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# MCHS Cowgirls 2013 State Runner-Up

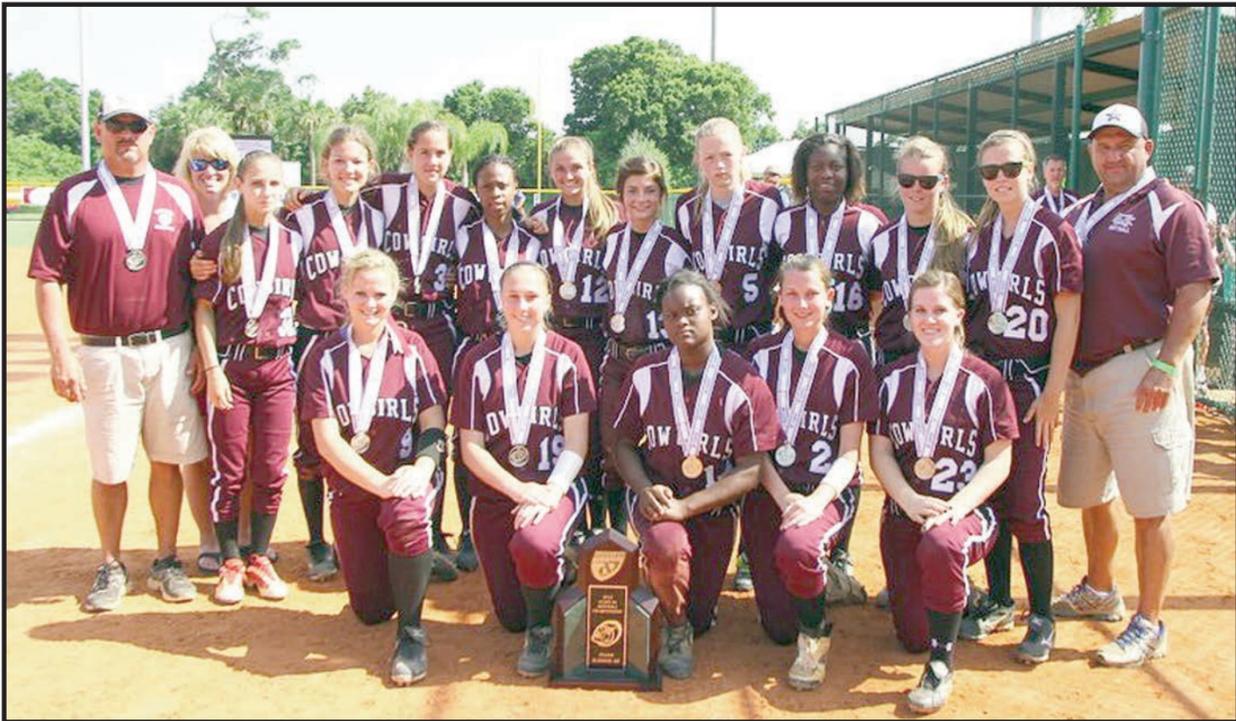


Photo courtesy of Lisa Smith

The Madison County High School Cowgirls are seen following the State Championship game against Gulliver Prep on May 11. Though they were defeated, the Cowgirls proudly represented Madison County and the community is extremely proud of their accomplishments. Representing the Cowgirls in the front row from left to right are Kailee Morris, Brooke Kinsey, Tamela Brinson, Logan Groover and Rachael Webb. In the back row from left to right are Assistant Coach Tommy Garner, Chaplain Sabrina Durst, Courtney Richardson, Hope Smith, Emily Caldwell, Alexis Livingston, Nicole Davis, Kelli Garner, Megan Washington, Kay Henderson, Carlie Ginn, Jenna Stewart and Head Coach Edwin Kinsey. For the full game story including team stats and more pictures, please see page 8.

# Becky's Dance Step Studios To Hold Annual Recital This Weekend

By Kristin Finney  
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It's that time of year again; time for the community to show their support to the talented students of Becky's Dance Step Studios during their annual recital. This year's recital will be held this Saturday, May 18. The first show will begin at 1 p.m. and the evening performance will begin at 7 p.m. The recital will be held at North Florida Community College's Van H. Priest Auditorium.

This year's theme is "Coast to Coast" with the dancers performing their way across the United States. Price of admission is \$12 for adults and \$4 for children under the age of 12. There will be no reserved seating, however, tickets will be available at the dance studio as well as at the auditorium one hour prior to the show.

During the show there will be no flash photography or video taping of any kind. If you are interested in taking pictures of the performances, please feel free to stop by the dress rehearsal performances, which will be held on Thursday and Friday at 4 p.m.

# National Poll Finds Local Officials Most Responsive

By Lazaro Aleman  
Special to Greene Publishing, Inc.

City and county officials can take hope from a recent nationwide poll that found voters find local governments the most responsive to their needs.

The Mason-Dixon poll — which was conducted on behalf of the National League of Cities (NLC) and canvassed 1,000 registered voters across the country — reportedly found that "voters trust local government to address the issues that most matter to them more than any other level of government."

"This poll confirms the strength of our nation's cities and towns and their efficiency in managing the various needs of our diverse communities," NLC Executive Director Clarence Anthony was quoted saying. "Local governments are trusted to address the issues that are critical to the everyday lives of Americans."

The poll results indicated that when it came to trust, 37 percent of voters trusted local government the most, versus 22 percent for state government and 12 percent for the federal government.

It found that women put more faith in local government than men; and that those with the most trust in local government and the least in the federal government were men and women between the ages of 35 and 49.

In contrast to the results for the federal government, the poll found that trust in local government

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# Greenville Town Council Approves Sidewalk Repairs, New Deputy Clerk



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo By Lynette Norris, May 13, 2013  
Greenville Town Council members discuss several issues facing Greenville at the May meeting. Left to right: Calvin Malone, Barbara Dansey, Margaret Poppell, Robin Housh and Mayor Kovacherick Arnold.

By Lynette Norris  
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In a few days, Carolyn Spears will become the town of Greenville's newest fulltime employee, as the new permanent Deputy Clerk. Spears had held that position on a part-time, temporary basis for several months, and according to Town Clerk Kimberly Reams, had done an outstanding job.

At the April Town Council meeting, the deputy clerk position had been discussed, but no decision was made, except to task Town Clerk Reams with interviewing the top three candidates for the job and making a recommendation to the Council at the next meeting. At the May 13 Town Council meeting, Ream reported that all three candidates had done well in the interview, and all other things being



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo By Lynette Norris, May 13, 2013  
One of the items under discussion was the damaged sidewalk in Haffey Hayes Park. The Council agreed to allow the Public Works Department to effect repairs with possible assistance from MCI labor.

equal, what stood out was the matter of experience — Spears already had the knowledge and experience to jump right into the position and the Town of Greenville had already invested time and money in her.

After council members discussed the matter for several more minutes, and it seemed as if the vote might be delayed yet again, Reams urged them to go ahead and vote on the matter now, saying that at present, with no permanent, full-time deputy clerk, she felt as if she were only half-staffed and "stretched really thin."

The council voted unanimously to hire Spears, with her full-time status to begin procedures and paperwork were done, a matter of a few days.

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# Monday Morning Structure Fire In Madison County



Photo Submitted by Pat Lightcap

Photo and text submitted by Pat Lightcap

On Monday, May 13, at 10:18 a.m., Madison 911 Center received a report of a structure fire at 1686 SW Mosely Hall Road in southern Madison County. New Home Fire Rescue and Madison Fire Rescue were dispatched to the scene. Arriving units found an abandoned home that was in the process of being torn down had caught fire. Firemen quickly contained the flames to the structure and avoided the fire spreading to nearby trees and other buildings. The cause of the fire is not known at the time of this report at 12:35 p.m.. No injuries have been reported. Madison County Emergency Medical Services and a Madison County Deputy Sheriff were also on scene.

# Lock Your Car's Doors



By Jacob Bembry  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The Madison Police Department is advising people not to leave their cars unlocked.

A recent rash of burglaries, believed to be kids committing the crimes, has been mostly the burglars checking the cars to see if they are locked. If they are unlocked, the perpetrators will go inside and steal items, such as purses, car stereos, etc.

The MPD said that several cars had been burglarized more than once and none of the times were the doors locked.

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# VIEWPOINTS & OPINIONS

## CRACKER SEZ

### SMARTS

'Uh feller by the name 'uh Bodenshteyn, from New York City, 'come by ta' see me. Said he was 'uh college 'fessor. He was on 'uh long vacation he called 'uh sabbatical. He taught science, calculate'n math, ancient history, you name it. I never met nobody that knew so much.

We said howdy 'n he told what he stopped by fer'. He said he was research'n different cultures. Said he noticed some 'uh my cracker stories 'n thought he'd see how us rednecks think. He admitted he was kind'a upity about it. After he read 'uh few, he found he learned some'm. He said we have 'uh way 'uh put'n value on family, friends 'n neighbors, that 's uncommon. Said it made 'eem stop 'n think about 'eemself. He had spent his whole life educate'n 'n get'n educated, which ,in it's self, is 'uh good thing. Said, but, 'eed missed out on 'uh lott'a relationships not leave'n time fer' such.

He said he was gunn'a make as many friends as he can on the rest of his sabbatical, 'n when e' gets back home, e's gunn'a look up his relatives 'n tell 'um he 'preciates 'um.

He said, "Cracker, there's them that's intelligent, 'n them that's wise. Some folks have one 'er the other, but it's rare ta' find somebody with both." He said he considered 'eemself already intelligent 'n with the values he was pick'n up here, by the time he leaves town, he figures he might become wise. He said when yer' intelligent and wise you've got smarts. He said, "I want the smarts."

I asked Fessor Bodenshteyn what he figured I had. He said, "Cracker, Yer' jug ain't quite full when it comes ta' intelligence."

I ain't sure if that was 'uh compliment 'er not.



**Jim Dietrich**  
Guest Columnist

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

## Health & Wellness Tips

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



## DID YOU KNOW...?

There is a growing body of evidence of harm from long-term use of cell phones, and although the jury is still out, it may be wise to heed the early warning signs.

Although I have heard the warnings and the reassurances with respect to cell phone safety, it has taken me a while to broach this topic because I feel a bit like I am walking on foreign territory - something I don't understand too fully, and am trying to wrap my head around. So I will present what I have found.

I use my cell phone daily, but am now trying to get into the habit of using the speaker phone option, rather than holding the phone to my head. Once again, I figure better safe than sorry.

The radiation the cell phones emit is between 1 and 3 Watts, in the microwave range, and that radiation DOES get absorbed by the head, or whatever body part is nearest the phone. Initially the concern was that this radiation heated the cells causing damage, but from the resources I've looked at, it looks like the body is able to dispel the heat quite easily. Based on that knowledge, claims to cell-phone safety have been made.

However, the radiation emitted from the phone is pulsed, and apparently very similar to the electrical oscillations sent within the brain (alpha and delta brain waves). Our body is a very sensitive electrochemical system, so it seems reasonable that radio waves from external sources at similar frequencies to our internal frequencies may interfere with our bioelectrical systems, in much the same way that cell phones interfere with airplane controls and hospital equipment. One can induce

a seizure in photo-sensitive epileptics by flashing a light at 15hz. The seizure is not caused by a reaction to the heat of the light, but rather by how the brain interprets or recognizes the frequency of the impulses. So it is the similarity to the frequencies commonly used within the body, confusing the body which may be problematic. One of the frequencies used by cell phones seems to be similar to one that induces cell division in the body, perhaps explaining the links between cell phone use and brain cancer. Other EMF studies have shown links to Alzheimer's, leukemia, ALS, breast cancer, blood pressure, heart disease, fertility, miscarriage, joint pain, migraines, fatigue, concentration difficulties, increased reaction time and sleep disorders.

Children under the age of 16 are particularly vulnerable because their skulls are thinner and much smaller, increasing the radiation absorption. And if they are using cell phones at such a young age, they will have many more years of exposure than if they were starting later, potentially exacerbating the damage, as studies seem to indicate that the longer the exposure, the heavier the use, the more likely a problem. Some people may be far more sensitive to this electromagnetic pollution than others, and Bluetooth handsets actually increase rather than reduce exposure. Since radio frequencies are known to disrupt melatonin production, if you have difficulty sleeping, it may be worth getting a land line, rather than having a cordless or a cell phone, to reduce exposure. If you have a cell phone, carry it in your briefcase, knapsack or purse rather than in a pocket.

National  
Security



Joe Boyles  
Guest Columnist

## Benghazi

On the 11th anniversary of 9/11, America was attacked again. The results of the attack on the American Consulate in Benghazi, Libya were not nearly as devastating as the original 9/11 attack in 2001, but make no mistake, the assault on the Consulate which is American soil by international law was an attack on the United States. The anniversary date selected for the attack was no accident. This time, only four Americans died.

Only? One of the dead was Ambassador Chris Stevens. That is a really big deal. The ambassador is the "face" of America on foreign soil, literally the representative of our government. Before Stevens died violently in Benghazi on September 11, 2012, we had not lost an ambassador at his post in more than three decades. Every life is important, but the position of ambassador makes Steven's death particularly important.

Now, this event took place eight months ago. Finally, the issue is getting some attention from the main stream media. Up to now, except for the immediate aftermath, the press has ignored Benghazi ... "moved on" some would say. Now the media is paying attention and asking hard and harder questions, which they should have been doing all along.

Last week, three "whistleblowers" testified before Congress on mistakes and omissions which contributed to the deaths in Benghazi. They also testified on the "cover up" by both the State Department and the White House of the true nature of the attack. While it was common knowledge within hours that the attack was carried out by Islamic extremists, the Administration put out the narrative for two weeks that the attack was caused by a spontaneous demonstration by a street mob incensed by a cheap, poorly acted 14 minute anti-Mohammed video.

The mistakes which led to Benghazi can best be characterized in this way: before; during; and after. For months prior to last September, the security situation had deteriorated so badly in Benghazi that diplomatic missions such as the British were shut down and withdrawn. Our consulate had been attacked and penetrated on two occasions. Ambassador Stevens requested additional security. Not only were his requests denied, security details were actually withdrawn, putting our diplomats in even greater danger.

Secretary of State Hillary Clin-

ton had sent Ambassador Stevens to Benghazi with the mission of increasing our diplomatic presence in this important Libyan city. When the evening of last September 11th rolled around, al-Qaeda terrorists launched a coordinated, heavy weapons attack on the American Consulate. Shortly afterward, Stevens and his information officer, Sean Smith were killed, although Stevens went missing and his status was unknown for the next four hours. Seven hours later, two security specialists were killed protecting a second location in Benghazi.

Ambassador Stevens and his people requested assistance when they came under attack and their requests were denied. We're not sure who made the decision not to render aid, but it had fatal consequences. It probably would not have changed the results of the first attack, but it may very well have changed the outcome of the second attack. Whether or not it would have changed the outcome is immaterial; someone made the decision not to even try to render assistance. Who did this and why?

After the event came the cover up. The cover story was that this event was a spontaneous demonstration gone awry. In fact, it was a pre-planned attack by an al-Qaeda subgroup Ansar al-Sharia timed to the anniversary of the 9/11 attack.

Why did the Administration and or State Department claim that the attack was something it was not for as long as two weeks afterward? Possibly because the election was only two months away and the true nature of the attack and unpreparedness could prove embarrassing. Possibly because the State Department did not want to admit its mistakes to protect the reputation of high officials. Who knows for sure? Regardless, the lie proved very embarrassing for the Libyan prime minister and many others.

This much is clear - our diplomats and contractors were "hung out to dry" by our government, before the event; during the attack; and in the aftermath. Republicans in Congress are desperately trying to get to the bottom of this. Democrats are claiming this is a partisan witch-hunt. The four dead Americans and the others who were injured deserve better. They deserved better support, before, during and after. Months later, Mrs. Clinton asked an investigating committee, "What difference, at this point, does it make?" The answer to her question is the truth always matters.

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During the discussion, the question of a town manager came up; the town of Greenville had managed without a town manager for so long (12 years), that some council members wondered if the position had been closed. Council member Margaret Poppell added that the position was still "floating around out there" but there was simply no money for it in the town's budget, and had not been for many years. Attorney Christine Thurman answered that it could not be closed without a change in the town's charter. According to further discussion, there wasn't going to be any way to fund that position at least for the foreseeable future. For now, the town would have to continue functioning without a town manager.

J.C.Fead of the Public Works Department told the council that he had gotten some bids for the repair of the broken up sidewalk in Haffey Hayes Park, but he felt that his crew in Public Works could easily do the job themselves and save the town a significant amount of money, especially if he could "call up MCI and beg a little bit" for some additional hands to help out. All that was really necessary was digging up and removing the broken cement, putting the forms in place and pouring new cement.

The sidewalk was damaged when the fire truck had driven over it. The weight of the vehicle had broken large chunks off the edge, leaving wide cracks and pieces that jutted up unevenly.

Some council members said that they had gotten three or four calls about the sidewalk and had been worried about it becoming a liability, even with barricades in place to direct foot traffic around the damaged area. After Fead passed around a written estimate for the bid, council members commented that letting Fead and his crew repair the damage would save the town about \$19,000, and voted to allow him to go ahead with the work.

Fead also told them that at some time in the future they would also have to budget for repairs to the footbridges in the park. Some of the wooden planks have be-

come so warped and uneven they posed a tripping threat; Public Works had placed two sheets of plywood end-to-end over one of the bridges to provide an even surface for pedestrians.

A representative of Simmon's Hardware addressed the council about some unpaid invoices from 2011 for items (oil, fasteners, various tools, etc.) by the Street Department, water Department and the Public Works Department amounting to several hundred dollars. After a council member noted that there were no authorized signatures, Fead told the council that this was a system that had "just evolved over time" with Simmons Hardware, and it had been set up like that for 30 years.

The Council agreed to look into the unpaid invoices, but stated that in the future it would handle invoices with a consistent purchase-order policy for any purchases over \$100, and would alert all its vendors to that policy.

In other items, The Council agreed to allow the Reams to consolidate some of Greenville's 17 bank accounts, reducing the number accounts to 13; allow Ream to travel to Orlando for a conference of the Florida Association of City Clerks that would offer her some intense training that would greatly benefit Greenville; draft a response letter to the Joint Legislative Auditing letter about some financial details that ream said she believed the town had taken care of by hiring an outside book-keeping service; discussed changing the locks and adding security cameras at City Hall and the Fire Department, especially in the wake of a break-in in the fire chief's office, where a chain saw had gone missing, and a huge box of copies of the Greenville's ordinance that had mysteriously materialized in City Hall and no one seemed to know where it had come from.

The Council also scheduled a workshop for Tuesday, May 21, at 5 p.m., to discuss how to handle city employee's flex time, among several related issues.

## Poll Finds

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was solid across political party lines, "with 32 percent of Democrats, 39 percent of Independents and 40 percent of Republicans saying they trusted local government most."

State government, in turn, was most trusted by 26 percent of Republicans, 21 percent of Independents and 19 percent of Democrats."

"While trust in the federal government appears to be fractured and tragically low, this survey shows that when it comes to getting the job done on critical issues in people's lives, voters firmly entrust their local leaders to represent them best," a spokesman for the NLC was quoted saying. "Voters would rather have the issues they care about addressed by their local leaders who are neighbors whom they know and trust."

The results, according to the NLC, underscored that local governments are considered the closest to the people in terms of proximity and accessibility, providing a more uncomplicated path to influence legislation while addressing specific issues that affect their constituents' daily lives.

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## Obituaries

### Curtis L. Horne



Mr. Curtis L. Horne, Sr. age 72 of Madison passed away May 6, 2013 at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital. Born on October 12, 1940, in Hazlehurst, Ga., to the late Alvin Horne and Lucille Gilbreath Horne O'Neal. He married Lindy Dunn on November 30, 1963. He lived in Tampa, working as a printer for the *Tampa Tribune*. He moved to Orlando where he and his brother, Wallace, opened Overland Fence Company. In 1984, he opened Horne's Used Cars, on Old Winter Garden Road, in Orlando. He loved cars and was very successful in the business. He loved helping people and would always say that is why he got into the car business. He loved to listen to Jimmy Swaggart preach and sing and loved country music. He had open heart surgery in 1994, and once recovered, he rode an exercise bike daily. He was a family man and would do anything for them. He was preceded in death by his sister, Helen Henry, and his brother, Wallace J. Horne. He is survived by his wife, Lindy

Horne, of Madison; a son, Curtis L. Horne Jr. (Kathy Horne) of Winter Garden; two daughters, Michelle Bentley (Martin Sapp) of Madison and Carol Waples (Johnny Waples), of Oakland; 11 grandchildren: Rebecca Gomez (Frankie Gomez), Matthew Blount (Monica Blount), Bryan Blount, Michael Horne, Danielle Bentley, Amber Bentley, James Waples (Joanna Macphelemy), Evelyn Waples, Johnny Waples IV "JJ", Ryan Sapp and Tyler Sapp; five great grandchildren: Cameron Blount, Marley Blount, Frankie Gomez, James Waples Jr., Michael Fochler; and numerous nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Visitation will be Saturday, May 18, 2013 at noon, with services following at 1 p.m. in the chapel of Collison Carey Hand Funeral Home, Winter Garden. Interment will follow at Woodlawn Memorial Park, Gotha. Arrangements entrusted to Collison Carey Hand Funeral Home, Winter Garden. [www.collison-careyhand.com](http://www.collison-careyhand.com)

### Marjorie Webb Woodard

Marjorie Webb Woodard was called home to be with God after a long illness on Thursday, May 9th, 2013 in Jacksonville. Funeral services will be held on Monday, May 13th, 2013. The family will receive friends at 10 a.m. in Beggs Chapel followed by the service at 11 a.m. Burial will follow at Macedonia Baptist Church Cemetery. Officiating will be the Rev. Eugene Stokes and Rev. Gabe Krell of first Baptist Church in Madison where Marjorie was a long standing member. She was born on September 6th, 1921 in Madison County to Mr. Thomas and Trudie Welch Webb of Lee. She lived in Madison most of her life except the last 7 years in Jacksonville. Her husband, William Hazel Woodard preceded her in death in 2008. She is survived by two daughters, Sheryle Annette Stout and husband Steve Stout as well as Brenda Woodard Jones and husband Steve Jones; four grandsons: Kevin Stout (Michele), Jason Stout (Raquel), Stephen Jones (Caren) and Matthew Jones (Brittany). She is also survived by six grandchildren: Skylar Mathis, Hayden Stout, Trenton Stout, Zoey Stout, Ethan Jones and Rian Madison Jones as well as many loving nieces, nephews and cousins. She was an active and faithful member of First Baptist Church in Madison having served as church secretary and association secretary for over 30 years. She was a member of the choir, the Senior Adult Ministry, WMU, Nita McCullough Circle and the Friendship Sunday School class. She was also a member of the Madison Woman's Club and Madison County Genealogical Society. She spent many hours tracking the ancestry of her family and found great joy in sharing the family history with the grandchildren. Marjorie always enjoyed preparing meals for her family and spending time with her close circle of friends. Memorial contributions may be made to the Madison First Baptist Church Building Fund (P.O. Box 307 Madison, FL 32340).

**Thank You**

*The family of Eunice Blanton would like to thank everyone for the love, support and prayers shown to us during the illness and loss of our mother. It means so much to us to have such wonderful, loving people that care. Words could never express the way we feel about each of you. Continue to keep us in your prayers.*

*May God bless you,  
 The Blanton Family*

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### 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.

### May 26

Ochlawilla Baptist Church will be having their annual homecoming on May 26. Services will begin at 10:30am with song service and special guest speaker Brother Mike Alvarez. A covered dish lunch will follow morning worship. We will have "The Evergreen Pickers" as our special music. Everyone is invited to attend.

### June 1

An open microphone gospel sing and potluck supper, honoring Sharon Sauls, wife of Pastor Richard Sauls, will be held at Lee Worship Center. There will be a challenge between Seminole fans and Gator fans to see who can get the most people in attendance for the sing. Lee Worship Center is located at 471 SE Magnolia Avenue in Lee. There is no charge for the sing or the supper. A love offering will be accepted.

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# AROUND MADISON COUNTY

## Madison Garden Club Recognizes New Officers

By Lynette Norris  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

At the final May meeting, before taking a break over the summer, the Madison Garden Club recognized the outgoing officers who had served the previous months and introduced the new officers who will step up to the plate when the Club reconvenes in September.

Officers completing their terms were Martha Beggs (president), Laura Coleman (vice president), Ann Paquett (secretary), Kay Harris (chaplain; Vicki Howerton and Mina Bloodworth often assisted) and Melissa Alford (treasurer).

New officers taking up the reins in September include Laura Coleman (president), Catherine Cassidy (vice president), Wanda Glasser (secretary) and Mina Bloodworth (chaplain).



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Outgoing President Martha Beggs (far right) introduces the new officers who will begin serving when the Garden Club reconvenes in September. Left to right: Mina Bloodworth (chaplain), Janet Maier (treasurer), Wanda Glasser (secretary) and Laura Coleman (president). Not pictured, Catherine Cassidy, new vice president.



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Outgoing president Martha Beggs (center) holds a framed certificate of appreciation presented to her by the club. Standing with her are husband Ashley Beggs (left) and son Eddie Barentos (right), also members of the Garden Club.



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The Madison Garden Club recognizes outgoing officers. Left to right: Laura Coleman (vice president), Ann Paquett (secretary), Kay Harris (chaplain) and Melissa Alford (treasurer).



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### Delinquent Personal Property Tax Notice

The following 2012 Personal Property Taxes for Madison County are unpaid and drawing interest of one and one-half percent (1 1/2 %) per month since April 1, 2013. If not paid before July 15, 2013 together with cost of advertising, warrants will be prepared and application will be made to the Circuit Court for an order directing levy upon and seizure of the personal property of the listed taxpayers for unpaid taxes and cost.

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Madison County Tax Collector

1	P-0007800	\$669.58	9	P-0060000	\$7,889.52
	50035-75			50250-00	
	BELL TREE FARM INC.			MTC SOUTH LLC	
	432 SW TENNVILLE TR			2111 OLIVIA DR	
	LEE, FL 32059			TALLAHASSEE, FL 32308-6164	
2	P-0016800	\$522.41	10	P-0065600	\$3,957.29
	50075-50			50266-55	
	KEN'S CONCRETE PUMPING SVC INC			PF NET	
	C/O CLABAUGH KENNETH			C/O WEIL, GOTSHAL & MANGES LLP	
	4952 RAYMOND SHEFFIELD RD			767 FIFTH AVE	
	GREENVILLE, FL 32331			NEW YORK, NY 10153	
3	P-0022000	\$96.15	11	P-0069800	\$480.70
	50093-25			50279-50	
	DCB AND COMPANY INC			PIONEER EXCAVATING/TRACTOR SER	
	418 MIRAMAR RD			PAUL KINSLEY	
	LAKELAND, FL 33803			1220 NE OLD VALDOSTA RD	
				PINETTA, FL 32350	
4	P-0033800	\$7,513.22	12	P-0071300	\$680.81
	50134-55			50281-00	
	FRALEIGH NURSERY LLC			PUTNAL & ASSOCIATES, LLC	
	P O BOX 262			2913 SW OLD ST. AUGUSTINE RD	
	MADISON, FL 32340			MADISON, FL 32340	
5	P-0034100	\$6,898.59	13	P-0075000	\$1,605.76
	50136-58			50293-00	
	FULL CIRCLE DAIRY			REAL WOOD PRODUCTS CORP	
	1479 SE WINQUEPIN ST			P O BOX 620 HARVEY GREENE BLVD	
	LEE, FL 32059			INDUSTRIAL PARK	
				MADISON, FL 32341	
6	P-0035200	\$379.72	14	P-0081800	\$234.02
	50137-56			50322-40	
	GANDY GERTRUDE			SCOTT, EDDIE L.	
	719 NW BEAVER WAY			5402 TURKEY SCRATCH ROAD	
	MADISON, FL 32340			MONTICELLO, FL 32344	
7	P-0042000	\$964.59	15	P-0088700	\$2,261.20
	50164-50			50357-95	
	HARRIS FERTILIZERS INC			TAYLOR MIKE	
	HARRIS SAM R			MIKE MIKE LOGGING INC	
	7113 NE COLIN KELLEY HWY			2120 SW OPEN SANDS LOOP	
	MADISON, FL 32340			GREENVILLE, FL 32331	
8	P-0050400	\$446.10	16	P-0090000	\$147.42
	50199-52			50364-90	
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# AROUND MADISON COUNTY

## JoAnn Gnewuch Receives ACHCA Facility Leadership Award

The American College of Health Care Administrators (ACHCA) honored JoAnn Gnewuch, Administrator of Madison Health and Rehabilitation Center in Madison, FL with the 2013 ACHCA Facility Leadership Award. ACHCA firmly believes that facility excellence is a reflection of leadership excellence. The leadership award was celebrated during the awards luncheon at ACHCA's 47th Annual Convocation and Exposition in Orlando on Saturday, April 13. Two hundred five were awarded leadership awards nationally, 25 of which were at the awards banquet.

Ms. Gnewuch was one of 205 recipients who received the Facility Leadership Award with virtual recognition. The prestigious Facility Leadership Award is made possible with the support of eHealth Data Solutions. The areas of excellence the

facility exhibits includes three years of performance on the Health Survey, Fire (Life Safety) Survey, Complaint Surveys and improvement in the last two quarters of the reported Quality Measures. The same administrator must have filled the role the entire award year.

Founded in 1962, the American College of Health Care Administrators (ACHCA) is the only professional association devoted solely to meeting the professional needs of today's long term care administrators and executives. Focusing on advancing leadership excellence, ACHCA provides professional education and certification to administrators from across the spectrum of long term care. For more information about ACHCA contact the national office at (202) 536-5120 or visit [www.achca.org](http://www.achca.org).



JoAnn Gnewuch

## Bill Brown's Camellia Gardens

By Lynette Norris  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Bill Brown gave up cooking chicken at Ken's Barbecue to grow camellias full time. He became enthralled with camellias because of his father; he has fond memories from when he was 10 years old, of going out with his dad to collect camellias.

Brown describes himself as a gardener, not a perfectionist. "I just plant 'em in the ground and then leave 'em alone," he says. "That seems to work the best."

He grows camellias for customers who want bigger plants. His are ready for sale in about five to six years.

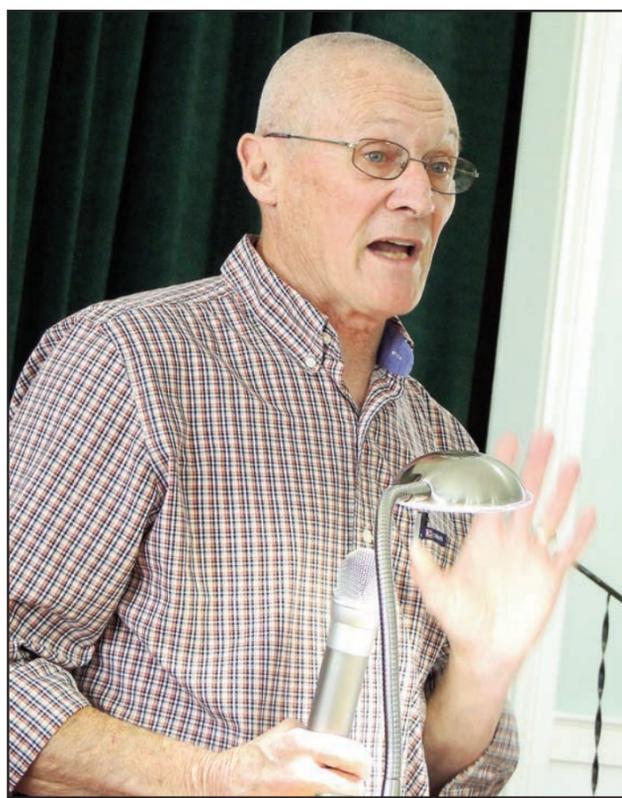
"They're the most versatile plants on God's green earth," he told the Madison Garden Club. While many people appreciate them for their hardiness and beauty – there's hardly a yard anywhere in this region without a camellia tree or two, if not more – the plants are also sources of cooking oil, pharmaceutical ingredients and cosmetic products.

But perhaps their most widely used product is tea – as in, the iconic Southern refreshment, iced tea, that many people drink.

Camellia sinensis (*camellia* – "tea flower" or "tea plant" and *sinensis* – "from China") is the species of camellias from which white tea, green tea, black tea and oolong tea are all produced, but the leaves are processed differently for each kind of tea, resulting in different levels of oxidation and flavoring. By now, each type of tea also undoubtedly has its own specially cultivated variation of *camellia sinensis*.

The first recorded mention of the *c. sinensis* plant is in China, in 2732 B.C. From there, it spread into other parts of Asia and Europe around 1200-1000 B.C. From approximately 600-900 A.D., there are records of the plants being studied in Buddhist monasteries in Asia and China. It was brought "across the pond," as it were, to America, by trading ships in the 1800s.

Today, there are four main species of camellias in the U.S: *sinensis*, *japonicas*, *reticulatas* and *sasanquas*. *Reticulatas* reached west Florida from the Yunnan Province of Southwest China in the pre-WWII years and became popular



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Bill Brown shares his love of camellias with the Madison Garden Club, a love he learned from his father, who was also an avid gardener and camellia grower.

Society meeting – this time, in nearby Tallahassee.

Thinking back to how his love of camellias and gardening came from his father, he told the Garden Club members, "I would like to see you do what generations of gardeners have done before you; that you share that love and share that knowledge with others."

As for camellias, "There's a reason why they bloom in the winter," he said. It is, perhaps, the reason they hold a special place in the hearts of Bill Brown and so many fellow gardeners.

for their ornamental beauty; although they're not as cold-tolerant as their cousins, *reticulatas* have been known to produce blooms the size of dinner plates. *Japonicas*, introduced into the South in the early 1800s, also became immensely popular. The Civil War caused interest to wane for several decades, but it the species regained popularity afterward.

"These plants have been around forever, in every state and every country, because of enthusiastic gardeners who wanted to share them," said Brown. "Monks and priests carried seeds and plants everywhere they went. They had something of beauty they wanted to share."

The flowers provided medicine and ointments and came in all sizes and shapes: Shrubs, bushes, small trees and even bonsai.

Oil from camellias is mass-produced in Japan, where it is used as cooking oil and is also being studied for its effect on cancer cells. Cosmetic industries use camellia oil to replace the emulsifying ingredients in many products, because it is pure, natural, and cost-effective.

In the 1970's there was a quest for a yellow camellia, and such was discovered blooming in Vietnam. This variety is now widely available.

Today, there are 200 different species of camellias and 20,000 varieties. Each plant is unique in its own way, and there are even some half a dozen varieties named after people who lived in Madison.

One of the things Brown is looking forward to is the next annual National Camellia

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#### Do You Need to Update Your Signature?

It is very important to keep your signature updated. If you vote by absentee ballot or sign a petition for a candidate, your signature will be verified with the signature we have on your voter registration record. If your signature has changed and you fail to update that with us, then you risk your absentee ballot being questioned by the canvassing board or your petition being rejected due to a signature difference. If due to health reasons you are no longer able to sign your name, please contact our office so that we may explain the proper procedure for documenting such. This will ensure that a voter's registration record is accurate before the next election. If you have any questions concerning your registration record or would like to update your signature, please contact the elections office at 850-973-6507.



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#### Registration List Maintenance

Florida statute requires that list maintenance activity take place in odd numbered years. We have currently placed 558 registered voters to the inactive status, due to the inactiveness of non-response. In addition, we have also made 668 inactive voters ineligible, due to the inactiveness for two general elections. Please contact your elections office to make sure your voter registration is updated and correct. Please see Florida statute below:

F.S. 98.065 The supervisor must conduct a general registration list maintenance program to protect the integrity of the electoral process by ensuring the maintenance of accurate and current voter registration records in the statewide voter registration system. A registration list maintenance program must be conducted by each supervisor, at a minimum, in each odd-numbered year. The supervisor must designate as inactive all voters who have been sent an address confirmation final notice and who have not returned the postage prepaid, preaddressed return form within 30 days or for which the final notice has been returned as undeliverable. A voter on the inactive list may be restored to the active list of voters upon the voter updating his or her registration, requesting an absentee ballot, or appearing to vote. However, if the voter does not update his or her voter registration information, request an absentee ballot, or vote by the second general election after being placed on the inactive list, the voter's name shall be removed from the statewide voter registration system and the voter shall be required to reregister to have his or her name restored to the statewide voter registration system.

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# SCHOOL

## Fire Truck Visits New Testament Christian School



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City of Madison Firefighters Brandon Fleming, standing beside the front door, and Earnie Johnson, beside the back door, supervise the children as they take turns looking around inside the cab and trying out the driver's seat.

Five-year-old Nathan Reader, who will be six next month, tries on a fire helmet for size as teacher Lorraine Metacarpa helps adjust the fit.

By Lynette Norris

Greene Publishing, Inc.

You know it's going to be a good day, when you see a big, awesome-looking fire truck pull up in front of your school.

Thursday morning, May 9, that's exactly what happened at New Testament Christian School. No, the school wasn't on fire; the City of Madison Firefighters Brandon Fleming and Earnie Johnson had brought Engine No. 3 out to New Testament to give the children a chance to see a fire truck up close, try on the firefighting helmets and even climb up inside to see what it was like to sit in the driver's seat of a fire truck.

The children, mostly K-4 and K-5, along with a few older students, lined up for a

chance to try on fire helmets and see what the world looked like through a fire truck's windshield.

Then Fleming and Johnson upped the cool factor several notches by turning on all the flashing lights.

One of the children asked Fleming how to become a firefighter. "Study and work hard," Fleming replied, as he and Johnson lifted children in and out of the seats.

The students had a chance to learn how firefighters protect people and how they could protect themselves and stay safe around fire, as they learned a little bit more about how the city of Madison operates to protect its citizens' lives and property.

A day at school has never been so cool.

## United Way of the Big Bend Distributed Over 4,400 Books to 300 First-grade Classrooms

*United Way's week-long Days of Doing: READ UNITED effort provided volunteers an opportunity to share the love of reading with thousands of first-graders in the Big Bend*

UWBB's Days of Doing was created to promote the spirit and value of volunteerism, increase the awareness of local human-service needs, and demonstrate what people working together for the community's good can accomplish. Reading helps children develop vital language skills, open up new worlds, enrich their lives, and enhance social skills. READ UNITED is a great opportunity to make a positive impact in the community.

On Tuesday, May 7, READ UNITED volunteers in Madison County read to first grade students at Pinetta Elementary School, Greenville Elementary School, Lee Elementary School, and Madison County Central School. UWBB distributed over 200 books in Madison County.

Over 100 community volunteers were recruited in the Big Bend to read to every single first grade, public school classroom in UWBB's eight-county region during the week of May 6-10, 2013. "The Cat in the Hat," "Curious George,"

and many other childhood favorites were distributed to 300 public school first-grade classrooms in just five days in Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Taylor and Wakulla counties, which resulted in countless smiles and widespread inspiration for reading.

Throughout the year, Power of the Purse (POP), the women's leadership initiative of United Way of the Big Bend has raised money for early literacy efforts, including READ UNITED. POP focuses on early literacy in the community with the vision of getting kids reading on grade level before they reach third grade. POP held a Cupcakes and Beer kickoff event, as well as Purse Parties at The Grey Fox and Cole Couture to raise money for these fundraising efforts, sponsors Scholastic, Books-A-Million,

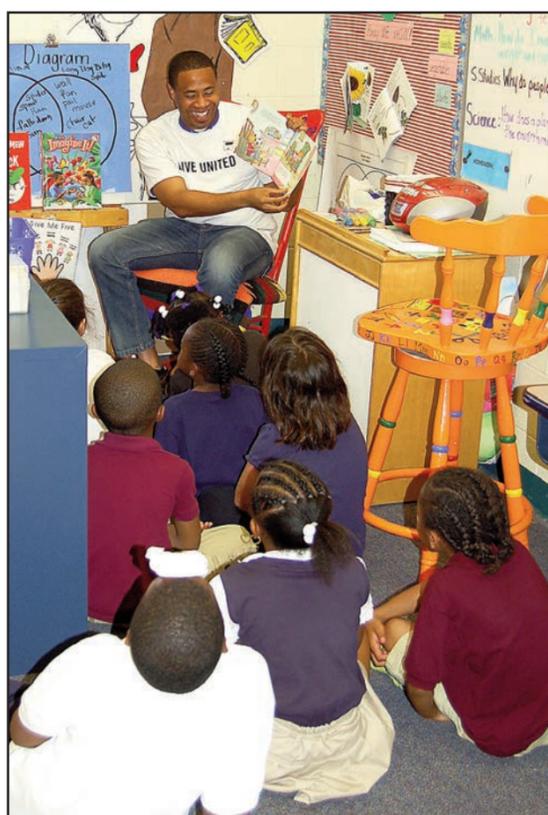


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Garin Flowers reads for some of the students at Madison's Read United.

Progress Energy, and individual and group donations have allowed UWBB to continue to provide this great resource to the Big Bend area.

"This is a true testament to the philanthropic nature of our Big Bend community, and we are so grateful for all of the support. The volunteers and donors make our Early Literacy initiative a reality by not only reading to first grade classes but by inspiring kids to read outside of the traditional classroom setting," said Sarah Deeb, UWBB vice-president of resource development. If you are interested in becoming a Power of the Purse member, or for more information on United Way of the Big Bend's early literacy efforts, please contact Courtenay Garcia at [courtenay@uwbb.org](mailto:courtenay@uwbb.org) or 850-488-8325. Or you may visit the United Way of the Big Bend's website at [www.uwbb.org](http://www.uwbb.org) or like us on Facebook

### ABOUT UNITED WAY OF THE BIG BEND

United Way of the Big Bend serves eight counties. In our 70 year history, we have invested over \$100 million help those in need, and worked to find solutions for issues facing our community. Our work addresses basic needs, helps families become financially stable and provides opportunities for children and youth to succeed. For more information, please visit us online at [www.uwbb.org](http://www.uwbb.org), like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.



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Some of the volunteers from Read United are seen above. From left to right they are: Jerry Grable, Jackie Grable, Garin Flowers, Susie Downing, Howard Phillips and Mosely Barfield

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## SPORTS

## COWGIRLS ARE STATE RUNNERS-UP

By Fran Hunt  
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The Madison Cowgirls went into the final round of the State Finals on May 11, hitting the diamond against Gulliver Prep, and the Cowgirls came out with a 9-1 loss, to wrap up the season as the State runner-up.

Though the Cowgirls drew first blood, scoring one run in the first inning, they just couldn't get the momentum going against Gulliver Prep, who cored five runs in the third inning and in the fourth inning, and two runs in the sixth inning, for the win.

As a team, at the plate, the Cowgirls had 28 plate appearances, 23 at-bats, one run, two hits, one single, one double, one RBI, three walks, 12 strikeouts, two sacrifice, one reach on error, and three fielder's choice. They had an on base percentage of .071, and a slugging average of .192.



Photo courtesy of Lisa Smith

The 2013 seniors take a picture with their coach. Seen from left to right are Rachael Webb, Kailee Morris, Logan Groover, Coach Edwin Kinsey, Tamela Brinson and Brooke Kinsey.



Photo courtesy of Lisa Smith

Madison County head coach Edwin Kinsey accepting the runners-up trophy at the 4A softball state championship game.

Hope Smith had four plate appearances, for 7 at-bats, one run, one hit, one single, and two strikeouts. She had an on base percentage and a slugging average of .250.

Logan Groover had three plate appearances, three at-bats, two strikeouts, and one reach on error. She had an on base percentage and a slugging average of .000.

Brooke Kinsey had three plate appearances, three at-bats, two strikeouts, and one fielder's choice. She had an on base percentage and a slugging average of .000.

Kay Henderson had three plate appearances, three at-bats, one double, one RBI, and on base percentage of .333, and a slugging average of .667.

Kailee Morris had

three plate appearances, three at-bats, and three strikeouts. She had an on base percentage and a slugging average of .000.

Rachael Webb had three plate appearances, three at-bats, and three strikeouts. She had an on base percentage and a slugging average of .000.

Tamela Brinson had three plate appearances, one at-bat, and two walks. She had an on base percentage of .667, and a slugging average of .000.

Nicole Davis had three plate appearances, one at-bat, one walk, one sacrifice, and one fielder's choice. She had an on base percentage of .500, and a slugging average of .000.

Kelli Garner had three plate appearances,

two at-bats, one sacrifice, and one fielder's choice. She had an on base percentage and a slugging average of .000.

On the mound, the Cowgirls had six innings pitched, 33 batters faced, 38 balls, 69 strikes, on 107 pitched. They gave up nine runs, all of which were earned, had an earned run average of 13.5, three strikeouts, 13 hits, two walks, and one homerun.

Emily Caldwell pitched 2.33 innings, with 15 batters faced, 20 balls, 25 strikes, 45 pitches, five runs, all of which were earned, an earned run average of 19.29, no strikeouts, seven hits, and two walks.

Carlie Ginn pitched 3.67 innings, with 18 batters faced, 18 bats, 44

strikes, 62 pitches, four runs, all of which were earned, had an earned run average of 9.62, six hits, and one homerun.

On the field, the Cowgirls had one error, 18 putouts, three assists, two stolen base attempts, and a fielding percentage of .955.

Smith had one error, one putout, one assist, and a fielding percentage of .667.

Groover had one putout, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Henderson had four putouts, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Morris had four putouts, two stolen base attempts, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Webb had two putouts, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Brinson had one putout, and a fielding

percentage of 1.000.

Davis had one putout, one assist, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Caldwell had one assist and a fielding percentage of 1.000.



Photo courtesy of Lisa Smith

The Cowgirl's medals that were given out to the seniors.

**MADISON COUNTRY CLUB**  
**May Tournament Schedule**  
 May 20<sup>th</sup> "3rd Annual Gator Golf Classic"  
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## Experience Alligator Hunting Apply Now For Permits

Have you ever wondered how it would be to catch and bring into the boat a 10-foot gator? Well, here's your chance. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has more than 5,000 permits available to participate in the 11-week alligator season, which runs Aug. 15 - Nov. 1.

The application process is conducted in three phases and begins by submitting a no-cost application at any tax collector's office, license agent or through the Internet at <http://License.MyFWC.com>.

During the Phase I application period, alligator permits are issued by random drawing. Phase I ends May 12, and applicants are limited to being drawn for only one permit.

If selected, applicants have until June 3 to pay the cost of the permit. Otherwise, the permit will be placed back into the system, with the other remaining permits, to be sold in Phase II on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 10 a.m. June 7 and continuing through June 12. Those who received a permit in Phase I and paid for it cannot apply during Phase II.

Any permits remaining after June 12 will be issued during Phase III on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 10 a.m. June 14 until all are sold. Anyone can apply during Phase III - despite having already bought a permit in Phase I or Phase II.

Alligator trapping licenses and two hide-validation tags costs \$272 for Florida residents and \$1,022 for nonresidents. If you happen to buy an additional permit during Phase III, it will cost \$62, regardless of whether you are a resident or not. No other hunting license or permits are required to participate in the hunts.

Each permit enables you to take two alligators from whichever county or body of water you were awarded during a specific harvest period. To purchase a permit, you must be at least 18 years old by opening day, Aug. 15.

If you don't have all the gear necessary and you'd rather assist a friend who purchased an alligator trapping license, you can pay \$52 for an alligator trapping "agent" license. You don't even have to be 18 to buy one. This license entitles you to take alligators, but only when you're with a licensed person.

Visit [MyFWC.com/Alligator](http://MyFWC.com/Alligator) and click on "Statewide Alligator Harvest Program" for more information on these exciting gator-hunting opportunities.

## Celebrate Florida's Successes With Endangered and Threatened Species

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is celebrating Florida's successes with endangered and threatened species throughout the week leading up to Endangered Species Day on May 17.

This year is also the 40th anniversary of the Endangered Species Act, which was approved by Congress and signed by President Richard Nixon in 1973.

The Florida panther is featured Monday, May 13 on MyFWC Facebook. It is the first of a series of wildlife spotlights this week focusing on the successes and challenges of conserving Florida's imperiled species.

Visit [Facebook.com/MyFWC](http://Facebook.com/MyFWC) through Friday to find out more about what it takes to conserve endangered or threatened species in Florida and how you can help.

More on Florida's endangered and threatened species is available at [MyFWC.com/ImperiledSpecies](http://MyFWC.com/ImperiledSpecies).

## Town of Lee Water System 2012 Water Quality Report

We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source is ground water from two wells. The wells draw from the Floridan Aquifer. The water is pumped from the well site, which is located west of town just off US 90. Both wells can produce 350 gallons of water per minute to the water treatment plant, which is located north of town. It then goes to a holding tank where it is aerated and chlorinated with gas chlorine. Lastly, water is pumped on demand to our two elevated storage tanks and into the distribution system.

In 2012, the Department of Environmental Protection performed a Source Water Assessment on our system and a search of the data sources indicated no potential sources of contamination near our wells. The assessment results are available on the FDEP Source Water Assessment and Protection Program website at [www.dep.state.fl.us/swapp](http://www.dep.state.fl.us/swapp).

The TOWN OF LEE routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. Except where indicated otherwise, this report is based on the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st 2012. Data obtained before January 1, 2012, and presented in this report are from the most recent testing done in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations. We are pleased to report that our drinking water meets all federal and state requirements. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Leonard Miller, Public Works Director or Sarah Anderson, Town Manager at City Hall (850)971-5867. If you want to learn more, please attend any regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm.

This report shows our water quality results and what they mean.

As authorized and approved by the EPA, the state has reduced monitoring requirements for certain contaminants to less often than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of our data; inorganic contaminants, radiological contaminants and lead and copper contaminants, though representative, are more than one year old.

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

In the table below, you may find unfamiliar terms and abbreviations. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

**Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL:** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG:** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

**Action Level (AL):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

**Initial Distribution System Evaluation (IDSE):** An important part of the Stage 2 Disinfection Byproducts Rule (DBPR). The IDSE is a one-time study conducted by water systems to identify distribution system locations with high concentrations of trihalomethanes (THMs) and haloacetic acids (HAAs). Water systems will use results from the IDSE, in conjunction with their Stage 1 DBPR compliance monitoring data, to select compliance monitoring locations for the Stage 2 DBPR.

**Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL:** The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

**Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG:** The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

"ND" means not detected and indicates that the substance was not found by laboratory analysis.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (µg/l): one part by weight of analyte to 1 billion parts by weight of the water sample.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l): one part by weight of analyte to 1 million parts by weight of the water sample.

### NON-SECONDARY CONTAMINANTS TABLE

Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCL LG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination	Stage 1 Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products							
								Disinfectant or Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL or MRDL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCL G or MRDL LG	MCL or MRDL	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>															
Barium (ppm)	03/2012	N	0.0022	N/A	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits	Chlorine (ppm)	1/2012 - 12/2012	N	1.14	1 - 1.3	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4.0	Water additive used to control microbes
Chromium (ppb)	3/2012	N	8.8	N/A	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits	Haloacetic Acids (five) (HAAs) (ppb)	8/2012	N	N	2.58	NA	MCL = 60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Nickel (ppb)	3/2012	N	1.9	N/A	N/A	100	Pollution from mining and refining operations	TTHM [Total trihalomethanes] (ppb)	8/2012	N	N	7.25	NA	MCL = 80	By-product of drinking water disinfection
								<b>Lead and Copper (Tap Water)</b>							
Nitrate (as Nitrogen) (ppm)	3/2012	N	0.608	N/A	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks; sewage; erosion of natural deposits	Copper (tap water) (ppm)	12/2012	N	0.0324	0	1.3	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Sodium (ppm)	3/2012	N	2.6	N/A	N/A	160	Salt water intrusion; leaching from soil								

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Town of Lee is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- (A) Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- (B) Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- (C) Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- (D) Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- (E) Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

We work around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap. We ask that all of our customers help us to protect our water sources, which are heart of our community, our way of life, and our future.

Town of Lee, FL

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Size 7-8 children's - off white dress, overlay of lace over entire dress, probably knee to calf length - \$25.

Size 8 children's - white, long dress, lace around neck with decorative bodice - \$25.

Size 16 pre-teen size - white long pageant gown, cap sleeves, white sequin work across entire bodice and sleeves, buttons around neck with circular cut-out on back, beautiful gown - \$100.

Size 8 Teen Dress - Light baby blue dress with baby blue and black array of designs from the waist down. The top is a gathered bodice with black sequins crisscrossed across the front. Has a beautiful train. \$175.

Size 8 Teen Dress - A fuchsia strapless gorgeous dress. The dress has gathers up the bodice and a sequined design down the left side and laces up half the back. There is also a train on this dress and a split up one leg. \$200.

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Size 10 Teen Dress - A beautiful, elegant, flowing emerald green dress. Has eye-catching beaded straps that criss cross in the back along with a beaded design in the front of the dress. Beautiful flowing train. \$200.

Size 14 (child's size 14 but dress is for a teen division approximately 13-15) - GORGEOUS lime green dress, strapless with spaghetti straps that criss cross across the back, sequins spotted across the entire gown, built-in crinoline - absolutely gorgeous. - \$250.

Size 10 Teen Dress - bright baby blue dress, halter top bodice with sequins stitched throughout; built-in crinoline with sequin appliques on lace overlay. Cinderella looking beautiful dress! \$200.

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5/15, 5/22, c

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4/24 - 5/15, pd

Job Vacancy  
 Madison County is accepting applications for one **full time paramedic** (Four 12 hour days per week). Applications can be obtained at Workforce Career Center, 705 E. Base St, Madison, FL 32340 or online at <http://www.madisoncountyfl.com/employment.aspx>.

All applicants must possess current State of Florida Certification and clean driving record and meet all qualifications as outlined on 64J-1.009 Florida Administrative Code and must agree to a background check and submit to a drug screening. If chosen for an interview, applicants must pass additional tests conducted by the agency. Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 17, 2013. Submit applications to: Workforce, Career Center, 705 E. Base St, Madison, FL 32340. If you have any questions, contact Workforce Development at (850) 973-9675. Madison County is a drug free workplace and an equal opportunity employer.

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# Legals

**NOTICE: The District School Board of Madison County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday June 18, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held in the School Board Meeting Room of the Superintendent's Office 210 N.E. Duval Avenue, Madison, FL.

**Revisions to Policy & Procedures: Policy 4.032, 5.081, 5.082**

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

Notice of Sale - Certified Towing, Inc., 208 NE Rocky Ford Road, Madison, FL 32340, 850-973-4999, gives Notice of Lien & Intent to Sale the following pursuant to FL Statutes 713.78 on May 26, 2013 at [www.craigslis.com](http://www.craigslis.com):

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### Advertisement for Bid

Madison County will accept sealed bids from licensed Contractors for the Re-roofing of the Department of Health Building located at 225 SW Smith Street, Madison, FL 32340. This project is funded by Madison County.

You are invited to bid on re-roof of existing building by demolishing the existing built up roof and accessories and replacing with plural component Polyurea similar to SoyThane. Base coat application shall be expanding closed filled foam over entire deck to a thickness to achieve proper slope with top coat to provide UV and weather tightness.

All Bids must be on a lump sum basis; segregated Bids will not be accepted.

Madison County will receive sealed bids until **4 pm** on May 31, 2013 @ Madison County Coordinators Office, att: Alan Cherry, 229 SW Pinckney Street, Suite 219

Madison, FL 32340. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud on June 3, 2013 @ 9:00am meeting.

Copies of the Bidding specs may be examined at the Architect's office: **Clemons, Rutherford & Associates, 2027 Thomasville Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32308, (850) 385-6153, Project Manager Will Rutherford.**

Bidding Documents will be available at noon on May 9, 2013.

General Contractors and Subcontractors may obtain copies of the specs at the Architect's office in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

There will not be a pre bid meeting. Bidders may visit site to obtain quantities and information.

The County reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject any and all Bids.

5/15, 5/22, 5/29

### NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the Aucilla Area Solid Waste Administration on May 20, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Aucilla Area Solid Waste Facility located at 1313 S.W. Greenville Hills Road Greenville, Florida. If you have any question please contact 850-948-4875.

5/15

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING:** The District Board of Trustees of North Florida Community College will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the NFCC Board Room, NFCC, 325 NW Turner Davis Dr., Madison, FL. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by writing: NFCC, Office of the President, 325 NW Turner Davis Dr., Madison, FL 32340. For disability-related accommodations, contact the NFCC Office of College Advancement, 850-973-1653. NFCC is an equal access/equal opportunity employer.

5/15

The Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. will hold an election for a Madison County Representative of the poor. The representative need not be poor, but must be chosen in a manner to insure that they represent the poor. To be elected, an individual must be at least 18 years of age and a resident of Madison County. Individuals interested in having their names placed on the ballot should contact Myrtle Webb at 850-973-6709 no later than May 20, 2013.

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.
2. Determines overall program plans and priorities and evaluation of performance.
3. Final approval of all program proposals.
4. Enforcement of compliance with all conditions of State, Federal, and Local grants.

The terms of office as a SREC, Inc. Board member will be five (5) years (2013-2018).

The SREC, Inc. Board of Directors meet quarterly in Live Oak, Florida.

5/15

### NOTICE

Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. (TCEC) is planning to construct a double circuit framed distribution line in Madison County, FL near US Highway 90 East and SE Rollercoaster Hill Road in order to relocate an existing double circuit distribution line from NE Yellow Pine Ave to a more feasible route to provide better service to the residential and commercial area at the Interstate 10 and Highway 53 South exchange. Alternative actions such as maintaining the existing route of the distribution line and direct burial cable along the existing route were considered but have been found to not be feasible solutions based on cost and the ability of the Cooperative to adequately maintain the distribution line.

An Environmental Review (ER) which describes this project further and discusses any potential environmental impacts thereof has been prepared by TCEC. The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) has accepted the Cooperative ER as its Environmental Assessment (EA) of any potential environmental impact and it is now available for public review.

The ER can be reviewed at, or obtained from TCEC at the address provided within this notice or from the Engineering and Environmental Staff of RUS at 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Stop 1571, Washington, DC 20250. Questions and comments should be sent to RUS at the address provided. Copies of the ER are also available for review at 2862 W US 90 Madison, FL 32340. RUS should receive comments on the ER in writing within 30 days of the publication date of this notice to ensure that RUS prior to making its environmental impact determination considers them.

5/15, 5/17

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to SS 336.09 and 336.10, Florida Statutes, the Board of County Commissioners of Madison County, Florida hereby gives notice that at 9:00 a.m. during its regular meeting held June 5, 2013 at the Board of County Commissioner's Room, Room No. 107, Madison County Courthouse Annex, 229 SW Pinckney Street, Madison, Florida, the Board will hold a public hearing to consider vacating, abandoning, discontinuing and closing certain roads located in Northeast Madison County, Florida, more specifically described as follows:

**SW CANAL POINT TRAIL: A portion of said road, lying in Section 04, Township 2 south, Range 09 East, from the west property line of Parcel ID No., 04-2S-08-0801-007-000, to the end of the County maintained portion of road, or approximately 545 feet.**

YOU WILL PLEASE BE GOVERNED ACCORDINGLY.

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

Dated this 15th day of May, 2013.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY: Allen Cherry, County Coordinator

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

5/15, 5/29

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

CASE NO.: 2012-407-CA

**ANNIE MARY POWELL,**  
23606 Ashbury Drive  
Fort Washington, MD 20744;  
**MACY ALEXANDER,**  
1747 Schenectady Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 12344;  
**YOLANDA WYCHE,**  
1214 Memorial Drive  
Avon Park, FL 33825;

Plaintiffs,

vs.

**HERMAN WYCHE, JR.,**  
10075 Joy Road, Apt. 17  
Detroit, Michigan 48204;  
The unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and beneficiaries of, and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against  
**HERMAN WYCHE, JR.;**  
**SUMNER TOOKES, JR.,**  
987 Cherokee Avenue  
Winter Park, Florida 32789;  
**MIKEL TOOKES,**  
Post Office Box 9157  
Alexandria, VA 22304;  
**BEVERLY TOOKES COOKS,**  
101 Magnolia Crest  
Kathleen, GA 31047;  
**VELMA TOOKES,**  
3260 Walnut Ridge  
Atlanta, GA 30349-8745;  
**MARLY WYGNNE TOOKES GALLON,**  
4105 West La Salle Street  
Tampa, Florida 33607-2310;  
**DORA WYCHE RAY,**  
3022 Grenada Drive  
Columbus, GA 31903;  
**ELEANOR WYCHE,**  
3800 Lochearn Drive  
Baltimore, MD 21207;  
**TAMARA WYCHE,**  
3800 Lochearn Drive  
Baltimore, MD 21207;

**TIFFANY WYCHE,**  
3800 Lochearn Drive  
Baltimore, MD 21207;  
**TAHIRA WYCHE,**  
3800 Lochearn Drive  
Baltimore, MD 21207;  
**REGINA WYCHE CROSS,**  
5958 Radnor Street  
Detroit, Michigan 48224;  
**RICKY WYCHE,**  
5958 Radnor Street  
Detroit, Michigan 48224;  
and for any who are deceased, their unknown spouses and children, their heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and their or any of their heirs, devisees, executors, administrators, grantees, trustees, assigns, or successors in right, title, or interest to the hereinafter described property and any and all persons claiming by or through them or any of them; and all claimants, persons or parties natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under any of the above named or described defendants, claiming to have any right, title, or interest in and to the lands hereinafter described:

Defendants.

### NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: **MIKEL TOOKES,** and the unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and beneficiaries of, and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against **HERMAN WYCHE, JR.**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action for partition of the following property in Madison County, Florida:

Southwest Quarter of Section Sixteen (16), and the East Half of the East Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section Seventeen (17), in Township Two (2) North, Range Nine (9) East, containing two hundred (200) acres more or less, in Madison County, Florida.

Less and Except:

All East of the Madison and Quitman Highway in the South West Quarter of Section Sixteen (16) Township Two (2) North, Range Nine (9) East, Madison County, Florida, containing Twenty Five acres more or less, being the property conveyed by Peter Wyche and Mary Wyche, his wife, in Deed Book 43, Page 381, Public Records of Madison County, Florida.

Also Less and Except:

Begin at the Southeast corner of Section Seventeen (17) Township Two (2) North, Range Nine (9) East, Madison County, Florida, and from there run West two hundred and twenty yards to the starting point, thence run North seventy yards, thence run East seventy yards, thence run South seventy yards, thence run West seventy yards, to the starting point, containing 1 acre more or less, being the property conveyed by Peter Wyche and Mary Wyche, his wife, in Deed Book 48, Page 275, Public Records of Madison County, Florida. Subject to the restriction and reservation contained in Deed Book 48, Page 275, Public Records of Madison County, Florida.

Also Less and Except:

Begin at the Southwest corner of the SW 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 16, Township 2 North, Range Nine (9) East, Madison County, Florida, and thence run North 140 yards, thence run East 35 yards, thence run South 140 yards, thence run West 35 yards to place of beginning, containing one (1) acre, more or less, being the property conveyed by Peter Wyche and Mary Wyche, his wife, in Deed Book 71, Page 381, Public Records of Madison County, Florida.

Also Less and Except:

Begin at the Southwest corner of Section Sixteen (16), Township Two (2) North, Range Nine (9) East, and run East 626 feet to the point of beginning; thence run North 210 feet, thence run East 210 feet, thence run South 210 feet, thence run West 210 feet, to point of beginning, being a part of the Southwest (SW) Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW) of Section Sixteen (16), Township Two (2) North, Range Nine (9) East, Madison County, Florida, being the property conveyed by Peter Wyche and Mary Wyche, his wife, in Deed Book 71, Page 381, Public Records of Madison County, Florida.

Also Less and Except:

Begin at the Southwest corner of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 16, Township 2 North, Range 9 East, thence run East 105 yards, to the point of beginning, thence run North 70 yards, thence run East 70 yards, thence run South 70 yards, thence run West 70 yards to the point of beginning, containing 1 acre, more or less and being a part of the SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 16, Township 2 North, Range 9 East, Madison County, Florida, being the property conveyed by Peter Wyche and Mary Wyche, his wife, in Deed Book 91, Page 331, and O.R. Book 39, Page 182, both of the Public Records of Madison County, Florida.

Also Less and Except:

The East Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 17, Township 2 North, Range 9 East, Madison County, Florida, being the property conveyed by Peter Wyche and Mary Wyche, his wife, in Deed Book 73, Page 428, Public Records of Madison County, Florida.

Also Less and Except:

The property described in that certain Order of Taking recorded in O.R. Book 516, Page 91, of the public records of Madison County, Florida.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to Iton Clay A. Schnitker, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Post Office Drawer 652, Madison, Florida 32340, on or before June 18, 2013, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated May 9, 2013.

TIM SANDERS,  
CLERK OF COURT

BY: Ramona Dickinson  
Deputy Clerk

5/15, 5/22, 5/29, 6/5

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

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee for the Certificateholders of the Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I INC. Trust 2004-HE9, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-HE9

Plaintiff,

Case #: 2012-CA-000326

-vs.-

Frank N. Merritt Jr a/k/a Frank N. Merritt a/k/a Frank Merritt Jr and Candida Merritt aka Candida Merritt Rogers; Shellie M. Merritt; Unknown Parties in Possession #1, If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants; Unknown Parties in Possession #2, If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants

Defendant(s).

### NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order dated April 29, 2013, entered in Civil Case No. 2012-CA-000326 of the Circuit Court of the 3rd Judicial Circuit in and for Madison County, Florida, wherein Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee for the Certificateholders of the Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I INC. Trust 2004-HE9, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-HE9, Plaintiff and Frank N. Merritt Jr a/k/a Frank N. Merritt a/k/a Frank Merritt Jr and Candida Merritt aka Candida Merritt Rogers are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, Tim Sanders, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE WEST SIDE OF THE MADISON COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT 101 SOUTH RANGE, MADISON, MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA, AT 11:00 A.M. on June 06, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT NUMBER FIVE (5) AND LOT NUMBER SIX (6), BLOCK NUMBER THIRTEEN (13), FRALEIGH AND SMITH SUBDIVISION OF THE TOWN OF MADISON, RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 27, PAGE 460 MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator; 173 Northeast Hernandez Street, Room 408, Lake City, Florida 32056; (386) 719-7576 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification of the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.



Tim Sanders  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
Madison County, Florida

Ramona Dickinson  
DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT

Submitted by: ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:  
SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHE, LLP  
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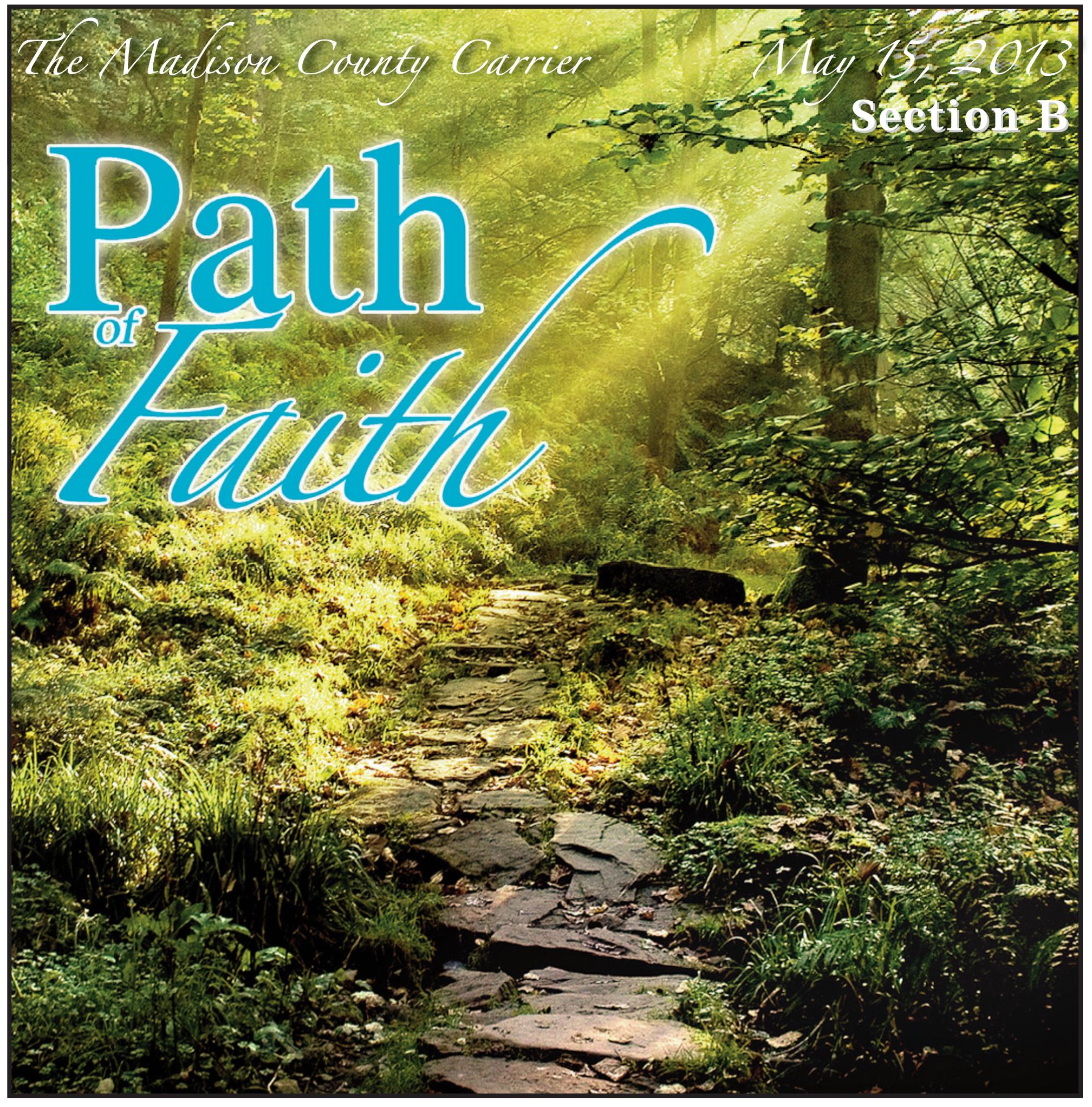
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*May 15, 2013*

**Section B**

# Path *of* Faith

# Bench At Church Recognizes Local Educator



By Jacob Bemby  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

A small bench, located between the fellowship hall and the sanctuary at the First United Methodist Church in Madison has been dedicated in honor of Joe A. Akerman, Jr.

Akerman was an instructor at North Florida Community College, teaching English and History. He also taught Sunday School for a number of years at Madison First United Methodist Church.

Akerman was the author of *The Florida Cowman*, *Jacob Summerlin: King of the Crackers* and *The American Brahman*.

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**By Benji Dyal**  
*Pastor, New Home Baptist Church*

# The Pulpit

## Who We Are

When the world looks at us, Christians, do they really see who we are as a people of the true living God? In the Winter/Spring 2013 issue of the Harvard Divinity Bulletin there is an article entitled “The Fog of Religious Conflict,” written by David N. Hempton (Dean of the Harvard Divinity School of Harvard University). In the article, Hempton points out what he believes, after extensive research, the problems are that causes conflict in religion. He concludes the article giving what he believes could be the solutions to the conflict in religion. While reading the article I could not help my mind to wonder about the conflict experienced in Christianity. My mind began to explore the various problems I believe to be conflicts in Christianity and how those conflicts could be resolved.

First of all, we must understand that Christianity is not a religion. The terminology religion is such a broad term based on the fact that there is more to the terminology than a simple definition of the term. There are many descriptions of religion; people define religion in various ways. Majority of religious history writers group Christianity with religion, however, I strongly disagree with such practice. One of the descriptions often given for religion is the specific fundamental set of beliefs and practices generally agreed upon by a number of persons or sects. Based on this description of religion, one can take anything or a person and make it into a religion. I personally believe that Christianity is not a religion, and should not be grouped as a religion, because we do not worship a thing or set of beliefs, we serve and worship a true living God that created all things into existence, including mankind created in the image of our Creator, the true living God. Christianity is set apart from all other systems because it is about a relationship with a living Being, not a system of beliefs. We, too, must understand that Christianity is not about perfection but about relationship, thus, having a relationship with the true living God through forgiveness of our sins through His Son Jesus Christ, which the terminology Christianity—Christ-like—is used.

Although Christianity is not a religion, there are some conflicts, just as there are in religion. These conflicts are solvable and must be if we, as Christians, desire for the world to see us for who we really are as people of the true living God. When conflict goes unsolved we cannot expect the world to see and witness a unified body of believers. One of the prayers offered to the Father by our Savior and Lord was for believers to be as one as He and the Father are one, so that the world might see and believe (note John 17:21). If we want the world to believe; we must be unified, not divided. Some may think that division comes only between the various denominations that exist. How wrong! Division also exists within denominations as well. We must understand that when conflict is present it is not only within a partic-

ular denomination or local assembly, but the whole body of Christ—as Christians, we are all one body—One Lord, one faith, one baptism (Ephesians 4:5). Each member of the body affects the whole body. Denominations can be a blessing and also can become a curse. Denominations can be a blessing because it allows one to worship together in harmony based on how the Scripture is interpreted. However, denominations can become a curse when one thinks the particular denomination is the only true church. We, Christians, are the true Church, the body of Christ. (Read my article “Denominations: Which is the True Church,” at [www.benjiedyal.com](http://www.benjiedyal.com)).

One of the main reasons division comes into existence is because we are human and allow the flesh to control us at times instead of the Spirit. The result of allowing the flesh control our lives brings about other conflicts. The only solution to the conflict is no other than Jesus Christ Himself. We must heed to the Scripture and crucify the flesh and allow God’s Spirit to work in our lives (note Galatians 5:24-25). We have the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth that guides us into all truth (John 16:13). We must realize and remember we are all created to praise (worship) God (Isaiah 43:21) and are saved to glorify God (I Corinthians 6:20). It is about Him, not us.

We are the Church—the body of Christ—One Lord, one faith, one baptism (Ephesians 4:5). We are to be united together—being as one—if we expect the world to see and believe that God has sent His Son to die for the sins of the world and accept Him as Savior and Lord. We must remember the warning Jesus offered in Scripture, “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand” (Matthew 12:25). We have the promise that the Church will stand; for the gates of hell will not be able to prevail against it for it is built upon the Rock—Jesus Christ our Lord (Matthew 16:18). Therefore, let us walk together in one accord being united together in love as God’s people, the world seeing us for who we are—the people of the true living God—to reach the world for Christ!

**Benjie Dyal is the pastor of  
 New Home Baptist Church in Madison, FL.  
 He can be reached at [benjiedyal@ymail.com](mailto:benjiedyal@ymail.com) or (850)973-4965.**



## KEEPING THE FAITH

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by RONNIE McBRAYER



“There is something rotten in the state of Denmark.” That is a centuries old

phrase from William Shakespeare’s masterpiece, “Hamlet.” Going back to your high school English class, you might remember that strange things were indeed going on in Hamlet’s world.

His father, the Danish king, had been murdered. His uncle was behind the conspiracy and had taken over the country. Ghosts and apparitions were visiting the castle. One of the characters finally states the obvious: “Something is fishy around here.” Denmark has smelled rotten ever since.

But in reality, Denmark doesn’t stink at all. It’s a wonderful place. In fact, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, and the Scandinavian nations of Northern Europe are officially the happiest countries in the world. This seems so counterintuitive to me. No offense to the Scandinavians, but when I think of happy places, the cities of the Nordic north do not quickly come to mind. Nevertheless, the statistics don’t lie.

Every year the Legatum Institute in London

# Choose To Be Happy

publishes its annual Prosperity Index that gauges the happiness level of the world’s countries. Consistently, Denmark, Norway and the sister Scandinavian nations are at the top of the heap. On the other end of the scale, the countries of Haiti, Afghanistan, the Congo, and the Central African Republic have more than a stench to deal with. These countries are consistently at the bottom of the happiness list, reflecting terrible misery for their populations.

If you are curious, the United States is currently ranked 12th on the Prosperity Index. Not too bad, but we were much happier in the near past. We have been sliding downward for some time now. Our society as a whole is not as happy as it once was, and honestly I don’t think that comes as much of a surprise.

While this survey says a lot about societal happiness, it says hardly anything at all about personal happiness. You can be a healthy, wealthy, free and secure Norwegian and be absolutely miserable. You can be a Haitian child living half-starved on the streets of Port au Prince and be filled with wondrous joy.

You can be a comfortable, successful, suburban, mortgage-paying, SUV-driving husband of one and father of two and be wretchedly unhappy.

You can be a poor immigrant, a single mother with four children living in squalor, scraping for every meal, and be as happy as a singing bird in a tree.

Happiness is affected by our environment. That much is true. Happiness is a product of our genetics (scientists say that an elongated 5HTT gene will make you happier on average than most). But ultimately, barring emotional or mental dysfunction, happiness is a choice we make. No, we don’t live in Scandinavia. We have no control over our chromosomal makeup. We can’t do anything about our age and very little to change our personal economics. There are simply some things we cannot change.

But, there are other things we can do something about. We can opt to live near our friends. We can decide to practice gratitude. We can do work we find fulfilling. We can opt out of the blame game, and quit holding God, life, circumstances, past lovers, ex-wives, former business partners, parents, and reality responsible for doing us in.

We can make choices that will lead us toward becoming happy, joyful people or we can make choices that will result in us becoming chronically

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# Keeping the Faith

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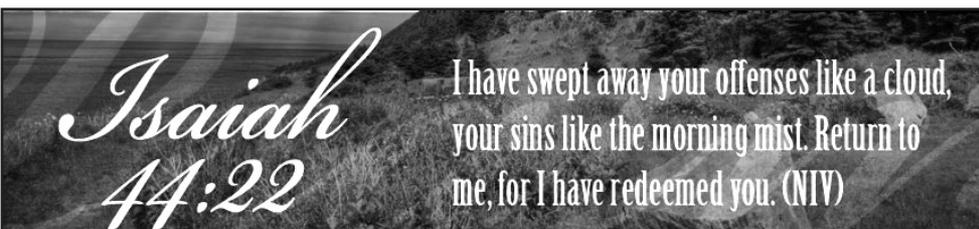
unhappy people. Regardless, that choice belongs to each and every one of us.

It was Viktor Frankl, famed Jewish Holocaust survivor and brilliant Austrian psychiatrist, who best articulated the power of choice in personal happiness. Reflecting upon his time in the concentration camps he wrote, "Everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of human freedoms – to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances."

If you want to be happy you don't have to move to Northern Europe or wait for science to alter your genetics. But you do have to choose to be happy, and no one else can make that choice for you.

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I have swept away your offenses like a cloud,  
your sins like the morning mist. Return to  
me, for I have redeemed you. (NIV)

## Revival Begins May 17 At Faith Baptist

Do you know where Faith Baptist Church is? I have found more than one person who has no idea where Faith is located, while still others have simply forgotten about Faith. Therefore we are inviting each of you to join us and "Discover Faith" at our 2013 Spring Revival.

The Revival will begin Friday, May 17 with a 7 p.m. service. We will then hold services on Saturday Evening at 7 p.m. and conclude with a Sunday Morning Service at 11 a.m. Our speaker on Friday Evening will be Pastor Gabriel Krell of the Madison First Baptist Church, on Saturday our speaker will be Pastor Sammy Heirs of Lee First Baptist Church and Sunday Morning our speaker will be Brother Dean Spivey of Pinetta First Baptist Church.

In addition we have special music planned for each service, but why wait? Instead I invite you to rediscover Faith this Sunday. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. and our Morning Worship Service begins at 11 a.m.

So plan now to come home and rediscover Faith.



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# Church Bulletin Bloopers



**Evening massage - 6 p.m.**

**The Pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning.**

**The audience is asked to remain seated until the end of the recession.**

**Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 to 8:30 pm. Please use the back door.**

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**The third verse of Blessed Assurance will be sung without musical accomplishment.**

**For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.**

Send us your church bulletin bloopers to:  
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## *First United Methodist Church*

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Service of Word & Table .....8:30 a.m.

Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.

Worship Service .....11:00 a.m.

Wed. Jr. High Youth (grades 6-8) .....5-6 p.m.

Wed. Sr. High Youth (grades 9-12) ...6-7:30 p.m.

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Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.

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Wednesday Family Training Hour .....7:00 p.m.

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Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.

Evening - BTC.....6:30 p.m.

Evening Worship.....7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday**

Prayer Meeting .....7:30 p.m.

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# 51st Homecoming for Ebenezer United Methodist Church

*Story submitted*

If you enjoy good old-fashioned gospel sings, come on out to Ebenezer United Methodist Church in Hamburg, Saturday night, May 25, starting at 7 p.m., and enjoy several of your favorite hymns.

Come back Sunday morning for our 51st Homecoming celebration, Sunday May 26th, starting at 11 a.m. Rev. Rich Quackenbush, Retired Pastor of the United Methodist Church, is the guest pastor. Dinner on the grounds will follow.

Clean up of the church and grounds in preparation for the homecoming will be held on Saturday, May 18th, beginning around 9 a.m.

Ebenezer Methodist Church was founded in 1840. The original church, constructed of logs, was down the hill and west of the current site and is now occupied by the cemetery. The present structure was erected in 1901. John R. Wilson, Sr. and Thomas L.H. Rykard helped with the construction. The hand made pulpit, flower stands (used ages ago for lamps), alter, and pews are as they were when the sanctuary was constructed. The chandelier (still in use) was given to the church around 1905 by Mrs. S.B. Mays, mother of D.H. Mays, Sr. of Madison. Some of the early families were, Arnold, Bunting, Burnett, Clark, Cooper, Crane, Drew, Edwards, Flowers, Gaston, Hammerly, Harrell, Hinton, Hughey, Kirby, Loper, Manning, Martin, Mays, Morrow, McCardle, McClellan, McDaniel, Overstreet, Paul, Pridgeon, Ragland, Rykard, Sale, Smith, Tooke, Vance, Vann, Wilson, Watts and Will. Many of whom are resting in the cemetery. Regular services were held at the church until 1940, with the late Rev. L.P. Driskell serving as the last pastor,

The church sat idle until 1962 when George F. Burnett, Sr., one of the Trustees, whose parents worshiped here, realized the need for a new roof and painting. He shared the need with his friends and family who once worshiped at Ebenezer. They made sufficient donations to re-roof and paint the inside and outside. George Burnett, the Hugheys, Wilsons, Rykards and many members of the community joined in restoring the well, cleaning the grounds and Jesse Hughey refinished the chandelier, making the first homecoming on Sunday, July 29, 1962 possible. Homecoming is now held every year on the last Sunday in May.

Everyone is invited to join us in our homecoming celebration. If you have any questions feel free to contact any of the Trustees, Frank Rykard, Carlton Burnette, Jenny Andrews, Brian Wilson, Eugene Davis or Gene Gaston.



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**Ebenezer United Methodist Church of Hamburg will be celebrating its 51st Homecoming Service, Sunday, May 26**



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# Women of the Bible: Rahab

By Lynette Norris  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Rahab, whose story is found in Joshua (chapters two and six), is one of the most unlikely and intriguing heroines of the Bible. Most know of her as the prostitute who saved the lives of the Israelite spies, who was in turned spared along with her family by the Israelite army when they invaded the city of Jericho, in the land of Canaan.

Rahab lived during the Israelites' conquest of Canaan (dated by various sources as anywhere from 1400 B.C. to 1200 B.C.), which was located in the western end of the "fertile crescent" of ancient Mesopotamia. By the time of their arrival near Jericho, their reputation had preceded them. Many had heard of their previous military conquests, and still spoke of their miraculous crossing of the Red Sea in their escape from the Egyptian army some 40 years earlier, as Rahab herself tells the two spies when they come to her house.

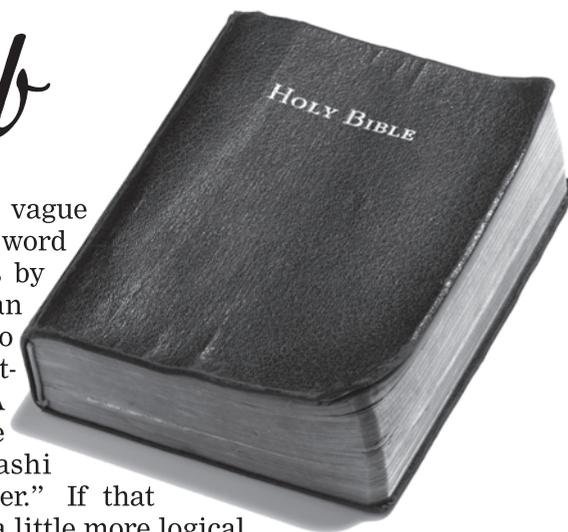
The walled city-state of Jericho, devoted to the worship of Ashtaroth, the goddess of the moon, is described as one of the "most wicked" in Canaan, a seat of paganism and idol worship – things that were especially abhorrent to the Israelites. Rahab's house, high upon the city wall, could be seen as symbolic of someone in a state of transition, someone who was aware of what was going on outside the enclosed world of the city; someone who could look into the distance beyond and see things that others couldn't.

As for her profession, a few historical scholars suggest that she was

not a prostitute at all, citing vague English translations of the word "zanah," as well as writings by the 1st century historian Josephus, who referred to Rahab as an "innkeeper/hostess" or a "tavern-keeper." A few centuries later, the medieval Jewish writer Rashi described her as a "food-seller." If that were the case, it could seem a little more logical that the spies would have ended up in her lodgings.

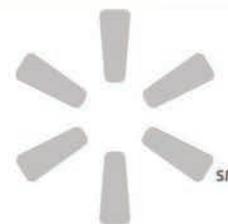
However, other scholars point out that the context of other scriptural uses of the Greek word "zanah" (especially in Lev. 21:7-14, Deut. 23:18, Jud. 11:1 and 1 Kings 3:16, Heb 11:31 and James 2:25) support its translation as "harlot" or "prostitute." In that case, the story of her aid to the spies, her transformation into unlikely heroine and her ultimate place within the history of Israel becomes even more striking and dramatic.

As for Jericho, in addition to being an "appalling place of wickedness" from the Israelite point-of-view, it is also one of the most strategically important city fortresses in Canaan. Located just west of the main ford on the lower Jordan River, it controls the crossing of the river and



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# Women of the Bible: Rahab

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entrance into the land that lies west of it. If the Israelites hope to move any further into Canaan, they will have to take Jericho.

Rahab, whether a hostess or a harlot, is in a position at the edge of the city to see and hear much. She may have heard stories from those who visited her house. She may have overheard the conversation of the soldiers who stood guard on the wall fortifications. She has certainly heard the same stories as everyone else about this seemingly invincible army that believes in the one all-powerful Yahweh.

She is a woman who keeps her eyes open and her ear to the ground. She has the understanding to put all that information together and the discernment to realize what it means for Jericho. She is a realist who can see that the God of the Hebrews must indeed be far more powerful than the many gods in the pantheon of Canaan.

She is a woman whose heart is open to change, when she sees the evidence of God's power.

When the two spies come to her abode, she sees right through them and recognizes them for what they are. *"I know that the Lord hath given you the land, and that your terror is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land faint because of you,"* she tells the two men in Joshua 2:9. A moment later in verse 11, she adds, *"As soon as we had heard these things, our hearts did melt, neither did there remain any more courage in any man because of you. For the Lord your God, he is God in heaven above and in the earth below."*

She has already made the decision to help them. When the king's agents come to her house in search of the spies, she hides them on her roof and is smart enough not to outright deny having seen the men. The king already knows they have been seen there. Instead, she tells the agents that they already left under the cover of darkness, just as the city gates were about to close. *If you hurry, you just might be able to overtake them.*

In exchange for her help, she elicits a promise that the spies will spare her, her parents, and her siblings. This they readily agree to, if she will gather all of her family together in her house and hang outside her window the same scarlet rope with which she lowered them to safety outside the wall.

The symbolism of the scarlet rope in the window echoes the first Passover feast in Egypt, when the Angel of Death spared the firstborn of all those who had put the blood of the Passover lamb on their doorpost. It also prefigures the saving blood of Christ.

As long as Rahab's family takes refuge and remains within the walls of the house marked with the scarlet rope, they will be safe; but if any of them venture outside their sanctuary, all bets are off.

Also in her story, we see that once she acts on faith and follows the instructions the spies give her, she and her family are saved; not only saved from destruction, but redeemed from their past. They are among the first outsiders – Gentiles – taken into the fold. We hear of her again in the New Testament, Heb. 11:31 that by faith, Rahab *"Perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies in peace."*

Ultimately, she is not only brought into the fold, but also into the lineage from which Christ is born. In Matthew 1:5, she is married to Salmon, of the Tribe of Judah; their son is Boaz, who would later marry Ruth, another outsider, a Moabite woman whose devotion to her mother-in-law, Naomi, and faith in the Hebrew God Yahweh also brings her in to the fold, and into the lineage of Christ.



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