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## Army Reservists To Honor "First Sarge" C.D. Agner

"First Sarge" C.D. Agner will also be honored on Wednesday, Nov. 7, with a reunion lunch for his Army Reservists unit at Shelby's Restaurant in Madison. Everyone who was a part of the Reserves with the First Sarge are encouraged to attend. The meal will be Dutch treat and begin at noon. For more information, call Bubba Greene at (850) 973-2105.

## Veterans Day Celebration Set For Monday



Sam Stalnaker

The Veterans Day Celebration will be held in Madison, on Monday, November 12, at 11 a.m. at the Madison County Community Bank. This program is held annually to honor the men and women who have served in the Armed Forces of The United States.

Col. Sam Stalnaker will be the keynote speaker at this year's celebration. There will be other public officials giving short greetings in honor of our veterans.

Cindy Vees will perform two selections, and Jim Jenkins will provide some patriotic music. There will be a photo slide presentation, presented by The Treasures of Madison County, Inc. The slide show will consist of photographs of Madison County servicemen, while on active duty from World War I to the Global War on Terror of today.

The Madison County Community Bank, Big Bend Hospice, The United Way of The Big Bend and The Madison County Veterans Service Office are sponsoring the program.

For more information contact Oliver Bradley 850-464-1191 or madcovets@madison-countyfl.com.



# Huge Drug Bust In Greenville

By Jacob Bemby  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

A massive joint operation between the Madison County Sheriff's Office, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Drug Enforcement Administration came to an end a few weeks ago as all the departments converged on an area near Seven Bridges Road last month.

Indicted were Gregory Thompson, Robelia Thompson, Michelle Thompson and Steven Mink. They were charged on one count of knowingly and willingly combining, conspiring, confederating and agreeing together, and with other

persons, to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute, a controlled substance.

The offense involved 1,000 kilograms or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of marijuana.

According to the indictment from the U.S. Attorney's Office:

Property constituting and derived from any proceeds the defendants obtained, directly or indirectly, as the result of the violation; and

Property used and intended to be used in any manner or part to commit and to facilitate the commission of such viola-

tion.

The property forfeited includes the following:

- Real property located at 931 Southwest Seven Bridges Road in Greenville

- A vacant lot at Southwest Open Sands Loop in Greenville

- Real property located at 9070 Southwest Mosely Hall Road in Greenville

- A vacant lot at Southwest U.S. 221 in Greenville

- Real property located at 2762 Pisgah Road in Perry

- A vacant lot located at Turkey Scratch Road in Jefferson County

- A parcel of land located at

Bugler Road in Jefferson County

- A parcel of vacant land, located at South Jefferson Highway in Jefferson County

- Two parcels of real property located in Suwannee County

If the property cannot be located or has been transferred, sold to, or deposited with a third party, has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the federal court, or has been commingled with other property that can't be subdivided without difficulty, the court plans to seek forfeiture of any other property of the defendants up to the value of the forfeitable property.

## Senior Appreciation Day Workers Needed



Photo submitted

### Workers who assisted seniors last year on Senior Appreciation Day.

Seniors citizens in need of raking, yard work or minor repairs done at their homes are receiving a helping hand during Senior Appreciation Day on Saturday, Dec. 1, which is a half-day volunteer work day sponsored by the Senior Citizens Council of Madison County, Inc. for their elderly clients.

For individuals and groups that would like to volunteer, a planning lunch is scheduled on Wednesday, Nov. 14, at noon at the Madison County Senior Center located at

1161 SW Harvey Greene Drive, just off State Road 14 south. Please RSVP by Nov. 8 so that the number of complimentary meals can be planned by the kitchen. The phone number to call is (850) 973-4241.

Senior Appreciation Day on Dec. 1 will begin at the Madison County Senior Center with a continental breakfast at 7-8 a.m. for those who wish to gather. Groups will then break out at 8 a.m. to go to seniors' homes throughout the county. Volunteers from

churches, youth groups, clubs, civic groups and leaders of the community are needed to spearhead this special day.

Later in the evening is the 5th Annual Light Up Madison Celebration downtown on Range Street, and many seniors will have a warm glow in the hearts from services performed by kind volunteers during the day.

For further information, call the Senior Citizens Council of Madison County at (850) 973-4241.

## Seniors Need Cold Weather Gear



Recent cold nights have brought a number of blanket, warm clothing and indoor space heater requests to the Senior Citizens Council of Madison County, Inc.

Lead case manager Elaine Hartley said that some of her elderly clients need large and extra large men's clothing immediately. Men's and women's jackets will also be helpful for senior citizens in need.

Case manager Lavericia Copeland has received requests for warm housecoats.

In Greenville, senior citizens have asked for warm blankets and space heaters.

Oil filled heaters are less expensive to operate. New and used heater donations in good condition will be accepted.

Electric blankets would also be a welcomed donation to seniors in Madison County. Call (850) 973-4241 for further information.

The Senior Citizens Council of Madison County, Inc. is located in Madison at 1161 SW Harvey Greene Drive, just off State Road 14 South.

## Separated Tire Causes Wreck

By Jacob Bemby  
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A separated tire caused \$3,000 in damages to a 2001 Jeep Cherokee on Thursday, Nov. 1.

According to a Florida Highway Patrol report, Emily Dawn Schwerin, 30, of Gainesville, was traveling west on Interstate 10,

approximately one-half mile east of State Road 14, in the inside lane.

The tread on the Jeep Cherokee's left rear tire separated, causing Schwerin to lose control of the vehicle.

The Jeep traveled northwest across the outline lane of Interstate 10, then rotated a half-

turn clockwise.

The Jeep traveled northwest into the ditch on the north shoulder of I-10, coming to rest facing southwest on the north shoulder.

No one was injured in the accident.

FHP Trooper James I. Parker, Jr. was the investigating officer.

## Man Faces Multiple Traffic Charges After Accident

By Jacob Bemby  
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A man faces four different traffic charges after striking a fence early Saturday morning, Nov. 3.

According to a Florida Highway Patrol report, at approximately 12:35 a.m. that morning, Carl L. Sparkman, 33, of Madison, was traveling south on NE Macedonia Church Road in the southbound lane.

Sparkman said he was texting and lost control of his 1994 Ford pickup.

The pickup traveled southwest off the roadway, striking a fence and pole with its front.

Sparkman and the truck were found at a location on SE Balboa.

Sparkman was impaired and arrested for DUI.

Additional charges include DUI with property damage, leaving the scene of a crash with property damage and careless driving.

FHP Trooper Charles Swindle was the investigating officer.

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### Local Weather

Wed 11/7 63/43



Rain early. A mix of sun and clouds in the afternoon. High 63F.

Thu 11/8 68/43



Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 40s.

Fri 11/9 68/43



Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 40s.

Sat 11/10 73/45



Sunny. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 40s.

# VIEWPOINTS & OPINIONS

## CRACKER SEZ

### Court'n Miss Lilly

I went ta' the feed 'n seed store tuesday'. The owner, Sam Taylor, said Edgar 'n Lilly Floyd was in earlier. Sam said, "I ain't never seen 'uh couple that got along so good. Said, you'd think they was newlyweds." Sam asked me if I knew how they met up.

I said when me 'n Ed was 6 years old, in the first grade, our class took 'uh field trip 'n went to the school Lilly attended, fer' 'uh picnic. Ed sat next ta' Lilly while we was picnic'n. Lilly shared some peach cobbler that she 'n her momma made. Ride'n the bus back home, Ed said, "I'm gonna' marry that girl some day."

Ed was shy 'n never could get up the nerve ta' go court'n. He decided ta' practice up on Betsy, his milk cow. Ed wrote several love songs, like, "If I could wake up ta' your blue eyes I could handle any day" 'n "Watch'n every sundown with you would make me 'uh happy man".

Ed's 'n my farms was next ta' each other, so I could hear Ed sing'n ta' Betsy while he done the milk'n. I knew all them songs was really fer' Miss Lilly. Ed was 19. I couldn't stand keep'n my nose out'a it no more. I looked up Miss Lilly. I told her about 'uh feller that aught ta' be sing'n in Nashville. I said he's real shy so we'll sneak behind his barn ta' listen to him. We did 'n after



**Jim Deitrich**  
Guest Columnist

Ed had sung a few songs, ta' my surprise, He started practice'n propose'n ta' Miss Lilly. The milk cow turned and looked at Ed at the same time Lilly spoke through 'uh knot hole in the barn. "Yes, Ed I will!"

Sincerely Yourn'

Cracola O'Lustee

(Cracker fer short)

## Dakota Queen

The recent death of Senator George McGovern brought to mind a book written by one of my favorite historians, the late Stephen Ambrose. In 2001 Ambrose published "The Wild Blue: The Men and Boys who flew the B-24s over Germany." It was not Ambrose's best effort. In fact, I seem to recall that he received some academic criticism for work that wasn't his and non-cited.

I enjoyed it however because the book chronicled the B-24 Liberator which is often overlooked when writing about the World War II European bomber campaign. Much more has been written about the storied Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress, but the fact is, the Lib (as the B-24 was nicknamed) carried more bombs higher, faster, and farther than its more famous competitor. At more than 18 thousand, there were more B-24s produced by far than any other aircraft in aviation history. A Ford plant at Willow Run, Michigan assembled Libs by the thousands.

The Liberator was a high wing, four-engined bomber manned by a crew of ten. There was no hydraulic assist for the flight controls, so the pilot literally strong armed the aircraft around the sky. The aircraft commander sitting in the left seat would fly with his left hand while working the throttles with his right. There's a funny story that after the war when these fellows were going to college, they would win considerable arm-wrestling football players ... left-handed.

In England, the Second Air Division of the 8th Air Force operated from bases in Norfolk. To the South in the Mediterranean Theater, the B-24 was the primary bomber, flying first from North Africa and later, southern Italy. The B-24 was also heavily employed by the Army Air Force in the Pacific Theater. Lee Cason flew Liberators from bases in New Guinea. Ambrose tells the

story of the B-24 through the eyes of young George McGovern and other flyers. McGovern grew up in rural South Dakota with a strong Methodist background. He volunteered for military service shortly after Pearl Harbor but had to wait for more than a year to enter training. That was common for aviation training as the Army Air Force needed to build up the infrastructure (bases, planes, instructors) to train so many aircrews. Ernest Page had to wait for that long after volunteering before entering bombardier training that led to a B-29 assignment late in the war.

Once McGovern entered training, he endured basic and three phases of flight instruction before winning his wings. Then it was off to B-24 training and assignment of his crew. McGovern, now a married man with a baby on the way, named his aircraft Dakota Queen, a reminder of home and his beloved Eleanor.

McGovern and his crew arrived in southern Italy in mid-1944 to begin a combat tour of 35 missions. Odds were long that they would complete the tour before being shot down. In fact, McGovern lost his bombardier-navigator Bud Adams flying with another crew. They lived in very Spartan conditions - there were no permanent buildings, just tents pitched in the mud.

I often speak with great admiration for the men like George McGovern and the late Earl Dennis who flew these bomber missions. Their aircraft was unpressurized. At 25 thousand feet, the temperature inside the aircraft was as low as minus 50. They were on oxygen for hours wearing bulky flight clothing whose electrical heating system frequently shorted out and failed. The noise and vibration were incredible and they experienced this for as much as 10-12 hours. For as long as 4-5 hours, they endured enemy attacks from fighters and flak,

watching many of their comrades go down in flames. A failed engine was usually a death notice as the aircraft dropped out of formation from lack of power.

Usually when they returned to home base, the crew would return to their tents and collapse in their bunks, often without removing their flight suits. Even 20 year olds were so exhausted that they would frequently not move from their resting position for ten hours. As someone who has flown combat over enemy territory, I cannot describe how much I admire these men for what they endured.

George McGovern survived all of his 35 missions and returned to his wife and baby daughter in native South Dakota. He would finish his education and go on to represent his home state in the United States Senate. In 1972, he would be the Democrat nominee for president, losing to Richard Nixon in a landslide. He retired from the Senate in 1981 to become an elder statesman and educator.

I did not support McGovern in 1972. I felt that many of the things he said on the campaign trail against our involvement in Vietnam were detrimental to a war I was engaged in fighting. Still, I respect his position as one of conviction. He had walked in my shoes. He knew what I was enduring. George McGovern was a man of honor and distinction. I wish we had more like him.



**National Security**

**Joe Boyles**  
Guest Columnist

## Letter To The Editor

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



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October 29, 2012

Dear Editor

November is National Hospice Month. It's no surprise that this is also the month that we commemorate Veterans and Family Caregivers. Along with Hospice workers, these groups serve others, being there for those who count on us to keep them comfortable, safe and protected.

Big Bend Hospice is proud to have partnered with the Tallahassee VA Outpatient Clinic to remember and honor our veterans during a Service of Remembrance held on November 13th. Each time a veteran passes away, it leaves a hole in our hearts and in our society's collective memory.

Likewise, family caregivers are selfless individuals who give of themselves, sometimes putting their own lives on hold, to care for an ill or dying loved one. They are unsung heroes. At Big Bend Hospice we see firsthand the courage and love that goes into being a caregiver 24/7 and we continually look for ways to provide support to Hospice family caregivers and ease their load and renew their spirit.

When patients put their trust in Big Bend Hospice, our staff considers it a sacred obligation to live up to that trust. We exist to provide the highest quality of care to people facing a life-limiting illness. We offer compassionate support and comfort to both the patient and their family. In 2013 Big Bend Hospice will celebrate 30 years of serving this community. With your assistance, we will continue to help every patient have the opportunity to make the most of each day of life.

Please join me during November and salute all of these groups as they do the work that has to be done, which sometimes requires incredible sacrifice. We are a better community because we can come together in support of each other. I encourage everyone to join me in thanking these dedicated individuals for the work they do.

Cathy Adkison  
President & CEO

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# AROUND MADISON COUNTY

## Old Barn Gets A 30-Day Extension



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Lynette Norris, November 6, 2012

A relic from the shade tobacco industry heyday in Madison, the old tobacco barn still stands next to the smaller modern building that houses the Senior Citizens Council of Madison County. The Senior Citizens Council owns the property, and Executive Director Rosa Richardson said that the structure needs to go because it is a safety hazard. Pieces of tin sometimes fly off the roof during storms, and there is one piece on there now that flaps during high winds. The Council called for bids to have the old barn removed, with the original deadline of the end of October. That deadline has now been extended to the end of November, and the Council says it has at least one interested taker.

## Pam Knight Wins Rotary Rifle Raffle



Photo submitted by Jim Catron

There could be only one lucky winner of the Rotary Rifle Raffle, and this year it was Pam Knight. Left to right, Knight receives the the official winner's notification and congratulations from Rotarian Jim Catron. The drawing was held on Halloween, giving Knight plenty of time to pick out something for Christmas from Madison Sporting Goods and Pawn.



### Please join us for a hometown heroes salute

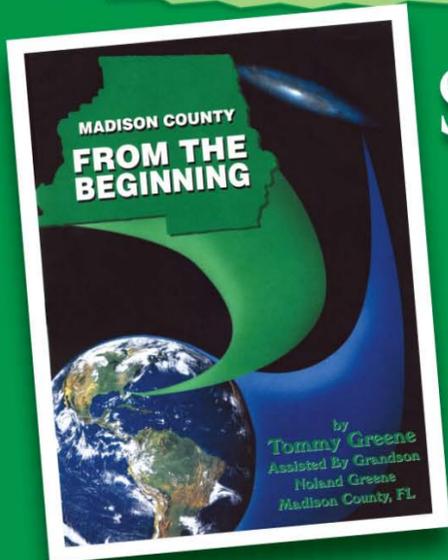
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## Obituaries

### Eulene Miller

Graveside Services celebrating the life of Eulene M. Miller, 84, of Ormond Beach FL will be held on Saturday, November 10 at 10:00 AM in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Madison.

Mrs. Miller passed away on Sunday, October 7, 2012 in Florida Hospital Flagler, Palm Coast. She was born in Madison County, on June 11, 1928 a daughter of the late George Rueben and Sarah Elizabeth Thomas McClamma.

A retired registered nurse, Mrs. Miller was a devout Christian by faith being a member of the Pine Grove Baptist Christian Church along with for several years a member of the United Methodist Church, a member of the Gideon Bible Auxiliary and a member of the United Methodist Women.

Mrs. Miller especially loved traveling, sewing, custom garment making, mission work with her church for many years and she always loved spending time with her family. Surviving her daughter, Mallene Stowe of Ormond Beach, Van Q. Wells of Fernandina Beach; five grandchildren: Leah Wells, Logan Strickland, Christa Hill, Sean Stowe and Mallory Taylor; and six great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Gideons International, PO Box 352312, Palm Coast FL. For online condolences go to: [www.craigflaglerpalms.com](http://www.craigflaglerpalms.com) "Online Obituaries" Arrangements are in the care and trust of Craig-Flagler Palms Funeral Home.

### Verna Lee Williams

Verna Lee Williams, 87, died Sunday, November 4, 2012, at Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, November 8, 2012, at Hickory Grove Methodist Church with burial at Hickory Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Beggs Funeral Home, Madison Chapel.

She was born in Camp Henderson, Ala., and moved to Pinetta when she was 12 years old from West Florida and has been here most of her life. She worked for O and I Bag Plant and raised poultry in the latter part of her life. She was a caregiver, helping Alzheimer's patients. She kept busy most of her life. She was well known for her crochet and quilting.

She is survived by two sons, Harold Eugene Williams (Udean) and Hermon Wayne Williams (Phyllis), both of Pinetta; one brother, Charlie Wooten (Peggy) of Pinetta; one sister, Bonnie Kelley of Mayo; 12 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

Donations may be made to Hickory Grove United Methodist Church.

Beggs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### Sherland "Weta" Bratcher

Sherland "Weta" Bratcher, age 66, passed away on October 26, 2012 in Tallahassee from injuries sustained in a car accident on September 28, 2012.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, November 10, 2012 at 10 a.m. at Corinth Cemetery in Lee. The family will receive family and friends at the home of Michael and Lisa Havard following the service.

Sherland, known to most as Miss Weta, was born in Perry County, Miss., on February 19, 1946 to Walter and Cleo Moody. Her family moved to Miami area when she was young. She eventually moved to Lee in 1973 with her two young sons.

Weta was a retired school bus driver for Madison County Schools. She had many fond memories of her days driving her yellow bus throughout Madison County and the many children and families she came to know during those years. Anyone who knew her knew she was always ready for a field trip.

The years since her retirement had been devoted to her family. Although, she did find time to enjoy some shopping, yard sales, and an occasional trip. Yet, the happiest times during the last few years were the days she and Gene spent with their two little granddaughters, who were her pride and joy.

Weta is survived by her husband, Gene Bratcher of Lee; three sons, Michael Havard (Lisa), Steve Havard and Frank Premorel (Dollie); and a step-daughter, Lida Jones (Eddie); five grandchildren: Daniel Havard, Kelli Bell (Judson), Kristin Campbell, Lilly Premore and Violet Premorel; one brother, Randy Moody (Sherry); three sisters: Barbara Motta, Priscilla Parker and Tammy Turner (Roger); and a host of nieces and nephews.

Weta was preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Cleo Moody, and a husband, Bill Premorel.

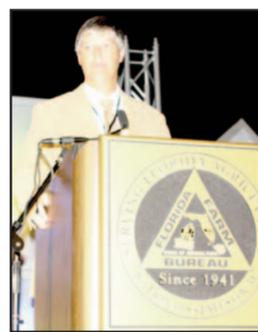
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### Team Player Award Winner Announced At Florida Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

Gadsden County Farm Bureau Insurance agent Tommy Young has received the Florida Farm Bureau Federation Team Player Award for going above and beyond his call of duty.

In addition to being a sociable guy, Young is a forward thinker and remains active in his community. "He thinks outside of the box and speaks to youth groups and civic clubs," said Dan Buchanan, Florida Farm Bureau District 2 senior fieldman.

Young is always the first to step up to the plate and volunteer his time to help with Florida Farm Bureau functions such as legislative meetings, candidate forums, Farm-City Week



celebrations and a Youth Ag Venture Program that included over 1,000 students who learned about contemporary agriculture.

"Tommy is absolutely one of the most energetic agents in my district and he thoroughly loves his job as selling insurance and promoting the Farm Bureau programs," Buchanan said.

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## Florida Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee Recognizes Volunteers

### Madison County Recognized

The Florida Farm Bureau Federation's Women's Leadership Committee gathered on Wednesday, Oct. 25 to vote for officer seats and recognize volunteers who have demonstrated exceptional service over the past year.

County Farm Bureaus were awarded for making donations to the Women's Leadership Committee. Among the top contributors were Hamilton County, Taylor County, Lee County, Madison County, Seminole County, Hillsborough County and Marion County, with Hamilton County coming out on top as the "Most Overall" contributor.

Sarah Carte, of Suwannee County, was elected as vice chair of the Women's Leadership Committee and will also serve on the Florida Farm Bureau Federation

The Florida Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Program was organized for the purpose of implementing Farm Bureau policy goals and objectives. The program uses the unique talents of women to enable Farm Bureau to be more effective in its organizational, legislative, educational and promotional efforts. Any woman from a Farm Bureau family is eligible to participate in local, state and national activities.

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## 8th Masonic District Charity Fundraiser Pistol Match



Photo submitted

Bert Waldrep assists Jeanette Norelius as she shoots at the target.

Greenville Masonic Lodge No. 28 will be holding a Charity Fundraiser for the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory. All proceeds will be donated.

When: Saturday November 10, Registration 8am, Matches begin at 9 a.m. and lasted until 2 p.m.

Where: Madison County Sheriff's Firing Range located at:  
1243 N.E. Palmetto St.  
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The pistol match will be a Police Pistol Qualifier and will require either a semi-automatic or revolver handgun, ideally 4 magazines or speedloaders and a holster. It will take 48 rounds to complete the match. Ammunition will be available to purchase at the event in popular calibers (i.e. .38spl, 9mm, 40S&W, and .45acp) by Seminole Armaments, LLC.

Any minors that wish to shoot must have a legal guardian present, and if they do not have their own firearm, a .22lr handgun and ammo will be provided at no additional cost.

For course of fire information, please go to:

[http://www.opsc-ppc.com/index\\_files/Page844.html](http://www.opsc-ppc.com/index_files/Page844.html) review PPC 48 Round Combat Course.

Please join us for a great time and to support a great cause! Only a \$20 donation for adults, \$10 for minors or if you wish to shoot a second time.

For more information contact:

R.W. Bert Waldrep, District Deputy 8th District (850) 464-0809 or  
W. Greg Wynot, Event Chairman (850) 766-7861

## Landscape Irrigation Limited To Once Per Week Beginning Nov. 4

The time change in November signals changes in landscape irrigation measures within the Suwannee River Water Management District (District). With the start of Standard Time on Sunday, Nov. 4, lawn and landscape irrigation is limited to one day per week for residents and others within the District's 15-county region.

The District's year-round landscape irrigation measures limit watering to two days per week during Daylight Saving Time and once weekly during Standard Time. Residents may choose which days to water. However, irrigation should not occur between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. and users should water only as much as their landscape needs.

The limits on landscape irrigation are part of an ongoing effort to help address water needs within the District. The measures apply to residen-

tial landscaping, public or commercial recreation areas, and public and commercial businesses that aren't regulated by a District-issued permit.

The limits apply to those who receive water from utilities, private wells, or surface water. However, they do not apply to users of reclaimed water or water captured in rain barrels.

"The time change presents a great opportunity to conserve water since in the cooler months grasses and landscapes need to be watered less frequently," said District Executive Director Ann Shortelle. "We encourage the public to take advantage of this opportunity and water only when necessary."

For more information about the landscape irrigation measures or to learn more about how to conserve, visit [www.mysuwanneeriver.com](http://www.mysuwanneeriver.com) and look for the water conservation page.

## Early Registration Is Open For Miss 20th Of May

The 2013 Miss 20th of May Pageant committee would like to thank all the sponsor's and participants who were involved in the 1st Fundraising Pageant Ball. They are planning a Christmas and Valentine's Day Ball also to serve as fundraisers for the 2013 Pageant and they look forward to seeing more community support.

The committee for the Miss 20th of May Pageant & Dinner 2013 is now taking applications for the 2013 Pageant. This year's theme is "Eloquent, Entertaining, & Educated. They are seeking a Madison County resident young lady in grades 6th thru 12th; never married and never having had a child to participate in this annual cultural event. The delegates must behave in school and in the community in a manner befitting the title of Miss 20th of May. The donations we collect for this event will go toward increasing the scholarship funds given to the winner of the annual Miss 20th of May Pageant.

The cost of sponsorship is \$25.00 for early registration, after January 28, 2013 regular registration fee \$35.00. Registration ends March 4, 2013. Ad books and tickets to the Pageant and Seafood Dinner will be sold to help support the events and the Madison County Recreation Association. The date and location of the pageant have not been determined at this time. Details will follow over the next month. If you would like to apply or submit a candidate please contact Pageant Chairperson, Tami "Ms. Brown"-Wilson at 850-673-6702.

With the success of last year's Pageant they would like to once again invite the former Miss 20th of May Queens to participate. They would also like to invite anyone who wants to be on the Pageant committee to contact us for more information on upcoming meetings and fundraising events for the Pageant. The 2013 Pageant committee would like to thank you in advance for your support.

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Each week, the entry with the most correct picks (and the closest to the game score in the tie breaker) will win a free year subscription to the *Madison County Carrier* and *Enterprise-Recorder* or a \$20 check from Greene Publishing. The second place winner will receive a one year e-Pub subscription to the *Madison County Carrier* and *Enterprise-Recorder*.

- One entry per person. All entries must be on an official entry blank. No photocopies accepted.
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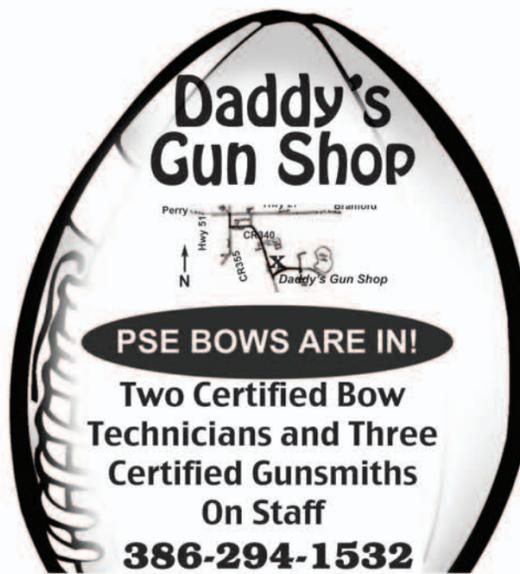
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# SPORTS

## Big Bend Leaders, 11-2-12 (Madison)

By Fran Hunt  
*Special to Greene Publishing, Inc.*

Athletes from Aucilla Christian Academy (ACA) and Madison County (MC) were once again named to the list of Big Bend Leaders last week on the gridiron.

In passing Wes Smyrnios (ACA) was number four with 73 pass completions out of 132 attempts for 1,608 yards and 21 touchdowns.

In rushing, Hans Sorensen (ACA) was number three with 103 carries for 918 yards and 15 touchdowns.

Bradley Holm (ACA) was number four with 98 carries for 846 yards and 14 touchdowns.

Keyon Bruton (MC) was number five with 102 carries for 755 yards and 10 touchdowns.

Eric Bright (MC) was number 16 with 60 carries for 427 yards and eight touchdowns.

Sheddric Williams (MC) was number 19 with 37 carries for 403 yards and four touchdowns.

In receiving, Jared Jackson (ACA) was number one with 39 pass receptions for 971 yards and 13 touchdowns.

On the defensive side of the field, Jared Jackson (ACA), was number six in tackles with 90 total tackles.

Gus Smyrnios (ACA), was number seven with a to-

tal of 87 tackles. Brandon Holm (ACA) was number eight with 86 total tackles.

Spike Holm (ACA) was number 17 with 69 total tackles.

Chris O'Hara (MC) was tied at number 17 with 31 tackles and 38 assists for a total of 69 tackles.

For quarterback sacks, Cole Schwab (ACA), was number four with 10 sacks.

Nick Roberts (ACA) was number seven with seven quarterback sacks.

Brandon Crawford (MC) was tied at number seven with seven quarterback sacks.

Casey Demott (ACA) was number nine with five quarterback sacks.

In pass interceptions Hans Sorensen (ACA) was number one with six pass interceptions.

Jared Jackson (ACA) was number two with four interceptions.

Laterrius Davis (MC) was number three with three quarterback sacks.

Eddrick Williams (MC) was tied at number three with three quarterback sacks.

Javarus Jones (MC) was also tied at number three in quarterback sacks with three.

In kicking Zack Money (MC) was number two with one successful field goal out of four attempts and 32 extra-points out of 32 attempts.

## Cowboys Get Job Done Against Seminoles



Photo Courtesy of MaCoHi

Keyon Bruton (#23) bursts through the defense on his way to a touchdown for the Cowboys.

By Jacob Bemby  
*Greene Publishing, Inc.*

The Madison County High School Cowboys' football squad got the job done on Senior Night, polishing off the Florida High Seminoles 35-7 in action played at Boot Hill on Friday, Nov. 2.

Deonshay Wells led the explosive Cowboy offense as he picked up 102 yards on just nine carries. Wells had one pass reception for nine yards.

Keyon Bruton was held to 59 yards on 11 rushes but was able to put up two touchdowns. He also had one pass reception for 22 yards.

Deontaye Oliver had six rushes for 40 yards.

Shedrick Williams rushed four times for 14 yards.

Troymond Alexander had one run for six yards.

Akevious Williams picked up a yard on one carry. He caught one pass for an 18-yard touchdown reception.

Quarterback D.J. McKnight passed nine times and had five completions for 68 yards. He also had two touchdown passes.

Neal Brown caught one pass for 14 yards



Photo Courtesy of MaCoHi

A Cowboy defender draws a bead on the Florida High running back (#23) and gets set to tackle him.

and a touchdown. Tré Arnold caught one pass for five yards. The Cowboys have a well-deserved week off before playing in the regional semifinals on Nov. 16. Opponent and time and place of game will be announced next week.

## Warriors Aught Rocky Bayou 41-0, Improve to 7-2

By William Smith  
*Special from ECB Publishing, Inc.*

For the past three weeks senior wide receiver Jared Jackson, one of Aucilla's most dangerous weapons, had been content with watching the Warriors' explosive 43 points-per-game offense as little more than a spectator. Jackson, the single season all-time leading receiver in Warrior history, had been bracketed and bottled up by opposing defensive coordinators to the tune of less than 50 yards receiving per game, well short of the 144 yards per game mark in the five games before as the Warriors concentrated on establishing a road-grading running game.

History, as they say, has a way of repeating itself, and did just that Friday evening in Destin as Jackson once again led the Warrior offense with an incendiary 165 yards receiving and two touchdowns in Aucilla's (7-2) 41-0 win over Rocky Bayou (2-7).

Jackson displayed both the speed and elusiveness that fans and coaches have come to expect as he torched the Knights' secondary on two 50+ yard bombs in the first half that showcased why he is once again on pace to break his own record of 1,138 yards receiving from one year ago. Currently, Jackson sits just two yards shy of that number with 1,136 yards and 14 touchdowns with one game remaining.

And while Jackson's star shined brightest, he was only part of a much larger picture for a Warrior offense running on all cylinders, totaling a season high 565 yards of total offense.

For the second time in as many games, the Warrior rushing attack topped the 300 yard mark, posting a season-best 362 yards and four touchdowns on only 33 collective carries. Where in previous games the Warriors leaned on their two-headed backfield monster named

Bradley Holm and Hans Sorensen, this night saw another name added to that list, senior Tres Copeland.

Copeland, normally known as a shifty outside presence for Aucilla at receiver, is also used as the exclusive wildcat quarterback for the Warriors in addition to running various trick plays and reverses. Against Rocky Bayou, Copeland proved himself every bit as valuable running the football as receiving it, averaging nearly 30 yards per carry on his way to 119 yards and one touchdown.

As always, senior backs Holm and Sorensen proved to be the perfect complement of a power and slashing running style, finishing with 101 yards and two touchdowns on 15 carries and 136 yards and one touchdown on 13 carries, respectively.

Sophomore quarterback Wesley Smyrnios was as accurate as he has ever been for the Warriors, completing 11 of 12 attempts for 203 yards and two touchdowns.

Head coach Colby Roberts described the offensive performance, saying, "We're fortunate as an offense to be able to lean so heavily on the running game. Our philosophy has always been to establish the run while stopping the opposition from doing the same, especially when we have a young quarterback under center. I'm proud of the offensive line for doing their jobs. I'm proud of our backs for following their blockers. This is the kind of bread-and-butter game plan that controls the clock and ends games quickly."

The 41-0 score represents the fourth shutout for this Warrior defense this season, besting the previous year's number by one and bringing the total shutouts of Roberts' head coaching career to 7 out of 19 total games.

Senior linebacker Gus Smyrnios continues to be nigh unblockable, as he is involved in almost every play

on defense. Despite missing the first two games due to suspension, Smyrnios has more than 100 tackles on the season, including 20 for this contest, two of which were tackles for loss.

Fellow senior linebacker Bradley Holm also played well, totaling 15 tackles, including three huge tackles for loss and one sack.

Perhaps the only weakness shown by the defense in this contest was an inability to capitalize on several possible turnovers, as no less than four errant Rocky Bayou passes were dropped by the Warrior secondary, with one more being intercepted by Jackson from his linebacker position.

This comes as a bit of a trend in the past few games, as Aucilla averaged three forced turnovers a game after the week six matchup against Seacoast Christian. In the three games since then, only a total of three turnovers have been secured by the Warriors.

Rounding out the defensive performances was junior cornerback Brandon Holm, who finished with 12 total tackles and five pass deflections; senior safety Hans Sorensen, with 12 total tackles; sophomore defensive ends Nick Roberts and Casey Demott, who totaled 11 tackles and 9 tackles respectively; and sophomore defensive tackle Cole Schwab, who ended the evening with 10 total tackles.

Aucilla will take the field for the final time this season Friday night in the much anticipated homecoming matchup with Bronson (1-8), who Aucilla defeated 32-6 last season at Bronson's own homecoming. It will surely be a night filled with emotion as the senior class dresses in Warrior blue and gold for the very last time following a week of homecoming celebration. The game begins at 7:00 p.m. on Aucilla's campus. Tickets can be purchased at the gate.

### Spotlight Aucilla Christian Academy Cheerleading Squad



Hometown: Greenville  
Christiana Reams

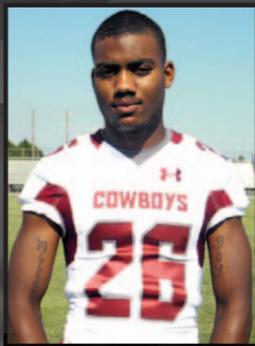
Grade: 11th  
Favorite Cheer: Hey Everybody  
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Parents: Joe Ball and Kim Reams

Future Plans: "I would like to go to college to be a nurse."

### SPECIAL TEAMS



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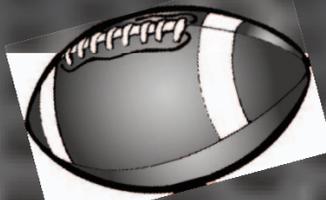


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## PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



### AUCILLA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY DEFENSE OFFENSE



Gus Smyrnios



Wes Smyrnios

# HALLOWEEN AT MADISON HEALTH & REHAB

## Madison Health and Rehab Hosts Halloween Costume Party

By Kristin Finney  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The staff and residents at Madison Health and Rehabilitation Center got into the Halloween Spirit on Wednesday, October 31. The staff wore their best Halloween attire and the residents were brought to the cafeteria to be fitted with some crazy costumes. The first place best staff costume winner was Cindy Hawkins. Second place went to Marty Giacomazzi.

The residents were treated to some good music and snacks during the party. They were also able to watch a slide show with pictures of them on the new television in the dining room.



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The Madison Health and Rehab staff are seen in their costumes. From left to right they are Mattie Hackle, Diane Webb, RN, Cindy Hawkins, Marty Giacomazzi, Summer Croft, RPT, Patty Hamilton, OTR, and Kristen Tuten, RN.



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Marty Giacomazzi (left) and Annie McDaniels (right) take a moment to smile for the camera.



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Marty Giacomazzi stands behind Warren Little as they fellowship during the costume party.



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George West donned a raccoon hat for the Halloween party.



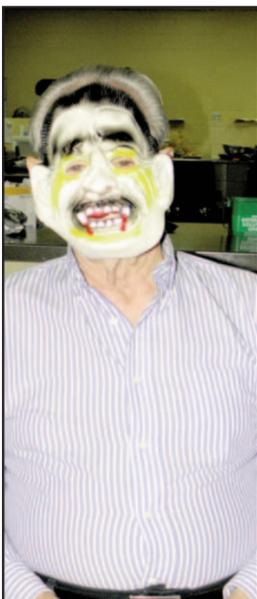
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Sarah Street shows off her baby doll during the Halloween costume party.



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Rosemary Parker is seen wearing a festive purple wig and a cowboy hat.



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Ray Evans shows off his Halloween mask during the costume party.



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Cindy Hawkins won the first place award for the best Halloween costume. She was dressed as a witch.



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Joan Nolen (left) is seen with Mattie Hackle (right) during the Halloween party.



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Marty Giacomazzi was honored as the second place winner for the best costume. He was dressed as a rodeo clown.

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Marty Giacomazzi (right) is seen with Ruth Yates (left) show off their costumes during the Halloween Party.

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

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

This notice shall be published on the following dates: October 31, 2012; November 7, 2012; and November 14, 2012.

Richard Rocco  
 Real Estate Coordinator  
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HARVEY SCHONBRUN, TRUSTEE,  
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 vs. CASE NO. 2012-252-CA  
 KERVIN DYSON a/k/a Kervin K. Dyson,  
 Defendant.

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TO: KERVIN DYSON a/k/a Kervin K. Dyson, whose residence is UNKNOWN, and whose last known mailing addresses are: 5455 Vineland Road #3201, Orlando, FL 32811, and P.O. Box 616581, Orlando, FL 32861

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# AROUND MADISON COUNTY

## Guest Floral Designer Laura Mock Visits Madison Garden Club

By Lynette Norris  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Laura Mock, President of the Taylor County Garden Club, master flower show judge, legislative liaison on environmental issues and a "sport model," visited the Madison Garden Club to demonstrate some of her award-winning floral design techniques.

While she worked on her designs, incorporating a few unusual items that included a picture frame, a wooden sculpture of a cowboy, a gnarled root and a cutting board shaped like Taylor County, she kept the audience entertained with several jokes about priests, hairdryers and zebras, along with "kids-say-the-darnedest-things" stories about her grandchildren.

"It's nothing new," she said of her designs. "And it's nothing I haven't done before. But it's a couple of things I've wanted to do, and since you've in-

vited me, now I can do them."

As she deftly put together one design after another between stories and jokes, she said that she doesn't worry about whether or not they will win contests. "I figure all my designs are blue ribbons," she quipped at one point. "And if the judges don't see it, well, that's their problem."

She finished up her presentation with four floral designs, demonstrating how the picture frame, with its floral display sprouting from one corner, could be used with an over-the-door-hanger in place of a wreath for the front door.

Her creations were auctioned off to the club members for \$30 to \$50 each, with the proceeds going to the Madison Garden Club pledge for the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs Scholarship Fund. The Madison Club has pledged a \$1000 contribution to the fund, and has raised several hundred already.



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Guest speaker Laura Mock displays three of the designs she created during her presentation at the Madison Garden Club.

## Judge Wetzel Blair Pays A Visit To Madison Garden Club



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(Left-to-right) Madison Garden Club Member Ashley Beggs (whose wife Martha, is the Garden Club President) brought a rather distinguished guest with him to the November meeting. Retiring Judge Wetzel Blair joined Beggs for lunch at the the noon meeting and stayed for a rather entertaining presentation by floral designer Laura Mock.

## Hunter Gets A Treat On Halloween Day



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Jacob Bemby, October 31, 2012

Kelli Nichols got a treat on Halloween when she shot this 10-point buck in the woods in Madison County. Congratulations, Kelli.

## Discussion Meet Winner Named At Florida Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

Subhead: Jeffery Hamrick A Runner-Up

Kelvin Moreno of Miami-Dade County was named the 2012 Young Farmers & Ranchers Discussion Meet winner at Florida Farm Bureau's 71st Annual Meeting in Ponte Vedra Beach.

Jeffery Hamrick of Madison County, Nick Larsen of Western Palm Beach County and Kelly Mosley of Clay County were the runners-up for this prestigious award.

The Discussion Meet contest is designed to simulate a committee meeting where discussion and active participation are expected from each participant. This competition is evaluated on an exchange of ideas and information on a pre-determined topic. The judges are looking for the contestant that offers constructive criticism, cooperation and communication while analyzing agricultural problems and developing solutions.

Kelvin Moreno is the president of Florida Farm Bureau's Young Farmers & Ranchers Group. He runs his family business, Moreno Ranches, registered seedstock Limousin and Brahman cattle operations, in both Miami-Dade and Highlands counties. He also manages Moreno Farms, which specializes in cattle brokerage and consulting services.

By winning the Discussion Meet, Kelvin will receive a \$500 cash award, an ATV four-wheeler courtesy of Southern Farm Bureau Casualty and an expense-paid trip to the 2013 Amer-



ican Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in Nashville, Tenn., where he will represent Florida in the national YF&R competition.

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Florida Farm Bureau is the Sunshine State's largest general agricultural organization with more than 147,000 member-families representing Farm Bureaus in 60 counties. Membership provides a multitude of benefits and you don't have to be a farmer to be a member of Florida Farm Bureau.

Photo caption: Kelvin Moreno, left, is congratulated by John Hoblick, Florida Farm Bureau president, for winning the 2012 Young Farmers & Ranchers Discussion Meet at Florida Farm Bureau's 71st Annual Meeting in Ponte Vedra Beach on Oct 24.

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**Section B**

# Path *of* Faith

## **Kenyan Minister To Speak At Fellowship Baptist Church**

By Jacob Bemby  
*Greene Publishing, Inc.*

Dr. Aggrey Watindi, from Kenya, will be the special guest at Fellowship Baptist Church's 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship services on Sunday, Nov. 11.

Dr. Watindi is a former veterinarian from Eldoret, Kenya, who felt God's call to go into ministry. Leaving his position with the Kenyan government, Watindi is now in full-time Christian service, planting churches and caring for orphans of the African AIDS crisis.

Everyone is welcome to attend one or both services at Fellowship Baptist Church that morning.



*Photo submitted*

**Dr. Aggrey Watindi from Kenya, right, is pictured with Pastor Michael Lutalo from Uganda. Watindi will speak at Fellowship Baptist Church on Sunday, Nov. 11.**

# Christmas Gift Idea

## Higher Call by Jacob Bembry

It's never too early for Christmas shopping and here is a Christmas idea for you.

Local author, Jacob Bembry, has his book *Higher Call* available online or by mail. You can order a signed copy of the book for \$10 plus \$3.99 shipping and handling from the author at Jacob Bembry, P.O. Box 9334, Lee, FL 32059 or contact him by email at [jacobbembry@hotmail.com](mailto:jacobbembry@hotmail.com) or [jacob@greenepublishing.com](mailto:jacob@greenepublishing.com) to make arrangements to pick up the book locally.

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Electronic copies of the book may be ordered exclusively on Kindle from [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) for \$2.99.

The book is a collection of Bembry's thoughts. In the book, he writes about everything from the incident that nearly took his life last December and God's miracle-working power that pulled him through. He also writes about his family, especially heartwarming stories about his sister, Abbie. Other stories about family members are included in the book, as well as stories about friends and church family. Through it all,

Bembry's love of his family, friends and his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ is evident.

Reviews of the book include:

"I just recently added this book to my Kindle Fire. Very easy to read and it's full of inspiration. I would encourage anyone to buy this book!"

"I love the stories in the book, especially about Abbie. I am going to buy extra copies."

"Jacob Bembry has placed beautiful words upon the pages in his new book *Higher Call*. Jacob shares his story of lifelong commitment to care for two disabled siblings, ailing father and near-death experience. Jacob's story has made me see beauty in the struggles of life."

*Higher Call* makes a great stocking stuffer or gift or it just makes a great Christmas gift or just an encouraging read for yourself.

Bembry is the editor of *The Madison County Carrier* and *Madison Enterprise-Recorder* newspapers. He is a graduate of Jefferson County High School, North Florida Community College and Florida State University with a B.S. degree in Media Communication. He is a member of Midway Church of God in Lee.

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Later on, the poor woman was taunted by her worldly neighbors. "Granny," they said, "who's the most honored guest you've ever entertained in your home?" They expected her to say it was Jesus, for despite their constant ridicule of her Christian witness, they recognized her deep spirituality.

But to their surprise she answered, "The most honored guest I've entertained is Her Majesty the Queen."

"Did you say the Queen? Ah, we caught you this time! How about this Jesus you're always talking about? Isn't He your most honored guest?"

Her answer was definite and scriptural, "NO, indeed! He's not a guest. HE LIVES HERE!"

Her hecklers were put to silence!

## The Strange Sound

A man is driving down the road and breaks down near a monastery. He goes to the monastery, knocks on the door, and says, "My car broke down. Do you think I could stay the night?" The monks graciously accept him, feed him dinner, and even fix his car. As the man tries to fall asleep, he hears a strange sound. The next morning, he asks the monks what the sound was, but they say, "We can't tell you. You're not a monk."

The man is disappointed but thanks them anyway and goes about his merry way. Some years later, the same man breaks down in front of the same monastery. The monks again accept him, feed him, and even fix his car. That night, he hears the same strange noise that he had heard years earlier. The next morning, he asks what it is, but the monks reply, "We can't tell you. You're not a monk."

The man says, "All right, all right. I'm dying to know. If the only way I can find out what that sound was is to become a monk, how do I become a monk?" The monks reply, "You must travel the earth and tell us how many blades of grass there are and the exact number of sand pebbles. When you find these numbers, you will become a monk."

The man sets about his task. Some forty-five years later, he returns and knocks on the door of the monastery. He says, "I have traveled the earth and have found what you have asked for. There are 145,236,284,232 blades of grass and 231,281,219,999,129,382 sand pebbles on the earth." The monks reply, "Congratulations. You are now a monk. We shall now show you the way to the sound."

The monks lead the man to a wooden door, where the head monk says, "The sound is right behind that door." The man reaches for the knob, but the door is locked. He says, "Real funny. May I have the key?" The monks give him the key, and he opens the door. Behind the wooden door is another door made of stone. The man demands the key to the stone door. The monks give him the key, and he opens it, only to find a door made of ruby. He demands another key from the monks, who provide it. Behind that door is another door, this one made of sapphire. So it went until the man had gone through doors of emerald, silver, topaz, and amethyst.

Finally, the monks say, "This is the last key to the last door."

The man is relieved to no end. He unlocks the door, turns the knob, and behind that door he is amazed to find the source of that strange sound.

But I can't tell you what it is because you're not a monk.



# The Pulpit

**By Rev. Ernest Washington, Pastor  
Allen Chapel AME Church**

Congratulations! You have been invited to the best dinner party ever prepared. It was prepared by the finest chef ever known. There is so much available at this dinner that words cannot even begin to express. So stop what you are doing, get excited, get in a hurry and let's go!

In Matthew 14, Jesus tells the story of a dinner party. A man had prepared a dinner party and invited many of his friends. When it was time for the party, the man sent out his servant and told him to bring the invited guests. When the servant went to get them, each one had an excuse.

What is your excuse for not coming to the feast that the Lord has prepared for you?

# Isaiah Invites Us To God's Feast

The servant went back and told his master that none of the invited guests could come. Of course, the master was angry. He told the servant to go into the streets and get those who looked like they needed a good meal, the poor, lame and the blind. After the servant brought these in, there was still room for more.

The master then told him to go into the hedges and highways and compel the people he saw to come to the dinner party.

The master then said that not one of the first people that he invited would taste a morsel that he had prepared for supper.

Don't turn down the invitation extended by the Lord to come. He has prepared a great dinner party in His house and has invited us. If we are too busy to accept the invitation, He will invite whoever will come.

Are you too busy to accept the Lord's invitation? If you are, you will not taste of the goodness that He has to offer. Go, enjoy the goodness of the Lord and invite others to come along with you.

Isaiah 55 says, "*Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come buy wine and milk without money and without price.*"

God promises to make an everlasting covenant to those who come. He promises that our soul will live forever and He will show mercy on us – if we will just come!

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# For Overachievers Everywhere

love, unaware, it seems, that his love is already ours in abundance. That God would take us just as we are, that he loves us just as we are, is too much for us to accept.

And why should we believe it? Our parents never accepted us without conditions. This merciless culture is constantly judging us and our level of success. Our spouse left us for someone younger, better looking, or richer. Our coach tells us we'll never be good enough to make the team, and yes, the church gets in on it too.

When we were young, it was all about perfect attendance pins, achievements, and all those little check marks on our weekly reporting at Sunday School. We learned quickly that we could measure a person's spirituality, thus their worth as an individual, by how many gold stars they had beside their name.

When we got older, the exercise continued, now measured by different gold stars. Volunteer, serve, give, teach Bible study class, lead the choir, chaperone the youth group, chair the Stewardship Committee; and the leadership and congregation will sing your praises. But the second you relent, the moment you acknowledge your exhaustion, that you just can't keep up, then that familiar con-

ditional approval will rear its ugly head.

Conditioned like this, when Jesus shows up and says, "If you're tired I can help with a little grace," we just can't believe it. Yet, that's exactly what Jesus said when he showed up! With words that make most type-A congregational leaders cringe, Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Eugene Peterson's translation of those words is more pointed: "Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. Walk with me...watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace."

The unforced rhythms of grace: That is what we religious laborers need, because the people that Jesus most wants to set free are those of us who are eyeballs deep in religious work, we who are religious ergomaniacs. He wants us to see that our religious work really doesn't work; it works against us.

His invitation is for us to get off of the spiritual hamster wheel and to crawl out from beneath the choking yoke of religious workoholicism, and dance freely to the easy tempo of grace. Grace will teach us to serve ...*Story cont. on Page 5B...*

Scientists have a name for it: Ergomania. It is a word composed of two Latin roots. "Ergo," meaning work, and "mania," which means passion. Ergomania, thusly, is a "passion for work." In contemporary society we use a different term for an individual suffering from this condition: The "workaholic." The condition is not limited to corporate offices or the manufacturing plant. It thrives in houses of worship.

It's been my experience that we religious people work very hard, often killing ourselves for God, spiritually, emotionally, and physically. Why? I believe it is because we do not believe that God is love or that he really loves us. Most of us are working like slaves to earn an ambivalent God's



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# Keeping The Faith

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God, not to make him like us, but because he already adores us. It will teach us to give up our overachieving and slaving ways, and find peaceful rest for our souls.

Now, if you are happy with doing all your religious work, then please, just keep doing it. If work is your passion, and time spent on the treadmill suits you just fine, then disregard all I have said as useless drivel and carry on.

But, if you have had it; if you are sick and tired of being sick and tired; if you're looking for a way out; if you are desperate for your life to change; if you are finally at the end of yourself and need a rest, have I got good news for you: That is exactly what Jesus offers. Go with him, and he will give you the rest you need.

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# Help Sought With Community Thanksgiving Dinner

By Jacob Bembry  
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A community-wide Thanksgiving Dinner is being planned for Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22

Volunteers are needed to help set up and serve the meals. Each church is encouraged to find shut-ins that would like a meal and find drivers to help deliver the meals. Each church is also asked to bring tea and desserts.

An estimate of shut-ins is needed by Nov. 19 if at all possible.

The event is planned at the Senior Citizens Center on Harvey Greene Drive on Nov. 22.

Plates will be made for the shut-ins at approximately 9:45 a.m.

The Senior Center will be open for walk-ins from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

“Last year was an awesome time serving our community,” Timmy Dyke, planner of the Thanksgiving meal, said. “We hope to have even more volunteers and many more folks served.”

If there are any questions, call Timmy Dyke at (850) 464-8107.

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# Bradley To Be Installed As New Pastor Of Genesis M.B. Church

By Jacob Bemby  
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Rev. Oliver Bradley will be installed as the pastor of Genesis Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday, Nov. 11, at 3 p.m.

The special guest speaker for the occasion will be Rev. Dr. Charlie Barfield, pastor of Pineland Missionary Baptist Church in Madison.

Everyone is invited to attend this service.

Genesis Missionary Baptist Church is located at 2062 NE Colin Kelly Highway in Madison.

For more information, please call (850) 973-8800.



**Oliver Bradley**

## Lee UMC To Present Christmissed Play

By Jacob Bemby  
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Lee United Methodist Church will present "Christmissed" on Sunday, Nov. 25. The intergenerational play will be the focus of their morning worship service that day.

The church will have their regular 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. morning worship services. The play will be held at 10 a.m., during the church's usual Sunday School time.

A synopsis of the play from [www.contemporarydrama.com](http://www.contemporarydrama.com) follows: "Too young.' 'Too old.' 'Too many family responsibilities.' Excuses, excuses! When a Messenger calls three persons — teenage Grant, working mom Polly, and senior citizen Alice — to a life of

outreach and service, they think of many reasons why they can't comply. Then the Messenger presents them with an alternative version of the Christmas story. He visits Mary, Joseph, Shepherds, and Wise Men who find it inconvenient to carry out their roles in Jesus' birth.

"Why? 'Too young.' 'Too old.' 'Too many family responsibilities.' Like a mirror, the biblical characters' excuses allow Grant, Polly, and Alice to see their own weaknesses. They realize that God could have used others to further his plan, but then his 'first choices' would've missed out on a blessing. The real Christmas story is beautiful because so many gave a no-holds barred 'Yes!' to God.

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# Benefit Gospel Sing Held

By Jacob Bembry  
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A gospel music sing and fundraiser for Allen McCormick was held Oct. 20. The site of the event was Lee Worship Center.

Richard Sauls, pastor of the church, welcomed everyone to the sing and the Calvaliers of Perry performed.

Prior to the sing, a covered dish dinner was held in the fellowship hall.

The proceeds from the event went to benefit McCormick, who underwent amputation surgery last month.



Photo submitted

The Calvaliers from Perry were the featured group at the benefit sing.



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Richard Sauls, pastor of the church, welcomed everyone to the benefit for Allen McCormick.

# AWANA: Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed

By Lynette Norris  
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*"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."* II Timothy 2:15

AWANA-type programs got their start in the North Side Gospel Center in Chicago in 1941, when pastor Lance Latham and youth director Art Rorheim came up with an idea for a weekly Bible club that would appeal to both churched and nonchurched children and teenagers. The program was so successful other churches began to make inquiries, and by 1950, Latham and Rorheim had founded the organization AWANA (Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed) a non-profit ministry and a proven program of evangelistic outreach, with study materials and activities for every age level from two to 18 years of age.

By 1960, 900 other churches had started AWANA programs for their youth. By 1972, AWANA had its first international club.

Today, more than 1.5 million kids from two to 18 years of age participate in AWANA Clubs, in 12,000 churches in the United States, and 13,000 internationally-run AWANA Clubs.

Typically, the age groups in the United States are divided into six age groups: Puggles (age two); Cubbies (ages three and four); Sparks (K – 2nd grade); Truth and Training (T&T for short, 3rd through 6th grade); Trek (junior high) and Journey (high school). Each age level has its own lesson plans with age-appropriate learning material for teaching the Bible.

In Madison, the First Baptist Church is one of several local churches that has an AWANA Club for its youth. Husband and wife Heath and Becky Driggers have been the AWANA club leaders for about the last ten years or so. Although they don't have any toddlers in the Puggles age category right now, there are several under the age of two who will soon grow into the Puggles Club.

Currently, the AWANA Clubs at First Baptist start with the Cubbies, and include the Sparkies and the Truth and Training Groups, and Trek – their oldest AWANA members are in the seventh grade - each with their own mascots. Cubbies have Cubbie the Bear, Sparkies have a firefly and Truth and Training Club has a little dog as a mascot.

The children gather every Wednesday night at the church for activity, games and fun time with Robin Hill, who plans the games and activities, then go into their individual clubs for their lessons and their handbook time when they recite their scriptures for a listener.

Each week, they usually have a "theme night" for their activities, whether it's something fun like "Backwards Night" where they dress backwards or "Penny Night" where they bring pennies or other offerings for AWANA missionaries.

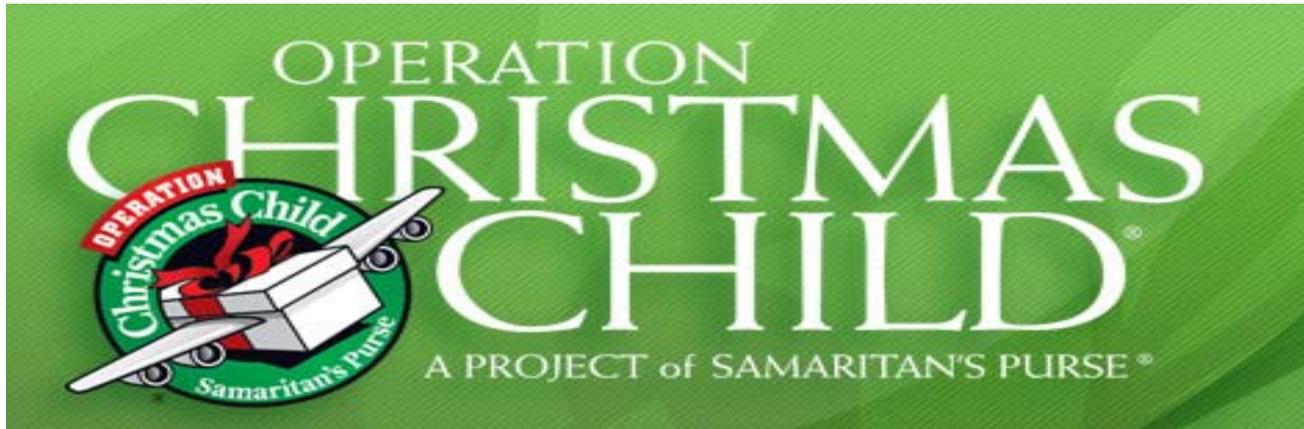
Recently, the local AWANA missionary from Havana visited during "Prayer-Walk night" and went out on a prayer walk around nearby downtown Madison with some of the older children, stopping and praying for various businesses and business owners.

They have also had "Pastor Appreciation night," "Bring-a-Friend" night, "Football Night" and a "Camping Night" complete with smores for everyone.

In the weeks and months ahead, they'll be looking forward to "Crazy Hair Night," "Creat-a-Clown Night" and "Fishing For Christ Night"

"My favorite part is the scripture ...*Story cont. on Page 9B...*

# Second Annual Operation Christmas Child Cars Appreciation Day Set



By Jacob Bembry  
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The Second Annual Operation Christmas Child Antique Cars, Classic Cars and Old Cars Appreciation Day will be held Saturday, Nov. 17, at Power Country WQLC-102 FM, located at 9206 West US Hwy 90 in Lake City.

Participants are asked to drive from their home base to the radio station in Lake City.

Each participant is asked to bring a gift-filled shoebox or to adopt a shoebox at \$20 per participant. The check should be made payable to

Samaritan's Purse/Operation Christmas Child.

Lunch will be provided for each participant who brings a gift-filled shoebox or who adopts a shoebox.

Please RSVP as soon as possible to Colleen Ruehl at (850) 556-1787 or email her at [jcruehl@aol.com](mailto:jcruehl@aol.com).

Please RSVP no later than Nov. 1.

Shoebox labels and instructions on how to pack a shoebox can be found at [www.samaritanaspurse.org/occ/](http://www.samaritanaspurse.org/occ/)

The event will be held from 9 a.m. until noon.

## Greenville Baptist Church Hosting Fall Festival

Greenville Baptist Church will be hosting their Fall Festival on Nov. 10th.

The fun will start at 4 p.m. with food being served at 6 p.m.

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# Awana

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memorization,” said Becky. “When they memorize those verses, it's there. One day...that verse will come back to them when they need it...the Holy Spirit will bring that verse to them.”

The different age groups of AWANA clubs also have merit badges, patches and other award the children can earn for memorizing their verses – for instance, the Cubbies have patched they wear on the vest, and the Sparkies have jewels for their crowns.

“AWANA has been around a while,” said Becky. “But the in the grand scheme of things, they're kind of new,” she added. “They've kind of put their own spin on (scripture memorization) and really made it fun.”

The kids love it, she adds, and that's what really matters.

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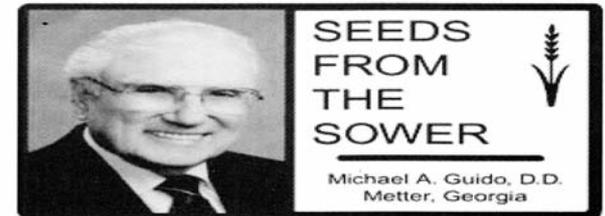
By Jacob Bemby  
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Open Arms Ministries and the First United Methodist Church of Madison will open their arms for a pre-Thanksgiving dinner on Wednesday, Nov. 21, from noon-2 p.m.

The table will be filled with bountiful blessings and it will be a regular Thanksgiving feast, featuring turkey and ham.

The event is free to everyone but reservations are required.

Please contact Chad McCormick by email at [openarms-func@yahoo.com](mailto:openarms-func@yahoo.com) or by phone at (850) 929-7561.



A young boy was lying on his back by a stream holding a string in his hand. A stranger walked up to him and asked, “What are you doing?” “I am flying a kite,” came the reply. “But I don't see any kite,” said the man. “I don't either,” said the boy. “But I know it's there. I can feel the tug on my string.”

Like the boy, we are here on this earth. But our Lord, like the kite, is beyond us in heaven. The string that binds our hearts to our Father in heaven is our faith. And the Holy Spirit is the One who connects us to Him and gives power to our prayers. We may not see God all of the time, but through faith we know that He is there – above us, beyond us, connected to us, waiting on us to call upon Him and feel His “tug.” God wants us to stay in touch with Him through our faith in Him and feel His presence in our lives.

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# Celebration Ministries In Lee Needs Assistance For Elderly Couple

Submitted by Celebration Ministries

To the Members of the Body of Christ:

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 are 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 due 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 contractor 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 Frith, 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 Ministries 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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