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Five Charged In Voter Case To File Motions

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Five of the nine people previously charged in connection with a voter fraud case will have their pre-trial hearings on Wednesday Jan 23, at the Madison County Courthouse.

Expected to file motions that day will be Abra "Tina" Johnson, Earnie Johnson, Raven Williams, Judy Crumitie and Laverne Haynes.

The charges stem from an investigation conducted by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) after complaints were brought forward after Abra Johnson was elected to the Madison County School Board. A number of absentee ballots sealed the win in that election for Johnson, who was trailing before the absentees were counted.

Charges against three others who were allegedly involved in voter fraud were dropped. Those three were Shalonda Brinson, Ora Rivers and Montollis Roberson.

Former Supervisor of Elections Jada Woods Williams, who was removed from office by Gov. Rick Scott after being charged in the case with neglect of duty, has had her trial move from Madison County to Leon County.

It's Time For The 10th Annual Kelsi Reams Hot Chocolate Sale



Photo submitted

Kelsi Reams, center, will be holding a hot chocolate fundraiser on Saturday, Jan. 26, in front of Scott Realty in Greenville. She is flanked by sisters, Abby, left, and Chloe, right.

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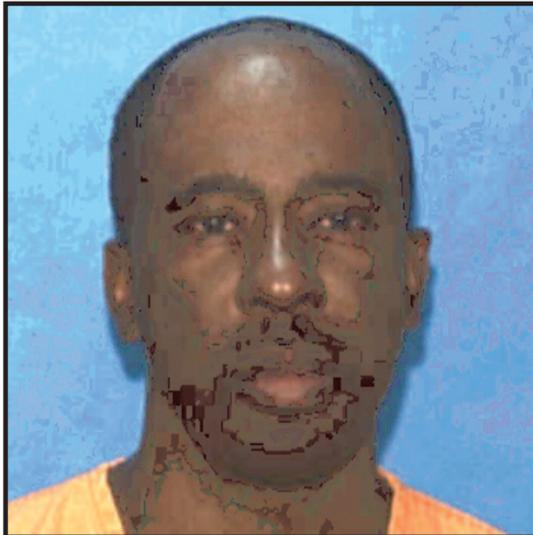
The 10th Annual Kelsi Reams Hot Chocolate Sale will be held Saturday, Jan. 26.

Once again, the location will be at Scott Realty in Greenville.

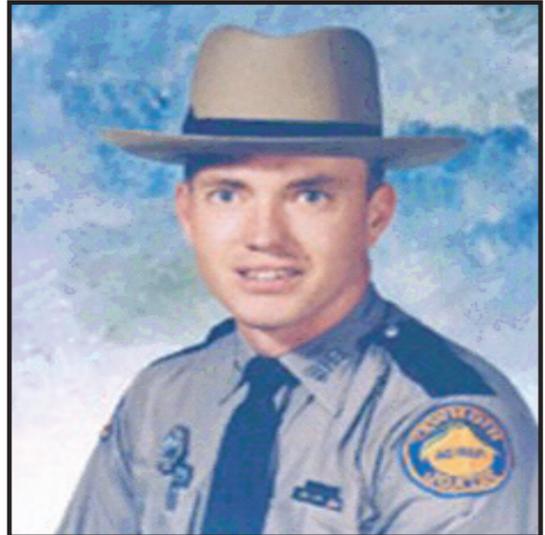
Kelsi began the hot chocolate fundraiser to raise money and awareness for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation after her sister, Abby, was diagnosed with the genetic disease when she was a baby.

Kelsi, along with Abby and Chloe, will be on hand to help serve you. Coffee and donuts will also be available, along with Kelsi's famous hot chocolate.

DEATH WARRANT SIGNED FOR FULFORD KILLER



Paul Howell



Jimmy Fulford

By Jacob Bembrly
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Gov. Rick Scott has signed a death warrant for Paul Augustus Howell, who was found guilty of the Feb. 1, 1992 car bombing which resulted in the death of Florida Highway Patrolman Jimmy Fulford, of Greenville. He is scheduled to be executed on Feb. 26 at 6 p.m.

On Jan. 10, 1995, Howell was adjudicated guilty of first-degree murder and was given the death penalty.

In Jan. 1992, Howell had constructed a pipe bomb. He had intended to murder a Marianna woman named Tammie Bailey with it. Bailey was part of a drug ring with Paul Howell and his brother, Patrick. Bailey could link the Howell brothers to a previous murder, so they intended on eliminating her as a witness for the prosecution.

It was cold that Feb. 1 when Fulford arrived at work at 3 p.m. at the Madison FHP station. He went on a call to a rest area on Interstate 10 where he helped a woman who had locked the keys in her car. He then spotted a car headed west at 85 miles per hour and stopped the Mitsubishi Gallant in Jefferson County.

Fulford discovered that Lester Watson, the man driving the car, did not have a driver's license. Fulford arrested Watson on charges of driving without a license and Watson was booked into the Jefferson County Jail. Watson's passenger, Leroy Williams, asked if he could accompany Watson to the jail.

Fulford discovered that the car had been rented to Paul Howell, of Miami. He had the dispatcher call Howell, who said that he had given Watson permission to drive the car

but had not told him to head north with it. During the phone call, he never told them that the package contained a bomb that he had intended to send to Marianna to silence a witness who could tie him to a murder.

Fulford and Jefferson County deputies Wallace Blount and Robert Harrell searched the car.

Fulford looked through the trunk and saw an empty baby's bottle and a gift-wrapped package. While waiting for the wrecker to come pick up the car, he searched the Mitsubishi again. He opened the package with his penknife and the bomb exploded, killing Jimmy Fulford.

Fulford's lieutenant, B.J. Tinney noted that when officers were moving the car away from the blaze so that it would not catch fire, that Fulford's radio was set to WAFT, a Christian

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VULNERABLE PERSONS ACT COULD HANDCUFF LOCAL EDUCATORS



John Grosskopf
President John Grosskopf.

By Jacob Bembrly
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A law approved by Gov. Rick Scott on April 27, 2012 and took effect Oct. 1, 2012 virtually handcuffs local educators and could end up being very expensive for the state.

Called the Vulnerable Persons Act, it is supposed to be designed to protect minors and the elderly from abuse. If anyone hears a minor mentioning anything about being abused or if they hear an adult say something about a child, they are required to call a hotline set up by the state. The hotline will receive the information and send out an investigator from the Department of Children and Families to look into the matter.

"The way the law is written is awful," said North Florida Community College

Grosskopf said that law is a "shotgun reaction" to the sexual abuse scandal at Penn State University. That case involved Jerry Sandusky, a former assistant football coach, molesting young boys. Officials at the college had knowledge of the incidents and failed to report them. Their failure resulted in strong actions against the football program. Coach Joe Paterno had the most wins of any Division I college football head coach until he was stripped of a number of those wins. Sandusky was sentenced to life in prison last week.

"If an instructor hears anything, they have to come and report it to me," said Grosskopf. "Together, we make the call to the hotline."

Grosskopf said that he has already had to make calls to the hotline.

Failure for NFCC officials or any other college or university official to make a report could result in a \$1,000,000 (one million) fine for each incident. Operating with a budget of only \$6,000,000, that would practically shut down NFCC.

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By Kristin Finney
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Shelly Smith

Andy Decker Sworn In As Circuit Judge



By Bryant Thigpen
Suwannee Democrat

Friends and family gathered on Friday evening at the Hamilton County Courthouse for the investiture of newly elected Andrew Decker, III as a circuit judge for the Third Judicial Circuit. Decker's judicial office will be in Jasper in accordance with his assignment from the chief judge. Decker will cover criminal and civil cases in Hamilton and Madison Counties.

Retired Judge John Peach obtained special permission from Governor Rick Scott to render the oath to Decker. Pictured left to right are: Ret. Judge John Peach, Judge Andrew Decker and his wife, Rose, and Father Andrzej Mitera of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church.

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Local Weather

<p>Wed 1/23 65/44</p> <p>Sunny skies. High around 65F. Winds NNW at 5 to 10 mph.</p>	<p>Thu 1/24 72/47</p> <p>Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 40s.</p>	<p>Fri 1/25 75/48</p> <p>Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm.</p>	<p>Sat 1/26 64/35</p> <p>Sunshine. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 30s.</p>
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VIEWPOINTS & OPINIONS



Emerald's Gem Box



Emerald Greene
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Happy Birthday, Brooke



Monday, January 21, marked the 18th birthday of my daughter, Brooke.

18 – such a big milestone in her life!

18 - such a big milestone in my life, also. I realized, Monday, that with Brooke turning 18 (and Chelstie already turned 20) that I am no longer the mother of “children.” I have moved into the category of having “adult children.” That just sounds a lot older than what I feel.

But, on this special day, I am filled with love (for such a wonderful daughter/blessing), sadness (for days gone by), happiness (for the days at hand), and excitement (for the days that lie ahead). But, most of all I am filled with admiration and pride for the beautiful young lady that God has blessed me with. She is truly a beautiful young lady, on the outside AND on the inside.

Happy Birthday, Brooke. I love you and am so very proud of you!

I'm glad that God gave you to me!

Until then....see you around the town.



Health & Wellness Tips

from
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Madison

DID YOU KNOW.....

In order to maintain our ability to participate in the physical activities we enjoy throughout life and to keep leg, hip and back pain away, we need to be able to get up off the floor. From a physical ability perspective, the toilet was a terrible invention. We are designed to poop by squatting right down to the ground, so before the toilet, from the time we learned to squat poop as a child until the time we died, we had the flexibility and strength to do so. We pooped often enough to keep ourselves adequately limber to squat low, and strong enough to easily get up from that position. Now days many of us stop getting down onto the floor altogether once the kids are past the toddler age. The chair is about as close to the floor as we get. Then some years later we find ourselves on the floor for some reason or another, like looking for something that rolled under the sofa, and we realize that getting up off the floor is suddenly quite hard work.

In those years of no floor time, our leg muscles have tightened up to the point that we can't bend our knees, ankles or toes as far as we used to, and we have lost the strength to easily get up from the floor. So we rely on our arms to either pull ourselves up onto the furniture, or we push our hands down on our thighs to get our trunk up. And then the grandkids come along, and we want to be able to crawl around the floor with them like we did with our kids, but somehow the effort is too much. We attribute it to aging and accept this as an inevitable part of life, and we try and keep up with the grandkids while staying on our feet. But for some, even that is challenging, as the knees, hip or back hurts.

The question is whether the knee, hip, or back pain is the reason for the lack of ability or whether the lack of ability is the reason for the knee, hip or back pain. More frequently than is acknowledged, the lack of ability in terms of flexibility and strength is the under-

lying cause of the pain. If the pain came on gradually as opposed to a sudden trauma such as a car accident or fall, it is quite possible and even likely that the pain is due to being too tight and/or too weak. Interestingly enough, if one is flexible enough to squat right to the ground and stay there comfortably, it is easier to recruit the correct muscles in the right order when getting up, which would reduce the chances of getting low back, hip and knee pain. One of the biggest mistakes well-meaning adult children do is move their parents out of a home that has stairs into a home that does not, thinking that a stair-free environment will be easier on them. But having stairs, keeps one able to do stairs, and once there are no stairs to climb on a regular basis, the ability to climb stairs is lost. Soon stepping up or down a curb becomes a problem, and getting into or out of cars is impossible without help. This gradual loss of function is not an inevitable part of ageing and can be avoided all together. The saying “If you don't use it you'll lose it” is true, but so is its opposite, “If you use it you will regain it.” The miracle of our bodies is that with consistent, appropriate daily practice targeted to one's current ability, function can be regained.

Many people are impaired in their ability due to a lack of flexibility in the hips, knees, ankles and toes. Many don't have the strength in the abdominals to do even one full sit up from the floor in order to get into a squat position, and many don't have the strength in the buttocks and legs to push up to standing from the floor without using their arms.

For some people there are good reasons why certain techniques should not be practiced (if you have an acute disk problem, the bend pattern and the very bottom of the squat may be problematic for example), so see your doctor for clearance.

In my last Air Force job, I was involved in a business organization model known as Total Quality Management (TQM). It may sound unusual that the Air Force was trying to organize using business principles, but it made perfect sense for our organization. The Air Force Development Test Center at Eglin AFB was an R&D organization that dealt with government contractors on a daily basis. We weren't a combat organization and we dealt with business entities using common business practices.

For a criterion, we used a model known as the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award named for a former Secretary of Commerce in the Reagan Administration. Here in Florida, our model for the Baldrige is known as the Governor's Sterling Award and has been in use since 1992.

For three years in the mid-90s, I served as an examiner for the Sterling Award. The teams I was assigned to examined a call center in Jacksonville; the city government of Coral Springs in Broward County; and a transportation company in Jacksonville Beach. In the case of Coral Springs, I served as the team leader. After training, we would score the application and make a site visit to verify the contents of the application. I'm very proud that all three of these organizations received the Governor's Sterling Award. They were committed, superior organizations. It was my honor to play a small role in their success.

Each of these three organizations, numbering between a few hundred to several thousand, was wired from top to bottom. They had a well-developed strategic plan. Every job description was written to include elements from that plan so that everyone was on the same page. And the plan was constantly updated and in practical use.

After moving to Madison in 1997, I made an attempt to help a couple of organizations implement TQM principles. I wasn't too

successful, but I never forgot the importance of this type of business organization. When it came time a few years later to organize my family's forestry business, we roughly applied these same principles. I have been told by more than one forestry professional that our Boyles Tree Farm strategic plan is unique in our industry. I'm proud of that, not because we're alone, but because the model itself is a superior way to organize.

So what are the values that distinguish a Baldrige-style organization? First, they believe in customer-driven quality. The business or organization exists for its customers and strives constantly to meet and then, exceed their demands. Second, they believe in continuous improvement. We're never satisfied with the status-quo, always seeking to make what we do better. Third, we use facts (rather than opinions or feelings) to make decisions. TQM is a fact-based decision making process.

TQM organizations thrive on employee involvement. Employees understand work processes better than anyone. By involving them in the decision process, we improve our processes and better meet our customer's needs. Because we use employee information, TQM organizations are quick off the mark and nimble. They are not hidebound or overly bureaucratic. By combining employee inputs to process improvements, there is an emphasis on improving design quality.

Some of the best organizations I observed were so committed to their employees that they used a profit sharing model where the employees had an economic incentive in the company's success. There was no need for union in-

volvement in this type of organization.

Many organizations get sidetracked with short-term goals, falling victim at times to crisis-management. Not superior TQM organizations that aim toward the long-term view. They develop a partnership toward achieved goals with customers, suppliers and employees. They believe in corporate and civic responsibility.

The best TQM organizations that compete for Baldrige and Sterling are results driven. They set measureable goals and track their progress. When they fall short, they carefully examine their failure and make adjustments. When they exceed their goals, they celebrate success and move the bar higher, or in some cases, a new direction. Again, they're never satisfied with the status-quo. All of this can be summed up with the concept of business leadership.

So, this is how my mind works. Recently, I tried to steer a Christian non-profit organization in this direction and met resistance. I was told, “We're not a business; we're a ministry.” Funny; I recall hearing the same excuse from government organizations as if they were somehow above or beyond excellent business practices. Nonsense. Every organization can learn and profit from best management practices including those used by private business. Superior organization is exactly that – superior; whether the objective is earning a profit, increasing dividends, or delivering first class service.

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FROM PAGE ONE

Vulnerable Persons

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“My prediction is that the hotline will be slammed with reports in the first couple of months,” Grosskopf said. “Most will be nothing.”

The DCF is required to look into each call and the calls will take precedence over any other investigation that DCF is looking at.

Grosskopf said that he sent his Human Resources team and campus security to a meeting to learn the ins and outs of the law.

“It is so generic,” Grosskopf said of the 30-page law, “that if an instructor is at an event and sees something, he or she will have to report it.”

Grosskopf said the Council of Presidents is seeking to get more clarification on the law.

The Department of Education has no rule making authority on it and have to bide with it.

Grosskopf believes the law will have to be repealed or rewritten. Right now, staff will have to report anything they hear or see, even if it is just students or others joking around, to the abuse hotline.

Forms of abuse mentioned in the law include child abuse, elderly abuse, aggravated stalking, rape, molestation and a number of other crimes.

Fulford

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music station in Valdosta, Ga. Officers also noted that Fulford’s watch had stopped at 4:34 p.m.

At Fulford’s funeral, a tape was played of him singing gospel music the First Baptist Church in Monticello, where he served as deacon.

Lester Watson was convicted of second-degree murder and sentenced to 40 years in prison. Patrick Howell was sentenced to 40 years in prison without possibility of parole for 25 years. Other members of the Jamaican drug posse involved in the murder cover-up were sentenced to extensive prison terms. Paul Howell was sentenced to die for Fulford’s death.

The FHP building where Fulford was stationed was later named after the fallen trooper. Today, it houses the Madison County Sheriff’s Office but still is named after Fulford.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

January 24

Financial Fitness Class- Offered by the Tallahassee Lenders Consortium, the information in this class will help you understand the basics of budgeting, credit and credit reporting. This is a free two- hour night class held monthly at the B.L. Perry Library (2804 S. Adams Street in Tallahassee). The upcoming class date is on January 24, from 6-8 p.m. Attendees must register first to attend this session.

January 26, February 6,7

Home Buyer Education Class- This course provides information on loan agreement terms, property taxes, insurance, home and property maintenance, home improvements, budget and financial management, the sales contract, property taxes and Home owners and title insurance. Homebuyer Education classes are offered twice a month with a minimal fee of \$20 for training materials. The upcoming class dates are; January 26 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; February 6-7, Part 1 and 2 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. both located at the Tallahassee Board of Realtors office (1029 Thomasville Rd.) Attendees must register first to attend the session.

February 2

Folks from West Virginia will converge on Lake City for their annual West Virginia reunion. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to share at the event, which will offer fun and fellowship. Guests will be able to share stories about their home state. The reunion will be held at noon on Feb. 2 at Epiphany Church in Lake City. Epiphany Church is located at 1905 SW Epiphany Court. RSVP deadline is Jan. 28. RSVP to (386) 754-1760.

Hunter, Holden To Marry At Lake Park Plantation



Mike and Sandy Hunter of Perry announced the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Karyn, to Cody James Holden of Madison, the son of Arliegh and Twanna Holden of Madison.

The bride-elect graduated from Taylor County High School in 2008 and then the University of North Florida in 2012.

Her maternal grandparents are Joe and Ernestine Carlton and her paternal grandparents are R.V. and Louise Hunter.

The prospective groom is a 2006 graduate of Madison County High School and a 2009 graduate of Valdosta Technical College. He is currently employed with Tri-County Electric.

His maternal grandparents are Jim and Norman Leonard. His paternal grandmother is Wanda Holden.

Their wedding will be an event of March 2, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. at Quail Branch Plantation in Lake Park, Ga.

Friends and relatives of the couple are cordially invited to attend.

Rotary Presents Check to Salvation Army



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Lynette Norris, January 16, 2013

The Rotary Club of Madison demonstrates commitment to local charities with a \$500 donation to the Salvation Army of Madison County. On hand for the check presentation are (left to right): Salvation Army representatives Gail and George Blevins, Rotary Club President Scot Copeland, and Rotary Club Board of Directors member Carl Dean.

CRACKER SEZ

BUD

Jake Briers was offered ‘uh pup when he was 16. It was half Rhodesian Ridgeback ‘n half Golden Retriever. Ridgebacks came from Africa. They was bred ta’ hunt lions. They was considered ‘uh people’s dog; intelligent n’ trustworthy with children. We all know what ‘uh fine dog ‘uh Golden Retriever is.

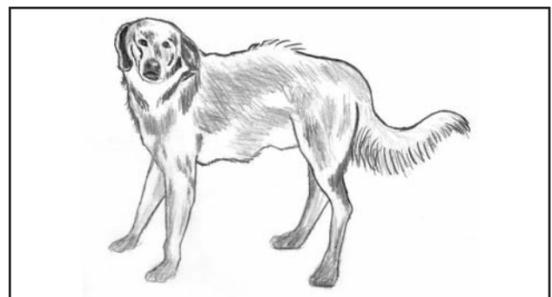
Jake named ‘eem Bud. Two years later Jake went off ta’ school ‘n had ta’ leave Bud behind with his mom, Abigail. Bud liked ta’ roam fer miles ‘n explore. He’d walk up to ‘uh strainer ‘n stand next to him as if to say, “ You can pet me if you like but if you don’t, that’s O.K. to.” The first time Miss Dollie Burton, ‘uh neighbor, seen bud, she was take’n ‘uh stroll down the road. She noticed Bud come’n toward her ‘n seen the hair on his back stick’n up. That’s ‘uh Ridgeback trait. She thought he was mad but she stood her ground. Bud just walked up ‘n started lick’n on her. He wound up go’n home with Dollie ‘n stay’n two years. Dur’n that time Bud fought off ‘uh Panther that was after Dollie’s house dog. He was bit two ‘er three times by poisonous snakes he was hid’n the area of. Once ‘uh rattler got ‘eem ‘n his head’s wall’ up like ‘uh basketball. The vet put drain’n tubes in his head ta’ relieve the pressure.

Bud took ta’ me ‘n my old pickup. If I stopped in sight of Bud, he’d come jump in the back ‘n take ‘uh ride. We’d go ta’ town ta’ get tractor fuel ‘n such ‘n folks would say what ‘uh nice dog I had. I’d tell ‘um, “ He ain’t mine he just likes ta’ ride in my truck.”

Once he follered’ me down the road on my tractor. I was get’n ‘uh log fer my barn. While I was hook’n up the log, two big Chows violently attacked Bud. They had him by the neck. I grabbed ‘uh limb ‘n got ‘um off. At first it seemed Bud was alright but he started trimbol’n. First his back legs gave way



Jim Deitrich Guest Columnist



then his front legs. He rolled on his back ‘n went limp. I ‘bieve he was go’n in shock. I pet him ‘n talked to ‘eem ‘n after what seemed like ‘uh half hour he began to get up. As soon as I ‘crunk my tractor he started follow’n along side. Soon he was run’n like noth’n had happened. I ‘believe if I hadn’t coaxed him back he’d ‘uh died.

About five ‘er six years ago Bud went miss’n. He ain’t been seen since but this neighborhood ain’t likely ta’ ever forget ‘ole Bud.

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

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AROUND MADISON COUNTY

Obituaries

Dr. Jacquelyn Thomas Hartley

The Florida A&M University (FAMU) family is deeply saddened by the passing of FAMU alumna Jacquelyn Thomas Hartley, the wife of Col. (Ret) Brodes H. Hartley.

Jacquelyn Thomas Hartley's wake was held Friday, Dec. 21, 2012, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Christ Fellowship Church located at 8900 SW 168th St., Palmetto Bay, Fla. 33157. Funeral services will take place on Saturday, Dec. 22 at 10 a.m. at Christ Fellowship. The repast will occur at Palmetto Bay Village Center located at 18001 Old Cutler Road in Palmetto Bay, Fla.

Individuals can send their expressions of sympathy to Col. (Ret) Brodes H. Hartley Jr. and Family, 19338 SW 80th Court, Cutler Bay, Fla. 33157.

A native of Madison, Fla., Jacquelyn Thomas Hartley earned her bachelor's degree in nursing from FAMU in 1956. She earned her master's degree in maternal and child nursing from the University of Maryland, and her doctorate in education administration from Florida State University. Her first job was at the FAMU Hospital, where she excelled as a graduate nurse. She was licensed on her first sitting on the Registered Nursing Examination. Her scores were in the 19th percentile.

Hartley had a distinguished nursing career. Her professional experience included many years of working for the Federal government and state of Florida. Hartley served as an associate professor at FAMU from 1982-1984. She had advanced from faculty to chairperson to associate dean. She served twice as acting dean during her tenure. She retired from Florida International University as a special projects officer.

Her honors and awards included the following: Distinguished Fellow Award and the Gallery of Distinction at FAMU, one of FAMU's 125 Outstanding Alumni, The Black Employees Arad at Florida International University, the Family Christian Association of America Inc., and the Black Achievers Award. She was the first African-American president of the District 5 Florida Nursing Association.

She was a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., The Girlfriends and The Holidays. She was also involved with



the Parent-Teacher Association for her grandchildren from elementary school through high school.

Hartley was very active in her community. She volunteered at Community Health Inc. of South Florida in the Human Resources Department and Family Medicine. She faithfully volunteered at Christ Fellowship Church in the nursery, on the health committee as well as served as greeter on Sunday mornings and prepared folders for service. Her home often served as a regular meeting place for the South Miami-Dade Chapter of the FAMU National Alumni Association.

She was a loyal FAMUan who knew at a very early age that she was destined to attend FAMU, a place where her mother, sisters and brothers attended. During her FAMU Freshmen Orientation Week, she met her future husband, Col. Hartley. They married after dating for four years and had been married for 55 years. The couple had two children, six grandchildren and one great grandchild.

She leaves to mourn her passing a loving and devoted husband Col. Brodes H. Hartley II of Palmetto Bay; two children Cndr. Brodes Hartley III, and Jacquelyn Hartley White both of Miami; six grandchildren and one great grandchild. A loving sister, Cheryl Thomas-Tate of Las Vegas, Nev., aunts, uncles, numerous friends, and extended family also survived her.

She was the daughter of Dittimus (Dickie) Thomas and Mary Swilley Thomas, both, which preceded her in death. Aunts, Alma Wynn, Jayne Scott and Maxine Franklin of Madison, Gertrude Ford of Detroit, Mich.; and uncles Calvin Swilley, of Lamont, and Pasco Swilley of Palm Bay; also survive her.

Dorothy Vivian Crews

Dorothy Vivian Crews, 88, Greenville, passed away peacefully in her sleep on January 17. Born in Leesville, S.C., she was one of 12 children of Henry Smith and Bessie Corley Smith. She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings, and husband Floyd Crews. Mrs. Crews was a homemaker, residing in Fruitland Park, from the mid 1940's until moving to Greenville in the late 1970's. She was a member of Greenville Baptist Church and the Greenville Women's Club.

She is survived by her longtime companion, Herman Melvin, Dowling Park; children, Lola Remson and husband Jack, Childersburg, Ala.; Barbara Rogers, Leesburg, Va.; Charlie Crews and wife Tarja, Williston; Pat Skok and husband Craig, Lawrenceville, Ga.; Joyce Sanders, Fort Walton Beach; and 19 grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mrs. Crews will be conducted on Saturday, January 26, 2012, at 11 a.m. at the Beggs Funeral Home Chapel in Madison, FL, with Pastor Toney Hill from Greenville Baptist Church officiating. Viewing will be held in the Beggs Chapel at 10 a.m., and interment will be at Greenville Cemetery following the funeral service.

Anyone wishing to make a contribution in memory of Mrs. Crews may do so by sending to the Advent Christian Village, Camillia Court Unit, PO Box 4332, Dowling Park, FL 32064.

Alex Agner

William Alexander "Alex" Agner, 92, died at the Madison County Memorial Hospital on Sunday morning, January 20, 2013. Born in Madison County on December 6, 1920, he spent most of his life in the county, except for several years in western Tennessee.

He was a member of the Barbara Memorial Grace Church. For many years, he was involved in the turpentine business and, in his later years, was employed by the Madison Pallet Company.

He is survived by two daughters: Helen (Jimmy) Williamson of Nephi, Utah and Mary (Terry) Frownfelter of Chapin, S.C.; four grandchildren: Melinda Lee (Vince) Dye, Delbert Onda (Tina) Williamson, Cynthia Morine Phillipsen and Ira Alexander (Michelle) Williamson; 22 great-grandchildren; eight great-great grandchildren; sisters: Mildred Agner, Shellie Duran and Joyce Williams; and brothers, James Carroll, Sr. (Kitty), Robert, Paul, Sam (Jan) and Walter.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Willie James and Fannie Agner and brothers, Joe Dean, Cole, John and Raymond.

Funeral services will be held at Barbara Memorial Grace Church on Thursday, January 24, 2013, at 2 p.m. Interment will be at Barbara Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be on Wednesday, January 23, 2013, from 5-7 p.m. at Beggs Funeral Home in Madison.

Beggs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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AROUND MADISON COUNTY

Pine Tree Craft And Quilters Club Holding Quilt Show Feb. 16.

By Lynette Norris
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It started in 1994, when the United Methodist Cooperative Ministries was considering closing its Co-op Center on the corner of NW Dill Avenue and Colin Kelly Highway. The Center had been built to host meetings, programs and activities for children and youth, but nothing ever attracted enough kids to keep anything going. The building wasn't being used enough to justify the cost of keeping it open.

That was when Ila Willis, who had been retired for a few years by then, inquired about using the center for a weekly "quilter's club," where people could meet to sew quilts for charities. She had been working on some quilts at home, but quilting was something that she was used to doing with a group of people; she had found that it wasn't quite as much fun working alone.

Thus, the "Pine Tree Craft and Quilter's Club" came into being, with four founding members: Louise Vickers, Hilda Dixon, Louise Strickland and Willis.

The club has now been around almost 20 years, and currently, Willis estimates that there are about 30 regular members, including a few members from Perry. "Some will come and be regular; some will come and go," she said. But all those who show up pitch in enthusiastically and have a great time.

"It's not like a 'regular' club," she added, meaning that it is not "strictly

organized" like a formal club, with officers. It's mostly just people getting together to work on quilts, and perhaps it might need a little more organization soon; the members have talked about it. "But right now, we all have a big time just being together and working on quilts...we enjoy being together, we enjoy talking with our neighbors and we enjoy working."

She has been quilting nearly all her life, starting when her mother taught her the craft. During the years when she worked fulltime, including eight years for a gas company in Clyatteville, Ga., eight years at the Van H. Priest Store in Madison, and then eight years as director for the Senior Center, quilting was her hobby. After she retired at age 59, she was able to devote more time to it, and once the Pine Tree Quilters was up and running, she was spending more time with it than ever, working with other people and doing something she loved.

Now 85, she is still a regular member of the Pine Tree Craft and Quilters, meeting every Tuesday from about 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., sewing warm, beautiful quilts - baby quilts and adult-sized quilts - for those in need.

The list of organizations that have benefited from the Pine Tree Quilters' many labors of love is a long one, including: Healthy Start of Madison, Taylor and Jefferson Counties; the Madison Health Department; A Woman's Pregnancy Center of Madison; the American Legion; local migrant workers and their families; South Georgia Medical Center (preemies section); Hospice; Refuge House; My Brother's Keepers (bedrolls for the homeless); the American Cancer Society; Good Neighbors Homeless Shelter of Charleston; Newborn Intensive Care Units in Tallahassee; the African Mission Project; the Vashti Center, several of the nursing home centers in Madison County, and more.

Then, a few years ago, one of the members had a relative who worked on an American Indian reservation in the Dakotas, so the Pine Tree Quilters began including Native American reservations and missions in its baby quilt ministry.

Soon, they will be having their 16th Annual Quilt Show, the Saturday after Valentine's Day, February 16. The show will be from 9 a.m. until noon at the United Methodist Co-op Center, located at the corner of NW Dill Avenue and Colin Kelly Highway (Highway 145/Valdosta Highway) about five miles

AGENDA 21 MEETING HELD

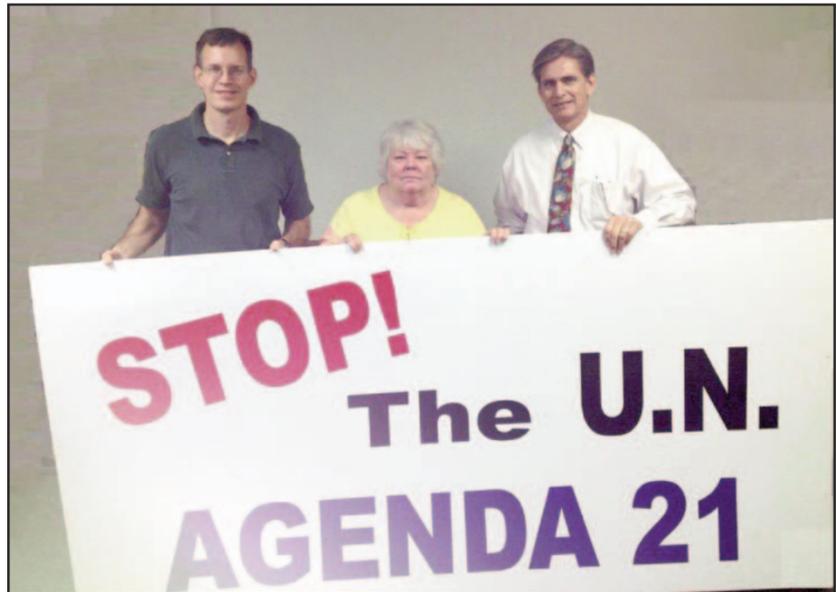


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The topic at the Republican Club of Madison was AGENDA 21. Standing left to right, is J.P. Maultsby, Mrs. Neal Rice and Mike Williams, President of the Republican Club.

Who wants to regulate your land and your questions? What is sustainable growth? These were questions posed and answered by Neal Rice, of

Perry.

Speaking to the Republican Club of Madison, at their regular monthly meeting, Mrs. Rice told of Taylor County's citizens fight against "sustainable growth;" their new newspaper, called *American Patriot News*; and other outreach efforts. The Florida legislature will consider, this session, a bill, similar to Alabama's law, stopping Agenda 21.

The 40 or so members and guests responded favorably to information about regulatory threats, and, were keyed to asking for solutions.



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo By Lynette Norris, January 14, 2013.

(Left to right) Dolly Ballard, one of the newer members of the Pine Tree Quilters, and Ila Willis, a founding member, hold up one of Willis's own quilt creations that uses variations on a single color (in this case, purple) to create a striking pattern.

Anyone who wants to can show a quilt, and everyone is invited to come out and see for themselves the vast range of creativity in quiltworking. The Co-op Center will also be serving a buffet brunch and asking for donations.

This is also the time and place for the Christmas Sampler Quilt drawing. Those who remember seeing the beautiful quilt while it was on display at Madison County Community Bank, and purchased one or more of the \$5 raffle tickets, will find out on Feb. 16 which ticket is the lucky winner, and who will get to take the beautiful prize quilt home.

The Pine Tree Craft and Quilters Club is open to anyone who would like to join and help work on quilts for a good cause. For more information on the club, or directions to the Co-op Center, contact Deborah Brown at (850) 929-4938.

"I love quilts and I love people," said Willis. "And the two just went together real good."

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AROUND MADISON COUNTY

Wynot Installed As Master Of Greenville Lodge



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Gregory P. Wynot, Sr. was installed as Worshipful Master of the Greenville Masonic Lodge. From left to right, Edward Wynot (father of Gregory Wynot), Andy Wynot (wearing a Tiger Cub t-shirt), Gregory P. Wynot, Sr., Pete Wynot (wearing a Webelos Cub Scout uniform) and Evan Wynot (wearing a Tiger Cub t-shirt).

By Jacob Bemby
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Greg Wynot was installed as the Worshipful Master of the Greenville Masonic Lodge on Monday evening, Jan. 7.

No other officers were installed at that date.

Don Love will be installed as a Junior Warden and Cris Degracia as Senior Warden at a meeting held on a later date.

Sherilyn Pickels Wins Circus Tickets



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Jacob Bemby, January 18, 2013

Sherilyn Pickels was excited to win four free tickets to the Ringling Brothers Circus in Tallahassee. Pickels won in a Facebook contest when she correctly answered a question. Go to Facebook and like the Greene Publishing Facebook page to keep up with the latest news and to win free contests and giveaways.

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SCHOOL

School Safety A Top Priority

On March 13, 2010, the Madison County Central School hosted "Operation Safe at School," a safety exercise based on the scenario of heavily armed gunmen entering the campus. Local law enforcement from both county and city joined school resource officers and security specialists, as they responded to a sequence of "live" simulations. Featuring trained actors and safety technology, each drill was designed to give faculty, staff, and students an opportunity to practice the best strategies for dealing with incidents like the one that recently devastated Newtown, Connecticut.

Championing this safety priority, Superintendent Doug Brown, accompanied by district personnel Andy Barnes, Tim Ginn, and Octavious Tookes, met with Sheriff Ben Stewart, Madison Police Chief Gary Calhoun, and Madison County Emergency Operations Chief Tom Cisco on January 8, 2013, to further develop school safety and incident response readiness. Among the outcomes of his meeting, three actions were noted:

Another event drill will be conducted later this year.

Sheriff's officers will be much more visible at Lee, Pinetta, and Greenville Elementary Schools in the mornings and afternoons, as children come and go from school.

Law enforcement personnel will conduct walk-through assessments of school facilities to identify areas that can increase safety and security.

Officials were complimentary of existing district and school-based policies and procedures, although documentation and the roles of specific personnel would continue to be actively updated. Regarding other directives, district staff was asked to bring school-level personnel up to speed, and the superintendent would be notified regarding scheduled safety drills – fire, storm and lockdown.

"The safety and security of our students is a top priority. The tragedy in Newtown reminds us that we must always be prepared. We will continue to train our faculty, staff, and students to ensure that school safety and incident response readiness is maintained and improved," Brown emphasized.

Families across America have been shocked and horrified at the news of school shooters. Madison County, parents and families can rest easier knowing that district personnel and law enforcement are prepared to address the threat and protect students to every degree possible.

Project Safe Zone Recognizes National Mentoring Month



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Students and mentor volunteers enjoy lunch at Madison County Central School.

Throughout January, volunteers are gratefully requested to contact Jodie Price, mentor coordinator for the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative, as part of the National Mentoring Month. The recruiting campaign highlights the crucial role played by mentors in helping Madison County students achieve their full potential. Research proves that mentoring has a significant economic and social impact, reducing youth violence and drug abuse, while greatly enhancing a young person's prospects for graduating high school and leading a healthy, productive life.

Project Safe Zone has been promoting positive behaviors since the initiative was launched in the Madison County School District. Entering its fourth year, the program has made notable strides in bullying and violence prevention, as it offers a proven character education curriculum. Mentoring is a vital component in this process.

Becoming a mentor is easy. After a simple review process that Price conveniently coordinates, volunteers are matched with students who have entered the program based on specific academic and behavioral challenges. Mentors meet students at

their schools for a few hours a month, where they spend time discussing school activities or just giving a little encouragement. Participants often state that even a little time counts so much to deserving students looking to improve their lives. Consequently, civic and faith-based organizations are urged to make mentoring part of their community action plan, as current mentors come from business, churches, and healthcare, literally all backgrounds, races and ages from throughout Madison County. Still, more are needed.

"We are so grateful to our mentors and so pleased with the progress of our students. I would just like to invite volunteers to give me a call for more details. The process is easy to fit into a work schedule, and many of my retiree mentors tell me how rewarding it is for them. When you see the results even a few minutes can make, it's amazing," Price noted.

For more information about becoming a mentor or to donate a few hours or dollars to support the mentoring program, phone Jodie Price at the Project Safe office, (850) 973-5192, ext. 137, or email her at jodie.price@madisonmail.us.

James Madison Preparatory High School Accepting Applications Feb. 1 – March 1

James Madison Preparatory High School will be accepting applications for 9th grade students for the 2013-14 school year from February 1 to March 1.

Approved by the Madison County School Board in September 2012, JMPHS is designed as a college preparatory public charter high school that will promote student ownership of learning through a content-rich liberal arts curriculum emphasizing science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). By integrating STEM education into a rigorous liberal arts curriculum, JMPHS students will gain the knowledge and skills necessary to be adequately prepared for and more marketable to colleges and universities. Therefore, in addition to the required state assessments, JMPHS students must maintain a 2.0 GPA, based on a +/- grading system, and complete 4 credits each in English, math, science and social studies. Students must also complete credits in world languages, speech/debate, computer applications, critical thinking & study skills, leadership skills, service-learning, senior research and health & physical education. Accelerated options such as AP courses and dual enrollment will be available for qualified students in upper grades. Furthermore, JMPHS plans to become both a STEM-certified school through Project Lead the Way and an International Baccalaureate school, which would allow it to offer one of the most prestigious high school diplomas in the world.

A charter school is a public school that operates under a performance contract, or a "charter," which frees it from many regulations created for traditional public schools while holding it accountable for academic and financial results (<http://www.floridaschoolchoice.org>)

. Thus, as a public school, all state assessments and school grades will be included in the Madison County School District ranking. JMPHS will provide transportation and participate in the National School Lunch Program for qualified students. As allowed by Florida Statute, JMPHS students may participate in sports and other extracurricular activities at Madison County High School that JMPHS does not offer. JMPHS will be located at the former Excel school building at 176 NW Crane Street through a lease from Madison County Memorial Hospital.

JMPHS does not charge tuition and is open to all students residing within the district who are able to spend 80 percent or more of their time in a traditional classroom. JMPHS will enroll 50 9th grade students for the 2013-14 school year and will add a grade of 50 students each year until it has 9th to 12th grades. As allowed by Florida Statute, preference will be given to siblings and children of Board members, staff members, and active military persons.

For the upcoming year, if the number of applications is equal to or fewer than 50 students, all eligible students will be enrolled. If the number of applications exceeds 50 students, all applicants will have an equal opportunity of being admitted through a random selection process. All complete applications received within the application period will be recorded and assigned a number. If the random draw is necessary, then all numbers will be placed in a container from which a non-employee, non-Board person will draw one number at a time. When all 50 seats are filled, the draw will continue with the remaining application numbers. These applicants will be placed on a waiting list in the order they are drawn and will be offered

positions if openings occur prior to or during the school year. Complete applications received after the deadline will be accepted but not considered until all applicants from the initial lottery have either filled or turned down openings. All late applicants will be placed into a lottery system to fill any openings. After the random draw, parents/guardians will be notified if their child has been admitted or not.

Applications are available at the

Madison County School Board Office; Justin Davis Enterprises, Inc. at 378 East Base Street; and on the JMPHS website at www.jmphs.org. Informational meetings for interested parents of rising 9th grade students will be held within the next few weeks. Information regarding dates, times and locations of these meetings will be advertised in the local papers, Madison Voice and the JMPHS website. For more information, please visit www.jmphs.org.

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SPORTS

Cowboys Fighting Hard During The New Year

By Kristin Finney
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The Madison County High School varsity boy's basketball team has had a rough start for 2013. The Cowboys played their first game of 2013 on January 3 against East Gadsden. The Cowboys started off the game strong, leading East Gadsden by 9 points at the beginning of the second period. East Gadsden came back in the second period, scoring 27 points, putting them ahead of the Cowboys by seven points going into half time. The

Cowboys scored 16 points in the third period, putting them behind only one point going into the final period. Then East Gadsden scored 34 points in the final period, bringing the final score to East Gadsden 77 and Cowboys 54.

The Cowboys then played Suwannee at home on January 5. This was another high scoring game. The Cowboys pulled ahead in the first period, leading Suwannee 19 to 15. Then Suwannee came back in the second period scoring 26 points to Madison's 13. The Cowboys returned from the half fighting strong, scoring 22 points to Suwannee's 13. Both teams went into the final period with 54 points, but Suwannee was able to score 25 points to Madison's 11, which led to a final score of Suwannee 79 and Madison 65.

The next game for the Cowboys was on January 8 against Godby. Godby pulled ahead in the first period leading Madison 15 to 11. This would be the only time during the game that the Cowboys scored less than Godby in a period. Madison scored 19 points to Godby's 17 in the second period, sending them into halftime behind by two points. During the second half the Cowboys scored a total of 48 points, while Godby only scored 35. This allowed the Cowboys their first win of the New Year, with a score of 78 to 67.

The Cowboys played their next game against Florida High on January 10 at home. The Cowboys quickly pulled ahead in the first period, scoring 12 points to Florida High's five points. Florida High was able to bring it back in the second period, scoring 16 points to Madison's eight, allowing them to go into the half ahead by one point. During the second half Florida High scored a total of 25 points against Madison's 22 points.

That night the Cowboys lost their third game of 2013 with a score of Florida High 46 and Madison 42.

Cowboys Put Bulldogs On A Leash In Hoops Action

By Jacob Bembry
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The Madison County High School Cowboys' basketball team handled the Taylor County High School Bulldogs, feeding them a 60-36 loss on Friday, Jan. 11, in Perry.

The Cowboys took control of the game early, pulling away to a 20-8 lead in the first quarter. By halftime, the lead had increased to 43-19.

In the third quarter, the Cowboys went up 57-31.

In the final quarter, the Cowboys held the Bulldogs to only five points, which scoring another 12.

Trey Johnson was the leading scorer for the Cowboys with 19 points. Neal Brown and Devontay Stephens scored 15 points each.

Jaylon Hazzard scored eight points.

Codrick Griffin chipped in five points.

Tré Arnold had four points.

Dee Oliver scored two points.

Chris Fead scored one point. Codrick Griffin was the leading rebound, grabbing 10 off the boards. Jaylon Hazzard had three rebounds.

Neal Brown, Devontay Stephens and Trey Johnson had two rebounds each.

Jarkievous Blackshear, Chris Fead, Tré Arnold and Javon Redding each had one rebound.

Devontay Stephens and Codrick Griffin had two blocked shots a piece.

Tré Arnold had one blocked shot.

Neal Brown and Chris Fead led the team is assists, with five each.

Trey Johnson had three assists.

Codrick Griffin had two assists.

Jarkievous Blackshear had one assist.

Neal Brown, Trey Johnson and Chris Fead each had three steals.

Codrick Griffin and Trey Livingston had two steals apiece.

Over The Ball: Oh, Brother! It's Harbaugh Vs. Harbaugh In Super Bowl XLVII

By Alan Ross

San Francisco and Baltimore each won conference championships on the road Sunday to advance to Super Bowl XLVII in New Orleans a fortnight from now. But it is the intra-familial battle looming between the two teams' head coaches Jim (San Francisco) and John (Baltimore) Harbaugh that has the sports world buzzing in the wake of the two big outcomes.

For the second consecutive week, Atlanta watched a sizeable lead slip away by the fourth quarter of a playoff game. After heroically overcoming Seattle's own prodigious comeback from a 27-7 deficit a week ago in the final half minute, it was déjà vu all over again for the Falcons. Retracing an almost identical script in Sunday's NFC Championship Game against San Francisco, Atlanta zipped to a quick 17-0 lead in the opening 15 minutes and six seconds of the game, while the 49ers did not record a first down until the second quarter, surrender-

ing 297 total yards to the host Falcons in the first half alone. But with Atlanta, no lead seems safe come playoff time. San Francisco whittled away, bringing the score to 17-14 before Atlanta stormed back at the end of the first half on Matt Ryan's third touchdown pass to make it 24-14 Falcons.

But while two Ryan third-quarter turnovers did not directly lead to any 49ers points, longtime Atlanta sufferers appeared to be waiting for the other shoe to drop—that instinctive restless feeling that permeates a team known for its legacy of heartbreaking failures in postseason. Still, nearly midway through the final quarter, the Falcons continued to dodge bullets. Two Atlanta turnovers: two botched Niners scoring drives. Inevitably though, with 8:23 to go, San Francisco, working from a short field, powered its way to a 28-24 lead on the second of Frank Gore's two second-half touchdowns. Again, it fell to the Falcons' offense to produce a miracle ending. But

this time they did not, and Atlanta fans grimly girded themselves for another long offseason.

It is the Niners' first Super Bowl appearance since 1995, the last time they won the big game.

BALTIMORE UPENDS PATRIOTS: Behind the second-half aerial assault of quarterback Joe Flacco, the Baltimore Ravens clawed back from a 13-7 halftime deficit to defeat favored New England 28-13 and will play San Francisco in Super Bowl XLVII on Feb. 3, the team's first appearance since winning the Super Bowl at the end of the 2000 season. New England in copycat fashion to the day's other host team, Atlanta was shut out in the second half, as Tom Brady, for the first time in his 13-year NFL career, lost at home after leading at the half. The Ravens defense intercepted Brady twice and kept the New England running game in check. In fact, the Ravens' D put the definitive stamp on the game, when, with a little more than three minutes gone in the fourth quarter and with Baltimore up 21-13, Pats running back Stevan Ridley coughed the ball up to the Ravens on a stonewall hit by strong safety Bernard Pollard. Four plays later, Flacco hit Anquan Boldin for the second of Boldin's two fourth-quarter touchdown grabs, and Baltimore was on its way to New Orleans, where the singular oddity of two head coaching brothers squaring off against each other in a Super Bowl will be reported on endlessly.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK: Baltimore Ravens QB Joe Flacco. His 240 passing yards may sound modest, but there was nothing mild about the fifth-year Ravens quarterback's shining second-half performance in Baltimore's 28-13 AFC Championship Game win over New England. Flacco tossed three touchdown passes in the final 30 minutes to overcome a halftime deficit and take the Ravens to the Super Bowl.

Alan Ross is the author of 32 books, including Steelers Glory: For the Love of Bradshaw, Big Ben, and The Bus. E-mail him at: alanross_sports@yahoo.com © Sportland 2013

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

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the intention of the Board of County Commissioners of Madison County, Florida, to consider the adoption of a proposed county ordinance the title to which is as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-_____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA GRANTING, PURSUANT TO ART. VII, SECTION 6, FLORIDA CONSTITUTION AND SECTION 196.075, FLORIDA STATUTES, AN ADDITIONAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTY-THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR ANY PERSON WHO HAS THE LEGAL OR EQUITABLE TITLE TO REAL ESTATE AND MAINTAINS THEREON THE PERMANENT RESIDENCE OF THE OWNER, WHO HAS ATTAINED AGE 65, AND WHOSE HOUSEHOLD INCOME DOES NOT EXCEED THE INCOME LIMITATION PRESCRIBED AND CALCULATED AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 196.075, FLORIDA STATUTES AND A SECOND ADDITIONAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION IN THE AMOUNT OF THE ASSESSED VALUE OF THE PROPERTY FOR ANY PERSON WHO HAS THE LEGAL OR EQUITABLE TITLE TO REAL ESTATE WITH A JUST VALUE LESS THAN \$250,000 AND HAS MAINTAINED THEREON THE PERMANENT RESIDENCE OF THE OWNER FOR AT LEAST 25 YEARS, WHO HAS ATTAINED AGE 65, AND WHOSE HOUSEHOLD INCOME DOES NOT EXCEED THE INCOME LIMITATION PRESCRIBED AND CALCULATED AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 196.075, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING CERTAIN STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR SUCH EXEMPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

at the meeting of the Board which will be held as follows:

DATE: February 6, 2013.
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: The Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room Room No. 107 Madison County Courthouse Annex 229 S.W. Pinckney Street Madison, Florida 32340

The proposed ordinance may be considered by the Board at any time during the above meeting. The proposed ordinance may be inspected by the public during regular business hours at the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Madison County, Florida, in the Madison County Courthouse, Madison, Florida. 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 meeting.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in such meeting, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Tim Sanders, Clerk of Court, at Post Office Box 237, Madison, Florida 32341, telephone:(850) 973-1500, at least 3 working days prior to the meeting date; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

If a person desires to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at such meeting he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

DATED on January 17, 2013.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA
 BY: /s/ Tim Sanders
 Tim Sanders, Clerk

1/23

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

TD BANK, N.A., as Successor in Interest to RIVERSIDE NATIONAL BANK OF FLORIDA by and through FDIC as Receiver, CASE NO.:12-173 CA JUDGE: GREGORY S. PARKER

Plaintiff,

vs.

PARKS TRACTOR SERVICE, LLC, GARY PARKS, a/k/a EUTHIN PARKS, a/k/a EUTHIN G. PARKS, a/k/a GARY EUTHIN PARKS, a/k/a GARY E. PARKS, TRACI PARKS, a/k/a TRACI MICHELLE THOMAS, a/k/a TRACI THOMAS PARKS, a/k/a TRACI M. THOMAS PARKS, and UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

The Clerk of the Circuit Court hereby gives notice of the following foreclosure sale in the above referenced matter:

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B. The Clerk's Sale will take place on MARCH 7, 2013, at 11:00, at the WEST FRONT STEPS OF THE MADISON COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 125 SW RANGE AVE., MADISON, FL 32340, beginning at 11:00 A.M.

C. The sale will be made pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 6, 2012 and the Order to Cancel and Reset Sale dated 12/28/2012;

D. TD BANK, N.A., as Successor in Interest to RIVERSIDE NATIONAL BANK OF FLORIDA by and through FDIC as Receiver vs. PARKS TRACTOR SERVICE, LLC, GARY PARKS, a/k/a EUTHIN PARKS, a/k/a EUTHIN G. PARKS, a/k/a GARY EUTHIN PARKS, a/k/a GARY E. PARKS, TRACI PARKS, a/k/a TRACI MICHELLE THOMAS, a/k/a TRACI THOMAS PARKS, a/k/a TRACI M. THOMAS PARKS, and UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; Madison County, Florida CASE NO.:12-173 CA

E. This sale is being made by Tim Sanders, Madison County Clerk of the Circuit Court, Third Judicial Circuit, by and through a deputy Clerk of Court.

F. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

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Woman's Club Artists Bring Back The Ribbons



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Half-hidden by its award ribbons, this intricate medallion created by Carolyn Edwards nets the Best In show at the Woman's Club District 3 Arts and Crafts Show.

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing, Inc.
Out of 28 arts and crafts projects submitted at the district level by members of the Madison Woman's Club, 19 won blue ribbons, four took second place with red ribbons, three won white ribbons, and two were honorable mentions.

one home for Madison as well. With a patient, practiced hand and unerring eye, she created the large, intricate lace medallion that captured the big prize. She also picked up two more blue ribbons in the "weaving/tatting" and "decorated ornaments" category.

Deanna Wheeler won three blue ribbons for her ink and watercolor drawing of a cougar, her acrylic on metal

painting of a deer leaping over a fence, and an oil on canvas rendering of a mother and child that was also voted the "Members' Choice Award" at the Club's January meeting, where all the prize-winning projects were on display.

Judy Fritsche had four ribbons, including a blue in the doll-making category for a stuffed, crocheted snowman, two reds in knitted/crocheted baby accessories



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Deanna Wheeler's blue-ribbon oil on canvas of a mother and child won the hearts of the Madison Woman's Club Members, who chose it for their "Member's Choice Award."

and an honorable mention for her whimsical child's cap.

Sharon French showed off her knitting and sewing skills to capture three blue ribbons and one red.

Kay Kelley won two blue ribbons in two different photography categories.

Dorothy Peacock's five different projects brought back two blue ribbons, a red one, a white and an honorable mention, in several different categories, including doll-making, crocheting, embroidery and hardanger, a specialty embroidery that creates intricate textured patterns with white thread on white fabric, using counted thread and drawn thread techniques.

Sandra Bass won two white ribbons in crocheting and knitting.

The remaining five blue ribbons went to Jackie Johnson for her gorgeous Christmas wreath, Dolly Ballard in the hand-quilting category, Glenda McClamma for her lady-bug throw pillow, Glenda McClain for a cloud-soft pink baby blanket, and B.J.

Curtis, for her ivory-colored baby blanket.

The blue ribbon win-

ners will also go on to compete at the state level.



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Dolly Ballard's hand-quilting project brought in another blue ribbon.



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Dorothy Peacock's snowman was a blue ribbon winner in the doll-making category.

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Path *of Faith*

Caleb Hollingsworth: Rapping For Christ

By Kristin Finney
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When most people think of Christian music, they think of pianos playing soft melodies or a choir singing a hymn. Caleb Hollingsworth, a.k.a. "Marv Ttruth," is trying to change that thought process. Marv Truth stands for, Making A Raw Verse To Teach Revival Until They Hear.

Hollingsworth has been rapping for many years and has also had a strong relationship with God for many years. He explained, "I always could rap, so I thought I'd mix my love for rap with my love for Christ." When asked what he rapped about, Hollingsworth said, "I rap about Jesus Christ. I rap about Christ because he took the rap for me so I'll rap for him." Marv Ttruth writes his own songs, which means that he raps about things that he understands and has experience with. This helps his audience connect with his music. Hollingsworth explained, "I get inspired by all the things that happen in my life and explain my testimony through rhymes."

Marv Ttruth has shared his talents with many

people. He has rapped at a homeless shelter in Jacksonville and at a men's supper in Hamilton. He has also rapped at Pinetta Baptist Church and New Home Baptist Church. "I plan to rap anywhere I have the chance in the future."

While not everyone instantly loves his music, Hollingsworth doesn't let that stop him. "My favorite memory is when I was rapping in Jacksonville and a man in there at first told me to turn off my music and stop. But after I got to rapping he started bobbing his head and clapping. He talked to me afterwards and said, 'The Lord spoke to me and it came from your mouth.' That impacted me and made me know what I wanted to do with my life."

Hollingsworth is the son of Charles and Sheri Hollingsworth. He has two siblings, a sister, Ashley, and a brother, Seth. He is 15 years old and in 9th grade at Madison County High School.

If you are interested in getting Marv Ttruth to rap at your church or event please contact him at (229) 251-4476 or find him on Facebook under the name Caleb Hollingsworth.



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Caleb Hollingsworth, a.k.a. "Marv Ttruth," raps for Christ.

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Community Enjoys Fun Day



By Jacob Bemby
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A Madison County community fun day was held at the property of Wally and Vonnie Davis, located on NE Rocky Ford Road. A huge crowd enjoyed this event, which was sponsored by Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church.

Delicious barbecue ribs, pulled pork and grilled chicken were served, with sides of cole slaw, baked beans and other vegetables, as well as breads and delicious desserts.

Gospel singing was one of the highlights of

the day. There was also a K-9 demonstration by the Madison County Sheriff's Office, horse rides and shooting sports.

Everyone had a

great time. Timmy Dyke, pastor Pine Grove Baptist, said the church is looking at making the community fun day an annual event.

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The Pulpit By David Butler

Where do you go today to find such? In a time when there is so much uncertainty in our country, and the news across this land is rarely good, where can you find them? I don't know about the rest of the country but in my neck of the woods, I only have to go to Ray's Compost Barn in Hamilton County on the second Tuesday night each month. Yes, you read right, a compost barn, where in days gone by, Ray, after mucking out

his poultry houses, would store the compost in this barn for later use. Why there, well the first barn he used, when the Men's Steak Night Fellowship started over two years ago, quickly became too small. What started with 20+ men is now averaging over a hundred, and now I'm thinking we may have to move out into the pasture.

Where do these men come from? Over the past two years of this event, 1500+ men from the surrounding counties have traveled from up to 65 miles to attend. But why? Is it the steaks that Michael, Danny and Bill cook? Maybe, these guys are the best at this, but I don't believe that is what draws them. The fellowship? Could be, but to travel up to 65

miles on a week night to have some? I don't think so. No, to consistently draw men out on a week night in temperatures ranging from 25 to 95 degrees in an open barn, you need a good combination of that plus good music and a good speaker, and having a overpowering desire to be around men of faith. Yes, some come out of curiosity, and some come because a friend pretty much dragged him there, but there is no deigning the effect it has on them.

So, who are these men? Neighboring farmers, the mechanic down the street, county commissioners, school teachers, school superintendents, sheriffs, deputies, state troopers, reporters, fire chiefs, prison wardens and cor-

rectional staff, the Assistant Secretary of the Florida Department of Corrections, preachers, railroad men. The list is endless, men of all walks of life, with most of them leaders or past leaders in their vocations.

Last Tuesday night was no different. The steak was perfect, the music was outstanding, and the speaker, Warden Chris Landrum, (one of my heroes), challenged us to be real men, real leaders, and men of faith. He said it is not about where you come from, but where your walk is today. His story, like so many of the lay people that speak, was hard for him to tell. The thing was, most all there could relate to it in some form or another.

I for one need this

kind of fellowship in my life. I am concerned about the path our country is on and need reassuring from time to time. Being a news junky has its down fall, because it is mostly bad. To tell me that our country is no longer a Christian nation is like slapping me in the face. To tell me I need to embrace abortion and same sex marriage is the same as telling me my God is not real, neither is his Bible true. To stomp on our Constitution and say it is no longer relevant is an abomination to me. So, I need to hear stories like Chris' and songs like the one Kevin Andrews sang, "I'm not Ashamed." I need to hear Timmy remind us that real men love Jesus.

Yes, real men go to

Men's Steak Night Fellowship.

"I'm not ashamed, I've been forgiven

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And I know You first loved me.

And when I hear Your voice

It keeps me hangin' on to what I've got."

This was written By David Butler, was post on his blog. <http://davidbwrites2.wordpress.com/2013/01/12/real-men-real-leaders-a-genuine-faith/>. David Butler is a blogger whose site is at davidbwrites2.wordpress.com



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Answering The Call

this same “calling”), and a few years in seminary, this couple found themselves working for one of the largest missions organizations in the world.

Mexico, Central America, the Middle East, and the Persian Gulf: Scotty and Karen traversed the globe for nearly twenty years in faithful service, raising their children, aiding indigenous people groups, and living out the love and witness of Christ. It all came to a grinding halt, however, when the mission organization for which they worked deemed their medical mission financially unsustainable, but completely for reasons other than shrinking dollars and cents.

Simply, not enough people were becoming Christians. Conversions. Baptisms. Increasing numbers of those who have “prayed the sinner’s prayer.” Public professions of faith. Churches being planted and cross-topped buildings being constructed. These were the outcomes that were required by the mission executives. When these outcomes were not forthcoming, the organization refused to keep pouring dollars into such an “unreceptive region.”

Scott and Karen pleaded with the mission’s executives to reconsider this decision. Their medical facility was serving an entire region of needy

people, treating tens of thousands of patients a year. A part of the world that had been antagonistic was finding it increasingly difficult to hate those who were loving, medicating, and saving their children and elders.

A mission executive responded to the pleas of Scott, Karen, and the medical staff with these words: “We have no obligation to the bodies of those whose souls are going to hell.” The facility was defunded, dollars were reallocated to more “productive areas,” and the missions’ staff, including Scott and Karen, was recalled to the States. To this day, their hearts are still broken.

Is this really the gospel, having “no obligation to the bodies of those whose souls are going to hell?” Is it “Good News” when we reduce the love of God to simple statistics or counting the numbers who pray a specific, mechanical prayer? Can we, with any integrity, disregard the crushing misery of people today, if those needs are not spiritual in nature, and say we are following the way of Jesus? The answer to all these questions is an emphatic “No.”

The “Good News,” as Jesus proclaimed it, is not an evacuation plan to rescue people from earth, or ...*Story cont. on Page 5B...*

When my friend Scott was young, he began to experience a stirring deep in his heart that some Christians refer to as “a divine calling.” How could Scott ignore such a thing, conditioned as he had been to hear God’s quiet voice?

Scott, in the words of Feroll Sams, had been “Raised Right” in the Baptist tradition, which meant he “was not only Saved but had spent a large part of his formative years in the House of the Lord...and while Methodists probably could be Saved, there was a question whether any of them really had been Raised Right.”

Scott did not run away from this calling. He embraced it, and after college, marrying Karen (who also had been “Raised Right” and possessed



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Keeping The Faith

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an insurance policy for the afterlife. Rather, it is a revolutionary strategy to redeem the sufferings of this world by putting the rule and reign of heaven inside people, something Jesus called the kingdom of God.

Thus, any sharing of the gospel that ignores the needs of this current world is a distortion of the gospel. Any profession of faith that focuses only on enjoying and living in a future heaven, rather than sacrificing for and serving people on today's earth, is not Christian faith. And those who follow a Jesus who concerns himself only with the hereafter, and not bringing holistic change to the here-and-now, are not living out the transforming message of Jesus at all.

We have the chance, if we will take it, to become catalysts and conduits of the very real kingdom of God in today's world, because the present – not the future – is where we follow Jesus. Today – not tomorrow – “is the day of salvation,” and the prayer “thy kingdom come” is more than words. It is our divine calling.

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Woman Walks For Peace



Photo submitted

Annie Keithline, second row center, joined in with the youth group at Bible Deliverance Church last week and played the guitar and sang for them.

By Jacob Bembry
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Annie Keithline made her way through Madison last week as she travels through the country as an ambassador for peace.

While in Madison, she met and spoke with people at Bible Deliverance Church, New Home Baptist Church and at the community fun day sponsored by Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church on Saturday, Jan. 12, at

the property of Wally and Vonnice Davis. That evening, she enjoyed a gospel sing featuring the Sammy Glass Family at New Home Baptist Church.

Keithline left her home in Massachusetts last March and is taking her time on her trek throughout the United States.

While at Bible Deliverance Church, Keithline joined in with the youth group and played her guitar and sang for them.

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Area Residents Make A Difference

By Kristin Finney
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There are many ways that people try to serve the Lord. Most people serve the Lord in their hometowns, which is wonderful. But there are some that take their service across land and sea, into strange places, to serve people that they have never met. A group of 15 people from Monticello, Madison and the surrounding area recently did just that. The group consisting of Gloria Franklin, Katie Brock, Jamen Brock, Susan Anderson, Angie Hurtado, Ann Hatcher, Katie Hatcher, Todd Hatcher, Brooke Stewart, Lane Fraleigh, Daniel Ward, Bradley Vollertsen, Caroline Mueller, Kevin Guidry and Sylvia Guidry, traveled to Panajachel, Guatemala.

In Panajachel the group stayed in a small hotel and went out each day to the surrounding villages. The group were given work through the Porch de Salomon ministry, which was created by Lloyd and Melanie Monroe from Waukeelah. The Monroes began Salomon's Porch almost eight years ago to serve the indigenous families that are in need. They now live in Guatemala pretty much full time and host short-term mission teams by setting up clinics and construction projects for the families that they have identified as in need.

While on the trip, the group worked on two different construction sites, in four clinics and also hosted a Bible study each day. The construction sites that the group worked on were building two houses for two local families. The group was able to help in the process of getting these families out of leaky shacks, with cardboard walls and dirt floors and into safer and more stable homes. During the clinics the group gave out vitamins, medications and helped the ill or hurt. During the Bible study the group was able to perform skits and sing with the kids that joined them. They also told stories and

played games with them.

When asked what the best part of the trip was, Sylvia Guidry, one of the group leaders, stated that there were a lot of great parts to the trip. "Spending time with my family and friends in an intense and very different environment, seeing a new part of the world and being immersed in a different culture, living more simply than we do here in the states but to me the most rewarding part is to do what I ...*Story cont. on Page 7B...*



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The group is seen in front of Lake Atitlan in Guatemala.

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do as purely a service and to do it in God's name. I'm a nurse by profession and what we do is take care of people. Although most of us love the patients and what we do, it's still our job. To be able to take care of someone's physical needs, in a way that they can't for themselves, especially if they're ill or hurting, in that setting is rewarding and brings a joy that can't easily be described.

"I didn't spend much time in construction but those guys had very much the same sentiment. To be able to serve by using their hands and skills to help provide something that will be a safe, secure, dry, clean, home for a family that has been living in a dirt/cardboard structure with dirt floors, no ventilation or light and absolutely no ability to protect them against floods, mudslides or the earthquakes that plague those villages, was worth all the blisters, exhaustion, and sore muscles that they would end the day with."

Jamen Brock said of working in the clinics, "The moment I started working the clinic, I fell in love. Being able to help over 400 people in four days was the most fulfilling thing I've ever done. I of course did triage, being the first person every child met as I had to convince them to trust me enough to take their temperature and weight. I loved being able to build such small relationships with so many children and few adults that I couldn't even communicate with properly."

Serving in a foreign place is not always easy though. The differences of beliefs between cultures can sometimes make it harder for people to serve, especially when the locals are not open to hearing about the Lord. Sylvia Guidry explained, "Our focus was really on service and just supporting the Porch's mission. We attended a worship service on Sunday afternoon and had a daily devotion with our team members and support friends from Panajachel but we didn't do any "street preaching." A lot of the locals in Panajachel are ex-pats and some are pretty anti "religion" for one reason or



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Brooke Stewart plays ball with the children at the clinic.

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 another. These people would tend to be turned off by people passing out tracts or getting in their face with their version of God. When people see you coming and going from the Porch and heading out for your work day, it's pretty obvious that you're affiliated with Lloyd and Melanie's mission. The locals have accepted them and some have come to or come back to Christ from their quiet, non-threatening witness.

"One of the team members did have an opportunity, over coffee, to chat with one of the local residents. After they'd visited about this and then for a while, the guy said to Lane, 'I know you're a Christian, and I don't usually like them, but you're pretty cool.' WOW!! Who knows what impact that interaction may have on that guy in the future."

Caroline Mueller said of the trip, "Sometimes it was hard to believe that we were making any difference while we were down there. But if the only reason we went was to put a smile on the faces of some of those kids, it was completely worth it. For just a few hours, we were able to love the people there. And I believe if we show love, we show God. Being able to do that was the most rewarding part for me. I hope I have the opportunity to go back on the next trip."

If you are part of a group or would like to form a group to help the families of Guatemala please visit the Porch de Salomon website, www.porchde-salomon.org. Lane Fraleigh (left) and Daniel Ward (right) are seen with their new friend Dainel.



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Brooke Stewart and Caroline Mueller are seen working together to carry construction materials.



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Caroline Mueller is seen painting nails and connecting with the little, local girls.

Mission Team Sought For Trip To St. Vincent

By Jacob Bemby
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Rev. Timmy Dyke, pastor of Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church, is looking for 12-15 people to be on a mission team, going to St. Vincent in the Caribbean.

The mission team will do a backyard Bible club, host a revival and hold a community day type event.

The team would leave the United States on July 8 and return on July 15.

"All team members need to be willing to share their testimony and be actively involved," Dyke said.

The cost for the team will be around \$1,700 per person.

For more information, please call Dyke at (850) 464-8107.

Sammy Glass Family Performs At New Home Baptist

By Jacob Bemby
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New Home Baptist Church held a gospel sing on Saturday, Jan. 12, at the church located on Mosley Hall Road.

The Sammy Glass Family, from Decatur, Tenn., performed for the crowd, playing great gospel bluegrass and country gospel music.

During intermission, the crowd enjoyed something different as Caleb Hollingsworth, under the stage name Marv Ttruth brought the gospel message in



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The Sammy Glass Family performs at New Home Baptist Church. From left to right: Candice, Chris, Justin, Sammy and Gayla Glass.

music by rapping for everyone enjoyed a Jack Pickels, as well as the crowd. great dinner of chicken great vegetables and

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Lee Worship Center Honors Mary Lou Lasseter With 75th Birthday Party

Approximately 75 people celebrated Mary Lou Lasseter's birthday with a supper and an open microphone sing on Saturday, Jan. 12, at Lee Worship Center.

All of her children were in attendance: Brenda McCormick and her husband, Allen; Trent Lasseter and his wife, Suzanne; Dion Lasseter; and Lori Tyre and her husband, Bobby.

Grandson Charles Trent "Sonny" Lasseter, Jr., and his wife, Terri, came from Ty Ty, Ga. Grandson Ridge McCormick and his wife, Shannon, and their children, Hayden and Tyler, from Madison, were also in attendance.

Special guest Billy Sealey came from Live Oak with his wife, Linda, and presented Mary Lou with an Outstanding Citizen Appreciation Award from Madison County Sheriff Ben Stewart. Sealey is Mary Lou's cousin.

She was also presented with an award for her service to the Lee community by Lee Worship Center, her husband and children.

She also received many nice gifts from her family and friends. Jackie Johnson (Mrs. Donald Johnson) delivered read a poem that she had written and dedicated to Mary Lou.

James and Sharon Cressley, long-time neighbors and close friends of the Lasseters, came and sang. Also singing were the McCormicks, Allen and Brenda, along with Trent Lasseter. They delivered some powerful songs.

Other special guests included Cowboy Dave and friends from High Springs; Allen Day and his wife, Kathy; Pete and Virginia Allen; Sharon Sauls; and Michael Keeler.



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Mary Lou Lasseter holds her birthday cake as she sits next to her husband, Rev. Charles Lasseter.



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Mary Lou Lasseter's cousin, Billy Sealey, and his wife, Linda, were on hand to honor Mary Lou on her birthday.



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Mary Lou Lasseter's five children were on hand to honor her. From left to right: Dion Lasseter, Lori Tyre, Trent Lasseter, Brenda McCormick and Kent Lasseter.

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Lee Worship Center To Host Revival

By Jacob Bembry
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Evangelist Rodney Watts, of Perry, will preach a revival at Lee Worship Center beginning Wednesday, Feb. 6, and running through Sunday, Feb. 10.

Services will be held at 7 p.m. each evening Wednesday through Saturday. Sunday morning service will be held beginning at 10:30 a.m.

There will be great singing during each service.

Rev. Richard B. Sauls is the senior pastor of the church and Rev. Charles R. Lasseter is the pastor emeritus.

The church is located at 471 SE Magnolia Drive in Lee.

Woman Walking Across America



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Annie Keithline, who is walking across America as a peace ambassador, enjoyed fun and fellowship with folks at the community fun day sponsored by Pine Grove Baptist Church. From left to right: Ashton Pickels, Benjie Dyal, Cali Dyal, Denise Dyal, Annie Keithline, and Kayla Andrews.



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