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Edwards Found Guilty As Charged In Murder Trial



Cedric Edwards
By Jacob Bemby
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A Madison County jury returned a guilty as charged verdict against Cedric Edwards, who was charged with first degree murder while armed. The verdict was returned Friday, June 21.

According to a Madison Police Department report, at approximately 10:30 a.m. on Aug. 25,

2011, MPD officers were dispatched to the Madison County Health Department parking lot, located at 218 Third Street, in Madison. The call was regarding a man, who had been beaten. Before police and emergency personnel arrived, the Health Department staff had attempted to render aid

to the victim, Michael Logan, 62, of Madison. Due to the severity of his injuries, the man was obviously dead.

Witnesses identified the suspect as Cedric Edwards. Edwards was located outside his residence a short distance from the scene of the crime. He was taken into custody and trans-

ported to the Madison County Jail without incident.

Witnesses saw the suspect striking the victim repeatedly with what was described as a stick, which turned out to be an iron tire jack handle.

Edwards was sentenced to life without parole.

Burglary At Greenville Nursing Home

Madison County Sheriff Ben Stewart reports that on Thursday, June 20, Madison County Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched to Crosswinds Rehabilitation Center in Greenville in reference to a complaint that a black male had just busted the window out of an employee's vehicle that was parked in the parking lot and stole a purse belonging to the victim. The male then got into a gold colored sedan and left the area headed toward Madison on US 90.

As deputies were responding they observed the gold car approaching them at a high rate of speed. Deputies activated blue lights and the driver of the gold car (later identified as John Wesley Smith Jr.) swerved over in the lane of the deputies, forcing deputies to take evasive actions to avoid a head on collision.

Deputies turned around and initiated pursuit that reached speeds of 110 miles per hour. Smith continued to flee deputies by passing other traffic on hills and curves. Deputies backed off for the safety of other motorists but managed to keep the gold car driven by Smith in sight.

Once the pursuit reached Madison, Smith turned onto Captain *Please See New Tennants On Page 3A*

School Board Questions Missing Items From Greenville Elementary

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Rather than write off a list of 25 items reported missing from Greenville Elementary School, pending an investigation, a list that included computers and at least one copier, the Madison County School Board insisted on an investigation and a search for the items throughout the school district. The list of items is valued at about \$116,000.

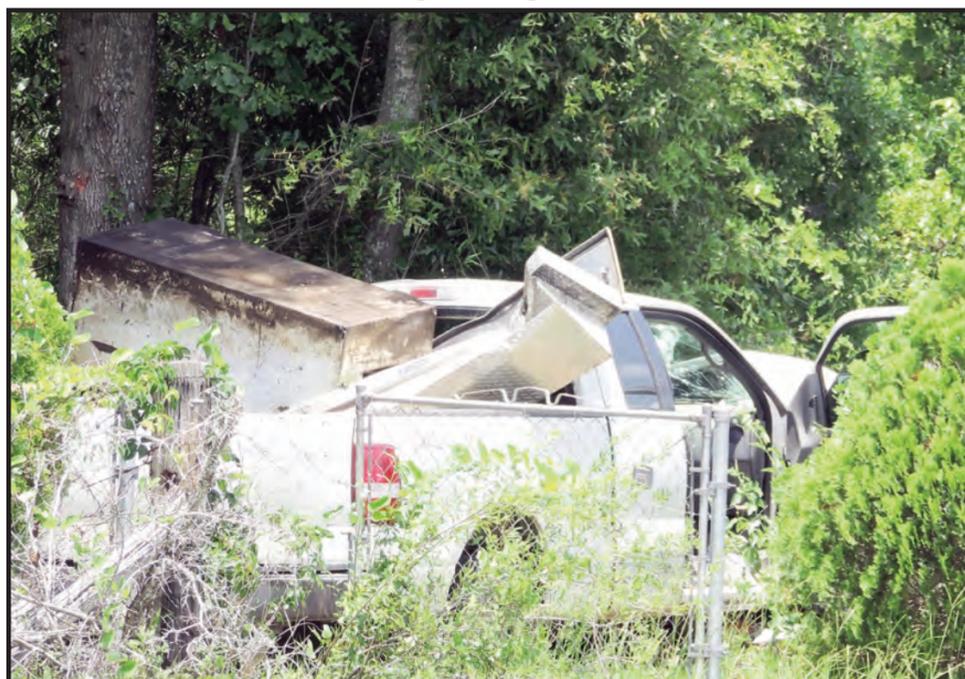
Board member VeEtta Hagan, whose district includes the Greenville school, stated that she was upset with the way the accounting had been handled up to that point, and disagreed with the recommendation to simply write it off without trying to find out if the items had been moved to another school or another building within the Madison County School District.

"This is brand-new stuff," she said. "It is dishonest and unfair to Greenville."

School board member Karen Pickles joined Hagan in insisting that the issue be taken off the consent agenda, expressing dismay that it had not already been looked into further. "When I saw this list of items, I was livid," she said.

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Man Seriously Injured In Crash



By Jacob Bemby
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A man was seriously injured when the truck he was traveling in collided with a tree and a telephone box on Monday afternoon, June 24.

According to a Florida Highway Patrol report, Timothy Scott Chastain, 44, of Pavo, Ga., was traveling north on NE Rocky Ford Road. For an unknown reason, Chastain traveled northwest across the southbound travel lane of the road and continued traveling northwest onto the grass shoulder.

The front of Chastain's 2006 Ford F250 collided with a wire fence and continued traveling in a northwesterly direction

through the fence.

Chastain then traveled north across the paved driveway. On the north side of the driveway, the front of the pickup collided with a tree and a CenturyLink phone junction box.

The pickup came to a final rest at the point of impact facing north.

Chastain was flown by helicopter to Shands in Gainesville where he was treated for serious injuries.

Madison County EMS, Cherry Lake Fire and Rescue and the Pinetta Volunteer Fire Department assisted at the scene.

FHP Trooper John Sleighter was the investigating officer.

Everything Pecan, Whiffenpooh Newest Tenants at the Lee Business Complex



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

Professionally done signs outside welcome visitors and list the businesses located inside.

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The "business incubator" is a great concept for small businesses just getting started, that can't pay the full rent for retail space, says Sharon Benoit, who, along with her husband Jim and sister Joy Sale, own the Everything Pecan bakery, one of four businesses now occupying space in the Lee Business Complex.

In Orlando, where Benoit lived before, there were numerous business incubators for tech companies, but the business incubator is a model that works just as well in a small rural community like Lee, where there may not be many tech companies, but there is no shortage of artisans, crafters and small business entrepreneurs willing to take a chance when presented with an opportunity.

The Lee Business Center is housed in the building that used to be the old Lee School, off of Lee School Avenue. Built in the 1800s, it went through a couple of fires and refurbishings over the decades, and it is now owned by the Town of Lee, which has remodeled the old classrooms and offices into units that small businesses can rent at reduced rates, giving them a chance to grow and get their enterprises off the ground, and eventually move on to a bigger, better retail space.

In fact, the daycare center that once occupied an entire wing of the complex is one such small-business success story. After getting started in the Business Complex, it was able to purchase and move into its own building a few months ago.

"We've been working hard the last few months, re-doing and repainting to make it more inviting," said Lee Town Clerk Sarah Anderson about the Lee Business Complex, which sits on a pleasant, tree-shaded lot. City workers and other "in-house talent" did most of the renovation, which in a small town like Lee translates to about four or five people, with some help from MCI inmate labor to paint the outside.

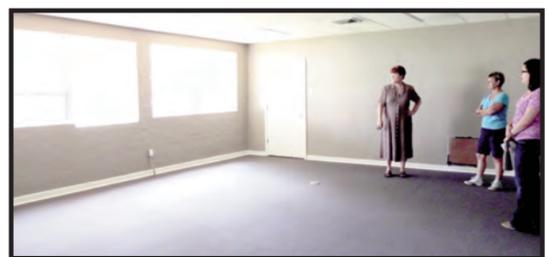
Inside, the design has kept the original high wooden ceilings in the corridors, along with the vintage charm of the old school doors and 19th-century brickwork. Walking down the main corridor, one almost expects to hear the school bell ringing and see a sudden influx of children spilling into the hallway, laughing and yelling and rushing between classes. In the business spaces, much of the vintage charm is still intact, although dropped ceilings have been installed to lower heating and cooling costs. Most of the business suites have restroom access and plenty of natural light coming through the old classroom windows; however, they look surprisingly fresh, new and vital with a coat of paint on the walls and carpeting on the floors.

In another touch of artistic charm, all of the business signs over the doors were made by a talented artisan who also does sign work for Disney World, and who delivered the signs herself so she could see the place.

"She was so excited to see how her signs would be used," said Anderson.

One of the businesses in the complex, The Tax Doctor MD, located in what used to be the school's principal and administrative offices, looks as modern and updated as one would imagine any tax preparer's office would look, but with a patina of history and the solid feel of being in an old, well-loved, well-built structure.

In what used to be the old library, Joyce Bethea's Whiffenpooh and Lulu Too offers alteration services, professional sewing and embroidery projects,



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Left to right: Sarah Anderson, Sharon Benoit and Shelly Smith look over an empty unit ready for another business.

as well as creations from various local crafters and artisans on consignment.

In the back part of the complex, the Fast-Pack Packaging Shipping Supplies occupies the largest square footage as the anchor business. They sell/distribute packaging supplies to large companies like eBay and Amazon.com.

Across the main corridor, where the school cafeteria used to be, Sharon Benoit, husband Jim, and sister Joy Sale operate the Everything Pecan bakery.

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One of the specially created signs hangs above the door to Everything Pecan.

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VIEWPOINTS & OPINIONS

CRACKER SEZ

THE POEM

I met up with ole' Doc Fixum at thuh' state park Sundee' afternoon. He's been all over this country. He said he took off 'uh whole summer years ago 'n seen 'uh big portion of thuh' midwest.

Then he started tell'n me 'bout 'uh school teacher named Katherine Lee Bates that wrote 'uh poem about this country around 1893. She was asked ta' go west ta' Colorado Springs ta' teach through thuh' summer. While she was there, she took 'uh trip to thuh' top of Pikes Peak, 14,000 foot' high. They say from there you can see over 100 miles.

Doc said that's where Miss Bates got inspired ta' write this poem called "America The Beautiful." He said it was later put to music. We all know the song.

Doc said he could understand the words better than most 'cause he'd seen 'uh lot of what Miss Bates saw in her travels. He's seen young, green, wheat fields, thousands of acres big, blow'n in thuh' wind, that looked like waves on thuh' ocean. He said it made him realize why we've got plenty ta' eat. He's seen thuh' spacious skies from Pikes Peak and in Montana where thuh' air is so pure 'uh feller can see more'n 100 miles. He said 'uh blue haze 'n 'uh red faced mountain in thuh' far distance looks 'uh majestic purple.

Ole' Doc said it's 'uh pure shame most people never see such sights ta' know fer' their self what'a beautiful country we live in.

I told Doc I was real glad I could at least here first hand from him even if I never get ta' go.



Jim Dietrich
Guest Columnist

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

**National
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Joe Boyles
Guest Columnist

Etiquette

I was traveling north last week and missed the news of the death of Frances Sanders until returning. She was a remarkable lady and every encounter I had with her was both stimulating and informative. I'm sorry to have missed her funeral; I'm sure the experience would have given me even greater insight to her remarkable influence on our community.

In 2000, a couple of years after moving to Madison County, I joined the Chamber of Commerce as executive director. Not long after taking the job, I ran across something called the Kids' Culture Club. What on earth is this? Turns out that it was the brainchild of Miss Frances. She was intent on working with a small group of children each year to teach them proper etiquette and manners.

She also taught them a lot about history and this unique place called Madison. Several years ago, her daughter Susanne Griffin phoned me and asked if I would make a presentation about Colin Kelly to the Kids Culture Club. I jumped on the invitation as I usually do. I enjoy the opportunity to influence an audience, whether it is through a sermon, this column, or any other venue. Imagine if you will the challenge of influencing a group of middle school aged children about local history – what an opportunity!

In the courtroom on the second floor of the courthouse were gathered about thirty young people and a couple of adult mentors. Miss Frances was there too. She used a walker as she was infirmed, but her mind was sharp as a tack. Her questions and comments to my ten minute presentation were very adroit. Later, we moved to the Four Freedoms Monument in the park where I had the opportunity to draw the parallel between the freedoms that President Roosevelt spoke about to Congress in early 1941 and the sacrifice made by Captain Kelly eleven months later.

I heard that Miss Frances would put on dinners for her children's group with formal place settings. Everyone would dress for dinner. In our modern world of informality and instant communication, we seem to have lost that form of art. I truly miss

it. I think it is important to have that formal exchange every now and then: a properly set table; a lovely multi-course dinner; proper dress; classical music in the background; and quiet, respectful conversation – something like we see in *Downton Abbey*.

More than 20 years ago, I inherited a single place setting of pink Haviland china which I understand is rare in that color. It belonged to the mother of a great aunt. Mrs. Bromley was born in Illinois before the American Civil War and moved to Kansas in the early 20th Century before passing away. I was told that every night, she sat down at the table to eat dinner and drink tea from this delicate set of china. On the course American frontier, it was her reminder of civilization.

Let me give you another example. When I was in eighth grade, my English teacher had a block of instruction where we had to write sample letters for things like thank you notes and condolences. Mrs. Banks had us compose maybe a half dozen different letters like this. Now, we buy cards instead and sign our names, letting a stranger compose the sentiment ... if a card is even sent. Are young people today even taught the importance of acknowledging a gift? I wonder.

I bet Miss Frances covered that with the Culture Club. She also took her group to hear opera and other similar events. No detail, however small escaped her attention.

I think it is so important to treat people with respect, not as an impersonal group but on an individual basis. Everyone has something to offer, some gift. Unless you get to know them personally, that gift may very well go undiscovered. At St. Mary's, everyone possesses a gift from God to share; my job is to unlock that gift for the entire congregation to enjoy.

When we ignore or overlook the formal nature of life, it seems to me that we lose respect for our neighbor. Miss Frances Sanders understood that and used her teaching vocation to influence new generations of young people in elegance and the finer things of life. What a great lady. What a wonderful life of consequence. I'm a better person because I knew her.

Health & Wellness Tips

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



Natural Pest Control

Coexisting with nature is a wonderful thing, but it doesn't mean you have to allow critters to take over your home. Pest infestations can impact your family in a number of undesirable ways, creating an environment that's unhealthy and, in many cases, downright intolerable. Fortunately, you don't need to saturate your home with chemicals in order to keep pests at bay. By practicing natural pest control, you can encourage would-be intruders to live somewhere else while keeping your home, health, family, pets and the earth safe.

Negative Effects of Pest Infestations on Your Health

Stress: When you know your home is infested with rodents or insects, it's hard to stop thinking about them. Your skin might crawl at the thought of bed bugs walking on you as you sleep, or you may start to feel phantom ants crawling across your arms. It's normal to experience stress when your home is infested, and some homeowners still feel anxiety even after a pest control company has taken care of the problem. When you practice natural pest control, which focuses on prevention, you'll find peace of mind in knowing you're doing all you can to keep pests out.

Diseases: Rodents are notorious carriers of diseases such as the bubonic plague, Hanta virus, salmonellosis, tularemia, rat bite fever and leptospirosis. The scary thing is that a rodent doesn't need to bite or touch you to pass on an illness. Simply being exposed to its droppings or nesting site can make you fall ill with, for example, the Hanta virus. Some of the diseases rodents carry present like the flu, making them initially difficult to properly diagnose until the illnesses are in their advanced stages.

Discomfort: What do mosquitoes, fleas and bed bugs have in common? Their bites make you feel itchy. While most insect bites are more annoying than harmful, scratching itchy spots can lead to a secondary infection.

Asthma triggers: Asthma is one of the most prevalent chronic diseases in children and adults, and up to 60 percent of asthma sufferers are allergic to cockroaches. Merely touching a roach's exoskeleton, which the bug can shed, can trigger an asthma attack. Using chemicals like toxic baits, fumigators or sprays to get rid of pests can trigger asthma symptoms and possibly make them worse than

usual.

Toxic bites: Most spiders are harmless and meek, but there are a handful that can do major harm if they bite you. These include the recluse varieties, hobo, black widow, brown widow and red widow spiders.

Pest Prevention Tactics

The best way to practice natural pest control is by employing simple prevention techniques. These natural methods, when used regularly, can help you keep infestations at bay better than any toxic repellents. For example:

- Don't leave food out in the open.
- Store pantry items in lidded glass or thick plastic containers.
- Eliminate sources of standing water in and around your home.
- Seal holes and cracks along the exterior of your home.
- Use lids on your trash cans.
- Keep your landscape mowed, pruned, weeded and manicured.
- Clean your house regularly and keep it tidy.
- Keep wood piles high, dry and away from your house.
- Inspect your luggage for signs of bed bugs after traveling.
- Inspect guest rooms for signs of bed bugs after you've had overnight visitors.
- Plant insect-repelling plants and flowers around the exterior of your home, including mint, pennyroyal, petunias, tansy, rosemary, geraniums, marigolds, citronella and wormwood.

Home Infestations: What to Do

Pest infestations can happen in even the cleanest homes. The trick is quickly taking care of the problem by calling a green pest control company that practices Integrated Pest Management (IPM). IPM involves using knowledge of pest biology (with a bit of common sense thrown in) For example, technicians will identify the pests, get rid of their nesting sites, make it harder for the pests to access your home and use other natural pest control techniques to give you a healthy, critter-free environment. Green pest control companies use natural techniques whenever possible – in large part because they're more effective both immediately and in the long term – and will choose the least-toxic treatments available when an application is necessary.

If you have a pest infestation, or think you have one, call a natural pest control company to schedule an inspection and learn personalized tips for keeping your home pest-free.

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Missing

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The board discussed conducting complete searches and inventories of other school district buildings in case the items had been transferred or moved, rather than leave Greenville hanging, without the equipment it was supposed to have. The board also questioned who had signed for the items

when they had been delivered, and whether there had been a proper inventory at a specific time before the items turned up missing.

"I am asking for a complete accounting," Hagan said. "We are the doorkeepers of this money."

The board agreed to investigate the matter further.

New Tenants

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In what used to be the school cafeteria, Sharon Benoit shows off the working space, baking equipment and display of bagged goodies ready for sale.

Updated with all the major appliance/sink/plumbing accoutrements required by state regulations, it still exudes vintage charm with its huge windows, original pantry and painted brickwork walls, offering up pecan brittle, chocolate chip/pecan cookies, orange pecan muffins, blueberry muffins, granola (made from all fresh ingredients), banana nut bread, peanut butter power bars, brownies, lemon cookies and cinnamon rolls. All the recipes are made from fresh, natural ingredients with no preservatives or other chemicals. One indication of their quality is the recent Saturday at the Jefferson County Watermelon Festival, where Everything Pecan's vendor booth sold out of nearly everything.

The Complex looks a lot like one would imagine a 19th century mall would look like, if malls had existed back then, and the small but pleasant "Lee Mall" has quite a bit of traffic on Saturdays, Anderson noted. Perhaps someday soon there might even be a Lee-area farmer's market out front in the shady space between the building and the parking area.

Inside, the "mall" has a vacant space that is ready for another small business to move into, and two more spaces that will become available as soon as the fixing-up is complete. Rent is calculated by a combination of square footage, heat/AC, and water access. Interested entrepreneurs should contact the Town of Lee at City Hall, (850) 971-5867.

"We're lucky that the city (of Lee) is so enthusiastic and so supportive," said Benoit.

"The way that the city looks at it is that we're not looking to make money, we're looking to break even," said Anderson. "That way, everybody benefits."

Burglary

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Brown Road then onto Country Club Estates Road, however, a train was crossing and the road was blocked. Smith turned the car and drove beside the tracks and ultimately got stuck on the tracks when he attempted to drive across them.

Smith, along with Starling, ran from the car on foot but was soon apprehended with the assistance of citizen that was witnessing the suspects fleeing and deputies following a brief foot pursuit. A black female passenger of the fleeing car was also arrested at the scene. The original victim's purse was recovered and returned to her.

Arrested and charged were:



John Wesley Smith, Jr., 29, of Tallahassee
Fleeing and Eluding
Aggravated Assault on Law Enforcement Officer
Burglary of Vehicle
Theft from a Vehicle



Branden Zaiva Starling, 21, of Crawfordville
Burglary of Vehicle
Theft from a Vehicle

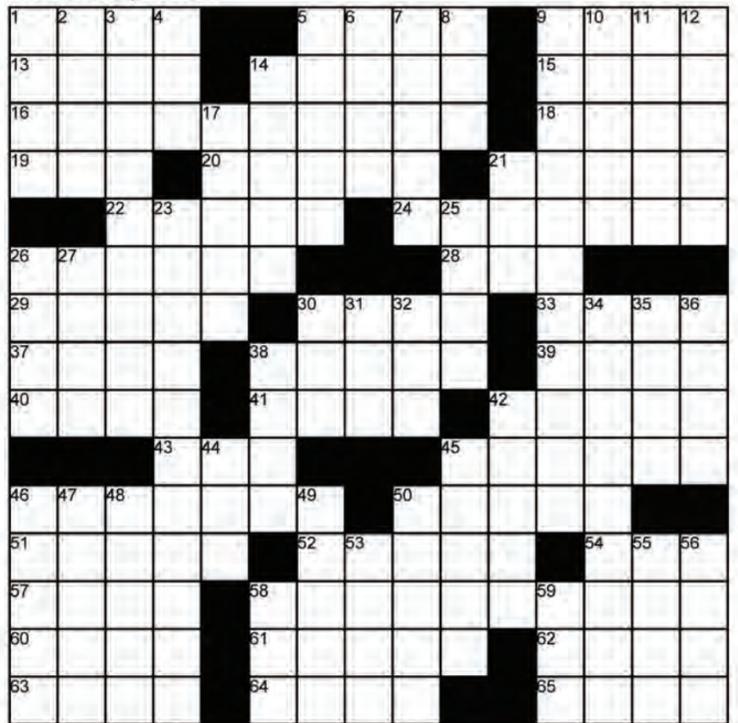


Daphne Suze Vincent, 21, of Tallahassee
Burglary of Vehicle
Theft from a Vehicle

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1. Cooperstown charter member Ty
5. Contracts, as an illness
9. Porker's meal
13. Baltic Sea feeder
14. Jazzman Chick
15. Transport by truck
16. Soldiers who drop into battle areas
18. Grid great Graham
19. "Atlas Shrugged" author Rand
20. Martini's partner
21. Cast a ballot
22. Maine politico Olympia
24. "The Biggest Loser" contestants
26. Whodunit plot element
28. Phone listing abbr.
29. Castle of the ballroom
30. Goya's "Naked ___"
33. Thirty minutes of football
37. Not of the clergy
38. Googol's hundred
39. ___-Day (vitamin brand)
40. Cornerstone word
41. Off-ramp
42. "___ a million years!"
43. Prefix with lead or fire
45. Earth tones
46. Road to conflict
50. Ump's broom
51. Troy, to Homer
52. Run ___ of the law
54. "There's ___ in 'team'"
57. Disney's "___ & Stitch"
58. Toucan Sam's cereal

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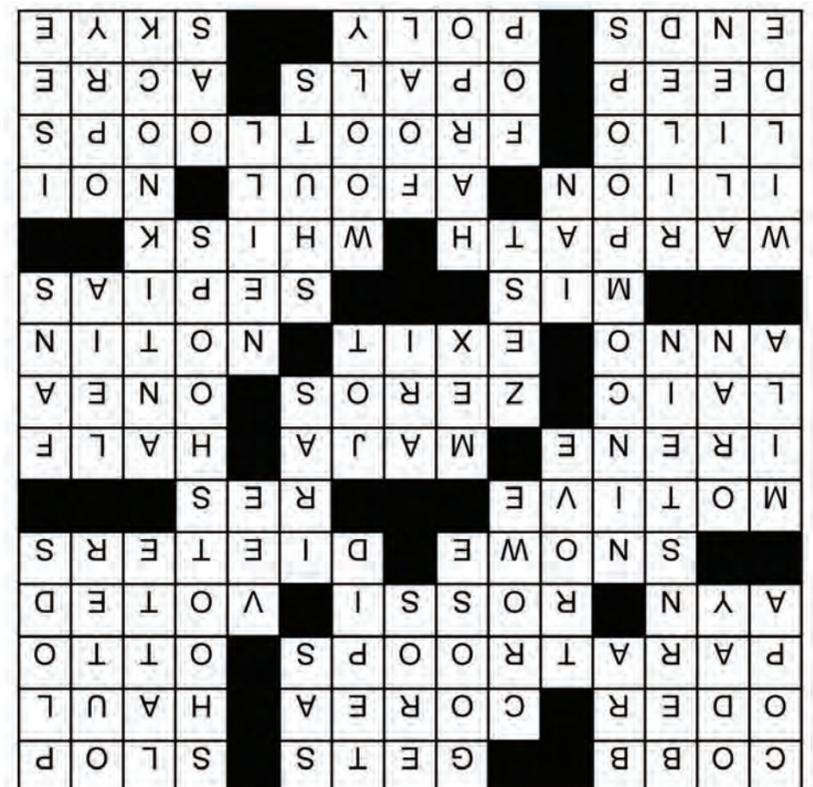
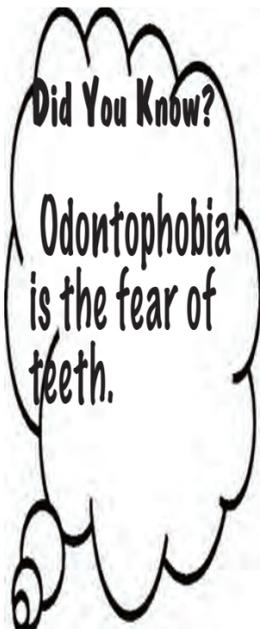
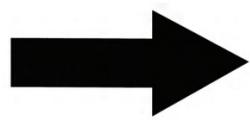
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1. Barry Manilow song locale
 2. Anita who sang with Krupa
 3. "West Side Story" composer
 4. Playtex product
 5. Christmas bird
 6. Cupid, to Plato
 7. Not so hot
 8. Carrier to Oslo
 9. Plays b-ball
 10. Coffeeshop order

11. External
12. Walks wearily
14. Russell of "Les Misérables"
17. Treasure store
21. Neckline type
23. Knuckleheads
25. S&L offerings
26. Uris's "___ 18"
27. Seaport of Algeria
30. Tex-___ cuisine
31. Meyers of "Kate & Allie"
32. Scribble down
34. Gasoline additive
35. "Star Wars" princess
36. Autograph seekers
38. Tabasco quality
42. Noel who played Lois Lane
44. Fleming who created 007

45. Locks up
46. "An Ideal Husband" playwright
47. "Star Trek" extra
48. Rubbed the wrong way
49. Mute Marx
50. "___ Bully" (1965 hit)
53. Stable babe
55. C&W mecca, with "the"
56. Words of understanding
58. Stylish dresser
59. Intl. group since 1948

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Obituaries

Eugene Bratcher

Eugene Bratcher, age 77, died Sunday, June 23, 2013 in Madison.

The funeral service will be held Wednesday, June 26, 2013, at 4 p.m. at Beggs Funeral Home, Madison Chapel, with burial at Corinth Cemetery in Lee.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Beggs Funeral Home.

He was born in Glasscock County, Ga., and moved to Lee in 1965 from Jacksonville, Fl. He was a US Army Veteran and loved to play the guitar and sing bluegrass music. He was a member of Midway Baptist Church.

He is survived by a daughter, Linda Bratcher Jones (Eddie) of Salt Springs; three step-sons, Mike Havard, Steve Harvard, and Frank Premorel; one sister, Dorothy Turner (Curtis) of Hinesville, Ga., and six grandchildren.

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

June 26

The final evening of Freedom Fest will be held at Lanier Field, beginning at 6 p.m. It will begin with the usual huge free cookout, and cash and gift certificates giveaways, along with donations from local people. In between the cookout and the prize giveaways, there will be an anointed time of praise and worship, followed by an evangelistic message from God's Word.

June 23-28

Lee First Baptist Church's Vacation Bible School (which began Sunday) is at the halfway point and will continue Wednesday, June 26 through Friday, June 28. Each evening runs from 6 to 9 p.m. For more information, contact Joyce Bethea at (850) 673-9927, or Lee First Baptist at (850) 971-5274.

June 29

The First Baptist Church of Madison is hosting an indoor/outdoor community yard sale Saturday from 8 a.m. until noon. For more information, contact Carol at (850) 971-7246.

June 29

Watermelon and ticket sale for 14U Madison softball team headed for state tournament, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the parking lot at Madison County Community Bank.

July 2

The Madison County High School cheerleaders are selling Boston butts and other smoked meats for \$25, which will be available for pickup at the high school from 2-4 p.m. To reserve an order, or if there are any questions, please call Ruth Ann Latner at (850) 464-0236 or contact any MCHS cheerleader.

July 4

Lions Club God and Country Independence Day Celebration, 5-9 p.m. at Lake Francis in Madison.

July 4

The Spirit of Greenville will present a fireworks display at Haffye Hays Park in Greenville at dark.

July 6

Lee Volunteer Fire Department Fourth of July Celebration. Entertainment and barbecue sandwiches, chips, drinks, dessert and boiled peanuts will be sold, beginning at 6 p.m. Fireworks at Lake Brittany at 9 p.m.

July 6

Lee Worship Center potluck supper and open mic sing and Brenda McCormick birthday celebration, 387 SE Magnolia Avenue in Lee. Begins at 5 p.m.

July 21-26

Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church, Madison, "Colossal Coaster World," begins at 5:30 p.m. each afternoon.

July 21-26

Vacation Bible School at Cherry Lake Baptist Church, "Jungle Jaunt," from 6-9 p.m.

August 9-10

Madison High School Red Devil Reunion. All Red Devils welcome. August 9, Red Devil BBQ. Social, 5 p.m., dinner, 7 p.m. Dancing, 8 p.m. Jellystone Park, with Tom and the Cats, \$30 per person. August 10. Golf Tournament, 8 a.m., \$37 per person. Lunch included. All Red Devil Reunion Celebration. Social, 5 p.m. Dinner, 7 p.m. Dancing, 8 p.m. Jellystone Park, with band, Daddy's Money. \$30 per person. For more information, call Martha at (850) 545-6274 or Liz (404) 926-4273.

Riddle Of The Day

I have holes in my top and bottom, my left and right, and in the middle. But I still hold water. What am I?

A: A Sponge

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Century Plant Blooming in Madison

By Lynette Norris
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On South SR 53, between the Days Inn and the Denny's near I-10, an innocuous, shoulder-high clump of a broad-leafed desert plant has sat for years, biding its time.

Then, a few days ago, it began shooting an enormous stalk out of the center, at a rate Latrelle Ragans described as "about a foot a night," until the tip was almost the same height as the large Days Inn sign mounted on a pole. At the top was a group of small green branches that looked like a bare green tree with pods at the end.

It may call to mind the carnivorous triffids from *Day of the Triffids* or

one of those weird pod plants from *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*, but the plant in question is a century plant, an *Agave americana*. It is also known as American aloe, but aside from a superficial resemblance, it is not closely related to the aloe plant species.

The century plant originated in Mexico, and spread after it was cultivated worldwide as an ornamental plant. It quickly naturalized to its new surroundings, and now grows wild in Europe, South Africa, India and Australia, as well as adorning ornamental and botanical gardens the world over.

Originally desert plants, they are drought tolerant, and



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Lynette Norris, June 20, 2013.

Seen from the Day's Inn parking lot, looking east across SR 53, the century plant gets ready for its one and only blooming.

quite at home in the Southwestern US, but they can adapt to much wetter conditions like those here in Florida, as the one here in Madison and the those in the Bok Tower Gardens of Lake Wales demonstrate.

"Century plant" refers to the plant's habit of blooming only very rarely, and is actually a misnomer. The plants

may live anywhere from 10 to 30 years or more, and their life span depends on when they decide to bloom. They must be at least 10 years old to bloom though, and once they do so and disperse their seeds, they die. However any of several "pup plants" that propagate around the central "mother plant" will continue growing and spreading, until they too, eventually reach maturity, bloom, disperse seeds and die, leaving their pups to carry on. In cultivated gardens, the pups are often transplanted to new locations.

A mature century plant will hold onto its seeds until it senses that conditions are right for optimal seed dispersal. When the right environmental factors come together in the right combination, they trigger something in the agave's internal workings and cause it to fire off the large central

stalk that can reach up to 30 feet in height.

Once the blooming/seed-producing stage has completed its run, the agave/century plant comes to the end of its life cycle. The main clump of leaves in the center, the "mother plant," will begin to die off, but the pups and seeds

will continue the next cycle.

To see century plants in bloom in the Bok Tower Gardens, visit the website www.youtube.com/watch?v=NgUKmSUx37g. To see the one here in Madison, just drive by the Days Inn on South SR 53 near I-10 during the next few days.

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Florida Licensing On Wheels Visits Madison

By Lynette Norris
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For Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles employees Joyce Norton and Pamela Coley, it was their first visit to Madison with the FLOW-Mobile (Florida Licensing On Wheels), parked next to the Madison Senior Center and waiting for customers.

Since Madison County no longer has a permanent driver's license bureau, FHSMV now plans to send one of its 11 mobile offices to visit the county on a recurring basis during the next few months.

The mobile offices, traveling out into rural areas and places that, like Madison County, no longer have permanent driver's licensing facilities, bring licensing services to the customer. The range of services they offer includes: change from out-of-state to Florida license; renewals; duplicates for lost and stolen licenses; address/name changes; ID cards; reinstatements; Emergency Contact Information registration; vehicle registration; Disabled Parking Placard.

Norton and Coley said that their goal is to make it back to Madison more often, if the number of customers visiting their FLOW-Mobile can justify it.

Currently, they are scheduled to return to Madison on Aug. 5, where they will be in the parking lot in front of the Winn Dixie Shopping Center from about 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

While they would love to get the word out and help as many customers as possible, Norton also wanted to remind everyone of documentation requirements for getting a license for the first time, or renewing a license if one's name or address has changed, or if they have never been through the a renewal with new documentation requirements. "It's amazing how many people are unprepared when they come by," said Norton.

You will need to bring your birth certificate, social security card, and two forms of proof-of-address. If you have gotten married since your last renewal, you will need to bring your marriage license as well. All of these documents must be originals, not photocopies, and this goes for getting a State of Florida Identification card as well as a driver's license.

If you have already been through this process (for example, with your last renewal), and your name and address have not changed since then, you are eligible to renew online or by mail.

Payment in the form of cash, personal checks, or MasterCard, Discover and American Express are acceptable (credit card transactions will include a \$1.50 surcharge). The Department's field offices do not take Visa.

For more detailed information about the documents you need, visit the www.GatherGoGet.com website to help formulate a checklist of the papers you'll need.

For more information about the program in general, call (850) 617-2628 or (850) 443-0406.

The Madison visits scheduled for the remainder of 2013 include: Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 18, and Dec. 16. Locations beyond the Aug. 5 visit at Winn Dixie are not certain yet, but call the above numbers or keep checking the website <http://www3.flhsmv.gov/ddl/FlowMobile/index.cfm> for updates.



Joyce Norton and Pamela Coley stand in front to their FLOW-Mobile Office, parked next to the old tobacco barn beside the Madison Senior Center.



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Onboard the FLOW-Mobile, Coley and Norton have everything they need to issue first-time licenses, renewals, and ID cards. Look for them to return Aug. 5, at the Winn Dixie Shopping Center on Base Street.



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Digging For Treasure At The Madison Public Library



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Barbara Hines of the Florida Public Archaeology Network (far right, leaning over the table) shows two-year-old Sidney Hunter how to "unearth" M&M's from cookies. Seated to the left, Sidney's older sister, six-year-old Abby, works on another cookie. In the background, Madison Youth Services Director Nancy Varn looks on.

By Lynette Norris
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In Madison County, the public library system is a happening place for summer, with its theme of "Dig Into Reading."

"It's all about promoting literacy," explained Nancy Varn, Youth Services Director for Madison County, who coordinates the summer reading events at all the county's public libraries - getting kids excited about reading and getting parents to continue that excitement, carrying it over into the home, where kids can dig into a good book any time they want.

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"Events" is the only way to describe the library gatherings, where anything can happen. This particular one got children excited about metaphorically digging into a good book by having them literally dig for "treasures" in chocolate chip/M&M cookies.

Barbara Hines of the Florida Public Archaeology Network used the chocolate chip/M&M cookies and long wooden skewers to extract the M&Ms, similar to some of the techniques archaeologists use to extract pottery shards and other artifacts from the earth.

Hines first became interested in archaeology when she was about eight, and despite not being encouraged to pursue her interest, she stuck with it.

"I want to make it cool to study what you love," she said, relating how she had learned to pursue what she loved, "Despite being scared of being called a nerd...nerds rule!"

Besides the children and their parents, there were several representatives of New Testament school and Madison Academy, as well as mothers

who were trained reading specialists.

Altogether, 62 children gathered for a fun morning of digging for edible M&M treasures. Counting the adults, the group totaled 89, and with the teen volunteers who were there to help out, the number was probably close to 100.



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The archaeology-themed "Dig Into Reading" event at the Madison Public Library drew quite a crowd of children.

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Madison Public Library's summer intern Tamaria Randall (left) and Madison Youth Services Director Nancy Varn (right) are two of the people who make the "Dig Into Reading" events happen at the library.

"The teens all feel in charge," said Varn. "Making sure it all happens for the little ones and that they have a good time." She was particularly pleased with the Madison Library's WorkForce intern for the summer, Tamaria Randall, and all the work she had done helping put the summer reading programs together.

There's another archaeologically-themed event Wednesday afternoon, June 26 at 2:30 p.m., at the Greenville Public Library, using peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to show children how the layers of archaeological sites are created over time.

The Madison Public Library will continue to host other "Dig Into Reading" events Tuesday mornings from 10:30 until 11:30 a.m. all through the month of July. The Greenville Library will have them Wednesdays from 10:30 until 11:30 a.m., and the Lee Library on Mondays 10:30 until 11 a.m.

For more information, pick up a Summer 2013 "Dig Into Reading" brochure at any of Madison's public libraries, or go online and visit the website www.neflin.org/srll.

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 File No. 2013-58-CP

IN RE: PATRICIA GLASS THORPE,
 Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of PATRICIA GLASS THORPE, deceased, whose date of death was March 22, 2012 and whose social security number is XXX-XX-2857, File No. 2013-58-CP, is pending in the Circuit Court for Madison County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 237, Madison, Florida 32341-0237. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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Attorney for Petitioner: Joseph B. Nagel, Esq.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
 IN AND FOR MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 2013-21-CA

MADISON COUNTY COMMUNITY BANK
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 Plaintiff,

vs.

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 NATALEE A. EDWARDS
 3133 Se Card Terrace
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Defendants.

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SCHOOL

Pinetta Elementary Holds "Water Day" For Students

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing, Inc.

It was summer bursting at the seams near the last day of school. You could tell by the blue-white light all around as the sun moved higher and higher in the sky every day and by the water

park set up behind Pinetta Elementary School.

A water park? Yes, a water park. Just for the day, PES rewarded those students who hadn't had a disciplinary referral during the second semester with a day of

wading pools and water slides. Only a few had to stay in their classroom, but all the students got a picnic lunch of hot dogs prepared by Pinetta Baptist Church.

Cherry Lake and Pinetta Fire Departments, including Scott

Singletary, Dennis Odom, Donna Cruce, Landy Johnson and Vickie Spires were on hand to provide the water and make sure the children stayed safe and had a good time.

"God has blessed us with this equip-

ment," said Singletary. "And we're giving back to the community."

Helping somebody was what it was all about, he added, whether it was rescuing people or helping children who have done well in school have fun for a few

hours.

Water sprays made rainbows and children in bright colored swimsuits slid on the slip-n-slides and splashed in the pools, showing no signs of tiring any time soon.

"We've had a blast," said Singletary.



Photo submitted

Chasing rainbows: Christy Androski's first grade class lines up to run through the water spray.



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Hellooooo, summer! Seinie Rose pulls up against the side of the pool with a big smile. Behind her, Hayley Durst and Tara Harmon play in the water as Shawn Rose passes by and spots the camera.

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At the bubble table, Gage Washington makes a bubble the size of a propane tank. Also at the table, clockwise from the left, are Nadine Peavey, Kayla Sealey and Salina Cimiotta.



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That's one way to make a big splash – landing in the pool at the bottom of the water slide.

The Madison County Carrier

June 26, 2013

Section B

Path *of* Faith

A person is walking away from the viewer on a path that leads into a dense forest at night. The path is illuminated by a large, bright, golden light source, possibly a street lamp or a large fire, which creates a strong glow and casts long shadows. The trees are dark and their leaves are visible, creating a canopy over the path. The overall atmosphere is mysterious and serene.

A GUEST EDITORIAL ON ABORTION

By Glenn Mollette
Guest writer

Celebrating family on these summer holidays or any day is always a special day.

However, all holidays are tough days for many. While millions celebrate others wonder about what might have been. Some have lost a child while others made tragic decisions to end a life.

Abortion is sad and heartbreaking. I oppose abortion. I do not believe many people want to go through with an abortion. Over the years I've known many people who have looked back at an abortion with heartbreak and grief.

My first wife and I had a stillborn baby. He would have been our third son. We named him Jesse Caleb. We were told just hours before the delivery

was scheduled that there was no heartbeat. The baby would be delivered but he would be dead. I sat for about three hours in the delivery room and held beautiful Jesse Caleb. He looked perfect. However, the umbilical cord had gotten a kink in it, cutting off the oxygen supply and ending his life. At that time, I had never wept or grieved

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Lee Worship Center Hosting Potluck Supper And Gospel Sing Honoring Brenda McCormick

By Jacob Bemby
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Lee Worship Center will host an open microphone sing and potluck supper in honor of Brenda McCormick's birthday on Saturday, July 6, at 5 p.m.

Guests are asked to bring a dish, if possible, to the supper.

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The Pulpit

**By Thomas Thigpen, Pastor,
Bible Deliverance Church**

My God, My God, What Is Next?

"My God, my God," is the cry of so many in today's world. As I see so much sin, hate and killing that has filled the screen of the television. School children being shot at one school after another. Our little ones die from the evil work of Satan. Now a gunman walks into a church worship service and begins shooting, killing seven and then taking his own life. Over and over these things are happening. Why, we ask ourselves. There seems no answer can be found. But we know all of this is the work of the demons of evil which fill the heart of those who do not know Jesus Christ.

The Bible tells us in the last days it will come to pass. II Timothy 3:1, "*This know also that in the last days perilous times shall come.*" Surely, we are living in the last days.

God's word tells us a nation that forgets God shall be turned into Hell. Matthew 24 reminds us what will come to pass before the end of time. Jesus said, "*Take heed that no man deceive you.*" Man has taken prayer out of school. They say that God's Word has no place in our school. The Ten Commandments cannot be posted on the wall. When you take good away, what do you have left? Nothing but evil.

The Spirit of God spoke to me back around the year 1959 and said tell the people and cry aloud when my Word, the Bible, and prayer is taken out of schools. You will see teachers being shot and raped. Children will be shot and killed. My God, help this nation to wake up and let God back in our schools. Let us teach the Ten Commandments as a guide for our daily lives.

Matthew 24:6 says, "*And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes in divers places.*" Jesus says this is just the beginning of sorrows. Ye shall deliver you up to be afflicted and kill you and ye shall be hated of all nations. For my names (Jesus) sake. Ye shall be offended and shall betray one another. Verse 12 says, "*And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.*"

We pray, "My Lord, when will this time of sorrow end?" We see floods, fires, storms, bombing, earthquakes, and plane crashes. So many die untimely deaths. I asked the question, "Lord, how many were ready to meet God in judgment?" We know God's Word says it is appointed unto man once to die then after death, judgment.

Let me ask you a very personal question. Are you ready? Oh, yes, I know you have said I have time. I will pray later. But can you tell me for sure you will live another day? You have no promise of tomorrow. Jesus said today is the day of Salvation. So, my friend, this world has nothing worth losing your soul for. Let Jesus Christ in your heart today. You may think no one really loves you. You could have done some things in your life so bad and the devil may have told you Jesus doesn't love you. You have tried to pray but it seems you get nowhere. But my lost friend, now is your time. I am praying for you now.



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by RONNIE McBRAYER



Regardless of the particular denomination, most of this country's churches are fiercely joined to American nationalism. On this Independence Day weekend you will likely find "God and Country" rallies inside churches of all theological brands.

Stars and stripes will drape the ceiling. Patriotic songs will boom across the sanctuary. There might even be a military color guard in front of the pulpit. Stories of economic and armed forces supremacy will mingle with the Bible's stories of faith.

Not that any of this, in and of itself, is necessarily a bad thing, but it does remind me of Tony Campolo's nimble words. He said, "Mixing government with the church is a lot like mixing horse manure with ice cream. It doesn't affect the manure very much, but it really ruins the ice

cream."

Largely, the church has operated under the false notion that America actually belongs to us Christians. We have accepted the preaching of the kingdom of God and the rallying around the red, white, and blue as synonymous. We have long believed that the church and the state can make beautiful music together if only the two would cooperate (or put more accurately, things would go much smoother if we Christians could control the state). I don't think this is very good for the ice cream.

Yes, I love my country. I enthusiastically sing the National Anthem, say the pledge, "do my part," and pay my taxes (though the latter is performed with less enthusiasm than the former). But I recognize that the sacrificial, life-giving, peace-pursuing, cheek-turning way of Christ, and the domineering, power-hungry, least-of-these-abusing systems of the world, aren't compatible. And when these different ways of living are mixed together – Tony is right – it all starts smelling like guano.

But this is nothing new. Not many decades after the resurrected Jesus ascended to heaven and the Apostles died, somebody decided it would be a good idea for the church to join forces with the powers that be. Just imagine how many people

Mixing is a Mistake

could be converted, helped, enrolled, and evangelized if the church were more powerful, more organized, and more efficient – if the church were in charge!

So the church went for power and won it in spades. The coffers ran over with gold, people of influence, including kings and queens, began to seek the ministers' approval on policy, the pews were full every Sunday, there were no more martyrdoms (unless you were someone who opposed this new arrangement), and as Vernard Eller said, "the church's computers jammed trying to move all the names from the 'Pagan' column to the 'Christian' column until somebody realized it was just easier to switch the headings."

Ever since, and this was centuries ago, Christians have more or less pined for the seats of governmental power, believing that such an approach would enhance the work of God. What actually happens is a stinking mess. With the infatuation of being "in charge," we seem to forget that the way of our Lord was not the way of domination, but the way of submission and sacrifice.

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Keeping the Faith

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on of religious liberty a full century before Thomas Jefferson, was the one who actually coined the phrase “wall of separation” between church and state.

He understood that the two should be kept separate, not to protect the government, but so as not to pollute genuine faith. Power simply has a way of corrupting spirituality. I suppose we must relearn that lesson: Any state religion – whatever name it might go by – is illegitimate, for faith is matter of heart and spirit, not coercion or force.

So this weekend, in my own church sanctuary, I will pause and thank the heavens for my country, its freedoms, and acknowledge that God has indeed “shed his grace” on us. But I want no part in creating a “Christian America,” for such an effort might taint my ability to actually be a Christian, a Christian who happens to reside in America.

Ronnie McBrayer is a syndicated columnist, pastor, and author of multiple books. You can read more and receive regular e-columns in your inbox at www.ronniemcbrayer.me.

Guest Editorial on Abortion

Story cont. from 2B

any harder than I did at the loss of my beautiful child. Losing Jesse made me so very grateful for my two sons Jared and Zachary. Today they are both grown men serving in our military.

As I held my child I could never have dreamed of killing him prior to his birth. I do not believe anyone holding a newborn baby would decide to kill that baby. However, many have made the decision to terminate a pregnancy. Most often they are in need of counseling, emotional support, forgiveness and hope.

Years earlier we lost twins. Karen was about three months pregnant at the time. Things were going wrong with the pregnancy and she was bleeding. The doctor said things were not good and a D&C was necessary. This was a decision that was made between our family and the doctor. What if someone from the county or even the Federal Government had to be consulted before the D&C took place? We were obviously miscarrying the babies.

A government official could have delayed the procedure, wanted more information, said no or said yes. I do not believe the Federal Government

or any government official should be involved in this process. I do not believe in abortion as a form of birth control. However, I do believe that decisions concerning pregnancies and abortions must be made between the mother, the family, and the doctor.

Women and couples make decisions to abort that are later regretted with more sorrow and emotional scars. For many years I served as a pastor and heard many sorrowful stories from women who had abortions and greatly regretted them.

There are cases that involve the mother's health. There are the cases that involve rape and incest. In these types of cases, decisions must be made between the mother, the family, physician and counselor.

Glenn Mollette is the author of American Issues: Every American Has An Opinion. He is also the author of hundreds of articles, opinions and feature stories. You can hear him each Sunday night on XM 131 radio at 8 EST. Look for his many books on Amazon.com contact him directly at gmollette@aol.com



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Taste The Clouds

By Jacob Bembry
Greene Publishing, Inc.

In my dream, I fly. Surrounded by marshmallow clouds, I stand upon a roof on the highest building in a city. Others are on the roof with me. We all seem to be trying to teach ourselves how to use our arms as wings. We hop into the air and flap them as fast as we can. One person who wants to fly lets out a "Caw" like a bird as he gets a little higher in the air.

No matter how we try to teach ourselves to fly, it is hopeless until we hear a whisper in the wind, which tells us how to do it. Instead of jumping up and down, we lean forward, off the ledge and we ride the wind. Instead of violently flapping our arms in short strokes, we use the arms to make graceful ones and fly like an eagle. We swim through the clouds, tasting of their marshmallowy sweetness and feeling their softness. Raindrops tease and tantalize our tongues as we burst out of the clouds.

So many times, we want to do things our way. We try to teach ourselves how to do something the way we want to do it. We don't care about following instructions because sooner or later, we think that we will get it right. The Bible tells us we are to listen to God's instructions: "Take hold of my instructions; don't let them go. Guard them, for they are the key to life." (Proverbs 4:13) We have to listen to His voice and follow His instructions. We are saved by grace but grace shouldn't be seen as a license to sin or ignore studying His Word and praying. Only through following His voice — that whisper in the wind — can we fly and taste the clouds and drink the raindrops.



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Midway Church Of God Names Father, Grandfather Of The Year



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Midway Church of God Pastor Retis Flowers, left, presents Julian Penny with the Father of the Year Award for 2013. Penny, a single parent, has raised his son, Jonathan, alone for years.



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Midway Church of God Pastor Retis Flowers, left, presents James Phillips with the award for Grandfather of the Year. Phillips has a number of his grandchildren in church and he is Uncle James and Papa to a number of grandchildren who are his own nieces and nephews or either adopted or just call him by those names.



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Story Submitted By Concerned Citizens

Jesus said in Proverbs 21:13

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In our very own community we have an unfortunate situation. It has come to our attention that we have a family living in our mist that does not have indoor plumbing and has had a porta-potty for more than fifty years plus, no water. The exterior walls are literally being eaten by termite and rotting away as we speak. The roof leaks, all rooms have ceiling panels that have fallen. The house is without any interior doors, and also is in need of flooring throughout. The kitchen needs sink and cabinets, no heating and air, termite and roach infested. The house is also in need of all new wiring. We are asking that all donation be sent to:

Information contact: Mary Graham, City of Madison, 850-973-5083

Donations can be made at Madison County Community Bank for Willie M. Washington.

In the words of Franklin D. Roosevelt - The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little.

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FREEDOM FEST TO BE HELD THROUGH JUNE 26

By Jacob Bembry
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Freedom Fest is being held Madison's Lanier Field through Wednesday, June 26. Held under a huge tent, Freedom Fest works alongside local ministries and people in the community who desire to see people saved.

The event is not sponsored by any church.

This year alone, Freedom Fest has seen over 7,000 people make a decision for Jesus Christ. The group has a team of six people, mostly Bible School students who are on fire for Jesus that arrive in town a few days prior to the event. The students will partner with other Christians in town who will go door-to-door, passing out flyers and inviting them to Freedom Fest. They will also do a daily "power evangelism" class each day at 10 a.m. and take people out soul winning.

Freedom Fest kicked Sunday, June 23, at 6 p.m. with a free barbecue. They will do the free cookout each night of Freedom Fest. At the end of each service, Freedom Fest will give away free prizes, which includes \$4,000 in gift certificates and cash. People who come into the tent will register for the prizes and names will be drawn. Local people are encouraged to donate toys, bikes, tools, electronics, fishing gear or anything that might be a blessing to someone else.

...Story continued on 10B... 23-26.



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County Commissioner Clyde Alexander, left, and Pastor James Hurst, right, of Dixie County, are busy promoting Freedom Fest in Madison for June



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Story cont. from 9B

In between the BBQ and giveaways, there was a time of anointed praise and worship, followed by a powerful evangelistic message from God's Word. Since the team has labored and targeted those of greatest need, multitudes go forward to receive Christ. Contact information is secured from the area for follow in the hope that they will become involved in one of the local churches.

The ministry is non-denominational and promotes no church or organization above another. The event is not promoted as a revival because sometimes this word will frighten off those who are trying to be reached.

This is a fully funded ministry and so Freedom Fest does not have to solicit funds to support them.



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Does experiencing God's love make you want to give?

Some current social scientific research suggests it might.

By: Rusty Wright

University of Akron sociologist Matthew T. Lee says, "Millions of Americans frequently experience divine love and for them this sense of God's love not only enhances existential well-being, but underlies a sense of personal meaning and purpose and enlivens compassion for others."

Godly Love National Survey

Lee and his colleagues Margaret M. Poloma (a sociologist) and Stephen G. Post (a theologian) interpreted the results of the Godly Love National Survey (GLNS), a "representative random survey of 1,200 people – both religious and nonreligious – from across the United States." Their Flame of Love Project studies how spiritual experience relates to benevolence.

The project's ambitious goals include "establishing a new field of interdisciplinary scientific study" and seeking "to transform social science by taking God seriously as a perceived actor in human events...."

Sigmund Freud, call your office.

When the father of psychoanalysis branded faith in God as "an illusion," did he ever imagine this?

Of course, the GLNS studies perceived influence of godly love – individuals reported their own thoughts, feelings and experiences. No one is claiming to have a machine that sees God or definitively confirms divine existence.

Numbers and Stories

But the GLNS results – numbers and stories – are impressive, and certainly merit consideration in a discussion about divine influence.

Among the numbers: People who claim to feel God's love more than once daily are over twice as likely as other Americans to help others, and to donate over \$5,000 annually for the needy. Experiencing divine love most consistently predicted six kinds of benevolent behavior the researchers studied.

Among the stories: The researchers – funded by the John Templeton Foundation – interviewed at length 120 people and included five stories of "exemplars of godly love" in their book, *The Heart of Religion*. One of the five is Anne Beiler, whom you may recognize as the pretzel lady.

Darkness, Light, and Pretzels

It's hard to walk through a major US airport or shopping mall without seeing Auntie Anne's Pretzels. She and her husband parlayed her successful business into funding for their hometown Family Center to promote mental, physical, and spiritual health. But life was not always pretty.

Jonas and Anne Beiler's lives plunged into darkness when a farm tractor struck and killed their young daughter, Angie. Anne's pastor, whom she approached for assistance, sexually abused her during her first counseling session. The abuse continued; her marriage deteriorated.

Eventually, the pastor was dismissed from the church and the Beilers began repairing their relationship. As he saw wise counsel benefit his own marriage, Jonas wanted to help others by offering free counseling services.

Anne's work to support Jonas' dream morphed into what became "the world's largest hand-rolled soft pretzel franchise." Accolades for her entrepreneurship recognized her efforts to inspire, serve and give. Today, The Family Center partners with community organiza-

tions to offer counseling, healthcare options, education, and more.

A Hiding Place

Anne credits God with sustaining her, quoting David, an ancient Israeli king: "For you [God] are my hiding place; you protect me from trouble. You surround me with songs of victory."

"We all need that hiding place," she affirms. "The reason I never wanted to tell anyone about the secrets in my life was that I was ashamed, and afraid, and scared that people would no longer love me. So I tried to hide my 'stuff' from everyone. But this kind of hiding only made it worse. ... Confession allows us to hide in God and be surrounded with songs of victory and not floodwaters of judgment."

So ... can experiencing godly love prompt benevolence? Certainly worth considering.

Rusty Wright is an author and lecturer who has spoken on six continents. He holds Bachelor of Science (psychology) and Master of Theology degrees from Duke and Oxford universities, respectively.





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