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Bass Tournament Set For Saturday

By Jacob Bemby

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Cherry Lake Fire Rescue, Inc. announces its bass tournament to be held this Saturday, March 30, from 6 a.m.-noon.

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 fee 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.

MCHS Cheerleading Tryouts

By Kristin Finney

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Madison County High School will be hosting cheerleading tryouts for their 2013-2014 cheerleading squads on April 8-11. Tryouts for JV and varsity will be held during this week. Tryouts will begin at 4 p.m. each day and last until 5:30 p.m. They will be held in the MCHS Gym. There was a mandatory pre-tryout meeting on Thursday, March 21 at 4 p.m. in the MCHS Gym. If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Ann Latner by phone or text at (850) 464-0236 or email her at ruth.latner@madison-

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Local Weather

Wed 3/27	63/38	
Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s.		
Thu 3/28	68/42	
Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 40s.		
Fri 3/29	71/44	
Mostly sunny. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 40s.		
Sat 3/30	74/50	
Sunshine. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 50s.		
Sun 3/31	77/57	
Slight chance of a thunderstorm.		

Stepping Out For Autism Walk at Lanier Field



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Lynette Norris, March 19, 2013

Teresa Gallegos asks for the school board's support for the "Stepping Out For Autism Walk" at Lanier Field on April 13, from 8 a.m. until noon.

By Lynette Norris

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Teresa Gallegos appeared before the Madison County School Board to announce the "Stepping Out For Autism Walk," scheduled for Saturday, April 13 at Lanier Field. She also asked for the support of the school board and its members, because "our kids are educated in Madison public schools," she said. Also, because her own autistic daughter, now an adult, is working, has transportation, and is volunteering at one of Madison County's schools, it is a prime example of what good parenting and good education can do.

"We have to step up when they're young," said Gallegos, "to make sure these children get the opportunities to have a productive life

and support themselves. With the right encouragement, we can offer more."

As part of April as "Autism Awareness Month", she hopes to put a blue light in every school for "Light It Up In Blue." Approximately one child in every 50 is affected by some form of autism and educating their peers about it is a step in the right direction.

She also praised the 4-H A.S.K. (Autism Support Kids Club) for sponsoring the event and for the opportunities it provided for children with autism, inviting everyone to come out to Lanier Field and participate in the walk. Registration for the events begins at 8 a.m., and the events themselves begin at 9 a.m. and run until noon. There will be a 5K Walk/Run and a One Mile Fun Run for Children. Entry fee for each event is \$1.

For more information on the Stepping Out For Autism Walk, contact Becky Bennett at the Madison County Extension Office, (850) 973-4138.

Joint City and County Commissions Meet



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Lynette Norris, March 25, 2013

County Attorney Tommy Reeves displays a map showing where the property in question is located relative to the old landfill site. Seated, left to right: Court Clerk Tim Sanders, County Coordinator Allen Cherry, County Commission Chair Wayne Vickers, Commissioner Ronnie Moore and Commissioner Clyde Alexander. Seated, back to camera, is City Attorney Clay Schnitker. Not pictured, but also present at the meeting, are County Commissioners Rick Davis and Justin Hamrick, City Manager Tim Bennett, City Commissioners Jim Stanley, Jim Catron, Ina Thompson, Judy Townsend and Mayor Rayne Cooks.

By Lynette Norris

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Members of the Madison City Commission arrived just as the Madison County Commission meeting adjourned, then both commissions moved tables and chairs into place for a joint meeting - its purpose to decide how best to proceed with the cleanup of the old county landfill site.

In the 1970s, environmental regulations were not as stringent as today, allowing many landfills to accept materials that would cause then-unforeseen problems down the road.

That was the case with the old Madison County Landfill, which accepted numerous

drums of water used as a wash for finished metal products. The drums came from ITT Thompson Metal Products.

The drums were placed in the far corner of the landfill and eventually buried. Over time, however, they degraded and began leaking trichloroethylene (TCE) into the surrounding groundwater, and subsequently, into surrounding wells.

TCE, a chemical used as an industrial degreaser, in dry-cleaning fluid, and even as a general anesthesia in the 1940s (its medical uses had greatly declined in the 1950s, and it was abandoned altogether by most developed countries by the 1980s), was found

in sufficient quantities to land the old landfill on the EPA's Superfund List, mandating clean-up by those the EPA deemed responsible: Thompson Metal Products was assigned 60 percent of the responsibility, while the landfill and Madison were assigned the remaining 40 percent.

In 1996, Thompson Metal Products paid for its share of an air-stripper process to remove TCE from the water and re-inject the water back into the ground. The City and County of Madison split the cost of the rest. At the time, all parties figured it would be a five to seven year process.

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Tri-County Family Healthcare Sponsoring Easter Egg Hunt

By Jacob Bemby

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Tri-County Family Healthcare in Greenville will host an Easter egg hunt for the children in the community on Friday, March 29, at 2 p.m.

Children are asked to bring their Easter baskets, bags or hats for a "hopp'n good time."

The staff will also have prizes, games, healthy staff and more, including stuff for parents also.

The egg hunt will be divided into three divisions: ages four and under, ages 5-8 and ages 9-12.

Everyone is asked to come out for family fun and a visit from the Easter bunny himself.

Parents must accompany children to the egg hunt.

"One-Man Band" To Perform On Local Stage

Willis Phillips, of Madison, was dubbed the "One-Man Band" during the Ed Sullivan years when he performed live on the famous entertainer's stage in New York City. On Friday, March 29, the Rural Area Theater (RAT) is proud to host Willis Phillips in downtown Madison as he performs a variety of musical genres through numerous musical instruments.

As part of the city of Madison's ongoing 175th anniversary, Phillips will entertain the audience in music while audience members and guests share stories of how and why they chose to live in beautiful Madison County.

Phillips' musical experience is extensive. He has played with the likes of Fats Domino, Bo Diddley, Dolly Parton and Bob Hope, to name just a few. He can play the same song on several instruments at the same time, and even play the guitar while it is behind his back.

He performed last month at the Rural Area Theater and received rave reviews from audience members.

This will be a special evening of family entertainment offering fun, culture, and a look into some of Madison's rich history and heritage. The show will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are only \$5, and a portion of the proceeds will benefit Phillips in the making of his new CD. The Rural Area Theater is located at 196 SW Range Ave., Madison.

For more information, call 850-673-9585

County Commission Takes Care of Other Business

By Lynette Norris

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There was the matter of the Ten Commandments monument at the March 20 meeting, and then there was everything else.

Donnell Davis petitioned the board for approval to block off a segment of street facing his church parking lot for the third annual "Unity in the Community" celebration, hosted by the Mount Olive Primitive Baptist Church, Easter Sunday, March 31. The corner of SW Bentley Street, where the church parking lot is located, would be blocked off for most of the afternoon while the festival is going on, for the safety of the children and those attending the celebration. Everyone in the community is invited to the celebration, which runs from about 2:30 p.m. until 8 p.m., to enjoy an afternoon of free food, free beverages and community fellowship, with fun activities that include a co-ed volleyball tournament and bounce houses for the children.

A parcel of county-owned property in Lee, which the county had contracted for sale to a buyer who had offered \$2698.80 (buyer paying all closing costs, doc stamp fees and so forth), came under discussion when Jesse Solomon, present at the meeting, also expressed interest in that same

parcel, offering \$2700. The commissioners debated whether it was worth going back and redoing the contract, and Solomon subsequently increased his offer to \$3000.

The Commissioners ultimately decided to reject all offers, and offer the property for sale in a sealed bid rather than an open bid process. Solomon protested the change of order, stating that he was "very disappointed" in each of the county commissioners because of this action.

Sheriff Ben Stewart made his report to the commission, commending them on a vote taken months earlier place a moratorium on Internet cafes in the county. There is now possibility of a statewide moratorium on such businesses, if not an outright ban, in the form of legislation filed in Tallahassee (CS/HB 155 and PCS/SB 1030).

Aside from the legislative bills under consideration, the Internet cafe industry was dealt a significant blow earlier this month with the charging of 57 people on racketeering, money laundering and other criminal charges, for their roles in the organization that ran the Internet cafe business. The industry's lobbying/PR team in Tallahassee quickly terminated all relations with the industry shortly after the news broke. Please See County Commission on Page 3A



Greene Publishing Inc. Photo by Jacob Bemby, 2013

Donnell Davis addressed commission regarding blocking off a street near Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church for the third annual "Unity in the Community" Easter Sunday Celebration

VIEWPOINTS & OPINIONS

CRACKER SEZ

'UH BURN'N SENSATION



Jim Deitrich
Guest Columnist

When I was 12, my brother, Jerry Leroy O'Lustee, was offered 'uh cut-down model A Ford fer' 25 bucks. 'Uh cut-down is 'uh car with the body took off, but it still runs. Jerry is 5 years older than me but all he could scrape up was 8 bucks. I happened ta' have 12, most of which was silver dollars. I told Jerry I'd pitch in my 12 fer' half ownership.

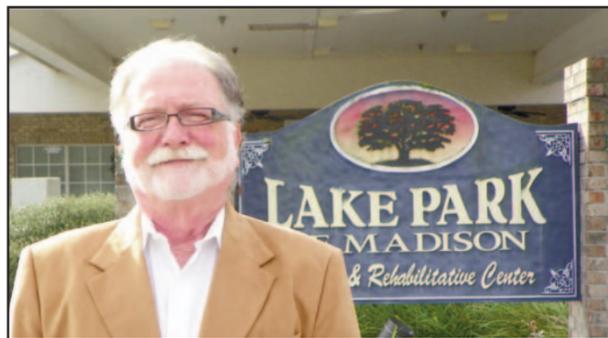
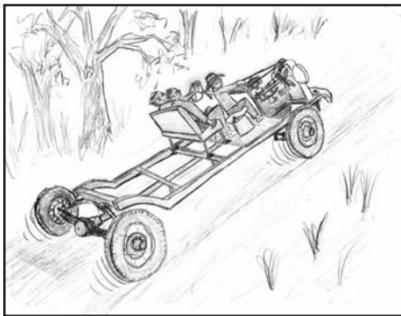
Jerry managed ta' talk the man down ta' 20 bucks 'cause the gas tank 'n carburetor was miss'n. We managed ta' mount 'uh carburetor 'n tank off'n 'uh brigs 'n stratton engine on that thing 'n it ran good.

Me 'n Jerry 'n one of his buddies decided ta' ride it ta' McIntire Springs. That brigs tank didn't hold but 'uh gallon 'n 'uh half 'n it was 30 miles ta' McIntire so we sat 'uh 5 gallon can 'uh gas on the floor. The only seat was 'uh bus seat for the driver 'n 'uh passenger. That seat was took fer' Jerry 'n his buddy, so I got me 'uh cushion 'n put it on top the gas can fer' me ta' sit on. As we neared the spring, the road got bumpy 'n the can didn't have 'uh good seal. The cushion I was sit'n on soaked up gas. I began ta' wonder why I was get'n 'uh burn'n sensation. By the time I figured out why, my rear felt like it was

on fire.

That cold spring water was 'uh help but it still burned so bad I couldn't 'uh sat down if I had 'uh seat, so I stood up 'n helt' onta' the dash all 30 miles home. I made sure I had some'm 'sides 'uh gas can ta' sit on next time we went ride'n.

Sincerely yourn'
Cracola O'Lustee
(Cracker fer' short)



Health & Wellness Tips

from
Frank Nathan
Executive Director
Lake Park of Madison

DID YOU KNOW.....?

We've all heard how stress increases the risk of cardiovascular disease. How does this happen? When under stress, your body thinks it needs to save your life, so it does what it can to make it easy for you to run or fight. Therefore you need oxygenated blood to get to your muscles quickly. Your sympathetic nervous system fires up, increasing your breathing rate and your heart rate, and releases hormones that constrict the blood vessels so that there is more pressure in the system, which helps deliver the blood quickly to the muscles that need it. If the stress is chronic, because of the extra work and forces being put through the system, the heart and vessels wear out faster than they would if the stress were not chronic, just as high-pressure hoses and pumps wear out faster than ones that are not subjected to high pressures. The areas in our blood vessels that are the most vulnerable to injury from a mechanical perspective are the junctures where the blood vessels bifurcate into smaller vessels due to the blood slamming into those junctions, causing turbulence, and eventually causing tearing and pitting in the smooth lining of the vessels. The same as a river cutting through the landscape.

Another part of the stress response is the secretion of glucocorticoids like glucagon and cortisol, which release sugar into the blood stream to provide instant fuel to the muscles in order to save you. However, if the stress is chronic, and high blood-sugar levels become the norm, there is more potential for glycation where the glucose molecules bind with protein molecules, the first stage in developing Advanced Glycation Endproducts (AGEs), which also damage the lining of the blood vessels, adding to the risk of developing cardiovascular disease. Chronic high intake of sugar and flour products also leads to AGEs, and therefore blood vessel damage, which is why these foods are linked to cardiovascular disease.

Now the body needs to try and repair the damage to the vessels, as well as shore up the vulnerable

areas for the future. So cholesterol is dispatched to the area, and it works its way underneath the smooth lining, thickening it. In addition to this, because now the surface of the vessel walls are roughened due to tears or pits in the lining, platelets, our blood clotting cells, are more likely to clump there. Over time, between the thickened lining and the clumps stuck in the area, the vessel walls harden and the opening becomes narrower, and you are diagnosed with arteriosclerosis.

The impact of the thickened vessels depends on where they are located. If they are in our legs, we may have a blockage in the arteries in our legs. If the thickening is in the arteries of the heart, we get heart disease, and if the thickening is in the vessels leading to the brain, we may become a candidate for a stroke.

Ways to reduce stress include meditation, breathing exercises, parasympathetic exercise like yoga, tai chi, spending time in nature, connecting and laughing with good friends, living in the present moment, writing a list of at least 20 things we are grateful for and repeating this exercise each day, putting our problems in perspective, realizing that there is no point stressing over stuff we have no control over, finding the courage to change stressful situations that we do have control over, simplifying one's life, and enjoying time doing absolutely nothing.

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National Security

Joe Boyles
Guest Columnist

Weather

The weather is something that affects our lives every day. We watch weather forecasts religiously and it greatly affects our planning, what we wear, our travel plans, etc. Farmers watch weather all the time. It dictates when they plant and harvest as well as their irrigation planning.

It wouldn't surprise you to know that the weather is a major planning factor in aviation. Before the pilot files a flight plan, he stops by the forecaster to see what the weather is likely to be for takeoff, route of flight, and especially, for landing. Sometimes, he will cancel the flight – the weather is just too bad to risk flying.

There are a lot of weather factors that affect flying, but none more so than ceiling and visibility. The ceiling is the base (bottom) of the cloud deck and visibility is how far you can see once you have descended below the clouds. In the F-4, which had an approach speed of about 150 knots on a 2 ½ degree glide path, the minimums for the most experienced pilot were 300 and 1, meaning a 300 foot ceiling and one mile visibility. That gave the pilot enough time to pop out of the clouds, adjust his flight path to align with the runway, and land ... or add power and go around to try again. Our newest pilots with the least amount of experience needed 1500 and 3 in order to fly, so the weather, particularly in northern Europe during the winter, would often keep them grounded.

You might hear a pi-

lot say that the weather is "cav-ok." That mean ceiling and visibility is unlimited. That's great flying weather ... pure and simple. Folks often ask me if I miss flying. Inevitably, they do it on a day where it is "cav-ok or clear and a million." My response goes like this: on a day like today, sure I miss flying, but in lousy weather, I don't miss it a bit.

I wouldn't be surprised if at least half of all flight accidents are weather related. Pilot-error may be the primary cause of most accidents, but many of those take place where poor weather was a contributing factor. Reduced visibility during night landings is another factor. When you combine night flying with bad weather, it's a train wreck looking for a place to happen.

When I was in flight school, I was fascinated by the block of instruction that dealt with weather. It was taught by an old warrant officer I recall. I think it was the subject matter more than his instructional ability that kept my attention. I received a really top grade, maybe the best in my class, for that block.

The F-4 was an all-weather fighter and had an airborne radar which I operated from the backseat. I had the tools to direct the pilot to an airborne radar approach (ARA) from the backseat. Every time I took an annual check ride, an ARA was one of my requirements. Each time I landed in poor weather or at night, even though we were making a precision approach with air traffic

control, I backed up the pilot by following the approach on my radar. After all, if we landed short and crashed, my life was at stake, not the controller.

That radar was particularly good at staying clear of thunderstorms in flight. Thunderbumpers are a bad place to be in flight because of the threat from turbulence and lightning. The cells show up really well on radar, making it relatively easy to go around or steer through a squall line. It isn't a good idea to try to fly over a thunderstorm – they are generally really tall, higher than most aircraft can fly before stalling.

Bad weather isn't an absolute red flag when flying – you just have to plan properly for it and adjust. Same way with driving. The roads are wet; you're more likely to hydroplane, increasing stopping distance; visibility is reduced; you're tougher for the other driver to see, so turn on headlights, etc. The bottom line is drive more slowly in bad weather ... or stay off the roads until it clears. Every accident specialist will tell you that your chances of an accident increase when the roads are slick or the visibility is reduced.

I do my best not to get upset when I'm flying commercial and there is a weather delay. If the pilot says it is too hazardous to fly, I'm okay with that. It might be inconvenient, but safety is important. Besides, after a night's rest and the storm has passed, the flying weather is always great.



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Commissions

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Today, 14 years later, it still isn't cleaned up. The water is significantly cleaner, but not completely TCE-free, and the cleaner the water is, the harder it is to remove even more of the remaining TCE. The air-stripping process becomes less and less effective.

Options for going forward with the cleanup included adding dioxane to the water to stabilize the TCE and make removal easier, but this is a different, much more involved and expensive process, involving ultraviolet radiation and hydrogen peroxide.

Another option, one that the city and county hopes the EPA will allow, is "monitored natural attenuation." The remaining TCE is down to drinking water standards, and since TCE is unstable, it will eventually dissipate over time. Meanwhile, the city and county must have extent of the underground contamination or "plume" mapped out, with sufficient test spots that will allow them to keep an eye on the rate of dissipation and look out for any problems.

There is, however the matter of location. The drums were initially buried in a far corner of the landfill and the plume has seeped onto adjacent properties. In order to monitor the plume sufficiently, the county and city need to acquire three 10-acre tracts of land from private owners. The owners are agreeable to selling at a reasonable price, but one of the owners wants the county to buy a 20-acre tract rather than a 10-acre one. Selling the 20 acres would leave the owner a rectangle-shaped-parcel much like he has now, while selling only 10 acres would leave a parcel with one corner cut out of it.

"The county will end up with 40 acres instead of 30," said County Attorney Tommy Reeves. "But sometimes that's just the cost of doing business."

The two commissions discussed the matter, deciding that acquiring the land was the most reasonable and cost-effective option. The City and County Commissions each voted 5-0 to approve the matter and allow staff to begin going forward with negotiations.

Obituary

Virginia Ester (Glotzbach) Thompson

Virginia Ester (Glotzbach) Thompson passed March 20, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. at the Presbyterian Homes in Quitman, Ga.

Virginia was born August 15, 1922 to Otto J. and Irma E. Glotzbach in Paxico, Kansas. Her family lived briefly in Lillis, Kansas, moving ultimately to Wamego, Kansas. Virginia graduated from Wamego High School in 1939, and then attended Kansas State University. During this time she met her husband Louis Carlton Thompson who was stationed at Ft. Riley Kansas. They were married on November 13, 1943 and were married for 65 years before her husband's passing in 2008.

After Louis finished his Master's Degree at Kansas State University the couple moved to Minneapolis Kansas, where Louis taught high school and Virginia was a domestic engineer. In 1967 the couple moved to Madison. Louis became the Athletic Director at North Florida Junior College while Virginia became the college bookstore manager. They both worked for the college for over twenty years before retiring.

Virginia was known by her family as an excellent cook, mother and an-

imal lover. She was also known as a superb dancer. Her family and friends have fond memories of their attending College dances where Virginia and Louis would live up the crowd. Her two sons recall that every Sunday night the breakfast table would be moved as the couple would Swing, Waltz and Foxtrot to the Lawrence Welk Show. Virginia was the first Republican Committee Woman in Madison County and served in this position for many years. Virginia and Louis attended Grace Presbyterian Church in Madison County for many years before his passing and her moving to Quitman, Ga.

Virginia was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Robert E. Glotzbach and her sister Alice E. (Glotzbach) Solden. Two sons, Stuart Thompson and Andrew Thompson, survive her. As well as four grandchildren, five great grandchildren and two sisters Joyce (Glotzbach) Green of Overland Park, Kansas and Patricia Irma (Glotzbach) Huddleston of Camillus, New York.

Memorial Services will be held on April 28, 2012 at 2 p.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church in Madison.

County Commission

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The organization at the center of the scandal is called Allied Veterans of the World, a registered 501(c)(19) that billed itself as a tax-exempt charitable veteran's organization. However, federal investigators allege that it was a front for illegal gambling operations, funneling the money through more than 100 for-profit and "shell" corporations to hide the illicit activity. From January 2008 through January 2012, less than 2 percent of the \$300 million the organization brought in was given to charity.

Florida's Lt. Governor Jennifer Carroll, who had in the past done some consulting work for Allied Veterans of the World, resigned from her office.

Florida Sen. John Thrasher of St. Augustine has stated that his goal would be to get rid of Internet cafes altogether, a sentiment mirrored by Madison's Sheriff Stewart, who has consistently maintained that such businesses were "nothing but gambling."

"Finally, the state has come around," he said to the commissioners. "I just want to affirm what y'all did a few months ago...it was a good thing."

The board also heard a request from Mac Leggett that the county donate a used, surplus EMS ambulance to NFCC, for use in the college's emergency services training program. Citing the earlier donation of a used fire truck that had greatly en-

hanced firefighter training, by making it as realistic and possible and giving trainees a chance to work with actual equipment, Leggett stated that having an ambulance to use for training would similarly enhance the level of training for emergency services candidates - particularly when it comes to safely operating the vehicle on the streets. Currently, the college program borrows an in-service ambulance whenever it can, but this is not an ideal solution, said Leggett, since it adds to the wear and tear on the vehicle and could possibly delay a response to an emergency call.

The county had planned to sell the ambulance for about \$15,000, and had already included that anticipated amount in the budget. If the ambulance is donated rather than sold, the commission would have to figure out a way to make up for the shortfall. The board agreed to table the issue until they could look into how it could do this.

Ms. Vanessa Fultz of the Suwannee River Water Management District spoke briefly in regard to proclaiming April "Water Conservation Month." The board voted unanimously in favor of the proclamation.

After taking care of a few more items of business, the board adjourned.

NFCC Public Safety Academy Enrolling Now Correctional Officer and Law Enforcement Recruit programs accepting new students

The Public Safety Academy at North Florida Community College is now accepting students for its Law Enforcement Recruit and Correctional Basic Recruit programs. Programs are open entry with new classes starting every few weeks upon demand (a minimum of 12 students are required to begin a new class).

NFCC plans to begin a new Correctional Officer Basic Recruit class April 8. Those interested in enrolling in this class or upcoming Law Enforcement classes are encouraged to contact the Public Safety Academy now to begin the application and enrollment process. Classes are held Monday through Thursday from 6-11 p.m. at the NFCC Public Safety Academy complex on the NFCC campus in Madison, Fla.

The NFCC Public Safety Academy is one of 40 criminal justice training centers approved by the Florida Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission (CJSTC) to train basic recruits in law enforcement, corrections, recertification programs, and continuing workforce education. NFCC's Correctional and Law Enforcement Basic Recruit programs prepare students for the certification exams required for all Florida officers and require rigorous physical

demands upon the recruit in defensive tactics, firearms, vehicle operations and physical fitness training. Acceptance in these programs are limited to meeting requirements established by the Florida Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission, North Florida Community College, The Public Safety Academy, and our Criminal Justice Advisory Board.

Students can complete training in one year or less. Those interested in training at NFCC are encouraged to begin the enrollment process now. You must be at least 18-years-old to enter NFCC's Law Enforcement and Correctional Basic Recruit programs and must pass the Florida Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test (CJBAT) before submitting an application for admission. The CJBAT can be taken on the NFCC campus. Official high school/GED diploma and transcripts and passing background checks are also required for admission. Financial assistance may be available for qualified students.

For more information, contact Gail Hackle, at (850) 973-1617 or hackleg@nfcc.edu. Information is also available at www.nfcc.edu/public-safety.

Lion's Club Looking for Talent Acts For Fourth of July Celebration

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The Fourth of July may still seem a long way off, but for those planning the "Fourth of July God and Country Celebration" at Lake Frances, time is flying by fast, with only three more months to plan and put everything together.

This year, the Celebration will also have tie-ins to the 175th Anniversary of the City of Madison. The Lee Volunteer Fire Department is on board for doing the fireworks show, and there are applications for vendors on the club's website at www.madisonlionclub.com. Remember to leave the "s" off of "lion," or you'll pull up the Lion's Club site for Madison, Ala.

Meanwhile, if you can sing, dance, do acrobatics, play an instrument, perform magic tricks or do a stand-up comedy routine that gets people laughing, the Lion's Club is looking for talent for the entertainment portion of the celebration. Solos, quartets, dance groups or bands are welcome to audition their act for the lakeside stage. Club President Jay Lee is hoping to put together a diverse lineup of talent for the evening that covers a variety of musical, dance and performance genres.

Members of the Lion's Club hope to have brochures ready to pass out during "Down Home Days," promoting its Fourth of July celebration.

For more information, visit the Lion's Club website or contact Lion's Club President Jay Lee at (850) 973-7509.

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AROUND MADISON COUNTY

Obituaries

Patricia (Patty) Prince Marker

Patricia (Patty) Prince Marker, 88, passed away March 21, 2013 at her home in Madison. She was born May 23, 1924 in Perry to William Carey and Claudia Edwards Prince.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, March 27, 2013, at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Madison. The family received friends on Tuesday from 5-7 p.m. at Beggs Funeral Home, Madison.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to St. Mary's Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 611, Madison, FL 32341.

Patty grew up in Greenville and graduated from Greenville High School. She attended the Florida State College for Women (FSU) and the University of Alabama -Dothan.

She worked in the family business, Greenville Plywoods, Inc., as secretary/treasurer and director with her father, corporation president and owner, until his death and dissolution of the business. She later resided in Tallahassee, where she was an accountant for the Florida State University Athletic Department until her retirement. In 2002, she returned to Madison County.

A member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Madison, Patty was also active in the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC), a charter member of the Madison County Genealogical Society, Florida Pioneer Descendants, Madison County Republican Club, Cherry Lake American Legion and lifetime member of VFW Ladies Auxiliary. Patty was an avid gardener, history buff, outstanding home cook, and devoted Seminole fan.

Patty is survived by son, John L. Marker, Jr. (Elaine) of Waxhaw, N.C. and daughter, Patricia M. Hinton of Greenville; granddaughters, Paige Hinton of Tallahassee, and Eve Ingram (James) of Climax, Ga.; great-grandsons, Gage and Sean; sisters, Mateel Mays (George) of Peachtree City, Ga., and Claudia Scruggs of Sugar Hill, Ga., in addition to beloved nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by sisters, Gloria Outler and Marjorie MacKenzie, and her parents, William Carey and Claudia Prince.

Sidney Combass

Mr. Sidney Combass of Hamilton County died March 24, 2013, at Haven Hospice House in Lake City.

He had previously lived in the Suwannee Valley Nursing Home in Jasper. Mr. Combass was born June 2, 1919, in Hamilton County and was a lifelong resident of Hamilton County. He was a farmer. He was a member of Green Ridge Church of God in Jasper.

The memorial service will be at Harry T. Reid Funeral Home in Jasper on Thursday, March 28, 2013. The family will receive friends from 1-2 p.m. and the service will follow at 2 p.m. in the chapel. Burial will be at the Corinth Cemetery in Jasper.

Mr. Combass is survived by three sons: Rev. Ronnie Combass (Gwen) of Lee, Tommy Combass of Mainz, Germany, and Nathaniel Combass (Kathy) of Jasper; two daughters: Judy Cannady (Randy) of Jasper and Lee Dixon of Lee; three brothers: Kevin Combass (Irene) of Keystone Heights, Lonnie Combass (Joyce), and Clinton Combass (Florine), all of Jasper. He is also survived by 14 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, five great-great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Kona Bell Combass; two brothers: Cleve and H. V. Combass; and two sisters: Lottie Greene and Gracie Lee.

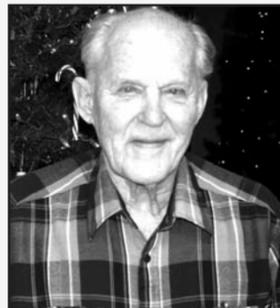
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Suwannee Valley Nursing Home in Jasper, or to Haven Hospice 6037 U.S. Hwy. 90 West, Lake City, Florida 32055.

Vincent Charles Palhof

Vincent Charles Palhof, 92, passed away March 22, 2013 in Madison. He was born November 16, 1920 to Martin and Lillie Palhof at St. Vincent's Hospital in Richmond Hill, NY. When Vincent was nine, he contracted Polio, St. Vitus' dance, and rheumatic fever, all at the same time. He had a healthy recovery against

the UN. Vincent was skilled at many trades and was interested in civic affairs where he was a volunteer fireman and member of several business associations. He retired after 42 years and moved to Madison, where he busily served the community for various causes.

He was a member of the Rotary Club, a master Mason of the Harmony Lodge #38 in Hillsboro, NH, the Madison Lodge #11, and attained the 32nd degree at the Madison Shrine Club



(Marzuq) in Madison. Vincent married LaTrelle Dampier Russ on January 16, 1993 in Valdosta, and have made Madison their home since then.

Vincent was a lifelong learner who was not afraid of adventure, and a true lover of life. He is survived by his loving wife, LaTrelle; children, Lynn Peasley; Glenn Palhof (Kathleen); Eric Palhof (Richiko); Daryl Farrington (Steven); Wendy Rice (Dell); stepson Paul Andy Russ (Lynn); 17 grandchildren, 12 great-grand children, His brother Roy Palhof of New Hampshire, and many nieces and nephews.

There will be a service at his home for friends and family Saturday morning at 10:30. Interment will be at Riverview Memorial Gardens at a later date. In lieu of flowers, his family asks that donations be made to a charity of your choice.

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Perry's Bluegrass Festival

11th Annual Florida State Bluegrass Festival & Chili Cook-off

Presenting the 11th Annual Florida State Bluegrass Festival & Chili Cook-off Event at Forest Capital State Park in Perry, Florida, which starts on April 4th and will run through April 6th. Headlining this event, Grammy Winning and IBMA Honored Band of the Year the Russell Moore and IIIrd Tyme Out and Grammy nominated and IBMA winning Skip Cherryholmes, IBMA Winning group Kenny & Amanda Smith, as well as the Roys, Little Roy & Lizzy, Shannon Slaughter, High Cotton, Swiftwater just to name a few.

What started out as a one day event with a few hundred attendees is now a nationally recognized three-day event, with thousands in attendance from all over the United States!!

There will be talented entertainers filling the park with

music all three days, a Chili Cook-off event, where competitors will be competing for over \$1,000.00 in cash prizes, food vendors and arts and crafts items. Best of all, the entry fee is only \$15.00 for a week-end (3-day) pass in advance and \$20.00 at the gate!! In addition to all that, ticket holders can attend one of many free music workshops held throughout the park in the areas of mandolin, banjo, fiddle, dobro and bass.

The Chili Cook-off event is very popular. Contestants can enter to win cash prizes, trophies and bragging rights. For those who do not wish to enter, you can have the opportunity to purchase a collectible cup for only \$5.00 and eat all the chili you wish! But wait... There's more. Kicking off the event on Saturday morning is the All You Can Eat Bluegrass Pancake

Breakfast from 7-9 a.m.

Show times start on Thursday at 4 p.m., followed by our lineup at 4 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Friday things will get started at noon and will end at 10 p.m. Saturday, the entertainment will begin at 11 a.m. and will continue through the day until 10 p.m. The event will take place at Forest Capital State Park in Perry, FL on Highway 19 South.

So, come out to the Music Capital of the South and get your feet wet to the sound of Bluegrass music!! Expect plenty of parking lot picking and fun-filled singing to the sounds of bluegrass.

For more information about the 11th Annual Florida State Bluegrass Festival event or the Chili Challenge, call the Chamber office at 850-584-5366 or go to www.floridastatebluegrass.com.

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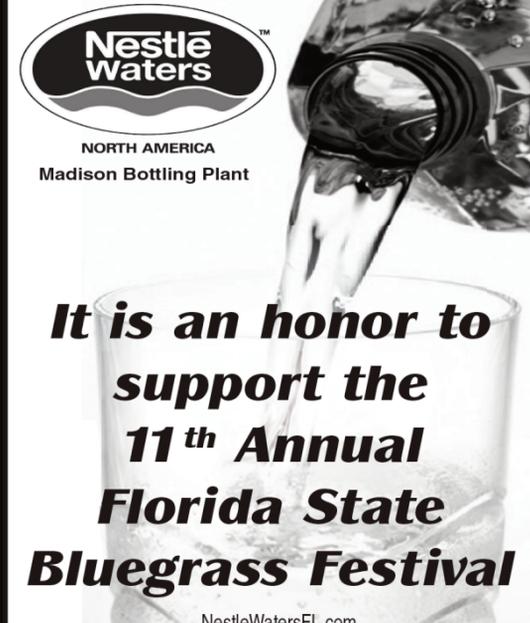
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5pm-Swiftwater
6pm-Stone Family
7pm-High Cotton
8pm-FL State BG Band
9pm-Little Roy & Lizzy

Friday
12pm-TBA
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2pm-The Roys
3pm-Stone Family
4pm-Shannon Slaughter & County Clare
5pm-High Cotton
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Saturday
10am-FREE Mandolin Workshop
11am-FREE Fiddle Workshop
11am-High Cotton
12pm-CHILI COOK-OFF Open to Public!!
12pm-Shannon Slaughter & County Clare
1pm-Kenny & Amanda Smith
2pm-Skip Cherryholmes Quintet
2pm-FREE Banjo Workshop
3pm-Stone Family
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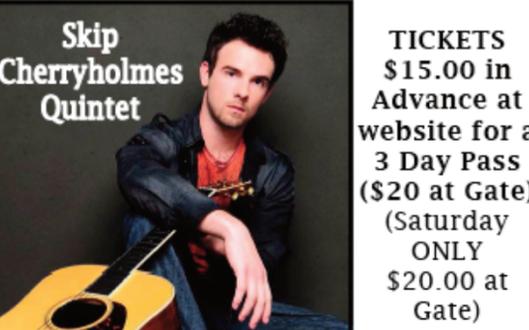
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SCHOOL

Academy Eighth Graders Have A Blast On Trip

By Kristin Finney
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Each year, the Madison Academy eighth graders travel to some of the nation's most historic locations for their eighth grade trip. This year, the students were able to visit Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia, Penn. The group of 17 students were joined by their eighth grade sponsor, Leigh Ann Browning. Browning has organized and traveled with the eighth grade students on this trip for the last five years.

The eighth graders departed for their trip on Feb. 22 and returned home on Feb. 27. They flew from Tallahassee all the way to the Ronald Reagan Airport in D.C. The students were able to spend a total of three nights in D.C. and two nights in Philadelphia.

The emphasis for this year's trip was on science. The students went to the Academy of Science and were able to do a workshop. They also went to the Franklin Institute of Science in Philadelphia where they were able to participate in many hands on activities.

Other highlights from the trip included visiting the Arlington National Cemetery, Andrew's Air Force Base and the Holocaust museum. All of the students decorated a wreath in class and four of the students were able to participate in the wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. The students were also able to go on a night tour of the monuments and memorials of D.C. They participated in the United States Institute of Peace



Photo submitted

The Madison Academy eighth grade class is seen by the Capitol.

workshop on how to promote peace in school, their community and the world. They toured Andrew's Air Force Base's medical clinic and K-9 unit.

The students read *"The Diary of Anne Frank"* play in class before their trip, so touring the Holocaust Museum was very informative for them. They also read *"Our Town"* in class before the trip, and were able to go see it performed at Ford's Theatre. Also before the trip, each of the students researched a person on the Vietnam Wall. The students each wrote a letter to their person and were able to leave their letters at the wall beside the person's name.



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The Madison Academy wreath layers are seen with their wreath. They are Michael Goley, Alexis Bowen, Ross Bass and Natalie Vasquez.

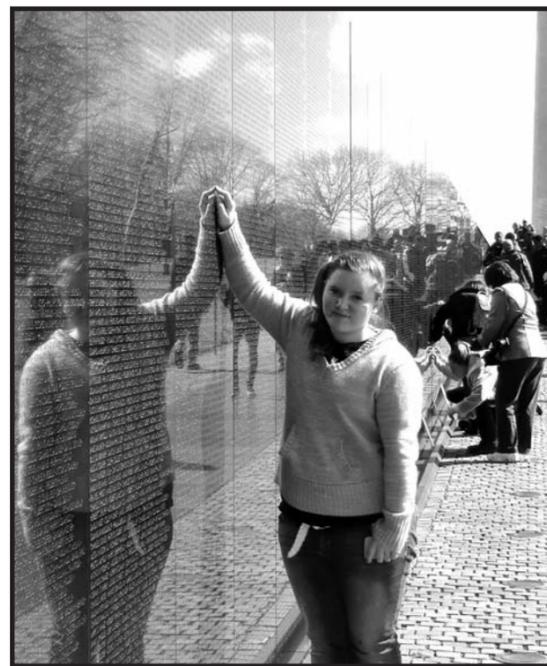


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Sarah Evans laying her thank you letter by the Vietnam Wall.

Register NOW for NFCC's Colin P. Kelly Fitness Run

Race set for Saturday, April 20th during Madison's Down Home Days festival

Register by April 5 to get your Colin P. Kelly Fitness Run T-Shirt

It's time to put on your running shoes and get ready for North Florida Community College's Colin P. Kelly Fitness Run. Hosted by Colin P. Kelly Fitness Center, the run includes two races – a one-mile fun run/walk and a 5K run/walk - for those wishing to compete or to just have fun. The run is set for Saturday, April 20 in conjunction with Madison County's "Down Home Days" event.

The One-Mile Fun Run/Walk is open to children up to 16-year-old and begins at 8 a.m. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. The entry fee is \$6. The

5K Run/Walk is open to all ages and begins at 8:30 a.m. with a \$15 entry fee and registration beginning at 8 a.m. the day of the race.

Registration forms are available on the NFCC website at www.nfcc.edu/fitness-run-2013, at NFCC's Colin P. Kelly Fitness Center (Bldg. 12) and the NFCC Library (Bldg. 4), Madison Fire Rescue, and the Madison County Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Office. Registration forms will be accepted until the morning of the race, however event t-shirts will only be available to those who register in advance. Advance registra-

tion forms must be received no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, April 5.

Both the one-mile and 5K begin and end at NFCC's Colin P. Kelly Fitness Center on the NFCC campus in beautiful Madison, Fla. Winners will be recognized in various categories. For more information, contact Tyler Coody at (850) 973-1639 or email CoodyT@nfcc.edu. For more information on Madison's Down Home Days event, visit <http://www.madisonfl.org/> or contact the Madison County Chamber of Commerce & Tourism at (850) 973-2788.

FCCLA Attends State Leadership Conference

Two weeks ago, Madison County High School's FCCLA chapter attended Florida FCCLA's State Leadership Conference. Among the members who participated in the conference were Ashley Arnold, Sarah Baltzell, Amelia Blanton, Lacey Clayton, Ryan Floyd, Lizzie Frakes, Magan Jennings, Jacob Moore, Jessica Mullinax, Ali Patron, Keeley Smith, Courtney Strickland, Darby Thompson and Victoria Todd. Many of the members participated in competitive STAR or proficiency events. Each of the members who participated in an event put in a great deal of time and effort. They stayed after school and came in early to work on their projects. They worked on their project on their days off of school. Every one of these students earned their medals and places in nationals.

In proficiency events, Lizzie Frakes earned a silver medal in Storytelling, Victoria Todd earned a bronze medal in Storytelling, and Jacob Moore received a gold medal in Color Photography. Also, Darby Thompson received a gold medal for Chapter Scrapbook in Action, which Keeley Smith accepted in her honor.

Members also participated in STAR events in which they have a chance to compete in the National Leadership Conference that is to be held in Nashville, Tennessee this summer. Magan Jennings received a bronze medal in Career Investigation. Lacey Clayton, Ryan Floyd, and Ali Patron participated in Chapter Service Project/Display, senior division. They earned a gold medal and will be competing at nationals this summer. Courtney Strickland, Amelia Blanton, and Ashley Arnold also won gold and will be attending nationals. They received a perfect score in their event, Focus on Children. Jessica Mullinax and Darby Thompson participated in Chapter Service Project/Display, occupational division. They earned a gold medal. Sarah Baltzell also received a gold medal in



Photo submitted

Jacob Moore, Amelia Blanton, Courtney Strickland, Jessica Mullinax, Victoria Todd, Magan Jennings, Lizzy Frakes, Lacey Clayton, Ali Patron, Darby Thompson, Ashley Arnold, Sarah Baltzell and Ryan Floyd attended the conference.

Illustrated Talk, and she will also be attending nationals this summer.

While the conference was very exciting, it was also a somber occasion, as Keeley Smith stepped down from her position in state office. This past year was Keeley's last year as a state officer. She has served as Vice President of Careers and Alumni at a state level for the past two years, and she has served as President of Madison County High School's FCCLA chapter this year. Keeley has done an outstanding job in her position, and she has gone above and beyond the requirements of FCCLA members. She has exhibited great leadership skills on both a chapter and state level. She will be graduating this year and will be greatly missed.

Madison County High School's FCCLA chapter is extremely proud of its members who participated in events at the State Leadership Conference this year as well as Keeley for serving as a state officer and chapter president.



Photo submitted

Keeley Smith presiding at the 3rd General Session at the state FCCLA Conference

SPORTS

Cowboys Compete At Big Bend Track Classic

By Fran Hunt

Special to Greene Publishing, Inc.

The Madison County Cowboys competed in the Big Bend Track Classic on March 9, and the athletes performed very well.

The Cowgirls finished fifth of eight teams competing. The Cowboys finished fourth out of the nine teams competing.

In the girls' high jump, Devon Livingston finished third with a height of 4-04.00.

In the boys' high jump, Devyin Monismith finished second with a height of 5-06.00.

In the girls' long jump, Johnnae Woods finished seventh with a distance of 12-10.00.

Devon Livingston finished eighth with a distance of 12-08.00.

Ty'neshia Arnold finished ninth with a distance of 12-06.00.

In the boys' long jump, James Monlyn finished sixth with a distance of 19-06.25.

Deonshay Wells finished ninth with a distance of 17-10.50.

Devyin Monismith finished 10th with a distance of 17-09.25.

In the boy's triple jump, Dereal Alexander finished eighth with a distance of 33-10.00.

Christopher Cooks finished ninth with a distance of 29-02.00.

In the girls discus throw Loretta Burnette finished eighth with a distance of 60-04.

Iesha Paige finished 10th with a distance of 52-01.50.

Qua'esha Davias finished 12th with a distance of 38-01.

In the girl's shot put, Iesha Paige finished 12th with a distance of 26-04.50.

Shontavis Payton finished 13th with a distance of 25-03.00.

Qua'esha Davis finished 14th with a distance of 24-01.50.

Loretta Burnette finished 16th with a distance of

23-05.00.

In the boys' shot put Ira Denson finished fourth with a distance of 43-04.00.

Brandon Crawford finished seventh with a distance of 41-09.00.

In the girls' 100-meter dash, Tatayana Barfield finished fifth with a time of 13.84 to qualify and she finished third in the finals with a time of 13.59.

Franeka Sharpe finished sixth in the qualifying round, with a time of 13.93, and she finished sixth in the finals with a time of 13.97.

Running, but not qualifying, was Ty'neshia Arnold, who finished 10th with a time of 14.42; and Yasmine Livingston, who finished 16th with a time of 15.31.

In the boys' 100-meter dash qualifying round, Jamong Bruton finished third with a time of 12.01, and in the finals he finished third with a time of 11.82.

Eric Brown finished fourth in the qualifying round with a time of 12.04, and he finished second in the finals with a time of 11.69.

Javorius West finished seventh in the qualifying round with a time of 12.33, and he finished fourth in the finals with a time of 11.90.

Cha'vaz Gee finished 10th in the qualifying round with a time of 12.60.

In the boys' 1,000-meter run, Houston Wagner finished 11th with a time of 5:55.48.

In the girls' 4 x 11 meter relay, Madison finished fourth in the qualifying round with a time of 57.34, and in the finals they finished second with a time of 53.37.

In the boys' 4 x 100 meter qualifying round, Madison finished second with a time of 44.71. They did not finish in the finals.

In the girls' 400-meter dash Kerria Livingston finished fifth in the qualifying round with a time of 1:08.09, and she finished fifth in the finals with a time of 1:07.30.

Also running in the qualifying round was Johnnea Woods, who finished ninth with a time of 1:10.23; Matia Glee, who finished 10th with a time of 1:11.64; and

Raven

Long,

who finished

12th with a time of

1:23.51.

In the boy's 400-meter dash

qualifying round, James Monlyn finished fifth with a time of 54.60, and in the finals he finished seventh with a time of 55.01.

David Orr finished seventh in the qualifying round with a time of 54.99, and in the finals he finished fifth with a time of 54.55.

Also running in the qualifying round was Christopher O'Hara, who finished 12th with a time of 56.71; and Devyin Monismith, who finished 13th with a time of 57.92.

In the boys' 800-meter run, Jamaran Weatherspoon finished seventh with a time of 2:24.36.

In the girls' 200-meter dash qualifying round, Tatayana Barfield finished fifth with a time of 28.25, and in the finals she finished fifth with a time of 28.80.

Also running in the qualifying round was Johnnae Woods, who finished 14th with a time of 30.19; and Avonnia Weatherspoon, who finished 15th with a time of 32.36.

In the boys' 200-meter dash qualifying round, James Monlyn finished seventh with a time of 23.81, and in the finals he finished fifth with a time of 23.74.

Also running in the qualifying round was Alex Brown, who finished ninth with a time of 24.66; Javorius West, who finished 10th with a time of 24.67; and Quinton Herrington, who finished 11th with a time of 25.23.

In the boys' 4 x 400-meter relay, the Cowboys finished third with a time of 3:43.32.



Warriors Trash John Paul II

By Fran Hunt

Greene Publishing, Inc.

The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Warriors manned the diamond on March against John Paul II, and the Warriors trashed their opponent for a 9-2 victory to now stand 8-2 on the season.

The Warriors kicked off the game outscoring John Paul 3-2 in the first inning and 1-0 in the second. Wrapping up the ACA scoring, the Warriors knocked five additional runs across the plate in the fifth inning.

At the plate, as a team, the Warriors carried a .296 batting average, with 31 plate appearances, 27 at-bats, nine runs, eight hits, seven RBIs, three doubles, one triple, one homerun, one sacrifice fly, two walks, four strikeouts, one hit by pitch, three reach on errors, three fielder's choice, two stolen bases, an on base percentage of .355, and a slugging average of .593.

Individually, Josh Wood had a batting average of .000, with three plate appearances, three at-bats, one run, two fielder's choice, two stolen bases, and an on base percentage and a slugging

average of .000.

Hans Sorensen had a batting average of .500, with three plate appearances, two at-bats, one hit, one RBI, one double, one walk, one fielder's choice, an on base percentage of .667, and a slugging average of 1.000.

Russell Fraleigh had a batting average of .250, with four plate appearances, four at-bats, one run, one hit, one RBI, one double, one strikeout, one reach on error, an on base percentage of .250, and a slugging average of .500.

Casey Demott had a batting average of .667, with three plate appearances, three at-bats, one run, two hits, one RBI, and an on base percentage and slugging average of .667.

Kaleb Wyche had one run.

Hunter Horne had a batting average of .000, with three plate appearances, two at-bats, one walk, an on base percentage of .333, and a slugging average of .000.

Tres Copeland had a batting average of .333, with three plate appearances, three at-bats, one run, one hit, one RBI, one double, one strikeout, an on base percentage of .333, and a slugging aver-

age of .667.

Austin Bishop had a batting average of .245, with four plate appearances, four at-bats, one run, one hit, one RBI, one homerun, one reach on error, an on base percentage of .250, and a slugging average of 1.000.

Jared Jackson had a batting average of .667, with four plate appearances, three at-bats, two runs, two hits, one triple, one strikeout, one hit by pitch, an on base percentage of .750, and a slugging average of 1.333.

Gus Smyrniotis had a batting average of .000, with four plate appearances, three at-bats, one run, two RBI's, one sacrifice fly, one strikeout, one reach on error, and an on base percentage and slugging average of .000.

In fielding, Wood caught one attempting to steal base.

On the mound, Sorensen had an earned run average of 0.00, with seven innings pitched, two hits, two runs, three walks, five strikeouts, 27 batters faced, 23 at-bats, a batting average of .087, an on base percentage of .222, two wild pitches, three stolen bases, and one hit by pitch on 100 pitches.

The 3rd Annual Stalvey Golf Classic Raises Funds for NFCC Scholarships

Golfers from throughout the area are planning now to come together once again for the 3rd Annual Stalvey Golf Classic scheduled for Saturday, April 13, 2013 at the Madison Country Club.

The tournament, named after Rodney Stalvey, began as a tribute to the young golfer who lost his life in a tragic accident on April 7, 2010. Stalvey was a member of the first Madison High School Golf Team, and enjoyed the game tremendously. He graduated from MCHS in 2002 and later graduated from NFCC.

"Rodney loved golf, he loved hanging out with friends, and he loved having a good time," said Teresa Stalvey Bailey, Rodney's mother, who now lives in Navarre. "This event began in July 2010 when some of Rodney's closest friends got together to hold a tournament in his honor." Those friends included John Haire, Ben Jones, Zane Barfield, Jared Sullivan, Larry Olive, Brian Bibb, Gareth Smith and several others. Friends that were determined to keep Rodney Stalvey's memory alive. "The event is always a fun day, relaxed and laid back," Bailey continued.

Students wishing to apply for a Rodney Stalvey Memorial Scholarship grant can do so by contacting the counselor's office at Madison County High School. Applicants are required to have a 2.0 GPA, students majoring in Business are preferred.

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Brad Bashaw Talks to Rotary About Retirement Planning

By Lynette Norris
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"When you retire, you become an income specialist," said Brad Bashaw of Edward Jones Financial. "You generate other income streams to offset inflation. That's how retirement needs to be set up."

Income from maturing bonds is good to have, but can't be the sole source of your retirement income, because they have a fixed interest rate, while inflation doubles every 18 years.

Hypothetically, if you had \$200,000 in bonds, yielding a 12 and a half percent interest rate income (about \$28,000/year) when you retired in 1982, you could probably live on that a while, but if you were still alive 20 years later, in 2002, you'd be far behind inflation rates. A new car that cost \$8,000 to \$9,000 in 1982 would cost about \$22,000 in 2002, and everyone knows how much gas and food prices went up during those 20 years. Also, when those bonds mature in 2002, the current interest rate is only 3 and a half percent, so your income would suddenly drop to \$7000, just when you need more income, not less.

Another thing to keep in mind is that when the government calculates the official inflation rates, it does NOT factor in the prices of food and gas – the very things people need and use every day.

Therefore, inflation rates don't tell the whole story about how much prices have really gone up and how hard they hit a fixed-income pocketbook.

For many of these same reasons, cash savings won't fund a retirement very long either, since interest rates on most cash savings accounts don't keep pace with inflation.

That leaves the stock market.

In his business, Bashaw says he meets a lot of people whose idea of retirement is to hand the financial planner a sum of money and say something along the lines of, "I just want you to make me a whole bunch of money and not lose it...oh, and tax free, too, please."

Retirement planning isn't quite that simple, but it neither is it something people should find overwhelming or intimidating, either; most plans are a mixture of cash, bonds and stocks that generate multiple income streams that will anticipate inflation and keep up with it.

When it comes to stock, some people may find the idea of investing their money in the stock market intimidating, but it doesn't have to be. Choosing a mix of stocks wisely, with the help of a financial planner, involves understanding a few basics.

One basic principle is that the way to make money is to buy low and sell high. This holds true whether one is dealing with investments, real estate or cattle. With the stock market, that means understanding that the market is indeed interconnected with the economy and with corporate America, but it is still a separate entity.

Another basic and perhaps the more important principle, is that the market

always operates in cycles: up and down, up and down. There's no absolutely certain way to know how long a given cycle will last.

To illustrate, think of a giant clock face: 12 o'clock is the market cycle's highest point and six o'clock is the lowest point. The catch is that a 12 o'clock high can't be identified until the market is at one or two o'clock, and a six o'clock low can't be identified until the market passes it and reaches seven or eight o'clock.

Another catch is that with stock, people tend to do the opposite of buy low and sell high; they panic and bail out at seven or eight o'clock, or jump in at one or two o'clock. Understanding the cyclical natural of the market is key to determining when to buy and sell.

When investing, the key is diversification. In performance, different types of stock for different types of businesses and industries (known as key indexes) will either take the lead or bring up the rear on a rotating basis, and there is no way to predict these rotations. One year, international stocks dominate. The next year, it is U.S. bonds. The next year, large, mid or small cap stocks take the lead. And, in any given year, any of these different types of stocks can be at the bottom as far as performance. There are cycles in everything.

When it comes to inflation, what might be bad news for long-term cash investments is generally good news for the stock market. Inflation means that the "book value" of publicly traded companies increases, including land, buildings, equipment and other assets, meaning that the stock generally adds value as well.

When folks are planning retirement portfolios, Bashaw advises that they look at what they will need and when they will need it, plan their projected income streams around those needs, and make adjustments when necessary.

With the help of a certified financial planner, becoming an "income specialist" is not as daunting as it sounds.



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Brad Bashaw of Edward Jones Financial addresses the Rotary Club.

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Ballroom Dance Lessons Continue at UMCM

By Lynette Norris
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The swing ballroom dance lessons are going so well, they've been extended into April, says Bob Hardester, one of the instructors.

Bob and Lind Hardester are Midwest-certified swing-dance judges who have also competed in national dance competitions. Bob Hardester is also a former president of the St. Louis West County Swing Dance Club.

Every Thursday evening since March 7, they have been teaching basic swing-dance techniques to couples at the United Methodist Cooperative Ministries Center, 135 NW Dill Ave, corner of Dill and the Colin Kelly Highway, about five miles north of town.

This is the same building where the 55 Plus Club meets.

The ballroom dance class is every Thursday evening from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m., and it's \$5 per person, per lesson. All proceeds go to the Methodist Youth Ranch.

The next class is March 28, and now, the classes will continue every Thursday every through the month of April as well: April 4, 11, 18 and 25.

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Police Chief Gary Calhoun Addresses Woman's Club

By Lynette Norris
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Originally from Central Florida, Madison Police Chief Gary Calhoun came to Madison because he and his wife of 24 years wanted to raise their children in a smaller community.

Addressing the Madison Woman's Club at their March meeting, he described how Madison compared to other, similar-sized communities, and what the future holds for the Madison Police Department.

The Madison Police Department is actually very similar in size to roughly 80 percent of the law enforcement organizations in the country, with 20 officers or less.

Nevertheless, Madison still has input into larger organizations statewide. When the state of Florida redesigned the auto license plates, there were three law enforcement officers on the committee to make sure the new design would be easily readable; one of those officers was from Madison. Also, the Criminal Justice Standards and Corrections Department will seek input from law enforcement officers in the field, including officers in Madison, to go over recruitment and training procedures.

The Madison Police Department is "small, but plugged in," said Calhoun, when it comes to the statewide law enforcement community.

Calhoun also discussed what the near future holds for the department, with plans to renovate the second floor of their building to provide more usable space, and having the forensic tools and training to do more of its own evidence processing. Also, it hopes to obtain a new vehicle soon, with the help of some grant money.

One thing that is different about Madison is that there is a spirit of cooperation between the police department and the sheriff's office, where officers from each organization "get along very well, from the ground up" - from the officers out in the field, to those in charge. Both departments have good quality officers out there, Calhoun told the audience, "And their heart is in the right place."

But the subject that stimulated the most discussion and questions was the subject of traffic safety. Everybody drives, and almost everybody knows somebody who has had a close call or been in an accident. In Calhoun's experience, talking to drivers involved in crashes, a lot of accidents occur not because somebody was doing something terribly wrong, like speeding or running a red light, but because they simply weren't paying attention to what they were doing. Three or four thousand pounds of steel and plastic can do a lot of damage in the half second it takes for someone's attention to wander.

As a former traffic officer, he has observed this alarming lack of attention firsthand. Many times, when sitting out in plain sight on the median of a divided highway, someone would zoom right past his car, well over the speed limit. He would take off after them and pull them over, only to hear: "Where in the world did you come from? I didn't even see you!" His amazed response: "How could you NOT have seen me?" At least, when people hit their brakes and slow down when they see him, he knows they are paying attention.



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Madison Police Chief Gary Calhoun speaks to the Woman's Club about law enforcement in Madison, with a emphasis on traffic safety.

The subject of distracted driving elicited questions and comments about talking on cell phones, eating, drinking coffee and other things people try to do while driving. People have been observed applying makeup, shaving or even reading a book while driving a car.

And then, there was the one activity that garnered more concern than all the others combined: Texting while driving.

"Right now, it's not illegal," he told the audience.

However, it has become enough of a concern that there is now proposed legislation in the works to deal with all forms of distracted driving. It is broader, and covers more than just texting, and that is as it should be, according to Calhoun. "Driving While Distracted" is a danger, and traffic safety officers need to be able to curb it for the sake of everybody on the roadways.

As for the proposed legislation, "I believe it has a good chance of passing," he said.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO: 40-2009-CA-000205

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWABS, INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-7

Plaintiff,

HERCULES WASHINGTON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF HERCULES WASHINGTON IF ANY; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) 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; JOHN DOE 1, JANE DOE 1, JOHN DOE 2, JANE DOE 2, JOHN DOE 3, JANE DOE 3, JOHN DOE 4 AND JANE DOE 4 AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION

Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Madison County, Florida, will on the 24 day of April, 2013, at 11:00 AM at 101 S Range Street, Madison County Courthouse in Madison, Florida, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following-described property situate in Madison County, Florida:

LOT EIGHT (8) ACCORDING TO SURVEY OF J.D. SCRUGGS DATED 4TH, JANUARY, 1962, FOR THE MONUMENT, AS PER SURVEY OF THE CITY LIMITS OF GREENVILLE, DATED FEBRUARY 1956, BY J.W. WADSWORTH, AT THE SE CORNER OF THE NW 1/4 OF NW 1/4 OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST, SAID MONUMENT BEING 155.3 FEET NORTH OF SR-5-150-360 AT STATION 524 PLUS 10.65, RUN NORTH 691.1 FEET TO PROPERTY OF A. L. LEGGETT, JR. AS RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 88, PAGE 58, PUBLIC RECORDS OF MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA, THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND THE NW CORNER OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED LOT, THENCE EAST 165 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 75 FEET; THENCE WEST 100 FEET, THENCE NORTH 60 FEET, THENCE WEST 65 FEET THENCE NORTH 15 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND BEING IN THE NE 1/4 OF NW 1/4 OF SECTION 28

TOGETHER WITH THE FOLLOWING:

COMMENCING AT A 4X4 CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW 1/4) OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW 1/4) OF SAID SECTION 28 (AS DETERMINED BY A SURVEY OF THE MUNICIPAL LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF GREENVILLE, FLORIDA BY J.W. WADSWORTH, REGISTERED SURVEYOR, DATED FEBRUARY, 1956) THENCE NORTH 00°27'18" WEST A DISTANCE OF 501.24 FEET TO A REBAR MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THOSE LANDS DESCRIBED IN O.R. BOOK 5321, PAGE 11 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 32'42" EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID O.R. BOOK 521, PAGE 111 A DISTANCE OF 144.75 FEET TO A REBAR; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 20'57" WEST A DISTANCE 95.51 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER AND POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PARCEL; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 32'42" WEST A DISTANCE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID O.R. BOOK 521, PAGE 111; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 32'42" EAST ALONG SAID NORTHERLY LINE A DISTANCE OF 77.96 FEET TO A REBAR; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 20'57" WEST A DISTANCE OF 19.50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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pursuant to the Final Judgment entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is indicated above.

Any person or entity claiming an interest in the surplus, if any, resulting from the foreclosure sale, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim on same with the Clerk of Court within 60 days after the foreclosure sale.

WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Court this 12 day of March, 2013.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you are a person with a disability who requires accommodations in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, the provision of certain assistance. Individuals with a disability who require special accommodations in order to participate in a court proceeding should contact the ADA Coordinator, 173 NE Hernando Avenue, Room 408, Lake City, FL 32055, (386) 719-7428, within two (2) business days of receipt of notice to appear. Individuals who are hearing impaired should call (800) 955-8771. Individuals who are voice impaired should call (800) 955-8770.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: *Romana Ordaz*
Deputy Clerk



3/20, 3/27

Christian radio station CSN International will be holding a public meeting at Greenville Public Library, on Friday, April 5 at 9:30 AM. This is a general meeting that will address public issues, and any questions or concerns about WYJC. The public is invited to attend.

3/27

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, the following application for permit was received on March 7, 2013, for:

Sandy Pines of Madison, Inc., 134 SE Colburn, Lake City, FL 32025, has submitted an application for Water Use Permit Number 2-13-00020.001, for agricultural use with an average daily use of 2.11 million gallons, a maximum daily withdrawal of 12.60 million gallons, and a maximum annual withdrawal of 770.15 million gallons. The project is located in Township 2 South, Range 11 East, Sections 4, 5, 8, and 9, in Madison County.

Interested persons may comment upon the application or submit a written request for a staff report containing proposed agency action regarding the application by writing to the Suwannee River Water Management District, Attn: Water Supply & Resource Management, 9225 C.R. 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060. Such comments or requests must be received by 5:00 PM within 14 days from the date of publication.

No further public notice will be provided regarding this application. A copy of the staff report must be requested in order to remain advised of further proceedings. Substantially affected persons are entitled to request an administrative hearing, pursuant to Title 28, Florida Administrative Code, regarding the proposed agency action by submitting a written request after reviewing the staff report.

3/27

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA

GREEN TREE SERVICES LLC, A FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA

Plaintiff,

DOROTHY J. MOORE; DANN M. MOORE;

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, PURSUANT TO THE JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE ENTERED IN THE ABOVE CASE, I WILL SELL THE PROPERTY SITUATED IN MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA, DESCRIBED AS:

« SEE ATTACHED LEGAL DESCRIPTION ON EXHIBIT X »

AT PUBLIC SALE, TO THE HIGHEST AND BEST BIDDER, FOR CASH, ON APRIL 24 2013, AT 11:00AM AT MADISON COUNTY COURTHOUSE, MADISON, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THIS 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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DATED: 3/13/13

CLERK OF THE COURT

By: *Deputy Clerk*



Legal Description

DESCRIPTION: (NEW PARCEL)

Commence at an iron rod marking the Northeast corner of Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 7 East, Madison County, Florida and run South 02 degrees 07 minutes 03 seconds East, along the East boundary of said Section 13, a distance of 2715.43 feet to a point, thence South 89 degrees 32 minutes 55 seconds West a distance of 523.45 feet to a point, thence North 00 degrees 27 minutes 05 seconds West a distance of 64.51 feet to a point at the end of County graded Parrot Trail thence North 76 degrees 21 minutes 22 seconds West a distance of 150.76 feet for a POINT OF BEGINNING thence from said POINT OF BEGINNING continue North 76 degrees 21 minutes 22 seconds West a distance of 210.00 feet to a point, thence run North 615.59 feet to a point, thence East 204.07 feet to a point, thence South 665.13 feet to the Point of Beginning; Containing 3.00 acres, more or less.

SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH A 30 foot wide easement over and across the Southerly 15 feet thereof, said easement described as follows:

A 30 foot wide strip of land, lying within a line 15 feet left and right of the following described centerline, to-wit:

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3/27, 4/3

This notice shall serve as public notification that it is the intent of the Madison County Sheriff's Office, as employing agency, to designate the Position of Chief Deputy / Major to be included in the Florida Retirement System's Senior Management Service Class (SMSC). This position serves at the pleasure of the employer, heads organizational units, effects or recommends personnel, budgets, expenditures and Policy decisions in their areas of responsibility.

3/20, 3/27

STATE OF FLORIDA, CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDARDS & TRAINING COMMISSION, Petitioner

vs.

MANDY M. WHITAKER, Case #33849 Respondent

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: MANDY M. WHITAKER, Residence Unknown

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Dated: March 4, 2013 Ernest W. George CHAIRMAN - CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION By: -s- Ashley Hegler, Division Representative

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AROUND MADISON COUNTY

St Mary's Episcopal Wins Yard of the Month

Cell Tower in Downtown Madison Gets Painted Gray



Photo submitted



Photo Submitted by John Dickert

Those who noticed the big cell phone tower on Base Street shrouded in huge swaths of grayish fabric or other material may have wondered what was going on. The tower was being painted to change its colors from red-and-white to gray, in order to comply with new regulations. The painting crew works for Public Utilities Maintenance of Queensville, New York. After finishing the tower job in Madison, they will be back in New York, where it should be warm enough to start painting.

Madison Garden Club's "Yard of the Month" for March is St. Mary's Episcopal Church, located downtown at 140 NE Horry Ave. St. Mary's built in the 1880's, is a perfect example of Carpenter Gothic architecture, and the latest gardens, now in full bloom were created by a church member, Gale Dickert, and design to enhance the beauty of this historical church. On the right side, a "Meditation Path" meanders through the Memorial Garden to benches, inviting all to come and sit a spell.

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The Madison County Carrier

March 27, 2013
Section B

Path of Faith

St. Vincent Mission Team Holds BBQ Rib Fundraiser

By Jacob Bemby
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The St. Vincent Mission Team held a fundraiser on Friday, March 15, at the Madison County Courthouse to raise money for their mission trip to the Virgin Islands.

The team cooked and sold pork ribs, as well as pulled pork and rib sandwiches.

Everyone enjoyed the food and the fellowship that the team and their helpers provided.

The team will be selling ribs and sandwiches on April 26 at the Courthouse Lawn once again.



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Jenny Dyke, Stacy Herring, Taylor Hudson, Hannah Dyke and Nita Dyke, pictured left to right, were serving up food for customers who came by to support the mission trip.



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Jacob Bemby, March 15, 2013

The team of Wally Davis, Bill Brown, Archie Strickland, Michael Burnette and Timmy Dyke were cooking up ribs and delivering them to people for the St. Vincent Mission Team trip to the Virgin Islands.

EASTER SAYS EVIL DOESN'T WIN

By Don Lindman

Most Christians believe in the literal bodily resurrection of Jesus.

Jesus' resurrection is considered to be a miracle, one of the greatest miracles of all time. Which is exactly why non-believers don't believe.

We live in an age when most truth is determined by the test of science. If it is scientifically tenable, people are likely to believe. The scientific method has become our primary way of validating truth, and by that standard miracles by definition aren't believable.

Yet from the dawn of human history, humankind has overwhelmingly believed in an afterlife. While some eastern religions hold to an afterlife in which the individual personality is absorbed into a larger cosmic identity, the vast majority of human beings throughout history have believed that the individual human personality lives on beyond physical death.

Where did we get this idea? It's true that science can't duplicate resurrection, but how did it come to be that from ancient Egypt three millennia before the time of Jesus through most western and near eastern societies today? Encompassing at least five thousand years of human history – a large majority of people have believed in a personal afterlife.

Is this conviction embedded in our very humanity, as if it is a part of our DNA?

Even today, in this science-indoctrinated society, hundreds of millions of Christians are celebrating a miracle in which they believe both literally and wholeheartedly.

What does Easter mean to them? It means that life is too precious to be limited to an approximation of the biblical "three-score and ten" years. Life makes no sense if it doesn't go on way beyond the few years we have on this earth.

These believers look forward to a "heaven," where life continues on eternally. They aren't sure of the details of what that life will be like, but they are sure it will be good, and they expect it to be a time of reunion with family members who have died before us.

It also means that what goes on in this life isn't the whole story. Life isn't fair. All too often the good suffer and the evil prosper. There needs to be a time when the books are balanced, and that time

comes after life, as we know it is over and the almighty Judge renders his final verdict.

Easter is God's promise and our assurance of the victory of good over evil. Jesus entered this life as the representative of good, and in the battle against evil he apparently was overwhelmed and was executed.

But God, says St.

Paul, wouldn't let that be the end of the story. "God has highly exalted him," the apostle writes, "and has given him a name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow...and every tongue confess that he is Lord."

Easter says that when we try to live godly lives, only to be attacked by evil, we can be assured that we are on the winning side. When we look at the world around us and see what seems to be the push toward victory of evil, we can know with confidence that it is an illusion. When the final chapter is written, it will be good, not evil, on the victor's stand.

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The Pulpit

Jacob Bembry,
Midway Church of God

He Is Risen; He Is Risen Indeed

I am not a pastor, but as a Christian, I am called to share the gospel and I will share with you a message that all born again believers in Jesus Christ should tell others about.

Imagine the scene that morning as the women went to prepare Jesus for burial. On Friday, he had been tried, beaten and scourged and hung on a Cross for hours. He had breathed His last breath on that cross on a hill called Golgotha, the place of the skull.

The women were among the few of his followers who had watched Him die on that cross and they were still mourning when they went to the grave with ointments to lovingly begin an arduous task early in the morning.

Something different had occurred at the tomb, though, and the stone, which had been set in place by Roman soldiers to make sure no one stole the body of Christ was rolled away. The women were distressed because they feared that their Master had *been taken away*. *An angel at the tomb announced to them, however, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. Lo, I have told you."* Matthew 28:5-7 (Revised Standard Version)

As they hurried to tell the disciples, they ran right into the risen Savior, who gave them instructions to tell His disciples to meet Him in Galilee.

One of the gospels tells of John and Peter hurrying to the empty tomb to verify what Mary Magdalene had told them: *"Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran, and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them. "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him," Peter then came out with the other disciple, and they went toward the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first; and stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; he saw the linen cloths lying, and the napkin, which had been on his head, not lying with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. 8: Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not know the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes."* John 20:1-10 (Revised Standard Version)

The disciples returned to their homes, but soon they would meet Jesus and their lives would never be the same as became to spread the Gospel throughout the world of Jesus, who was born of a virgin in Bethlehem; whose broken was broken and scourged for our healing through His stripes; died on a cross at Golgotha for our sins; rose again the third day; and will return to call His children home and, seven years later, set up his Millennial reign on Earth. To Him be praise, glory and honor forever.

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by RONNIE McBRAYER



Bad, Good, and Better News

to jump on a stray asteroid as it swings by terra firma (that is of course if one of those asteroids does not cause our extinction first).

Not so fast, however! This catastrophe isn't going to happen for another seven million years. Our sun is still young, and as long as it is young, life on this planet can go on without the fear of being swallowed up in a solar doomsday. So, we should all keep paying our credit card bills, car payments, and saving for college and retirement.

But alas, maybe not, for I have bad news still. Life on this planet will likely end long before our sun reaches critical mass. Outside of the prospects that an asteroid will obliterate us, there is much more to fear. There is a chance that a super volcanic eruption could so alter our atmosphere that we will all go extinct. There is always the prospect of pandemic, massive food shortages, and the exhaustion of the earth's fresh water supply. And then there is the biggest danger for future humanity: Future humanity.

Forget about all the outside possibilities for our demise. The biggest risks are the ones we pose to ourselves. We could easily destroy one another with our own nuclear machinery. Our technology we now so love, could run amok. Some unforeseen disaster involving genetic mutation or yet to be invented scientific advancement could be our

undoing.

Ray Kurzweil, of futuristic and Google fame, believes that humanity has "about even chances of making it through the next century." But then he adds the cunning caveat that he has "always been accused of being optimistic." So maybe we should quit paying our bills after all.

But there remains some good news – the best news of all. While the survival of life on Earth appears grim from a scientific perspective (and definitely from some religious perspectives), it doesn't appear to be so from God's perspective. The resurrection of Jesus – that Christians celebrate this Easter weekend – says, if it says anything at all, that God believes in life. Easter signals to the universe that humanity has a still unfolding destiny, not a predetermined dead end.

Easter is the great news that God is not planning a cosmic funeral. Easter shows that God's strategy is "for good and not for disaster, to give us a future and hope." Easter is a sign and symbol that human life will end neither with a bang nor a whimper. Easter tells us that life will go on, even when everything else seems to indicate otherwise. Easter proves that God (along with Kurzweil) is an optimist.

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Keeping The Faith

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Admittedly, the bad news of this world is stifling. With so much violence, fear, evil, and uncertainty, one is tempted to admit that the dooms-dayers and pessimists are right. Why not don the morning garments and gloomily bid adieu to the life that was?

Yet, that was the same temptation that faced the followers of Jesus when the sun rose on that first Resurrection Sunday. Little did they know that life had not ended; not even close. Life was just getting started. No, I don't believe that God is finished with this world yet – not by a long shot. We have a future, a bright future indeed.

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The Kiwanis Club is hosting its annual Ministerial Breakfast on April 18 at Shelby's Restaurant in Madison.

All pastors are invited to go out and enjoy an early morning breakfast, prior to starting their day.

Pastors are asked to adjust their busy schedules so that they can fellowship with one another, while the Kiwanis Club shows their appreciation for the service the pastors provide for the community.

Please contact Octavious Tookes at (850) 673-9116 if you plan to attend.



Holy Week Services Scheduled For March 25-March 29

By Jacob Bemby
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From the Monday after Palm Sunday, March 24, until Good Friday, March 29, several Madison churches of various denominations will celebrate Holy Week with community-wide noon services, followed by a time of food and fellowship. Each weekday, a different church will host a service with prayer, music and a guest pastor or the pastor of the church delivering the spiritual message for the day.

On Monday, services will be held at Grace Presbyterian Church, located at 668 N. Washington Avenue in Madison.

On Tuesday, services will be held at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, located at 221 SW Martin Luther King Drive in Madison.

On Wednesday, services will be held at the First United Methodist Church, located at 328 SW Rutledge Street in Madison.

On Thursday, services will be held at Mt. Zion AME Church, located on Martin Luther King Drive in Madison.

On Friday, services will wrap up with a Good Friday service at the First Baptist Church in Madison. First Baptist is located at the corner of US Highway 90 and Meeting Street, in Madison.



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Women of the Bible: Hagar

By Lynette Norris
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"Now Sarai, Abram's wife, bare him no children: and she had an handmaiden, an Egyptian, whose name was Hagar. And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the Lord hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened unto the voice of Sarai."

Gen. 16: 1-2, KJV

Some time during the late Bronze Age, between 2000 and 1500 B.C., roughly coinciding with the Middle Kingdom Era of Egypt, an Egyptian handmaid belonging to the wife of the nomadic clan leader would enter history, along with her tribe-woman mistress, as mothers of two great nations.

The handmaid's tale begins long before there was a kingdom known as Israel, before there were even the Twelve Tribes of Israel. It begins with a wandering clan leader, Abram (later Abraham) and his wife Sarai (later Sarah).

Abram and Sarai are entering their twilight years, childless. Since God had already promised Abram some time ago that he would one day be

the father of a great nation, the current situation presents quite a quandary: How is he to be the father of a great nation...with no heirs?

It is here that Sarai's handmaid, Hagar (whose name means "stranger"), enters the narrative.

At Sarai's insistence, Abram takes Sarai's handmaid as a surrogate to provide him with heir. We do not know exactly how they first acquired an Egyptian handmaid, although their sojourns did take them through Egypt at times, but because of their position as head of their clan, we can surmise that they likely had an entire retinue of other servants as well.

Hagar most likely came from an Egyptian household, a place of cities, temples and elaborate burial customs, with a complex political system and a thriving trade and market economy. If so, she must have found life among this nomadic tribe quite primitive. Coming from such a cosmopolitan background, she may have even considered it a step downward.

As a slave or servant, it is unlikely that she had any say in becoming the chosen surrogate for a child that would be considered Sarai's upon birth. There is no indication in the narrative of

her being consulted. The decision was apparently made without her, and it was done. In fact, throughout the entire narrative, neither Sarai nor Abram refer to her by name, always speaking of her as "the handmaid."

It was not an unusual situation at the time; texts from many writings of that time period, including the Code of Hammurabi, allude to the custom of childless wives providing female slaves as surrogates for their husbands.

Tivka Frymer-Kensky, author of *Patriarchal Family Relationships and Near Eastern Law*, summarizes the situation thusly in the Jewish Women's Archive: "In the world of the ancient Near East, a slave woman could be seen as an incubator, a kind of womb-with-legs."

However, this is not how Hagar views herself. She is now a person of importance, carrying the child of the clan leader, in a society that values mothers over childless women. Perhaps for the first time, she is even getting a little respect from other members of the household. In such a society, a female slave carrying a leader's child could rise dramatically in status, sometimes to the position of favored concubine or secondary wife.

Yet, there was the knowledge that her child would be lawfully considered the fruit of that barren woman who still continued to lord it over her as if she were still a mere nothing; that barren

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Hagar

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mistress who had so completely failed in her childbearing function for the tribal leader. In the resulting mix of sexual jealousy and resentment, Hagar begins to see herself as equal to, or even superior to Sarai.

Sarai, on the other hand, already upset by her childlessness, does not take kindly to Hagar's new attitude. She responds with her own mix of jealousy and resentment, dealing harshly with that little nobody of a handmaid and her delusions of grandeur. Abram cannot intervene, for the women of the clan are ruled by Sarai, and under Sarai's jurisdiction.

There were some protections in the legal codes for slaves in this region; Sarai cannot kill Hagar outright. However, Hagar either fears for her life, or the situation becomes so intolerable she decides to take her chances in the unforgiving desert. Pregnant and desperate, she flees south, down through the Sinai Peninsula, back toward her homeland in Egypt.

Following the road to Shur, she almost reaches Egypt. But, while resting at a wellspring in the wilderness of Shur, an angel of the Lord tells her that she must go back, for she will bear a son who will have descendants without number; a mighty nation will rise from him. He will be called Ishmael.

With new purpose, and understanding the destiny of the child she carries, she turns and retraces her steps back to Egypt, giving birth to Ishmael when Abram (now Abraham), is 86 years old.

Things appear to go well enough for the next 14 years until, Sarai (now Sarah), miraculously gives birth to a son, Isaac, whom the Lord has also promised will give rise to a great nation.

The old rivalry soon reasserts itself, for whose son will now be Abraham's heir? Hagar's, who was born first, or Sarah's, because Sarah is the wife?

Things once again come to a head, and this time, Sarah has Abraham banish Hagar and Ishmael into the desert, where they soon run out of food and water.

Believing that she is dying, Hagar places her son under the shade of a bush and cries out to the Lord, who shows her a well of water that she had previously overlooked.

She and Ishmael survive, and make their home in the wilderness of Paran, where Ishmael grows to manhood.

The story of Hagar is that of the outsider, the one who was never accepted by the people she lived among, and was eventually expelled from their society. It is the story of being absolutely alone, with no one to turn to in a harsh environment, both figuratively and literally, no one except God. When she cried out to God in the wilderness, she was protected by Him and survived, along with her child, living her life as a free woman, no longer a slave, raising a son who would one day be regarded as the father of the Arab nations.

According to the Koran, it is at Mecca that God saved Hagar and Ishmael with the live-giving wellspring, and later brought forth from Ishmael's descendants the great nation he had promised Hagar so long ago. Like Jacob, Ishmael had 12 sons, who gave rise to 12 tribes.

Today, the Koran as well as the Jewish Midrash regard Hagar as a princess. In more modern times, she is a symbol of women who persevere and survive, especially when the odds are stacked against them.

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The Dixie Echoes Return To Madison

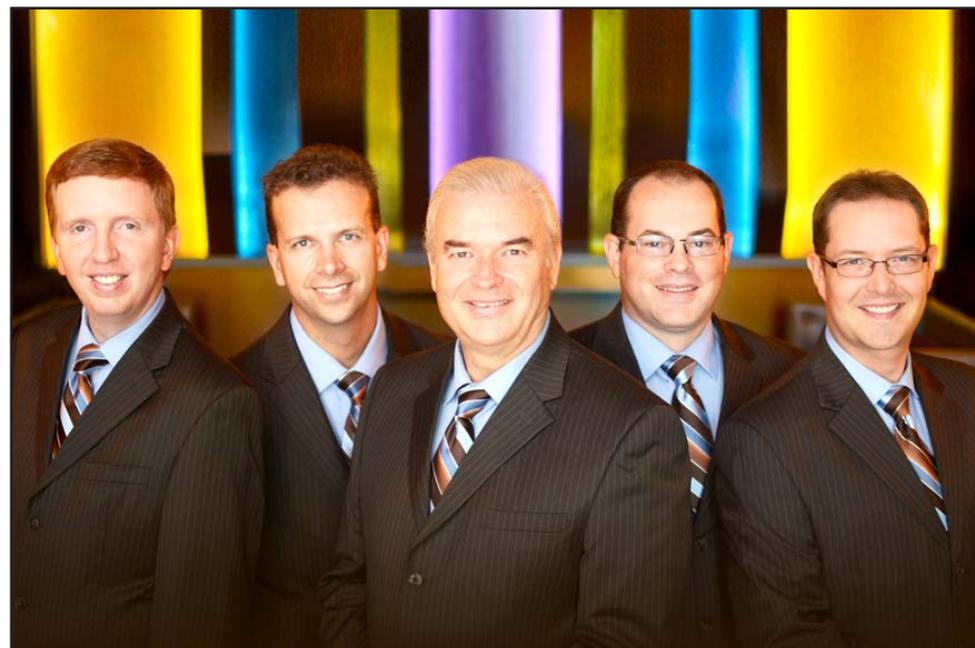
The Dixie Echoes will be returning to Madison on Thursday, April 18 for a great night of gospel music. The concert will be held at Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park in Madison with the concert beginning at 7 p.m. The best part is, admission is free. A love offering will be received during the concert.

For over 50 years, The Dixie Echoes have been delivering the gospel message in song across America through their spiritually uplifting music ministry. Considered to be one of the pioneer gospel groups, the Dixie Echoes have returned to their roots singing around two microphones with just a piano. Respected among their peers and industry leaders alike, the Dixie Echoes are recognized as one of the premiere groups in gospel music.

Since the Dixie Echoes formed in 1960, they have released nearly 70 albums and have had numerous top ten singles. They have been honored with four former members being inducted into the Southern Gospel Music Association Hall of Fame: J.G. Whitfield (1997), Dale Shelnut (2001), Jack Toney (2005), and Billy Todd (2009).

The Dixie Echoes have performed throughout the United States, Mexico, and Canada at well-known venues such as the National Quartet Convention, Gospel Jubilee Cruise, the Brumley Sing, Suwannee River Jubilee, Dollywood, Silver Dollar City, and Carnegie Hall, as well as churches, fairs, and on television. The Dixie Echoes have appeared on such programs as TBN, INSP and are most notably remembered for their regular appearances on the nationally syndicated television show, *The Gospel Singing Jubilee* which aired in the late 1960's and 70's.

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Faith, Hope, Love Theme Of One-Mile Fun Run/Walk To Benefit Goins Family

By Jacob Bemby
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“Faith, Hope, Love” will be the theme of the one-mile fun run/walk, which will be held on April 27 at 10 a.m. at Lake Frances.

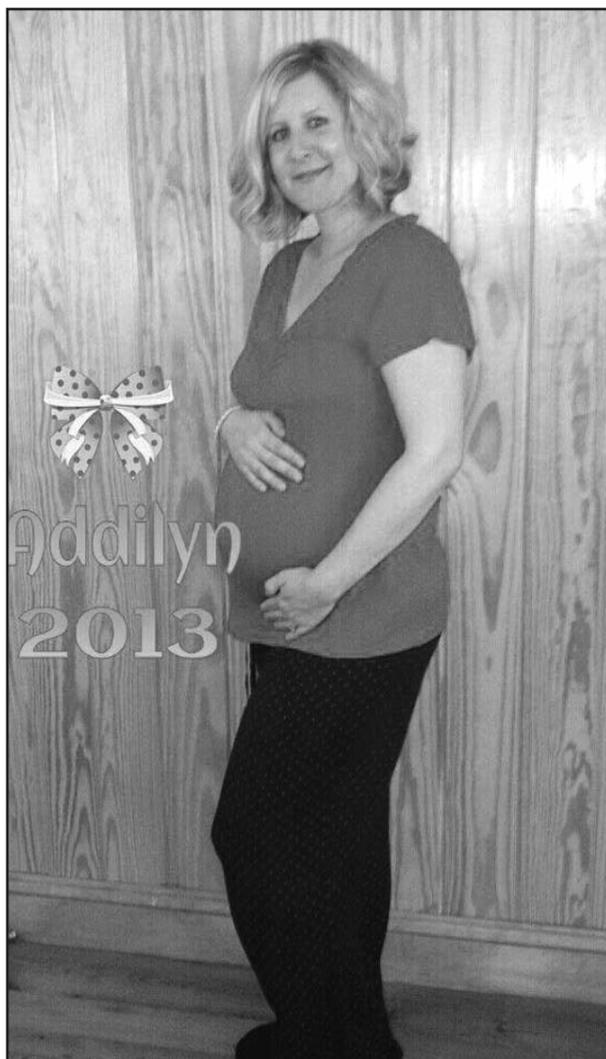
Named “Goin 4 Goins,” all proceeds from the event will benefit the Goins family: Melissa Goins, the wife of Les, and mother of Lydia and Addilyn, is undergoing treatment for ovarian cancer.

At 28 weeks into her pregnancy, Melissa was diagnosed with ovarian cancer.

“We know everything is in God’s hands,” she said. “Prayers are appreciated.”

There will be an entry fee of \$10 for the run and t-shirts are also available for \$20 each. Please wear teal in support of ovarian cancer victims.

For more information, please contact Katie French at (850) 673-8680; Michele Stout at (850) 673-6639; or Tania Williams at (850) 491-4198.



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Celebrate Easter At Honey Lake Plantation

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Honey Lake Plantation will host a church service, gospel brunch and egg hunt on Sunday, March 31.

According to the Plantation, "Amidst 100s of eggs will be two golden eggs for a free family kayaking trip, family fishing trip or family skeet shoot." The winner will get his or her choice.

Between the brunch and the egg hunt, guests can take a hayride, listen to music, decorate Easter crafts, ride horses, pet bunnies and create memorable photos in the family photo fun booth.

The church service will be held at 10 a.m. Brunch will follow from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. At 1:30 p.m., the egg hunt begins.

Reservations for brunch are encouraged.



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