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# Garden Club Votes Not To Deed Property Over To City



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By Lynette Norris  
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The Woman's Club Building on Lake Frances was built in 1939, when the Van H. Priest family of Madison donated all the construction materials (brick, mortar, wood, plaster, etc.) used to create the building that faces the lake today. Because skilled labor in a small town like Madison was in short supply in 1930s, the WPA was brought in to do the construction.

Since 1939, the Woman's Club, as appointed custodian of the building, and holding a 99 year lease on the building, has kept the structure maintained and insured, used the building for its meetings and regularly rented out other civic clubs such as the Garden Club and Junior Auxiliary. It has also rented to other community groups for meetings, weddings, receptions, dances, family reunions, fundraisers and other events, in accordance with a 1939 lease agreement with the city,

which owns the piece of property the building occupies.

However, the parking lot next to the club building is owned by the Garden Club and the Woman's Club rather than the city; each organization owns half the lot and holds the deed for its half of the property.

A few months ago, after numerous instances of rentals that left the building vandalized, including destruction of major plumbing fixtures and furniture that had to be completely replaced, the Woman's Club decided it could not afford to keep paying large sums of money to repair the damage done after each rental. To protect the building from further destruction, the club agreed not to rent the facility out anymore; however, nearly 75 years out from the original lease, no one realized that this would be considered a violation of the 1939 agreement.

The matter surfaced earlier this year at a Madison

City Commission, when members of the Woman's Club, attending the Commission Meeting regarding another matter, found their building listed on the agenda as an item to be discussed.

The City of Madison maintained that the building is a publicly owned building and that the members' decision violated the original lease agreement.

After several meetings and discussions back and forth, the City Commission has proposed that the City of Madison assume control and responsibility for renting out the building and take care of maintenance and all other expenses. The Woman's Club, Garden Club and Junior Auxiliary Club have priority in scheduling its meetings.

However, the city wants both the Garden Club and the Woman's Club to deed their half of the parking lot property over to the city; the **Please See Garden Club on Page 3A**



Cedrick Gee

# Sex Offender Registers

By Jacob Bemby  
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Cedrick L. Gee has registered as a sex offender with a Madison address. Gee's address is listed at 620 SE Boundary Street in Madison. Gee is a 39-year-old black male with black hair and brown eyes. He stands 5'10" tall and weighs 175 pounds. Gee's qualifying offense is a June 26, 2007 conviction for lewd and lascivious battery on a victim from 12-15 years old.

# Vote On Facebook, And Help MCHS Win A Grant

By Lynette Norris  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Madison County High School's Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs prepare students for a range of careers, including those in farming and agri-business, something of vital importance for a rural county like Madison. The CTE Programs are federally funded, so resources are limited, but MCHS works hard to sustain those programs and even expand them whenever possible.

Sam Stalnaker, Career Pathways Consortium/ CAPE-STEM for Madison County High School, has recently applied for a grant through the Seeds of Change Corporation, to **Please See Vote MCHS on Page 3A**

# Shelia Combs Appears On "Steve Harvey" Show

By Kristin Finney  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Madison resident, Shelia Combs had her TV debut during the Monday, May 6 episode of the daytime show *Steve Harvey*. This episode aired on WCTV and WTXL at 4 p.m. on Monday for the Madison area. Combs was nominated by her daughter, Quiana Woodard. The segment was taped in Chicago back in April. Combs was selected as one of the 10

moms, from 10 different states, to participate in the show. During the show, makeover wizard Lawrence Zarian gave the moms makeovers. Zarian worked with all of the moms to give them beautiful new looks. They received new hair, makeup, clothes and much more. This episode was the show's largest makeover ever. The episode description stated, "Our week-long celebration of moms kicks off

with Steve's moving personal tribute to his own mother. It's an emotional moment that made Steve walk off stage! Then, it's our biggest makeover ever as ten deserving moms from all over the country get incredible head-to-toe makeovers to give them a whole new look! Also, a young woman who hasn't celebrated Mother's Day with her mom in ten years is here to finally say 'I'm Sorry.'"



Madison resident Shelia Combs had her TV debut during the Monday, May 6, episode of the daytime show *Steve Harvey*.

# Law Passed Banning Texting And Driving

By Jacob Bemby  
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Texting and driving will soon be illegal in the State of Florida, following the Legislature's passage of a bill. In April, the Florida Senate voted 36-0 to outlaw texting and driving. On Thursday, May 1, the bill (CSSB 52) overwhelmingly passed the Florida House of Representatives.

The bill, sponsored by Sen. Nancy Detert (R-Venice) enjoyed bipartisan support. The bill, which had earlier been passed by the House, had to be sent back to the Senate, because of an amend-

ment to the bill. Sen. Detert concurred with the amendment and the bill was reconfirmed by the Senate.

Senate Bill 52 now goes to Gov. Rick Scott for his signature.

The law bans anyone from typing on a device while operating any moving vehicle. First offenses will be a \$30 fine and any additional tickets within a five-year period will be a \$60 fine and take three points off an offender's driver's license.

There is a clause in the law, which allows texting while stopped at a red light.



# Man Injured In Rollover

By Jacob Bemby  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

A man was injured when the 1996 Honda Passport he was in flipped over. According to a Florida Highway Patrol report, on Sunday, May 5, at 9:15 a.m., Kenney Becerra, 21, of Miami Beach, was traveling east on Interstate 10 in the inside lane near the 246-mile marker. Becerra said that he

had reached to pick something up from the floor of the vehicle and caused the Passport to travel in a southeast direction across the east-bound lanes of I-10.

Becerra's vehicle continued onto the south shoulder, overturned onto its left line and entered the tree line.

The roof of the Passport collided with a tree **Please See Rollover on Page 3A**

# First Time Home Buyer's Class Scheduled

Interested in becoming a homeowner? Now is the time to take the Home Buyer's class beginning Monday, May 13 at 6 p.m. at the Madison County Extension Service. The series will run four evenings, May 13, 14, 20 and 21 Lesson topics include credit, home selection, securing a home mortgage, insurance and home maintenance.

Many loan programs require clients to complete a home buyer's class, this series will meet that needs. Currently, Madison County still has a few SHIP dollars available for distribution. The SHIP program, unique to Florida, assists income eligible individuals and families with down payment and closing cost on the purchase of an existing home. This is a great opportunity for working people of low and moderate incomes to achieve home ownership. Upon completion of the class, participants receive a certificate that is required for SHIP assistants and rural development loans.

If you are interested in learning about the homeownership process, complete a SHIP application, available at Suwannee River Economic Council on Bunker Street. To register for the class, call the Madison County Extension Service at 973-4138.

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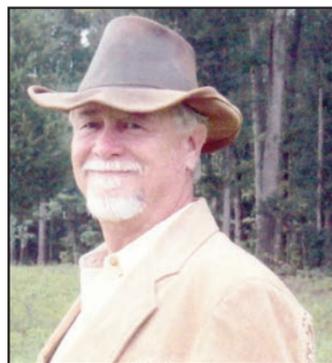
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# VIEWPOINTS & OPINIONS

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### MEMORIAL DAY

I told 'yuh 'bout Ed's uncle Buford, the 80 year-old, who was Sheriff way back. Buford was in the Marines before he was Sheriff. I figured he'd be 'uh good one ta' ask how ta' honor Memorial Day, so I went ta' see 'eem. He was sit'n in 'uh rocker, on the porch, shell'n peas. He told me it was all about war heroes who fought fer' the American Dream. He said The American Dream is, "If you earn it, you can have it." He said, "It's what makes America strong." Said, "The Depression was caused by wealthy stock holders that wanted some'm fer' noth'n. Hard, productive work brought America out'a the Depression. Now, 'uh lotta' poor folks



**Jim Dietrich**  
Guest Columnist

want some'm fer' noth'n. Seems now there's more folks that want 'uh handout than wants ta' earn their way." He said, "There's some folks that need and deserve help, but I call people, rich 'er poor, that's able ta' do fer' themselves, and want some'm fer' noth'n, thieves. We can't all be thieves 'er there won't be noth'n left ta' steal."

He said, "If we'll go back to the American Dream of earn'n our way, this country will go back ta' have'n plenty. Fer' example, If everybody shelled enough peas, we wouldn't have ta' worry about go'n hungry.

So let's honor those who died fer' the American Dream by pursue'n the American Dream."

That's what Buford told me. I gotta say, that Buford Floyd is 'uh wise man.  
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(Cracker fer' short)



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**Joe Boyles**  
Guest Columnist

## Diaconate

St. Mary's Episcopal Church will host an ordination ceremony tomorrow evening at 6:30. The Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Florida, The Right Reverend Charles L. Keyser will officiate at the ordination service to consecrate yours truly as the Deacon for St. Mary's. Let me retrace the steps so you'll see how this process has worked.

In 1992, the Bishop of the Diocese Frank Cerveny decided that St. Mary's was too small to support a full-time priest. Instead, he decided to appoint someone from within the congregation as a "local priest" and train them accordingly. Bishop Cerveny selected Ben Pfeil for the job. Ben never went to seminary, and instead, read (self-study) for the position. In this capacity, he faithfully served St. Mary's for 20 years.

Over the past six to seven years, members of the congregation would approach me with the idea of someday replacing Father Ben. I discouraged that thinking. You can say I was in denial, but so was Peter - not bad company. I had some doubts and I knew that the bishop would have a large say-so in that decision.

In the early summer of 2011, during a phone conversation, the current bishop, John Howard, asked me to meet with him at Camp Weed in early July. He laid out the proposal; I expressed my doubts; he put my concerns to rest; and he asked me to prayerfully consider the job. Two weeks later, I called back and accepted the responsibility.

Ben's health was declining. I asked him for any texts he might recommend and he provided one book out of his collection for me to study. He also gave me this piece of Scriptural advice: "Pay particular attention to the Old testament."

That fall, I met with the Commission on Ministry, a Diocesan group that interviews applicants for the ministry. They recommended my approval, and on December 7, 2011, the Bishop made me a postulant for the ministry.

Ben's illness took him away from St. Mary's in mid-February 2012. With the exception of a brief three-week return in late August, he could no longer function as our vicar. I took over the responsibilities as acting-vicar shortly thereafter. I would meet with Ben regularly to brief him on parish business and ask his advice about various matters. As always, he was an inspiration.

In April of 2012, I began to work with the Chief of Chaplains, Jeffrey Mackey from Melrose, on a seven-

part course of study to prepare me for the duties as vicar of St. Mary's. I was, in the classic sense, "reading" for my new duties. Before there were major universities and seminaries, it was common for entry-level applicants to "read" for their license, which meant apprenticeship under the tutelage of an experienced professional. On the Ohio frontier in the 1840s, my great-great grandfather read for his medical license in this manner.

Just before I finished my course of self-study in December, Ben Pfeil died at the age of 88. It marked the passing of an era. He faithfully served St. Mary's for 64 years, the last 20 as our priest. In Jesus' words, recorded by Matthew, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

With the completion of my studies, Father Mackey certified to Bishop Howard that I had progressed sufficiently to become a candidate for ordination. The bishop approved, and in March, I met with the Standing Committee, an elected body of advisors to the bishop. I passed their muster and my ordination to the office is now scheduled for tomorrow evening.

It is important to note that this is an ordination, not for me, but rather, for our church. Bishop Howard's offer to me was to become a "local priest" for St. Mary's. I do not foresee it as a stepping-stone for anything larger. Instead, my job is to minister to Madison's Episcopal community, and when my work is complete, turn over the responsibilities to the next person subject to the bishop's approval.

The process isn't complete with this first ordination. Our Book of Common Prayer states that deacons: "assist priests and minister to the poor, sick suffering and helpless." St. Mary's will need a priest, so provided it is God's will, after six months as a Deacon, we will hold a second ordination to designate me as a fully functioning priest.

For eight generations since 1859, Madison's Episcopal community has faithfully worshipped and contributed to the well-being of our community. As Madison's oldest church in continuous use, our role, although small, is historically significant. With God's blessing, our work and faith will continue for another generation, and many more to follow.

With that, I would like to close this simple story by inviting you to tomorrow's ordination and confer God's Blessing on each of you.

### Health & Wellness Tips

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



### DID YOU KNOW...?

Pain is the number one reason people go to their healthcare provider, and pain is usually the result of inflammation. Inflammation is the body's natural response to injury or infection, resulting in redness, swelling, warmth, frequently pain and loss of function. Inflammation is vital to the healing process of the injured tissue, as the circulatory system and immune system deliver what is necessary to the damaged site to fight infection and repair injured tissues. Controlling swelling at the time of an acute injury can do much to reduce pain, and the easiest ways to do this is to RICE - Rest, Ice, Compression, and Elevation. Rest the injured tissue, ice it, put some compression on it by using a clean gauze pad and applying some pressure, and elevate the injured tissue above the heart. However, once the threat of infection is over, the inflammation response should stop by itself.

Chronic or systemic inflammation is an inflammatory immune response of prolonged duration that can last weeks, months or years, causing tissue damage, and is therefore a whole other issue entirely. Testing for C-reactive protein (CRP) is useful as a blood marker for inflammation, as it is commonly elevated in those that have various chronic inflammatory conditions. Chronic inflammatory conditions are therefore systemic rather than local in nature, and it is possible that biochemical individuality may determine what kinds of tissues are affected in a particular individual. It is worth noting that primitive cultures that ate their traditional diet without consuming any "white man's food," did not seem to suffer from chronic inflammatory diseases. Tuberculosis became a problem only when they began eating white sugar, white flour products, canned vegetables and vegetable oil products.

Many disease states are as a result of chronic inflammation, such as rheumatoid arthritis, arteriosclerosis, inflammatory bowel disease including Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, and tuberculosis for example. Chronic inflammation frequently results in chronic pain. Non-steroidal anti-inflammatories (NSAIDs - like ibuprofen) are the number one over-the-counter drugs sold for inflammation and pain, but they are only a band-aid solution - they do reduce inflammation, but they don't get at the cause of what is creating the inflammation in the first place. Therefore, rather than resolving the condition, the condition is being "managed". Not only that, but NSAIDs are known to result in many adverse gastrointestinal issues including ulcers, GI bleeding, anemia, renal damage and impaired wound healing. There are more deaths due to NSAID use than AIDS annually.

Generally our current diets are HIGHLY inflammatory, so it is no wonder inflammatory diseases are so prevalent. What would an anti-inflammatory diet consist of? Eat no refined polyunsaturated vegetable oils (Omega 6 fatty acids promote the Cox 2 pathway, which equals inflammation - why take Cox 2 inhibitors when you can encourage the Cox 1 anti-inflammatory pathway through diet?). Consume low-mercury fish and shellfish frequently, or take up to 4000mg of Omega 3 fish oils a day. Make sure you eat some quality saturated fat (pasture-fed butter, whole milk or cream, eggs, meat or poultry) so that you can actually utilize the Omega 3 fatty acids that you consume, and so you get adequate amounts of vitamin A. Green leafy vegetables are frequently high in magnesium, which may help to relax muscles. Get yourself metabolically typed so you know what ratio of fats, proteins and carbohydrates you should be consuming. Sugar, and refined flour products are highly inflammatory because of the glycation they cause, and should be avoided at all costs. Avoid caffeine (as if I would give up coffee or soda). Another cause of inflammation are the toxins found in processed food, such as MSG, textured vegetable protein, soy lecithin, hydrolyzed vegetable protein, pesticides, colourings, flavourings etc. After getting your vitamin D levels checked and if you are low, spend some time in the sun without sunscreen, so that your body can synthesize vitamin D. Sunblock also blocks vitamin D production, and low vitamin D levels are associated with inflammation. Do NOT let yourself burn however, as sunburns raise your risk of skin cancer. Getting adequate dark time each night increases melatonin levels which reduces inflammation, as melatonin is a free-radical scavenger.

There may be some deeper seated causal issues as to why someone may be suffering from chronic inflammation, including adrenal fatigue, food sensitivities, parasites, mold and/or heavy metal toxicity which may need to be explored if improving diet, sun exposure and dark time don't work.

If, while searching for the cause of your chronic inflammation issues, you want some symptom relief without resorting to pharmaceutical drugs, try using tumeric and ginger. Both these spices are natural Cox 2 inhibitors. The herb bosweilla, although not a Cox 2 inhibitor, also has anti-inflammatory properties. Kava Kava has muscle relaxation properties, and can be especially beneficial when mixed with magnesium. Proteolytic enzymes containing enteric-coated trypsin and chymotrypsin combined with bioflavonoids and vitamin C seem to work as well as NSAIDs at controlling pain and swelling, as long as there is no underlying irritation in the GI tract.

# AROUND MADISON COUNTY

## Garden Club

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city can then insure the two parcels and use MCI inmate labor to assist in maintaining the parking lot. Currently, the parking lot would be off limits to inmates because it is privately held.

At its regular meeting Thursday, May 2, the Garden Club of Madison, which owns the half of the lot next to the street and is the section used for entry into the parcel, voted unanimously not to deed its half of the parking lot over to the City.

Also, there is a clause in the original 1939 agreement which states that if the city were to ever take control of the building, it would have to reimburse the Woman's Club for all the money spent on the building's upkeep and repair; in this instance, everything that has been spent to repair and maintain the building from 1939 until 2013.

However, negotiations are still continuing between the Woman's Club and the City of Madison, to find a middle ground where both sides can reach an agreement.

## Rollover

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causing it to rotate clockwise.

The Honda Passport came to a final rest, facing southeast in the tree line of I-10.

Becerra was transported to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital, where he was treated for minor injuries.

The Madison County Sheriff's Office, Madison Fire and Rescue and Madison County EMS assisted the FHP at the scene.

FHP Trooper Nathan K. Stidman was the investigating officer.

## Vote MCHS

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help with funding the school's greenhouse project.

The Corporation will award one grant of \$25,000, and 15 grants in the amount of \$10,000, and the grants will be awarded based on the number of votes for each community/school project that has applied for the grants.

Here's how every member of the community with a Facebook account can help MCHS win the top grant by voting for MCHS every day, from now until May 17:

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Once the page opens at Seeds of Change, enter Madison's zip code to search for the application, read the application and vote.

You can vote once a day, so it is important to visit the site every day and cast your vote for Madi-

son, from now until the May 17 deadline.

Creating additional opportunities for students to learn and explore farm and agriculture in the Madison community and school system continues to be a top priority of MCHS. Daily voting on Facebook and your continued support of the school and its programs are vital and much appreciated.

## B.F. Killingsworth Gator Golf Classic To Be Held May 20

The third annual B.F. Killingsworth Gator Golf Classic will be held on May 20, 2013 at the Madison County Country Club. B.F. has been the driving force of the Madison County Gator Club Scholarship fund for more than 13 years, raising more than \$40,000 in scholarship funds for students to attend the University of Florida. More than 30 graduates of UF have been students from Madison County that received Gator Club scholarships.

This past year the Madison Gator Club awarded three Madison students with scholarships to the University of Florida. If you are interested in playing we have spots available. Tee times are 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

This year we have a real treat! Walt Ford from Live Oak is sponsoring a Hole in One Competition.

One would get the chance to win a new 2013 Ford F150, iPad or Golf Equipment.

All proceeds from the golf tournament go toward the Scholarship fund. We appreciate all the sponsors, players and the support we receive from Madison County, because without you we cannot make B.F.'s dream continue on.



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## Obituaries

### Benjamin White

Benjamin Howard White, age 85, passed away at Jacksonville Hospital on April 21 at 10 p.m.

His wife, Wanda Robbins White; his daughter, Robbin White; and his parents, James Patrick White and Effie Smith White, preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Mary L. Shea White; his daughter, Joy Maloney, and son, Myron White; his step-son, Kenneth Livermore; his brother, Donald White; his sisters, Nellie Guy, Mavis Rainwater and Forrest Fails. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren: James Maloney, Jeremy Maloney, Julia Maloney, Matthew White, Galen White, Hannah White, Shea Livermore, Shiloh Livermore, Richie Livermore and Robbie Livermore.

Howard worked at Fort McClellan for 40 years and retired as the Director of Resource Management, receiving the Army Meritorious Service Award. After retirement, he was actively involved in real estate and rental until the time of his death.

His funeral was at the First Methodist Church in Jacksonville. Visitation was one hour before the funeral.

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## St. Mary's Ordination

St. Mary's Episcopal Church will host an ordination ceremony on

**Thursday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m.**

The Right Reverend Charles L. Keyser, Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Florida will officiate at the ordination of Joe Boyles to the office of deacon for St. Mary's.

This is the first ordination for Madison's historic church since 1992. It is expected that a subsequent ordination ceremony will take place later this year.

The public is cordially invited for the service and reception to follow.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### 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.

### 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.



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# AROUND MADISON COUNTY

## ASK Walk A Huge Success

By Kristin Finney  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The ASK group of Madison hosted a run and walk event on April 13 at Lanier Field. The event raised money to help send the MAP and ASK children to a camp at Cherry Lake this summer that is specifically designed to meet Autistic needs.

The day began at 8 a.m. with registration opening for the 5K walk/run. The group was asking for donations in place of a registration fee. There was then a kid's fun run held at 8:45 a.m. The cost to enter was \$1 per child. At 9 a.m. the 5K run/walk began. Then following the run/walk was a free Zumba class. There was also a kid's puzzle pieces obstacle course.

The ASK group of Madison is hoping to do another run/walk event next year. Leslie McLeod, of the Madison ASK and MAP groups said of the event, "We want to thank everyone who made it a huge success. Because of this walk, we are able to not only send all of our members to camp, but we are able to give scholarships to other children with autism/special needs so they can have the same experience. This will be a typical 4-H inclusive overnight camp experience targeting skill sets for autistic and special needs youth. Each and every person who donated and volunteered made a huge impact on these kids. The children can go to camp, like all the other kids. They will make memories, happy ones. The children will benefit from a structured and compassionate small group environment. They will build personal and social confidence and make lasting friendships. These kids will have this opportunity, because of everyone who supported them. On behalf of MAP, I would like to thank everyone for their support. It means a lot to the parents of these children. We feel so blessed to have such a great community."



Photo submitted

Residents run/walk to help raise money for the ASK group of Madison.



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MAP and ASK members are seen during the run/walk event. In the back row from left to right are Betsy Rykard, Hank Thompson, Susan McCool, Teresa Gallegos, Mr. Gallegos and Gladney Cherry. In the front row from left to right are Melissa Kinsley, Catt Hollingsworth, Leslie McLeod, Paige McCool, Sean McLeod, Michelle Register Dietz and Tucker McCool.



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Gladney Cherry (right) presents Debbie Christ (left) with a completion certificate.

### Entrepreneur Tyler Shadrick is Newest Garden Club Member



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Lynette Norris, May 2, 2013

At the May meeting, the Madison Garden Club welcomed its newest member, Tyler Shadrick, owner of the Crooked Row Greenhouse, 10129 NE Colin Kelley Hwy., Pinetta. Shadrick thanked the club members for the warm welcome and invited everyone to drop by his greenhouse business this Saturday, May 11, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Whether you have a green thumb or not, come on out to the Crooked Row Greenhouse, take a look around and enter your name in the drawing. Shadrick said that he hadn't yet decided what the prize would be, but that the drawing would definitely be held at 2 p.m.

For more information or directions, email him at [crookedgreen@gmail.com](mailto:crookedgreen@gmail.com) or follow the business on Facebook.

### Lion's Club Creates Scholarship For St. Leo's



At the Club's Tuesday, April 30 meeting, St. Leo's Madison Center Director and Lion's Club member Christy Roebuck accepts a \$1000 check from Lion's Club President Jay Lee to establish a Madison Lion's Club Scholarship Fund to help a qualified student enrolling in St. Leo's Madison Center for the next school year.

St. Leo's Madison Center, a four-year program located just east of the NFCC campus, offers a bachelor's degree in the areas of business administration, criminal justice, human services administration, elementary education, psychology, computer information systems and health care management. In the near future, the Madison Lion's Club also hopes to fund a scholarship for North Florida Community College. For more information on the Lion's Club St. Leo Scholarship, contact the Madison Education Center at (850) 973-3356, or visit the web site at [www.saintleo.edu/education-applicationinformation.aspx](http://www.saintleo.edu/education-applicationinformation.aspx).

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# Mother's Day

## Love You Berry Much, Mom

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Makes 12 portions!



Courtesy of NAPS.

### Ingredients:

- 6 cups corn bread, 1-inch cubes
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 cups milk
- 1 cup half-and-half
- 4 eggs
- 3 egg yolks
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 cups fresh blueberries
- 1/2 cup unsalted pistachios
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# Honoring Educators During National Teacher Appreciation Week

**We salute the teachers of Madison County and we appreciate all they do.**

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By Kristin Finney  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Helen Caldicott once said, "Teachers, I believe, are the most responsible and important members of society because their professional efforts affect the fate of the earth." During National Teacher Appreciation Week, and throughout the year, it is important to remember the hard work that teachers perform, and the responsibility that they hold.

Teachers are caregivers to more children than many people would ever hope to have. They are disciplinarians to more children than any parent could ever imagine. They spend their days watching their students grow and learn, all the while holding their hand through this crazy ride called life. All of this, and very rarely are they thanked or honored for all of their hard work.

Monday, May 6, through Friday, May 10, marks the 2013 Teacher Appreciation Week. During Teacher Appreciation Week, everyone is invited to thank their teachers, their children's teachers and their friends that are teachers for the service that they offer the world. However, don't let this recognition stop on Friday. Let your thanks be known throughout the year.

There are many ways to honor a teacher during this week, and the rest of the year. Some examples include: a simple note thanking them for their hard work and dedication, a hand drawn picture by your child, gift cards to local restaurants or stores, gift baskets filled with fruits and treats and much more.

Teachers are the backbone of society. They hold the fate of the nation in their hands. They are true heroes and heroines for the hard work that they perform every day. Few people would want to perform the daily tasks that teachers face. They must be leaders to their classrooms, while giving the children room to grow. They must maintain control of their classrooms, against the distractions of 20+ students. Some would call teachers crazy for choosing to put themselves in these situations. Some would say that they are crazy to perform such duties with so little recognition. However, to a teacher, this is all just the price they must pay to make the difference they hope to make in their student's lives.

Don't let your appreciation end this week. Let your appreciation be shown every day of the year. And most importantly, remember to thank a teacher.



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# RELAY FOR LIFE



# Relay For Life A Success

By Jacob Bemby  
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The 14th Annual Relay for Life was held Friday, April 27, and Saturday, April 28, at Boothill Stadium in Madison.

Teams from different schools, churches and other organizations set up tents and camped out as walkers from their teams walked during the night. Each organization had something to sell to raise money for Relay for Life.

A cake auction with auctioneer Ron Smoak was part of the fun, as was dancers from Becky's Dance Steps Studios, a handbell choir from Madison Academy and local singers and musicians.

Approximately \$30,000 was raised for Relay for Life.



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New Home Baptist Church had a huge Relay for Life team.



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Deputies David Jarvis and Josh Harris were working security at Relay for Life.



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Chad McCormick is pictured with his children. From left to right: Terra'lyn McCormick, Austin McCormick, Kaylee McCormick and Chad Alen McCormick



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Eli, Emily, Eddie and Nancy Curl were on hand for the 14th annual Relay for Life. The Curls have been in Relay since the beginning when Eli was an infant and had eye cancer.



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Representing Madison Fire and Rescue on their Relay team were, from left to right: Brittany Baldwin of EMS, Firefighter Andy Tellefsen, MFR Lt. Dan Studstill and Firefighter Ben Pickels.



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Mt. Nebo Church's Relay for Life team proudly stands at the event.



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The Madison Academy hand bell choir entertains during Relay for Life.



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The North Florida Community College Relay for Life team is pictured.



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The Madison Academy Relay for Life team was represented during the Relay for Life.



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Two cancer survivors. John Maultsby walks the Survivor's Lap with his granddaughter, Catherine Maultsby.



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Clarice Williams and Paul Kinsley were at Relay for Life.



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# SPORTS

## Lady Warriors Lose Regional Finals

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The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Lady Warriors went into the Regional Finals on April 30, and squared off against Munroe, and despite walloping Munroe on three previous occasions during the season, the Lady Warriors came out at the bottom of a 6-3 loss, to wrap up the season, 15-6.

As a team, at the plate, the Lady Warriors had 27 plate appearances, 24 at-bats, three runs, four hits, two RBI's, three walks, three strikeouts, two doubles, one hit into double play, and three stolen bases.

Pamela Watt had four plate appearances, three at-bats, one run, one hit, and one stolen base.

Michaela Metcalfe had three plate appearances, three at-bats, one run, one hit, two RBI's, and one double.

Kelly Horne had three plate appearances, three at-bats, and one hit.

Ashley Schofill had three plate appearances, three at-bats, one hit, and one double.

Whitney McKnight had three plate appearances, three at-bats, and one hit into double play.

Whitney Stevens had three plate appearances, one at-bat, two walks, and two stolen bases.

Hadley Revell had three plate appearances, three at-bats, and three strikeouts.

Taylor Copeland had three plate appearances, two at-bats, one run, and one walk.

On the field, the Lady Warriors had 29 total chances, six assists, 22 putouts, one error, and a fielding position of .966.

Stevens had four total chances, three assists, one putout, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

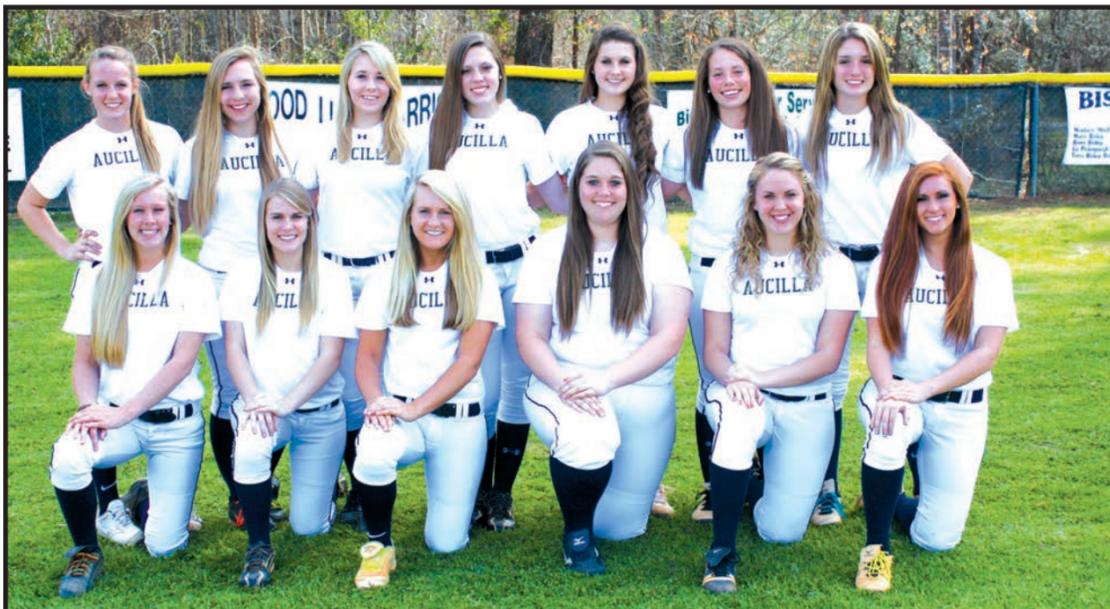
McKnight had six total chances, six putouts, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Metcalfe had 12 total chances, 11 putouts, one error, and a fielding percent-

age of .917.

Horne had three total chances, one assist, two putouts, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Natalie Sorensen had one total chance, one putout, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.



Watt had two total chances, one assist, one putout, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Schofill had one total chance, one assist, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

On the mound, Stevens pitched seven innings, and had 21 outs, 30 batters faced, 76 total strikes, 37 total balls, five hits, six runs, five of which were earned, three walks, 11 strikeouts, one wild pitch, six ground outs, and three fly outs, on 113 pitches.

## WARRIORS ANNIHILATE RATTLERS

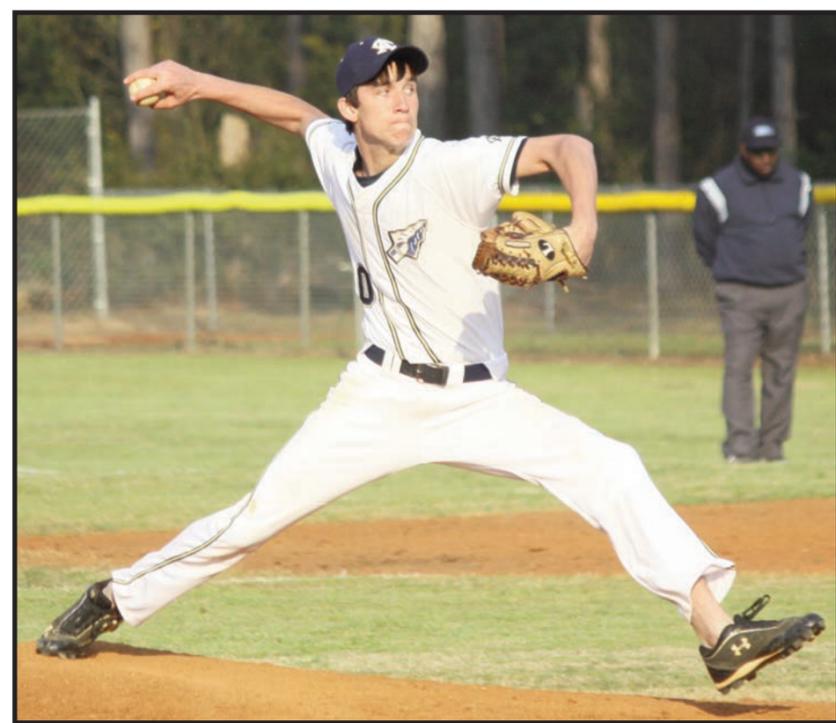


Photo courtesy of Cindy Watts

Casey Demott pitches during the ACA Warriors Game.

Fran Hunt  
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The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Warriors manned the diamond against the FAMU Rattlers on April 30, and the Warriors annihilated the Rattlers, 18-0, in the four-inning game, to now stand 15-9 on the season.

Aucilla blew out the Rattlers in the first inning, bringing a whopping 17 runs across the plate. The Warriors added one additional run in the third inning.

As a team, at the plate, the Warriors carried a .435 batting average, with 32 plate appearances, 23 at-bats, 18 runs, 10 hits, 10 RBI's, one triple, one sacrifice fly, six walks, two strikeouts, two hit by pitches, four reach on error, an on base percentage of .562, a slugging average of .522, and five stolen bases.

Individually, Josh Wood had a batting average of 1.000, with three plate appearances, two at-bats, three runs, two hits, two RBI's, one walk, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of 1.000.

Hans Sorensen had a batting average of .500, with two plate appearances, two at-bats, two runs, one hit, one reach on error, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of .500.

Russell Fraleigh had a batting average of 1.000, with three plate appearances, two at-bats, two runs, two hits, two RBI's, one walk, two stolen bases, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of 1.000.

Casey Demott had two plate appearances, one at-bat, two runs, one walk, one reach on error, an on base percentage of .500, and a slugging average of .000.

DJ Wilkinson had one plate appearance, one walk, and an on base percentage of 1.000.

Tres Copeland had a batting average of .500, with three plate appearances, two at-bats, two runs, one hit, one RBI, one triple, one walk, an on base percentage of .6677, a slugging average of 1.500, and one stolen base.

Austin Bishop had a batting average of 1.000, with three plate appearances, one at-bat, two runs, one hit, two RBI's, one sacrifice fly, one hit by pitch, an on base percentage of .667, a slugging average of 1.000, and one stolen base.

Bradley Holm had a batting average of 1.000, with one plate appearance, on at-bat, one hit, one RBI, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of 1.000.

Nick Roberts had a batting average of .000, with one plate appearance, one at-bat, one strikeout, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of .000.

Jared Jackson had a batting average of .333, with three plate appearances, three at-bats, two runs, one hit, one RBI, one strikeout, one stolen base, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of .333.

Brandon Holm had two plate appearances, two runs, one walk, one hit by pitch, and an on base percentage of 1.000.

Gus Smyrniotis had a batting average of .333, with three plate appearances, three at-bats, one run, one hit, one RBI, one reach on error, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of .333.

On the mound, The Warriors pitched a perfect no-hitter, with an earned run average of 0.00, four innings pitched, no hits, no runs, one walk, 12 strikeouts, 15 batters faced, 13 at-bats, a batting average of .000, an on base percentage of .133, and one hit by pitch, on 60 pitches.

Zach Lunn had an earned run average of 0.00, with one inning pitched, no hits, no runs, no walks, three strikeouts, three batters faced, three at-bats, a batting average of .000, and an on base percentage of .000, on 13 pitches.

Ty Chancy had a warned run average of 0.00, with one inning pitched, no hits, no runs, no walks, three strikeouts, four batters faced, four at-bats, a batting average of .000, and an on base percentage of .000, on 16 pitches.

Brandon Holm was credited with the win. He had an earned run average of 0.00, with two innings pitched, no hits, no runs, one walk, six strikeouts, eight batters faced, six at-bats, a batting average of .000, an on base percentage of .133, and one hit by pitch, on 31 pitches.

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## SPORTS

## Seminoles Wallop Warriors

Fran Hunt

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The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Warriors manned the diamond against the Florida State University Seminoles on April 18, and the Seminoles walloped the Warriors for an ACA 11-3 loss. The Warriors now stand 14-9 on the season.

FSU took an early lead, scoring two runs in the second inning, and adding five more runs in the third inning. The Warriors took the fourth inning, 2-1, but FSU came back to take the fifth inning, 1-0. The Warriors brought in another run in the sixth inning, but FSU brought in an additional two runs in the seventh inning.

As a team, at the plate, the Warriors had a batting average of .290, with 33 plate appearances, 31 at-bats, three runs, nine hits, three RBI's, one double one walk, seven strikeouts, one hit by pitch, one reach on error, three fielder's choice, an on base percentage of .333, a slugging average of .323, and one stolen base.

Zach Lunn had a batting average of 1.000, with two plate appearances, one at-bat, one hit, one walk, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of 1.000.

Josh Wood had a batting average of .000, with two plate appearances, two at-bats, one RBI, one fielder's

choice, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of .000.

Hans Sorensen had a batting average of .500, with two plate appearances, two at-bats, one hit, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of .500.

Ty Chancy had a batting average of .000, with one plate appearance, one at-bat, and one RBI.

Russell Fraleigh had a batting average of .500, with two plate appearances, two at-bats, one hit, one fielder's choice, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of .500.

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

Kaleb Wyche had a batting average of .000, with two plate appearances, two at-bats, one run, one strikeout, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of .000.

Hunter Horne had a batting average of 1.000, with one plate appearance, one at-bat, one hit, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of 1.000.

Hunter Handley had a batting average of .000, with one plate appearance, one at-bat, one run, one strikeout, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of .000.

Tres Copeland had a batting average of .500, with two plate appearances, two at-bats, one hit, one double, an on base percentage of .500, and a slugging average of 1.000.

Austin Bishop had a batting average of .4500, with four plate appearances, four at-bats, two hits, one fielder's choice, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of .500.

Bradley Holm had a batting average of .000, with one plate appearance, one at-bat, one strikeout, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of .000.

Nick Roberts had a batting average of .000 with two plate appearances, two at-bats, one strikeout, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of .000.

Jared Jackson had a batting average of .000, with two plate appearances, two at-bats, one reach on error, one stolen base, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of .000.

Brandon Holm had a batting average of .000, with two plate appearances, one at-bat, one strikeout, one hit by pitch, an on base percentage of .500, and a slugging average of .000.

Gus Smyrnios had a batting average of .000, with three plate appearances, three at-bats, two strikeouts, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of .000.

On the mound, the Warriors had an earned run average of 3.00, with seven innings pitched, 12 hit, 11 runs, three of which were earned, five walks, one strikeout, one homerun, 43 batters faced, 36 at-bats, a batting average of .333, an on base percentage of .442, two hit by pitches, one putout, and four stolen bases, on 122 pitches.

Demott had an earned run average of 2.10, with 3.1 innings pitched, four hits, two runs, one of which was earned, one walk, one strikeout, 17 batters faced, 16 at-bats, a batting average of .250, an on base percentage of .294, and one stolen base, on 49 pitches.

Bishop was credited with the loss. He had an earned run average of 2.62, with 2.2 innings pitched, seven hits, seven runs, one of which was earned, three walks, one homerun, 19 batters faced, 15 at-bats, a batting average of .467, an on base percentage of .579, one hit by pitch, one putout, and three stolen bases, on 52 pitches.

Brandon Holm had a batting average of 7.00, with one hit, two runs, one of which was earned, one walk, seven batters faced, five at-bats, a batting average of .200, an on base percentage of .429, and one hit by pitch, on 21 pitches.

## Lady Warriors Win Regional Semi-Finals

Fran Hunt

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The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Lady Warriors squared off against Cedar Creek Christian of Jacksonville on April 25, and the Lady Warriors hammered their opponent for a 17-1 victory in the four-inning game, to now stand 15-4 on the season.

As a team, at the plate, the Lady Warriors had 32 plate appearances, 23 at-bats, 17 runs, 10 hits, 12 RBI's, seven walks, four strikeouts, three doubles, one triple, three reach on errors, one fielder's choice, two hit by pitches, five stolen bases, and two double plays.

Pamela Watt had two plate appearances, one at-bat, two runs, one walk, one reach one error; and one stolen base.

Michaela Metcalfe had four plate appearances, four at-bats, three runs, two hits, one triple, one fielder's choice, and one stolen base.

Kelly Horne had four plate appearances, two at-bats, four runs, two hits, one RBI, one walk, one hit by pitch, and one stolen base.

Ashley Schofill had two plate appearances, two at-bats, two runs, two hits, four RBI's, and two dou-

bles.

Whitney McKnight had two plate appearances, one at-bat, one run, one it, two RBI's, and one walk.

Whitney Stevens had two plate appearances, one at-bat, one walk, and one strikeout.

Hadley Revell had one plate appearance, one at-bat, one run, one RBI, and one reach on error.

Carly Joiner had one plate appearance, one at-bat, one hit, one RBI, and one stolen base.

Taylor Copeland had three plate appearances, three at-bats, one run, one hit, one RBI, and one stolen base.

Natalie Sorensen had two plate appearances, one at-bat, one strikeout, and one hit by pitch.

Lauren Demott had two plate appearances, two at-bats, and two strikeouts.

Ramsey Sullivan had two plate appearances, one at-bat, one run, and one walk.

Brooke Kinsley had two plate appearances, one at-bat, and one reach on error.

Abigail Morgan had one at-bat, one hit, two RBI's, one walk, and one double.

On the field, the Lady Warriors had 14 total chances, two assists, 12 putouts, two double plays, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Metcalfe had nine total chances, nine putouts, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Elizabeth Hightower had one total chance, one assist, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Horne had one total chance, one putout, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Sullivan had two total chances, one assist, one putout, one double play, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Morgan had one total chance, one putout, one double play, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

On the mound, the Lady Warriors had four innings pitched, 12 outs, 17 batters faced, 46 total strikes, 26 total balls, two hits, one run, two walks, 10 strikeouts, one wild pitch, and one ground out, on 72 pitches.

Stevens had two innings pitched, nine batters faced, 24 total strikes, 20 total balls, six outs, two walks, six strikeouts, and one wild pitch, on 44 pitches.

Hightower pitched two innings, and had six outs, eight batters faced, 22 total strikes, six total balls, two hits, one run, which was not earned, six strikeouts, and one ground out.

## LADY WARRIORS WIN DISTRICT SEMI-FINALS

Fran Hunt

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The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Lady Warriors hit the diamond against FAMU in the District Semi-Finals on April 16, and the Lady Warriors creamed their opponent in three innings, for a 15-0 victory, to now stand 13-4 on the season.

As a team, at the plate, the Lady Warriors had 30 plate appearances, 11 at-bats, two stolen bases, 15 runs, four hits, 14 RBI's, 18 walks, one double, one sacrifice fly, one reach on error; and one fielder's choice.

Individually, Pamela Watt had two plate appearances, one at-bat, one run, and one walk.

Michaela Metcalfe had two plate appearances, one at-bat, two runs, one RBI, one walk, one reach on error, and one stolen base.

Kelly Horne had two plate appearances, no at-bats, two runs, one RBI, and two walks.

Ashley Schofill had three plate appearances, two at-bats, one run, two hits, three RBI's, and one walk.

Whitney McKnight had three plate appearances, one at-bat, one run, one hit, three RBI's, and two walks.

Elizabeth Hightower had three plate appearances, one run, one hit, two RBI's, and one fielder's choice.

Hadley Revell had one plate appearance, no at-bats, one run, one walk, and one stolen base.

Taylor Copeland had one plate appearance, no at-bats, one run, and one walk.

Lauren Demott had three plate appearances, one at-bat, one run, one RBI, one walk, and one sacrifice fly.

Brooke Joiner had two plate appearances, one at-bat, one run, and one walk.

Gaige Winchester had two plate appearances, no at-bats, two runs, and two walks.

Carly Joiner had two plate appearances, one at-bat, and one walk.

Emma Witmer had two plate appearances, one at-bat, one RBI, and two walks.

Ramsey Sullivan had two plate appearances, no at-bats, two RBI's, and two walks.

On the field, The Lady Warriors had seven total chances, no assists, six putouts, one error, and a fielding percentage of .857.

Metcalfe had one total chance, one putout, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Hightower had one total chance, one error, and a fielding percentage of 0.

Witmer had five total chances, five putouts, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

On the mound, the Lady Warriors pitched two innings, six outs, five strikeouts, seven batters faced, 21 total strikes, seven total balls, and no hits.

Hightower had three outs, one inning pitched, two strikeouts, three outs, fur batters faced, 12 total strikes, six total balls, and no hits, on 18 pitches.

Morgan pitched one inning, and had three outs, three batters faced, nine total strikes, one total ball, three outs, three strikeouts, and no hits, on 10 pitches.

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# SPORTS

## Cowboys Lose Barnburner To Seminoles

Fran Hunt  
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The Madison County Cowboys manned the diamond against the Florida State University Seminoles on April 11, and the Cowboys were inched for a 6-5 loss in the 14-inning barnburner. The Cowboys now stand 11-9 on the season.

Madison drew first blood, outscoring FSU, 2-0 in the second inning. But FSU came back to take the fifth inning, 3-0. The Cowboys took the sixth inning, 2-1 in the sixth inning, but by the end of the seventh inning the teams were deadlocked with a 4-4 tie. Both teams remained scoreless through the 13th inning, but the Seminoles took the 14th inning, 2-1, for the win.

As a team, at the plate, the Cowboys had a batting average of .115, with 68 plate appearances, 52 at-bats, five runs, six hits, four RBI's two doubles, one sacrifice fly, two sacrifice hits/bunts, eight walks, 20 strikeouts, five hit by pitches, three reach on errors, one fielder's choice, an on base percentage of .288, a slugging average of .154, and two stolen bases.

Individually, DJ McKnight had a batting average of .400, with eight plate appearances, five at-bats, two hits, three walks, two strikeouts, an on base percentage of .625, a slugging average of .400, and one stolen base.

Akevious Williams had a batting average of .000, with seven plate appearances, six at-bats, two RBI's, one sacrifice fly, three walks, two strikeouts, one reach on error, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of .000.

Wayne Driggers had a batting av-

erage of .000, with one plate appearances, one at-bat, one strikeout, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of .000.

Jake Latner had a batting average of .143, with eight plate appearances, seven at-bats, one run, one hit, one sacrifice hit/bunt, three strikeouts, one reach on error, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of .000.

Taylor Howell had a batting average of 1.000, with four plate appearances, two at-bats, two runs, two hits, two doubles, one walk, one hit by pitch, an on base percentage of 1.000, and a slugging average of 2.000.

Chad Oliver had a batting average of .000, with seven plate appearances, five at-bats, one RBI, two walks, two strikeouts, one reach on error, an on base percentage of .286, and a slugging average of .000.

Jared Burns had a batting average of .000, with eight plate appearances, five at-bats, two runs, one strikeout, three hit by pitches, one fielder's choice, one stolen base, an on base percentage of .375, and a slugging average of .000.

Brandon Hammond had a batting average of .167, with seven plate appearances, six at-bats, one hit, one RBI, four strikeouts, one hit by pitch, an on base percentage of .286, and a slugging average of .167.

Alex Tyson had a batting average of .000, with two plate appearances, two at-bats, two strikeouts, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of .000.

Zack Money had a batting average of .000, with six plate appearances, five at-bats, one walk, one strikeout,

an on base percentage of .167, and a slugging average of .000.

Patrick Bowen had a batting average of .000, with eight plate appearances, eight at-bats, two strikeouts, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of .000.

Garrett Holman had two plate appearances, one sacrifice hit/bunt, one walk, and an on base percentage of 1.000.

On the field, the Cowboys had a fielding percentage of .925, with 53 total chances, 48 putouts, one assist, four errors, one double play, and two runners caught attempting to steal base.

McKnight had a fielding percentage of 1.000, with four total chances, and four putouts.

Williams had a fielding percentage of .667, with three total chances, two putouts, and one error.

Latner had a fielding percentage of 1.000, with two total chances, and two putouts.

Howell had a fielding percentage of .667, with three total chances, two putouts, and one error.

Oliver had a fielding percentage of 1.000, with six total chances, and six putouts.

Burns had a fielding percentage of .714, with seven total chances, five putouts, two errors, and one double play.

Hammond had a fielding percentage of 1.000, with eight total chances, and eight putouts.

Money had a fielding percentage of 1.000, with five total chances, and five putouts.

Bowen had a fielding percentage of 1.000, with 14 total chances, 13

putouts, and one assist.

Holman had a fielding percentage of 1.000, with one total chance, and one putout.

On the mound, the Cowboys had an earned run average of 1.31, with 16 innings pitched, 12 hits, six runs, three of which were earned, eight walks, 11 strikeouts, 70 batters faced, 61 at-bats, a batting average of .197, an on base percentage of .300, one wild pitch, one hit by pitch, and one stolen base, on 236 pitches.

McKnight had an earned run average of 3.50, with two innings pitched, three hits, one run, which was earned, two strikeouts, nine batters faced, nine at-bats, a batting average of .333, and an on base percentage of .333, on 10 pitches. He was credited with the loss.

Burns had an earned run average of 0.00, with three innings pitched, one hit, one run, which was not earned, two strikeouts, 10 batters faced, nine at-bats, a batting average of .111, and an on base percentage of .200, and one hit by pitch, on 27 pitches.

Tyson had an earned run average of 1.17, with six innings pitched, five hits, one run, which was earned, four walks, four strikeouts, 28 batters faced, 24 at-bats, a batting average of .208, and an on base percentage of .321, on 100 pitches.

Money had an earned run average of 1.40, with five innings pitched, three hits, three runs, one of which was earned, four walks, three strikeouts, 23 batters faced, 19 at-bats, a batting average of .158, an on base percentage of .304, one wild pitch, and one stolen base, on 99 pitches.

## BROOKWOOD DOUBLES WARRIORS

Fran Hunt  
ECB Publishing Staff Writer

The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Warriors hit the diamond against Brookwood on April 16, and the Warriors were doubled for a 4-2 loss, to now stand 14-8 on the season.

Brookwood scored two runs in the first inning, and one run in the fourth inning. The Warriors came back to bring two runs across the plate in the sixth inning, and Brookwood scored their final run in the seventh inning.

As a team, at the plate, the Warriors had a batting average of .208, with 31 plate appearances, 24 at-bats, two runs, five hits, two RBI's, two doubles, one sacrifice fly, six walks, four strikeouts, one reach on error, three fielder's choice, an on base percentage of .355, a slugging average of .292, and one stolen base.

Josh Wood had a batting average of .333, with three plate appearances, three at-bats, one hit, one RBI, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of .333.

Hans Sorensen had a batting average of 1.000, with three plate appearances, one at-bat, one hit, two walks, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of 1.000.

Russell Fraleigh had a batting average of .000, with four plate appearances, four at-bats, one strikeout, two fielder's choice, an on base percentage and a slugging average of .000, and one stolen base.

Casey Demott had a batting average of .000, with two plate appearances, on at-bat, one fielder's choice, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of .000.

Kaleb Wyche had a batting average of .000, with one plate appearances, one at-bat, one strikeout, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of .000.

Hunter Horne had one plate appearance, one walk, and on base percentage of 1.000.

Hunter Handley had one run.

Tres Copeland had a batting average of .333, with four plate appearances, three at-bats, one hit, one double, one walk, an on base percentage of .500, and a slugging average of .667.

Austin Bishop had a batting average of .000, with three plate appearances, two at-bats, one RBI, one walk, one strikeout, one reach on error, an on base percentage of .333, and a slugging average of .000.

Bradley Holm had a batting average of .500, with two plate appearances, two at-bats, one hit, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of .500.

Jared Jackson had a batting average of .000, with four plate appearances, four at-bats, one strikeout, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of .000.

Gus Smyrniotis had a batting average of .333, with four plate appearances, three at-bats, one run, one hit, one double, one walk, an on base percentage of .500, and a slugging average of .667.

On the mound, the Warriors had an earned run average of 2.00, with seven innings pitched, seven hits, four runs, two of which were earned, five walks, three strikeouts, 36 batters faced, 30 at-bats, a batting average of .233, an on base percentage of .361, one hit by pitch, one putout, and two stolen bases, on 113 pitches.

Sorensen had an earned run average of 2.21, with 6.1 innings pitched, seven hits, four runs, two of which were earned, four walks, three strikeouts, 33 batters faced, 28 at-bats, a batting average of .250, an on base percentage of .364, one hit by pitch, one putout, and two stolen bases, on 101 pitches.

Demott had an earned run average of 0.00, with .2 inning pitched, one walk, three batters faced, two at-bats, a batting average of .000, and an on base percentage of .333, on 12 pitches.

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# SCHOOL

## North Florida Community College Announces Dean's Honor Roll

Thirty-one North Florida Community College students have been named to the Dean's Honor Roll at the conclusion of NFCC's Spring Term 2013. The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes outstanding academic achievement at the completion of each semester. Inclusion on the list is awarded to all full-time students who, during the term, have earned a grade point average of 3.50 to 3.79 on course work of at least 12 hours.

NFCC students recognized for academic achievement and named to the NFCC Dean's Honor Roll for Spring Term 2013 are:

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Rebecca I. Jackson	Jasper
Christy M. Carnline	Jennings
<b>Jefferson County</b>	
Sara D. Macdonald	Monticello
Brittany N. Smen	Monticello
<b>Lafayette County</b>	
Caleb D. Smith	Mayo
<b>Leon County - Tallahassee</b>	
Laura E. Bishop	Tallahassee
<b>Madison County</b>	
Rachael S. Webb	Lee
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Rebekah A. Miller	Madison
Hannah E. Odiorne	Madison
<b>Suwannee County</b>	
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## North Florida Community College Announces President's Honor Roll

Twenty-nine North Florida Community College students have been named to the President's Honor Roll at the conclusion of NFCC's Spring Term 2013. The President's Honor Roll recognizes outstanding academic achievement at the completion of each semester. Inclusion on the list is awarded to all full-time students who, during the term, have earned a grade point average of 3.8 to 4.0 on course work of at least 12 hours.

NFCC students recognized for academic achievement and named to the President's Honor Roll for Spring Term 2013 are:

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<b>Jefferson County</b>	
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<b>Leon County - Tallahassee</b>	
Randall A. Burns	Tallahassee
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Huston S. Smith	Madison
Tarvis M. Peacock	Madison
Christopher K. Gifford	Pinetta
Logan C. Groover	Pinetta
<b>Suwannee County</b>	
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## JMPHS Welcomes Bill Gemmill As First Principal

The Board of Directors is proud to welcome William B. Gemmill, III, as the first principal of James Madison Preparatory High School. The son of a career U.S. Air Force officer, Bill has spent nearly 25 years devoted to education as a teacher, coach, administrator, and educator advocate. Much of his energy has focused on instilling the importance of ethics in his students, particularly the values of integrity and character. He believes that owning a skill is a strength that leads to success. Thus, he supports the continuous evolution of education to provide students the opportunities to develop their skills and interests fully.

A graduate of Trevecca Nazarene University with a BS in Management and M.Ed. in Educational Leadership, Bill worked in Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools from 1992-2010. He specialized in teaching Computer-Aided Drafting and Design and implemented the ACE (Architectural, Construction, and Engineering) Program at two high schools. He served as Executive Principal of Cohn Adult High School, John Overton High School, and Nashville's Middle College High School, respectively, before retiring from MNPS. After retiring, he became the Membership and Media Director for Professional Educators of Tennessee, where he managed membership recruitment & retention, advised educators, represented PET at the state legislature, and coordinated member and public relations activities.

Serving high school students has always been Bill's passion. He looks forward to bringing this passion to JMPHS to help the school grow, build relationships with the community, and congratulate the first graduating class in 2017. He believes that JMPHS will provide the stimulus necessary to challenge young people to excel. He states, "There's something about all the possibilities for opportunity at JMPHS that is exciting. I wish that there had been such an opportunity when I went to high school myself." As for the JMPHS students, he says, "The more students the merrier. I love 'em all, and they can't do a thing about it!"

Bill and his wife, Judy, have four children, Billy, Allison, Eric, and Ashley, and three grandchildren. Billy, Allison, and Eric are all married. Their daughter, Ashley, succumbed to cancer in 2008 after being diagnosed when she was a high school senior six years earlier. A courageous young woman, Ashley continues to provide spiritual inspiration to her parents.

## Abstinence Is My S.W.A.G. Coming to MCHS

By Lynette Norris  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

"Abstinence is My S.W.A.G.," is the new "cool." It's also the name of the program the Madison County Health Department is sponsoring at the Madison County High School Friday, May 10.

In association with P.H.A.T (Promoting Health Among Teens) the Health Department has scheduled two hour-long programs, one for students in the high school gym from 1:45 to 2:45 p.m., and a second one for parents in the school cafeteria from 6 to 7 p.m.

The event will feature award winning speaker, author and positive role model Julie Marie Carrier, former Miss Virginia USA 2002, who will talk about the "New Cool S.W.A.G" (Someone Who Achieves Goals"), motivating youth to follow their dreams and achieve their goals, and empowering parents and adults who help them along the way.

There will also be light refreshments served at the parent program, courtesy of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church and St. James Missionary Baptist Church.

For more information about the event please contact Pam Robinson or Merv Mattair at the Madison County Health Department, (850) 973-5000.

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# SCHOOL

## Madison Academy Students Visit State Capitol

Madison Academy fifth grade students and their parents anxiously wait for the time to come each school year for the Florida Capitol tour and Civics Education field trip, which occurs each spring. This year that day came on April 3, 2013, when 15 students from Mrs. Jessica Webb's class and seven adult chaperones were guests of the Florida League of Cities in Tallahassee. This particular trip came on the dawn of the 500th year celebration of Florida's discovery, making it an extra special occasion. The day also marked the mid-point of the Legislative Session, which students had been learning about and watching (live streaming) during the previous weeks.

Upon arriving in Tallahassee, students were presented with an action-packed day in Florida's Capital City. First, they met their District 10 House of Representatives member, Halsey Beshears, where they learned of the daily tasks and responsibilities of being a Representatives member. Following the meet-and-greet, students toured the Governor's Mansion where they learned some interesting facts about Florida's history. Once the students returned to the Capitol, they toured the Old Capitol building and participated in a mock legislative debate. Their next stop afforded the opportunity to meet Senator Bill Montford, who invited the students to watch a committee meeting. During the students' lunch break, they were treated to an overview of city government by League staff, Mrs. Sharon Berrian. Before the final stop of the day, students journeyed to the 22nd Floor Overlook. Culminating the educational day was a tour of the Supreme Court building. Students were very interested in learning about Florida's courts system.

Mrs. Webb had this to say of the trip, "As with years' past, students, chaperones and I all had a remarkable time. Each year our tour gets better and better; our students learn so much! We are grateful for Mrs. Berrian's continued service to our school, and we thank everyone involved who makes this happen year-after-year for us." When asked their favorite part of the day, the students' replied... "ALL OF IT!"



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Students learn some of Florida's history during a tour of the Governor's Mansion.



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Students listen to artist Christopher Still explain his newest painting "La Florida," unveiled at the Governor's Mansion during the 500th year celebration.



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Students learn about Florida's courts system during a tour of the Florida Supreme Court building.



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Seen from right to left are Ashley Cantey, Kayla Reeves, Mary Kate Brooks and Maryn Richardson prepare to take oath during the mock legislative debate.



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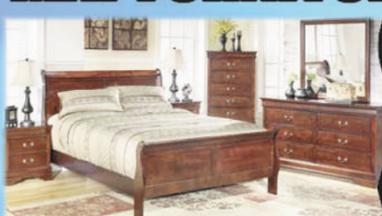
Teacher Mrs. Jessica Webb and student/daughter Gracie Galbraith pose with Senator Bill Montford.



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District 10 House of Representatives member Halsey Beshears speaks with students about his daily tasks and duties as Representative.

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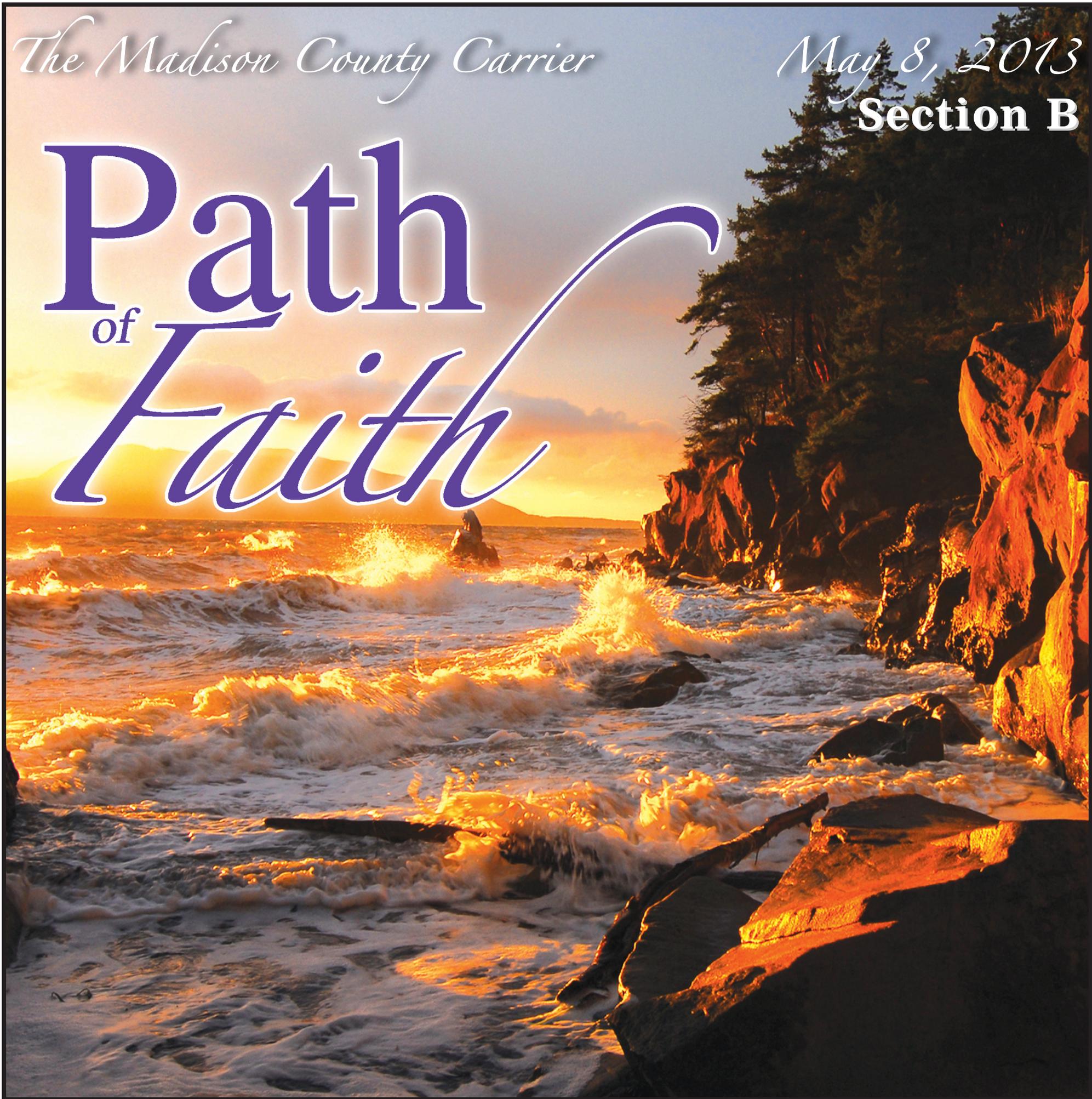
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**Section B**

# Path of Faith



# Tina DeMotsis To Speak At 55 Plus Club

By Lynette Norris  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Fraud schemes are getting more complex and more inventive all the time, especially with the explosion of computer technology and the social media in the last couple of decades, opening up whole new avenues for fraud scheme operators to snare their victims.

Tina DeMotsis, head of the Madison County Sheriff's Fraud Department, will be speaking to the 55 Plus Club at their final meeting, May 8, 2013 about the kind of fraud schemes that are out there, how they operate, how to avoid becoming a victim and what to do if you fall into a snare.

Tina's father, Louis DeMotsis, was mayor of Lee for 30 years, and Tina graduated from Madison High School. She attended Valdosta State for a degree in Criminal Justice and also studied abroad in England. At present, she is studying forensic criminology.

Tina loves her job, so you know her presentation will be enthusiastic as well as educational. Come on out and learn how you can better protect yourself from fraud schemes.

The 55 Plus Club's final meeting will be held at noon, May 8, at the United Methodist Cooperative Ministries Center, 135 SW Dill Avenue (corner of Dill and Colin Kelly Highway) about five miles north of town.

The Club meets the second Wednesday of the month from September through May, and is free and open to all seniors 55 and older. There are no registration fees or dues of any kind. Just come on out, bring a friend or two to the UMCM Center, enjoy a free lunch provided by that month's host church, and hear interesting presentations on topics of interest to the senior community.

The May meeting is the last one before the Club takes its summer hiatus, but it will be back again come September. In fact, the September meeting will fall on 9/11.

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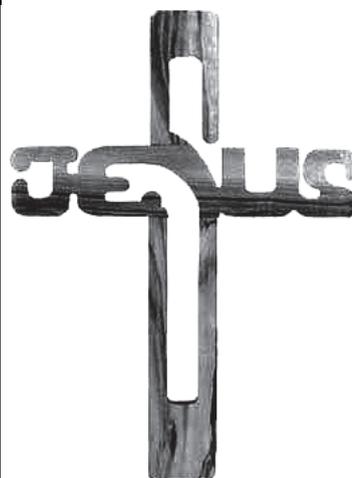
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**By Brenda McCormick**  
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# The Pulpit

## Thoughts From: The Preacher's Daughter

God is moving in the midst of his people and people are being Healed and people are being saved.

Sometimes, as Christians we have a love for God, and we have a desire for a relationship with Him, but for whatever reason, we completely lack faith. This is seemingly the boat I have found my own self in. It could simply stem from my personality and the fear of being a “bother” to people. It could also be partly from hearing over the years that we should not be selfish in our prayers; always asking, asking, asking from God without much else.

Whatever it was, I somehow got to the point where I felt like God was a genie, and I could only get those few wishes, so I'd better make my prayers worthwhile. Really I guess for most of my life, even though I knew that I mattered to God, I just assumed that it was up to me and “fate” (if you will) to resolve things.

I mean, who was I to approach the everlasting throne of the Almighty God with my petty little problems? Over the past couple of months, I have started to evolve spiritually and I have begun to realize just how much I've been shorting myself. Here I was asking, “Who am I to bother God?” when the real question should be, “Who I am to say God doesn't care and isn't

powerful enough to handle these little things?”

I figured, as a writer, since I have always been good at writing down what is in my head, it might be easier to write down my prayers to God, rather than try to inwardly pray and have to ward off the endless mental

distractions. But finally, I just threw up my hands and did what God told us to do — talk to Him like a friend.

Not only is God all-powerful, not only does God care... God has a mighty big sense of humor, too.

*Philippians 4:6 (KJV) Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.*

*Luke 12:6-8 (KJV) Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows.*



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# A Saint Goes Marching In

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by RONNIE McBRAYER



Years ago my oldest son asked me a question: "What is a saint?" When you're driving along with a numb mind at day's end, as I was, that's not the type of question you are prepared to answer. So I splattered out, "A saint is someone who does what God wants them to do." My son answered, "If that's a saint, then why did New Orleans choose that as their football mascot?" I didn't have an answer for that question either.

What is a saint? Well, we often think of saints as being holy or remarkable people who did something extraordinary for God. We think of people we know personally who have influenced us: A grandmother, parent, or mentor whom we easily refer to as saints. Or we think of some poor lady with a worthless husband and an impossible life. She never loses her patience or resolve, so behind her back we talk about how great her reward in heaven will be, and we call her a saint.

Thomas Merton, a saintly person in his own right, said: "A saint is not someone who is good. It is someone who has experienced the goodness of

God." Going with Merton's thought, saints are those who have come to know deep, abiding grace. Saints understand that their failures and shortcomings do not disqualify them from receiving God's love. Saints have learned that their grotesque, self-inflicted wounds, rather than alienating God, bring the divine to bear in their lives in unique and powerful ways.

Extraordinary. Influential. Determined. Fallible and damaged. If these are the characteristics of sainthood, then a true saint left the world in recent days: The writer, priest, preacher, alcoholic, divorcé and all-round self-proclaimed "ragamuffin" known as Brennan Manning.

As a young man Brennan entered the seminary and was ordained to the Franciscan priesthood. He would go on to become a theologian, a campus minister, a spiritual director, the author of nearly two dozen books (his "Ragamuffin Gospel" should be required religious reading), and a practitioner in the way of Jesus, living among the poor as a mason's assistant, a dishwasher, a voluntary prisoner and a shrimper.

Of course, if Manning's story and life ended there, there would be little doubt about his sainthood. Teaching theology, working among the pitiable and overlooked, self-imprisonment

(though innocent) in order to minister to convicts, living among the rough and tumble fisherman of the Gulf Coast – who could be more like Jesus?

But Manning's ministry and life disintegrated into horrific alcoholism. He was homeless and busted, living on a quart of vodka a day, when he finally entered treatment. It took him months to get sober, but he did, only to relapse. When sober again he began writing in earnest, left the priesthood, married Rosalyn, and moved to New Orleans (he was an avid Saints fan), where his marriage would end in divorce, and again he would land in rehab.

Manning says that the greatest regret of his life is not his relapses into alcoholism. His greatest regret is "The time I've wasted in shame, guilt, remorse, and self-condemnation...I'm not speaking about the appropriate guilt one ought to feel after committing a sin. I'm talking about wallowing in guilt, almost indulging in it, which is basically a kind of idolatry where I am the center of my focus and concern."

He went on to say, "I can waste no more time being shocked or horrified that I have failed. There's nothing else I can do now but help sinners journey from self-hatred to God's love, and to help

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# Keeping the Faith

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people see that if God ceased to love, God would cease to be God.”

This blessed, bumbling drunk; this muddled mix of failure and faithfulness; this holy, blue-eyed and blue-jean-wearing champion of grace did exactly that for untold thousands – he helped them find the love of God in spite of personal shame. And while I only knew him through his words, he did the same for me. So from one ragamuffin to another, “Thank you, Brennan. A saint truly is marching in.”

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# Bubba's Bikers Meet Christian Hospitality At UMCM

By Lynette Norris  
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*"Let brotherly love continue. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."* (Heb. 13:1-2.)

*"Distributing to the necessity of the saints; given to hospitality."*  
(Rom. 12:13)

They came from 18 different states and two countries, one from the Netherlands, and one from Germany by way of Alaska. Although there were a couple of forty-somethings, the vast majority were retirees. The average age was 61, with the youngest being 48 and the oldest checking in at the tender age of 72.

Some, like a few from "Min-ne-SOH-tah" (think *Fargo* accents)



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**A big welcome awaited Bubba's Bikers when they arrived at the UMCM Center and pitched their tents.**

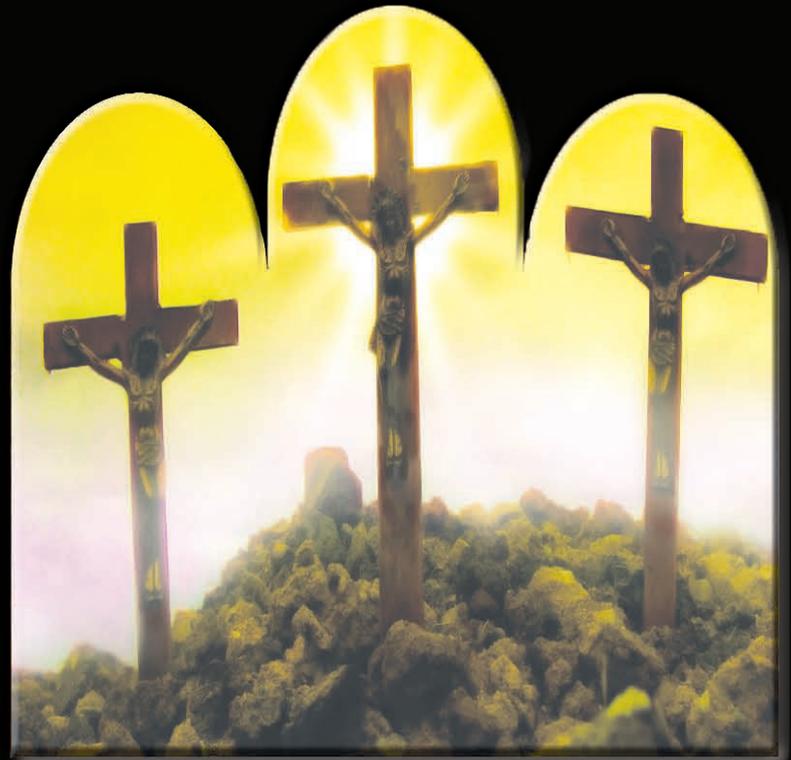
had known each other from before, while others were strangers when they first came together in San Diego on March 8, to begin their 3,000 mile cross-country bike trip – a trip that would take them all the way to St. Augustine, Florida.

That's "bike" as in "bicycle."

On any given day, "Bubba's Bikers" pedaled anywhere from 50 to 100 miles, with the average being about 64.

When they pedaled into Madison, they were on the final week of their journey. In four more days, they would roll into St. Augustine, where they would bid emotional goodbyes to each other and head home...to Maryland, to the Twin Cities, to Seattle, to California, to New Jersey, to Pittsburg, to Indiana, to Utah, to Atlanta, to Iowa, to Connecticut. Along the way, they had acquired nicknames like "Santa" (for his long white beard), "Snowflake" and "Big Ben" (the very tall man from Germany, by way of Alaska).

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# Bubba's Bikers

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very tall man from Germany, by way of Alaska).

At the United Methodist Cooperative Ministry Center, they pitched their tents in a field alongside the UCMC building and gathered inside for a potluck supper of Southern cooking at its finest, courtesy of the Methodist volunteers, in one of the many outreach ministries of the United Methodist Cooperative Center.

After supper, local historian Bill Bunting addressed the group, talking a little about the history of Madison County and answering dozens of questions about the county's past and present.

Then, the expedition's leader, known fondly as "Bubba" to the group, thanked everyone at UCMC for their gracious hospitality, before he turned the floor over to members of the group. One by one, they stood and introduced themselves to the people of Madison, talked about where they were from and why they had wanted to pedal coast-to-coast.

As they spoke, several recurring themes became clear: they had started out as a diverse group from all over the country, but now they were like a large, blended family, who would find it very hard to say goodbye to each other at St. Augustine; they were smitten with the natural beauty of North Florida, especially those who had never seen this part of the country before; and, they were extremely impressed by the graciousness and hospitality that had been shown to throughout their trip, but most espe-

cially in Madison.

Finally, several of them were very glad they didn't live in West Texas. Even Santa agreed. "They can keep West Texas!" he laughed.

Another thing that impressed many was the number of biking opportunities in Madison County. "You'd be hard-pressed to find a more biker-friendly town than this," Bubba agreed.

They also spoke of the national parks they had ridden through and the people they had met along the way.

"We did this ride for adventure," said one couple from Indiana.

"I wanted to go cross-country because I'd never ridden in the mountains before," said another woman. "What a gift that was!"

"I've been last every day," said a lady from Iowa. "Because I've taken 3,000 pictures and stopped to talk to people along the way."

Barbara from Seattle was on her fourth cross-country trip, after having battled cancer and won. "I've been given a second chance at life, and

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**Dawn Wilson of St. Paul shares some of favorite memories of traveling with Bubba's Bikers.**

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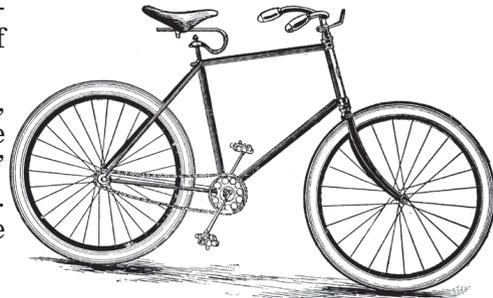
"This was on my 'bucket list,'" said another.

A former highway patrolman from Utah said he had taken up serious cycling after retiring from his law enforcement career.

Several agreed that they would be joining another cross-country bike trip next year, and would be coming back to Madison for another fantastic potluck supper at UMCM.

In Titus 1:8, Paul tells Titus that one of the hallmarks of a leader in the church was that he should be a "lover of hospitality," to show the love of Christ toward strangers, and their visitors at the UMCM Thursday night definitely felt the graciousness and hospitality that Christians extended to them during they stopover in Madison. One after the other, they spoke of the welcome and graciousness of Madison and its people, especially the kindness of the people of UMCM.

John from St. Paul, Minn., put it all into a few simple words. "It's been a great trip," he told the hosts of UMCM. "Mostly because of people like you."



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# Jennifer Beckham Speaks At Beulah Baptist Church

By Jacob Bembry  
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Beulah Baptist Church hosted former Disney Princess, Jennifer Beckham, on Saturday evening, April 27.

The program began at 5 p.m. with a presentation by Donna Faulkner of the Florida Department of Transportation. At 6 p.m., a meal was served in the church's fellowship hall.

At 7 p.m., Deanna Phillips, of the Florida Department of Transportation, welcomed Jennifer Beckham to the podium.

Jennifer is a Christian evangelist and motivational speaker. She and her husband, Anthony, work with school children in the state's public schools to help improve their self-esteem.

She is the author of the book *Get Over Yourself*. Her latest message *Who Told You That You Were Naked?* is available on CD and DVD at [www.jenniferbeckham.org](http://www.jenniferbeckham.org).

Anthony Beckham is the leader of a strength team called Power Unlimited. According to his website ([www.power-unlimited.org](http://www.power-unlimited.org)), Anthony is known as Rev. Hardbody and he and his team members put their bodies on the line daily as they travel the U.S and Canada performing outrageous strength and power feats in public and private school assemblies. As a motivational speaker, breaking through stacks and stacks of concrete blocks, blowing up hot water bottles, rolling up your momma's kitchen frying pans with his bare hands, bending cold rolled steel inches thick with his teeth,



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**Jennifer Beckham gives a thumbs up as she opens up with a story about the work she and her husband, Anthony, of the strength team called Power Unlimited, do with the schools to help raise children's self-esteem.**

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The Beulah Baptist Church men's quartet sings before the Jennifer Beckham event. From left to right: James Cressley, Don Bradfield, T.J. Santerfeit and Lee Bishop.



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Cindy Zrowka sings "The Anchor Holds."



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Mary Santerfeit leads the singing before the Jennifer Beckham event.



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Donna Faulkner, of the Florida Department of Transportation, spoke during the 5 p.m. portion of the event at Beulah Baptist Church.



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Jennifer Beckham is pictured with her husband, Anthony. Together, they help raise the self-esteem of children in Florida public schools.



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Enjoying the meal at Beulah Baptist Church, pictured at the left side of the table, are from front to back: Lee Bishop, Alfred Nichols and Christine Nichols.

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