

Apply Now For Property Tax Exemptions For Upcoming Year

By Jacob Bemby Greene Publishing, Inc.

Those wishing to apply for property tax exemptions with the Property Appraiser's office must do so between Jan. 1 and March 1 each year.

Forms to apply for the exemptions are available at the Appraiser's office, located on the second floor of the Courthouse Annex at 229 SW Pinckney in Room 201. They may also be download off the Property Appraiser's website at www.madisonpa.com.

Exemptions available include a \$50,000 homestead exemption; an additional \$50,000 senior exemption (if the homeowner's annual household income does not exceed \$20,000); a \$500 widows or widowers exemption; a \$500 disability exemption; a \$500 exemption for blind persons; a service-connected total and personal disability exemption; an exemption for total and permanent disability; and religious, charitable and educational exemptions.

According to Property Appraiser Leigh Barfield's website, the following are the qualifications for the exemptions:

\$50,000 HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION A Florida resident who owns a dwelling and makes it his/her permanent legal residence is eligible to apply for homestead exemption. The following requirements are a necessary part of your application for homestead exemption:

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Madison Jiffy Store, Fred's Burglarized

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Madison police officers were dispatched to two active alarms early Christmas morning.

The first call was at 12:10 a.m. when the officers responded to the Jiffy Store, located on East Base Street. Upon their arrival, the officers observed that the front glass had been shattered. They proceeded to clear the inside of the building and notified the key holder.

Surveillance video showed an unknown suspect, wearing dark clothing, with his or her face covered, entering the business and stealing an undetermined amount of cigarettes.

While officers were still processing the scene, they received a dispatch that another alarm had been set off at Fred's, also located on East Base Street, at 12:48 a.m.

When officers arrived, they found a front glass door shattered. They cleared and secured the area.

Surveillance video showed two unknown suspects wearing dark clothing, with their faces covered, entering the store and stealing miscellaneous items from the store.

Anyone with information on who may have

committed these crimes is asked to call the Madison Police Department at (850) 973-5077 or Madison Crime Stoppers at (850) 973-2762 or text CMC plus your message to 274637 (CRIMES).



Scam Alert

Progress Energy warns customers of utility bill-payment scam



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Progress Energy Florida, a subsidiary of Duke Energy, is urging customers to be on alert for a new utility bill payment scam affecting customers across the country.

Under the scam, customers are receiving a call informing them their electric service is scheduled for immediate disconnection and they should make a payment by purchasing a "money pack" card at a local drug or convenience store. Progress Energy has received reports of customers who have been contacted about this scam in its Florida service territory, targeting Spanish-speaking customers.

The "money pack" card is a temporary pre-pay credit card that requires a registration process. After the customer purchases the card, he or she is instructed to call the fraudulent party back to make a payment. The customer is instructed to provide a receipt number and PIN number. Once that information is obtained, the money on the card is then transferred to the fraudulent party.

Progress Energy does not contact customers to obtain personally identifiable information. In addition, the company encourages anyone who receives a call indicating their electric service is scheduled for immediate disconnect, to contact law enforcement and report the attempted fraud.

Any homeowner in doubt about the identity of someone claiming to be

a Progress Energy employee should call Progress Energy's customer service center (1-800-452-2777 in the Carolinas/ 1-800-700-8744 in Florida) to confirm the employee's identity. Customers who are contacted by phone, email, through social media or through other channels, can verify an individual's affiliation with Progress Energy by calling the same number.

Progress Energy Florida, a subsidiary of Duke Energy (NYSE: DUK), provides electricity and related services to more than 1.6 million customers in Florida. The company is headquartered in St. Petersburg, Fla., and serves a territory encompassing more than 20,000 square miles including the cities of St. Petersburg and Clearwater, as well as the Central Florida area surrounding Orlando. Progress Energy Florida is pursuing a balanced approach to meeting the future energy needs of the region. That balance includes increased energy-efficiency programs, investments in renewable energy technologies and a state-of-the-art electricity system. More information is available at www.progress-energy.com.

Headquartered in Charlotte, N.C., Duke Energy is a Fortune 250 company traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol DUK. More information about the company is available at: www.duke-energy.com.

Steven Godfrey Joins The Staff At Greene Publishing, Inc.

Steven Godfrey, a 21-year old student at North Florida Community College, has joined the staff at Greene Publishing, Inc. The newest Graphic Designer graduated from Madison County High School in 2009. He is currently attending NFCC to get his Associate in Science degree. Along with his A.S. Degree, Steven also has three specializations that he is certified in. They are: Digital Media/Multimedia Authoring, Digital Media/Multimedia Presentation Specialization, Digital Media/Multimedia Production Specialization.



Steven is a member of North Florida Community College's Business Club and Art Club. His hobbies include music, art, and building things. He hopes to one day start his own business as a freelance Graphic Designer.

Tim Bennett To Address 55 Plus Club

By Jacob Bemby Greene Publishing, Inc.

Madison City Manager Tim Bennett will address the 55 Plus Club meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 9. Bennett will speak about the 175th anniversary of the City of Madison, formerly known as Newtown.

Pinetta United Methodist Church will host the meal that day, serving soup, sandwiches and dessert.

The 55 Plus Club meets the second Wednesday of each month at the United Methodist Cooperative Ministries Center, located in the Hanson community at 135 NE Dill Street.

Man Charged With Leaving Scene Of An Accident

By Jacob Bemby Greene Publishing, Inc.

A Lee man was charged with leaving the scene of an accident after hitting a fire hydrant on Wednesday, Dec. 26.

According to a Florida Highway Patrol report, Charles N. Kuhl, 59, of Lee, was southbound on State Road 53 in a 1998 Chevy S-10. The pickup entered the west shoulder and struck a fire hydrant head-on.

Kuhl left the scene of the crash but his pickup was found about a mile away on SR 53 by the Madison County Sheriff's Office after it became disabled due to its damage.

FHP Trooper Manuel Smyrniotis was the investigating officer.



911 Addressing Regulations

By Kristin Finney Greene Publishing, Inc.

As the New Year begins, it is important for residents to make sure that they are up to date with their 911 addressing information and guidelines. Many people often wonder what the importance of 911 addressing is. 911 addressing is important because it is what is used any time emergency responders are sent to your home. In the early 1990s street addresses and numbers could lead to a lot of confusion for emergency responders, so in 1997 Madison County began creating 911 address. These addresses allow for quicker response times by EMS, police officers and firefighters.

There are several ways to make it easier for emergency responders to find your home. According to the property appraisers office, one of the most important things for people to do is to make sure that their phone providers have both their physical address and their mailing address. Residents can check this by calling their phone company.

Another way to make it easier for responders is to make sure that your house and business numbers meet the legal requirements. For residences the numbers displayed on their home must be placed on the side of your driveway entrance. The numbers must be at least four inches tall. Businesses must also display their numbers on the side of their driveway entrance. The numbers displayed on businesses must be at least six inches tall. Addressing numbers can be purchases from many local stores and from any hardware store.

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Woman Arrested For Forgery

The state attorney's office issued a warrant and Cynthia Jones Stanland, 55, was arrested on charges of forgery, uttering a forged instrument and grand theft on Dec. 20, 2012.



According to a Madison County Sheriff's Office report, an employee with a local business contacted them and told them that a total of 10 checks had been written at one of their stores between March 15-May 10, 2011. The bank, which issued the checks advised the employee of the business that Margaret Ann Jones' account had been closed. One of the

checks, which was issued to Margaret Ann Jones, had been signed Margaret Ann Stanland. Inv. Sharon Shadrack began investigating and discovered that Margaret Ann Jones was Cynthia Stanland's mother. She looked through the Greene Publishing, Inc. obituaries and discov-

ered that Margaret Ann Jones had died.

After showing employees of the store photos of Stanland and her mother, they identified Stanland as the person who had written the checks.

On Oct. 10, 2012, Shadrack made contact with Stanland who asked if she could pay the checks back. She was informed that the business had tried to contact her a number of times, but had failed.

A probable cause affidavit was sent to the state attorney's office which resulted in Stanland's arrest.

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Local Weather

Sat 12/29 62/35. Showers in the morning, then partly cloudy in the afternoon. High 62F.

Sun 12/30 57/35. More sun than clouds. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the mid 30s.

Mon 12/31 67/54. Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 50s.

Tue 1/1 73/58. Few showers. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 50s.

VIEWPOINTS & OPINIONS

CRACKER SEZ TRUTH



Jim Deitrich
Guest Columnist

I reckon it would'a been cheaper fer' me ta' keep out of it.

When Sweet Tater got off'm the phone she said, "Crecker, on this rare occasion you was right. But you can still kiss my foot anyways."

Sincerely Yourn'
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(Cracker fer' short)

The phone rang, 'n Sweet Tater said, "Cracker, answer that. I know it's Lilly Floyd.. Tell her I ain't home. She's been want'n us ta do each other's hair. The last time she done my hair it just weren't what I had in mind."

I said, "So you want me ta' say some'm that ain't true so you don't have ta' say some'm that is true." Then I answered the phone. It was Lilly. I said ta' Lilly, "Lilly, you're Sweet Tater's best friend 'n She's got some'm ta' tell you." Then I handed the phone ta' Sweet Tater. She looked at me like she had kill'n in mind. Then she said, "Lilly, I gotta' level with you. The last time we done each other's hair mine didn't turn out like I had in mind."

Apparently Lilly had the same feel'ns about her hair 'cause Sweet tater said, "Then why don't we go to the hair dresser this time?"

Red, White & True Mysteries After 10 Years, It's Time To Say Good-Bye

This story is my last newspaper column. Seriously. I thought I'd sign off by telling you the story of how it all began and how the column grew.

What started as an idea in the summer of 2002 led to a column that made its debut in six newspapers the following January. It has been a great 10 years. Why stop now?

I could keep it going, but I'd rather focus on other things for a while.

A wise man once said that no one succeeds by going it alone. Actually, it was a friend of mine who said that, and he is only of average intelligence. Anyway, I want to acknowledge the people who have helped make this column possible, because without their help and support this column would never have made it to the printing presses and into your home each week.

I came up with the idea for this column back in the summer of 2002. I met with the editor of my hometown paper, the Quincy Herald-Whig, for advice, but he initially rejected this column because it "did not have mass appeal," in his words. He was right, because the original version was going to be a how-to column for wannabe inventors.

So I took his advice and re-designed the column so that the stories would be about famous inventors rather than a how-to column. I began telling the stories in a style similar to that of Paul Harvey where you, the reader, get to figure out who the story is about. Five years later, in 2007, I expanded the column to include stories about famous explorers, discovers, presidents, actors, athletes, etc.

When this column made its debut, there were six papers that carried it that first week. By the following month, that number had grown to 19 papers. A few years later, the company that publishes AMERICAN PROFILE magazine began to syndicate it. In total, this column has appeared in more than 110 newspapers; roughly half receive it through AMERICAN PROFILE, while the other half have run it for 10, 20 or 30 weeks at a time as part of their Newspapers In Education program. This is where newspapers are delivered to schools for teachers to use as a teaching aid. Since this column is designed to be both entertaining and educational, schools have been a perfect fit for it.

For the first couple of years, I would write the column each week, then print it out and run it over to my parents to proofread it before sending it off to the editors. Since I had never taken a journalism course nor worked for a newspaper, my parents' advice, feedback and support were very important during those early years.

Thanks, Mom and Dad.

I got married in 2011. My bride, Melinda, has supported my efforts ever since our first date, when I told her that one of the things I do is write a syndicated newspaper column. Ironically, the date was at Ozzie Smith's Restaurant in St. Louis, and that restaurant has since closed down. Fortunately, Melinda and I are not superstitious.

Thanks, Sweetie.

And to you, the reader.

Many readers have told my parents how much they enjoy reading this column in the Herald-Whig each week. That always means a lot to me. Some readers have stopped me on the street or sent emails. Others just read the column without commenting on it. Either way, there would be no column without you.

Thank you.

What's ahead?

I had been running my own marketing and product development company, Market Launchers, as well as teaching some college courses, before I created this column. I will continue running my company, and am also working in sales for a company in St. Louis, which is where Melinda and I now live.

Usually, you have to read all the way through to learn the ending of the story. This time, though, for this one final story, you already knew the ending as soon as you read the headline.

So, when will you see another one of these columns in the paper?

To quote Edgar Allan Poe ...
Nevermore.

It's been a great 10 years. Thank you.

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National Security

Joe Boyles
Guest Columnist

Reform

Reforming something is what takes place when you fundamentally change the nature or structure of the object. It is hard to do and almost always meets resistance. Reformers are revolutionaries in some respect because they change the status quo and are rarely welcome in their own house. Jesus was a reformer. He succeeded ... but at great personal sacrifice. More reformers fail than succeed but they all pay a price for their efforts. Newt Gingrich was a reformer-revolutionary who soon afterward, lost his job as House Speaker. Patrick Henry was one of those fellows, but did not have a legacy past the Revolution he helped spawn.

It is more common to make small adjustments to a law or organization than to reform - make it new. And that might be the best prescription unless something is irretrievably broken. For example, I would argue that Social Security needs fundamental reform. Tweaking it around the edges doesn't solve the fundamental problem of demographic imbalance.

Recall that a campaign tag in 1968 for Robert Kennedy was this: "Some people see things as they are and ask why; I see things that aren't and ask, why not?" That was a little self-serving, but Kennedy was talking about reform in a broad sense. Call it "thinking outside the box." In the Total Quality world, it might be called a paradigm shift.

About 30 years ago, when I was a student at the Air Command and Staff College, I actually took an elective course

from a very creative member of the faculty about this very subject. Our class practiced exercises where we looked at various subjects from different, often unorthodox perspectives, in search of creative, even innovative, solutions to problems.

Any time you are attempting to problem solve, it is imperative to look at the root cause. Again to use Social Security as an example, the root cause is that there are a declining number who are paying into the system and an increasing number of beneficiaries. That's a recipe for financial disaster. Any businessman will tell you that negative cash flow (Social Security has paid out more than it has taken in over the past three years) is bad news.

In the 1999 HBO miniseries "From the Earth to the Moon," the actor who plays the part of astronaut Frank Borman is testifying to a Congressional committee about the Apollo 1 fire that killed three astronauts in January 1967. The committee chairman asks Borman what was the underlying cause of the accident and he responds: "It was a failure of imagination. We never once imagined that the plugs-out test of a spacecraft sitting on the pad was high risk. If we had, we would have been ready for the accident and the astronauts probably would have survived."

Reformers have a pretty active imagination. They see things that need correcting that others might not see. Their solutions can often be pretty wild. I have used a technique called "green light" where a

group of problems solvers throw out solutions where no judgment is offered about the idea; they're just recorded. Later the group will return to each idea and explore their feasibility more completely. It's a pretty good technique provided that the problem is identified beforehand.

Let me give you another suggestion where reform is badly needed. Our federal government is spending way too much money. This year, we're on pace to out-spend our receipts by more than a trillion dollars for the fifth straight year. We borrow more than 40 cents of every dollar the government spends. This level of deficit spending is unsustainable and will lead to a massive financial crash. We don't know when the crash will happen or what form it will take, but the crash is inevitable.

The politicians seem impervious to the danger. Some acknowledge the problem; others do not. Regardless, they're more interested in political advantage than addressing the problem. It is irresponsible in my opinion.

The same thing happened five years ago which led to the mortgage meltdown and financial collapse. There were plenty of warning signs but they were unheeded. Those who tried to reform the system were shouted down and ignored. Look at the wreckage that ensued. Look at where we are today.

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Tax Exemptions

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Permanent residency is a factual determination made by the Property Appraiser. In making the determination, the following factors are considered:

- Declarations and statements made by the applicant
- Place of employment
- Previous permanent residency and when it was terminated
- Voter's registration information
- Driver's license information
- Place of issuance of license tags of vehicles owned by applicant
- Address listed on applicant's IRS returns

SENIOR EXEMPTION Additional \$50,000 Homestead Exemption for Persons 65 and Over.

To qualify for the senior exemption: The taxpayer must qualify for and have or file for Homestead Exemption.

The taxpayer must be 65 years of age or older on January 1 of the year for which the exemption is claimed.

The total annual household income of the taxpayer does not exceed \$20,000. (this income threshold is adjusted annually by the percentage change in the average cost-of-living index).

The taxpayer must submit a sworn statement of household income to the property appraiser no later than March 1 each year.

The county or municipality adopts an ordinance that allows the additional senior exemption, which applies ONLY to the taxes levied by the unit of government granting the exemption. Each Taxing Authority has until December 1 of each year to adopt the ordinance and notify our office. They can keep or drop the ordinance from year to year and they can also change the amount of the exemption as they see fit. If no changes are made, the Department of Revenue, notifies this office in late January of the tax year, as to what the current rate will be for the cost of living increase this tax year. That rate is then applied against the previous years' maximum allowable income, to determine income eligibility.

\$500 WIDOWS OR WIDOWERS EXEMPTION Widow and widowers who are permanent residents of Florida and who have not remarried are eligible. If a husband and wife are divorced and one of them dies, the survivor is not eligible. You may be asked to have a death certificate filed for the deceased spouse when you apply.

\$500 DISABILITY EXEMPTION Florida residents with total and permanent disability or armed service members with at least 10% disability caused by a service-connected disability are eligible. A letter from a Florida physician or a disability award letter from Social Security may be used to verify disability. Veterans may supply a letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs as documentation.

\$500 EXEMPTION FOR BLIND PERSONS Florida residents who are blind are eligible. A letter from a Florida physician, the Division of Blind Services, or the Department of Veterans Affairs will serve as documentation that the applicant is blind.

SERVICE-CONNECTED TOTAL AND PERMANENT DISABILITY EXEMPTION Any honorably discharged veteran with a service connected total and permanent disability, surviving spouses of qualifying veterans and spouses of Florida resident veterans who died from service connected causes while on active duty in the armed forces are eligible. A letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs certifying that the total and permanent disability is service connected is required when application is made. This exemption is a total exemption from real estate taxes owned and used as a homestead property, less any portion used for commercial purposes.

To be eligible you must be a resident of the State of Florida as of January 1st of the year for which you apply for the exemption. The disability exemption may carry over to the veteran's spouse when they die. You should talk with the Property Appraiser to make this determination.

EXEMPTION FOR TOTAL AND PERMANENT DISABILITY A.) Any real estate owned and used as a homestead by any quadriplegic, less any portion used for commercial purposes, shall be exempt from taxation. B.) Any real estate owned and used as a homestead, less an portion used for commercial purposes, by a paraplegic, hemiplegic or other totally and permanently disabled person, as defined in Florida Statute 196.012(11), Florida Statutes, who must use a wheelchair for mobility or is legally blind, shall be exempt from taxation. To be entitled to the total exemption you must:

A.) Be a permanent resident of the State of Florida as of January 1st of the year in which you apply for the exemption. B.) The prior year's gross income for all persons residing in or upon the homestead shall not exceed the amount of income as set forth and adjusted in Section 196.101(4)(a)(b), Florida Statutes. Gross income shall include Veteran's Affairs benefits and any Social Security being paid to the persons residing on the property. A statement of gross income must accompany your application. C.) Requires certification from 2 Florida physicians or from the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

RELIGIOUS, CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL EXEMPTIONS Real estate owned by certain religious, charitable or educational entities that is used for religious, charitable or educational purposes is exempt from property taxation. An exemption must be applied for through the Property Appraiser's office. The exemption is not automatic. Contact the office for further information.

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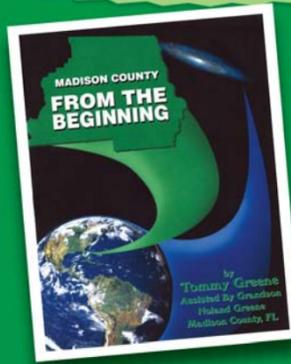
"It is very important to have your current address clearly posted so that all responding public safety personnel can respond in a timely manner and be able to offer their help. It's not just for officers. It's for fire responders and Emergency Medical Services," said Epp Richardson.

If you have any questions on 911 addressing please feel free to call the Property Appraiser's GIS 911 Mapping Office at 973-1454. You can also stop by their office, which is located at 229 SW Pinckney Street, Room 203. Another option is to visit their website, www.madisonpa.com/911/.

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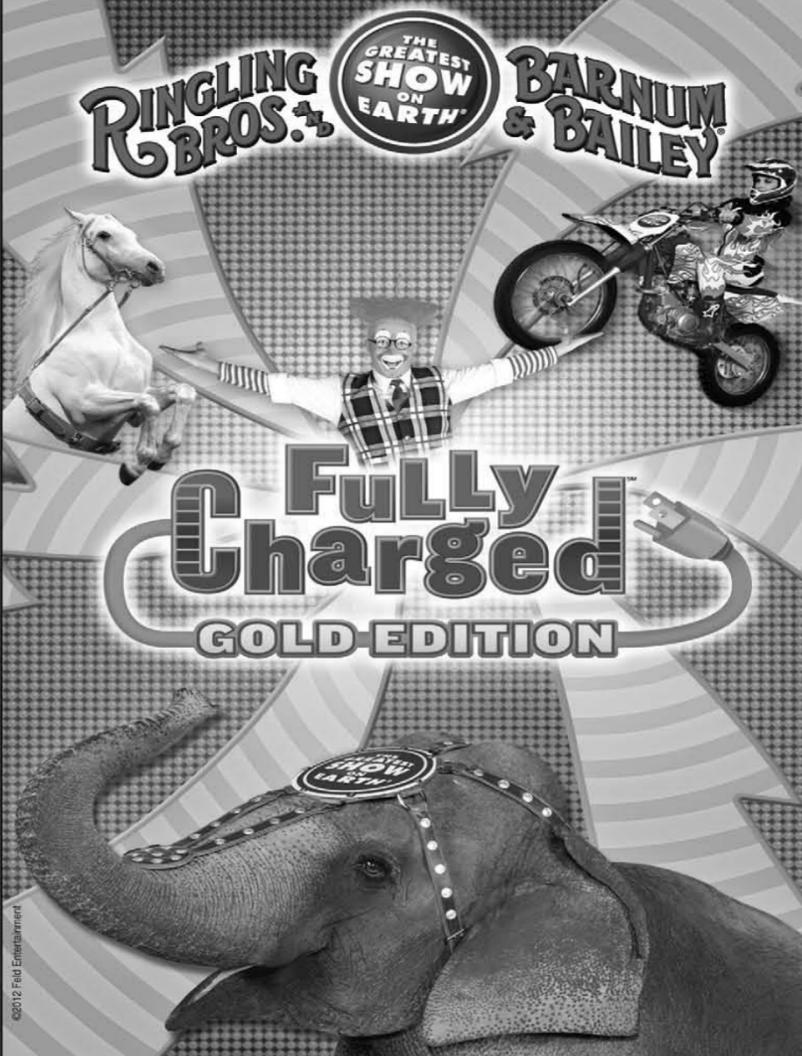
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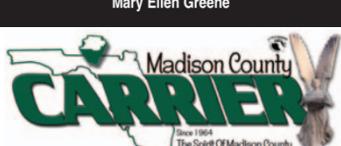
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AROUND MADISON COUNTY

Madison Academy Has A Surprise Visitor



Photo submitted

Seen from left to right are Iott's Liberty Buddy, Airman Norton, Zach Iott and Head of School Janna Barrs.

By Kristin Finney
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The Madison Academy held their Christmas program, "The Plane Truth About Christmas" on December 7. While the students knew that the night would be about making memories with friends, they were not expecting one of the friends that they were able to spend time with.

Zach Iott is 25 years old, and he went to Madison County High School, then North Florida Community College. He later transferred to FAMU and received his Bachelors degree in physical education. Iott explained, "During my enrollment at FAMU I was able to work with the basketball team and traveled all over the United States. I loved it."

After college Iott needed to find a job and the Madison Academy needed a Physical Education teacher/basketball coach. "I was more than happy to meet the demand."

However, basketball was not Iott's only passion. "The thought of the military was always in my mind, and before I took the job in Madison Academy I knew I would join. The Madison Academy teaching job was only temporary, but then it turned permanent. And to be honest, I fell in love with those students, each and every one. But I had already made my mind to join the United States Navy. It was a very, very tough decision, but I had to follow my heart." Iott chose to join the Navy. "I know that seems like a very selfish move, and to some it may be. But to me, it feels like I'm serving the students even more. I was sad to tell my academy family goodbye, but excited to begin a new chapter in my life."

However, Iott was not simply leaving his Academy family behind. "I would write and call the school as much as I could." It was one of those calls that led to his surprise visit. "One day, I had the time and called Mrs. Barrs. We chatted a while and she and I schemed a very brilliant plan. We would surprise the students with me showing up at the Christmas play. The plan started around the first of November.

Iott is currently stationed at Naval Air Station Pensacola. After the phone conversation, Iott quickly started talking to his chain of command and getting it cleared for him to go. It was not too long before he had the green light. Iott was joined by his liberty buddy, Airman Norton. He is Iott's roommate and he is from North Dakota. "I was introducing him to the southern style living of Madison County."

"I was super excited. I told my mother and significant other, Ariel, to pick me up the day of the show. We drove five hours and made it on time. At one point I had to stop and change. It was funny, going into the bathroom and seeing two grown males changing into uniform. It was certainly not the everyday sight. We arrived on time and were able to see the entire play. I sat in the sound room at NFCC and watched them perform, while the students had no idea. When I was called on stage, it could have been the most nervous I've ever been, but everything went according to plan. Only five or six people knew I was there. There are no words that can describe how I felt that night. It was so great to see all their faces; students and faculty."

Happenings In Lee

By Kristin Finney
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The New Year is expected to bring many changes to the town of Lee. Some of these changes will be good, and some, if they are not prevented will not be so good. One of these changes is the addition of new business into Lee.

According to Lee's Town Manager, Sarah Anderson, the old Lee Elementary School is undergoing renovations to be updated and rebuilt. The renovations of the old school are going to allow for the building to be used as a business complex. Another business that is planning to come to Lee is Annett Bus Lines. There will be a ground breaking ceremony for Annett Bus Lines on January 7.

Another change that could come to Lee is the possible closure of the Lee Post Office. Lee residents were sent a questionnaire in their mailboxes on December 17. This questionnaire allowed them to select the option to keep the post office open. If the Lee Post Office is closed, Lee residents will have to drive to either Jennings or Live Oak to pick up any packages that are undeliverable when they are not home. These questionnaires were returned on January 1. There will be a special meeting to announce the results held on January 15 at 2:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at Lee City Hall.

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AROUND MADISON COUNTY

Question of the Week: What is your New Year's Resolution?



Ashley Haynes: One of my New Years Resolutions is to grow in my personal relationship with God



Samantha Fletcher: To be honest I haven't really thought about it. I guess I feel like many resolutions are too specific and irrational...they usually end up in the "epic fail" category. However, I will enter 2013 with the intentions of simply being a better me...a better mom, a better wife, a better teacher, a better daughter, granddaughter, sister, friend, etc. I don't think I am currently failing at any of these titles...but there is always room for improvement.



Caleshia Mobley: I don't really have a resolution. I just pray for continuous wisdom. That's all.



Jimmy Smith Jr.: My New Year's resolution is to become a better person in everything that I do. Whether it is to study harder in my classes, get closer with God, and to be more helpful to others. This year (2012), I think I kind of got away from the basics that are valuable in life. I sensed myself losing focus on the things that I held close to me and next year (2013), I plan on building back those things to be successful in life.



Vicki Howerton: My resolution is to get a few pounds off and keep them off...Christmas was too much fun!!



Lonna Holmes: My New Years Resolution is staying completely focused on College, and letting nothing stand in my way for success!



Nikki Arnold Harris: To keep in contact with family and friends better, especially those who don't use Facebook. It's hard to see everyone when you live so far from "home!"

Curves® of Madison Introduces New Weight Loss Program that Burns More Fat than Diet Alone

New Curves Complete® includes exercise, meal plans, and coaching—for as low as \$12.95 a week and no joining fee!

Curves of Madison knows that most people who are serious about losing weight know that they won't get the results they want by just dieting. They also need to exercise and they need encouragement to stick to the plan. This was the thinking behind the revolutionary new weight loss program Curves Complete®—the only program of its kind on the market that offers exercise, customized meal plans, and coaching in one integrated program. And, according to the staff of Curves of Madison, the cost is comparable to what other programs charge for diet alone.

Just ask Emily Dirkson, of Montevideo, Minnesota, who lost 38 pounds and four dress sizes in just 90 days on Curves Complete. "I gained a lot of weight during my two pregnancies," Emily said. "I never lost all of the weight from the first, and after the second, I felt just terrible about the way I looked. Throughout this process, I have learned many things. I learned a lot about serving sizes and about how metabolism works. This plan has been a great success for me. After 90 days, I am now 38 pounds lighter and about four sizes smaller!"

What makes the program so successful?

"It's really as simple as 1-2-3," said Curves' Registered Dietitian Nadia Rodman. "The Curves circuit gives you strength and cardio training to protect your muscles and burn fat, our proven nutrition plan is fully customizable to your lifestyle, and your Curves coach helps you set goals and reach them one-on-one. If you simply follow the plan—which you can print as a weekly tracking sheet and take to your coaching sessions—you simply can't help but lose. Or rather, win."

Preliminary results of Curves members who participated in the program prior to its January public launch have been phenomenal. Findings indicate that nearly 100 percent of weight lost on Curves Complete is body fat, compared to conventional diets in which weight lost typically includes up to 30 percent muscle tissue. By preserving lean muscle, Curves Complete helps maintain or even boost the body's metabolism for better long term results.

Just ask Anne Scott, from Calais, Maine, who lost more than 26 pounds in 90 days. "I have always been an emotional eater," said Anne. "When I feel bad, I eat. Curves Complete taught me how to cope with these feelings and make better choices. Recently, I had a day where everything went wrong. I was at a low—a deep low. But during that day, eating junk food never entered into my thoughts. I found that I did not need to eat to feel better. I just coped, and got through my day. I'm proud of myself."

Curves Complete is the culmination of years of research involving thousands of study participants. "Ninety-five percent of dieters fail—or lose weight only to gain it all back—not because there's something wrong with them, but because there's something wrong with conventional diets," said Curves' Director of Exercise & Research Katie Mitchell. "It takes a combination of three things: exercise, diet, and coaching, or motivation, to successfully lose weight as body fat rather than lean muscle and then keep it off."

For Patricia Culbertson, from Ocean City, Florida, the program has been nothing short of a miracle. "Three months ago, I was suffering from depression, hypertension, and high blood sugar from the excess weight I had gained over the years," Patricia said. "My doctor told me I would probably have to start diabetic medication at my next appointment. Thank goodness for Curves Complete and my coach, Joni! I've lost 25 pounds and my blood pressure and blood sugar readings are very good...I can't wait for my next appointment with my doctor. I have a new outlook on eating, dieting, and motivation, and I feel really good about myself and my accomplishment."

"The success of the program hinges on the Curves Complete coaches, Certified by Cleveland Clinic" says Mitchell. "After all, it doesn't matter how much you know about proper diet and exercise—if you don't have the motivation and accountability to follow through with them, the knowledge is useless. Curves collaborated with the prestigious Cleveland Clinic, ranked among the top four hospitals and the No.1 heart hospital in the nation, to create the Curves Complete coaching certification for its clubs."

Curves Complete includes a Web portal which features easy meal planning, recipes and shopping lists, goal tracking, motivational tools, a vibrant online community for support, and more. And once a Curves Complete member, always a Curves Complete online member—the Web portal and tools remain 100 percent free for life.

"With the launch of the new Curves Complete program, Curves becomes the first and only company to offer women a complete weight loss solution—exercise, meal plans, and coaching—in one convenient location and for about the same price as other weight loss companies charge for diet alone," said Mike Raymond, Vice President of Marketing at Curves. "This is an important step in the fight against the chronic obesity that plagues our society. Curves is proud to offer this revolutionary new weight loss program and make it accessible and affordable for millions of women."

For more information about Curves Complete, please contact Curves of Madison, located at 249 SW Range Ave., Madison, FL, at 973-4700 or curvesofmadison@gmail.com or visit www.curves.com.

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Bailey Browning shoots a free throw.

John Flournoy runs the Panther offense. Pictured left to right: Jim Flournoy, John Flournoy, Michael Goley, and Stephen Miller.

On December 11, the Madison Academy boys' basketball team defeated Steinhatchee (41-5) at NFCC's gym. The Panthers were led in scoring by Jim Flournoy with 17 points and Michael Goley with 10 points. John Flournoy netted 6 points, Stephen Miller hit for 4 points, while Jacob Hanners and Skyler Dunn each scored 2 points.

Panthers Head Coach T.J. Green said his team was improving each game and if they continued to work hard they could have great success this year. Coach Green was pleased his team raced out to a big lead, which allowed several younger players to get additional playing time.

On December 13, 2012, the Panthers hit the hardwood again for a game against Community Christian from Tallahassee. The Panthers were vic-

torious in defeating Community Christian (33-23). The Panthers were again led in scoring by Jim Flournoy with 10 points and Stephen Miller with 8 points. Michael Goley hit for 5 points and Ross Bass scored 4 points. John Flournoy, Jacob Hanners, and Bailey Browning each added 2 points apiece.

The Panthers record now stands at 5-2. The Panthers will hit the road for their next two games; the first being held at Aucilla on January 11, 2013, at 3:00 p.m. and at Steinhatchee on January 15, 2013, at 4:30 p.m.

For more information on Madison Academy or to view the basketball schedule, visit madisonacademy.org.

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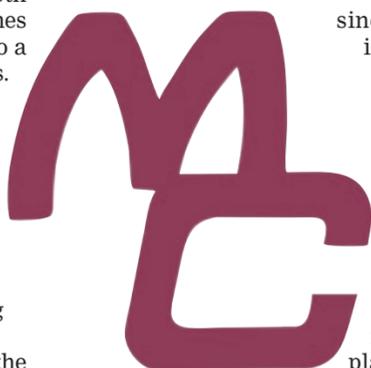
MCHS Varsity Basketball Fights Hard

By Kristin Finney
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The Madison County High School varsity girls and boys basketball teams have been fighting hard this season. Both teams have many games ahead as 2012 comes to a close and 2013 begins. The varsity girls basketball team currently stands at 5-7 this season according to MaxPreps. The varsity boys basketball team currently stands at 3-4 this season according to MaxPreps.

As of press time, the Cowboys most recent game was against Baker County on December 18. The game was played in Baker County and the Cowboys fought hard every period. The Cow-

boys scored 12 points in the first period, trailing Baker County by seven. They then scored eight points to Baker County's 10 in the second period.



This put them going into the half behind by nine points. The Cowboys scored 11 points to Baker County's 17 in

the third period. Though they fought hard in the fourth period, scoring 17 points to Baker County's 16, they were defeated 62-48.

As of press time, since the latest update in our paper, the Cowgirls have played Hamilton County and Wakulla County. The Cowgirls played Hamilton County on December 15 in Hamilton County. Though the Cowgirls fought hard and played well, it was still not enough to defeat Hamilton. The final score of the game was Hamilton 47 Madison 39. On December 20, the Cowgirls played against Wakulla. This was an away game. The Cowgirls went into the second period of the game six points behind at 12 points for Wakulla and six for Madison. The Cowgirls then scored 13 points to Wakulla's nine points in the second period. This put the Cowgirls behind two points going into the half. The third period was close with the Cowgirls scoring 11 points to Wakulla's 10. The Cowgirls were one point behind going into the final period of the game. They were able to shut down Wakulla, scoring 17 points to their six. The final score of the game was Madison 47, Wakulla 37.

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tant Brandi Raulerson; From Jasper- Dr. Jerry Smith, Assistant Lula Tanner, Dr. Ben Norris, Hygienist Nan Hamm; From Madison- Dr. Robert Baldwin, Assistant Ashley Kinsley; local volunteer coordinator of the Mobile Dental Unit-Jennifer Smith from Lake City.

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NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Suwannee River Water Management District intends to sell certain real property (the "Property"). A description of the Property is as follows:

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A complete description and map of the Property may be obtained by contacting the Suwannee River Water Management District at the address and telephone number set out below.

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: December 19, 2012; December 26, 2012; and January 2, 2013.

Richard Rocco
Real Estate Coordinator
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NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE PURSUANT TO SECTION 45.031(1), FLORIDA STATUTES

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Students Shine At MCCS Annual Christmas Music Program



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"Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" a perennial favorite, is performed by MCCS Kindergartners.



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Second graders sing about five little Christmas cookies that mysteriously disappear one by one.

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing,
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"Great schools always have great parent support," Assistant Principal Willie Miles told the audience assembled in the school gym. "And judging by the numbers of parents I see here today, Madison County Central School has the potential to be a really great school!"

The parents had gathered for the MCCS Students' annual Christmas music program. Across the front of the stage, a large banner greeted everyone with a cheerful "Welcome to the North Pole!" while on one side, a large sign with reindeer faces let everyone know where to find the "Reindeer

Stable." Large, white snowflakes hung suspended over the stage, decorated with tinsel and brightly lit Christmas trees.

As soon as Madison Christ had welcomed everyone to the program, Pre-K youngsters in red and green scarves took to the stage with "Must Be Santa," followed by the second graders singing "Five Christmas Cookies," the Kindergarten class with "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," and the first grade with "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus."

Next up were more Pre-K students with the Christmas classic "Jingle bells," second graders singing "Up On the House Top," first graders with "Go

Light Up Your World," Kindergartners with "Bells on the Tree," second graders with "Rock 'N' Roll Snowman" and third graders presenting "The 12 Days of Christmas."

Then, it was the final classes of Kindergartners for the grand finale, "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

But wait...it wouldn't be Christmas without a visit from Santa Claus, and sure enough the Jolly Old Elf dropped in. The stage was, after all, the "North Pole."

Ian Rogers closed out the show, thanking everyone for attending, and parents were invited to stay for a special Christmas lunch with their children.

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Path *of* Faith

Shiloh M.B. Church Hosting Youth Revival

*"...Where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is liberty." – 2 Corinth 3:17*

The youth department of Grace Temple Outreach Ministries, Inc. under the leadership of overseer Apostle Michael A. Henderson would like to invite you to fellowship with The Remnant Youth Ministry, Reverend Marcus Hawkins, and the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church family on Saturday, January 19, 2013 at 7 p.m. during The Remnant's Christ Encounter.

As we gather together, it is our desire to provide an atmosphere that releases the glory of God enabling those who attend to encounter the Power and Freedom of Jesus Christ. It is our mission to empower those who attend to become a standard that WITHSTANDS the unhealthy lifestyles and stereotypes

of the day by discovering their God given IDENTITY! We would like you and your ministry to share in this dynamic celebration as we stir up a spirit of faith in those who attend to rise up and awaken to life in Christ!

We will convene at Shiloh M.B.C. located at 221 SW M L King Jr. Dr. in Madison. This service will consist of radical prayer, inspiring praise and worship, expressions of talent and the life changing word of God from Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Youth Pastor of The Remnant Youth Ministry. Light refreshments will be provided after the service.

For more information and if you have questions regarding this service, please contact Brianna Johnson at (850) 971-5488 or Angela Mathis at (850) 973-6846. Alternatively, you may send an email to GTRemnant@Live.com.

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Pastor Jeremy J. Johnson
The Remnant – Youth Pastor
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Women of the Bible: Deborah and the Sting of the Bee

By Lynette Norris
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Her story is told in Chapters 4 and 5 of the Book of Judges in the Old Testament, one chapter the narrative account of the battle against the Canaanite army of King Jabin, and the following chapter, a retelling of that same event in a song of victory that is one of our earliest examples of ancient Hebrew poetry.

Deborah, whose name is Hebrew for “bee” and also for “a spirited or fiery woman,” was a Prophetess who held an almost unheard of position for women in the ancient world – in contrast to the mostly sheltered lives of women in the Old Testament era, Deborah was a Judge of Israel, a counselor, a military strategist, whose fierceness was like the sting of the bee, swift, unexpected and sure. In pre-monarchical Israel, about twelve hundred years before Christ, Deborah led and judged the twelve tribes of the children of Israel.

One of seven women in the Bible given the title “Prophetess” (the others being Sarah, Hannah, Abigail, Miriam, Esther and Huldah), Deborah, the wife of Lapidoth, was a figure of authority who held court and dis-

pensed judgment to the children of Israel, seated beneath a palm tree.

During the period of Judges, Deborah was the fourth Judge of Israel, following Joshua, Othniel and Ehud. After Deborah, the next Israelite Judge would be Gideon.

By the opening chapters of Judges, the Israelites had established cycles of war and peace; after their dramatic exodus from the land of Egypt and their 40 years of wandering in the wilderness, they were finally dwelling in the Promised Land of Canaan; they had driven out some of the original inhabitants, but several pockets of Canaanites remained. Since the time of Joshua, who had led the Israelites into Canaan, generations who came after would fraternize with the enemy, intermarrying and intermingling with them in direct opposition to the commandment of the Lord.

From time to time, the Israelites would be besieged by some of these very enemies. They would cry out unto the Lord, who would send them a deliverer to lead them in successful battle against their opponents. Succeeding generations, enjoying peace and prosperity, would again forget what had come before and again fall into disobedience, intermarrying and intermingling with the enemy and incurring God’s wrath.

This was the pattern with Othniel, who delivered Israel from the hands of the Edomites and into a period of peace and prosperity, and Ehud, who delivered them from the Moabites.

After victory against the Moabites under the the leadership of Ehud, there was a period of peace that lasted about 40 years. At the time of Deborah’s story, as related in the ...*Story cont on Page 6B...*

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The Pulpit

Robert Ledford III, Pastor Landmark Baptist Church

Hebrews 11:3 tells us, *“Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.”*

God has always had a plan for man. He desires our service and dedication. We serve and dedicate ourselves to a divine nature that we cannot see but one that we can experience. By faith we understand and believe

God Has Always Had A Plan For Man

that God created this complex, but beautiful, world that we live in. With this same thought, we are to understand that God was also the wisdom behind the Church. He knew mankind needed a focus, a particular set of rules and a place to set aside all worldly trouble and discouragement. A place we could worship and praise Him, a place to experience great faith in what God is doing. We are admonished to praise God, to proclaim the Salvation that comes through His Son, Jesus, to stand for truth, and not compromise to make the truth fit our standards. God's Word is the truth, every page and every word. We are not at liberty to pick and choose what we like, but are commanded to obey, preach and teach it completely with boldness and power.

When Christ began His ministry and called out His church, He proclaimed with power that the gates of hell would not prevail against what He had begun (Matthew 16:18). The history of the Baptist Faith is

proof of the power of God through the Church. Christ gave His life for the Church and it will win the battles against Satan. We are the Lord's New Testament Church. We possess the Faith that is the rock upon which the Church was first built.

The Church is and should be a strong, close-knit family of believers that have united together to carry out the Gospel of Jesus — to share our burdens in a world of turmoil and heartaches. This can only be accomplished with and by understanding the great truth of the local, visible, empowered body of believers. Our God is still moving and working to build churches and to strengthen our families in a time when the family values are weak and failing. This is due to the way many are moving away from God and seeking humanistic values. Having a burden to serve the God of our Salvation, and having faith in the Hope of our Resurrection brings a life of peace, encouragement and fulfillment.

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by RONNIE McBRAYER



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What if I told you that you have in your possession, today, something even more valuable than \$31 million. I wonder if you would believe

me. You see, every day that you awake to draw air into your lungs, you receive that deposit of sorts, though it's not measured in dollars. It's measured in seconds.

Every day contains 86,400 seconds; every week more than 600,000; and every year more than 31 million. They are yours to spend as you please. The only catch is this: When each day is over, and after each week passes, and when the calendar turns, your "funds" expire. They have to be spent with urgency, for tomorrow your account will reset.

And because it will reset, and because we can only spend those precious seconds we have today, what we do with those seconds matters a great deal. We know this. No preacher behind a pulpit or columnist at a keyboard has to tell us this. Yet, maybe we do need to be reminded.

Because there is always the temptation, as Frederick Buechner said, "To believe that we have all the time in the world, whereas the truth of it is we do not...For each of us there comes a point of no return, a point from which we no longer have life enough left to go back and start over."

We seemed to have celebrated New Year's Day 2012 just last week. Now that year, with all its

promise, joy, heartache, dread, and transition is gone. And before we can catch our breath from the race that was, we lurch forward into another January and another year. The real danger for us all is to come around twelve months from now and be exactly where we were twelve months ago.

Still stuck in a job we loathe. Still planning to take that big chance, or make that big move. Still at odds with the long-estranged loved one with whom we hope to one day reconcile. Still tripping over the same addiction, still trapped in that same poisonous relationship, still struck in the same soul-sucking routine.

Time is far too short to live like this, and deep in our hearts, we know it. We know that there is an unmerciful ruthlessness to time that demands we spend what we have – all we have – while today is still called today. Because today we still have opportunity. We still have time. We cannot, then, put off until tomorrow, next week, or next year what must and can only be done while there are still seconds in our banks.

The majestic Erma Bombeck, who cannot be improved upon, provides a summary on this point. She wrote, "I have learned that silver tarnishes when ...*Story cont. on Page 5B...*



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Keeping The Faith

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it isn't used, perfume turns to alcohol, candles melt in the attic over the summer, and ideas that are saved for a dry week often become dated. When I am asked to give an accounting of my life to a higher court, it will be like this: 'So, empty your pockets. What have you got left of your life? Any dreams that were unfulfilled? Any unused talent that we gave you when you were born that you still have left? Any unsaid compliments or bits of love that you haven't spread around?' And, I will answer, 'I have nothing left to return. I spent everything you gave me. I'm as naked as the day I was born.'" Amen.

Ronnie McBrayer is a syndicated columnist, speaker, and author of multiple books. You can read more and receive regular e-columns in your inbox at www.ronniemcbrayer.me.

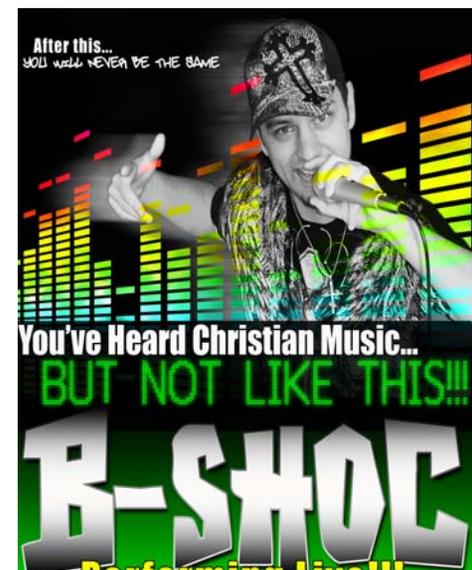
New Testament Hosting Concert Featuring B-SHOC

It's not your grandma's Christian music, as B-SHOC will perform live at New Testament Christian Center on Friday, Jan. 4, beginning at 7 p.m.

According to his biography at www.reverbnation.com/bshoc: "It didn't happen overnight. B-SHOC's switch from a successful nightlife artist to fully devoting his life to Jesus as a Christian entertainer was a process. Bryan Edmonds, aka B-SHOC, was raised in a Christian home and accepted Christ as his Savior at a very young age. He knew Jesus his whole life.

"At the age of 16, B-SHOC's heart started beating to the beat of rap music. Falling in love with the style, he pursued a career. With the success came the 'rock-star' lifestyle, which consisted of partying and women. Between performing and promoting, this fast life locked B-SHOC in the night clubs almost every night of the week.

"The chase for fame and money, and never seeming to reach satisfaction began to fill his heart with emptiness. Reaching a state of depression, B-SHOC became tired of the race. Knowing that God had his hand on him the whole time, B-SHOC knew it was time to run back to Him. B-SHOC disappeared from the scene for quite some time. After time off and prayer, he came back



with quite an announcement... "From here on out, I'm singing for Jesus!"

"What a shock! Losing some fans and even some friends didn't stop B-SHOC from pursuing his calling.

"Since then God has opened many doors for B-SHOC, packing concerts full of energy and excitement for Jesus. B-SHOC's passion is to show people that praising God can be so much fun. Thru his concerts and CDs, he prays more people come to know Jesus and develop a closer relationship with Him. He gives ALL Glory to God."

New Testament Christian Center is located at 2558 East US 90, outside of Madison.

Deborah

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Book of Judges, the Canaanite King Jabin had raised a mighty army against the Israelites. Led by the Assyrian general Sisera, the formidable enemy, boasting 900 iron chariots, was an enemy that not only outnumbered the Israelite army, but also had a fearsome advantage in military equipment; they had "mightily oppressed the children of Israel" for 20 years (Judges 4:3).

Deborah, Prophetess and Judge, summoned Barak, the leader of the Israelite army. It is a notable sign of the authority she commanded as Judge over the people of Israel, that the general obeyed her summons and appeared before her. There, she instructed Barak that the Lord had commanded that he take 10,000 men, drawn from the tribes of Naphtali and Zebulan and proceed to Mount Tabor, where he would draw out Sisera's massive army.

Perhaps her words astounded him; loosely organized Israelite tribesmen with whatever weapons they could muster, outnumbered by a standing army with 900 iron chariots, did not seem like very favorable odds. In fact such near-impossible odds may have even sounded like a sui-

cide mission to Barak, but that was Deborah's directive per the word of the Almighty.

"If thou wilt go with me, then I will go," Barak replies in verse 8. "But if thou wilt not go with me, then I will not go."

Was his statement a challenge? A test of Deborah's resolve? If so, then the general would have been astounded a second time, for Deborah answered without hesitation that she would indeed accompany him into battle, but warned him truthfully that this skirmish would not lead to military honor for him. God, she said, intended to deliver Sisera into the hand of a woman.

In ancient times, a warrior's death at the hands of a woman was considered among the most dishonorable ways to die. The mighty Sisera, general of the Canaanite army, killed by a woman? The very idea might have been difficult for military commander like Barak to get his head around.

Nevertheless, Barak agreed to go, with Deborah at his side.

On the enemy side of the battleground, Sisera noted the gathering of the small Israelite army by the river Kishon and was indeed drawn out in all his might. With his superiority in numbers and his 900 iron chariots, he came thundering across the plains, intent on quickly dispatching the small band of warriors.

The outcome of the battle was anything but

what the Canaanite expected. In verse 15, the Lord "discomfited Sisera, and all his chariots, and all his host...so that Sisera lighted down off his chariot and fled on his feet."

Sisera's entire army was put to flight, with the Israelites in hot pursuit, until only Sisera was left, the lone survivor. He sought refuge in the tent of a woman named Jael, who killed him with a wooden mallet and a tent peg through his skull after he fell asleep.

Thus, as Deborah had prophesied, Sisera was delivered into the hand of a woman.

How exactly the Israelites overcame the superior army of Canaan isn't spelled out in detail, but in Chapter 5, commonly referred to as "The Song of Deborah" there is a hint of a sudden torrential downpour in verse 4, wherein "the heavens dropped, the clouds also dropped water." The battlefield would have been reduced to a sea of mud, miring the heavy iron chariots down under their own weight and rendering them useless. Later, in verse 21, "the river of Kishon swept them away" could be a reference to a flash flood from the sudden storm.

Other than this brief account, we know little about Deborah's time as Judge, a position she held for many years. Not much is known about Deborah's personal life, either, except that she was the wife of Lapidoth, a man whose name means "torches." ...*Story cont. on Page 7B...*

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It is not certain whether or not she had any children of her own, although in Judges 5:7, she says, "that I Deborah arose, that I arose a mother in Israel."

What is notable about this story that unfolds in just two chapters is that not only is she the only female Judge mentioned in the Bible, but also that she is a fearless and fierce warrior for her people, a warrior who fights as an equal alongside a military general.

Further setting this story apart is that it tells also of a second strong and fierce woman, Jael, who dispatched Sisera and became a heroine to the Israelites. The Song on Deborah devotes several verses of soaring poetry to Jael's praise. In the many stories of battles in the Old Testament, this one, turning on the actions of two women, stands out as unique.

As the story comes down to us in these two chapters, Deborah seems to have been, in addition to a Prophetess, a Judge and a warrior, one of those leaders gifted with the ability to instill people with courage when they had impossible odds stacked against them, and to inspire them and rally them into action against a seemingly insurmountable foe.

It is how she is remembered: Deborah, the Prophetess, the Judge, with the wisdom to lead her people in the time of adversity, a resolve to follow her words with action, and a fierceness like the sudden, swift, and unexpected sting of the bee.

"Hear, O ye kings; give ear, O ye princes; I, even I, will sing unto the Lord; I will sing praise to the Lord God of Israel." (Judges 5:3)

Spence Holben At Grand Opening Of Orphanage In Haiti



Spence Holben, a Lee resident who has gone on mission trips to Haiti, is pictured at the grand opening of the Greta Orphanage in that country. Shown from left to right are Spence Holben, Greta von Susteren (from Fox News), John von Susteren (Greta's husband) and Franklin Graham (head of Samaritan's Purse and son of Dr. Billy Graham). Spence's parents say they are not proud of him because of who he knows, but because of the things that he does for the Lord and for others. Spence works with Samaritan's Purse in Haiti.



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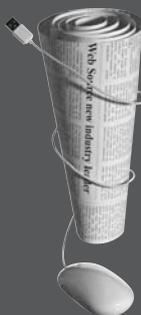
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The church will also have their annual calendar, this year's theme will focus on the children Genesis Kids 4 Christ 2013 Calendars, for a donation of \$5.00 and you can pre-order. Place your orders before on or before December 21, 2012 because they go fast every year. Contact Gianni Jackson at (850) 973-1339 or Gloria J. Washington (850) 973-6750. If no answer, leave message.

Gwendolyn T. Hubbard, Program Chairperson
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Madison First Baptist Offering Financial Peace University

By Kristin Finney
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Madison First Baptist church will be offering Madison residents a chance to learn about financial saving and proper money management. The church will be hosting Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University classes beginning in the month of January. The course takes nine weeks to complete and will offer attendees a chance to learn to manage their money properly.

The classes will be held on Thursday evenings from 5:30-7 p.m. There will be a free preview on January 17. This course will offer information on paying off debt, building savings, investing in college and retirement, as well as giving to God's Kingdom's work.

The course will cost \$95, which includes all of the course materials as well as the ability to retake the course at any time in the future if you need a "refresher."

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A New Year's Resolution To Help Spiritually And Mentally

52 Week Bible Reading Plan

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When thinking of New Year's resolutions, one that you can do that will be worth your while spiritually and mentally. That resolution is to read the Bible through in one year.

Reading the Bible through in a year is not hard if you set your mind to it. A few years ago, this writer decided to read the Bible all the way through. While the goal had been to read it through once in a year, it ended up being read three times in one year. The next year, this writer attempted the same and ended up reading it twice in a year, reading different translations including the King James Version, the New Kings James Version and the New Living Translation all the way through.

Each time it was read, this writer found new and interesting things in places that he had read before. It was like digging for gold, and finding more than one expected.

We present you with a chart to help you in your attempt to read the Bible. It is fun to check the chapters off and see how far you can get ahead of the date.

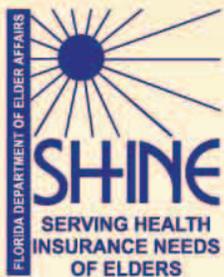
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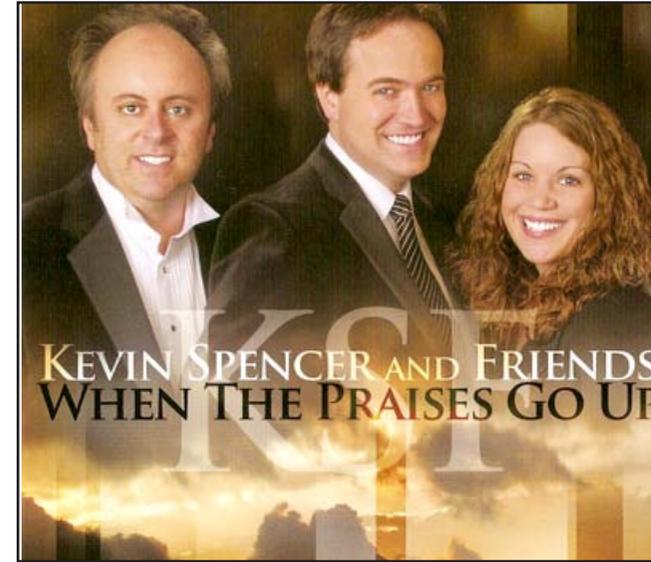


Kevin Spencer & Friends To Appear At Sirmans Baptist Church

Kevin Spencer and Friends will appear live in concert on Friday, Jan. 4, at 7 p.m. at Sirmans Baptist Church.

According to the group's MySpace page: "Kevin Spencer & Friends is a southern gospel group that organized in June of 1992. The group consists of Kevin Spencer, James Dean, and Starla Dean. Kevin formerly traveled with the Spencers and has witnessed many lives changed through music. He is admired by his fans wherever the group goes with his desire to be a blessing, and minister, while delivering a song. His greatest moments are when something he has written or sung has truly touched someone's life. He also owns and operates the Some Dawning Music Co., Inc., Int'l. a company that includes recording, publishing, promoting, producing of great southern gospel music. James enjoys traveling from town to town singing for God. He also enjoys meeting people and making new friends everywhere they go. He joined the group in 1998 and has built quite a fan base with his beautiful baritone voice. His love for gospel music continues to grow as more lives are touched day by day. He also helps run the offices at Some Dawning Music Co. Starla

joined the group in 2006, singing tenor. She has a beautiful voice whether singing harmony or pleasing the fans with her own song and style. She also works in the office assisting Kevin with the Some Dawning Music Co. James and Starla are newlyweds and feel very blessed to tour and minister as husband and wife. Kevin Spencer and Friends have recorded three 1 songs! Their hit songs and fan favorites include: "The Blood Is Still There", "If The Rapture Was Yesterday", "The Vision," "Let's Meet By The River," "Shepherd of The Lost," "Saved By Grace", "Stand By Me," "Come Away," "Sounds of That City" and many more!!! They have been awarded The Singing News "Horizon Group of the Year" and the Gopel Voice "Sunrise Group of the Year," the two highest honors for a new group to receive. They currently sing 280 concerts per year in 30 different states, Canada, the Virgin Islands, Honduras, etc... and can be seen on many different Christian TV stations including GMT (Gospel Music Television). They fly to most of their appearances. Bill Gaither has invited the group to be a part of his videos "All Day Singing," "So Glad," and "Sunday Meeting' Time." They per-



formed "I Heard About A Stone," "I Kept On Praying" and "Twelve Gates To The City." Kevin Spencer and Friends are all born again Christians and believe in living what they sing."

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