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Goins Family Fun Run/Walk



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 "Go in for 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.

Second Annual Sam Harris Open Slated

By Kristin Finney
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The second annual Sam Harris Open doubles tournament has been slated for later in May. Last year's tournament was a success, raising nearly \$3,000. The money raised at that tournament would cover the cost of lights for at least two of the courts at the high school. If this year's tournament is also successful and there are many generous sponsors, the organization is hopeful that the lights might soon become a reality.

The tennis courts at Madison County High School are now the only serviceable courts in the county. This means that many people are not exposed to the joys of playing tennis until they reach high school. Madison County is taking steps in the right direction, however. With the introduction of the ten and under league, it is hoped that young players will develop a love for the game early on and carry that enthusiasm with them into high school.

Those interested in participating in this year's event stay tuned for an upcoming article with more information!

County to Look at UMCM Center's Flooding Issue

By Lynette Norris
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When it rains, it pours sometimes, and all that water has to go somewhere.

At the United Methodist Cooperative Ministries Center on SW Dill Avenue, it surrounds the building and often floods the picnic pavilion behind it.

Sonny Rollings and Deborah Brown, representing the UMCM Center, appeared before the County Commission to seek help with the flooding issue. The Center is a public building, used by many citizens, groups and organizations, even a ballroom dancing group, and hosting functions that bring out-of-town visitors into Madison.

But whenever there is a storm in the area, the building becomes an island surrounded by deep muddy puddles.

"When you walk through mud you can't dance

too good," said Rollings, referring to the ballroom dance lessons.

Rollings contended that the problem began when the county elevated the roadway to ease flooding problems in the community behind the Center; but this solution has sent water flowing back toward the building with nowhere else to go. There is a property next door with a holding pond area, but the water can't get to it because the elevated roadway. Rollings asked if something could be done to install some kind of drainage.

County Attorney Tommy Reeves advised that the commissioners have a public works engineer visit the site to determine what, if anything, the county did to cause the problem and determine if there is a workable solution; after a brief discussion, the commissioners agreed to that course of action.



Deborah Brown and Sonny Rollings address the county commission on behalf of UMCM.

Health Department and Community Leader Talk about Sex Education

By Lynette Norris
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Abstinence isn't cool with students, community leader Merv Mattair, founder of Boyz 2 Kings, told the school board. It's not exactly what most parents and school officials would like to hear, but it is mostly true.

Mattair, along with Pam Robinson of the Madison County Health Department, spoke to the Madison County School Board about a sex education curriculum that not only covers the science and biology, but also puts it into a context students can readily understand...how it can effect their lives.

The first unit of the program begins by asking the student to "get to know your dreams" and look closely at their hopes and plans for the future. What do they want to do, study or be? What kind of work and effort will it require to reach that goal?

However, the consequences of sexual activity, i.e., pregnancy or sexually transmitted diseases, are not consequences teenagers are well equipped to handle. Plans for college, vocational school, or even finishing high school become difficult, if not impossible. Time, energy and resources are diverted to dealing with child-care or medical expenses. Dreams are



Pam Robinson of the Madison County Health Department and Merv Mattair of Boyz 2 Kings address the school board about a sex education program that stresses abstinence as the new "cool."

derailed, education suffers and earning power drops.

Even if a few students are fortunate and manage to escape the pitfalls of early sexual activity, it still has a negative impact on school-work.

"When students are sexually active, their mind is not on the FCAT," said Mattair. "It's on sex."

There is also the problem of peer pressure, even for students who might not normally become sexually active.

Abstinence is seen as the deviation, not the norm, and that is a challenge the proposed curriculum will meet by making abstinence the ultimate "cool."

Using the slogan "Abstinence is my Swag," Mattair and Robinson hope that by getting students to see that choosing not to engage in sexual activity while they're still in school is not only cool, it is something positive, something that they do for themselves because they understand that

their dreams are important.

The program is an eight-hour course that also includes such things as role-playing and developing negotiation skills that help students say "no."

Students can opt out of particular chapters or the entire program if they or their parents wish; the course is not mandatory.

It is, however, something that would be suitable for churches to use

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Madison PD Places in Top Three

The Florida Law Enforcement Liaison (LEL) Program is a grant funded program sponsored by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The goal of the LEL program is to reduce traffic related fatalities and injuries by working with law enforcement agencies across the state to boost safety belt use, reduce drunk driving and encourage traffic safety initiatives. The LEL program has developed the Florida Law Enforcement Challenge, Florida Motor Unit Challenge, Florida DUI Challenge and the Florida Click It or Ticket Challenge in an effort to achieve our goal.

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County Commission Deals With Tight Budgets

By Lynette Norris
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Tight budgets and tough economic times meant that the County Commission didn't have much wiggle room on some of its agenda items regarding services, and had to get a little creative to stretch limited resources on others.

Commissioner Ronnie Moore, who also sits on the Transportation Disadvantaged Committee, has been working the last few weeks to raise money from various sources to keep Big Bend Transit's In-Town Shuttle operating. The shuttle had been funded by a grant, which runs out at the end of April 2013, and the Transportation Disadvantaged Committee needed to come up with \$24,000 to keep the shuttle operating the rest of the year (roughly \$5600 a month) until another permanent source of funding could be established.

Moore had addressed the City Commission at its March meeting about the shuttle's dilemma. At its April meeting, the City Commission agreed to contribute at least \$5000, with the stipulation that the County Commission come up with a matching contribution.

After discussing where in the budget that money could come from, the county commissioners agreed that if they didn't do something, the city's contribution would disappear, leaving the shuttle and those who depend on it high and dry; yet the county had only so much in re-

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Local Weather

Wed 4/24 87/60



Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 60s.

Thu 4/25 85/59



Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 50s.

Fri 4/26 86/61



Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 60s.

Sat 4/27 86/64



Cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 60s.

VIEWPOINTS & OPINIONS

CRACKER SEZ

Skittish Fish

Edgar Floyd came over ta' help me nail some loose tin back on my barn. We help each other out from time ta' time. As we clumb' on top the barn, I looked around. I seen the cows with their nose to the grass. I seen chickens scratch'n 'n peck'n. The hogs was root'n. I seen squirrels dig'n fer acorns. Every animal was feed'n.

I looked at Ed 'n said, "Are you think'n what I'm 'uh think'n?" Ed said, "You mean, when the animals are feed'n so are the fish?" I said, "I've got 'uh case of the fish'n fever. We can nail this tin later. Way on the back side 'uh my place is 'uh pond where my daddy dammed up 'uh spring years ago. Its all growed up and nobody fishes there 'cept me."

We dug some worms, grabbed two poles, 'n went to the pond. I said, "Ed, these fish are skittish. If we sneak behind the dam 'n cast over, so they can't see us, they'll bite." We did 'n in 'uh few minutes we had 'uh mess 'uh fish. I said, "Ed, now that we've got enough fer 'uh fish fry, walk up on top the dam 'n try ta' catch 'uh few." He did 'n never got another bite.

Ed said, "Cracker, I never knew fish could be that skittish."

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



Jim Dietrich
Guest Columnist



Health & Wellness Tips

from Frank Nathan, Executive Director
Lake Park of Madison



DID YOU KNOW...?

Researchers at Brigham Young University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill pooled data from 148 studies on health outcomes and social relationships — every research paper on the topic they could find, involving more than 300,000 men and women across the developed world — and found that those with poor social connections had on average 50 percent higher odds of death in the study's follow-up period (an average of 7.5 years) than people with more robust social ties.

That boost in longevity is about as large as the mortality difference observed between smokers and nonsmokers, the study's authors say. And it's larger than differences in the risk of death associated with many other well-known lifestyle factors, including lack of exercise and obesity.

But if it's true that we get by with a little help from our friends (thank you Beatles), then how, exactly, do our friends do it? That is, how does "social integration" — measured by surveys and questionnaires about friends, family size, marital status and the number of household residents — influence long life? The short answer is that we don't really know yet. "The truth of the matter is that the critical evidence on psychosocial processes and health have come about only within the last 10 to 15 years — even though there's been a lot of theory on it since the 1970s," says psychology professor Bert Uchino at the University of Utah.

That may help to explain why health-care providers, for the most part, have yet to embrace social support as a factor in good health, on par with smoking habits, diet or exercise. Without a good sense of the physiological mechanisms that may link feelings of loneliness, for instance, to biological markers like blood pressure and resting heart rate, it has been easy to dismiss the power of social connections as nothing more than an artifact of the data or, worse, as touchy-feely pseudoscience.

We turn to family and friends for obvious tangible support when we're sick — from help preparing meals to keeping track of pills, appointments and insurance forms. And caring about others may also prompt us to take better care of ourselves. A really good example is someone who has a child. That new bond is often the impetus to quit smoking, to drink less or to curb any number of risky pastimes.

But the influence of social ties may be even more powerful than that. Social relationships, it seems, may also help our bodies help themselves.

Recent lab studies have shown that, in

a stressful situation, blood pressure and heart rate will increase less when people are accompanied by a person who is close to them. Brain imaging also shows neurological differences between a person who is alone and a person who has support: in a lab-induced tense situation, brain activity in the anterior cingulate cortex, a region activated in times of stress, is reduced when people have a close friend or relative alongside them. And it's not just adult stress. In an experiment, children who were allowed to talk to their mothers after a stressful encounter — giving an impromptu speech or doing math problems in public — showed increased levels of oxytocin, a neurotransmitter thought to dampen the hormonal stress response, compared with children who did not have contact with their mothers.

In one of the most famous experiments on health and social life, Sheldon Cohen at Carnegie Mellon University exposed hundreds of healthy volunteers to the common cold virus, then quarantined them for several days. Cohen showed that the study participants with more social connections and with more diverse social networks — that is, with friends from a variety of social contexts, such as work, sports teams and church — were less likely to develop a cold than the more socially isolated study participants.

The immune systems of people with lots of friends simply worked better, fighting off the cold virus often without symptoms. Studies suggest that the immune response may be affected by stress hormones, so that a strong social life thus affects immune function by helping people keep physiological stress in check.

But turning such research into full-fledged medical advice isn't easy. It's hard to legislate social relationships. And we all know that some relationships are better than others, and not all relationships are positive.

Since a new study reviewed the statistical association between mortality risk and relationship quantity, rather than perceived quality, it makes you wonder whether we wouldn't see even stronger benefits if we focused only on the good relationships. Bolstering these connections may ultimately help people stay healthier than trying to build connections between complete strangers, as in, a cancer support group. (Studies on the physical health benefits of support groups show mixed results.) We need to pay better attention to naturally occurring relationships and to fostering those. I say dump the bad ones and nurture the good ones.

National Security



Joe Boyles
Guest Columnist

Boston Massacre

The original Boston Massacre occurred in the spring of 1770, fully five years before the American Revolution began, when a squad of British soldiers fired into a crowd of protesting civilians. (Reminds you of Kent State, doesn't it?) Five patriots died and others were injured. Why would the British do such a thing?

Protests were common after the Seven Years War (also known as the French and Indian War in the Americas) ended. The British government was looking for "creative" ways to pay for the expensive conflict. One of their methods was the Townshend Acts which placed tariffs on imported British goods to their colonies like America. Imagine this profitable scenario: we make the goods; ship them to you then place an extra tax on them so that you can buy them from us. So the British win three ways — manufacture, shipping and taxes. Politicians never change, do they?

The problem, according to American patriots, was that they weren't represented in the British governing body — Parliament, hence, "taxation without representation." It is one thing to have your elected representatives levy a tax on you, but when you don't even get the opportunity to vote for the taxing authority, that's a big no-no. Such was the background of events leading to the original Boston Massacre.

The most recent "Boston Massacre" occurred last week when two Chechen brothers dropped off a couple of homemade bombs near the finish line of the Boston Marathon. This marathon race, normally a joyous event, occurred on Patriot's Day, a Massachusetts holiday commemorating the Lexington-Concord event in 1775 that is largely regarded as the starting point of the American Revolution. A wonderful time was turned into tragedy when the bombs exploded, killing three young people (including a child) and injuring hundreds.

The bombs were contained within common-variety pressure cookers, filled with explosive material and shrapnel — small ball bearings (possibly BBs) and nails. They were designed to kill and maim.

In the world of explosive bombs, there are two broad categories: anti-material and anti-personnel. Anti-material bombs are designed to destroy things, such as buildings or vehicles. Anti-personnel bombs are meant to destroy life and limb. In

fact, there is very little damage to buildings in front of the two blast sites on Boylston Street in Boston. Repairs will be relatively simple and cheap. Not so for the families and victims of the marathon bombers. Many of the survivors lost limbs.

The two men responsible for this act are now accounted for. Tamerlan Tsarnaev (26) is dead and his 19 year old brother, Dzhokar, is gravely wounded and recovering in a Boston-area hospital. Others may be involved as the investigation is just beginning. In the process of their capture, a police officer lost his life and another was gravely wounded. The brothers Tsarnaev have a lot of blood on their hands.

The Tsarnaevs were radical Muslims. They lived in this country a long time and the younger one was recently naturalized as a U.S. citizen. Somewhere along the line, they became radicalized to this idea of Islamic Jihad and carried out their attacks in the cause of religious zealotry. This is hard for Christians to understand. Our religion is one of peace and compassion for our fellow man. The God we worship would never call upon his disciples to destroy non-believers. Recall in Corinthians that Saint Paul professed that our religion was based upon "faith, hope and charity." This is a far cry from the faith that the Tsarnaevs practiced.

There is a lot to learn from this latest Boston Massacre. The investigation must be thorough and sober. If we rush to judgment, we will likely miss a number of important lessons along the way. No doubt, there were important warning signs about the Tsarnaevs that were missed by authorities, family and friends. Without question, we need to minimize the danger posed by attacks like this at important sporting events. Stadiums such as the ones in Gainesville and Tallahassee with limited entrances are easier for security to defend than a 26 mile race through a major city.

As the investigation proceeds, policy and law makers will have to walk a delicate line between enhanced protection and preservation of the public's freedom and civil liberties.

Note: As a result of this incident, Americans are paying a lot more attention to Chechnya, a small Muslim republic in the Caucus region of Southern Russia, located between the Caspian and Black Seas.

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These programs have been designed to promote traffic safety through increased enforcement, reducing the number of overall crashes and increasing the seat belt usage rate. Proven by research, it is well known that an increase in traffic enforcement in a community results in a decrease in motor vehicle crashes, injuries and fatalities. In fact, no other single program or strategy works as well as law enforcement in making the roads safer. These programs complement all training and public information programs that the FDOT and NHTSA implement to promote traffic safety.

The Florida DUI Challenge Initiative rewards law enforcement agencies that dedicate a significant level of resources to impaired driving enforcement, awareness and training. The goal of this program is to reduce the number of alcohol-related crashes, fatalities, and injuries that occur in Florida by increasing DUI enforcement and public awareness of the state's alcohol-related crash problem.

The Madison Police Department actively participates in the above programs. We submit documentation of our traffic safety efforts throughout the year and we are evaluated and compared to other agencies of similar size throughout the state.

I received a letter stating that we placed in the top three in the DUI Challenge for agencies of our size. Therefore, we have been invited to attend the awards ceremony in Orlando this July. At a minimum, we will come home from that event with traffic safety related prizes with a value of at least \$1,000.

I'm very proud that our officers put a high value on traffic safety in our community. In addition to traffic safety, overall crime prevention is an additional benefit to increased police visibility and traffic enforcement.

Corporal Jeff Rosenberg keeps track of the necessary information and submits the proper reports to FDOT for our participation in the program. Of course winning the prizes is nice, but the overall goal is making our streets safer for everyone.

Tight Budgets

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serve funds to last through the second six months of its fiscal year, so it couldn't make up the entire \$19,000 difference.

The commission voted to match the city's \$5000 contribution and look into having the shuttle scale back its hours of operation in order to stretch the \$10,000 as far as possible. Possibly this amount would be enough to tide the shuttle over at least through the first part of June, when the commission could see what the legislature planned to do. Several commissioners expressed hope that the state might be persuaded by then to pitch in as well.

Mosquito control is also operating under fiscal constraints. Last year, the county had some state help to deal with the bumper crop of mosquitoes brought on by Tropical Storm Debby's torrential rainfall. This year, heavier rainfall throughout the preceding months has brought another surge in the mosquito population, but no additional funds from the state to help with spraying.

Dale Stone, representing Honey Lake Plantation, addressed the commission to ask for help with spraying for mosquitoes. The resort brings visitors into Madison County, Stone told the commissioners, but the mosquitoes out there needed to be brought under control.

Jamie Willoughby, director of mosquito control for Madison, said he would love to help out Honey Lake Plantation, but he just didn't have the money or the resources. The only funding his two-man operation has covers just the areas already being sprayed. Any additional spraying would have to be approved and would cost more money.

However, if the commissioners wanted him to spray the one county-maintained road that runs through the resort, he would find a way to do it, he said; as for spraying other roads throughout the Plantation, those were private roads, where the county was not allowed to go anyway.

After some discussion, the commission decided that the additional spraying just wasn't feasible under the current economic constraints.

However, at the Recreational Park, they were able to address at least one major safety issue, approving a request for netting to be put up around the softball fields. The funding comes from the tourist tax dollars the county collects from hotels, which, according to regulations, can be used to upgrade or improve a publicly used facility. Since the recreation park is publicly owned, hosts softball tournaments that bring in even more tourists, and the netting is needed prevent spectators from being pummeled with foul balls flying into the stands, the commission felt that it fell far enough within the purview of allowable tourist tax fund expenditure to be safe.

The netting was approved unanimously.

Sex Ed

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with their youth groups, in getting young people to look more realistically at early sex and the effect it could have on their lives. With the backing of the Health Department, which is "110 percent behind this," Mattair hopes the message reaches the young people of Madison County, especially the ones who most need to hear it.

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You want to do what is best for your children. You know about the importance of car seats, baby gates and other ways to keep them safe. But, did you know that one of the best ways to protect your children is to make sure they have all of their vaccinations?

Immunizations can save your child's life. Because of advances in medical science, your child can be protected against more diseases than ever before. Some diseases that once injured or killed thousands of children, have been eliminated completely and others are close to extinction—primarily due to safe and effective vaccines. One example of the great impact that vaccines can have is the elimination of polio in the United States. Polio was once America's most-feared disease, causing death and paralysis across the country, but today, thanks to vaccination, there are no reports of polio in the United States.

Vaccination is very safe and effective. Vaccines are only given to children after a long and careful review by scientists, doctors, and healthcare professionals. Vaccines will involve some discomfort and may cause pain, redness, or tenderness at the site of injection but this is minimal compared to the pain, discomfort, and trauma of the diseases these vaccines prevent. Serious side effects following vaccination, such as severe allergic reaction, are very rare. The disease-prevention benefits of getting vaccines are much greater than the possible side effects for almost all children.

Immunization protects others you care about. Children in the U.S. still get vaccine-preventable diseases. In fact, we have seen resurgences of measles and whooping cough (pertussis) over the past few years. In 2010, the U.S. had over 21,000 cases of whooping cough reported and 26 deaths, most in children younger than 6 months.

Unfortunately, some babies are too young to be completely vaccinated and some people may not be able to receive certain vaccinations due to severe allergies, weakened immune systems from conditions like leukemia, or other reasons. To help keep them safe, it is important that you and your children who are able to get vaccinated are fully immunized. This not only protects your family, but also helps prevent the spread of these diseases to your friends and loved ones.

Immunizations can save your family time and money. A child with a vaccine-preventable disease can be denied attendance at schools or daycare facilities. Some vaccine-preventable diseases can result in prolonged disabilities and can take a financial toll because of lost time at work, medical bills or long-term disability care. In contrast, getting vaccinated against these diseases is a good investment and usually covered by insurance. The Vaccines for Children program is a federally funded program that provides vaccines at no cost to children from low-income families. To find out more about the VFC program, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/vfc/> or ask your child's health care professional.

Immunization protects future generations. Vaccines have reduced and, in some cases, eliminated many diseases that killed or severely disabled people just a few generations ago. For example, smallpox vaccination eradicated that disease worldwide. Your children don't have to get smallpox shots any more because the disease no longer exists. By vaccinating children against rubella (German measles), the risk that pregnant women will pass this virus on to their fetus or newborn has been dramatically decreased, and birth defects associated with that virus no longer are seen in the United States. If we continue vaccinating now, and vaccinating completely, parents in the future may be able to trust that some diseases of today will no longer be around to harm their children in the future.

For more information about the importance of infant immunization, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines> or contact Florida Department of Health at Madison County 973-5000.



Gray & Dempsey To Wed

Ralph and Linda Gray of Madison, Florida, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lindsay Anne Gray, to Jacob Clayton Dempsey; son of Richard and Christy Dempsey of Lakeland.

Lindsay is a graduate of Southeastern University. Currently, she is employed with Lockheed Martin in Lakeland, Florida.

Jacob is a graduate of Southeastern University. He is employed with The JOY FM Radio Station. A May wedding is planned in Weirsdale, Florida.

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Reminder: Get Your Tickets For Woman's Club Box-Lunch Fundraiser

By Lynette Norris
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The Madison Woman's Club is selling tickets for hot, boxed lunches-to-go, for its Spring 2013 fundraiser at the Madison Woman's Club. Tickets (\$8 each) can be purchased from any Woman's Club member anytime during the next few days prior to Friday, April 26, when you can pick up your hot tasty lunch between 11a.m. and 1 p.m.

Enjoy hot chicken salad casserole, marinated green bean salad, a yeast roll, cake and a beverage, while supporting a worthy cause. See any Woman's Club member for tickets and more information.



Obituaries

Mary Janice Reams



Mary Janice Reams, 64, formerly of Lee, passed away peacefully on March 15, 2013 at Heritage Healthcare after a lengthy illness.

Mary was born on June 6, 1948 in Miami, to the late Ila Clinton and Zora Edgman Jones. The family moved to Lee, when Mary was a teenager and she continued to live there most of her adult life.

At the end of 2010, Mary entered a nursing home in Valdosta, Ga., due to declining health and to be nearer her daughter and other family members. Mary proudly served as a Duty Officer with the Florida Highway Patrol for 19 1/2 years before retiring due to medical problems. She was a huge animal lover and had many pets throughout her life, often taking in strays. She also enjoyed spending time with family, cooking and was very patriotic.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Lee Ann and Jon Lasseter of Valdosta, Ga.; a brother and sister-in-law, David and Louise Jones of Live Oak.; two grandsons, Matthew Lasseter of Valdosta, Ga., and Jonathan Lasseter II of Arlington, Va.; a granddaughter, Hannah Lasseter of Guyton, Ga.; seven nieces and one nephew and a number of great-nieces and great-nephews. She is also survived by many special cousins and extended family and friends.

A memorial service for Mary Janice Reams will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 27, 2013 in the chapel of the Carson McLane Funeral Home with Merrell Lasseter officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Condolences to the family may be conveyed online at www.mclanecares.com. Carson McLane.

Ida Mae Selph Gerald

Mrs. Ida Mae Selph Gerald, age 87 died April 20, 2013 in Madison, Florida.

Graveside funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Monday, April 22, 2013, in the Cherry Lake Methodist Cemetery. The family received friends one hour prior to the service at the cemetery. Rev. Benjie Dial officiated.

She was born in Mayo and had lived in Pell City, Ala., before moving to Madison County 25 years ago. She worked as an office manager in a doctor's office for many years. She was a big NASCAR fan and loved Alabama football. She was a member of Cherry Lake Methodist Church.

She is survived by a brother, T. M. Selph of Citrus and a sister, Melba Barrs of Madison; several nieces and nephews, Randell Selph, Wayne Selph, Kirk Selph, Linda Williams, Ray Selph, Paul Selph, Billy Selph, Jerry Selph, Bobby Barrs and Lisa Tuten.

She was pre-deceased by her husband, Bob Gerald, and two brothers, Bill Selph and Paul Selph.

T. J. Beggs, Jr. & Sons of Madison was in charge of arrangements. (850) 973-2258

Danny Daniel

Funeral services for Danny Daniel will be held Thursday, April 25, 2013, at 11 a.m. at Beggs Funeral Home, Madison Chapel.

Burial will immediately following at Evergreen Cemetery.

The visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m., on Wednesday, April 24, 2013, at Beggs Funeral Home.



Thank You

The family of Stephanie "Candy" Drechsler would like to thank everyone for the flowers, phone calls, and most especially, your prayers during this difficult time of loss.

We appreciate your friendships and understanding that Candy was a special person who will be missed for a long time to come.

Thank you and God bless you



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

April 26-27

Relay for Life begins at 6 p.m. Friday evening and continues through Saturday morning at 11 a.m. Luminaria ceremony is set for 9 p.m.

April 26-28

Beulah Baptist Church, located approximately five miles east of Lee, announces plans for a three-day mini-revival. This will be kicked off on Friday night, April 26, with a prayer meeting, including songs of praise. This will begin at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

On Saturday, April 27, beginning at 5 p.m., a time of music and worship with Donna Faulkner will be held. A meal will be served at 6 p.m. An RSVP is requested if possible. Please call Deanna Phillips at (850) 869-9001 or Mary Santerfeit at (386) 294-1721 to RSVP. Beginning at 7 .m. that evening, Jennifer Beckham will speak. A Disney princess for eight years, he has appeared as a special guest on several television broadcasts, including *The 700 Club*, *Life Today with James and Betty Robinson* and *Daystar's Celebration with Marcus and Joni Lamb*. On Sunday, April 28, Beulah will celebrate Ladies Day.

April 26-27

A rummage sale will be held to benefit the Lee Worship Center. The sale will be held on Friday, April 26, and Saturday, April 27, from 8 a.m. until. The church is located at 471 NE Magnolia Street behind the old Lee School. Look for the signs.

April 27

Cherry Lake Fire Rescue bass tournament to be held at the Madison County Public Boat Ramp (on Cherry Lake, next to the 4-H Camp, 243 NE Public Boat Ramp Road. Due to sponsors, prize money begins with a \$350 purse before any registration. Entry fee \$50 per boat (two

fisherman) or \$25 per fisherman. Registration for big fish pot is \$10 per boat. Registration begins promptly at 5 a.m. For more information, call (850) 929-2354 and leave your name and return phone number or email clfr@embarq-mail.com.

April 27

The Sammy Glass Family will appear in concert on Saturday, April 27, at 6 p.m. at Hanson United Methodist Church. There is no admission. A love offering will be received.

April 28

Cherry Lake First Baptist Church, on Highway 150, is having its Homecoming Service Sunday, April 28. At 10 a.m., there is a gospel music concert with the Masters Trio, featuring Murrell and Rhonda Bennett and Nancy Hall. At 11 a.m., Brother Manning Hicks will bring the message for the worship service, followed by a covered dish luncheon in the fellowship hall.

April 28-May 2

Bible reading will begin in the Gazebo in the Four Freedoms Park on Sunday, April 28, at 6 p.m. and continue through the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 2.

May 4

Open mic sing and potluck supper at Lee Worship Center, 471 SE Magnolia Drive in Lee to benefit church's building fund. Supper at 6 p.m. Sing immediately follows.

May 11

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Farm Credit of Northwest Florida Distributes \$1.25 Million in Profits to its Members



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Farm Credit Directors, Fred Beshears, Richard Terry, Mark Fletcher and Douglas Walker accept check.

The Board of Directors of Farm Credit of Northwest Florida has declared a patronage refund of \$1.25 million. "The patronage refund is a form of profit sharing that distinguishes Farm Credit from other lenders," said Board Chairman, Richard Terry, a Madison County farmer.

"We're delighted that the association performed well this past year and that Farm Credit of Northwest Florida customers have the opportunity to share in that success," said Rick Bitner, President and CEO. "Profit sharing is one of the unique and tangible benefits of doing business

with a customer-owned cooperative."

Patronage distribution essentially reduces the cost of borrowing money. Since 1988, Farm Credit of Northwest Florida Members have benefited from more than \$72 million of patronage refunds or profit-sharing declared by the Board of Directors.

"We have been, and strive to remain a strong and valuable source of funding for Agriculture and our rural communities, through the good times and bad," Bitner said. "Agriculture is the second largest industry in the state, ranking be-

hind only tourism. Farm Credit of Northwest Florida is proud to provide a stable, reliable source of credit to rural America," said Richard Terry.

Farm Credit of Northwest Florida is a \$292 million, Agriculture Credit Association, is a locally owned and controlled financial cooperative headquartered in Marianna, Florida, and is part of the nationwide Farm Credit System. It loans funds and provides financing expertise to farmers, agribusinesses and rural homeowners for land, homes and farm operations in 18 counties across the Florida Panhandle.

Ruth Herndon



The children of Ruth Herndon cordially invite all her friends and family to join them for an 80th Birthday Party Celebration to be held **Saturday, April 27** from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Hickory Grove Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

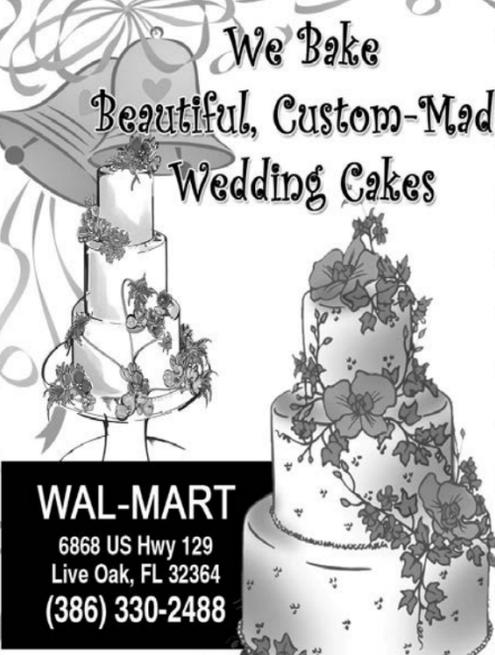
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About Administrative Professionals Week

Since 1952, the International Association of Administrative Professionals has honored office workers by sponsoring Administrative Professionals Week. Today, it is one of the largest workplace observances outside of employee birthdays and major holidays.

Today, there are more than 4.1 million secretaries and administrative assistants working in the United States, according to U.S. Department of Labor statistics, and 8.9 million people working in various administrative support roles. More than 475,000 administrative professionals are employed in Canada. Millions more administrative professionals work in offices all over the world.

Administrative Professionals Week FAQs:

- When did Administrative Professionals Day begin?**
Administrative Professionals Day/Week was originally organized in 1952 as "National Secretaries Week" by the National Secretaries Association (now known as the International Association of Administrative Professionals) in conjunction with public relations executive Harry Klemfuss and a consortium of office product manufacturers. It was established as an effort to recognize secretaries for their contributions in the workplace, and to attract people to secretarial/administrative careers. The association successfully campaigned U.S. Secretary of Commerce Charles Sawyer to proclaim the first National Secretaries Week on June 1-7, 1952. He designated Wednesday, June 4, as National Secretaries Day. Sawyer, Barrett and Woodbridge participated in ceremonies held in Washington, D.C.
- Who founded Administrative Professionals Day/Week?**
The idea began with Mary Barrett, president of the National Secretaries Association, now called IAAP, and C. King Woodbridge, president of Dictaphone Corporation. They served on a council addressing a national shortage of skilled office workers. Together with Harry Klemfuss, public relations account executive at Young & Rubicam, they originated the idea for a National Secretaries Week.

• Why did IAAP create Administrative Professionals Day/Week?
IAAP created National Secretaries Week (now Administrative Professionals Week) with two objectives in mind: to recognize "the secretary, upon whose skills, loyalty, and efficiency the functions of business and government offices depend," and to call attention

"through favorable publicity, to the tremendous potential of the secretarial career."

• When is Administrative Professionals Day/Week?
Administrative Professionals Week is always held annually during the last full week in April. Administrative Professionals Day is always held the Wednesday of that week.

• Who qualifies as an administrative professional?
Many people who contribute to the workplace in a variety of settings. IAAP defines administrative professionals as "individuals who are responsible for administrative tasks and coordination of information in support of an office-related environment and who are dedicated to furthering their personal and professional growth in their chosen profession." Research shows that many workers around the world still hold the "secretary" job title; however, many alternative titles have become more popular, such as administrative assistant, office coordinator, administrative specialist, executive assistant, and office manager.

- What is the best way to celebrate Administrative Professionals Week?**
According to IAAP members, administrative support personnel prefer observances that recognize and provide opportunities for learning and growth. Employers can facilitate professional development for admins by supporting:
- Tuition reimbursement to attend college classes and work toward a degree.
 - Membership and participation in professional organizations.
 - Reimbursement for online training programs in technology, administrative, and management skills.
 - Registration for appropriate conferences, seminars, and continuing education workshops.
 - Attainment of professional certification. IAAP's Certified Administrative Professional (CAP) or - Certified Professional Secretary (CPS) programs are widely recognized standards of excellence.
 - Supporting IAAP chapter events. Events can be accessed from the link at the left.
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AROUND MADISON COUNTY

Lions Club Fourth of July: Closer Than It Seems



By Lynette Norris
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The Lions Club has been working hard to make sure this year's Fourth of July Celebration is even better than the last one, culminating in a spectacular fireworks display filling the sky above Lake Frances; however, although much work has been done already and the event still seems like a long way off, there are a lot more plans to pull together and many more details to work out.

This year's celebration also coincides with the 175th Anniversary of the City of Madison, which will be incorporated into this year's "God and Country" Celebration.

When there is much to do, time has a way of passing quickly.

Last weekend, club members passed out informational brochures on the upcoming Fourth of July Festival during "Down Home Days."

The Club still needs vendors for the celebration, and now, with the new

website up and running, getting hold of a vendor application is a mouse-click away. Go to www.madisonlionclub.com and click on "4th of July Information." (Just remember to leave the "s" off "lion" in your search, or it will pull up the Lions Club for Madison, Ala.)

Also, for businesses and individuals who would like to be a sponsor for this year's festivities, the Club will be offering three levels of sponsorship: Red (\$500), White (\$250) and Blue (\$100). All include a vendor spot (12x24 for Red, 12x12 for White and Blue) and a half-page ad in the festival program, with differing levels of publicity and benefits in the weeks leading up to, and including the day of the celebration. The highest level, Red, includes the sponsor's name on staff T-shirts the day of the event, and on a banner hanging from the entertainment stage.

Speaking of entertainment, if you or your group can sing, tap dance (or any other kind of dance) play a musi-

cal instrument, perform magic tricks, do stand-up comedy or have any other kind of talent in the crowd-pleasing/entertainment category, here is an opportunity for some stage time. The Club is looking for a variety of talent for the evening's festivities, so start rehearsing and contact the Lion's Club about auditioning your act.

People can also buy ad spots in the festival program; contact the Lion's Club to inquire about availability and prices.

The Lion's Club is also welcoming new members at this time, and holding evening meetings for those who

cannot make the noon meetings every Tuesday at Shelby's. The evening meetings are every second and fourth Thursday in the Madison County Memorial Hospital cafeteria at 6 p.m. Anyone who is interested in joining the Lion's Club is cordially welcomed to come to a meeting and see what the club is all about.

For more information on this year's Fourth of July God and Country Celebration, peruse the above-mentioned website, or contact Lions Club President Jay Lee at (850) 973-7509, or email madisongodandcountry@yahoo.com.

The Sammy Glass Family To Appear At Hanson United Methodist Church

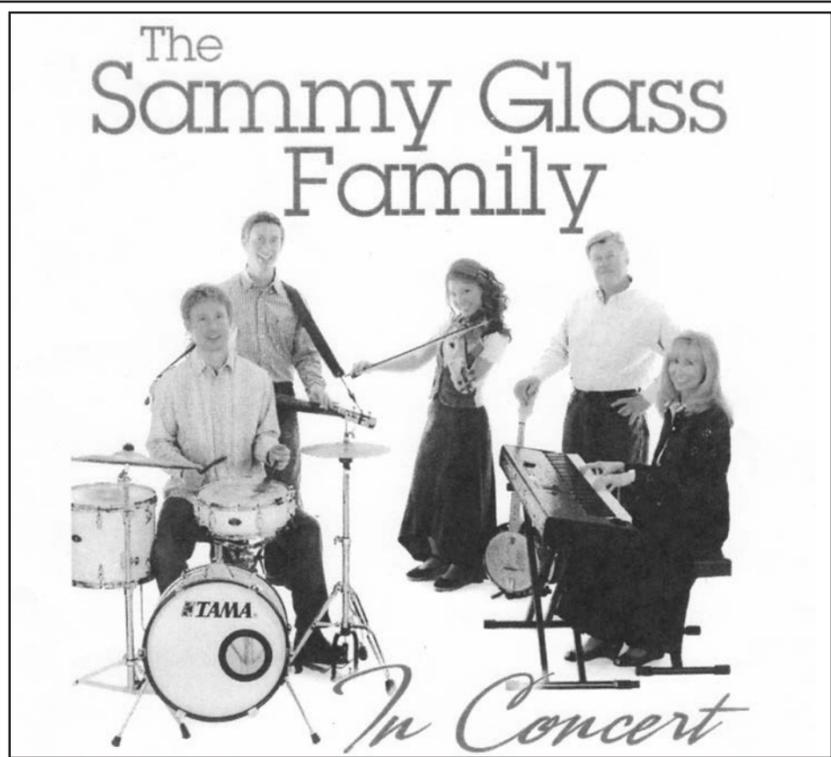
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The Sammy Glass Family will appear in concert on Saturday, April 27, at 6 p.m. at Hanson United Methodist Church.

Everyone is invited to enjoy this concert and a great time in Lord. There will be no admission charge. A love offering will be accepted.

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NFCC Honors Top Students At Honors Convocation Ceremony

North Florida Community College's brightest students were honored during the college's Honors Convocation ceremony April 9 at the NFCC Fine Arts Auditorium. Students from various academic areas and student organizations received recognition for outstanding achievement and character during the 2012-2013 academic year. NFCC faculty and staff announced each award recipient as NFCC President John Grosskopf and Dean of Academic Affairs Dr. Sharon Erle presented the awards.

Alana Ellison of Madison received NFCC's prestigious "Student of the Year" award. Ellison serves as the Student Government Association (SGA) President Elect and is also as a member of Sentinel Service Corp.

"The student who is the recipient of this award not only excels in the classroom with a current GPA of 3.66, but has shown a spirit of generosity and service that few students possess," said NFCC Dean of Academic Affairs Dr. Sharon Erle. "She is a member of the Sentinel Service Corp

and the Student Government Association. This student cares deeply about her campus and community. During her time at NFCC she has worked as student assistant in the Office of Campus Life as well as an English tutor. This student truly embodies the spirit of a Sentinel through scholarship and service."

In addition to recognizing outstanding students, NFCC also named its 2012-2013 "Friend to the College." Elouise Green was recognized for her continuous support of NFCC. Green is

a Lafayette County resident and serves on NFCC's Foundation Board.

"Elouise Green has served on NFCC's Foundation for many years. She has served countless hours volunteering at NFCC fundraising events. Her love for the college is boundless," said Grosskopf.

NFCC's Honors Convocation ceremony is held annually in April to recognize outstanding students and celebrate student achievement prior to NFCC's Spring Term commencement ceremony in May.

Students Honored During NFCC'S Honors Convocation Were:

HAMILTON COUNTY

Keyla Perez Drawing
Danielle Muzzey Early Childhood Professional Certificate

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Tovya Vargas Human Development
Tori Holley Design

MADISON COUNTY

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Photo submitted

Madison County students that were honored are: Front Row (L to R) Juli Waldrep, Alexandra Patron, Tarvis Peacock, Emily Curl, Cheltsie Kinsley, Krystal McCormick and Cody Belinski. Back Row (R to L) Catherine Murphy, Michelle Wheeler, Amy Stalnaker, Lakeidra Baynard, Christopher Gifford, Selena Philips and Alana Ellison.



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Elouise Green was named Friend to the College.



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Student of the year Alana Ellison is pictured with NFCC President John Grosskopf and Dean of Academic Affairs Dr. Sharon Erle.

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Plaintiff,

Vs. **CASE NO. 2013-57-CA**

REAL WOOD PRODUCTS CORP.,
a Florida corporation,
Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the Final Judgment entered in the above-captioned action, the Clerk of the Court will sell the following property:

DESCRIPTION: O.R. Book 382, page 7

A parcel of land in Sections 27 and 34, Township 1 North, Range 9 East, being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northwest corner of said Section 34; and run South 89 degrees 15 minutes 59 seconds East, along the North line of said section, a distance of 1533.47 feet to the East right of way line of Jesse Highway Drive (formerly Industrial Park Road); 50 feet from the center thereof, thence run North 21 degrees 17 minutes 34 seconds East (Bearing), along said East right of way line, a distance of 20.35 feet to the Northwest corner and point of beginning of the herein described parcel; thence perpendicular to said right of way line South 88 degrees 42 minutes 20 seconds East, a distance of 417.42 feet; thence run South 01 degrees 17 minutes 34 seconds West, parallel with said right of way line, a distance of 626.13 feet; thence run North 88 degrees 42 minutes 20 seconds West, perpendicular to said right of way line, a distance of 417.42 feet to said East right of way line; thence run North 01 degrees 17 minutes 34 seconds East, along said right of way line, a distance of 626.13 feet to the point of beginning, and being in the NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of said Section 34, and the SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of said Section 27, all in Township 1 North, Range 9 East, Madison County, Florida.

which is situated in Madison County, Florida, to the highest bidder, for cash, on May 15, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. on the Front West Steps of the Madison County Courthouse, 125 S.W. Range Avenue, Madison, Florida 32340 in accordance with section 45.031(10), Florida Statutes (2009).

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

Dated this 12 day of April, 2013.

TIM SANDERS, CLERK OF COURTS,
MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: *Ramona Dickinson*
Deputy Clerk

4/24, 5/1

NOTICE: The District School Board of Madison County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday May 21, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the School Board Meeting Room of the Superintendent's Office 210 N.E. Duval Avenue, Madison, FL.

**Revisions to:
Policy 4.03 Exception Student Education
Policy Procedure 4.03 Exception Student Education**

The proposed document may be viewed at the School Board Office, 210 NE Duval Ave, Madison, Florida.
Statutory Authority: 120.54, 1001.43 F.S.
IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE BOARD, WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING OR HEARING, HE/SHE WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND FOR SUCH PURPOSE, HE/SHE MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to SS 336.09 and 336.10, Florida Statutes, the Board of County Commissioners of Madison County, Florida hereby gives notice that at 9:00 a.m. during its regular meeting held May 1, 2013 at the Board of County Commissioner's Room, Room No. 107, Madison County Courthouse Annex, 229 SW Pinckney Street, Madison, Florida, the Board will hold a public hearing to consider vacating, abandoning, discontinuing and closing certain roads located in Northeast Madison County, Florida, more specifically described as follows:

NE PLUMBAGO TERRACE: The entire length of NE Plumbago Terrace, from NE Post Road to NE Garden Road, lying in Section 04, Township 2 north, Range 09 East, shown originally as a portion of "Post Road" in Book 1, Page 2, No. 21 Plat of Cherry Lakes Farms Subdivision No. 2.

UNOPENED ALLEY: Vacate the portion of the Unopened Alley, lying completely within Parcel 04-2N-09-3127-001-000 and Parcel 00-00-3131-002-000, shown originally as a portion of "Cherry Lake Drive" in Book 1, Page 2, No. 21 Plat of Cherry Lake Farms Subdivision No. 2.

YOU WILL PLEASE BE GOVERNED ACCORDINGLY.

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

Dated this 5th day of April, 2013.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: Allen Cherry, County Coordinator.

All interested parties may appear at this hearing and be heard regarding this matter.

4/10, 4/24

BID NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Madison County, Florida will be accepting bids for the following:

Furnishing all necessary materials, equipment, labor, supervision and all utility and transportation services required to perform all work required in connection with maintaining Madison County's roadside right-of ways by litter removal, weed eating and mowing approximately 1,000 acres for three (3) to four (4) mowing cycles per year and known as Project Number FY 2013 - 06.

Bids may be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners by depositing same at the Board office located in Office 219 at the Madison County Courthouse Annex, 229 SW Pinckney Street, Madison, Florida 32340, or by mailing to Post Office Box 539, Madison, Florida 32341 any time prior to **5:00 PM on Wednesday, May 8, 2013**. ANY BIDS RECEIVED AFTER SUCH DATE AND TIME WILL NOT BE OPENED OR CONSIDERED. Bids must be clearly marked with the project number printed on the outside of the front of the bid envelope for that project as follows: **Roadside Right-of-Way Mowing - Project Number FY 2013 - 06.**

BID MUST CONTAIN A COPY OF THE VENDOR'S MADISON COUNTY OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE WHERE APPLICABLE, OR CERTIFIED STATE CONTRACTOR NUMBER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR AWARD.

Bid Specifications, as well as other pertinent documents, may be obtained from the Madison County Road Department office located at 2060 NE Rocky Ford Road (C-591), 2 miles north of Madison, Florida telephone # 850-973-2156, beginning Wednesday, April 24, 2013. Each contractor interested in bidding this project is strongly urged to obtain copies of the bid package immediately in order to have time to review all information before submitting a bid.

Bids will be opened on Thursday, May 9, 2013 at 9:00 AM in the Madison County Board of County Commissioners meeting room. Award by the Board of County Commissioners is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, 2013.

Madison County reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all bids.

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SPORTS

MCHS Baseball Seniors Honored

By Kristin Finney
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The Madison County High School varsity baseball team held their senior night on Friday, April 12. This year's seniors included: D.J. McKnight, Taylor Howell, Chad Oliver, Pat Bowen, Garrett Holman and Jake Latner. On senior night, prior to the game, each boy was joined on the field by their parents or guardians and their goals and inspirations were called for all to hear.

D.J. McKnight was escorted by his parents, Priscilla Thompkins and Daniel McKnight. He has played baseball at MCHS for all four years of high school. His immediate goals/aspirations are to continue playing baseball at Tallahassee Community College. When asked who the most inspirational person in his baseball career and/or life was, he responded, "There's more than one person to single out and way too many to name, but I just want to say that I am very thankful to have you all in my life pushing me every step of the way."

Taylor Howell was escorted by his parents, Keith and Sherri Howell. He has played baseball at MCHS for all four years of high school. His goals/aspirations are to go to Taylor Technical Institute to be an electrician. He also added, "But if college ball comes my way, I would do that as well." When asked who the most inspirational person in his baseball career and/or life was, he responded, "My grandparents, always guiding me in the right direction in my like and keep my head up and me moving forward."

Chad Oliver was escorted by his parents, Greg and Darlene Oliver. He has played baseball at MCHS for all four years of high school. His goals/aspirations are to go into the Army Reserves and attend Florida State University next spring. He eventually hopes to become a doctor. When asked who the most inspirational person in his baseball career and/or life was, he responded, "My dad, because he was the one that taught me the game of baseball and supported me every step of the way."

Pat Bowen was escorted by his parents, Patrick Bowen, Sr. and Melissa Bowen. He has played baseball at MCHS for all four years of high school. His goals/aspirations are to play college baseball. When asked who the most inspirational person in his baseball career and/or life was, he responded, "My dad. He has always paid for me to play in the summer and helped with everything I needed."

Garrett Holman was escorted by his mom, Karen Holman. He is the son of Eddie and Karen Holman. This was his first year playing baseball at MCHS. His goals/aspirations are to become a professional wake boarder. If he doesn't become a professional wake boarder, he wants to become a lineman for Progress Energy. When asked who the most inspirational person in his baseball career and/or life was, he responded, "My dad, because he is my best friend and a very successful man. He also blessed me with his good looks."

Jake Latner was escorted by his parents, Bart and Ruth Ann Latner. He has played baseball at MCHS for all four years of high school. His goals/aspirations are to hopefully play college baseball. When asked who the most inspirational person in his baseball career and/or life was, he responded, "My dad, because he has always been there to help me out through all my years of playing baseball."



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Chad Oliver was escorted by his parents, Greg and Darlene Oliver.



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D.J. McKnight was escorted by his parents, Priscilla Thompkins and Daniel McKnight.



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Pat Bowen was escorted by his parents, Patrick Bowen, Sr. and Melissa Bowen.



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Taylor Howell was escorted by his parents, Keith and Sherri Howell.



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Jennifer Beckham To Appear At Beulah Baptist Church's Weekend Revival

Beulah Baptist Church, located approximately five miles east of Lee, announces plans for a three-day mini-revival. This will be kicked off on Friday night, April 26, with a prayer meeting, including songs of praise. This will begin at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

On Saturday, April 27, beginning at 5 p.m., a time of music and worship with Donna Faulkner will be held. A meal will be served at 6 p.m. An RSVP is requested if possible. Please call Deanna Phillips at (850) 869-9001 or Mary Santerfeit at (386) 294-1721 to RSVP.

Beginning at 7 .m. that evening, Jennifer Beckham will speak at the church. She is a wife, mother, Bible teacher and motivational speaker. She has traveled extensively throughout North America, sharing her testimony and teaching practical Biblical principles.

A Disney princess for eight years, he has appeared as a special guest on several television broadcasts, including the 700 Club, Life Today with James and Betty Robison and Daystar's Celebration with Marcus and Joni Lamb.

On Sunday, April 28, Beulah will celebrate Ladies Day. The ladies will be singing and giving their testimonies. The men will honor them by preparing their lunch.

Make plans now to attend and share a weekend with Christian friends.



Shelly Smith: Traveling The World and Teaching About Christ

By Kristin Finney
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Shelly Smith, *Greene Publishing, Inc.* employee, dedicated much of her youth to getting to know the Lord and traveling. Her love of the Lord and her education allowed her to go on many adventures and to serve in many ways that some people never get the chance to.

When she was young, Shelly traveled with her parents to National and State Baptist Conventions. While there, she was exposed to many different missionaries and ways to serve. She said, "All of the different cultures and places really fascinated me, as did the thought of being able to help people. I think I started asking my parents when I could go on an international mission trip when I was eight."

It wasn't until she was in high school and became involved at the First Baptist Church of Madison that she was introduced to the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention (www.thetask.org). She said of the International Mission Board, "They have countless opportunities for teenagers, young adults, or any willing and able person to serve."

"Mrs. Judy Phillips was so encouraging of my interest in missions and showed me how to apply for serving, and she helped me fundraise as well. My church family was so supportive of these mission trips—I would never have been able to go and serve without their support, prayers, and love." At the age of 17 she got an opportunity that many children her age could only dream of, she was able to travel to Amman, Jordan for nearly one month.

While in Amman, Shelly's group put on a English/Bible Camp, similar to a Vacation Bible School program, for the students of the Southern Baptists School. The group also worked with teenagers during the afternoon, and in the evenings they split up and went home with different families for dinner. Sometimes in the mornings they were able to go sightseeing at different Biblical points of interest such as Mount Nebo, the Jordan River and Petra.

Shelly was also able to spend two months in Serbia, teaching English to adults. She was accompanied by one other teammate and their job there was to build friendships and just get to know the community, as well as to provide the service of teaching English. "Meeting a per-



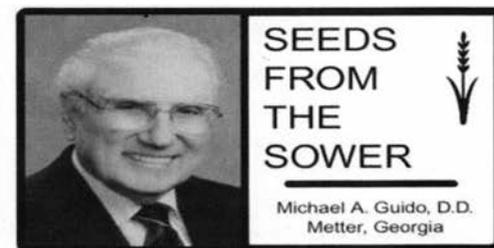
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Shelly Smith's love of the Lord and education allowed her to go on many adventures and to serve in many ways that some people never get the chance to.

son's need(s) is a great step in the right direction towards leading them to Christ," she added.

As an English teacher, Shelly worked primarily on vocabulary with those that she taught. "We were asked to bring local menus, books, and other items that would make learning English more fun. Among many items donated for my trip to Serbia were some Ken's BBQ menus. In Serbia there was a building designated as the English Club, it has several different rooms and a kitchen. Each gathering consisted of snacks, learning and a time of hanging out."

Shelly also added, "Even though you go with the intent to serve and be of help or try to be a blessing to someone's life, God surprises you with blessings! I felt blessed and helped to be there and be involved and God gives you an indescribable peace when you're out of your comfort zone serving Him."



One morning a mother was running late for an appointment. Wanting to look her best, she asked her son to polish her shoes. He did such a good job that she wanted to reward him. So, she gave him a dollar.

As she was putting on one of the shoes, she felt something strange. She reached into the shoe and discovered her dollar bill. With it was a note that read, "Here's your dollar back, Mom. I did it for love."

Love has ears to hear the sigh of the sorrowing. It has eyes to see the needs of those who are suffering. It has feet that run to others to show mercy. It has hands that extend themselves to help others heal. It has a heart that can feel the pain that others are enduring. Love always forgets self to serve others.

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Psalm 78: 1 *Give ear, O My People, to My law: incline your ears to the words of My Mouth.*

This verse presents an Old Testament Command to obey the Law of Moses. In fact, the statement "Give ear to My Law," is found some 32 times in the Old Testament, but not once in the New.

The reason is simple: Jesus fulfilled all the Law, and Faith in Him and what He has done at the Cross makes Believers dead to the Law. Rom 7:4 **WHEREFORE, MY BRETHREN, YOU ALSO ARE BECOME DEAD TO THE LAW.** The Law is not dead per se, but we are dead to the Law because we are dead to its effects; this means that we are not to try to live for God by means of "Law" whether the Law of Moses, or Laws made up by other men or of ourselves; we are to be dead to all Law)

BY THE BODY OF CHRIST, this refers to the Crucifixion of Christ, which satisfied the demands of the broken Law we could not satisfy; but Christ did it for us; having fulfilled the Law in every respect, the Christian is not obligated to Law in any fashion, only to Christ and what He did at the Cross.

THAT YOU SHOULD BE MARRIED TO ANOTHER, EVEN TO HIM WHO IS RAISED FROM THE DEAD We are raised with Him in newness of life, and we should ever understand that Christ has met, does meet, and shall meet our every need; we look to Him exclusively, referring to what He did for us at the Cross.

THAT WE SHOULD BRING FORTH FRUIT UNTO GOD. (Proper fruit can only be brought forth by the Believer constantly looking to the cross; in fact, Christ must never be separated from the work of the Cross; to do so is to produce "*another Jesus*" (11 Cor. 11:4)

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Just Hang On

When I was a bit younger and a bit braver, a group of friends and I shot the rapids

the opportunity, setting up impromptu river tours. After the dam was repaired, legislators were wise enough to pass laws to protect the recreation that had developed on the river. So, for 112 days a year the Ocoee River is “turned on” for kayaking and rafting enthusiasts.

On the morning I arrived at the river there was nothing but rocks. “How are we going to shoot the rapids when I can rock-jump across the river and never get wet?” I asked my guide. Speaking like a cross between Jedi-Master Yoda and some drug-empowered oracle he said, “Sweat it not, dude. The water is coming.”

He was right. The water was coming. Thirty miles upstream the water had been released. It took a little while to get there, but as I watched, the babbling stream turned into a torrent of whitewater, and the adventure was afoot. The power of those rapids was incredible. I couldn’t dictate to the river with my little paddle and rubber dinghy any more than I could turn on or off the dam’s floodgates.

There was no control over the water; I had to go where it pushed me. Sure, at times I could steer, paddle or even stop, hiding behind a huge rock; but when released over the rapids all I could do was scream, flay at the water, and pray. The power of the water had been unleashed, and we were just along for the ride.

Living out the life of faith is a lot like that. We have our raft, paddle, and are in this boat with our friends on the same journey. What began as a dribble is now an unstoppable flood. We are paddling along best we can, moved by the unleashed Spirit of God.

And sometimes we are more than moved. Sometimes life and faith are not placid escapades of reflection and peace. Instead, the journey of faith becomes a bone-jarring exercise in survival, crashing over the rocks and through the rapids, threatening to drown us. We are often jostled from the security of our raft, forced to scream out of desperation for a rope or lifeline of rescue. We struggle and fight just to keep our noses above the water line.

We may get the relieved opportunity to list in quiet pools, catching our breath and resting our muscles from time to time. But then, the water will pick up and we are on our way again. Sure, there are things we can and should do along the way: Pray, hang on, watch out for our friends, and paddle like our hair is on fire. But ultimately we are riding the wave of God as he does his good will and purpose. His power has been turned on in our lives, and all we have to do is hang on and let it take us where it will.

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Strength Team To Appear At Greenville Baptist Church This Sunday

By Jacob Bemby
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The Strength Team will appear at Greenville Baptist Church Sunday morning, April 21, at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

The admission to see the Strength Team perform is free. A donation and offering will be received.

The theme for this team, which is involved in ministering the Gospel of Jesus Christ by demonstrating amazing feats of strength, is "Breaking Barriers...Building Lives."

Greenville Baptist Church (the Church on the Hill) is located at 1365 SW Main Street in Greenville. For more information, call (850) 949-2353.

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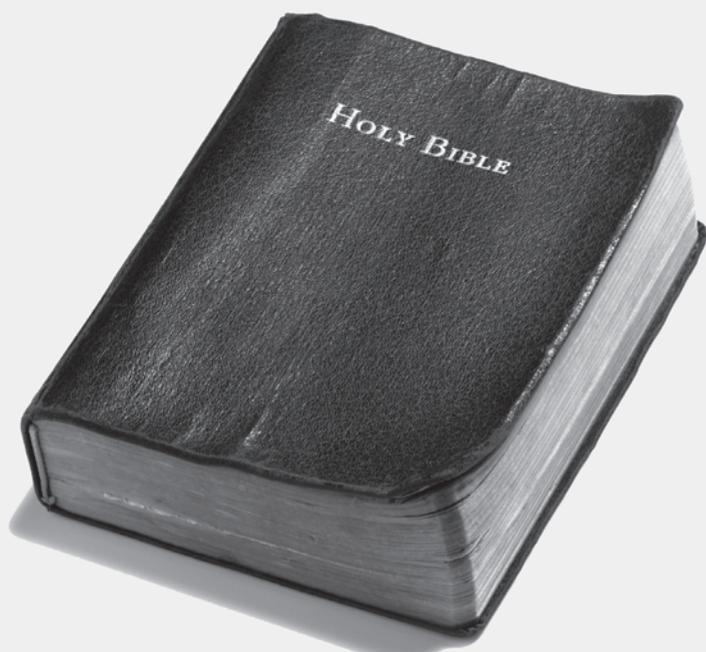
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Madison County To Celebrate Prayer Week By Reading The Bible Through



By Jacob Bemby
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Churches and their members will have an opportunity to sign up during Holy Week services to join in and read the Bible through during Prayer Week, leading up to the National Day of Prayer.

Each year, the Madison County Ministerial Association sponsors a Bible reading marathon at the Gazebo in Madison. The Bible reading will begin this year on Monday evening, April 28, at 6 p.m. and wrap up on Thursday, May 2.

On Thursday, May 2, the National Day of Prayer will be observed at the Courthouse in Madison at 5 p.m.

During the month of April, the Ministerial Association will host prayer walks at different locations beginning at 5 p.m. each Monday.

On April 1, the walk will be held at Madison County High School. On April 8, the Madison County Courthouse will be the location of the prayer walk. On April 15, the prayer walk will be held at Madison County High School. On April 22, the prayer walk will begin at WMAF Radio Station, located on SW Captain Brown Road. On April 29, the final prayer walk will be held at the site of the new hospital.

Everyone is asked to join in the prayer walks.

If you would like to sign up for a time to read the Bible, please call Kay Harris at (850) 973-3238.



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Genesis Missionary Baptist Hosting Cornerstone Ceremony



By Kristin Finney
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Genesis Missionary Baptist Church will be hosting a Cornerstone Ceremony on Sunday April 28 beginning at 3 p.m. The ceremony will include a message from Minister Reginald Daniels.

Everyone is invited to join them for this biblical event. The ceremony will include uplifting messages, fellowship with other believers and much more. They will be celebrating the City of Madison's 175th anniversary as well.

Genesis Missionary Baptist Church is located at 2062 NE Collin Kelly Highway in Madison. Reverend Oliver Bradley is the Pastor, Deloris M. Jones is the Program Coordinator and Gloria J. Washington is the Church Clerk for Genesis Missionary Baptist Church.

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Young Men Serving In Madison County

Two young men answering the call to serve a mission for their Savior are currently meeting with residents of Madison County. They are part of a force of more than 65,000 members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints who have left their homes and are serving in missions around the world.

Elder Carlson (on left in photo) has come to Florida from his home in Oregon to work for two years sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ to all who have a desire to learn more. He attended Brigham Young University (BYU) for one and a half years before suspending his studies in computer engineering to serve the Lord by serving others. At the end of his mission he plans to return to BYU. He said, "Sharing my personal belief of the Savior Jesus Christ and explaining to people how families can be together forever is an experience I would not trade for the world." Elder Carlson is twenty years old and will complete his mission in the Fall of 2013.

Elder Fleetwood (on right in photo) is another twenty year old and comes to Florida from Vernal, Utah. An avid sportsman he enjoys snowboarding, wakeboarding, ice hockey, and soccer. He worked summers to help finance mission expenses. Missionaries and their families take care of the cost of the mission experience for those who serve. Elder Fleetwood said, "My goal is to share the truth with my fellow man." When he completes his mission in the Spring of 2014 he plans to continue his education at BYU in Utah.

If you would like to know more about the gospel of Jesus Christ or just have an in-home devotional, please contact the missionaries at 673-1241 and schedule an appointment—they will come to you.



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Missionaries Elder Carlson (left) and Elder Fleetwood (right) serving in Madison County.

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Only A Few Days Left To Sign-Up For Bible Reading

By Lynette Norris
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The 24/7 Bible reading at the Gazebo in Four Freedoms Park will be starting up in a few days- Sunday evening, April 28 at 6 p.m.

If you want to be one of the ones participating in the marathon reading of the Bible from Genesis all the way through to Revelation, but haven't gotten around to signing up yet, there are still a few days left to check and see if any slots are still open.

For the last several years, the Ministerial Association has sponsored the 24/7 Bible read-through in Four Freedoms Park, during the days leading up to the National Day of Prayer on May 2. Many people take turns reading the Bible over a loud-speaker in 15-minute segments, but they can sign up to read for longer



blocks of time if they wish.

The Bible readings were begun as a way to celebrate the freedom to do so, to read aloud from the Bible; it is one of those freedoms that many believe if it isn't used in a very public and celebratory way, it might be quietly taken away, and few people would even notice.

The reading also fits in with one of the Four Freedoms honored by Four Freedoms Park – the Freedom of Religion.

For more information of Bible reading slots still available, contact Kay Harris at (850) 973-3238.

Even if you don't get a slot to read, you can go by the Gazebo any time between the evening of April 28 and May 2, and hear others reading aloud from the Scripture in anticipation of the National Day of Prayer.



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Women of the Bible: Jemima

By Lynette Norris
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He also had seven sons and three daughters.

And he called the name of the first, Jemima; and the name of the second, Kezia; and the name of the third, Keren-happuch.

And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job: and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren. (Job 42:13-15)

Jemima is another woman of the Old Testament who receives only a brief mention in the Bible. She does not take any active part in a story or narrative; rather, she is simply named at the very end of the Book of Job, as one of Job's three daughters, part of the second family he is given after enduring tragedy upon tragedy upon tragedy in the previous 40-some odd chapters.

Finally, after much suffering, Job repents of despair, sitting in sackcloth and ashes, and God restores him to a prosperity even greater than he had before.

Some find the book of Job downright depressing; the circumstances are grim, and the question it raises, why does God allow evil things to happen to good people, is not an easy one to ponder. The book can be a rather difficult and emotionally draining read, a long didactic prose poem of suffering, loss, death of family, and hideous disease of the body. By the time one reaches the end, it is almost a relief to read about the second family given unto Job, the daughters so fair and beautiful that none can compare to them. Jemima and her sisters emerge onto the scene like a breath of fresh air, a cleansing rain that brings relief to the soul and healing to a blighted landscape.

Perhaps this is part of the lit-

erary function of Job's exceedingly fair daughters, as symbols of the grace, love and redemptive power of God. "Where was thou when I laid the foundations of the earth?" God has asked previously (Job 38:4), and Job, finally, sees that God is greater than any suffering of man.

Perhaps we still find the travails of Job at the hands of Lucifer troubling, more troubling still because it was allowed under God's auspice, and perhaps it could be true that Job may have been only superficially grateful for the good things in his life; the Book of Job does not lend itself to easy interpretation and simple answers.

However, one constant theme throughout the whole ordeal is the persistence of faith, a faith so deep that multiple tragedies cannot overcome it; a beautiful shining faith like Jemima.

Jemima's name means "warm" in the sense of "affectionate" and is also closely related to an Arabic word that means "dove."

The book of Job also held fascination for William Blake, a 19th century British poet, painter, and printmaker. Blake did extensive illustrations of the story Job in two series of prints; in one Job is shown near the end of his life, old and white-bearded, sitting on a hillside with his three daughters, hands raised to the sky.

Another notable thing about Jemima is that she and her sisters are named in the text, while Job's seven sons are not; also she and her sisters are given an inheritance, just like their brothers, another very unusual circumstance.

And it is on this upbeat and redemptive note that Job dies, old, and full of days.

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