from the not-for-profit organization, "The Long Now Foundation." It has been around since 1996, and it hopes to be around much, much longer. The Long Now Foundation has one essential goal: To reverse the trend in our culture of short-term thinking.

The founders believe that our "accelerating technology, the short-horizon perspective of market-driven economics, the next-election perspective of democracies, and the distractions of personal multi-tasking" have given us "a pathologically short attention span." They want to provide some sort of corrective balance to our short-sightedness, and encourage "the long view and the taking of long-term responsibility, where 'long-term' is measured" in centuries, not months or years.

Illustrating this long-term thinking, Long Now is building a massive clock – a 21st century version of Stonehenge – that will tick for the next 10,000 years. Eventually the clock will be placed in a cave in Nevada's Great Basin National Park. The point of the ...*Story cont. on Page 5B...*



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clock is not to mark time; it is to rekindle our hope in the future.

The church, allegedly the most hopeful community in the world, could use some of that thinking, because Jesus will probably not return before you finish reading this article. He'll probably not return today, and likely not return in your lifetime (If he does, I will happily apologize to each and every one of you publicly, along with an exhaustive list of all I have been/am wrong about).

No, "God is not slow about keeping his promises," but we must know that God works on a timetable that is all his own. And yes, maybe Jesus will return tomorrow or next year. But it might be next millennium. Regardless, if it's sooner or later, we have to be more than prepared. We have to be prepared to faithfully persevere no matter how long the wait.

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## The Pulpit

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**You can't work your way into heaven.**

Ephesians 2:8 *For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9Not of works, lest any man should boast. "Grace, grace, God's grace....grace that is greater than all my sin..."*

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John 3:3 *Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*

It is absolutely necessary to be born again to be saved and enter the Kingdom of God.

1 Peter 1:23 *Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.*

Titus 3:5 *Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; 6Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; 7That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.*

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We would like to take this opportunity to share with you one of the highlights of Celebration Ministries. Celebration Ministries is one of the outreach arms of LUMC into the community for Jesus. As an outreach we go into the homes of our elderly, and the vulnerable public. We carry meals, build ramps, we provide transportation to doctors, we assist with grocery shopping, provide respite care, connect our clients with available services to meet their needs beyond our boundaries. We also share a small supply of medical equipment such as: wheel chairs, canes, walkers, beside commodes and even a hospital bed. We are faith based and reach into a faith community that is not limited to the Methodist faith. We reach where Holy Spirit leads.

We have an elderly couple in our church that is in need. This couple serves our community of faith tirelessly and quietly. Unasked they have been responsible for maintaining the grounds this past summer when the health of those meeting that need failed and were unable to continue their

duties. They have reached out in faith to provide shelter for a young woman visiting in our country. They assisted her until she was able to stand alone in the care for her infant child. They continue to help the elderly in our area. They mindful of community needs. Even though they struggle with their own illnesses they continue to reach out with the love of Christ. Now is our opportunity to assist them.

With their own failing health they can no longer continue restoration on their home. Where they have managed to make their home livable they are losing ground do to a deteriorating roof. With multiple leaks the damage is adding up. Our quest is to replace their roof and show them of a greater love returning to them.

Ben Ewing, of Ewing construction, is dedicating his talent to the Lord. Under his contractors license he will provide staff, expertise, and insurances for the project. He has connected with Studstill Lumber in Madison, and they are willing as well to add to the blessing. Here is how you can help. Glen, owner of Studstill's, has set

up an account for LUMC Celebration Ministries. If you would like to make a contribution you may call 973-6106 and ask an employee to help you. You may also call Celebration Ministires at 971-5380. You may wish to buy a sheet of tin, or a piece of plywood or even a bag of screws. Together as the Body of Christ all things can be done according to His perfect will. His perfect will is that we serve one another. If a contribution is not possible for you then never ever doubt your contribution of prayer. Our prayers to the Father in the name of the Son Jesus has the ability to shake the Heavens and He will hear the cry of His people.

We would love for each of you to be a part of this blessing. With all the darkness and sadness in our world, we have an opportunity to show His love.

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# Changes Being Made At Fellowship Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery

October 17, 2012

Dear Editor,

This letter is to inform everyone about changes that are being made at Fellowship Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery, in Madison County, FL, which is located in the Sirmans and Shady Grove Communities.

We want to remind everyone that Fellowship Cemetery is privately owned By Fellowship Primitive Baptist Church, and there are rules & regulations for the cemetery that everyone must adhere to.

Please don't assume that's it's ok to do something, before getting approval from "The Board of Trustees" of Fellowship Church.

Many changes are taking place in order to improve the looks & safety of our cemetery.

Please do not, plant trees, shrubs, no benches, statues, pipes, post, just to name a few changes. We are not responsible for damage to such items as well as other what knots. These changes are to improve the looks of the cemetery as well as for safety , and to cut cost of maintaining the cemetery. Remember such items are in the way of mowers, blowers, weed trimmers and can cause damage to equipment.

If you plan to be buried there, you must first get approval from the Board of Trustees, and follow the procedures as outlined by Fellowship Church.

We thank "Fellowship Church Cemetery, Inc." in their efforts to keep our cemetery clean, it's something we can all be proud of. We look forward to working with this organization so that we can continue our efforts of improving and maintaining the cemetery. Please support this organization both financially as well as volunteering your time, all proceeds are used for the sole purpose of maintaining the cemetery grounds.

We appreciate everyone's help and understanding as we move forward.

Sincerely

Fellowship Church Cemetery Board of Trustees.

You may contact, Jimmy Holden (850-843-5456) or Wade Walker (229-220-8041)

## If you are a Christian do you know you are a Prince or Princess with authority to do business in Jesus name?

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**Ephesians 1:5** Amplified Bible, For He foreordained us (destined us, planned in love for us) to be adopted (revealed) as ***His own children*** through Jesus Christ, in accordance with the purpose of His will [because it pleased Him and was His kind intent]—

Ephesians 1:19 Amplified Bible, And [so that you can know and understand] what is the *immeasurable and unlimited and surpassing greatness of His power in and* for us who believe, as demonstrated in the working of His mighty strength,

We have joint seating with Jesus in heavenly realms. That includes joint authority with all the power of the King of Kings is us ready to be released through us.

Ephesians 2:6 Amplified Bible, And He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together [*giving us joint seating with Him*] in the heavenly sphere [by virtue of our being] in Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

He has a specific plan for all of us and has empowered us to carry out that plan and purpose.

Ephesians 2:10 Amplified Bible, For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live].

If you have a personal relationship as a bridegroom and a bride you will be able to hear His voice and carry out that plan and purpose empowered by God as He empowered Jesus.

His plan is for us to be trained to hear His voice and use that power from those He has chose to lead us.

That is why 2 Timothy 3:5 is so true. 2 Timothy 3:5 Amplified Bible, For [although] they hold a form of piety (true religion), they deny *and* reject *and* are strangers to the power of it [their conduct belies the genuineness of their profession]. Avoid [all] such people [turn away from them].

Billy Burnette [stepstohealingamerica.com](http://stepstohealingamerica.com)

# Midway Church Of God Celebrates 77th Homecoming

By Jacob Bemby  
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Bishop Fred Watson, administrative bishop for the Church of God's Live Oak district, was the guest speaker at the 77th annual homecoming Sunday, Oct. 14, at Midway Church of God.

Watson based his homecoming scripture on I John 3:1: "Behold, what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God."

He said that this is an out of the world kind of love and he brought to mind the hymn "The Love of God," written by Frederick M. Lehman. He pointed out that the last verse of the song was not written by Lehman but was found written on the wall of an insane asylum:

Could we with ink the ocean fill,  
And were the skies of parchment made,  
Were every stalk on earth a quill,  
And every man a scribe by trade;  
To write the love of God above  
Would drain the ocean dry;  
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,  
Though stretched from sky to sky.

Somewhere in a person's darkest moment, he had found where true love and happiness comes from.

The musical guests for the day were the Reflectsons.

After morning worship, the guests enjoyed dinner on the grounds and many returned to the church for an afternoon gospel sing.



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Pastor Retis Flowers, left, chats with Bishop Fred Watson, who was the guest speaker for the day.



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Turner Phillips is pictured with his younger brother, Roy Phillips.

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# Early Thanksgiving Dinner Set At Lee Worship Center

By Jacob Bemby  
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An early Thanksgiving dinner will be held Saturday, Nov. 3, at Lee Worship Center. An open microphone gospel sing will also be held the same evening.

The potluck dinner will begin at 6 p.m. and it will be followed by the gospel concert at 7 p.m. Anyone who can play an instrument, sing, or just listen, is invited to join in for the fun.

The church's pastor, Rev. Richard Sauls, will be honored for his 42nd birthday during the event.

Lee Worship Center is located at 471 SE Magnolia Drive in Lee.

# PINETTA UMC TO HOST HOMECOMING

By Jacob Bemby  
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Rev. Larry Potts, former pastor of Pinetta United Methodist Church, will be the guest speaker at the church's homecoming Sunday, Oct. 28.

The Sunday morning service will begin at 11 a.m.

A covered dish dinner will follow morning worship.

Everyone is invited to attend homecoming at Pinetta United Methodist Church.



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# New Porch And Ramp For Catholic Church Nears Completion

By Lynette Norris  
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Under cloudy gray skies at midday on an October Wednesday (the 17th), the new cement work for the St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church still managed to look good as the crew of Foust Cement, a local company contracted for the work, put the finishing touches on the concrete pad off to the side of the church. In a few days, the city will probably come by and pave the right of way that joins up with the pad.

Meanwhile, around front, the cement front steps and porch, which were completed a few days earlier, give the onlooker a good idea of what the finished project will look like. As soon as everything is completely dried, the crew will be able to put in the brickwork...probably within a day or two, said Wayne Foust, owner of Foust Cement, which has done a variety of local cement work, including the skateboard park and cement animal shapes at Lanier Field.

St. Vincent de Paul embarked on fundraising for the project several months ago, in order to widen the porch and build an ADA compliant ramp, and with the new additions, those who need it have easier access to the sanctuary as they enter through the doors to worship.



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**Making progress:**  
The wider porch is finished, and the new ramp joins up on the right side.



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Work on the new porch and ramp for St. Vincent de Paul began with demolishing the old steps several weeks ago.



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