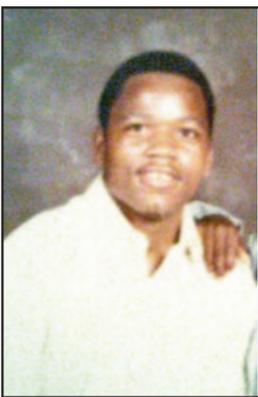


FDLE Seeks Help With Murder Investigation

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement is asking for the public's assistance concerning the investigation into the murder of 19-year-old Reginald Ward from the Tallahassee-Quincy area in North Florida.



Reginald Ward

finding Mr. Ward's killer if more can be learned about what he was doing in the last year of his life, from September 1982 to September 1983.

Mr. Ward's case is the first to be posted on FDLE's Facebook page as part of the BOLO series.

Miracle: No Injuries In Car Vs. Semi Accident

By Jacob Bemby Greene Publishing, Inc.

A car vs. semi accident miraculously ended with no one injured on Tuesday, Nov. 20.

According to a Florida Highway Patrol report, Robert Cole Schmidt, 21, of Tallahassee, was westbound in a 1999 Honda Civic in the right travel lane of Interstate 10, approximately one-half mile west of Highway 221.

At the same time, Syrri B. Drinazi, 57, of Jacksonville, was westbound in the right travel lane, driving a 2003 Freightliner.

Schmidt said that he had he cruise control set and was looking down at his cell phone when the front of the Honda struck the rear of the Freightliner.

Both vehicles came to a final rest, facing in a westerly direction on the north shoulder of I-10.

Both Schmidt and Drinazi refused medical treatment at the scene and had no visible injuries from the traffic crash.

FHP Sgt. Gregory Potter was the investigating officer.

Car Damaged In Accident

By Jacob Bemby Greene Publishing, Inc.

A driver escaped injured but his 2005 Chevy Cobalt sustained \$2,000 in damages in an accident, which occurred Tuesday, Nov. 20.

According to a Florida Highway Patrol report, at approximately 5 p.m. that day, Robert Nedhor-Gross, 23, of Tallahassee, was traveling east on Interstate 10 in the left travel lane, approaching mile-marker 251.

Nedhor-Gross traveled off the roadway to the left, onto the grass median. His right tire collided with a drain in the center median, while simultaneously colliding with a reflective marker.

Nedhor-Gross's Chevy Cobalt came to a final rest, facing east.

FHP Trooper H. Rothell was the investigating officer.

Unusual Delivery: Mother Delivers Baby On Interstate



Photo submitted

Rebecca Riegsecker holds Josiah David Riegsecker, born to she and Justin on Nov. 2. Standing with them are daughters, Amelia, left, and Abigail, right.

By Jacob Bemby Greene Publishing, Inc.

When Josiah David Riegsecker is old, he will have a fantastic true story to tell his grandchildren. In a few years, his parents, Justin and Rebecca, will tell him the tale of his birth.

The story is like something you see on sitcoms or on reality television shows. It begins early on a Friday morning. The morning of Nov. 2 to be exact.

Rebecca Riegsecker had plans to have her baby at the Birth Cottage in Tallahassee.

"The midwife had said to call her when the contractions were 10 minutes apart," she said. "The contractions when I had the other two were a lot harder. I waited and thought they would get a lot worse."

At 6 a.m., Rebecca and Justin called Rebecca's parents, Pat and Elaine Doyle, to watch after their two other children, Amelia and Abigail, because they were about to take off for Tallahassee.

"My contractions were a minute apart when they got here," Rebecca said. Rebecca and Justin got in the car, with Elaine and Rebecca's sister, Sharon McClune, riding with them. Pat followed them with the two children.

"On the way, we called the midwife from the road," Rebecca said. "She said, 'You're definitely having that baby on the road.'"

As Justin sped on towards the hospital, Rebecca's water broke and three minutes later, Josiah David was born.

Rebecca caught the baby and Sharon, who is a nurse, unwrapped the umbilical cord from around his neck.

The baby was born at 7:10 a.m. Justin pulled off the road and they waited a couple of minutes to make sure everything was all right before getting back on the road.

Josiah David Riegsecker entered the world, weighing in at five pounds, 14 ounces and measuring 19-and-a-half inches long.

Cowboys Advance To State Semi-Finals

By Jacob Bemby Greene Publishing, Inc.

Fingernails were bitten. People were sitting on the edge of their seats. When it was over, one side let out a collective groan. It was one of two games in 2012 that made the Madison County High School-Pensacola Catholic match-up an "instant classic," as the Pensacola News Journal called it.

Both teams battled to a stalemate after the first quarter and the score was tied 0-0.

With 11:51 left in the second quarter, Keon Bruton found empty space in front of him, thanks to blocking from his teammates, and scooted 50 yards down the field for a touchdown. Zach Money's extra point kick was good and the Cowboys led 7-0.

Undaunted, Pensacola Catholic fought back. With 9:24 left in the second quarter, Simon Smiley scored on a 10-yard run. Bram Majewski put a kick right through the uprights to tie the game at 7-7.

The score remained deadlocked until late in the third quarter when Cowboys' quarterback, D.J. McKnight, ran four yards for a touchdown with 2:48 left in the quarter. Money's extra point attempt was good again and the Cowboys led 14-7.

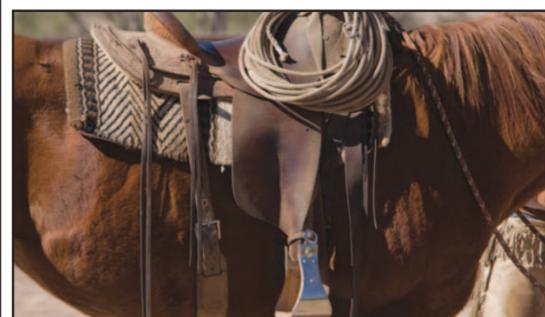
With 6:54 left in regulation, Smiley scored on a three-yard run for Pensacola Catholic and Majewski kicked an extra point to tie the game, 14-14.

A missed field goal opportunity by Money with two seconds left on the clock sent the game into overtime.

In overtime, Money kicked the field goal to win it for the Cowboys, 17-14.

Madison will host the First Academy, from Orlando, on Friday evening, Nov. 30, at Boot Hill in Madison. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m. The winner of the game faces the winner of the Clearwater Central Catholic vs. University School of NSU game for the state championship on Saturday, Dec. 8, in Orlando. Kickoff is set for 1:07 p.m.

Trail Riders To Hold Benefit Ride For Wounded Warriors



By Jacob Bemby Greene Publishing, Inc.

The Trail Riders of Madison County, the South Georgia Trail Riders and Hopes and Dreams Riding Facility will hold a benefit trail ride at the Hopes and Dreams Riding Facility, which is located south of Quitman, Ga., at 6300 Madison Highway, on Saturday, Dec. 1.

Hopes and Dreams is a facility dedicated to wounded warriors, veterans and their families. The mission of the facility is to restore peace to the lives and heal the unseen wounds of veterans and their families through the use of horse therapy, camaraderie and understand.

The ride-out time is set for 9 a.m., with registration set for 7 a.m. Ride participation fee is \$15 per adult rider and \$10 for children, 16 and younger.

To ride, riders must have proof of negative coggins. Horses not meeting this requirement are required to leave. For safety reasons, stud horses will not be permitted. Helmets are also required for all children, age 16 or younger. Minors also have to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Lunch will be provided, at a cost of \$5 per plate, by the Hopes & Dreams Riding Facility, Drinks will be included. Bottled water and soft drinks are also available for purchase or one may bring their own.

Water for horses will be available at the parking area.

For more information, please call Jackie Kirkland, (850) 929-4759; Jo Williams, (850) 929-4117; Bernita Broome, (229) 834-5028; or Jean Stick, (850) 973-3613.

To get to Hopes and Dreams, from Madison, travel State Road 53 into Dreams and the road becomes Georgia Highway 33 (Madison Highway). Look for SGTR signs, MCTR signs and the Hopes and Dreams Riding Facility sign.

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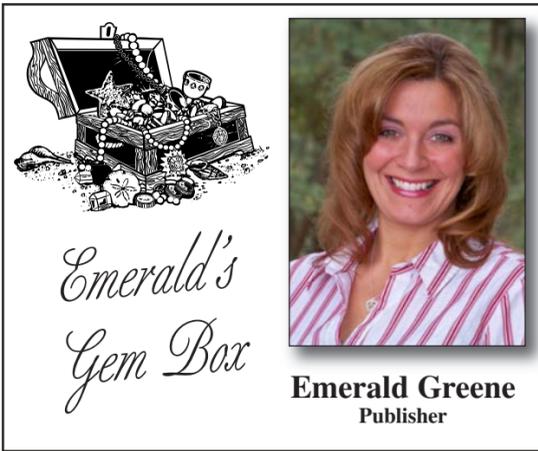
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Local Weather

Table with 4 columns: Day (Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun), Temperature, and Weather description.

VIEWPOINTS & OPINIONS

Happy Birthday, Cheltsie



Tuesday, November 27th, marked the 20th birthday of my oldest daughter, Cheltsie. 20 years old - no longer a teenager!

My, Oh My, How The Years Have Flown. Picture albums prove that 20 years have actually come and gone, but it seems like yesterday she was born. November 27, 1992 fell on the Friday after Thanksgiving. That was the day God blessed me with an eight pound, 20 1/2", baby girl.

It seems like yesterday that I took her to her first day of pre-school and then cried for the next four hours; or when she learned to ride a bike; or lost her first tooth. It even seems just like yesterday that she turned 15 and got a driver's license, or the day I watched her graduate from high school.

Through the years, my parents always told me to hold fast to every moment, that one day it would all just be memories. I have truly learned that, through the years. I've always tried to make each day a good memory, in my life as well as my children's lives.

We raise our children, to the best of our ability, and we try to give them the knowledge and courage to stand on their own two feet, when we cannot be with them. The most that we can hope for is that when they are "on their own" some of that guidance, and knowledge, sticks with them and that they then can make the best decisions/choices, for themselves.

Be with your children, love your children, and share with your children. Today's moments are tomorrow's memories - your memories AND their memories.

So on this milestone of a lifetime; I'd like to wish Cheltsie a very Happy Birthday! I love you and am so very proud of you! You are truly beautiful, on the outside AND on the inside.

I'm so glad God gave you to me - 20 years ago!!!



Rocket's Red Glare

A temporary (aren't they all) truce hangs over southern Israel. For more than a week, hundreds of rockets, supplied by Iran to the terror organization Hamas rained down on Israel from Gaza. Let's examine this situation because I have personal experience and familiarity with the subject.

In the spring of 1972, I was based at the famous South Vietnamese airfield of DaNang, which was nicknamed Rocket City. I spent nearly three months there before my fighter squadron redeployed to Thailand. During my brief stay, the airbase was rocketed by the North Vietnamese 13 times, roughly once a week. The attacks always came at night. A light attack might be five rockets. A heavy attack would have a dozen or more. The rockets would all strike within a minute of each other.

The rockets I faced forty years ago were Soviet built 122 mm Katyusha rockets. The rocket motor would propel a ten pound high explosive warhead about ten miles. Many of you might not know the difference between a missile and a rocket. Both are propelled by rocket motors and have warheads, but missiles have a guidance system (such as infrared or GPS) while rockets are unguided. The real expense in this weapon system is the guidance package so rockets are relatively cheap compared to missiles.

Since rockets are unguided, they are by definition a weapon of terror. The attackers have no control over the flight of

the rocket once the motor lights and don't care where the rockets land. In the attacks on Israel from Gaza, the rockets may land in an open field or a school yard, or anywhere in between. By comparison, the Israel counterattacks have been made with precision guided weapons targeted at the rocket launchers and Hamas military headquarters. The Israelis are following the international laws of armed conflict (LOAC) while terrorist organizations like Hamas could care less. You don't hear that reported in the main stream media, do you?

One of the favorite tactics of Hamas (and contrary to LOAC) is to place their rocket launchers adjacent to a school, hospital or orphanage, hoping that the Israeli counterattack will cause collateral damage to innocents. They are great at playing the victim. The media which squarely favor the Palestinians play along and trumpets Israeli "atrocities" while dupe public opinion plays along.

Speaking of innocents, I'm not sure there are many in Gaza since they popularly elected Hamas to be their governing party. The place is a "snake pit."

During my short stint at DaNang, I understood that it was a dangerous place. Our leadership wasn't too stellar and, as a result, we lost a lot jets. Two of my four roommates were shot down but survived and were rescued. I've already mentioned the frequent rocket attacks. It seemed like

every attack resulted in casualties. One struck just outside my dormitory in Gunfighter Village and shredded an intelligence officer living on the second floor. He had more holes in him than swiss cheese but somehow survived. Speaking of swiss cheese, the food at DaNang was simply awful. I was never so glad to leave a place as I was in mid-June when my squadron left "Rocket City" for the relative safety of Korat Thailand. By comparison, Korat was heaven on earth.

It confounded me that we weren't able to prevent the rocket attacks. There was a North Vietnamese artillery battery stationed just south of DaNang. They had been there for years. When they decided it was time for an attack, they would sneak under cover of darkness to within range; set up their launchers; wire them in series; and leave behind a very simple timer. When the rockets actually took flight, the attackers were long gone. We might have an AC-119 gunship on site with a minute of launch, but it was too late to deter the attack or shoot up the bad guys.

The Israelis are facing something similar. The launchers are well disguised. They pop up into firing position and launch multiple rockets, then quickly retract. I'm certain that the rockets and tactics have become more sophisticated over the past forty years, but the principles remain the same: rockets are cheap weapons of terror that are difficult to defend.

Letters To The Editor

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

Children In Nursing Homes

The Arc Big Bend was saddened to learn that Florida may have institutionalized hundreds of children with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) in nursing homes for years. A series of letters between Assistant U.S. Attorney General Thomas E. Perez and lawyers for the state suggest some children have lived in nursing facilities for more than a decade. The Justice Department's latest letter accuses Florida of refusing to cooperate with its investigation and threatens to file a lawsuit against the state.

Isolating children with I/DD in nursing homes violates their civil rights. The U.S. Supreme Court affirmed this position in its 1999 *Olmstead v. L.C.* ruling, which said the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) protects people with I/DD from being institutionalized. Perez said while visiting facilities across Florida, the Justice Department discovered families who felt they had no choice but to place their children in nursing homes. This is because although the state will pay for their institutionalization, it will not provide enough funding to support less expensive programs that would allow them to remain in their communities.

While the current administration did not cause these problems, it has an opportunity to correct them. The Arc of Florida urges both sides not to waste millions of taxpayer dollars on a lawsuit. We hope they come together and quickly move children with I/DD out of nursing homes.

Submitted by Tim Ressler

Christmas Music

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank the young Deputy Sheriff that came to our house on Thanksgiving Eve for being so nice and professional. He was responding to a complaint from one of our neighbors about our Christmas music being too loud and had called the Sheriff's Department and had requested that a deputy come out to speak to me about turning our music down which we did to the deputy's satisfaction.

We have been putting up Christmas lights for over 20 years and playing music for over 15 years, same music, same sound system, at the same volume. We often sit in front of the carport and listen and watch as children, parents and even seniors walk through the light displays and sing along with the carols. All of this is within 75 feet of the sound system and the closest neighbor is about 1500 feet from it and this is the first complaint we have ever had. So, it shouldn't be a problem.

I normally play Christmas music from 5:30 P.M.-10:30 P.M. However, as of November 23, there will be 12 hours of Christmas music from 10:00 A.M.-10:00 P.M. daily. Please feel free to come out and listen.

Best regards,
Wayne Coody.

CRACKER SEZ BLACK FRIDEE'

I seen' some 'uh my neighbors stand'n 'round their pickups in the grocery store park'n lot, so I pulled in. They was talk'n 'bout the bargains they got on Black fridee'. I asked 'um what Black fridee' was. Roy Tooten said, " That's when all the stores that's in the red get back in the black. People do most 'uh their Christmas shopp'n that day."

Edgar Floyd said he bought 'uh vacuum cleaner fer' his wife. I thought ta' myself, "Women don't like gifts they have ta' work

with." Rudolf Sapp said he bought 'uh pack 'uh socks fer his nephew Bill. I thought ta' myself, "I just seen Bill in the cloth'n store buy'n 10 pairs 'uh socks fer' himself." Roy said he bought 'uh metal deer stand fer Junior Sapp. I thought ta' myself, "Junior prefers home maid, wood stands, n' he's got sevum' already."

Edgar spoke up 'n asked me what'ed I buy. I said, "I didn't buy anything. Money's kinda' tight. I said I'm just gunna' stop in on all my friends 'n tell 'um how

important they are to me." Roy said, "Cracker, folks expect 'uh gift, They're gonna be disappointed."

I thought ta' myself. " I ain't never been disappointed when somebody told me I was important to 'um."

Hey, y'all, If you like fer' me ta' keep yuh' posted on stuff in the neighborhood, give 'um 'uh call at the paper.



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AROUND MADISON COUNTY

Becky's Dancers Will Be "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" At Light Up Madison

By Kristin Finney
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Becky's Dance Steps Studio will be performing during the Light Up Madison event this weekend. The theme for the show is "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree." It will be a very upbeat show, celebrating the Holiday season. The performance will be held this Saturday, December 1 at 4:45pm. It will be south of the Courthouse, in front of the Courthouse Annex on Pinckney Street.

Dancers will range in ages from 3 to 19 years and they will be performing a variety of dances set to Christmas music. The show will start with a

Rockette style kickline featuring tap dancers performing to the show theme, "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree."

Viewers can expect to also see dancing reindeer, snowflakes, elves, toys from Santa's bag and wide-eyed 3 year olds performing "Up on the Hometown." Some of the not so familiar pieces of music being used include: "Santa Drives a Hot Rod," "I Got the Chicken Pox for Christmas," which will feature adorable 5 year olds dancing in Christmas pajamas, "Christmas Island" featuring Hula dancers dressed in Christmas colored costumes, "Santa Wear Your Shorts" which is a tropical themed song, "I Want a

Hippopotamus for Christmas," "Santa Baby," which is a jazz routine, "Gettin' in the Mood for Christmas," which is a 50s style tap dance, "Santa Claus is Coming in a Boogie Woogie Choo Choo Train," which is a country song featuring tap dancers dressed in jeans, Western style shirts, and red and white Christmas cowboy hats and "Mambo, Santa, Mambo" featuring dancers using maracas while dancing the Mambo and forming a Conga line.

This line up guarantees that there will be something there for everyone's enjoyment. Those attending are reminded to bring a lounge chair and possibly a blanket in case it is cold.

Elvis Christmas Show Set For Dec. 7-8 At The Spirit Of The Suwannee Music Park

This event features Ted "Teddy Mac Elvis" McMullen as Elvis, Keith Thrift as Conway Twitty and Dale Bennett as Loretta Lynn...it's an event you will not want to miss!

Christmas is just around the corner and one of America's best Elvis tribute artists, Ted "Teddy Mac Elvis" McMullen, will bring his Christmas gift to his fans Dec. 7 - 8 when he brings his Elvis Christmas Show to the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park (SOSMP) in Live Oak, Fla. Suwannee Lights, the annual Christmas lights extravaganza, will also be in full swing.

An extra treat will be Thursday, Dec. 6, when Teddy Mac Elvis holds his regular karaoke night in the Music Hall where guests have the opportunity to perform while Ted also takes the stage throughout the evening. It's always a great evening and admission is free each Monday and Thursday night for karaoke with Teddy Mac Elvis.

The Christmas event gets underway Friday night, Dec. 7, with a FREE pre-party with Teddy Mac Elvis singing and playing dance music for guests to get out on the dance floor and show off their moves!

Saturday night, Dec. 8, is the big night when Teddy Mac Elvis will perform as Elvis along with special guests Keith Thrift as Conway Twitty and Dale Bennett as Loretta Lynn. Admission Saturday night is \$10 per person, no reserved seating. All three will be in costume Dec. 8. It definitely will be a grand evening! Ladies, don't forget to purchase your roses for Elvis!

This is a perfect event to treat your friends and family to the Elvis Presley era music with Teddy Mac Elvis and the best of country greats with Conway Twitty and Loretta Lynn tribute artists.

As always, the SOS Café and Restaurant will be open each night at 5 p.m. when Teddy Mac Elvis is in the house and shows are from 7 - 10:30 p.m. The Music Hall restaurant features great menus, offers a

full service bar and ample dance floor. All food and drink is at regular prices and are not included in free or priced admission events.

While you're visiting with us in December, stop by the Crafts Village and do a little Christmas shopping and enjoy the beautiful scenery each evening! Our wonderful shops are open and owners are excited to show you handmade soy candles, old tyme candy, original art work, musical instruments and equipment, SOSMP mementos, handmade furniture, wooden crafts and much more as gift ideas.

If you would like to make reservations for RV parking, cabins, primitive camping or camper parking for the SOSMP, call 386-364-1683, email spirit@musicliveshere.com or go to www.musicliveshere.com. If you are traveling to North Florida for the holidays, plan to make the SOSMP your home base and become one of our "camping family members." You may also contact the SOSMP to inquire about any of the many exciting events coming up such as live band performances each Friday and Saturday night, Suwannee Lights and the New Year's Eve Party this year. Coming up in 2013 is the I Remember You Elvis Tribute Artist Contest Jan. 25-27, Aura Festival, Suwannee River Jam Auditions, SpringFest, Wane, the 2013 Suwannee River Jam and much, much more. Call the SOSMP at 386-364-1683 for more information!

The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park is located at 3076 95th Drive 4.5 miles north of Live Oak off US 129 at the famous Suwannee River. The park is 4.5 miles south of Interstate 75 and 4.5 miles north of Interstate 10 off US 129. Keep an eye out for the SOSMP sign and white painted board fence!



Become A VITA Volunteer

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Are you good at math, understanding and filling out complex forms and helping other people do the same? If so, then you may have what it takes to become a VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) Volunteer.

The Madison County Extension office is partnering with the IRS and the United Way of the Big Bend to train people to become VITA team Volunteers and help people in the community keep more of the money they earn.

No experience is necessary. IRS tax consultants will provide free four-hour training, split into two-hour sessions over two days. Volunteers can learn everything they need to know to help other people complete their tax returns, when they make scheduled appointments with a volunteer at the Madison County Extension Office.

The training dates for the those who want to become volunteers are Dec. 3 and 5 (Monday and Wednesday) from 10 a.m. until noon, at the Madison County Extension Office.

For more information or to register for training, call Diann Douglas at (850) 973-4138.

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AROUND MADISON COUNTY

Obituaries

Nichola Jason Waller

Nicholas Jason Waller, age 36, passed away Sunday, November 25, 2012.

Nick had Alport Syndrome, which caused his kidneys to shut down as a teenager. He had two transplants and was currently a patient at DeVita Four Freedoms Dialysis in Madison.

Nick is the son of Jim and DJ Waller of Madison, the grandson of Madge Waller of Madison and Charles and Betty Linehan of San Diego, Cal. His brothers and sisters, Benjamin (Jenn) Wertz, Heidi Waller of Madison, Jennifer (Brian) Swearingen of Eastman, Ga., and Phill (Kelly) Waller of Colbert, Ga., also survive him. He will also be missed by numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

There will be a visitation at Fellowship Baptist Church Thursday night, November 29, 2012, from 6-8 p.m.

The family requests, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alport Syndrome Foundation, 1608 E. Briarwood Terrace, Phoenix, AZ 850-480-9414, www.alportsyndrome.org Email info@alportsyndrome.org.

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

Bruce J. Mathis

Bruce J. Mathis, age 80, of Lake Park, Ga., passed away Tuesday, November 20, 2012, at South Georgia Medical Center in Valdosta, Georgia following a brief illness. Mr. Mathis was a native of Hamilton County, Florida. He was born on July 12, 1932, to the late Alex and Georgia Sweat Mathis. Bruce was a civil engineer for the City of Jacksonville for many years. Mr. Mathis served his country in the United States Navy and Air National Guard. He was predeceased by his first wife and the mother of his son, Mrs. Betty Anderson Mathis. Also preceding him in death was a brother, George Mathis.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Mathis, Lake Park, GA.; one son, Greg Mathis and his wife Gwyn of McDonough, Ga.; three stepdaughters, Stephanie Collins, Madison, Toni Edwards (Jeff), Hahira, Ga., and Jennifer Trejo, Dowling Park, Ga.; two brothers, Jimmy Matthews and Bobby Matthews, both of Lake Park, Ga.; three sisters, Imogene Clark, Lake Park, Ga., Jan Tatch, Alma, Ga., and Francis Johnston, Ft. Lauderdale; two grandchildren, Rachel and Georgia Mathis; five step grandchildren, Allison Taylor, Collin Edwards, Carolanne Edwards, Jaden Smith and Marina Trejo and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, December 1, 2012, at First Baptist Church of Lake Park in Lake Park, GA.

Interment will follow at Burnham Church Cemetery near Jennings.

The family will receive friends at the church in Lake Park on the day of the service, beginning at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Shriners' Hospital for Children, 1822 Palmyra Road, Albany, Georgia 31701.

Harry T. Reid Funeral Home, Jasper, Florida, is in charge of arrangements.

Archie "Buddy" Lee Brown, Jr.

Archie Lee Brown, Jr. was born in Madison on August 20, 1951, to the late Ethel Lou and Archie Lee Brown, Sr. He was called home early Wednesday morning, November 21, 2012. He served in the United States Army and was residing in Tampa at the James A. Haley Veterans Hospital, due to a spinal cord injury that occurred on September 11, 2011.

He leaves to cherish his memory, one daughter, Tamika Brown-Wilson (Johnny) of Madison; three sons, Anthony Brown, Sr. (Erica) of Live Oak, Rodney Christian (Eline) of Marietta, Ga., and Robert Brown of Selma, Ala.; two sisters, Elizabeth "Pie" Ann Lewis (Verdell) and Julaine Williams (Gary) of Jacksonville; two brothers, Joe Williams (Pat) and Charles Brown, Sr. (Stephanie) of Madison; eight grandchildren: Angel Tirado, Jod'lon Brown, Tonisha and Tony Williams, Antanasia, Jefferey and Anthony (Jr.) Brown and Amari Wilson; two great-grandsons, Ros' Cyanah Jackson and Sy'loni Bryant. He also leaves a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and sorrowing family and friends.

Visitation will be at Cooks and Cooper Funeral Home on November 30 between 5-7 p.m. Homegoing services will be held at Pineland Missionary Baptist Church, Inc., on December 1 at 11 a.m. His final resting place will be at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church. Repast will be held at the Madison County Recreation Center complex. Food donations will be received at the recreation center the morning of the funeral. The family would like to thank everyone for their prayers and comforting during their time of bereavement.



Jerry Dean Hyde

Jerry Dean Hyde, age 69, died Saturday, November 24, 2012 at his home in Lee.

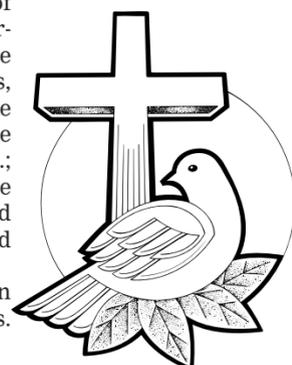
A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m., Saturday, December 1, 2012 at Lee First United Methodist Church.

He was born in Augusta, Ark., and moved to Lee in 1987, coming from Lake City. He enjoyed drag racing and being with his racing friends.

He worked as the Chief Operator for Occidental Distributed Chemical Co.

He is survived by his wife: Nancy Hyde; one son: Jerry Proffitt and (Eve) of Brandon; two daughters: Lisa Tuten (Eddie) of Lee and Stephanie Burnett (Brian) of Lake Park, Ga.; two brothers, S. V. Hyde (Rose) of Lake City and Edward Hyde (Faye) of Augusta, Ark.; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and many nieces and nephews.

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Blood Drive In Memory Of Misti Mae Wyno

By Kristin Finney
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Clyattville Methodist Church, located in Clyattville, Ga. will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive and a new

toy drive in honor of Misti Mae Wyno this Saturday, December 1. The drive will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you are interested in participating in the drives or have any questions please call 1-800-733-2767. Appointments for the blood drive can be made by calling that number or by visiting redcrossblood.org and entering the sponsor code: misti-mae. Toys brought in for the toy drive are requested to not be wrapped and to be new. The toys that are collected will be given to The Haven in Valdosta where they will be wrapped and distributed.

Misti Mae Wyno was married to Jason Wyno. The two celebrated their second wedding anniversary on April 23, 2011. Later that same year, on September 3, Misti was in a truck accident that left her with several injuries. Her back was broken in three places. The emergency room doctor said that she might never walk again. By the time she turned 40 on December 4, 2011, she was able to walk some without her walker.

Having worked the night shift at Advanced Vessel and Alloy in Valdosta, Jason was sleeping. Just before lunchtime, Misti walked to a neighbor's house, leaving their dog inside. On the way back home, she was attacked by a pit bull. A neighbor found her and with Jason's help they tried to save her. When the EMS

workers arrived they tried their best, but were unable to save her life. She was pronounced dead at 1:45 p.m. on December 8, 2011.

Misti worked for Zant's Flower Shop in Valdosta for 18 years. She was a floral designer. Her parents are

Sandy and Irvin Casey. She has one child, DJ Hall. Jason is from Cherry Lake and his parents are Frank and Emogene Bass Wyno.

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AROUND MADISON COUNTY

Back to School For Senior Citizens: NFCC Offers Free Courses

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Mary Ann Wheeler, Dean of Enrollment and Student Services at North Florida Community College, visited the 55 Plus Club's November meeting to give club members a brief overview of the school's history and talk about some of the things NFCC has to offer those aged 65 and older.

In the 1950s, when the Florida Legislature created the statewide system of community colleges and authorized funding for the same, Live Oak and Madison vied to have one of those colleges located in their respective counties. Thanks largely to the efforts of Turner Davis, Madison won out, and today, Turner Davis Drive in front of NFCC bears his name.

While the groundbreaking took place and construction began on the 40-plus acre campus, the college's first president, Dr. Marshall Hamilton, oversaw a small group of classes that met in various locations around town – in the Tri-County Co-op building, the first United Methodist Church, the First Baptist Church of Madison, and even some rented space in the Mercer House.

Meanwhile, during the racial segregation of the 50s, a similar system of black community colleges was created alongside each white community college, and Suwannee River Junior College was built to complement North Florida Junior College.

In the 1960s, official segregation ended and Suwannee River merged with North Florida.

In 1993, North Florida Junior College became North Florida Community College. Today, the NFCC campus covers 165 acres, offering A.A. and A.S. degrees, as well as certificates in various occupations to prepare graduates for the workforce. In three to five years' time, it may also offer four-year bachelor degree programs, in keeping with the current statewide trend among community colleges.

While NFCC is the second smallest community college in Florida, it serves the largest geographic area in the state, covering six counties: Madison, Jefferson, Taylor, Suwannee, Lafayette and Hamilton.

"We're big believers in the personal touch," she said, whether it was general education and getting needed electives in preparation for a major, or for some other type of certification. The small environment and smaller classes, where students and teachers could get to know each other, was often a big help for students making the transition from home-town high school to four-year universities, where freshman classes could contain as many as 600-700 students each.

Additionally, NFCC considers itself a community school, serving the community members of all ages.

"What does the college do for you?" she asked, as she went on to explain what NFCC had to offer.

For those aged 65 and over, there are tuition-free courses on a space-available basis. Those not yet 65 will have to pay tuition, but there are also various scholarships available to help.

There is a one-time application fee of \$20, but once you are in the system, you don't have to pay again, and you can take courses either for academic credit, meaning you will take all the quizzes, tests and assignments, and receive a grade, or you can "audit" the class, meaning that you attend for your own enrichment and not for academic credit; no tests, no pop quizzes and no homework assignments. Anyone who has always wanted to learn more about art or history or literature, but found the prospect of taking tests intimidating, need not worry.

Seniors may also want to learn the basics about computers or sharpen computer skills they already have. NFCC offers classes in beginning computers as well as more advanced classes in software applications. There are computer labs with available tu-

tors located throughout the campus, as well as in the library.

Once the application is filled out and processed, you can register for classes you want to take on the first day that class begins. The reason – after the first day, NFCC knows for certain how many of its tuition paying students will actually show up and how many seats will be left in any given class. Once you're in a class, you will have to pay any labs fees that may be required and buy the books you'll need.

As is the case with many small schools, when money gets tight, some things have to be cut. NFCC has had to cut its music program, but Wheeler stated that the college was hoping to bring the program back in the future when economic times improved.

The college also had to cut its athletic program because it could no longer afford to compete at the level necessary to maintain the program. However, it now offers a fitness program that focuses on maintaining well-being and health, and NFCC's Colin Kelly Fitness Center is also open to seniors and other members of the community.

NFCC serves a diverse demographic that includes people of all ages, and the average age of an NFCC student is 27.

For a list of available classes, pick up a Class Schedule at any of several locations on campus, or go online at www.nfcc.edu and take a look at the class catalogue and course descriptions. For questions or more information, contact Mary Ann Wheeler at (850) 973-1605, or email her at WheelerM@nfcc.edu.



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Mary Ann Wheeler, Dean of Enrollment and Student Services at NFCC, talks to the 55 Plus Club about continuing education for seniors.

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SCHOOL

LATMA Academy Hosts "Bring A Veteran To School Day"



Photo submitted

The students of LATMA Christian Academy perform a patriotic musical number in honor of their visiting veterans.

By Lynette Norris
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School was out for Veteran's Day on Monday, but LATMA Academy honored American veterans the very next day with "Bring a Veteran to School Day."

Several veterans, including John Thomas, Willis "Billy" Bruton, James Williams and Bubba Greene, along with friends and family of LATMA Academy students, visited the school for a special

The students gave a presentation for their visiting veterans that included a devotional and musical selections "American the Beautiful" and "This Land is Your Land." They also dedicated a third selection, "Thank You, Lord," to their guests, the veterans who have sacrificed so much for American freedoms.

The visiting veterans spoke to the children about their experiences in the military and their faith. Special guest Edmund J. Johnson, NC 1, US Navy, talked to the stu-

dents about the various branches of the armed forces and explained how each one was different. The children had a chance to ask questions and learn more during the question and answer period that followed.

The children not only honored their visiting veterans, they also showed them how they themselves were learning to reach out to their fellow citizens, with a project called "Glove Notes," for the victims of Hurricane Sandy.

"They're little workers and they like to do things," said LATMA principal, Dr. Emily Spencer. The children had wanted to do something for the storm vic-

tims after seeing the images of massive destruction on the news.

So now, LATMA students are going through boxes of disposable gloves (500 pairs per box) and putting handwritten notes of prayer and encouragement in one finger of each glove. The youngest students are drawing pictures representing hope and encouragement.

The boxes of gloves are being sent to the Red Cross to disperse to storm victims as they begin the months-long process of clean-up, sifting through the debris of their lives, trying to piece something back together. When they put on the gloves,

they will find the messages of love, prayer, and encouragement from the children who have been thinking about them.

"I know it will touch people, that these are children reaching out to them," said Spencer. "It's not money, but sometimes, money just doesn't cut it."

So far, the children have prepared four boxes (2000 pairs) of gloves, which are being sent off as they are finished, and Spencer hopes they'll eventually be able to do ten boxes. The clean-up process will be a long one, and LATMA students will keep sending the gloves as long as there is a need.

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SCHOOL

Madison County High School Prepares Students For Careers

By Lynette Norris
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Sam Stalnaker, Coordinator for Career Education in Madison County, realizes that not every high school student will go on to college, and that preparing them for the workforce after graduation is of great importance.

While it is good to have people focused on getting college-bound high school students ready for further education, Stalnaker believes it is equally important to focus on students who will be going directly into the workforce, making sure they have not only the skills, but in many cases, the industry certification as well, that will make them more employable. Upon successfully completing these programs, they will have not only a high school diploma, they will have also earned an industry certification in their chosen field.

"These are high-skill, high-wage, high-demand occupations," he said. The students who enroll in these courses will complete them in addition to their regular high school class requirements, and in many cases, they are learning skills that would require tuition or training fees at an industrial or technical school.

The nine programs at Madison County High School include: nail tech, early childhood, culinary, industrial biotech, web design, digital design, criminal justice, Allied health, agri-technology and animal science and services.

Greta Thornton, from the Suwanee-Hamilton Technical Center, teaches the students everything they will need to know in order to become certified and licensed for a position at a nail salon. They will practice techniques for applying acrylic nails, fiberglass nail and gel nails, learn how to give manicures and pedicures, become familiar with the state rules and regulations that apply to the nail technician industry in Florida and also receive HIV/AIDS training.

Before the students can even apply for a license with the state, they must complete 240 "clock hours" and perform 95 services for clients. The nail tech classes give them the opportunity to complete those hours and services, with a chance to practice their skills on faculty members and oth-

ers. So far, three students have graduated from the nail tech programs, and two are now working in nail salons.

The industrial-biotech classes, taught by Paige Thomas, are grant-funded and centered toward STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) occupations, with hands-on lab work training. On test day, if the students show up in professional dress, they receive extra credit on their test scores.

The culinary program, overseen by Robin Smith, works with five full sets of kitchen appliances, and this year, part of the work area is being upgraded with some commercial equipment, including a three-bay sink for washing, drying and sterilizing dishes. Students who complete this class will have the "safe-serve" certification that is now a must-have for a position with a restaurant with five or more employees.

The early childhood development program teaches its student the "teaching skills" they will need, including how to prepare lesson plans, and prepares them to take the Early Childhood Professional Certification test at NFCC. This certification is required for working at any daycare or preschool facility in the state, and can also become a good background the teaching profession. Graduates of this program will can work as teaching assistants, or go on to a teaching program in college.

The Allied Health program is a medical skills class, where the students have to pass a skills test and a written test overseen by the Florida Department of Health. They will then have the skills and the certification necessary to become CNAs (certified nursing assistants), the first rung in the ladder of the health care profession. They will also be qualified for work in some nursing homes in the state.

The classroom includes a mock-up of a clinic area where students, dressed in maroon scrubs, practice on mannequins, learning how to use equipment to take blood pressure and other vital signs, how to change bed linens with the patients still in the bed as well as other general personal care skills. This program is also a good foundation for students



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Tenth graders Kylie Greenlee, Erin Barrs and Celina Quintana learn how to prepare lesson plans for preschoolers in MCHS's early childhood development program.

who decide on further health care education and training at the college level.

The criminal justice program teaches students crime scene analysis, DNA analysis and other skills needed for certification in a criminal justice career.

The agri-technology and animal science program teaches the students everything they need to know to run a small farm, from handling livestock to growing the corn and hay to feed them, the operating the feed grinders, tractors and other modern farm equipment. Each year, the students sell the hay and corn they raise, and the profits help fund the program. They also enter steers and hogs in livestock shows.

In several of the programs, if the students pass the certification exam and then decide to pursue their education in that field at the college level, the high school has numerous agreements with several area college and technical training centers (including NFCC, Taylor Tech and Suwanee County Technical Center) that will allow the students to receive college credit for the courses they have already taken at MCHS - in both semester hours and "clock hours."

Each of the Career Training Programs also has its own CTSO (Career and Technical Student Organization). The agri-tech program has the Future Farmers of America (FFA), the information technology programs have the Future Business Leaders of American (FBLA), the Allied Health program has the Health

Occupation Student Association (HOSA), the early childhood development program has the Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) and so forth.

The club underscores the industry skills the students must learn for their careers by teaching them leadership skills along with communication, teamwork and critical thinking, all necessary to being successful in the workplace. As an example of leadership skills, Stalnaker points out MCHS student Clay Sapp, who was recently elected the National FFA President.

The student clubs are also involved in community outreach programs. Most recently, they have conducted a Thanksgiving Food Drive, collecting non-perishable food items. They had the items on temporary display in a glass case outside the main office at MCHS, where all students could see them and pay one dollar to guess how many items were in the case. All the money raised, as well as, the food items in the case were donated to local food banks in time for the Thanksgiving holiday.

With these programs, the math, science and

reading of high school are integrated into job and industry skills. "It's not just learning how to do," said Stalnaker. "It's becoming a well-rounded person."

In the future, Stalnaker hopes to add a tenth program to the high school's offerings: welding.

The programs benefit not only the students, but the school as well, he pointed out. The school receives extra points toward its school grade and extra FTE funding for every student enrolled in the programs.

"I'm very proud of what these programs are doing," Stalnaker said.

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SPORTS

Madison Academy Panthers Defeat Aucilla Warriors

On Tuesday, November 20, the Madison Academy boys' basketball team defeated Aucilla Christian Academy (35-26) at NFCC's gym.

The Panthers were led in scoring by Michael Goley with 11 points and Jim Flournoy with nine points. Stephen Miller chipped in seven points while John Flournoy and Bailey Browning added four points each. The Panthers jumped out to an early lead and never relinquished the lead throughout the game. The Warriors were led in scoring by Timothy Finlayson with 18 points.

Panthers Head Coach T.J. Green said he was proud of the effort his team put forth and was looking forward to continued improvement throughout the sea-

son. The Panthers record now stands at 1-1. Their down-to-the-wire loss to New Testament (29-27) opened their season on November 15. Scorers were: Michael Goley (9 points), Jim Flournoy (8 points), John Flournoy (5 points), Stephen Miller (3 points), and Ross Bass (2 points).

The Panthers play two games next week both at NFCC's gym. The first game was Monday, November 26 at 5:30 p.m. versus Highland Christian. The second game is Thursday, November 29 at 4:30 p.m. versus Providence Christian.

Come out, enjoy some exciting basketball and support the Panthers.



Photo submitted by Lisa Flournoy

Jim Flournoy (number 12) scores for the Panthers.



Photo submitted by Lisa Flournoy

Ross Bass shoots a free in the game against New Testament Christian School.



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John Flournoy dribbles past an Aucilla defender.



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Michael Goley shoots a free throw in the game against Aucilla.

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SPORTS

LADY WARRIORS OFF TO WINNING SEASON

By Fran Hunt

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Aucilla Christian Academy Head Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach Daryl Adams has released the roster for this year's team and gave the results of the first several games.

In splitting two pre-season games and winning the first three games of the regular season, the Lady Warriors are off to a winning season.

Playing fort Aucilla this year are Ashli Cline, Pamela Watt, Brooke Kinsley, Michaela Metcalf, Ashley Schofill, Marissa Duber, Lauren Demott, Ashley Hebert, Payal Chaudhari and Whitney Stevens.

In the first pre-season game, Aucilla faced off against Taylor County and the Lady Warriors came out on top of a 53-47 scoreboard.

Cline bucketed for 21 points and had 10 rebounds for a double-double, with two steals and two draw charges.

Kinsley targeted for 14 points, had three rebounds, one assist, two steals and one blocked shot.

Watt scored six points, with 10 rebounds, and 10 assists for a double-double, and had eight steals.

Metcalf had four points, five rebounds and four steals.

Schofill scored six points, had four rebounds, one assist and four steals.

Stevens had two points and one assist.

Demott had six rounds and one assist.

Duber had six rebounds and one blocked shot.

In the second pre-season game, Aucilla hit the hardwood against Leon County and the Lady Warriors were slammed for a 49-18 loss.

Cline had three points and nine rebounds.

Kinsley scored five points, with three rebounds and one assist.

Watt bucketed for five points, with two rebounds, three assists and two steals.

Metcalf scored one points and had five rebounds.

Schofill had three points and three rebounds.

Demott had one point, two rebounds and two steals.

Duber had five rebounds.

Stevens had three rebounds and one assist.

Hebert had one assist.

In the first regular game of the season, November 12, Aucilla faced off against Madison and the Lady Warriors squeaked their opponent for a 56-55 victory.

Cline bucketed eight points, had 11 rebounds and three steals.

Kinsley scored three points, with six rebounds and two steals.

Watt targeted for 18 points, with four rebounds, three assists and seven steals.

Metcalf shot for 11 points, with six rebounds and one steal.

Schofill bucketed 12 points, with nine rebounds, two assists and four steals.

Demott scored four points, with two rebounds, one assist and one steal.

Duber had five rebounds and two steals.

Aucilla went in against North Florida Christian on November 13 and the Lady Warriors bounced their opponent for a 47-34 win.

Cline targeted for 13 points and had 11 rebounds for a double-double, with two steals and two blocked shots.

Kinsley bucketed 12 points, with four rebounds, four assists and five steals.

Metcalf scored seven points, with seven rebounds, two assists and two steals.

Watt scored two points, with five rebounds, five assists and three steals.

Schofill had four points, with two rebounds and two steals.

Demott had one point and one steal.

Hebert scored two points.

Steven bucketed six points, with three rebounds and two steals.

Duber had one rebound and one steal.

Aucilla faced off against North Florida Christian for a second time on November 15, and the Lady Warriors came out with a 40-32 victory.

Cline targeted for 17 points and had 11 rebounds for a double-double, with one steal.

Kinsley bucketed five points, with two rebounds, two assists and one steal.

Watt had nine points, four rebounds, four assists and two steals.

Metcalf scored two points and had eight rebounds.

Stevens scored seven points and had one assist.

Schofill had seven rebounds.

Duber had two steals.

The Lady Warriors played against Franklin County, November 20 and Highland Christian Academy, November 27, but those statistics were not available at press time

Action continues against FAMU, November 29 at 6 p.m., away; and St. Francis, November 30 at 5:15 p.m., home.

Liberty County, December 3 at 6 p.m., away; John Paul II, December 4 at 6 p.m., away; and Highland Christian Academy, December 6 at 6 p.m., home.



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

CASE NO. 2012-CA-108

ROGER D. SHIELDS and JANE K. BERRY,
Plaintiffs,

vs.
WILLIAM TYSON; MOTT BUICK COMPANY; and UNKNOWN TENANTS,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Madison County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in Madison County, Florida, described as:

Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13, Block 12, Greenville Investment Company's Lands, according to the plat thereof as recorded in the clerk of the Circuit Court recorded in Deed Book 25, Page 800 and Plat Book 1, Page "G" of the Public Records of Madison County, Florida.

at public sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the South front door of the Madison County Courthouse, 125 SW Range Avenue, Madison, Florida, 32340 at 11:00 a.m., on December 6, 2012. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, other than the property owner, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

DATED 13 day of November, 2012.



TIME SANDERS
Clerk of Circuit Court

By: Ramona Dickinson
Deputy Clerk

11/21, 11/28

NOTICE OF INTENTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF A PROPOSED COUNTY ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 2012 - _____
AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO REPEAL AND REPLACE ORDINANCE NO. 2010 - 190 ENTITLED FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE; TO AMEND CHAPTER 6, PART 1A, OF THE MADISON COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; TO ADOPT FLOOD HAZARD MAPS, TO DESIGNATE A FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR, TO ADOPT PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA FOR DEVELOPMENT IN FLOOD HAZARD AREAS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; REPEALER; SEVERABILITY; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ordinance will be considered for adoption by the Board of County Commissioners of Madison County, Florida, at public hearings. It will first be heard by the Planning & Zoning Board for recommendations on December 13, 2012 at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the Courthouse Annex Board Room, located at 229 SW Pinckney Street, Madison, Florida. It will then be heard by the Board of County Commissioners on December 19, 2012 at 4 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard at the same location.

The proposed ordinance may be inspected by the public during regular business hours at the office of the Planning Department, 229 SW Pinckney Street, Madison, Florida 32340. All interested parties may appear at the above meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. The proposed ordinance may be modified at the above meetings.

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Notice of Sale Pursuant to Chapter 83, Part IV

Under the Authority of the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Section 83.805 the described below has been seized for nonpayment of rent and other accrued expenses. The property consists primarily of household & personal goods in units rented by: **Victoria Solomon, Terrisha Evans, Shaquitha Whitfield, Bridgette Jackson, Sharonda Pryor and Savilla Murphy**. The property will be sold at auction to the highest bidder as provided by the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Section 83.806. The sale will be held Saturday December 1, 2012, at the Madison Mini Storage, 1098 E. U.S. Hwy 90, in Madison, Florida. For further information call 850-973-2008.

11/23, 11/28

NOTICE: the District School Board of Madison County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held in the School Board Meeting Room of the Superintendent's Office 210 N.E. Duval Avenue, Madison, FL.

Changes to Policy: Student Progression Plan

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11/28

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

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS, CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-11,

Plaintiff,

CASE NO.: 40 2010 CA 000025
DIVISION:

vs.

MELISSA J. BURKE, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated November 20, 2012 and entered in Case No. 40 2010 CA 000025 of the Circuit Court of the THIRD Judicial Circuit in and for MADISON County, Florida wherein THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, 2007-111, is the Plaintiff and MELISSA J. BURKE, et al, are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at WEST DOOR OF THE MADISON COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 21 day of December, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 13, BLOCK H OF NORTHWOOD SUBDIVISION UNIT II, AS PER THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1 PAGE N OF THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 160 NE CARTER COURT, MADISON, FL 32340

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 sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on November 21, 2012.

Tim Sanders
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: /s/ Ramona Dickinson
Deputy Clerk

11/28, 12/5

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2011-CA-000432

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-22,
Plaintiff,

vs.
JONATHAN S. FERRELL, ET AL.
Defendants

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
(Please publish in THE MADISON COUNTY COURIER)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 13, 2012, and entered in Case No. 2011-CA-000432, of the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit in and for MADISON County, Florida. THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-22 (hereinafter "Plaintiff"), is Plaintiff and JONATHAN S. FERRELL; KITTY FERRELL FKA KITTY SMITH NKA KITTY PAULRENE SMITH; ATLANTIC CREDIT AND FINANCE INC., AS ASSIGNEE OF HSBC CARD SERVICES, et al, (hereinafter "Defendants") are the Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the FRONT DOOR OF the Courthouse, 125 SW Range Avenue, Madison, at 11:00 a.m., on the 24 day of December, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

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Dated this 14 day of Nov, 2012.
(SEAL)

TIM SANDERS
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY: Ramona Dickinson
At Deputy Clerk



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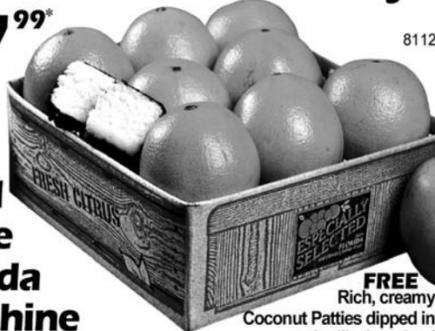
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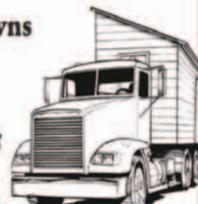
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Huge Crowd Enjoys Old Fashioned Day

By Jacob Bemby
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A crowd of over 300 people enjoyed the annual Old Fashioned Day event at the farm of Jack and Simmie

Pickels, known as the Sugar Shack.

Cane grinding, butter churning and other fun events were on tap for the day. Gospel music was performed by LifeSong and the choir from New Home Baptist Church, under the direction of Kevin Andrews.

A special message was delivered by Rev. Tom Ray

Kelley in a brush arbor, which has been constructed at the Sugar Shack.



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Allene Grubbs, left, and Donna Andrews make butter the old-fashioned way.



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New Home Baptist Pastor Benjie Dyal, left, stands with Jack Pickels, who hosts the Old Fashioned Day every year on his farm.



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New Madison County Tax Collector Lisa Tuten, left, and former Supervisor of Elections Linda Howell stir up some food at the Old Fashioned Day.



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Lifesong was the special guest singers at the Old Fashioned Day at Jack and Simmie Pickels' Sugar Shack on Saturday, Nov. 17. From left to right: Bryant Thigpen, Jessica Ratliffe and Ethan Brooks.



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Donald and Jackie Johnson were enjoying the Old Fashioned Day at Jack and Simmie Pickels' farm.



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Alaina Pickels, Howard Pickels, Donna Pickels and Ben Pickels, shown left to right, were enjoying working at the annual Old Fashioned Day at the farm of Howard's parents, Jack and Simmie Pickels.

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Outside, the children celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday with a special Party Club, lining up for a short game with Club Leaders Paula Adams, Deborah Brown and Cindy Brown, while Kara Washington sets up the refreshments on the picnic table.



Good News Clubs Have Really Good News This Year

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The Good News Clubs at Pinetta Elementary and Madison County Central Schools have some really good news this year, says Kara Washington, one of the leaders and organizers for both clubs. So far, seven children have made decisions to follow Christ – two at the Central School and five at Pinetta.

“Their families are really excited that they’ve made this decision so early in life,” Washington added, “and we’re excited too.”

The First Baptist Church sponsors the clubs, but volunteers from several churches, including Pinetta Baptist, Pinetta Methodist and the Unity Church of Hanson are also involved, and the Good News Club is always looking for more interested volunteers to share in the excitement.

The Good News Club is in its fourth year at Pinetta and MCCS, and there are about 25 to 30 children in both clubs who attend each week – a core group of faithful followers who attend regularly as well as a few who come and go.

“We’ve seen a really good excitement for the club this year, with the kids inviting their friends and getting excited about the club.” Washington added.

The clubs are open to anyone, but the students do have to get permission slips from their parents before they can attend the after-school activity.

At PES, the club meets every Thursday ...*Story cont. on Page 6B...*



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Paula Adams helps the children learn their memory verse for the week.



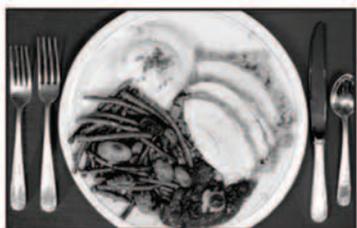
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“It All Adds Up:” Betty Gazlay Tells Why It Pays To Give To The United Way

By Jacob Bemby
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The Salvation Army bell ringers will be in front of local stores soon, ringing bells to usher in the Christmas season and to raise money for the needy.

Betty Gazlay said that she has no problem helping the Salvation Army. Years ago, Steve McHargue, who was the pastor at Fellowship Baptist Church at the time, asked her if she would be in charge of the bell ringers for the church. Without hesitation, she told him that it would be a privilege because of what the organization had meant to her family when she was a child.

When Gazlay was three years old, her father contracted tuberculosis.

“Back then, he was put in a sanitarium for seven years, because it was very contagious,” she said. “My mother couldn’t work because there were four children between three to nine years of age. This was before welfare.”

The Salvation Army and the family’s church fed and clothed the family for seven years until Gazlay’s father came home.

Later, Gazlay’s mother joined the military.

“After we all left home, my mother became a Salvation Army soldier for over 20 years, giving back to them for taking care of her family in our time of need,” Gazlay said.

She said the organi-



zation stands above all other charities because, instead of just caring for physical needs, they also care about spiritual needs.

“I cannot go by a bell ringer without putting something in the kettle, even if it’s just a little change,” Gazlay

said. “It all adds up.”

Reflecting on her own childhood, she said, “When I was a child, I didn’t understand why God let some people have so much and others so little. It didn’t seem fair. As an adult, I’m thankful that we were poor because I now can look back and see how the Lord protected us, and our dependence was on him. Even though I didn’t have things I wanted, He supplied all of our needs.”

Gazlay advises people, “The next time you feel really stressed and don’t want to think about any more problems

that have come your way that day, instead of reading a magazine, TV, newspaper, computer or even a good book, spend time in the only Book that will fill that empty place and give you that peace beyond anything that you can comprehend.”

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The Pulpit

**Richard Sauls
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WHAT DO WE WANT FOR CHRISTMAS? We trim the Christmas tree. We decorate the house with colored lights. But most of us spend much time and money on purchasing presents for everyone in the family. We are careful about the sizes, the colors, the styles, and the prices. These are the traditional things we do every year. Today, in America, we have many different cultures and an entire rainbow of traditions.

Presents Or Presence?

As we drive through a neighborhood, we “ooh” and “aah” at the beautiful wreaths on the doors, the lights on outside trees, and the greenery that forms the windows.

Inside the home, there is the smell of plum pudding, fruitcake, hot apple cider, and a big turkey. Every family puts their own special touch to the Christmas scene. And if we were to ask each person to tell us something they like most about Christmastime, it would vary from one person to another, mostly according to age.

But high on the list of everyone would be the item of presents. A list is usually made by every child long before Christmas comes, stating what they want to find under the Christmas tree.

If you were asked today, “What do you want for Christmas this year?” and you had to make a choice between PRESENTS and PRESENCE, which would be more important?

Just suppose your son and/or daughter lived hundreds of miles away. They have sent you their Christmas list of things they want. You have made your list of things you want.

Funds have been set aside to cover these expenses. Now, you get a call from that son or daughter. “Dad, we are limited with our money

this year. We have only \$150. We can either buy gifts to put under the tree or pay our way to come home. We need you to help us make the decision.”

We would say that this is a “no-brainer.” We would rather have their PRESENCE than their PRESENTS. The warmth of the human touch, the laughter, the conversations, and the sweet family fellowship all outweigh the PRESENTS. This can only come through PRESENCE.

The Bible surrounds itself with the family and its importance. In the beginning of creation, God started the human race with family and planned events for the family to celebrate.

Christmastime may seem to be a little out of hand with so much commercialism, but we did not create the idea of celebration and family togetherness.

There were several celebrations in the Scriptures. The Feast of the Passover, the Feast of Tabernacle, the Sabbath Day, Pentecost, and other called events are only a few of the many times designed for families to come together. Food, drink, prayers, and songs were all a part of the time.

When we are with family, we feel safe.

Which do you wish for this Christmas -- presents or presence?



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never get all that water into that one little hole. It cannot be done." To which the boy responded, "Well then you are wasting your time writing about God. You will never get all of him into that one little book."

That little boy was right. God is bigger than our books, our doctrines, our belief statements, and our theories about him – far bigger. I now resist even using the words "theory" or "explanation" when speaking of God, because these imply that we can figure it all out, when we can't.

We get fooled into thinking that the totality of the holy, the Incarnation of God in the flesh, the essence of the Creator, can get crammed into one book, one series of sermons, one doctrinal system, or one denomination. How can that be possible when the entire universe cannot contain God?

The best we can do is use the tools at our disposal: Words, metaphors, stories, and pictures. We use these to describe our relationship with the Almighty and with his world. And even then, we are attempting to express the inexpressible. In some ways, every time we open our mouths to describe God, we commit heresy; because whatever we say will be wrong.

Like the proverbial blind men describing an

elephant, we articulate our own understanding best we can, of what we cannot and have not clearly seen. But these understandings, these blind explorations, can quickly become unyielding dogma. We get locked into one perspective, discounting the views of others. Then we become more committed to our dogma than we are to our relationship with God.

C. S. Lewis explained it like this: "Suppose a man looks out at the Atlantic Ocean. Then he goes and looks at a map of the Atlantic Ocean. When he does that, he has turned from something real to something less real. He has turned from actual waves and salty air to 'a bit of colored paper.'"

Now, the map is important, because it is based on what hundreds and thousands of people have found out by sailing the real Atlantic. And, if you want to go anywhere, the map is necessary, but it's not the real thing. Lewis concludes that our beliefs are just like that map; important, yes, but a weak representation of the genuine.

What we believe about God is not God. These are bits of colored paper pointing to what is real and actual. Yet, our tendency is to fall in love with the map, when God wants us to love him. We are skilled at knowing ...*Story cont, on Page 5B...*

There is an old story told about Augustine, the early church father, and a little boy on a beach. At the time, Augustine was writing his book on the Trinity and was walking along the seashore, deep in thought. Augustine noticed the little boy pouring seawater into a hole that had been dug in the sand.

The little boy would go down to the surf, scoop up handfuls of the salty water, and quickly carry it back to the hole and dump it in. The boy did this repeatedly. Augustine finally asked the little boy what he was doing. The boy answered, "I am pouring the sea into this hole I have dug."

Augustine smiled, and then said to the boy, "Young man, you are wasting your time. You will



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Keeping The Faith

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the ins-and-outs of all our religious charts, but God wants us to know him. After all, we cannot have a relationship with a map. We cannot commune with a theological concept. We cannot experience creed or dogma. But we can relate to, commune with, and experience God, a God that is an ever unfolding mystery of wonder and grace, larger than the universe.

So let's not sit on the beach, reading the map, concluding that words and paper are all that faith is about. Instead, let's hit the water, and with the wind in our face, we can begin to learn that merely thinking or learning about God is a poor substitute for actually experiencing him.

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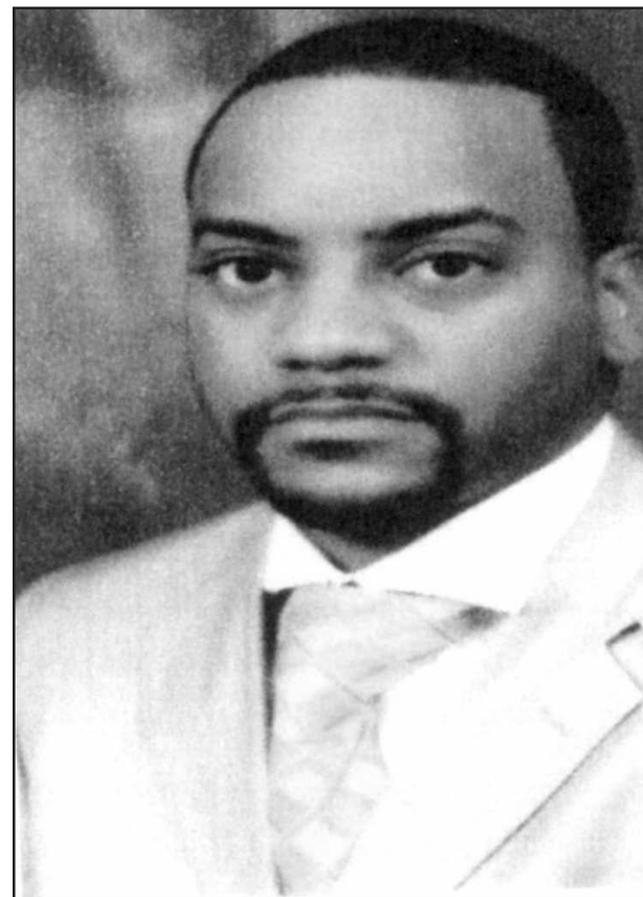
New Pastor To Be Installed At Damascus Missionary Baptist Church

Rev. Dr. Martae I. Telfair-Smith, Sr. will be installed as the pastor of Damascus Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday, Dec. 2, at 3 p.m.

The special guest speaker for the occasion will be Rev. Thomas D.A. Blue, pastor of New Bibleway Baptist Church of Gainesville.

The FAMU Legacy Concert Choir will be the guest choir.

Everyone is invited to attend the service.



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Good News Club

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afternoon, a little after 3 p.m., in Washington's classroom, usually with the team of Washington, Deborah Brown, Cindy Brown and Paula Adams, for a Bible story, music time, memory verse games, memory verse recitals and a review of what they have learned.

During the school year, they also celebrate four special "Party Clubs" recognizing the holidays of Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's and Easter. With some light refreshments that make it a little more of a party atmosphere, it's a lot of fun for the children as they learn about the special significance those holidays hold for Christians.

The Nov. 15 Good News Club meeting was the Thanksgiving Party Club at PES, and the theme was, of course, giving – the many ways we give to God, and the way He so much more back to us in return.

As the children arrived, they checked in and recited last week's memory verse and settled into their seats to hear the story of missionary Arthur Mouw and his work with the Dyak people of West Borneo.

The Dyak people lived in dire poverty, with very little in the way of material goods...and certainly no money. Nevertheless, Mouw felt that God wanted him to teach the people about giving and tithing.

His colleagues were skeptical and felt that "giving" would be a difficult concept to get across to people who had just barely enough for daily living, but when Mouw spoke to them about giving and explained what it was, he found that the people, despite their poverty, agreed with him. They certainly did not have much, but they believed that God had been good to them and



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Kara Washington answers a question during the Bible story portion of the Good News Club.

they could give back a tenth of whatever they had, whether it was rice or chickens or whatever.

As they began bringing these items in, Mouw would take them into towns and sell them, and use the money to buy nails. It time, he had acquired enough nails to begin building a church. As the church began taking shape, more and more people began coming to the services, and the offerings increased. Soon the word of *...Story cont. on Page 7B...*

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God was spreading to other villages of West Borneo, as God continued to bless the people who had learned to give without fear, even when they had next to nothing.

During the discussion time, the children learned their new memory verse for the week.

“Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.” Matthew 6:33.

They discussed difference between wants and needs and how God meets our needs – food, water, air, families who love us...even “shelves for your closet,” as one child stated.

Since this meeting was also a Party Club in celebration of Thanksgiving, the children headed outside for some games and refreshments. Nearby, the children had formed two teams to fill styrofoam cups with spoons of popcorn.

“They ask really good questions, and they come up with really good answers,” said Washington, as she set out the refreshments on the picnic table outside. “They’re excited about what they’re learning.”

Fellowship Baptist Church Hosting Ladies Christmas Tea

By Jacob Bembry
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Fellowship Baptist Church will host its Ladies Christmas Tea on Sunday, Dec. 9, from 2-4 p.m.

Kim Bolton will return for the tea, which is entitled “Christmas in Girlville.”

According to her website (www.kimbolton.org): “Kim’s delightful ability of blending humorous stories helps others laugh at their selves, while being encouraged and renewed. She is a seasoned speaker with years of experience. Her exuberant personality and talent inspire and challenge women of all ages. Her book, *Conversations at the Girlville Diner*,” feeds your soul, strengthens your faith, and tickles your funny bone. Kim has become a much sought after keynote speaker to women today.

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By George Blevins

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The Salvation Army Angel tree is back in the Courthouse again this year thanks to Tim Sanders and his gracious staff! We look forward to seeing YOU at the tree again this year and for those who are new to the Angel Tree it works like this:

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The kids you become an Angel for are for the most part kids who don't think much about Christmas gifts; yes they would like to have gifts but most are worried about their family having food, warm clothing and a warm house. These kids need an Angel like you! Please help.

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Keeler Family Gets Together For Church, Mom's Birthday



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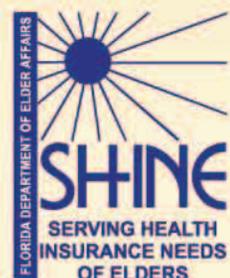
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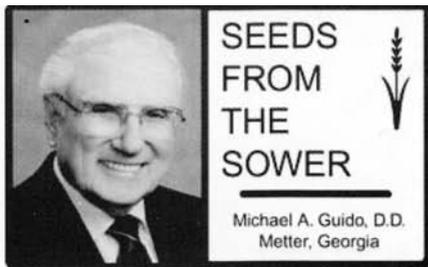
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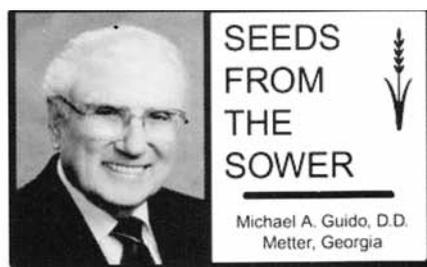


A plastic surgeon once said to me, "You need a face lift! Why don't we schedule it right now?" Quickly I responded, "I know what my face looks like. It can curdle the Milky Way. But do you know what is better than a face lift?" Without waiting for an answer I added, "A faith-lift." One day, I am going to be with the Great Physician, and I will be completely new and not need a face-lift or anything else. I have faith in His promises that someday there will be no more wrinkles or scars, twisted fingers or bent backs. All of our pains will be gone and our sicknesses healed.

The directions for getting a faith-lift come from His Word. It says that "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." As we read and study Scripture, our faith will flourish and our hope will increase. The Word of God assures us that someday all of our suffering and sickness will be gone and we will become perfect and complete in His presence.

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The African impala is an interesting animal. It can jump ten feet high and a distance of thirty feet. But if it is in a zoo, enclosed within a wall that is three feet high, it will remain there. It will not jump if it cannot see where its feet will land. Unfortunately, there are many who believe in a god who behaves just like that: they are fenced in by fear and will not take the leap of faith to the freedom that God provides.

God is calling men and women to trust in Him and to become willing to make a complete commitment to Him. His desire is that we make a reckless abandonment to Him and say, "Lord Jesus, have Your way with me. I want to be who You want me to be. I want to do what You want me to do. I want to go where You want me to go. And I will do whatever You want me to do no matter what it costs me. I belong to You and that is all that matters."

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Christian Humor Senior Romance

An older couple was lying in bed one night. The husband was falling asleep but the wife was in a romantic mood and wanted to talk. She said: "You used to hold my hand when we were courting."

Warily he reached across, held her hand for a second and tried to get back to sleep.

A few moments later she said: "Then you used to kiss me."

Mildly irritated, he reached across, gave her a peck on the cheek and settled down to sleep.

Thirty seconds later she said: "Then you used to bite my neck."

Angrily, he threw back the bed clothes and got out of bed.

"Where are you going?" she asked.

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