



Roland Enters Not Guilty Plea

By Jacob Bemby Greene Publishing, Inc.

Former Greenville Town Clerk Sherry Lynn Roland was arraigned in circuit court in Madison on Thursday, Feb. 7.

She entered a plea of not guilty to all three charges.

Roland is charged with three counts of third degree grand theft (specified property) after allegedly embezzling over \$18,000 during her tenure with the Town of Greenville.

The date the thefts are alleged to have occurred is Oct. 1, 2011. Full charges were brought against Roland on Dec. 31, 2012.

Circuit Court Judge Andy Decker was the judge at the arraignment.

Tom Stone and Brant Hargrove from the Public Defender's office have been assigned to the case.

Dean Morphonious has been assigned to prosecute the case.

Greenville Baseball And Softball Registration Set For Next Two Saturdays

By Jacob Bemby Greene Publishing, Inc.

The Greenville Recreation League announces sign-ups for Greenville Baseball and Softball this Saturday, Feb. 16, from 19 a.m.-1 p.m., and Saturday, Feb. 23, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

On Saturday, there will be a fundraiser with pork sandwiches, baked beans, coleslaw and bread being sold.

The sign-ups and the fundraiser will be held at the Tracey Stephens Recreation Park in Greenville.

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Local Weather

Weather forecast table for Wed 2/13, Thu 2/14, Fri 2/15, and Sat 2/16, including temperature and weather conditions.



Photo submitted by Pat Lightcap, February 10, 2013

A fully engulfed structure fire, located on Sampala Lake Road, occurred this past Sunday afternoon.

Sunday Afternoon Structure Fire

Submitted by Pat Lightcap

In the mid-afternoon of Sunday, Feb. 10, Madison County's 911 Center received a report of a structure fire at 432 Sampala Lake Road.

The department was first on the scene and reported the structure was fully involved.

Additional help was requested from New Home Fire/Rescue and Greenville Fire/Rescue.

Because the fire had spread to an open field, the Division of Forestry was requested. Tri-County Electric and Progress Energy responded to secure the electrical lines. Madison County Sheriff's deputies were on scene, as well as Madison County EMS.

The American Red Cross was notified to assess the needs of any residents. The State Fire Marshal's office was also notified. No injuries were reported.



Photo submitted by Pat Lightcap, February 10, 2013

Madison firefighter Matt LaMendola battles the blaze.

Miss Madison County Pageant and Tots to Tween Pageant Now Accepting Applications

Submitted by Toni Blanton Norris, Pageant Director

Applications for the annual Miss Madison County Pageant are now available at Becky's Dance Steps Studio, located at 438 E Base Street in Madison. New age divisions are being created this year. Ages are as follows: 0-11 months, boys and girls; 12-23 months, boys and girls; 2-3 years, boys and girls; 4-5 years, 6-7 years; 8-9 years; and 10-12 years.

Ages 13-15 will have the chance to compete for the title of Teen Miss Madison County 2013.

Contestants, who are between the ages of 16 to 24 years old, will have the opportunity to compete for the coveted title of Miss Madison County 2013, along with a chance to when a \$1500 scholarship to attend North Florida Community College. As a way to get more young ladies involved within our community, a new category this year will be added. The title of Ms./Mrs. Madison County is for any lady that is married, single, divorced



Ashley Killingsworth 2012 Miss Madison County

With the incredible success of last year's Mr. and Miss Heart of Madison Program, we are pleased to announce once again that anyone who wishes to participate can do so without having to enter the actual pageant. This program raised a grand total that surpassed \$1,000 for our Miss Madison scholarship fund, which in return aided last year's Miss Madison, Ashley Killingsworth. Since this program holds such a presti-

gious title everyone who participates and completes the requirements will walk away with a beautiful crown and sash.

The pageant is set for Saturday, April 13, at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. The event will take place at Van H. Priest Auditorium, located at North Florida Community College, which is also a co-sponsor of the event.

Also, make sure to come out to the 6 p.m. show to catch WCTV'S favorite weatherman, Mr. Rob Nuçatola, who is always a crowd favorite.

Applications may be picked up at Becky's Dance Steps Studio. Enter today and receive a discount on your entry fee. The deadline for the discounted rate is March 8. Be sure to submit applications early, as spaces are limited.

For more information, feel free to contact:

Toni Blanton Norris at (850) 253-5394 or email: madisonpageants@aol.com. Checkout madisonpageants on Facebook!

Sweitzer Sentenced To 15 Years For Sexual Abuse Of A Minor



Richard Sweitzer

By Jacob Bemby Greene Publishing, Inc.

Richard Sweitzer, who was arrested on Oct.17, 2012 on one count of capital sexual battery on a victim under 12 years old, accepted a plea bargain Thursday morning, Feb. 7. Sweitzer pled guilty to reduced charges. These charges were three counts of sexual abuse of a minor.

Sweitzer entered his plea during a pre-trial hearing.

Sweitzer was sentenced to 15 years in prison, plus 10 years probation.

Scam Alert

By Jacob Bemby Greene Publishing, Inc.

Greene Publishing, Inc. received a call about another scam targeting the elderly.

The reader who wrote to both the newspaper editor and publisher said that her mother had received two phone calls in one day. The first call was from a man and the second was from a woman.

The person who received the calls was informed that the government was sending out new Medicare cards to all senior citizens and they started asking for banking information. The call originated from the number (409) 574-1214. A reverse search of the number yielded nothing.

Readers are urged to beware of any caller seeking banking information. Remember if you did not make the call, do not give out the banking information over the phone.

Bass Tournament Set For Saturday

By Jacob Bemby Greene Publishing, Inc.

Cherry Lake Fire Rescue, Inc. announces its bass tournament to be held this Saturday, Feb. 16.

The tournament will be held at the Cherry Lake 4-H Camp and Madison County Boat Ramp and Picnic Area.

There will be an entry free of \$50 per boat (two fisherman) or \$25 per fisherman.

Register for the Big Fish pot at \$10 per boat.

Prize money will be paid to first through fourth places for 21 or more boats or first through third places for 20 or less boats. There will be a 100 percent payback to the winner of the Big Fish pot.

Registration begins promptly at 5 a.m.

For more information, please call Cherry Lake Fire Rescue at (850) 929-2354 and leave your name and return number.

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# VIEWPOINTS & OPINIONS



*Emerald's Gem Box*



**Emerald Greene**  
Publisher

## Remembering My Daddy – One Year Later



One year ago this Sunday, February 17, my heart broke into a million pieces as I sat and held my Daddy's hand as he took his last breath on this Earth.

This past year has been THE hardest year I have ever experienced, but with the love and support of good friends and family, I can say I finally have begun to see sunlight again.

Many times, I had people tell me that there was no description to the loss that I would feel, and how true they were. I loved my Daddy with all my heart. He was truly the love of my life, my confidant, my mentor, my hero and "my everything." I feel that God truly blessed me with a great father and I am forever grateful for the time I had with him.

One of my mother's favorite quotes that she repeatedly said to me, growing up, was "Always Find The Silver Lining In Everything." I must say, however, that I don't believe there is a "silver lining" in a loved one's death. However, I have learned a valuable lesson — one that I THOUGHT I knew, but realized I did not know the true depth of it.

The lesson? There are things that matter and there are things that don't.

So many times, in life, we get upset/aggravated/angry at the slightest problems, that we are faced with,

when in the realm of reality — they are not that important. In fact, they just don't matter.

Traffic? Dirty clothes left on the floor? A messy bedroom? A grumpy co-worker? I learned a long time ago that getting upset over minor things such as those is not worth the peace that you lose over it. All those things classify under things that don't REALLY matter! Life becomes so much happier when we can learn NOT to make a "mountain out of a molehill."

My mother also taught me to always ask myself, "Will this matter in 10 years?" If your answer is "yes," then it is important, but if your answer is "no," then practice and learn to let it go.

This is a lesson that I thought I knew and I tried to practice on a daily basis. However, one year ago taught me that I had not grasped the whole concept as well as I thought I had. There are so many "new" things that I can now look at and realize that they are not that important and they will not matter in 10 years.

For the first time in my life, I was not able to find a silver lining in an adversity; however, God did have a big learning lesson in it for me. I am a true believer that everything happens for a reason. We may not know what that reason is, but God always has a reason. I think God called my daddy home because He needed some more laughter and color in Heaven, because I'm sure my daddy's mansion is painted the brightest green color imaginable.

So, I leave you with this thought: each time you feel like you are faced with a big problem of some sort, ask yourself this question, "Will this matter in 10 years?" This should then be followed with remembering, "There are some things that matter and there are some things that don't."

Until then..... I'll see you around the town.

**National Security**



**Joe Boyles**  
Guest Columnist

## Aviano

You might have seen in the news recently that the Air Force lost an F-16 and its pilot in the Adriatic Sea. The aircraft was based at a NATO airfield in northern Italy by the name of Aviano Air Base, about an hour north of Venice at the foot of the Alps.

Aviano was one of my old stomping grounds. Forty years ago in 1973, I was assigned to a fighter squadron at an RAF base in England by the name of Bentwaters, very close to the North Sea. Twice a year during the winter, we would deploy to Southern Europe for weapons training detachment or WTD. We would hone our bombing and gunnery skills when the weather turned poor in Northern Europe. The English fighter squadrons like mine (92nd TFS Avengers) went to Aviano whereas the continental squadrons went to Spain. Every now and then, we used Incirlik, Turkey for this purpose.

We generally stayed at Aviano for about 2-3 weeks, flying once or twice each day. Once, when our runway in England was being resurfaced, we spent a month at Aviano. The bombing range (Maniago) was only about 10 miles from the runway and it wasn't very good. The pattern was very tight because of the proximity of the mountains. Just before I joined the 92nd, we had lost a jet and crew when they flew into the side of the mountain. "Granite clouds" are difficult to penetrate.

The first time I flew to Aviano in May 1973, I was in a transport aircraft and landed at night. The next morning, I awoke and

walked outside billeting and was shocked by the proximity and size of the mountain range just north of the village. Self-preservation kicked in. I made it a point from that time forward to pay particular interest to where the mountains were located, particularly at night or in the weather. The instrument approach began over the mountain and tear-dropped into a left hand turn to final approach. Then, the entire left side of our airborne radar was blanked by the mountain shadow. Scary.

As I said, the range was really close to our point of departure, so we had to burn off fuel before entering the bombing pattern. Generally, that meant a low level flight (500 feet) of about a hundred miles. We left the coast just south of Venice and flew across the north end of the Adriatic before entering the range. This was strictly daytime flying.

When we were deployed to Aviano for WTD, we also were required to sit Victor (nuclear) alert against Warsaw Pact targets in Eastern Europe. That practice ended in Europe about 30 years ago. The only alert that I can now image being used is Zulu which is air defense alert where the aircraft is armed with air-to-air missiles. Victor aircraft were required to launch within 15 minutes of warning; Zulu scramble time is five minutes.

There is speculation that Zulu aircraft could have been launched from Aviano last fall to provide air cover when our consulate was attacked in Benghazi, Libya. If so, they would have been on-

station in a little over an hour and would probably have had to return to Aviano within 30 minutes. They couldn't have done much more than buzz the crowd, but that might have helped.

Since my experience at Aviano four decades ago, the base has changed a lot. It is no longer the sleepy little airfield I knew. It has grown up, so to speak. Now there is a permanent fighter wing based at Aviano and many other NATO aircraft use the base. It is in a strategic location in the central Mediterranean area.

I haven't heard any speculation yet as to the cause of last month's fatal crash or whether or not the pilot initially survived the bailout, if there was one. I question whether or not he ejected because it took several days to find his body. With an ejection, an emergency locator beacon would have activated to help recovery forces find the downed pilot. I imagine that water is mighty cold this time of year.

A board of officers has convened to investigate the probable cause and will issue a report in about a month. Experience tells me that spatial disorientation is a real possibility. Flying in the dark of night can be disorienting. Flying over water under those circumstances is even more difficult. The only night flying I ever recall doing from Aviano was ferrying aircraft in and out of the base, never over water.

Postscript: Ash Wednesday services are being held today at 5:30, St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Everyone is welcome.

## Health & Wellness Tips

from  
**Frank Nathan**  
Executive  
Director  
Lake Park of  
Madison



## DID YOU KNOW.....?

High doses (800 to 2000 iu) of Vitamin D prevent fractures in older people — as long as they take the substance regularly, researchers reported in a study published July 5, 2012 in *The New England Journal of Medicine*.

Getting enough Vitamin D is important for reducing one's risk of cancer. Post-menopausal women that took 1100iu of Vitamin D daily reduced their risk of cancer by up to 60%, which is nothing short of astounding.

The Canadian Cancer Society has suggested that all adults should all take 1000iu of Vitamin D a day in the winter months, and that dark-skinned people should take 1000iu of Vitamin D a day year round and that level may be too low.

We are all biochemically different absorbing Vitamin D differently, get different amounts of sun, eat different diets,

and these individual differences will determine Vitamin D status. So when you see your health care professional, ask for the blood test if you are supplementing with Vitamin D to ensure your levels are optimal.

Vitamin D deficiencies are extremely common, and are also linked to osteoporosis, heart disease, Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes, obesity, infertility, fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue syndrome, depression, autoimmune diseases like multiple sclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis, and Crohns disease.

Vitamin D works differently from the other vitamins, as it is converted into and used as a hormone in the body. It controls blood levels of calcium, so if there is not enough calcium in the diet, calcium will be taken from the bones to keep the blood happy.

In the opposite scenario, when calcium lev-

els are high and D levels are low, it is believed that the result may be calcification of joints, arteries, and kidneys.

Vitamin D is a very potent antioxidant — more potent than Vitamin E, and is also very important in immune function and cell repair.

So why have our levels of Vitamin D dropped? We are told to slather ourselves in sunscreen before going out the door, which blocks our ability to synthesize vitamin D. We do need to avoid sun burn, so gradually building up sun-time is a good idea.

We are also told to avoid the midday sun, but it is the UV-B rays that are needed to manufacture Vitamin D, and those rays are only potent enough for Vitamin D synthesis between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the warmer months. The only time one can absorb Vitamin D from the sun is when our shadow is shorter than we are. At

other times of day only the harmful and damaging UV-A rays hit our skin, so that is the time to use sunscreen. The higher the latitude, the fewer months of the year that UV-B is strong enough for us to make Vitamin D.

The guidelines to avoid the sun are to avoid skin cancer, but according to John Cannell of the non-profit Vitamin D Council in California, about 1500 Americans die each year of skin cancer, whereas 1500 Americans

die each day of the kinds of cancers that could be helped with adequate sun exposure. And skin cancer is relatively easy to detect and treat. So, are we throwing out the baby with the bathwater? Spending enough time in the sun without letting oneself burn looks to me to be a healthy practice. Furthermore, it is not possible to overdose in Vitamin D if the source is sun exposure.

According to the USDA the best dietary sources of Vitamin D in

order of potency include:

- high vitamin cod liver oil (read the label!)
- lard (pork fat)
- pickled Atlantic herring
- eastern oysters
- catfish
- sardines
- mackerel
- chinook salmon
- sturgeon roe
- shrimp
- egg yolk (fresh)
- butter
- liver

I go for the store bought vitamins...



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# VIEWPOINTS & AROUND MADISON



## Wandering With The Publisher

Mary Ellen Greene  
Columnist

### Valentine's Day Will Be With Us Tomorrow.....

Valentine's Day only comes once a year, and tomorrow, it will be with us.

What a wonderful day someone chose for men and women who love and appreciate one another to show their love to their children and to the women who at that time let each other know how much they love one another.

I know my parents, Buford and Lucile Selman, were in love for many, many years, and they taught me, and my siblings what love should really be. I remember hearing them always talking and laughing together, and how they would hold hands when the occasion arose. They taught me that husbands and wives were brought together for a purpose, and that was to teach their children what love and romance was really for.

I am glad I had the most wonderful parents a child could have, and I always tried to make mine and Tommy's as happy as theirs, and that of his parents. They, too, Thomas Harvey Greene, Sr. and Cora Lee Greene, were also always a wonderful couple who let their children know how much they, too, were in love. So, Tommy and I had both sides of our families to teach us the facts of life and love.

Tommy and I started dating in the 9th grade in high school on February the 14th, when he asked me for our first date on Valentine's Day. We dated all through high school, (beginning in the 9th grade, when we were too young to drive), and we walked to the high school dances, since the high school then was just a block away from where I lived with my parents and siblings. He would have his mother come with him to pick me up and take us to the high school dances. We were only 15 years old at the time and we were too young to drive, so they would come back and pick us up when the evening was over.

What wonderful years those were. Everyone loved everyone, and Madison High School was a wonderful place to be. I still have our high school yearbooks that have a picture of the building on it to remind me of that wonderful school and our wonderful life and the excellent teachers we had.

Among them was Allene Tadlock, my aunt, who taught fifth grade at the school, and who taught just about every fifth grader in the county at that time. She even taught me.

My grandmother was known to us as "Granny Green" and to others who wanted to call her that also. She lived in the big house that is across the street from Farmers' Furniture now. As children, we loved to go there and slide down the banister. What fun we had at that time, playing in the huge house and running all over it.

Granny rented one room in the big house to people who came to town and had nowhere to go. There were no hotels or motels then, and Granny rented one room to travelers. It just so happened that one time, she went up to see about her roomer, and he had died there. From then on, as children, we would never go to that room because we said, "No, the dead man died there."

I do hope all of our friends and readers have a happy Valentine's Day, and many, many more.

In closing, I must tell you about what my husband Tommy did when I told him one time that he was not as romantic as he used to be when we first started dating. So, he went to the door in our office that I used as my "cubby" to sell ads and to write my columns.

That Valentine Day, he took a paint brush, and wrote in "big" letters on my door, "...."Meg, be my Valentine.....I hope this is rowmadeck enough.

When I saw it, I said, "Tommy, I can't believe you spelled "Valentine" correctly, and misspelled "Romantic," as he had spelled it "Rowmadeck." And, of all things, he had spelled "enough" correctly. I have always left that on the door to my "then" office, because when I go by and look at it, it makes me laugh and laugh.

As I close this column, I do want to wish all our friends, family, and readers a very happy Valentine's Day. (And, I did spell yours correctly.)

"Nuff said.....Bye for now..... See 'ya.

### Open Arms Ministry Meal Set For Next Wednesday

By Jacob Bembry  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Open Arms Ministries will host a meal on Wednesday, Feb. 20, from noon-2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Madison.

Everyone is cordially invited to take part in this meal and enjoy fellowship with the people there and the staff of Open Arms Ministries.

For more information, please call the church at (850) 973-6295.

### United Way of the Big Bend In Madison County

Did you know that 20 percent of the population in Madison County is living in poverty? That's roughly 3,900 people—our coworkers, our neighbors, our friends.

United Way of the Big Bend is doing something about it in Madison County. As a result of the 2011 campaign, \$113,500 was allocated to 23 United Way certified agencies that serve the residents of Madison County. These dollars are able to help Madison County residents with food, shelter, clothing, medical care, childcare, youth mentoring programs and senior citizen needs.

United Way of the Big Bend in Madison County needs your help. United Way of the Big Bend is a local agency that's independently governed and has a local board of directors; it's not a chapter of a national organization. Because United Way of the Big Bend is a local agency, all of the money that's raised in Madison County goes to help our residents, not the residents of another county or state.

United Way funds are not just arbitrarily distributed to the agencies. A group of Madison County residents known as the "Investment Team" dedicate two full days each year to interview representatives from each of the twenty-three agencies. The agencies must show how the last year's funding was spent and present a detailed plan for any future money they receive. Simply put, all donations are carefully allocated.

We know we can count on you. Please consider giving to United Way of the Big Bend in Madison County this month. Your gift is important, no matter how large or how small. Three ways to give to United Way of the Big Bend in Madison County are through a one-time gift, by running a campaign at your business, or, if you already give through a campaign at your workplace, please check Madison County on your pledge form so that your dollars are invested in our community.

While we are blessed to live in a stable community, this challenging economy has left many in our community wondering how they will feed their families, how they will pay to keep their lights on, how they will pay next month's mortgage or rent. You are their hope.

Please contact Megan Picht at (850) 488-8342 or [megan@uwbb.com](mailto:megan@uwbb.com) to donate or with any questions or concerns. Howard O. Phillips serves as the Madison County Campaign Chair.

### Rotary Chili Dinner For Charity Is Feb. 26

By Lynette Norris  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The Madison Rotary Club has members who are known for their secret chili recipes, and each year they make the Rotary Club's Chili Dinner For Charity a great success. Last year they served over 100 chili dinners, and this year, they're hoping to double that number.

The Chili for Charity Dinner is Tuesday evening, Feb. 26, from 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at Villa Maria Hall. Come by after work and pick up several takeout chili dinners for your family, or stay for a sit-down chili dinner with friends, while supporting a good cause.

Tickets are \$10, and can be purchased in advance from any Rotarian. There will also be tickets available at the door.

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# AROUND MADISON COUNTY

## Obituaries

### James (Jim) Chaplain Biggs



James (Jim) Chaplain Biggs, born September 29, 1940, passed away February 5, 2013. He resided in Madison. He was born in Indianapolis, Ind., to Robert and Betty Sheppard. At age 17 he joined the United States Navy, where he served as chief of the engine room for 22½ years. He completed six tours in Vietnam. In 1985 he moved to Callahan, until August of 2000 where he resided to Madison. He is preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Betty Sheppard.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Debra L. Biggs; two sons, Jimmy Biggs (Missy) and Rusty Biggs of Ocala; five daughters, Cathy Russo (Tim), of Ft. Lauderdale, Christine Gallamore (Todd) of Copan, Okla., Suzi Crichton (Tony) of Bryceville, Courtney Higginbotham (Bryon Hughes) and Tiffany Higginbotham (Steven Eberhardt) of Madison; 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; a brother, Steve Sheppard, of Terre Haute, Ind.; and a sister, Wayann Noel, of Terre Haute, Ind.

Services were held Saturday, February 9, 2013 at 4 p.m. at Fellowship Baptist Church Located at 1997 NE Colin Kelly Hwy. in Madison, FL, 32340.

### Roy Bruce Russell

Roy Bruce Russell, age 86, died Sunday, February 11, 2013, at Crosswinds Health and Rehab.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, February 15, 2013, at Beggs Funeral Home with burial at Cherry Lake Baptist Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Russell was born in Birmingham, Ala., and moved to Pinetta in 1974. He served in World War II and was a steel construction worker, plaster and cement mason and owner/operator of a trucking company. He was a member of Cherry Lake Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Jayne Russell; four sons: Ronald Bruce Russell, Robert Russell, Donald Russell and Jeffery Russell; four daughters: Juanita Kavanagh, Barbara Winnington, Ronda Jayne Harbuck and Robin Russell Bennett; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

His parents, Ernest B. Russell, Sr., and Ethel Callan; a son, Larry Russell; a brother, Ernest B. Russell, Jr.; and a sister, Mary Juanita Yeargin, preceded him in death.

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

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**February 16, 23**  
The Greenville Recreation League announces sign-ups for Greenville Baseball and Softball this Saturday, Feb. 16, from 19 a.m.-1 p.m., and Saturday, Feb. 23, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Both Saturdays, there will be a fundraiser with pork sandwiches, baked beans, coleslaw and bread being sold. The sign-ups and the fundraiser will be held at the Tracey Stephens Recreation Park in Greenville.

**February 17**  
Treasuries of Madison County - Members of TMC will meet Sunday, Feb 17, at 2:30 p.m. in the RATT pact Theatre (next to the museum). The meeting will be a presentation of the Madison Post Office history as part of the TMC's quarterly effort to share the area's heritage. There will be Archive photographs on display and a short skit by RATT. It's sure to be an interesting time! If you have not joined or renewed membership for 2013, come early and there will be someone at entry to assist with renewal. "We don't want you to miss a thing!"

**February 20**  
Open Arms Ministries will be serving a free meal for the community from noon-2 p.m. The cost is free and everyone is invited to attend.

## Bassett Joins Farm Credit Of Northwest Florida

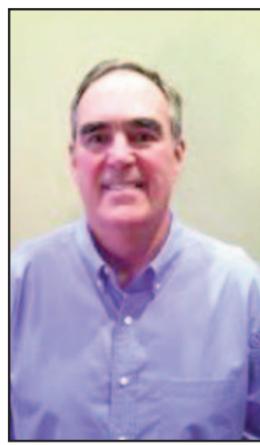
Rick Bitner, CEO/President of Farm Credit of Northwest Florida, announces Bill Bassett has joined the agricultural lending institution as the new Loan Officer serving the agriculture communities of Jefferson, Madison, and Taylor Counties.

Mr. Bassett, a native of Monticello, is a graduate of the University of Georgia and has a lifetime agricultural background. Mr. Bassett moved to Tallahassee six years ago with his wife, of 41 years, Donna. Bill and Donna have three children and two grandchildren. He is an outdoorsman who enjoys hunting and skeet shooting.

Mr. Bassett is active in the Monticello community: a member and past-president of the local Kiwanis Club; Elder and member of the First Presbyterian Church in Monticello; past chairman of Aucilla Christian Academy and past president and past board member of Jefferson County Farm Bureau.

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# AROUND MADISON COUNTY

## James Madison Preparatory High School Board Of Directors Gearing Up For Opening Day



Photo submitted

The small photo above shows the old Madison Excel School as it appears today. The rendition below shows how it will look after renovations are complete.

Submitted by Margaret Ann Bunch

The members of the James Madison Preparatory High School Board have been a snowstorm of activity over the past three months as they prepare for opening day in August, just six months away. Determining necessary facility renovations, conducting a school administrator search, and informing parents of the application and enrollment process only add to the busy lives of these working professionals and parents. Their unwavering dedication to and belief in JMPHS and its mission will help empower the next generation of Madison County students to a brighter future.

In November, the Board signed a lease with Madison County Memorial Hospital to use the former Madison

County Excel School building located at 176 NE Crane Avenue in Madison. Immediately, the Board began assessing the necessary renovations to provide a 21st century facility that will help the school meet its mission of providing a rigorous college preparatory education that emphasizes STEM disciplines.

In December, the Board started its search for the school administrator to serve as the instructional leader for JMPHS. The administrator will report to and work collaboratively with the Board to carry out the mission of JMPHS. Currently, the Board has narrowed its search to three highly qualified candidates. All three have over 20 years of teaching and administrative experience with extensive knowledge of STEM require-

ments. The Board plans to announce its first administrator by March 1.

On Feb. 1, JMPHS began accepting student applications for its first ninth grade class of 50 students. Applications will be accepted through March 1. If more than 50 applications are received, then a random selection process will be used to determine which students will be invited to enroll for the 2013-14 school year. Students not selected for enrollment will be placed on a waiting list and will be offered spots if they become available. Interested parents/guardians may pick up applications at the Madison County School Board Office and at Justin Davis Enterprises, Inc. or print an application from the JMPHS website, [www.jmphs.org](http://www.jmphs.org).

Also on Feb. 1, the Board was invited to

submit a Stage II proposal for the competitive 2013 Public Charter School Program Grant through the Florida Department of Education. The purpose of the Public Charter School Grant Program is to "provide financial assistance for the planning, program design, and initial implementation of high quality charter schools and expand the number of high quality charter schools in Florida" (<http://www.floridaschoolchoice.org>). Up to 60 grants of approximately \$300,000 each will be awarded, depending on availability of funds. The funds are used for specific operating expenses, excluding facility procurement and improvements, and will be distributed in three installments over three years.

Currently, JMPHS is ranked fourth out of 112 schools that submitted proposals. The Stage II proposal is due April 1, 2013.

For more information on James Madison Preparatory High School, please visit the JMPHS website at [www.jmphs.org](http://www.jmphs.org). In addition to student applications, the website provides information on our mission and goals, educational program design, graduation requirements, student and parent contracts, and the enrollment process. Please visit the JMPHS Facebook page for information on upcoming events and school progress.

## Lions Club Accepting Vendor Applications For Fourth Of July Fest

By Lynette Norris  
*Green Publishing, Inc.*

"Last year's Fourth of July blew away all my expectations," Lion's Club President Jay Lee had declared at a previous Lions Club meeting. "And this year will be even better."

The Madison Lions Club organizes the "God and Country" Fourth of July Celebration each year at Lake Frances, complete with the traditional fireworks display, and each year, the Club begins planning months in advance to make sure all the various components come together to give Madison County residents a celebration to remember. This

year's theme for the Fourth will tie into the City of Madison's 175th Anniversary.

There are all kinds of things to be worked out, from insurance, to a proper site plan, to security and safety measures (especially where the fireworks display is concerned), to making sure they have proper disposal containers on hand for spent fireworks, to making sure the environment is safeguarded and the area is cleaned up afterward.

This year, they want to make sure the entertainment includes a variety of talent, and will be scouting out talent shows in the weeks ahead looking for performers.

They also hope to have space for between 50 and 60 vendors for the festival, and are already accepting vendor applications for the event. Any interested vendor who would like to be a part of the "God and Country" Fourth of July Celebration is asked to contact Lions Club President Jay Lee at (850) 973-7509 to request an application form, and he will send one out immediately. The Club would like to begin getting the vendor applications lined up as soon as possible.

The Club's next "God and Country" planning meeting is scheduled for March 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Madison County Memorial Hospital cafeteria.



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Lynette Norris, February 5, 2013

**Lions Club President Jay Lee heads up a planning meeting for the "God and Country" celebration planned for this Fourth of July at Lake Frances. The Club is already seeking vendor applications for the event.**



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# AROUND MADISON COUNTY

## Gone Fishin' At Madison Nursing Center

By Lynette Norris  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

There's a two-foot long catfish in the holding pond at the Madison Nursing Center. Activities Assistant Marty Giacomazzi has seen it, as have a couple of other people, but so far, no one has been able to catch it.

The holding pond was stocked with baby fish (largemouth bass and bream in addition to the catfish) and a wooden fishing dock was added a year or two ago for the resident's enjoyment.

Now, the fish have gotten pretty big and Giacomazzi reckons that about 15 of the residents regularly enjoy a supervised catch-and-release pastime in groups of three or four. He has had to get heavier gauge fishing line to use on the cane poles.

"They'll come up to me all the time and ask me, 'when are we going fishing again?'"

There are pictures of the residents with their catches on the bulletin board and in some of the residents' rooms. When a resident catches a really big one, (the largest so far has been a 14-inch three-and-a-half pounder) Giacomazzi has the photo blown up really big to go in their rooms so they can see it whenever they want.

"People like their trophies," he said.

Other residents sometimes come out on the dock just to sit a while and watch the fishing. Watching, for some, is as much fun as doing for others, especially when the bass jump right up out of the water trying to get away.

The fish aren't biting right now because of the cooler weather, but they'll start up again as soon as another spell of warmer weather rolls in. With the cooler weather, the water is also a little clearer since the algae doesn't grow as much, and sometimes one can look down into the water and see about five or six bass swim right by the dock.



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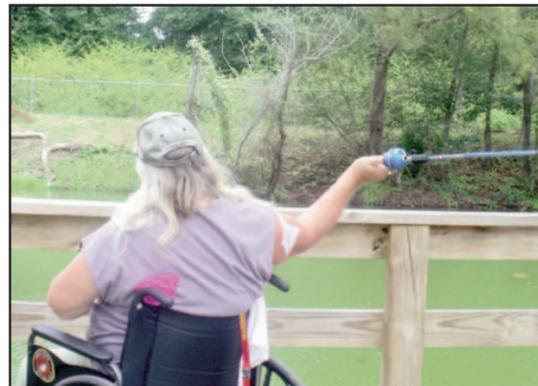


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And then, there's that two-foot catfish. Nobody has caught him yet, and Giacomazzi says that the residents have told him chicken livers work well for catching catfish. Once, when he had a few minutes on break, he tried it, but didn't catch anything. However, that doesn't mean

that somebody else with a couple of hours out on the dock couldn't do it.

When it gets a little warmer, Giacomazzi and another group will go out on the dock again and see if one of them will be the first to catch the big prize.

### "THE ULTIMATE ELVIS TRIBUTE ARTIST EVENT"

Will Be Presented at the Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center on February 19

On Stage Touring, LLC, in association with Elvis Presley Enterprises, Inc. (EPE), announced today the national hit *ELVIS LIVES* will be presented in Tallahassee at the Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center on Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale now at the Civic Center Box Office, all Ticketmaster Outlets, at [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com) or call 850-222-0400 or 1-800-322-3602.

*ELVIS LIVES*, which keeps on capturing the imaginations and interests of fans of all types including Broadway, concert and Elvis aficionados, is an unforgettable multi-media and live musical journey across Elvis' life featuring finalists from Elvis Presley Enterprises' annual worldwide Ultimate Elvis

Tribute Artist Contest, each representing Elvis during different stages in his career. The Elvis tribute artists will be joined by a live band, backup singers and dancers, along with an Ann-Margret tribute artist, as well as iconic imagery made available from the Graceland archives; which includes a new exhibit of life-size images of Elvis' stage-wear that will be on display in the lobby of each theater hosting a performance.

The high energy show features Ultimate winner Bill Cherry, along with Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist Contest top five finalists Kevin Mills, Leo Days and Ben Klein, as the principle cast for the winter/spring production of *ELVIS LIVES*, joined by the professional talent of Lorri Russo as Ann-Margret.

"We are very pleased that *ELVIS LIVES* continues to delight audiences all over the nation and that Elvis fans in Tallahassee will be given the opportunity to see these

talented entertainers. We hope to see finalists from the Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist Contest starring in *ELVIS LIVES* for years to come," said Kevin Kern, Director of Public Relations for EPE. "We are excited to be working with some of the most exceptional tribute artists in the world. These talented per-

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# AROUND MADISON COUNTY

## Madison City Recaps 2012 Improvements

By Kristin Finney  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The City of Madison has made many improvements over the last 12 months. They have increased employee safety, saved the county money and received several grants. Tim Bennett said of the year's improvements, "First of all, we have a great team here of city commissioners and city staff. We keep each other informed about concerns and needs in the community, and we work together to address those concerns and to meet those needs. It's my goal as city manager to ensure city commissioners encounter no surprises. This has opened a channel of two-way communication that's led, I believe, to a meaningful level of trust between the commissioners and the city manager. This level of trust has fostered a productive work environment."

Bennett and his team compiled a list of the many accomplishments and things that they have been emphasizing for the past year:

**Employee safety:** Increased our emphasis on employee safety through safety classes, purchase of safety equipment, and inspections.

**Responsiveness to citizen needs:** Whether it's installing street lighting for security, filling potholes, or cleaning stormwater drains, our goal is to respond quickly and in a quality manner.

**Teamwork:** Using cross-functional teams of department heads to address issues and implement projects. Cross-functional teams bring together department heads and employees of different experience, skill sets and perspectives around the table to seek solutions.

**Communication**

**a. With citizens:** "Working with the local news media to increase coverage of city operations. This includes encouraging Greene Publishing to cover our city commission meetings more thoroughly. It also includes Madison Voice posting my agenda notes following each city commission meeting. Additionally, it has meant posting the city's budget for the first time ever on the city's website. We also have launched a Facebook page."

**b. With city commissioners:** "Emailing weekly, sometimes daily, updates about city operations to the commissioners."

**c. With department heads:** "Using emails and more face-to-face meetings to communicate more frequently and more efficiently."



**Training/Cross-training:** "We want to have skilled personnel in each department able to multi-task and to fill in capably if and when others are absent."

**Repair of streets and sidewalks:** "One of our current efforts involves the city commissioners prioritizing streets and sidewalks in their districts for repair. City staff will cost out the repairs and present a plan to the City Commission for consideration."

**Information Technology:** "We've transitioned our city payroll, accounts payable and general ledger from troublesome financial software called NightOwl to QuickBooks. QuickBooks is reasonably priced and within our skill sets. Next on the to-do list is to transition our Utilities billing software from Nightowl to QuickBooks. Meanwhile, we also have solicited proposals for Information Technology Support Services. With the approval of the City Commission, we will contract with a firm for hardware and software maintenance services. This ultimately with cut costs by reducing hourly rates."

**Wastewater Infrastructure:** "Our City Commission has approved major expenditures to improve our wastewater facilities. This includes the current construction of two additional drying beds for us to place debris in when we clean out the city's sewer lift stations. We're also underway with purchasing aeration equipment and digestive pumps, as well as repairing sprinkler heads at our sprayfield located on Highway 53 South."

**Demolition Program:** "This is an ongoing program to demolish dilapidated housing structures. At least 16 structures have been addressed during the past 24 months."

**Grants:**

a. \$750,000 Community Development Block Grant is underway to renovate houses.

b. \$500,000 U.S. Department of Agriculture grant is underway to renovate the second floor of the Police facility.

c. An application is underway to acquire a \$2.9 million USDA grant to upgrade wastewater lift stations and repair/replace a screening mechanism at the city's wastewater facility.

The team has also made many cost-saving efforts in the past 12 months. According to Bennett's list, those include:

"We've purchased three used golf carts for city employees to travel in to read water and gas meters. This saves taxpayer dollars in fuel, allows for more efficient use of manpower, and reduces wear and tear on our vehicle fleet."

"We're exploring the use of natural gas for city vehicles."

"The city and county are working toward joint use of an air-curtain incinerator to burn tree debris."

"We've consolidated our Parks and Cemeteries Department with our Streets and Sanitation Departments and named the newly-formed department Public Works. This consolidation has led to more efficient use of manpower, materials and funds."

"We are procuring new website-hosting services to reduce current costs."

"We've signed an Interlocal agreement with the county that could someday lead to consolidating building code inspection services."

"We're leveraging funds from the Suwannee River Water Management District to upgrade our water infrastructure."

"We're working with the Florida League of Cities to study the city's telecommunications program to see if we can reduce the cost of telephone lines and the number of telephone accounts."

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## LEGALS

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

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. Plaintiff, vs. MICHELLE TOEIRO, et al. Defendant(s)

CASE NO.: 40-2008-CA-006602 DIVISION:

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated January 31, 2013 and entered in Case No. 40-2008-CA-006602 of the Circuit Court of the THIRD Judicial Circuit in and for MADISON County, Florida wherein COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC is the Plaintiff and MICHELLE TOEIRO, JORGE TOEIRO, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INCORPORATED as NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE FINANCIAL CORPORATION, CHEVRON SUPERIOR MARKET, INC., A FLORIDA CORPORATION A DISSOLVED, are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at EAST DOOR OF THE MADISON COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 6 day of March, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

PART OF LOT 9 SIMS ADDITION PER PLAT BOOK ONE PAGE 8, MADISON COUNTY, FL. MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS: A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 9, SIMS ADDITION TO CHERRY LAKE, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED PLAT BOOK ONE AT PAGE 8, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAID MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID POINT BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING, FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 22.00 FEET TO THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF COUNTY ROAD NO. 253 TO A POINT ON A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE EAST THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY HAVING RADII OF 70.55 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 10 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 22 SECONDS, THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG THE ARC A DISTANCE OF 141.15 FEET, FOR A CHORD OF SOUTH 60 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 08 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 148.00 FEET, FOR A CHORD SOUTH 00 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 12 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 13.78 FEET, THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY RUN NORTH 67 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 17 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 70.89 FEET, THENCE NORTH 22 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 36 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 138.25 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on the 6 day of March, 2013.

Tin Sanders  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By *Janet A. Dickerson*  
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# Legals

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **ARTHUR G and FLORIDA D SMITH**, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property and name in which it is assessed is as follows:

CERTIFICATE NO: **10-790-TD**  
YEAR OF ISSUANCE: **2010**  
NAME IN, WHICH ASSESSED: **PATRICIA BARFIELD ANDREA MEDLER**  
PARCEL ID: **28-1N-09-3942-000-000**

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** Lots 2, 3, and 4 Block 11 of FRALEIGH-SMITH SUBDIVISION, to the Town of Madison (Now the City of Madison), Florida, according to the Plat of said subdivision on file in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for Madison County, Florida, in Deed Book 27, Page 460, Public Records of Madison County, Florida.

All of said property being in the County of Madison, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to the law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the west front door at the Madison County Courthouse on the **21ST** day of **March 2013** at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 7th day of February 2013.

**TIM SANDERS**  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
MADISON COUNTY  
MADISON, FLORIDA

BY: */s/ Karen Holman*  
DEPUTY CLERK

2/13, 2/20, 2/27, 3/6

The Hamburg Lovett Volunteer Fire Department will be adding two bays onto their existing building. Invitation to bid for all contractors onsite on March 1, 2013 at 9 am at the Hamburger Lovett Volunteer Fire Department, which is located on 7286 NW Lovett Road, Greenville 32331.

2/13

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 3rd JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-3,

Plaintiff,

CASE NO. 2011-CA-000451

vs.

**JONATHAN MIXER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JONATHAN MIXER; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR 123LOAN LLC; ROY E. TAYLOR SR.; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION,**

Defendants,

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of 3rd Judicial Circuit in and for MADISON County, Florida. THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-3 is Plaintiff and JONATHAN MIXER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JONATHAN MIXER N/K/A (NO NAME PROVIDED); MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR 123LOAN LLC; ROY E. TAYLOR SR.; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION N/K/A DANNIE PETTAWAY, are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the FRONT DOOR of the Madison County Courthouse, 125 SW Range Avenue, Madison, FL 32340, at 11:00 a.m. on the 16 day of March, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

SEE EXHIBIT A FOR LEGAL DESCRIPTION aka/a 6125 US HIGHWAY 90 EAST, MADISON, FL 32340

Dated this 4 day of February, 2013.

**TIM SANDERS**  
As Clerk of said Court

*Ramona Dickinson*  
As Deputy Clerk

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Any disabled person, who, because of a disability, needs a special accommodation to participate in a judicial proceeding at a Madison County Courthouse, should contact the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator no later than two (2) business days before the proceeding. The telephone number is (850) 487-1992, and this telephone is accessible for both voice and transmissions for deaf persons. Submitted by: Heller & Zion, L.L.P., 1428 Brickell Avenue, Suite 700, Miami, FL 33131, Telephone: (305) 373-8001, Facsimile: (305) 373-8030

EXHIBIT A:

A portion of those lands described in O.R. Book #1, page 87 and O.R. Book #2, page 464 of the public records of Madison County, Florida, being a portion of the Southwest Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section 25, Township 1 North, Range 10 East, being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northwest corner of the South Half (S 1/2) of said SE 1/4; thence North 80° 54' 42" West along the north line of said S 1/2 of SE 1/4 a distance of 2296.18 feet to the northeast corner of said O.R. Book #2, page 464; thence South 02° 27' 40" East along the east line of said O.R. Book #2, page 464 a distance of 142.70 feet to a rebar on the north-south right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 90 (100 foot right-of-way); thence North 02° 27' 43" West along said right-of-way line a distance of 20.96 feet to a rebar marking the southeast corner and POINT OF BEGINNING of the following described parcel: thence North 02° 27' 43" West along said right-of-way line a distance of 202.85 feet to a rebar on the east line of said O.R. Book #1, page 87, said line also being the east line of three lands described in O.R. Book #68, page 115 of the official records of Madison County, Florida, to wit: North 02° 27' 40" West along said west line of O.R. Book #1, page 87 and said east line of O.R. Book #68, page 115 a distance of 202.85 feet to a rebar; thence South 10° 05' 07" East a distance of 246.27 feet to a rebar; thence South 02° 27' 42" West a distance of 418.25 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 2.53 acres, more or less. Said lands situate, lying and being in Madison County Florida.

2/13, 2/20

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING: The District Board of Trustees of North Florida Community College will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the NFCC Board Room, NFCC, 325 NW Turner Davis Dr., Madison, FL. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by writing: NFCC, Office of the President, 325 NW Turner Davis Dr., Madison, FL 32340. For disability-related accommodations, contact the NFCC Office of College Advancement, 850-973-1653. NFCC is an equal access/equal opportunity employer.

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### NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the Aucilla Area Solid Waste Administration on February 18, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Aucilla Area Solid Waste Facility located at 1313 S.W. Greenville Hills Road Greenville, Florida. If you have any question please contact 850-948-4875.

2/13

### REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS TOWN ATTORNEY SERVICES

The Council of the Town of Greenville, Florida is seeking sealed proposals from law firms and individual attorneys for Town Attorney services. Responses to this Request for Qualifications will be received until 4:30 p.m. on February 22, 2013. Proposals may be hand delivered to the Town Hall of the Town of Greenville, 154 SW Old Mission Avenue, Greenville, FL or mailed to P. O. Box 235, Greenville FL 32331. Sealed proposals should be clearly marked "Proposal for Town Attorney Services." For specifications or other inquiries contact the Town Clerk, 850.948.2251 or [pmh@greenvillefl.com](mailto:pmh@greenvillefl.com). The Town of Greenville reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to negotiate changes in the scope of work or services to be provided, to otherwise waive any technicalities or formalities, and to award the contract in the best interest of the Town. EEO.

2/6, 2/8, 2/13, 2/15

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

IBERIABANK,  
Plaintiff,

vs. CASE NO.: 2011-411-CA

SHIRLEY WRIGHT and VERNON WRIGHT,  
Defendant.

### NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE PURSUANT TO SECTION 45.031(1) OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Final Judgment on Foreclosure entered on January 31, 2013 in Case No. 2011-411-CA of the Circuit Court of the Judicial Circuit for Madison County, Florida, in which IBERIABANK is Plaintiff and SHIRLEY WRIGHT AND VERNON WRIGHT, are Defendants, I, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Madison County, Florida, will sell at public sale the following described real property:

A portion of Section 19, Township 1 North, Range 10 East, being the East 5.00 acres, as surveyed, of those lands described as "Josephine Tharpe Leslie" tract in O.R. Book 585, page 28 of the public records of Madison County, Florida (parent tract), being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the southwest corner of said Section 19; thence North 00° 12' 12" East a distance of 1253.53 feet to a concrete monument marking the southwest corner of said parent tract; thence North 00° 12' 12" East a distance of 718.41 feet to a rebar marking the northwest corner of said parent tract, said point lying on the southerly right-of-way of State Road 6; thence North 77° 17' 30" East along said right-of-way line a distance of 1058.09 feet to a rebar marking the northwest corner and POINT OF BEGINNING of the following described parcel; thence continue North 77° 17' 30" East along said right-of-way line a distance of 298.29 feet to a rebar marking the northeast corner of said parent tract; thence South 00° 05' 07" West along the east line of said parent tract a distance of 687.34 feet to a concrete monument marking the southeast corner of said parent tract; thence South 57° 05' 13" West along the south line of said parent tract a distance of 346.83 feet to a rebar; thence North 00° 05' 07" East along the west line of said East 5.00 acres of parent tract a distance of 810.18 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 5.00 acres, more or less. Said lands situate, lying and being in Madison County, Florida.

Property Address: XXX East Highway 6, Madison, FL 32340

The sale will be held on March 6, 2013, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. EST to the highest bidder for cash, except as prescribed in Paragraph 7, on the west side front steps of the Madison County Courthouse, 125 SW Range Avenue, Madison, FL 32340 after having first given notice as required by Section 45.031, Florida Statutes.

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*/s/ Ramona Dickinson*  
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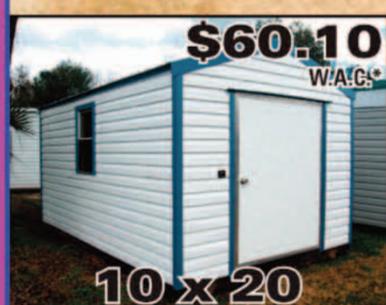
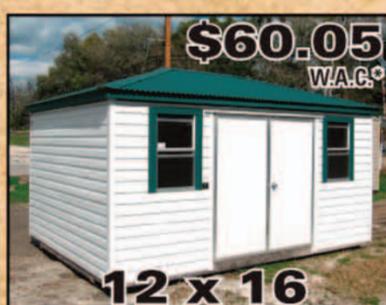


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# Path *of* Faith

## What Is The History Of Valentine's Day?

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The origin of associating the middle of February with love and fertility dates to ancient times. In ancient Athens, the period between mid-January and mid-February was the month of Gamelion, which was dedicated to the sacred marriage of Zeus and Hera.

In ancient Rome, February 15 was Lupercalia, the festival of Lupercus (or Faunus), the god of fertility. As part of the purification ritual, the priests of Lupercus would sacrifice goats and a dog to the god, and after drinking wine, they would run through the streets of Rome striking anyone they met with pieces of the goat skin. Young women would come forth voluntarily for the occasion, believing that being touched by the goat skin would render them fertile. Young men would also draw names from an urn, choosing their "blind date" for the coming year. In 494 AD the Christian church under Pope Gelasius I appropriated the some aspects of the rite as the Feast of the Purification.

In Christianity, at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of them martyrs, are mentioned in the early lives of the saints under the date of February 14. Two of the Valentines lived in Italy in the third century: one as a priest at Rome, the other as bishop of Terni. They are both said to have been martyred in Rome and buried on the Flaminian Way. A third St. Valentine was martyred in North Africa and very little else is known of him.

Several legends have developed around one or more of these Valentines,

two of which are especially popular. According to one account, Emperor Claudius II outlawed marriage for all young men because he believed unmarried men made better soldiers. Valentine defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young couples and was put to death by the emperor for it. A related legend has Valentine writing letters from prison to his beloved, signing them "From your Valentine."

However, the connection between St. Valentine and romantic love is not mentioned in any early histories and is regarded by historians as purely a matter of legend. The feast of St. Valentine was first declared to be on February 14 by Pope Gelasius I around 498. It is said the pope created the day to counter the practice held on Lupercalia, but this is not attested in any sources from that era.

The first recorded association of St. Valentine's Day with romantic love was in the 14th century in England and France, where it was believed that February 14 was the day on which birds paired off to mate. Thus we read in Geoffrey Chaucer's (c. 1343-1400) *Parliament of Fowls*, believed to be the first Valentine's Day poem:

For this was on Saint Valentine's day,  
When every fowl comes there to choose his mate.

It became common during that era for lovers to exchange notes on Valentine's Day and to call each other their "Valentines." The first Valentine card was sent by Charles, duke of Orleans, to his wife in 1415 when he was a prisoner in the Tower of London. *...Story cont. on Page 2B...*

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# Christian Humor

## Jesus Is Watching

A 17 year-old boy snuck in the window of his new girlfriend's house. She wasn't aware that he was coming over.

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The voice said, "Jesus is watching you." He quickly looked around the room for the girl's father. No one around. He thought his fear of being caught might be playing tricks on his mind, so he continued on towards the bedroom.

The voice then spoke up again, "Jesus is watching you." The boy turned around quickly.

"Who's there?" he asked.

"Judas," squawked a parrot on the other side of the room.

"Judas? Who would name a parrot Judas?" asked the boy.

"The same people who would name a Pit Bull Jesus," said the parrot.

## Valentine's Day

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Valentine's Day love notes were often given anonymously. It is probable that many of the legends about St. Valentine developed during this period (see above). By the 1700s, verses like "Roses are red, violets are blue" became popular. By the 1850s, romantics in France began embellishing their valentine cards with gilt paper, ribbons and lace.

Valentine's Day was probably imported into North America in the 19th century with settlers from Britain. In the United States, the first mass-produced valentines of embossed paper lace were produced and sold shortly after 1847 by Esther A. Howland (1828 - 1904) of Worcester, Massachusetts. Her father operated a large book and stationery store, and she took her inspiration from an English valentine she had received.

In the 19th century, relics of St. Valentine were donated by Pope Gregory XVI to the Whitefriar Street Carmelite Church in Dublin, Ireland, which has become a popular place of pilgrimage on February 14.

But in 1969, as part of a larger effort to pare down the number of saint days of legendary origin, the Church removed St. Valentine's Day as an official holiday from its calendar.

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by RONNIE McBRAYER



# Putting The Pieces Together

When the workers are finished with their projects, whatever they may be, those projects are handed over with little knowledge of how they all fit together, or how these pieces contribute to the final product. Since most of the workers will not live to see the building completed, they are forced to trust that the architect will make their work count.

Wright concludes his example by saying that the “work we do in the present only gains its full significance somewhere in the future.” It is a future we may not live to see, so we must trust the Architect to fit our lives and our work into the cathedral he is building.

Nowhere is this illustration more apt than when it comes to our families. We carve the stones that are our children or grandchildren. We chip away at those strained relationships with our siblings or parents. And we sand and cut the stones that make our marriage. We don't know what it is all going to look like in the end. But we do the work put before us, and we trust God to put the pieces together.

Certainly, we know the work of “family construction” that is put before us is hardly ever easy, even though we preacher-types don't always

acknowledge this fact. We are swift to give the impression that if your family is not constructed of a strong, spiritual bring-home-the-bacon father, a faithful, loving stay-at-home mother, and two and a half obedient, always compliant children, then your family isn't “biblical” and your work is defective in some way. This is absolutely preposterous.

If ineptness at home were a disqualifier, no family would ever have a future, for every family is dysfunctional in one way or another; it is simply a matter of degree. This proves true especially with the “biblical” families found in the Scriptures. You will be hard pressed to find a family in the Bible – not even Jesus' own family that once tried to hide him in a padded room – that is not seriously flawed.

“Biblical” families, with all their murder, adultery, polygamy, sexism, violence and envy are far less operational than most of our families, and I think that's the point. If God can use them, if God's goodness isn't thwarted by them, if God can build his glorious cathedral with them, then he ought to be able to use, bless and preserve our families as well.

So if this is *...Story cont. on Page 5B...*

English scholar N.T. Wright uses a powerful example of how our lives fit into the big picture of what God is doing in the world: It is that of a stonemason working on a great cathedral. When these architectural wonders were built during medieval times, the construction process lasted for decades, even centuries.

It would begin when an architect drew up schematics and then passed his instructions to a team of masons. One mason shapes stones for a particular tower; another carves gargoyles or statues of saints, martyrs, or royalty. Others labor in the quarry cutting roughhewn blocks. And all the while other entire departments are busy with their work too.



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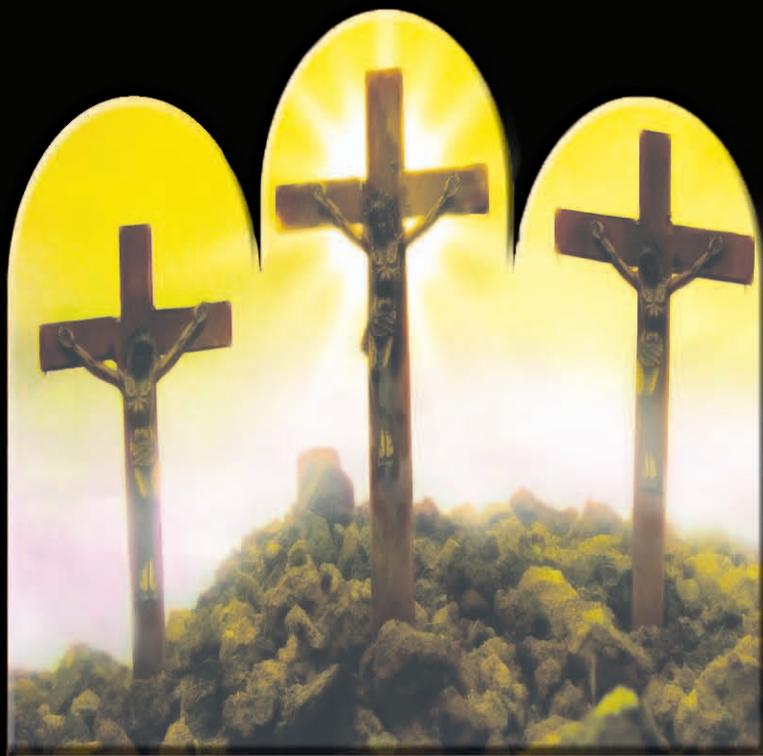
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# Keeping The Faith

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your third marriage, well make this third one the charm, and keep working at it. If one of your children will not talk to you, talk to the ones who will, and keep chipping away. If your in-laws hate you, treat them with respect and just get your work done today. If you are constructing familial reconciliation and your efforts seem stymied, swing the hammer and chisel in your hand, and trust the Architect to make it all fit together – even if that work is completed long after you are gone.

When it comes to family, there is the way we “wish” things were, the way things “ought” to be, the way things “should” be, and then there is the way things really are. God and grace come to us there, not in the hypothetical, but in the actual. And his grace will be enough to beautifully construct what we cannot build on our own.

*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](http://www.ronniemcbrayer.me).*

## *A Faith Rekindled...*

### Pastor/columnist Ronnie McBrayer returning to Florida

By Pam Griffin

*Editorial assistant/Faith editor*

*The Destin Log/The Walton Sun*

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When Ronnie McBrayer wrote his first column, “Keeping the Faith,” for the Walton Sun in the summer of 2006, little did he know his words would be read by millions in the years to come.

“Finding a welcome audience here led to finding my voice throughout North America,” McBrayer told The Sun. “I am so grateful for that. Wow, has that little column gotten some legs!”

His column now appears in more than 100 outlets, newspapers and online, across the country with a circulation of more than six million readers; he has written multiple books and is a sought-after speaker. About two years ago, McBrayer left Walton County to tend to family matters in Georgia, but now is returning to pastor A Simple Faith Church in Santa Rosa Beach.

“I’m returning to actively lead ASF once again,” he said. “I’m back as pastor but my role has never been a traditional one, no more than ASF is a traditional congregation. I’ll be away from ASF on a regular basis because of my increased writing and speaking demands, but ASF is home for me and my family.”

#### A Simple Plan

A Simple Faith Church began around a kitchen table in the summer of 2007 in the home of Michael and Cheryl Belk.

“Most of us had been together at the Seaside Chapel, and we all shared a similar ambition: Simplicity,” said McBrayer. “Following Christ together — ‘doing church’ — ought to be a little less complicated.”

The founders wanted the church to be easily accessed by those who have never really given faith a try, and *...Story cont. on Page 6B...*

# McBrayer

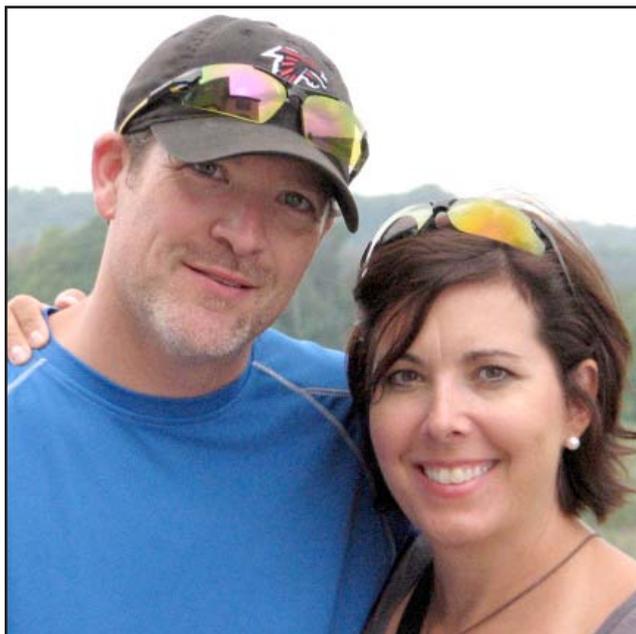
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those who swore they would never go to church again. From those guidelines, A Simple Faith emerged.

“Though none of us knew where it was going. I even warned the people in the room, ‘If we do this, it won’t become what you think it will become — so much so, that half of you won’t be here three years from now,’ ” McBrayer said. “And that statistic proved true. When something begins freshly and organically it goes and grows in directions that those who first planted the seeds, never imagined.”

Looking back over his notes from that first meeting, McBrayer found that six years ago he said, “The last thing South Walton needs is another church, but it needs a place of simplicity and substance where people can learn what it means to follow Christ, worship God, love their neighbor, and serve the world. That’s the kind of place I want to be a part of — it’s the kind of ministry I hope we can put together.”

A simple three-fold statement became the beliefs of A Simple Faith — a group of people who worship God, follow Christ, and serve the world.



Ronnie and Cindy McBrayer

“It’s that simple,” McBrayer said. “We hope you will journey with us.”

**‘I don’t think my heart ever left’**

McBrayer announced in late 2012 that he would return to A Simple Faith and the area in the new year.

“I had a bit of an epiphany that led to this

decision,” he said. “It would take way too much copy space to explain it, but I felt like I should return. It was as if God and universe left me no other option, and I say that with a chuckle.”

About two years ago, the family moved back to Georgia because of growing family needs.

“Our parents have not improved, but they have stabilized,” McBrayer said. “Other family transitions have made it possible to return. I don’t think my heart ever left.”

McBrayer says that juggling demands on time between writing, speaking, preaching and family has taught him that if you don’t make time, there will never be enough for those who need it. But how does he make time with his family?

“Like porcupines making love — very carefully,” he said. “This is one thing I am much more deliberate about than ever. I carve out intentional time for my family and they are my highest priority. I also wave off most other invitations to do other things — chamber of commerce, sitting on boards, etc. I have only so much of me, and I want to be where I am most effective. My family, speaking, and writing take precedence.”

**Holding the door open**

McBrayer, who lived his first 34 years in Georgia and moved to the Panhandle in the winter of 2004-2005, has been an ordained minister for more than 20 years.

Meeting the ...*Story cont. on Page 7B...*

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expectations of others is the hardest part of being a pastor for McBrayer.

“What they want you to be; what they think you should look like and sound like; what they think you should believe and how perfect you should be,” he said. “I tell folks not to call me ‘Reverend,’ because in five minutes I can show you how irreverent I can be. Over time, a pastor makes peace with these expectations or he becomes an emotional slave to the whims of people.”

The best part of pastoring is easy for McBrayer.

“It is the privilege of being a trusted part of people’s lives. Weddings, baptisms, births, death, sickness, tragedy and joy. A pastor shares all of these. Who else gets that chance? It is genuinely a holy thing to be a part of.”

With the exception of two contracted newspapers, McBrayer offers the column free of charge because he believes good writing and great ideas should not be treated as a commodity.

“My words resonate with those who are looking to hold to faith or return to faith after difficult experiences,” McBrayer said. “The phrases ‘Keeping the Faith’ and ‘Simple Faith’ reflect this. My role is to hold the door open for those who thought they couldn’t get in.”

McBrayer’s wife of almost 12 years, Cindy, says he has only one sermon: “God loves you no matter who you are, now go follow Jesus.”

“She says I say this same thing over and over,” McBrayer said. “Just in different ways.”

To McBrayer, books are like his children. No favorites or loving one more than the other, but loving them differently. The ideas for his newest book, to be released in fall of 2013, have been growing in McBrayer’s head for some time as he traveled around the United States speaking in different venues for the last two years.

“I love this book in a special way,” he said. “How Far is Heaven? Rediscovering the Kingdom of God in the Here and Now” is my effort to communicate that the way of Jesus is not an escape pod from planet earth. It is a calling to live out the goodness of God here, where we live now.”

“There is a real escapism in much of today’s Christianity – Christians put so much energy into getting prepared to leave,” he added. “What if we put that kind of energy into changing our world? “



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# Mission Team Sought For Trip To St. Vincent

By Jacob Bemby

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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.

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

## Evangelist Seeks Speaking Opportunities

By Jacob Bemby

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Evangelist Marilyn Weeks, formerly of Madison, is seeking revivals and speaking engagements at churches.

"I am on the Florida State Evangelism team of the Church of God, but due to budget cuts we are no longer supplemented by the state since 2010," said Weeks. "This means that I am totally dependent upon churches giving opportunity, but, I am confident that God has called and will provide. This year I have enclosed my schedule for you to reference if you are interested in any of the open dates shown, please contact me. Once again, thank you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing from you."

Weeks, who is the widow of former Madison Church of God Pastor Ronnie Weeks, can be reached at (352) 584-2906 (cell) or at (352) 544-0310 (home).



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By Jacob Bembry  
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## Scholars At Shiloh M.B. Church Recognized

On January 25, MCCA had its Bronco Pride program, celebrating the academic achievements of its students. Shiloh youth were well recognized during this ceremony. Our Elementary students (PK-5) were recognized for Think Link scores and Accelerated Reader points. ThinkLink is an assessment tool that assists teachers with progress monitoring. Through ThinkLink teachers are able to assess a student's growth or areas of weakness so that the curriculum may be adjusted for maximum success. Students are assessed in three critical areas: Reading Math and Science. Students who scored equivalent to a level 3 or higher on the FCAT were recognized at the Bronco Pride ceremony. Shiloh students who were recognized were Amirrika Brown, MJ Hawkins, Mahogani Hawkins, Faziyah Young and Zytavious Washington. Accelerated Reader is an assessment tool designed to assess student's reading comprehension, vocabulary and awareness of complex texts. Students read books and are assessed over that book. Upon success-

ful completion of the assessment students are awarded points. Those students with 50 or more points were recognized. Shiloh elementary students recognized were Faziyah Young (83 pts), Terra Butler (57 pts) and Anija Williams (52 pts). Our Middle school students were recognized for ThinkLink, Accelerated Reader and Honor Roll. Makeela Hawkins and AJ Miller were recognized for their ThinkLink scores. Cadeja Graham was recognized for making the B Honor Roll (3.0—3.59 GPA). Makeela Hawkins was recognized for making the A Honor Roll (3.6-3.99 GPA). Shiloh would like to congratulate all of its students for a job well done during the first semester of school. Shiloh wants to encourage all of the students to continue to persevere and work hard at being a successful student. We want to encourage our parents to make sure that they are actively engaged in their child's educational progress. We look forward to seeing many more of our student's at the next Bronco Pride recognition program.



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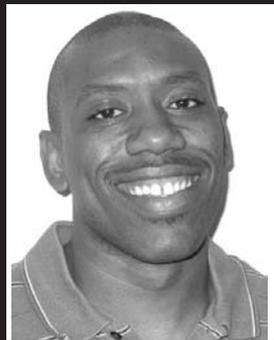
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# The Pulpit

**By Rev. Marcus Hawkins  
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Jesus said, "No man having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God." (Lu. 9:62)

As we press forward this year let us endeavor to do all we can to keep marching forward. Let us not be slighted by the changing temperature or the contrary wind. Let us

stay focused on our prize.

We have adopted the theme for 2013 "Kingdom Builders," knowing that God has given us the ministry of reconciliation in order to build up His Kingdom. Let us strive for that.

Let us continue to pray for one another. Every opportunity we

## Kingdom Builders

get, let us allow our lights to shine. We never know who is in a dark valley. If our lights are continually shining, someone will see and find their way out in Christ Jesus.

My brothers and my sisters, the harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few.

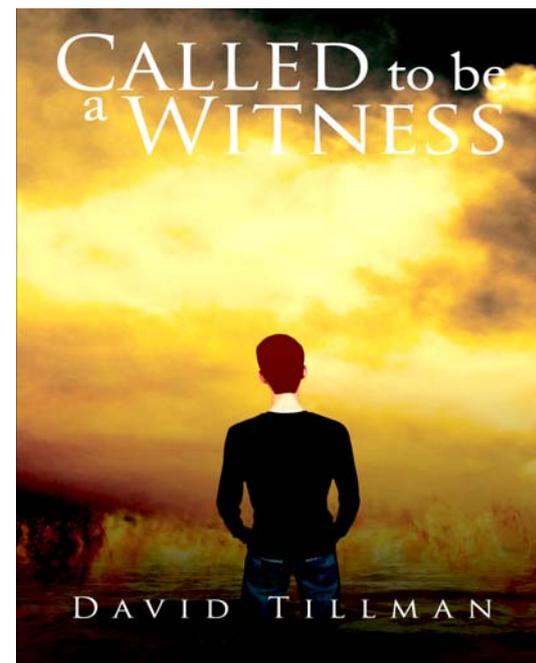
Will you purpose in your heart in 2013 that you will not look back, but that you will look forward to the race that Christ has set before you (and then run that race with patience)?

May God richly bless you as you go forward as ambassadors for Christ Jesus- His messengers taking the message on the mission!!!!

## Author To Sign Book Following Church Service

Area author David Tillman will sign copies of his book, *Called to Be a Witness*, on Sunday morning, Feb. 17, at Adel Church of God. The church is located at 9208 Val-Del Road in Adel, Ga. The book signing will follow immediately after the church's 11 a.m. service.

The book jacket reads, "When you hear God speak audibly, your life will change forever. You will see and hear things differently as you read this amazing account of God revealing Himself to this author. Called To Be A Witness is a personal testimony of this revelation and encounters. See how the power in the name of Jesus sends demons running, sets the captives free, removes the blindness and reveals God. Riches, fame and glory cannot compare to the favor of God and the things He has prepared for those who love Him. He



is alive and waits for us to seek His presence today. *Called To Be A Witness* will enlighten you on how God will communicate and give you experiences too. He has no respect of persons, Delay no longer."



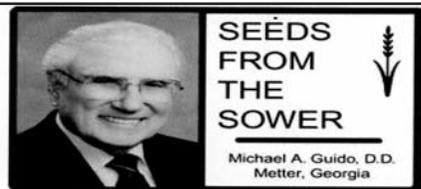
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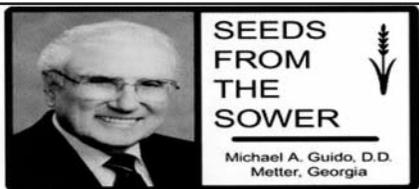
In time of trouble, some criticize, while others create; some curse the circumstances, while others change the conditions; some imagine peril, while others inspire prosperity; some give up in fear, while others go on in faith.

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While in Kansas on a preaching mission, I was invited into a home for dinner.

A little girl climbed on my lap and said, "Guess what I've got!"

"A doll," I answered.

"Nope."

"A dress?"

"Nope."

"What?"

"Chicken pox," she said.

Then I got chicken pox.

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## LifeSong Holding Special One Night CD Event

By Jacob Bemby  
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LifeSong will hold a one-night CD special event at Shelby's Restaurant on Friday, Feb. 15.

Titled "An Evening of Singin' & Seafood," the music begins at 7 p.m.

All you can eat seafood buffet is available for \$10.99.

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