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"Synthetic Drug" Prohibition Ordinance Considered

By Lynette Norris
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Since several other Florida counties are adopting ordinances to outlaw the sale of substances used as hallucinatory drugs, the Madison County Commission discussed whether or not Madison should look at doing the same.

The issue, however, is not as simple as it sounds. The ingredients are perfectly legal, meaning the substances can be sold openly in the county; in fact, they are sold

openly, according to the discussion the board had with Madison County Sheriff Ben Stewart.

However, they can have a hallucinatory effect on the user.

The situation is similar to the issue with "bath salts" several months ago – different chemicals, but somewhat similar circumstances – where combinations of legal ingredients were marketed as "bath salts" and labeled "not for human consumption" in order to get around the drug

law. Buyer and seller knew what the product was for, and it was sold openly in gas stations, head shops and independent stores.

The problem was that the "bath salts" had serious, unforeseen and lingering side effects that began showing up in emergency rooms across the country.

With the current situation, ordinary chemicals being used as hallucinogenic drugs, Sheriff Stewart told the board that trying to outlaw it would be a challenge.

"One change in the molecular makeup makes it legal again," he said.

On the other hand, it is a health concern and a safety issue; Stewart spoke of a case in Taylor County where a juvenile had suffered serious injury as a result of using the substances.

Commissioner Rick Davis inquired about the possibility of prohibiting "synthetic drugs" in general rather than trying to outlaw the specific ingredients in them.

County Attorney Tommy

5K "Spontaneous Fun Run/Walk" for Martin Richard Family

Saturday, May 18 – 7:30 a.m.

Submitted by Alexis Sowell

This is eight year-old Martin Richard, who died April 15 in the Boston Marathon bombings. This picture has become the poster/face of #RunforBoston. His words say it all.

My friends and I love to run. We run 10-12 miles a week and run in surrounding area 5K's. It has been our dream to one day run in the NY Marathon and/or the Boston Marathon. We love the crowds cheering the on the runners at the finish line. That is why we are all so moved and feel such sadness for the family of Martin Richard, the 8 year old boy killed at the finish line of the Boston Marathon on April 15. Martin was with his family, his Dad who is a runner, his Mom who underwent brain surgery after injuries sustained that day, his little sister who lost a leg resulting in injuries sustained that day and his little brother, who by the grace of God was not hurt. They were simply cheering on the runners (most of them friends) as a right of passage marking the signs of Spring and warmer weather. This is a family who is constantly giving to others. They now need help and gifts from strangers.

Having said this, my friends and I simply want to help in some small way. We are having a 3.1 mile spontaneous fun run/walk in honor of Martin Richard and his family. 100% of the profits will go directly to the Martin Richard family to help with medical bills, wheel chairs, and anything possible to help make their suffering a little easier. Their lives will never be the same again. Please come out and support this great cause. The price is \$20.00 per runner/walker, which includes a T-shirt. We must have your sizes and registration on or before Friday, May 10th to guarantee shirt availability. (Sign up will be available day of race, but cannot guarantee shirt).

If you would like to donate, volunteer or have any questions, please contact us, Alexis Sowell 850-869-0016, Ashley Jackson 850-591-6896, or Allie Jackson 850-273-0744

Name: _____
Address: _____
Run or Walk: _____

You can also mail the registration form along with your check made payable to: Martin Richard 5K
Send to: Alexis Sowell, 169 SW Range Avenue, Madison, Florida 32340 or Ashley & Allie Jackson, 18326 Talquin Dr. Tallahassee, FL 32310



These runners will host a 5K Walk/Run in honor of Martin Richard and helping his family. From left to right: Allie Jackson, Ashley Jackson, Alexis Sowell and Allyce Rutherford. Allie and Ashley are sisters from Tallahassee and Alexis and Allyce are from Madison. The 5K will be held on Saturday, May 18.

Age: _____
City\State\Zip: _____
T-Shirt size: (Adult S, M, L, XL) _____

Cash Seized

Madison County Sheriff Ben Stewart reports that on Tuesday, April 16, Sgt. Doug Haskell stopped a two-door Volkswagen for two separate traffic violations on Interstate 10 in Madison County. The driver and sole occupant was identified as Walter Eric Holmes of Quincy.

While taking enforcement actions, Sgt. Haskell detected signs of deception and other indicators of possible criminal activity. After completing the enforcement actions for the traffic violations committed, Sgt. Haskell inquired of Holmes if he was transporting any drugs, weapons or large amounts of currency. Holmes stated that he was not. Sgt. Haskell asked Holmes for consent to search the Volkswagen and Holmes granted permission.

During the search, Sgt. Haskell located a large amount of bundled U.S. Currency concealed inside a plastic bag containing men's clothing. The currency was packaged in a manner indicative of drug courier's method of transporting currency either for or from the purchase of illegal narcotics. Holmes claimed the bag and clothing but denied owning or having any knowledge of the currency discovered therein. Holmes could not provide an explanation on how the currency became wrapped in his clothing or concealed in his bag.

Holmes signed a disclaimer of ownership and the currency was seized pending further investigation.



One Injured In Two-Car Accident

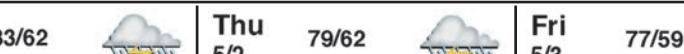
By Jacob Bembry
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Two people were involved in an automobile accident at the intersection of State Road 53 and County Road 150 on Friday afternoon, April 26, at approximately 5:35 p.m.

According to a Florida Highway Patrol report, a 17-year-old driver was northbound on SR 53 in a 1996 Dodge Ram and was attempting to make a left turn onto County Road 150.

The driver of the Dodge Ram made a left turn directly into the path of a 2008 Toyota Yaris, driven by Amber James, 23, of Boston, Ga. The impact caused the front of the Yaris to strike the right rear bumper of the Ram.

James sustained minor injuries in the accident. The juvenile driver was not injured. FHP Trooper Mark Boatwright was the investigating officer.



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Local Weather

Wed 83/62



A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s.

Thu 79/62



Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 60s.

Fri 77/59



Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm.

Sat 78/58



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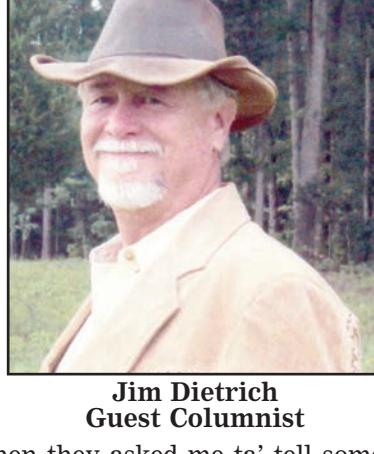
VIEWPOINTS & OPINIONS

CRACKER SEZ

The Floyd Reunion

Me 'n Edgar Floyd has been friends since we was born. Ed always invites me to his family reunions. They had one last saturdee'. Ed pulled 'uh hay wagon under 'uh shade tree 'n made 'uh stage out of it. Umungst' the Floyds is 'uh banjo player, 'uh fiddler, 'n 'uh guitar player. They started play'n some fast mountain music 'n handed out 'uh base tub (made from 'uh wash tub), 'uh jug, 'uh wash board, 'some old hats, 'n all kind'a props fer' folks ta' pretend they was play'n music. There was folks from 80 down ta' 2 years old act'n like stars.

Then Ed got up 'n sung some of the love songs he wrote fer' Lilly when he was try'n ta' get up the nerve ta' ask 'er ta' marry 'eem. He sung "If I could wake up ta' your blue eyes I could handle any day."



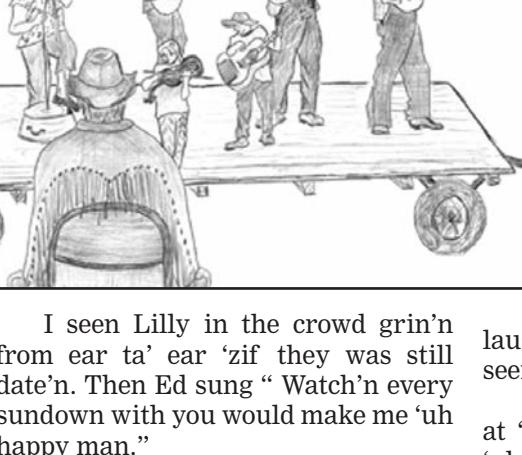
Jim Dietrich
Guest Columnist

Then they asked me ta' tell some stories about me 'n Ed. I seen Ed's uncle Buford Floyd, now 80 years old, in the crowd. I told one that's been kept secrete fer' 50 years. I figured it safe ta' tell it now. It went like this;

When me 'n Ed was 12 years old we decided ta' play 'uh trick on Buford, who happened ta' be high Sheriff back then. One full moon we waited till 2 am 'n 'snuck out 'n borrowed Ed's daddy's old pickup. Ed drove it over, with the lights off, ta' Buford's 'n eased back into his yard. Then Ed spun 'uh wheel all across Buford's yard 'n sped away. We slipped around behind Buford's place 'n watched ta' see what would happen. House lights came on 'n then the Sheriff car took off. We watched Buford zip back 'n forth fer' 'n hour before give'n up 'n go' n home. When I finished the story it seemed everybody there was laugh'n 'cept Buford. Then finally he seen the humor in it 'n cracked up too.

I ain't never had so much fun at 'uh family reunion 'n I ain't even 'uh Floyd.

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



I seen Lilly in the crowd grin'n from ear ta' ear 'zif they was still date'n. Then Ed sung "Watch'n every sundown with you would make me 'uh happy man."

I looked at Lilly again 'n she was wipe'n tears of joy from 'er eyes.

Then Ed's niece, Tammy, started sing'n dance songs. That gal can make anybody want'a dance.

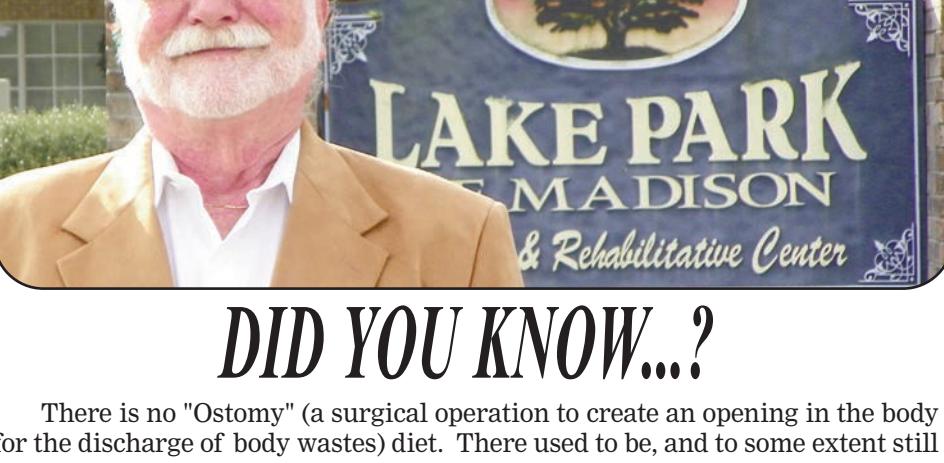
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Health & Wellness Tips

from Frank Nathan, Executive Director
Lake Park of Madison



DID YOU KNOW...?

There is no "Ostomy" (a surgical operation to create an opening in the body for the discharge of body wastes) diet. There used to be, and to some extent still are some outdated theories about what foods ostomates, people with a colostomy, ileostomy, or urostomy, should and should not eat. Mushrooms, onions and fresh vegetables were considered troublemakers, along with some meats. Today, we find that the old food taboos don't necessarily apply. In moderation, most foods do not need to be avoided. If you have any questions about food, and the way your body reacts to it, consult your healthcare professional. Here are some common foods, and hints on how to enjoy them without causing excessive gas, irritation or stoma blockage.

Fibrous vegetables. Vegetables like celery, asparagus and broccoli have long, fibrous strands running through them. Such strands are hard to digest and can form a "ball" behind the stoma. When eating:

Celery. Choose the hearts. These are tender, and the fibers are not as thick as those in the outside stalks. If you must eat the outer stalks, peel down and toss out the outside strands.

Asparagus. Medium stalks are usually the most tender. Start at the tip and work down. As soon as the spear gets tough to cut, go on to the next one and you should have no blockage problems.

Broccoli. The same principle applies as asparagus. Asparagus causes odor in the urine, which can be particularly bothersome to a urostomate.

Onions can produce odor in the stool.

Broccoli, cauliflower and turnips, among others, are considered gas producers, and may require an extra trip to the restroom to relieve that pressure.

Cheese. Natural cheese tends to be more binding than processed cheese, so avoid too much natural cheese at one time. Processed cheeses, such as american, cream and cottage cheese, are easier to digest.

National Security



Joe Boyles
Guest Columnist

Stray Vectors

Editor's note: "Stray Vectors" is the author's byline for random thoughts on the passing scene.

Nearly half (47 percent) of all the adults in America pay no federal income tax. For every dollar that poor people pay in taxes, they receive \$10 in benefits from their government. Pretty good return of 1000 percent, wouldn't you say?

Farmers who have grain in their barns have long known that the food source will attract rodents which attract snakes. The way to interrupt the cycle is with (barn) cats who, by nature, hunt the rodents. Problem solved.

Subway's founder Fred DeLuca says the world's most prolific franchise would not exist if it had to be founded in today's regulatory environment. Is our government strangling grassroots entrepreneurship?

I think it is relatively easy to be against something, but what's the alternative? For example, you might be against hydraulic fracturing (fracking) as a means for recovering oil and gas, but what are you for and what does scientific and economic evidence say about the alternative's viability? It is more important to have a positive agenda than a negative one.

The outfield dimensions of the old Yankee Stadium where Mickey Mantle hit most of his fly balls were 407 in right center; 461 in center; and 457 in left center. How many 440 foot fly outs did he hit in 18 seasons that would be thirty feet over the wall in any modern ballpark?

The taxpayers of New York pay more than \$18K every year to educate each student in NYC. Now we find out that 80 percent of the city's high school graduates cannot read! What are the taxpayers paying for? It certainly isn't for education, at least, not as I understand it.

Lying is a temporary fix that is always difficult to sustain. So many people get trapped in their web of lies. It is much easier to sustain the truth ... as difficult as that might seem.

Will the Democrats sweep the 2014 midterm elections permitting President Obama to enact an aggressive socialist agenda his final two years in office? History is against that, in terms of precedent and voter turnout, but we'll see. Stay tuned.

Looks can be deceiving ... and so are words. I have a suggestion for all who follow our president: don't listen to what he says; instead, watch what he (and his

Fresh Fruit. In moderation, fruit can and should be included in a well balanced diet. If you have trouble digesting oranges and/or grapefruit, try squeezing the juice and discarding the skin.

Apples, pears and peaches are great without their skins, if you find them hard to digest.

Oranges: Fresh oranges are usually listed as a problem. Many ostomates choose orange juice instead. Some folks had persistent pouch system leakage problems until they discovered that switching away from eating fresh oranges with the inherent pulp, to filtered orange juice, permanently solved the problem.

Fruit naturally produces activity in our elimination systems. Keep this in mind when you're at a picnic or the beach...or anywhere facilities are not readily available.

Oysters, clams & mussels. Though delicious treats, mollusks can be more difficult to digest than other types of seafood, and may cause a minor blockage behind the stoma. Be sure to chew mollusks well. Avoid tough morsels. These are the major offenders giving ileostomates the most trouble. Seafood of all kinds may cause odor in the stool. Appliance deodorants are most helpful in controlling this problem.

Nuts. The most difficult nuts to digest are the hard ones, such as peanuts, almonds and hazelnuts. Chew them well, and be careful not to overindulge--no more than a handful at a sitting. Even non-ostomate nut lovers may experience discomfort after enjoying more than a reasonable share of nuts. Moderation is the key. Also, drink water and have other food with the nuts, the blockage may not be as bad, or even happened.

Meats. Most meats and poultry do not present problems for the average ostomate, but those with fat content or heavy casings can be somewhat more difficult for the bowel to handle. Some of the bratwurst types can have very heavy casings that should be removed to reduce the chance of blockage.

Try sausage patties instead of links, or try hot dogs with the skin removed. Most sausage casings nowadays are purported to be very thin plastic, which are not something you would want in large pieces behind your stoma. When eating fatty cuts of pork, lamb or beef, cut small pieces, avoid eating gristle, chew well and limit your intake.

Other. Corn on the cob, popcorn, dried foods & coconut. Creamed corn seems to be fairly well tolerated, some people report eating corn on the cob as a sure trip to the hospital. Coconut seems to be mentioned very often as something to eat only in small quantities. Some people tolerate popcorn fairly well, others do not. Try cautiously. When it comes to obstruction behind the stoma, these are major offenders. In fact, even people without ostomies can suffer major tummy aches after indulging.

Chew, chew, chew... and remember limit your intake. Never overeat. This warning is especially true for people with an ileostomy. Corn and peas are better tolerated when the hard outside husks are slit. We have ileostomates who will occasionally eat a small sweet corn. They slit each line of the cob with a very sharp knife. This breaks the kernel and makes the corn easier to digest.

Spices & Carbonation. Heavily spiced foods and sauces can act as agents

that speed up our bodily functions. For some people they may produce gas. Carbonated beverages are gas producers, too. One great way to get the bubbles out of carbonated drinks is with a dash of sugar. It will cause a frenzy of fizz and leave the beverage safely flat. Don't fill the glass too full first, or the soda will foam over the top of the glass.

AROUND MADISON COUNTY

Letter To The Editor

Letters to the Editor are typed word for word, comma for comma, as sent to this newspaper.

Is Armageddon Here? Now?

I have heard, and read the word Armageddon for years. I always thought, never in my lifetime, possibly in another thousand years? But not now, not today, right?

Historians may very well call November 6th 2012 the second phase of the Obama administration and the end of the United States Republic, as we knew it. In 2008 many thinking people wondered, "Just who is this guy? What has he ever done? There were no answers, most of Obama's life was kept under wraps, and the so-called media never questioned him.

In the beginning, things were good. Gas was \$1.89 per gallon in Madison and \$1.69 elsewhere. Food was inexpensive as we were yet to use our food to feed our automobiles. Obama told us he was here to change things and that he did. He promised those that voted for him things, such as Obama dollars, Obama phones, Obama Care, then put forty seven million people on food stamps as of December 2012. Today it's 51 million people, with no means of paying for all these wonderful vote-buying things.

Shortly after the 2nd election, Obama expressed his desire to disarm the American people and will do so via Executive fiat, unless Congress gives him what he wants.

The following was told to me by a Federal Officer in mid January, I was also told he had the paperwork on his desk.

"What Obama wants, is to ban all magazines over 10 rounds and any firearm that can hold a magazine over 10 rounds. Those in existence today will be grandfathered in, however they will have to be registered with the Government. After the registration of those that are willing to register their firearm is done, quote "there will be another mass murder". Therefore, we will need to pick up all firearms in order to save our children".

Obama has said he is going to send federal agents into Oklahoma and other states to enforce Obama Care, is there any reason why he won't send federal agents in to enforce his gun registration? If Obama "dictates" an executive order that I have to turn in or register any weapon and I refuse, who will enforce that dictate? If Obama then dictates that I can't own particular types of weapons or magazines and I refuse that order, who will enforce that dictate? In his Executive Order decree on Obama Care he essentially said the states have no right to oppose the federal government, the federal government has the final say, PERIOD! Obama is the ultimate authority of the land. Our Declaration of Independence and our Constitution say different. However, Obama and his Gang of Vipers see themselves as rulers, rather than servants of We the People.

Obama will seal all future elections for the Democrat party to possibly forever, by allowing some 15 to 20 million illegal immigrants to become Democrat voters, also by fiat. Please note, none of this is legal according to our Constitution but for this administration, it matters not. Were I an Illegal, I would also vote for the one that gave me citizenship without having to work for it. The chances of the Hispanic voting for a Republican are somewhere between none,

and "ya gotta be kidding me".

When our Government can no longer print bogus money and we can no longer pay those we owe, our Republic will fail. No Empire has ever lasted much more than 200 years and they have always fallen from within. I see anarchy coming to our streets much like Greece, Spain, and or most of Europe, looking for unavailable handouts to pay bills.

We now have what I call "much laziness" in our country. We can no longer protect ourselves, we can no longer feed ourselves, and we are no longer responsible for our children. We have abdicated all our responsibilities to big brother government. Governments today dictate most everything we do; one can no longer walk down any street, even here in Madison without breaking some law. It's no longer a matter of time; it's a matter of when Armageddon gets here and that may well be today.

Our borders are sieves for anyone to enter and do us harm, I ran into a (MS 13) gang member in Winn Dixie a few days ago. Why is he in my County? My City, or my Country? I'm sure it's not some job wanting or needing him here. Also, how did he ever get an EBT card to pay for the food and stuff he purchased?

One week ago, a single 19-year-old bomber locked down the entire city of Boston under unofficial Martial Law. The worst part? No one complained about it. Law enforcement was given high fives for eliminating the 4th Amendment. Though it was a citizen that actually found the 19 year old in his boat, then worried as he had no way to defend himself as firearms are not allowed in Massachusetts, 20 minutes after calling 911, a gazillion police arrived to save he and his family. Are we so concerned about our own safety that we are willing to have our rights removed without so much as a "Holy Crap"? Apparently this is the case, and you can be assured this government took notice. We've also seen a Saudi national go from "suspect" to "witness" to absolutely nothing to do with the Boston bombings? Though he was rated 2123B which is considered a Terrorist and is not allowed on our airplanes.

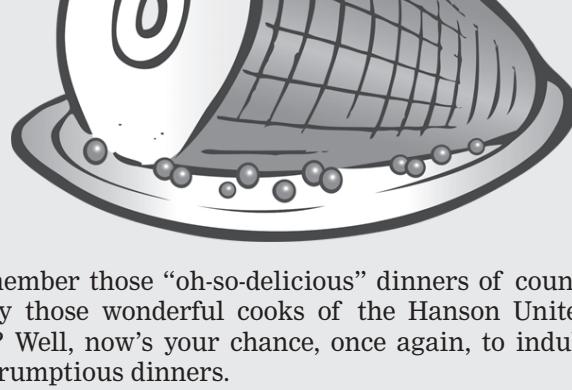
We've heard Janet Napolitano testify before Congressional groups about this Saudi national and it turns out the women lied. Moreover, we have seen both Obama and Napolitano decide that they will no longer deport people who are here illegally. Now how dumb is that? People that hate us? and wish to kill us? are welcomed here? In our country?

Below are pictures of the 1st bombing in Boston, they are not for the faint of heart. This carnage was the work of two men that should never have been allowed in the United States, however today; our government is broken and no longer able to protect us. And that remainder bomber piece of garbage was read his Miranda rights? The only rights I would have given him, was the right to die, but only, after I received all the information I wanted from him. But that's just me.

George Pouliot

<http://cryptome.org/2013-info/04/boston-bombs/boston-bombs.htm>

Ham Eating Time In Hanson Again!



Remember those "oh-so-delicious" dinners of country ham prepared by those wonderful cooks of the Hanson United Methodist Church? Well, now's your chance, once again, to indulge in one of these scrumptious dinners.

The church is baking these delicious hams once again on Friday, May 3, to be sliced into thick slices and added to plates of potato salad, green beans, pickles, rolls, tea and dessert.

A donation of \$7.00 per generous plate will be collected beginning at 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Carryouts will be available or you can dine with your family and friends in our fellowship dining room hall.

It's Friday night. Don't cook when you can eat a nice dinner and relax while you eat with the nicest folks around the wonderful people of Madison County. See you all there!

Hanson United Methodist Church is located at 290 N.E. Daisy Street, seven miles north of Madison off the Colin Kelly Highway (Highway 145).

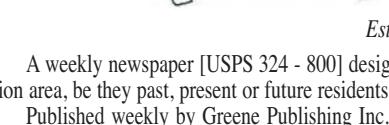
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AROUND MADISON COUNTY

Obituaries

Jack Oxford Wade

Jack Oxford Wade, 97, passed away Tuesday, April 23, 2013 in Bainbridge. A graveside service will be held 11:30 a.m., Saturday, April 27, 2013 at Oak Ridge cemetery in Madison. In lieu of flowers, family asked donations be made to a favorite charity.

Jack was a native of Madison County, where he lived most of his life. He operated the Pure Oil Station in front of the Smith Goza Mansion and later was owner/operator of Jack Wade Oil Company. He was an Elder at First Presbyterian Church in Madison, members of the Lions Club and the Country Club, enjoyed playing golf and was a volunteer firefighter. He later retired to Tallahassee spending several years of his life at Westminster Oaks.

He is survived by his daughter, Sissy McCown (husband John) of Attapulgus, Ga.; two grandchildren, Eloise McCown Johnson (husband David) and John McCown (wife Kate) of Bentonville, Ark.; and great-grandchildren, David James, Sarah Kate, Caroline Wade and Eloise Grace Johnson and Jack, Mary Ella and Ashlyn McCown.

Jack is preceded in death by his wife, Eloise Bronson Wade.

Sally Lou Wilson

Sally Lou Wilson, age 80 died Monday, April 29, 2013 at Haven Hospice in Lake City.

Graveside funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, at Cherry Lake Baptist Cemetery.

She graduated from Madison High School in 1951, and retired from Gold Kist and was of the Baptist faith.

She is survived by several nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

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

George Florence Joseph

George Florence Joseph, age 89, died Monday in Haven Hospice in Lake City.

Graveside Funeral service will be Wednesday 4 p.m. at Mt. Horeb Cemetery.

She lived in Valdosta, Ga., before going to Haven Hospice and operated a Laundry Mat. She was a member of Forrest St. United Methodist Church, Valdosta, GA.

She is survived by two daughters: Florence Diane Henderson-Simmons of Lake City, and Mary Ann Willis of Nashville, Ga.; one sister: Van Dalah Thompson of Sanford; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

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

Merlene Webb Albritton

Merlene Webb Albritton, age 78, died Monday, April 29, 2013 at Lake Park of Madison.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, at Beggs Funeral Home with burial at Corinth Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday night.

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



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May 1 and 2

Continuous Bible reading continues at the Gazebo in the Four Freedoms Park and will continue through the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 2.

May 4

The Suwannee Valley Human Society will host its spring fling from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Enjoy food and meet some of the most popular animals in residence. Free adoption day for large dogs only and adult cats over one year old. Ask about Purina's Pets for People (need to be 55 years old or older).

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 4

LifeSong in concert at Yogi Bear Campground Opry Hall, 7 p.m. Free admission. A love offering will be received.

May 8

The 55 Plus Club will host Tina Demotsis, from the Madison County Sheriff's Office, as its guest speaker at noon. The 55 Plus Club is located at the United Methodist Cooperative Ministries Center, located in the Hanson community.

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May 11

Chicken dinner fundraiser for Michael Gaston set for May 11 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Plates are available for \$7.50 each. Call Cyrus Bachari at (229) 506-2743 to reserve your plate.

May 17 and 18

Treasures of the Suwannee will be presented as part of the Advent Christian Village Centennial Celebration at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 17, and Saturday, May 18. Talented ACV staff members, along with guest musicians on the fiddle and banjo, will touch your hearts with this musical stage production.

Mark Your Calendar!



AROUND MADISON COUNTY

Kelly Godsey: Preparedness Is Key For Weather Safety

By Lynette Norris
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Like many meteorologists, Kelly Godsey's fascination with predicting weather began as a hobby when he was a child.

"A hurricane got me into weather about 25 or 30 years ago," he told the Madison Rotary Club, describing how pine trees whipped back and forth in the high winds as he watched in fascination from a window in his childhood Tennessee home.

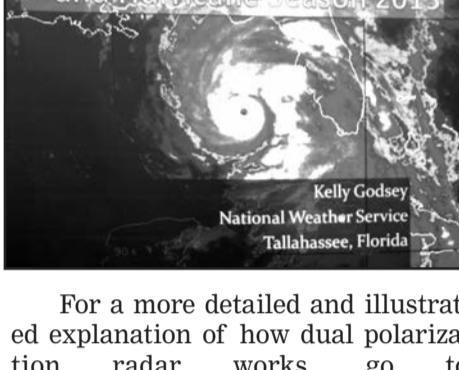
Now, weather is a family affair, because his wife, Amy, is also a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Tallahassee, and the two of them are expecting their first child in August – the height of the hurricane season.

Florida's National Weather Service operates out of the meteorology building on the Florida State University campus in Tallahassee. Drivers going past the building at the right time may have observed the launching of weather balloons every morning and afternoon. The center covers a 48-county area in South Georgia and the Florida Big Bend, from Destin to the Suwannee River, and as far north as Quitman, Ga.

Besides providing daily forecasts, the primary mission of the meteorology center is protecting life and property by providing timely warnings of severe weather conditions. Recently, National Weather Service stations have upgraded to dual polarization radar, a detecting tool that sends out both a horizontal and vertical pulse to

better read the size and shape of precipitation and determine whether it is raindrops, snowflakes or hail.

It is also capable of recognizing debris in the air; before dual polarization radar, a "hook" or "comma" pattern in the color weather radar picture indicated likely tornado formation. With the new system that can recognize the very distinct signature of debris in the air, a meteorologist can confirm a tornado on the ground.



For a more detailed and illustrated explanation of how dual polarization radar works, go to <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/lzk/?n=du-pol0812.htm>.

The weather center in Tallahassee is filled with a plethora of computers that allow meteorologists to look at any kind of data gathered from weather satellites, as well as Internet reports and ground observations. One entire wall is covered with seven or eight large flat-screen monitors that keep track of weather information from all over the country, providing information to the 10 meteorologists

who take turns staffing the center 24/7. They will collate and interpret all this information and send out weather forecasts to various TV stations and other weather news outlets.

This modern marvel of meteorological data gathering has its roots back in the 1940s. Radar technology was in its infancy, and engineers soon realized that weather disturbances caused echoes on their equipment that could mask enemy planes. The post-war years also saw the use "hurricane hunter planes" that grew out of a bet between two pilots in Texas – a bet that they could safely fly their planes into the heart of a hurricane. Both pilots were successful, and the NOAA's Hurricane Hunter program soon arose. In all those years, although there have been a few close calls, the program hasn't lost a single plane.

When it comes to severe weather, forecasting can get the information out to people, but their preparedness to act on that information is key to staying safe.

"People need to know what their risks and vulnerabilities are," said Godsey.

They need to know how they will get out of an area before the storm hits. They need to know if they're living in a low-lying flood-prone area, or realize that the tall trees surrounding their house could snap in high winds, in order to better judge their need to evacuate when severe weather is on the horizon. They need to keep emergency kits, including flashlights and batteries, ready to go on a moment's notice. They need to think about a three-day supply of water, as well as food that doesn't require refrigeration or cooking. They need to have cash on hand and gas in their vehicles.

In fact, when it comes to flood-prone areas, the Florida Gulf Coast in the Big Bend Area is very vulnerable to storm surge flooding, precisely because of its Big Bend shape. From Apalachicola, it arches upward into Wakulla and Jefferson Counties, and then curves back down again toward Taylor and Lafayette, a shape that funnels and concentrates a surge of wind-driven water, leaving it nowhere else to go except onshore.

Hurricanes and tropical storms are the kinds of severe weather most people in this area are likely to see, and the 2013 hurricane season begins June 1, running through the end of November. Since this part of North Florida hasn't been hit with a hurricane since Kate in 1985, part of the weather center's concern is reminding people of their vulnerability to an intense storm. Whether a hurricane



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Kelly Godsey of the National Weather Service in Tallahassee discusses the 2013 Hurricane Season at Madison Rotary Club.

season is active, with many named storms, or quiet, it takes only one storm hitting an area hard enough to make it a "bad" hurricane season for the people who live there.

When trying to predict how many storms will form, NWS looks primarily at four factors: El Nino or La Nina, which determines how much wind shear there will be in the upper atmosphere; higher or lower sea temperatures than normal in the Atlantic – it requires seawater temperature of 78 to 80 degrees to grow and sustain a hurricane; the amount of rainfall in Sub-Saharan Africa – less rain means fewer tropical waves or disturbances coming off the African coast; and atmospheric conditions over North America.

This year, the Atlantic Hurricane Season prediction calls for 16 named storms; of those, eight are expected to reach hurricane status, and four are expected to be major. However, that doesn't tell the whole story, since there is still no way of knowing where these storms will strike. In 2010, there were 19 named storms and 12 hurricanes, but none hit the United States. In 2004, there were only 15 storms and 9 hurricanes, but four of them hit Florida.

The story of weather forecasting is still being written, and even with today's technology, weather forecasting, although vastly improved, is still an inexact science. For continued safety and well-being, people still depend on the knowledge and skills of the National Weather Service meteorologists, and their own good judgment for knowing when to flee a dangerous weather system headed their way.

For more information on the National Weather Service Office in Tallahassee go to: www.srh.noaa.gov/tlh/.

New Lions Club Member Gets His Official Vest



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Norman Brightwell, the Lions Club's newest member, officially welcomed at an earlier meeting, receives his official gold and blue vest at the April 22 meeting. Left to right are Brightwell and Lions Club President Jay Lee.

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AROUND MADISON COUNTY

Tim Sanders is First Ever Honorary Member of the Madison Kiwanis Club



*By Lynette Norris
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On April 18, 2013, Madison Clerk of the Court Tim Sanders was not only named the first-ever honorary member of the Madison Kiwanis Club, he also had the honor of receiving his Kiwanis Club pin from the Florida Kiwanis Lt. Gov. Jim Ledbetter during the Annual Kiwanis Pastoral Appreciation Prayer Breakfast.

Madison Kiwanis President Jerome Wyche said later that Sanders had been nominated some time earlier for the honor, "Because of his intense community involvement surrounding Madison's youth, organizations, and all the other pieces that work together to move the community forward."

Wyche said that the Club had kept it as a surprise for as long as possible, but had to tell Sanders shortly before the event to make sure he would be there.

Sanders, a life-long resident of Madison County, addressed the gathered audience, thanking them for the honor and saying that he was very blessed to have grown up in a place like Madison.



As the very first honorary member of the Madison Kiwanis Club, Tim Sanders addresses the audience at the 2013 Prayer Breakfast. Standing behind him are Kiwanis Membership Chair Cindy Vees and Kiwanis President Jerome Wyche. Seated at the table is Kiwanis Secretary Deena Hames.

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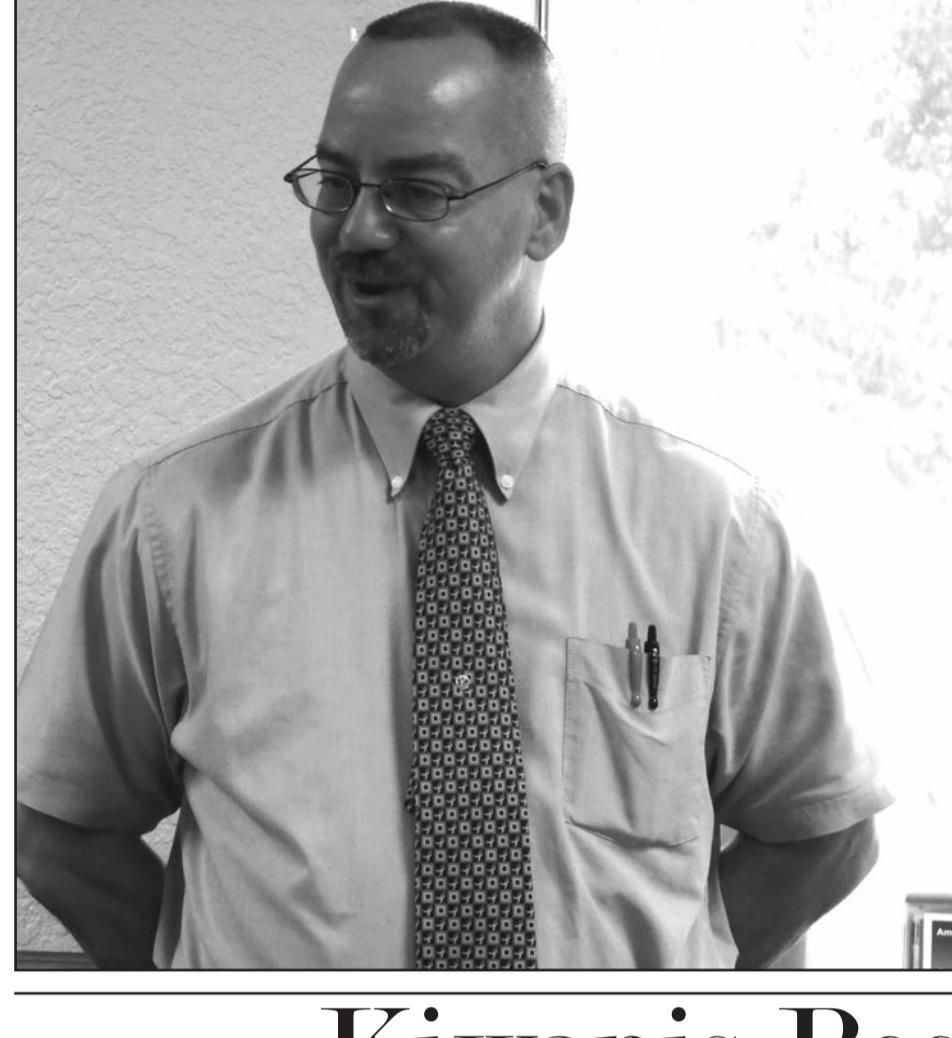
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AROUND MADISON COUNTY

Jim Freeman Says Goodbye To Fellow Kiwanians



By Lynette Norris
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Jim Freeman, Warden of Madison Correctional Institution for the last six or seven months, will soon be leaving Madison County to take on a new assignment in Baker County.

Freeman, originally from New York, grew up in New Jersey, came to Florida in 1978 to go to school, and like many people who come to Florida for one reason or another, he never left.

From the Garden State, he made his home in the Sunshine State.

His home and family are now in Raiford, in Union County, but during the few short months that he has been in Madison, working at MCI, he said that he has come to consider Madison "home" as well.

"I appreciate the welcome you gave me and the support of this community," he told his fellow Kiwanis Club members at their April 25 meeting, as he stood to make a formal goodbye.

The Florida Department of Corrections has taken on a new emphasis on "re-entry programs," or programs that get soon-to-be-released inmates ready to go back into society and successfully transition to independent living. Successfully coping with life on the outside and the demands being self-supporting are key to reducing recidivism of newly-released inmates, and the more prepared they are by the time they leave the prison system, the more likely they are not to re-offend and end up back inside.

Baker County, where Freeman is being transferred, will operate as a re-entry program, and he hopes it will not only be a success, but also serve as the flagship facility for re-entry programs in Florida.

Adding that he had already looked up a Kiwanis Club in Baker County, Freeman said that he plans to come back and visit Madison from time to time.

"I won't be a stranger," he said. "It's a lovely town."

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Warden Jim Freeman, soon to be leaving, says goodbye to friends at the Madison Kiwanis Club.

Kiwanis Recognizes Hope Brownsword Of Aaron's Store

By Lynette Norris
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The Kiwanis club had several special guests at its April 25 meeting, some from Tallahassee Kiwanis Clubs, and some from the community of Madison. One of the special guests that Kiwanis President Jerome Wyche wanted to recognize and thank publicly was Hope Brownsword of Aaron's Store. Her help was a big part of why the Kiwanis Club's recent fundraiser, raffling off a flat-screen television during the "Down Home Days" celebration, was such a success.

Brownsword was instrumental in persuading the management of Aaron's to sell the television (valued at around \$750) to the club for about a third of the cost. Because of this, Kiwanis was able to net about \$1200 on the raffle tickets it sold, far more than it would have, if it paid the full price, making the fundraiser a great success.

President Wyche presented Ms. Brownsword with a certificate of appreciation for her effort, an effort that meant roughly an extra \$500 raised by the ticket sales would go to work directly in the community.

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Hope Brownsword accepts a Kiwanis Certificate of Appreciation for her help in their recent fundraiser.



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SCHOOL

MCCS Spring Fling Carnival Draws A Crowd

By Lynette Norris
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On a warm spring afternoon after school, with spring fever running high, the Madison County Central School courtyard was transformed into an arena of fun and games where anything could happen — including the school principal getting dunked in a dunking booth.

Even overcast skies at the beginning couldn't put a damper on things. Before long the sun had broken through.

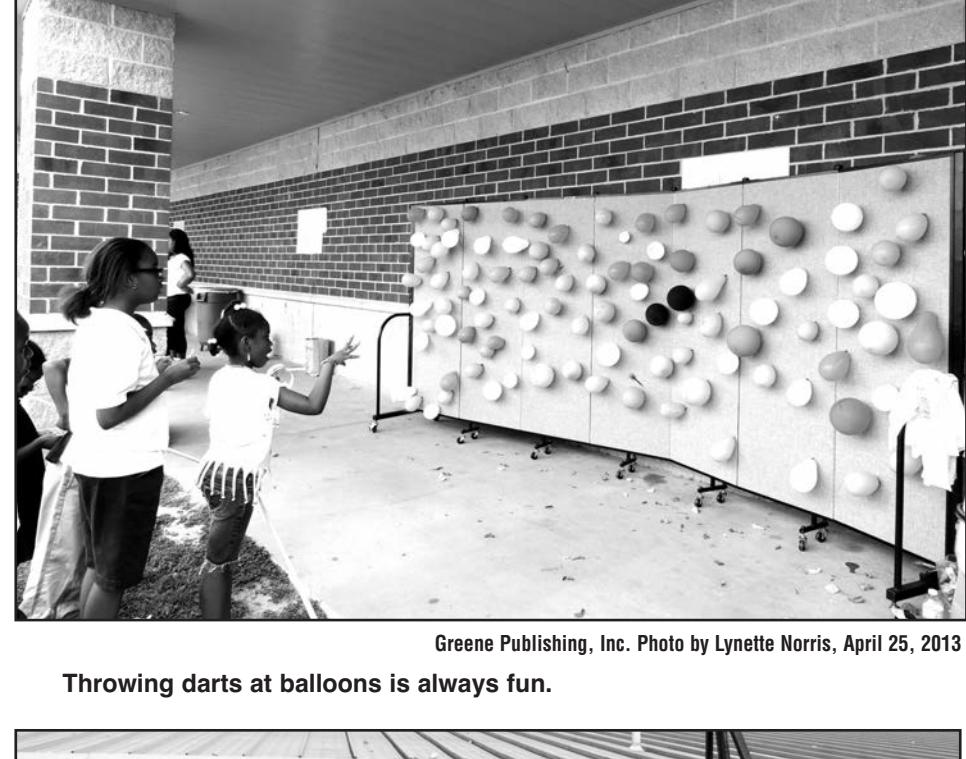
Thursday's Spring Fling Carnival featured games, bounce houses, face painting, food, and some seriously good carnival fun, with lines at several of the most popular games as students and other carnival visitors waited to redeem their tickets for a chance at a football toss, beanbag toss, pie eating contest, balloon popping or fishing game.

What a way to end the school day!



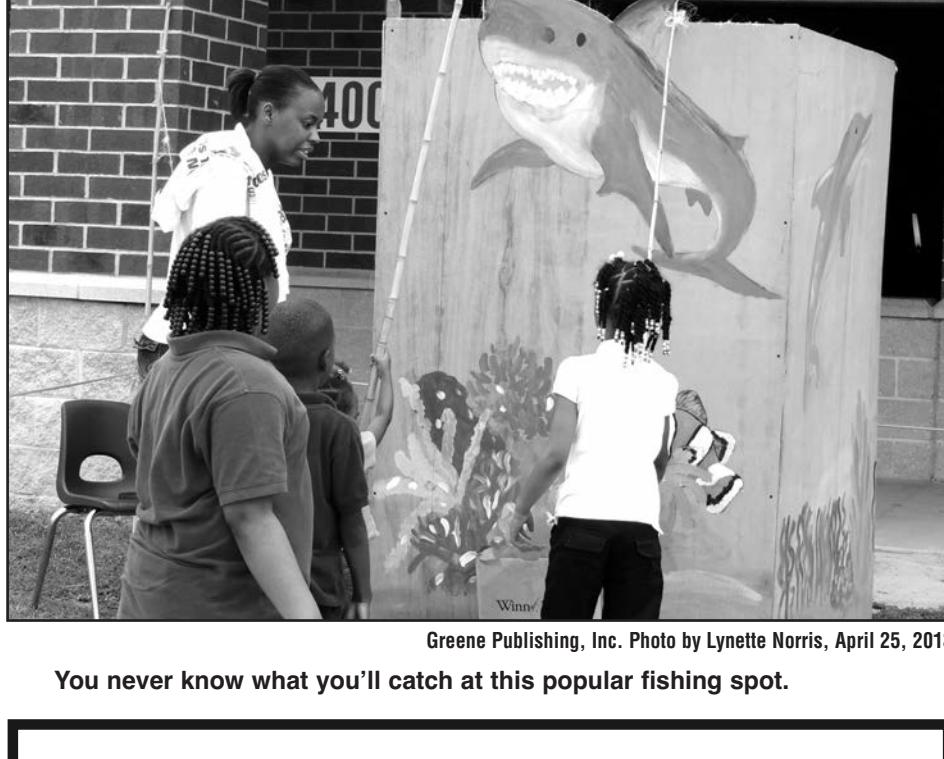
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Why have one bounce house when three will do just as well? The bounce house section was probably the busiest corner of the MCCS courtyard.



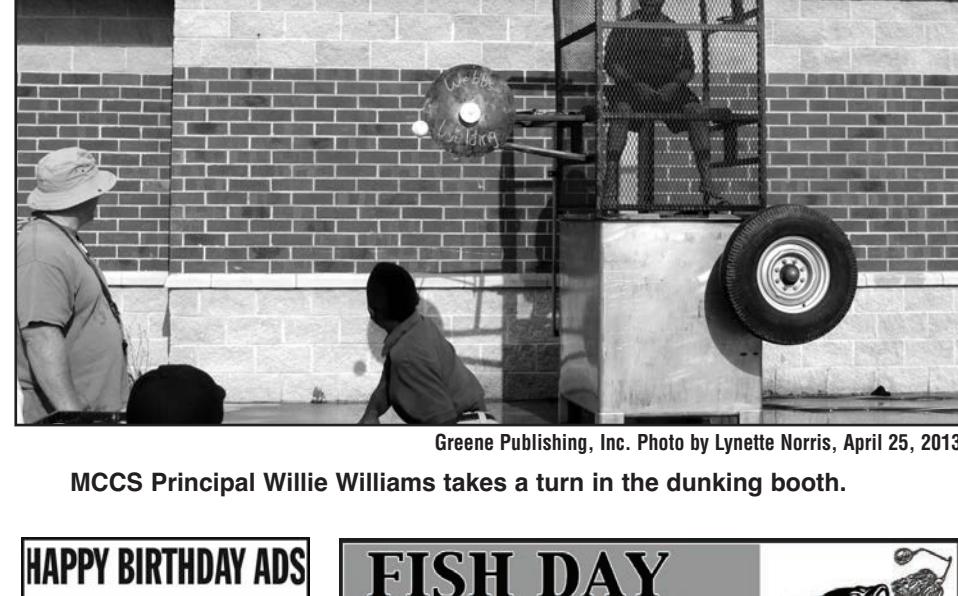
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Throwing darts at balloons is always fun.



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MCCS Principal Willie Williams takes a turn in the dunking booth.

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SCHOOL

Phil Wilkerson Discusses the Value of Education

By Lynette Norris
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A rutabaga, rather than a shiny red apple, is a better symbol for education, Phil Wilkerson told the Rotary Club.

Traditionally, the apple was chosen to represent education, because although its roots may be bitter, the fruit is sweet.

However, the rutabaga is a tough, long-lasting vegetable. It endures.

You can even play softball with it, but you might not pass your class if you brought the teacher a rutabaga rather than an apple.

Wilkerson, Director of Advising for North Florida Community College, talked about the value of education, something that was brought home to him when he was in his mid-thirties, when the factory where he worked while attending school shut down.

As director of student advising at the smallest community college in the state that nevertheless serves the largest geographical area of any, he has considered the value of education while looking into reasons why NFCC loses some of its students along the way. He discovered that much of it is behavioral; the students, for the most part, are quite capable of succeeding, but they don't manage themselves or their time very well, and run the risk of letting the rutabaga/apple slip through their hands.

Some students come to college totally unprepared. Even with an assessment test to determine where they are academically, they have no idea what they want to do, and little or no idea of what to expect or what is required of them for success in a college environment.

To counter that, Wilkerson described an effort he called the "long-term python," reaching out to children as far back as the sixth grade, bringing in groups of middle school students on field trips and showing them around the campus. *Here is what we offer, and here is what is required and here is what you need to start doing now in order to be prepared when you get here.*

NFCC advisors also work closely with high-school guidance counselors to get current, accurate information out to prospective students. Local high schools are now doing a much better job of preparing students for college. NFCC does offer some remedial classes for those who need it, but students who don't have to go through a lot of college prep classes after they reach NFCC will get more out of

the time and money that they do spend on their education.

And then, there are students who arrive at NFCC who can almost advise themselves. They have completed the necessary groundwork in high school, know what they want to do and which classes they need in order to do it. One of the best examples of such students are the dual enrollment students, often the "bright shining stars" of NFCC, because they know the ropes, know what the work load is like and know how to effectively budget their time.

Another thing Wilkerson has discovered is that 90 percent of the NFCC student body are first-generation college students – the first ones in their families to attend college; that is a figure that hasn't changed much in the last 20 years, and it's not uncommon in rural areas like Madison and its neighboring counties.

The biggest effort in student advising is focused on the "front-end hookups" – getting students into the right program and helping them make them most of the time and money they spend on getting an education. Once in a while, a student will be interested in a program he or she is not really suited for, but this is fairly rare. An example might be a student who has vague ideas about being a veterinarian, but just can't seem to get the hang of chemistry or complicated math. In that case, the chances for success are quite slim, and the advisor would try to steer the student toward another program of interest that is better suited to his/her strengths.

Students in the school's A.A. programs can transfer to a 4-year institution upon graduation; NFCC also has programs such as the License Practical Nursing (LPN) program that runs about 11 months and requires successful passing of a test at the end, and the students are ready to go right to work.

Another NFCC goal is more vo-tech programs



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Director of Advising Phil Wilkerson discusses some of the programs available to help students succeed at North Florida Community College.

that could train students right here in Madison instead of having them travel out of the area and contribute to another tax base. If such programs require 600 hours or more, they could be eligible for PELL grants, which would draw in more students.

In these economic times, when many educational institutions aren't getting the funding they used to, it's more important than ever to help students get the most out of their education dollar, for a result that will endure.

For more information about NFCC and the programs it offers, visit the website at www.nfcc.edu or contact the front office at (850) 973-2288.

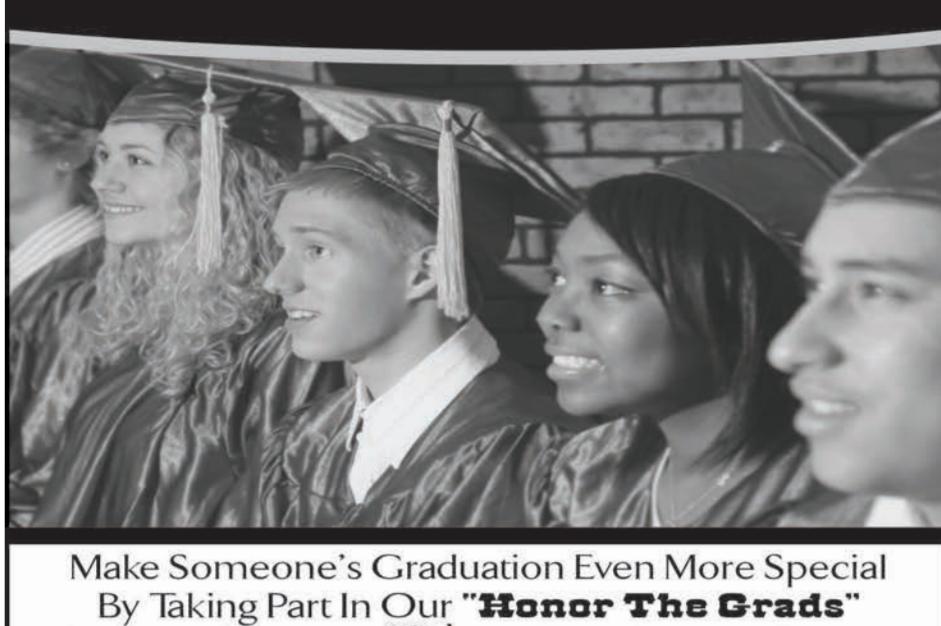
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The camp, sponsored by Big Bend AHEC, the Healthcare Workforce Network and NFCC Allied Health, is a great camp for young students interested in healthcare as a possible career or students who simply want to have fun while learning valuable information this summer. Cost to attend is \$50 per student. This fee includes meals, snacks and skills lab materials. Pre-registration is required. Space is limited to the first 20 students who pre-register. Deadline to register is Monday, June 10. To pre-register or for additional information, contact Denise Bell at (850) 973-9481 or email CommunityEducation@nfcc.edu.



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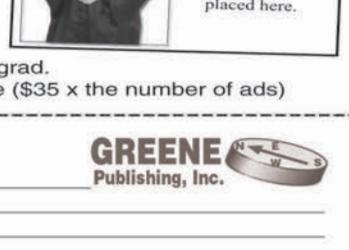
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NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FROM THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA FOR AGENT OF RECORD SERVICES FOR ITS GROUP HEALTH, VISION AND DENTAL INSURANCE

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the intention of the Board of County Commissioners of Madison County, Florida, that it is accepting proposals from qualified firms to provide Agent of Record Services to the County for its group Health (including compliance with COBRA), Dental and Vision Insurances. In furtherance of this RFQ the following information is given:

COUNTY CONTACT PERSON: Hon. Tim Sanders, Clerk of the Circuit Court
Physical Address: Madison County Courthouse
125 SW Range Ave.
Madison, FL 32340
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 237
Madison, FL 32341
Phone: (850) 973-1500

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT
OF RESPONSES TO RFQ:** May 24, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

A packet containing all of the terms, conditions and provisions of this RFQ can be obtained from the County Contact Person listed above. The award of this RFQ any contract which may result from this RFQ shall be governed by such packet. The Board reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals as may be in the best interest of the County.

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

If a person 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 on April 26, 2013.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: /s/ Tim Sanders
Tim Sanders,
Clerk

5/1, 5/3

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 and supervision including maintenance of Traffic (MOT) to: to construct drainage and roadway improvements, including all work required by the FDOT Driveway Permit, as shown in the Construction Plans prepared for Madison County and designated as SE Dale Leslie Drive Extension Construction Plans, dated April, 2013, and known as Project No. FY 2013 – 04.

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.

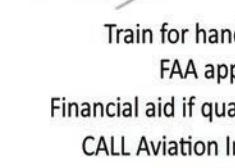
Please be advised that a **MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE** will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 9:00 AM in the County Commission Meeting Room located in the Madison County Courthouse Annex Building, 229 SW Pinckney Street in Madison, Florida. **BIDS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FROM ANY BIDDER WHO IS NOT REPRESENTED AT THIS CONFERENCE.**

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, telephone # 850-973-2156, beginning Wednesday, May 1, 2013. Each contractor interested in bidding these projects is strongly urged to obtain copies of the bid packages immediately in order to have time to review all information and visit the project location prior to the Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference.

Bids will be opened on Thursday, May 30, 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, June 5, 2013.

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

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The election will be held on May 27-31, 2013, in the Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.'s (SREC) office located at: 146 SE Bunker Street, Madison, Florida 32341. Listed below are the general duties of SREC, Inc. Board Members:

1. Sets major organizational, personnel, fiscal and program policies.
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The SREC, Inc. Board of Directors meet quarterly in Live Oak, Florida.

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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, 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.

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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, a distance of 100 feet, thence run North 01 degrees 45 minutes 37 seconds to the East right of way line of Jesses Highway Drive (formerly Industrial Park Road), 50 feet from the center thereof; thence run North 01 degrees 45 minutes 34 seconds East (Baseline); along said East right of way line, a distance of 100 feet to the Northwest corner of the point of beginning of the herein described parcel; thence perpendicular to said right of way line South 88 degrees 42 minutes 29 seconds East, a distance of 41 feet, 6 inches, or a distance of 100 feet, 6 inches, 17 minutes 34 seconds West, parallel with said right of way line, a distance of 026.13 feet, thence run North 88 degrees 42 minutes 26 seconds West, parallel with said right of way line, a distance of 41 feet, 6 inches, 17 minutes 34 seconds East, along said right of way line, a distance of 026.13 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 16 day of April, 2013.

TIM SANDERS, CLERK OF COURTS,
MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: 
Ramona Dickerson
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SPORTS

MCHS TENNIS TEAMS WRAP UP SEASON



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From Left to Right: Dylon Murray, Elsie Kuhl, Victoria Todd, Jacob Moore, Alex Oliver, Kim Sapp, Cassidy Stallings, Ashley Killingsworth, Christian Griffin, Eryn Alderman, Ali Patron, and Cullen Gudz.

By Kristin Finney
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The 2013 Madison County High School boys and girls tennis team's seasons might be over, but they are already looking towards next season. Representing the MCHS boy's tennis team was Cullen Gudz (first seed), Christian Griffin (second seed), Alex Oliver (third seed), Dylon Murray (fourth seed) and Jacob Moore (fifth seed). Representing the girls were Ali Patron, (first seed), Kim Sapp (second seed), Eryn Alderman (third seed), Cassidy Stallings (fourth seed), Ashley Killingsworth (fifth seed), Victoria Todd (sixth seed), Elsie Kuhl (seventh seed), Onjolic Davis (eighth seed) and Samantha Hentges (ninth seed). Brigitte Gudz coached this year's team. This year's Assistant Coach was Megan Harris.

The girl's team improved greatly this year over their past seasons. The girls were very competitive this season, which resulted in singles and doubles wins for many of the girls. The team has a promising 2014 season to look forward to, as only two of their players are seniors. This year's seniors were Ashley Killingsworth and Cassidy Stallings. This was Killingsworth's first year played and she proudly worked her way up to the fifth seed. She won several of her matches. Stallings played as an underclass-

man, but took her junior year off. After returning this year, she was victorious in several matches and was also part of a winning doubles team with partner, Kim Sapp.

Juniors who will be able to return for the 2014 season are Kim Sapp, Ali Patron, Eryn Alderman and Onjolic Davis. Sophomore Victoria Todd, and freshmen Elsie Kuhl and Samantha Hentges are also able to return next season. Alderman and Patron have joined the United States Tennis Association and plan to play in tournaments in the off-season to strengthen their games.

For the boy's team, seniors Cullen Gudz, Christian Griffin and Dylon Murray will be leaving the team. Gudz, who made the switch from baseball to tennis as a sophomore, had wins over Wakulla, Godby and Suwannee. He also reached the semi-finals of the district tournament each of the three years he played. Griffin has played for all four years. He had several wins on the season at the number two spot. He, paired with Gudz, had a successful run at first doubles. The two of them had wins over Wakulla, Taylor, Suwannee and Godby. Murray, who has played all four years of high school, was also successful in several matches this season. This year's newcomers were freshman, Alex Oliver, and sophomore, Jacob

Moore. These players were able to play in the top five spots right away and gained a lot of experience this season. Oliver worked his way to the number three seed halfway through the season. Jacob rounded out the team at the number five position. Coach Gudz said of the younger boys, "We are very excited to have them back next year, and are hoping they can round up a few more boys to fill the shoes of the departing seniors."

Tryouts for the MCHS tennis team begin in January. Once you are on the team, challenge matches are held weekly after the season begins so that players can continue to work their way towards the number one seed. According to Gudz, "When possible, players not in the top five also get to play either singles or doubles in head to head district contests to gain as much experience as possible." Madison County plays in a seven school district, meaning they compete in home and away matches with Taylor, Suwannee, Wakulla, Florida High, Rickards and Godby. Both of the teams play five singles and two doubles matches against their opponents. The victor is the team who wins at least four of the seven matches. Most regular season matches use the eight game protest format whereas the district tournament uses the traditional scoring method of two out of three sets.

Cowboys Lasso Seminoles

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing, Inc.

In Thursday night's April 25 championship game at MCHS ball field, the Florida High Seminoles may have scored the first run in the first inning, but the Cowboys came back in the third to score four runs over their opponents. The Seminoles never recovered the lead, and did not score again until the sixth in-

ning, with one run. However, the Cowboys had racked up two more runs by then, for a score of 6 to 2.

In the seventh and final inning, the Cowboys finished them off with three more runs to the Seminoles' one, for a final score of 9 to 3.

The MCHS Cowboys bring home the championship, with a 16-9 record.
Go, Cowboys.



At bat, D.J. McKnight prepares to swing at a pitch in Thursday night's rout of the Florida High Seminoles.

MADISON COUNTRY CLUB

May Tournament Schedule

May 3rd, 4th & 5th "Pot Williams"
(Call Madison Country Club (850) 973-6701)
May 20th "3rd Annual Gator Golf Classic"
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May 24th "8th Annual Madison Academy Golf Tournament"
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SPECTATORS INVITED TO ENJOY 55TH ANNUAL "POT" WILLIAMS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Spectators of all ages are invited to come out and enjoy this weekend's 55th Annual "Pot" Williams Golf Tournament at the Madison Country Club. The event, considered one of the area's two top competitions, boasts golfers from throughout the state of Florida. A full field of 80 contenders is expected for the three day event that begins this Friday, May 3.

Friday is the official practice day, giving participants an opportunity to measure the great condition of the course. After practice, golfers are invited to stay for a chicken wing dinner Friday evening. Saturday morning, competition begins with the first foursome teeing off at 8:30 a.m. A new foursome will tee off every ten minutes until just after 2 p.m.

After play Saturday, golfers will enjoy a delicious prime rib dinner at the Club, featuring live entertainment. That's when the day's scores will be announced and the golfers discover if they qualified for the Championship Flight in Sunday's final round. Sunday's play sequence is determined by how the golfers finish on Saturday. The first foursomes tee off at 8:30 a.m. with the Championship Flight expected to begin teeing off around noon.

TIP FOR VIEWING – Because of the unique layout of Madison Country Club, spectators can observe play without ever leaving the parking area at the clubhouse. It's possible to witness six tee shots and action on six greens while enjoying the amenities at the Club. Food and beverages can be purchased at the MCC Pro Shop, which now features a full bar and lounge. The swimming pool, however, is for members only.

FEW SLOTS LEFT – As of press time, only about 10 positions for play remain. The entry fee is just \$125 and includes three days of play and dinner on Friday and Saturday evening. To sign up, or for information, stop by the Madison County Club Pro Shop, or call 850-973-6701.

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The Madison County Carrier

May 1, 2013
Section B

Path *of* Faith

Potluck Supper And Open Microphone Sing Slated At Lee Worship Center

By Jacob Bembry

Greene Publishing, Inc.

An open microphone sing will be held Saturday, May 4, at Lee Worship Center.

The potluck supper will be held beginning at 6 p.m. and the sing will immediately follow. Special guests for the sing will be Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Suggs of Tifton, Ga.

"If you can sing, or play an instrument, you are invited to come get on the program," Brenda McCormick said. "If you enjoy listening to great live music, you will enjoy the sounds of banjos, mandolins, guitars, harmonicas, steel guitars, drums, piano, dobros and more."

For more information, call Allen McCormick at (850) 869-9977.

Photo submitted

Lee Worship Center Pastor Richard Sauls is pictured with his wife, Sharon, and their daughter. They welcome everyone to the gospel sing and potluck supper.

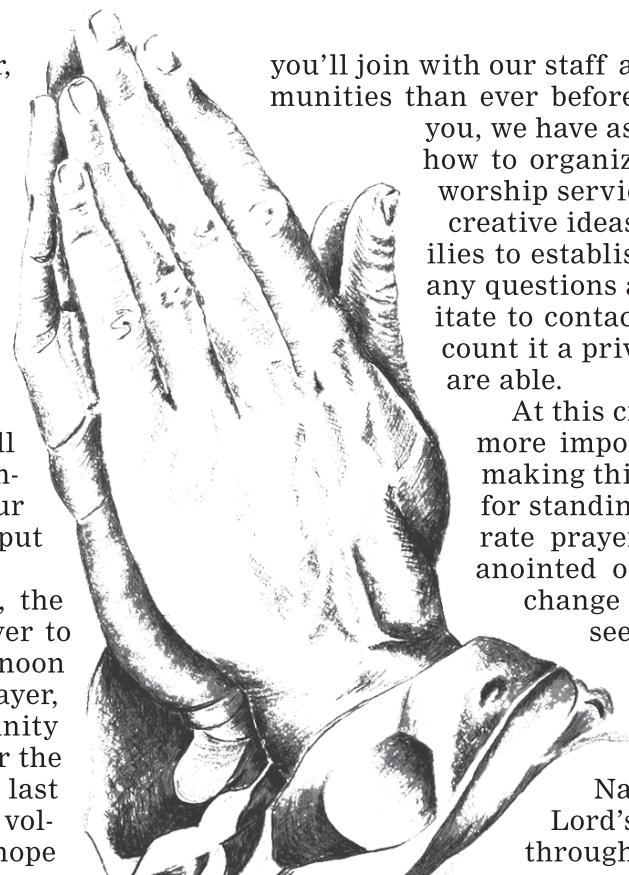


National Day of Prayer Set for May 2

The upcoming 62nd annual National Day of Prayer, May 2, 2013, will have profound significance for our country. We have an unprecedented opportunity to see the Lord's healing and renewing power made manifest as we call on citizens to humbly come before His throne. To echo the words of Mary Washington, mother of our nation's first president, we believe it is time to "Remember that God is our only sure trust."

Our theme for 2013 is Pray for America, emphasizing the need for individuals, corporately and individually, to place their faith in the unfailing character of their Creator, who is sovereign over all governments, authorities, and men. To further highlight our theme, we've chosen Matthew 12:21 as our Scripture for this year: "In His name the nations will put their hope."

For the May 2 observances, Pastor Greg Laurie, the 2013 Honorary Chairman, has written a special prayer to be simultaneously read throughout the nation at noon (EDT). This recitation will create a huge wave of prayer, flowing from one coast to the other, illustrating the unity of God's people and acknowledging His dominion over the circumstances facing us. Millions of people gathered, last year, to pray at thousands of events facilitated by our volunteer coordinators and people just like you! We hope



you'll join with our staff again this year as we seek to bring more communities than ever before together in prayer. As a way of assisting you, we have assembled a variety of resources that describe how to organize and publicize citywide prayer breakfasts, worship services and rallies. These materials also present creative ideas geared toward helping individuals and families to establish meaningful devotional times. If you have any questions after reviewing these items, please don't hesitate to contact our NDP staff at (800) 444-8828. We would count it a privilege to lend a hand in whatever manner we are able.

At this crucial time for our nation, we can do nothing more important than pray. Thank you in advance for making this spiritual discipline a personal priority and for standing with us as we encourage others to incorporate prayer in their lives. The Lord has graciously anointed our efforts, empowering them to touch and change many hearts and lives. We look forward to seeing His hand move across our land in exciting ways this May in response to our petitions! In closing, we ask that you prayerfully consider becoming a volunteer in your church or community to lead a National Day of Prayer gathering. May the Lord's peace fill your heart as you rest in Him throughout the days ahead.

National Prayer

By Greg Laurie, Honorary Chairman, National Day of Prayer

Father, we come to You to pray for our nation, the United States of America.

How You have blessed us through the years, Lord! We rightly sing, "America, America, God shed His grace on thee." Yet we see trouble in our culture today. We see the breakdown of the family, crippling addictions, and random acts of horrific violence.

Lord, we need Your help in America. In recent days, we have done our best to remove Your Word and Your counsel from our court rooms, classrooms and culture. It seems, as President Lincoln once said, that we have "forgotten God." But Lord, You have not forgotten us! You can bless and help and revive our country again.

Scripture tells us that "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people"

(Proverbs 14:34). Lord, in Your mercy, we ask that You would exalt our country again. We have had a number of great awakenings in America. We have experienced times of refreshing, and revivals that changed not only the spiritual but also the moral landscape. As the psalmist said, "Will You not revive us again, so that Your people may rejoice in You?" (Psalm 85:6)

That is our prayer for America today, Lord. Send a mighty spiritual awakening that will turn the hearts of men and women, boys and girls back to you. You have told us if we will humble ourselves and pray, and seek Your face and turn from our wicked ways, that You will forgive our sins and heal our land. (2 Chronicles 7:14)

Forgive us today, Lord, and heal this troubled land that we love so much.

We ask all of this in the name of Jesus Christ.



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Earthquakes

The God of my rock; in him will I trust: [he is] my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; thou savest me from violence. 2 Samuel 22:3

Have you ever been in an earthquake? I understand that it is a terribly unsettling experience. Many of us from time to time probably feel as though our personal lives are an earthquake. Things are moving to and fro, our friends are forsaking us. Maybe our place of work is becoming treacherous and even our home is not a place of refuge.

Where do we turn for comfort and protection? We should turn to the source of our salvation, the Lord. He alone in the entire universe is unchanging. God is the same yesterday, today and forever.

From the verse we see that David describes God as his shield. The shield was a tool designed for use in battle to protect one against the arrows, sword thrust and so on. As long as one was shielded, one was protected. As long as God remains our shield, we are protected. Who better to defend you than the almighty, all-powerful God of all creation?

Even in the midst of our deepest darkest moments he is there fully able to defend us from any fiery darts hurled at us by Satan and his followers. I am sure this all sounds great but how do you put this to work in your life?

First, You pray! You pray without ceasing. Prayer is so important. He already knows everything about our lives but we need to pray to Him.

Second, have your brothers and sisters in Christ pray for you.

Third, study the Word of God. In them you will find comfort, strength and insight.

Finally, you should fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ. They too can be a source of comfort and joy.

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In Paulo Coelho's brilliant little book, *The Alchemist*, the author tells of a young lad sent by his father to a wise man to discover the secret of happiness. The wise man lived in a magnificent, faraway castle complete with sweet music, beautiful artwork, delicious food, and sprawling gardens. It was a wonder of the world.

After a long journey to the castle and waiting for hours to speak to the sage, the boy finally gained an audience. The wise man listened to the boy's explanation for his visit, then answered, "I do not have time to reveal the secret of happiness to you." Instead, he handed the boy a teaspoon with two tiny drops of oil in it, and instructed him to wander around the castle for two hours without spilling the oil.

The lad did as instructed, carefully climbing the high stairwells and creeping down the long hallways of the palace, his eyes always fixed on the teaspoon. When he returned to the wise man, he was asked, "Did you see my Persian tapestries, my extravagant gardens, my parchments in the library?" Embarrassed, the boy replied that he

had not. He had been focused solely on the drops of oil in the spoon.

With this confession the boy was sent back to tour the castle, and this time he focused all his attention on the beauty that surrounded him. He returned to the wise man with excitement, thrilled at all he had seen. The wise man then asked, "And where are the two drops of oil I gave you?"

The boy realized that he had spilt them along the way. The wise man then revealed his "secret" to happiness: "Happiness lies in looking at all the wonders of the world and never forgetting the two drops of oil in the spoon."

This parabolic story calls for a much needed balance: Joy is the product of being in tune with the world around us, while caring for the few precious things we have been given to carry on our journey. We cannot ignore the realities of our surroundings, and we cannot ignore our personal responsibilities.

But the real brains of Coelho's story is that the wise man gave the boy only two drops to carry in his spoon; not a quart of oil, not a five-gallon bucket full, and certainly not a heavy, back-breaking tank of the stuff. It was only a couple of drops, revealing that happiness is maintained by keep-

ing our personal load as light as possible.

Do you want to be happy? Lighten your load and simplify your life. The most deeply spiritual thing that some of us could do is have a garage sale. Purge our calendars. Resign from a few of our many activities. Our unhappiness isn't related to a poor prayer life, the lack of reading the Scriptures, or going to church too little.

We are carrying too much baggage. We are trying to manage too much stuff. We have too many possessions, too many obligations, and too many batons juggling in the air. This is an unqualified recipe for misery. Because all of these weights and concerns of life – most of which we have assumed (they haven't been put upon us by anyone else) – are choking out any real chance at being happy, as we simply cannot carry our self-loaded burdens or lift our heads to see the beauty around us.

None of us can live our lives, worship our God, enjoy our world, or take care of those who have been given to us to love (these are the few, priceless drops in the spoon by the way), if we are constantly looking at our own shoelaces, burdened with ourselves and our many concerns.

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Thus, when we simplify, we are doing much more than getting rid of physical possessions or conserving our precious time. We are sharpening our emotional focus; we are making spiritual space. We are choosing to be happy. Happiness, after all, is an intentional choice, and it is the wisest choice of all.

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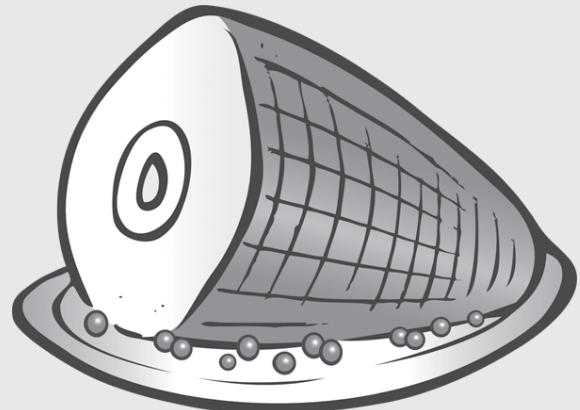
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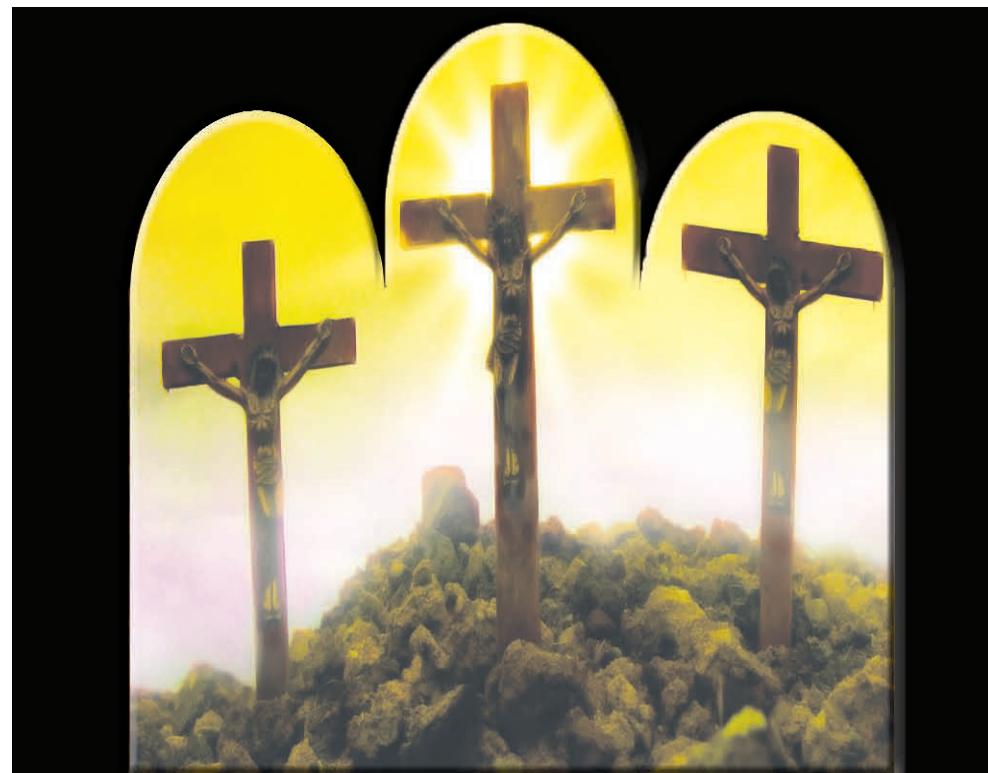
The church is baking these delicious hams once again on Friday, May 3, to be sliced into thick slices and added to plates of potato salad, green beans, pickles, rolls, tea and dessert.

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Women of the Bible: Leah

By Lynette Norris

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Leah, the elder daughter of Laban of Padan-aram in Mesopotamia, forever compared unfavorably to her more beautiful younger sister, Rachel. Leah, married off to a man who didn't want her, as part of a "bait and switch" on his wedding night. Leah, the unwanted, the rejected, who would endure her newlywed husband's outrage when he discovered the trickery the next morning, and who would see him up and marry her beautiful, more desirable little sister anyway as soon as the wedding celebration with Leah was over (one week); in other words, as soon as it was permissible for him to do so. A slap in the face could not have been more cruelly emphatic.

We first meet Leah in Genesis 29:16-17, where, in the King James Version, she is described as having "tender eyes." Other translations have rendered this as "dull eyes" or "weak eyes," but Tikvah Frymer-Kensky, former Hebrew Bible and Jewish History professor at the University of Chicago, asserts on the Jewish Women's Archives website (jwa.org) that the more appropriate trans-

lation is "soft (in the sense of lovely) eyes."

There is also the story in the Midrash, a series of interpretations of Jewish sacred texts, stating that her eyes were tender from constant weeping, because of what she saw as her future.

In the family traditions of the time, cousins often married cousins; the oldest son of one branch of a family would marry the oldest daughter of another branch; eldest to eldest, next eldest to next eldest, and so on. In the case of the two daughters of Laban, and the two sons of his sister, Rebekah, it would have been understood, either formally or informally, that Esau would marry Leah and Jacob would marry Rachel.

However, when the young girl Leah makes inquiries about this future would-be husband from the Canaan branch of the family, she is horrified at what she learns: this Esau, a hunter, a savage and a brute, is one who is often given to violence, possibly even murder, and one who has been rumored to engage in idolatry and adultery, for he is already wed to a forbidden Canaanite woman, seemingly to spite his father, Isaac.

This is the man whom Leah is destined to wed

as well. It is possible that by the time the rumors reached her ears, they were greatly exaggerated, but to a young girl, they must have sounded monstrous. Then, once Jacob shows up at her father's homestead, fleeing from Esau in fear of his life, it seems to Leah a confirmation of everything she has heard.

According to the Midrash tradition, Leah weeps and prays fervently that God would find a way to spare her such a fate.

This may explain why she was willing to go along with the deception that could hardly turn out to be anything but hurtful to her when it was discovered. It was a lifeline that would rescue her from the seemingly half-feral Esau.

The irony that the cunning Jacob, who had duped Esau out of his birthright and duped his blind old father into granting him the eldest son's blessing, should himself be duped into marrying the wrong bride, seems to be lost on Jacob himself; it doesn't prevent him from angrily confronting his uncle/father-in-law over the deception. Oblivious to Leah's feelings, he marries Rachel a week later and agrees to work for Laban another seven years.

In Genesis 29:31, God sees that Leah is the one who is unloved, and blesses her with four sons. In

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the next four verses, the birth of her sons give clues to how her relationship with Jacob evolves; the first son she calls Reuben, for God had looked upon her affliction, "and now my husband will love me;" the second is Simeon, for God has heard that she was hated; the third, she calls Levi, for "now my husband will be joined unto me;" and the fourth, she calls Judah, "for now will I praise the Lord."

During this time, Rachel, the favored one, the beautiful one, the adored one, remains barren. Distressed, she cries out to Jacob, and ultimately gives him her handmaid Bilhah to wife; not to be outdone, Leah gives Jacob her own handmaid, Zilpah.

Lies, deceptions, jealousies; an older brother who has sworn to kill the younger for swindling him out of his inheritance, an uncle and a nephew constantly trying to get the better of each other, and two sisters, locked in bitter competition for one man's affections because of their father's conniving actions. This hardly seems the source material for a great nation, but this is the

husband and family until her death; Rachel, once favored as the beautiful sister, is now the secondary wife, a lesser position. Eventually, in spite of continuing emotional battles, the sisters do reach an accord of sorts and find a way to coexist, becoming two of the great matriarchs of the nation of Israel. Leah, the less beautiful, the overlooked, the scorned, bears six sons who father six of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. The two handmaids bear two sons each, who will found four more tribes, and Rachel bears Joseph and Benjamin. When Jacob calls them together to tell them the Lord has commanded him to return to Canaan, they willingly depart their father's house with him. Jacob will eventually even make peace with his embittered brother Esau.

At Leah's death (Gen. 49:31), Jacob buries her in the cave of Machpelah, the Tomb of the Patriarchs, alongside Abraham, Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah.

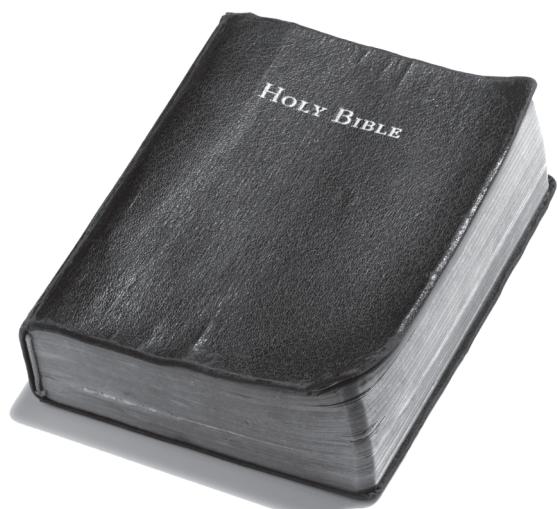
Leah's story is one of bitterness and pain, of outward appearance versus inward grace. It is a story of forgiveness versus harboring continued

family that God chooses; not a picture-perfect family, if such even exists, but a family of flawed and imperfect individuals.

Leah is loyal to her

ill will, whether between sisters, brothers or other family. It is the story of a family that is far from perfect, but one that God was able to use to fulfill his promise to Abraham.

While the handmaids are largely forgotten, Leah and Rachel are remembered as the mothers of the Twelve Tribes. They are remembered in succeeding generations in Ruth 4:11 as "two which did build the house of Israel." None of their sons were culled out to form other nations, and it was the Tribe of Judah, one of Leah's sons, that produced the house and lineage of David, the line from which Christ was born.





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LifeSong to Perform at Yogi Bear Park May 4

LifeSong will be in concert on Saturday, May 4, at Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park in Madison. The event will start at 7 p.m. Admission is free. A love offering will be received during the concert. They say that big talent comes out of small towns, and LifeSong is no exception to the rule. While they are all young, their roots run deep in southern gospel music. From the simple lyrics of the gospel, to a genuine love for the people and music, LifeSong continues to reach audiences of all ages and sizes.

LifeSong began in 2008 when three friends decided to join together and perform a concert with the Dixie Echoes. From that evening, it wasn't long before LifeSong was on the road touring the southeast. During their first year of ministry, the group enjoyed much success signing with national label, Lamp Music Group. The group was featured on *SingingNews.com* and *SouthernGospelNews.com* during the signing and release of their project, Brand New Start. Their first release to radio, "Sounds Like Heaven," featured the distinguished voice of living legend, Naomi Sego Reader.

The group performs a variety of styles from classic southern gospel to praise and worship songs. Their soon-to-be released project, "Everyday Faith," features songs written by each of the group members, hymnals, classic southern

gospel music, we hope to have something that reaches every person attending our concerts," group manager Bryant Thigpen stated.



Bryant Thigpen comes from Madison and serves as manager and lead vocalist for the group. Bryant began singing gospel music at age 11, when he began playing piano for the McCormick Family. After nearly three years with the McCormicks, he joined his dad and brother as bass guitarist with the Reflectsons. Having spent seven years with the

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gospel songs as well as praise and worship tunes.

"Whether you're five years old attending your first gospel concert, or you're a granny or papa in love with

Reflectsons, Bryant left the road for a short period of time unaware of the plans God would have for him to form LifeSong. While the group took time off of the road in 2010, Bryant joined the legendary Naomi and the Segos as pianist. LifeSong returned to the road in the fall of 2010.

Ethan Brooks joined LifeSong in February of 2009 as the baritone vocalist. "It was one of those things that was supposed to happen," laughs Bryant. Ethan and his family were scheduled to perform at the same church later in the year, but instead was moved to share the program with LifeSong. The group at the time was looking for a baritone and the pieces fit perfectly together, and within a month Ethan was a member of LifeSong. Prior to LifeSong, Ethan performed with his family, the Brooks Family. While LifeSong took a break from the road in 2010, Ethan joined the legendary Naomi and the Segos singing baritone. When not on the road, Ethan attends First Newark Baptist Church in Thomasville, Ga., where his dad serves as pastor.

Jessica Ratliff is the newest member of LifeSong, joining the group singing the alto part. While this is her first time joining a group, Jessica has been singing her whole life. "She is a very talented vocalist," added Ethan Brooks. "We're very excited to have her a part of LifeSong." While Jessica has a powerful voice that will grip your attention, she has a passion for ministry that will grip your heart. Jessica is married to Jimbo Ratliff of Madison and she has two children, Emery and Wyatt.

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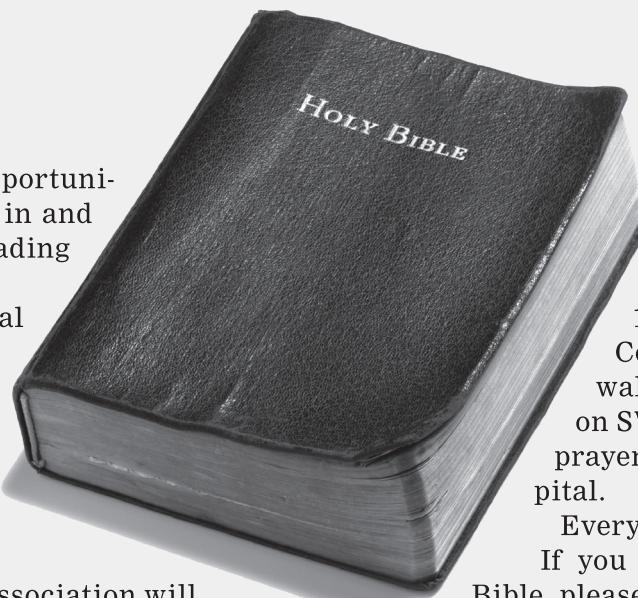
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Churches and their members will have an opportunity to sign up during Holy Week services to join in and read the Bible through during Prayer Week, leading up to the National Day of Prayer.

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

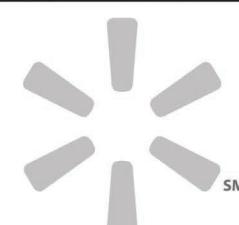


host prayer walks at different locations beginning at 5 p.m. each Monday.

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.

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