



# North Florida Community College Ranks Second Best In Nation

On Monday, Aug. 26, *Washington Monthly* ranked North Florida Community College (NFCC) second among national community colleges in its ninth annual college rankings survey. Four other Florida College System (FCS) institutions made the list: Chipola College, Miami Dade College, Valencia College and South Florida State College.

"North Florida Community College is honored to be among the top community colleges in the nation," said NFCC President John Grosskopf. "Our strong commitment to educating students from all walks of life is reflected in these rankings. I could not be more proud of our college and its dedicated faculty and staff."

"This honor recognizes the Florida College System's commitment to both access and high-quality education," said FCS Chancellor Randy Hanna. "I commend our colleges for their ongoing efforts to serve the needs of our state."

Using data from the Community College Survey of Student Engagement and U.S. Department of Education, *Washington Monthly* rates community colleges in a number of areas, including collaborative learning, student effort, academic rigor, student-faculty interaction and support for learning. Retention, graduation and completion rates are also factored into the rankings.

According to *Washington Monthly's* editors, "We designed the *Washington*

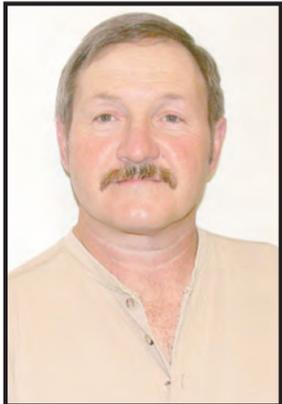
*Monthly* college rankings to embody the American higher education compact at the institutional level. Instead of lauding colleges for closing their doors to all but an elite few, we give high marks to institutions that enroll low-income students, help them graduate and don't charge them an arm and a leg to attend."

"These rankings are especially important because they highlight the system's mission of providing access to low-cost, high-quality education and job training," said Chancellor Hanna. "I am extremely proud of all of our colleges for helping prepare Floridians for high-skill, high-wage jobs."



John Grosskopf

## County Officials Meet With Valdosta Officials To Discuss Treatment Plant Spill



Wayne Vickers,  
County Commissioner



Tom Reeves,  
County Attorney



Allen Cherry,  
County Coordinator

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Madison County officials met with officials from the City of Valdosta, Ga., recently to discuss spills at the Withlacoochee Treatment Plant. Concerns were expressed about raw sewage flowing downstream from Valdosta.

Valdosta City Manager Larry Hanson assured County Coordinator Allen Cherry, County Com-

missioner Wayne Vickers and County Attorney Tom Reeves that the City of Valdosta is working on preventing the spills (a recent one was caused by heavy rains) and that construction will soon begin on a plant that is farther away from the river.

The Suwannee River Water Management District said that there are no advisories against swimming on the Withlacoochee in Madison or Hamilton County, nor are there any advisories against fishing on the river.

## Pertussis Case Reported In Madison County

A case of pertussis, better known as "whooping cough," has been reported in Madison County and health officials are encouraging residents to ensure they have been vaccinated against the disease. This is the first confirmed case reported this year.

Pertussis, or "whooping cough" is a bacterial infection of the respiratory tract. Initial symptoms are like those of a cold, including runny nose, sneezing, low-grade fever, and a mild cough. Within two weeks, the cough can become much worse.

Pertussis can infect persons of all ages, yet is most serious in infants and young children. Transmission of the infection may come through direct contact with droplets from an infected person's cough. The most common complication is bacterial pneumonia.

Pertussis can be treated with antibiotics. It is recommended children receive four doses of Dtap vaccine (diphtheria, tetanus and per-

tussis) by the age of four and a booster dose in seventh grade. Parents are advised to make sure their child's immunizations are up to date and to see a pediatrician if their child develops symptoms, including those listed and a persistent cough lasting more than seven days. "Florida law requires that kindergartners and all seventh graders be up to date on their pertussis vaccination before going to school," said Acting Administrator Kimberly Allbritton. "Now is a great opportunity for parents to check on immunizations for the whole family. Adults, grandparents or older siblings, especially those who will be around newborns, should be vaccinated against pertussis."

For more information on vaccines or an appointment, contact the Florida Department of Health in Madison County at (850) 973-5000. Additional information about pertussis is available at [www.cdc.gov/pertussis/](http://www.cdc.gov/pertussis/).

Registration for the 2013 Dave Galbraith Football season will be held this Saturday, Aug. 31 and Saturday, Sept. 7, from 9 a.m.-noon inside the Madison County Courthouse. Dave Galbraith Football is for players, ages 6-13. The League offers teams in three different age categories — 6-7 year old age group; 8-10 year old age group (with a 10 year old not weighing more than 120 pounds. If they do exceed the 120 pound weight limit, they will be moved to the next age division); and 11-13 year old age group (13-year-old players cannot exceed a weight of 130 pounds). Sept. 1 is the age control date.

A copy of birth certificate and proof of insurance is required at registration, even if participants have played in previous years.

Effective this year, Dave Galbraith Football League will not issue any sports equipment (helmets and shoulder pads). Players will be required to supply their own equipment. In order to help with this change, the league will be selling their used

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## Spill At Valdosta Wastewater Treatment Plant

The following is a press release issued by the City of Valdosta, Ga., regarding its recent spill at the Withlacoochee Wastewater Treatment Plant:

Due to continued heavy rains in Valdosta and surrounding areas in recent days, moderate flooding of the Little and

Withlacoochee Rivers caused a hydraulic overload at the Withlacoochee Wastewater Treatment Plant. As a result of a peak hourly flow of 15.58 million gallons, the incident led to a discharge of total suspended solids in excess of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

(NPDES) permit limit.

The total suspended solids result for the effluent sample collected August 22 was 203 milligrams per liter. This is greater than 1.5 times the weekly average of 45 milligrams per liter allowed by the NPDES permit, which constitutes a major spill. The volume of the major

spill into the Withlacoochee River is the total flow for August 22, which is 12.1 million gallons. The discharge was not raw sewage but rather a combination of large volumes of storm water and substantially treated wastewater, some of which did not fully complete the final treatment process.

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## Truth In Millage Notices Are In The Mail

Submitted by Leigh B. Barfield,  
Madison County Property Appraiser

Madison County Board of County Commissioner's has mailed the proposed tax notices. On Monday, Aug. 19, approximately 15,675 Real Property and 1,820 tangible property notices were mailed and should have hit your mail boxes by the end of the week. The Property Appraiser's office, Leigh B. Barfield & staff are prepared to answer your questions concerning values and/or any exemptions pertaining to your property.

Property values have pretty much maintained over the past two years. So unless you have homestead and still have some SOH (Save our Homes) cap you should remain close to the same value as last year. Improvements to your property would be one reason for increase, such as additions to your home, barns, additional property added to existing parcel, etc.

Most property owners with a local address

should receive their notices by the weekend, if you do not receive it by next week please call the office to verify that your address is correct. Our office uses the address that you record on your deed at the Clerk's office unless you notify us otherwise in writing.

The mailers, required by state law are sent requiring local governments to disclose the maximum tax rates proposed by various taxing authorities. It will tell the property owner what their tax would be for the upcoming fiscal year if taxing authorities do not change their budget proposals after required public hearings next month.

These authorities cannot increase the tax rate before the fiscal year October 1, but they can decrease it.

In most normal circumstances, higher millage rates create call volume for this office. The property appraiser's offices only have authority to address

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### Local Weather

<b>Wed</b> 8/28 89/69  Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s.	<b>Thu</b> 8/29 91/71  A few clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.	<b>Fri</b> 8/30 91/72  Slight chance of a thunderstorm.	<b>Sat</b> 8/31 89/71  Scattered thunderstorms possible.
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# VIEWPOINTS & OPINIONS

## National Security

### SYRIAN CHEMS



**Joe Boyles**  
Guest Columnist

The last time I wrote about the business of chemical weapons, it concerned the search for these munitions in Iraq ten years ago. So a refresher is appropriate given that the issue of this class of weapons in drawing the United States into Syria's civil war.

We are more familiar with conventional weapons that use explosives to create the effects of shock and fire to destroy things and kill. Less understood are nonconventional nuclear, biological and chemical weapons. In my military career, I was very familiar with nuclear weapons – an important part of the mission of the units I was assigned to in the 1970s and 80s was nuclear alert. By the time I was commissioned, biological weapons had been outlawed and I never had any encounter with “bugs.”

I did have some experience with chemical warfare. Later in my career, I studied this issue when I worked for the Air Force Inspector General. Chemical weapons were first used a century ago during World War I. These were chlorine and mustard blister agents. When the agent was inhaled, they formed blisters within the lungs which often led to fatal respiratory injuries. For those that recovered the initial attack, there were long term debilitating effects for the rest of their lives. The horror from WW I was a deterrent from using these weapons a generation later in WW II.

Modern chemical agents are commonly referred to as “nerve gas.” In the United States arsenal, there were two types of agents, GB and VX. GB is an aerosol where VX is a gel. VX is much more persistent than GB. Russia produced an agent similar to GB known as sarin and is the cause for concern in Syria.

Nerve agent attacks the nerve endings that connect the muscles in humans and animals. Known as synapses, these endings fire and release, causing our muscles to contract and relax. A victim of a nerve agent like sarin will be seen shaking violently and uncontrollably. This is because his synapses are constantly firing with no opportunity to relax and recover. The killing mechanism is when

the agent enters the lungs and causes the diaphragm to contract and not release – the victim dies of suffocation because he's prevented from exhaling. Not a pretty sight.

These are particularly cruel weapons and are certainly weapons of mass destruction (WMD). They do not discriminate as to their victim. Whereas the military may be wearing protective masks and suits, the civilian victims and children in particular are often caught unprepared and suffer disproportionately. In Syria, there are confirmed reports of hundreds and even thousands of casualties, many fatal, from at least two gas attacks.

Chemical weapons (like biological) have been outlawed by international convention. When I studied this program for the Air Force in 1990, the weapons were at just a handful of arsenals in Utah, Oregon, and Johnston Atoll in the Pacific Ocean. We were constructing prototype demilitarization plants that would destroy the agents and their delivery mechanisms safely. The technicians at these arsenals had to constantly deal with “leakers” where their detection equipment would detect traces of chemical agents escaping from the munitions which housed them.

A chemical agent like sarin is usually delivered by a bomb, artillery shell or rocket. I would imagine the sarin that has been delivered by the Syrian army into rebel strongholds has been released from rocket warheads.

Should the United States (and possibly France and Britain) attack, it will be a short duration air campaign. The target will most likely be chemical weapon stockpiles, deliver units, and airfields. Hezbollah forces in southern Syria that threaten Israel may also come under attack. The attacks will most likely be led by cruise missiles and followed by stealth bombers. Already, four U.S. Navy destroyers have taken position in the eastern Mediterranean off the Syrian coast and are capable of launching Tomahawk cruise missiles against inland targets. Then, it is just a question of how good our intelligence is.

Ten years ago before we attacked Iraq, our intelligence wasn't too good. We never located the chemical weapons our intelligence said that Saddam Hussein had stockpiled. Many suspect that in late 2002 before our invasion, he had sent these weapons westward into Syria. Are these same weapons being used today against opposition forces in Syria?

## Health & Wellness Tips

### Did You Know...



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

Heart disease may be the leading killer of men and women, but that doesn't mean you can't protect yourself. In addition to exercise, being careful about what you eat—and what you don't eat—can help you lower cholesterol, control blood pressure and blood sugar levels, and maintain a healthy weight. If you've already been diagnosed with heart disease or have high cholesterol or blood pressure, a heart-smart diet can help you better manage these conditions, lowering your risk for heart attack.

Improving your diet is an important step toward preventing heart disease, but you may feel unsure where to begin. Take a look at the big picture: your overall eating patterns are more important than obsessing over individual foods. No single food can make you magically healthy, so your goal can be to incorporate a variety of healthy foods cooked in healthy ways into your diet, and make these habits your new lifestyle.

#### Eat More

- **Healthy fats:** raw nuts, olive oil, fish oils, flax seeds, or avocados
- **Nutrients:** colorful fruits and vegetables—fresh or frozen, prepared without butter
- **Fiber:** cereals, breads, and pasta made from whole grains or legumes
- **Omega 3 and protein:** fish and shellfish, poultry
- **Calcium and protein:** Egg whites, egg substitutes, skim or 1% milk, low-fat or nonfat cheeses or yogurt

#### Eat Less

- Trans fats from partially hydrogenated or deep-fried foods; saturated fats from whole-fat dairy or red meat
- Packaged foods of any kind, especially those high in sodium
- White or egg breads, granola-type cereals, refined pastas or rice
- Red meat, bacon, sausage, fried chicken
- Egg yolks, whole or two percent milk, whole milk products like cheese or yogurt

Of all the possible improvements you can make to your diet, limiting saturated fats and

cutting out trans fats entirely is perhaps the most important. Both types of fat raise your LDL, or “bad” cholesterol level, which can increase your risk for heart attack and stroke. Luckily, there are many ways to control how much saturated and trans fats you take in. Keep these culprits in mind as you cook and make food choices—and learn how to avoid them.

Limit solid fat. Reduce the amount of solid fats like butter, margarine, or shortening you add to food when cooking or serving. Instead of cooking with butter, for example, flavor your dishes with herbs or lemon juice. You can also limit solid fat by trimming fat off your meat or choosing leaner proteins.

Substitute. Swap out high-fat foods for their lower-fat counterparts. Top your baked potato, for example, with salsa or low-fat yogurt rather than butter; or use low-sugar fruit spread on your toast instead of margarine. When cooking, use liquid oils like canola, olive, safflower, or sunflower; and substitute two egg whites for one whole egg in a recipe.

Be label-savvy. Check food labels on any prepared foods. Many snacks, even those labeled “reduced fat,” may be made with oils containing trans fats. One clue that a food has some trans fat is the phrase “partially hydrogenated.” And look for hidden fat; refried beans may contain lard, or breakfast cereals may have significant amounts of fat.

Change your habits. The best way to avoid saturated or trans fats is to change your lifestyle practices. Instead of chips, snack on fruit or vegetables. Challenge yourself to cook with a limited amount of butter. At restaurants, ask that sauces or dressings be put on the side—or left off altogether.

While saturated and trans fats are roadblocks to a healthy heart, unsaturated fats are essential for good health. You just have to know the difference. “Good” fats include:

Omega three Fatty Acids. Fatty fish like salmon, trout, or herring and flaxseed, canola oil, and walnuts all contain polyunsaturated fats that are vital for the body.

Omega six Fatty Acids. Vegetable oils, soy nuts, and many types of seeds all contain healthy fats.

Monounsaturated fats. Almonds, cashews, peanuts, pecans, and butters made from these nuts, as well as avocados, are all great sources of “good” fat.

## Searching For Ambrosia

### It's Time For Football Season ...And Tailgating!



**Rose Klein**  
Columnist

Football season is upon us! There seems to be two crowds of people when it comes to football. There are those who wait for the arrival of the season with baited breath and who begins pulling out school jerseys and clearing their schedules of anything that would conflict with watching their team play, and there are those who could care less or even dread the football season if they happen to live with the aforementioned fan but are not a fan themselves. Whichever group you fall into, it is a fact that it's coming. Middle school and High school ball players are already on the practice field and if you're into college football, the Seminoles, Gators, Rattlers and Bulldogs will all kick-off around the first of the upcoming month.

My friend, Ginny Murphy who lives and works in Madison, is a fellow transplant. We both moved to Florida at the same time due to our spouses who transferred here for their jobs. Ginny came from Ohio and is a die-hard Buckeye fan, and I came from Arkansas and remain loyal to my Razorbacks. We may not share love for each other's team, but we do share love of food. There have been several potlucks together and one thing that she always brought (because it was expected after the first time everyone tasted it) was a sweet and creamy dish that uses fresh grapes. I think it's the perfect dish to have alongside the meats and barbecues that usually accompany tailgating because it's cool, creamy and has a lightness that offsets the heaviness of the meats. It's an unusual dish but always remains a crowd pleaser and with a covered 9 x 13 pan, will fit nicely in a cooler.

If you're not a football fan and have no plans of attending a tailgating party, Labor Day is coming up

and it would also fit in well with a backyard barbecue or picnic. I myself will most likely not be tailgating this year, but still enjoy sitting on my couch, eating this salad and cheering on my Arkansas Hogs....Woo Pig Soovie!



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#### Grape cookie bar.

#### Ginny's Grape Salad

- 3 cups green seedless grapes, cut in half
- 3 cups red seedless grapes, cut in half
- 8 oz. cream cheese, softened
- ½ cup sugar
- 8 oz. sour cream
- 4 Butterfinger candy bars
- ½ cup brown sugar

Place both green and red grapes in the bottom of a 9 x 13 pan. In a medium bowl, mix cream cheese and sugar until creamy, about three minutes; stir in sour cream. Spread cream cheese mixture over grapes. Crush candy bars (I use a large zip top bag and rolling pin), and mix with brown sugar; sprinkle mixture on top. Chill at least 2 hours or overnight.

Note: The picture you see is an experiment of mine. I pressed a roll of sugar cookie dough into the bottom of the pan, baked it until golden, and let it cool. I spread the creamy mixture over the cookie, and sprinkled all but half the cup of the candy mixture over the cream cheese mixture. I pressed in the grapes, and sprinkled the reserved half the cup candy mixture on the top. It changed the salad into a grape cookie bar that was sweet and a dessert instead of a possible side. It was very good and made a gooey caramel type sauce that pooled in the bottom of the pan.

If you would like to submit a recipe or need help in finding one, you can contact me at [rose@greenepublishing.com](mailto:rose@greenepublishing.com)

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**Evening Worship - 6 p.m.**

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Romans 16:16

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## Plant Spill

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The Environmental Protection Division (EPD) classifies these permit violations as "spills," leading most to believe it is raw sewage. However, a spill, as in this case and in the overwhelming majority of the incidences at the treatment plant, is a result of higher-than-usual volumes of storm water entering the sewer collection system. This combination of normal sewer flow and substantial storm water inflow during major rain events hydraulically overwhelms and short circuits some of the wastewater treatment process capabilities causing some solids to be washed from the final treatment processes. The city is required by EPD permit regulations to report this as a spill, even though the water discharged into the local waterways is not raw sewage but a combination of mostly storm water and almost completely treated sewage.

The city continues to work closely

with the design consultant and contractor who are on site at the plant implementing seven projects over the next several months that, once in place, will help keep the WWTP in compliance with the NPDES permit until the relocation of the plant is complete. City officials are hopeful that the short-term projects will provide the relief needed to minimize and avoid any further permit violations until the relocation of the WWTP is accomplished. The city is also preparing to issue a design/build RFP for the relocation of the plant, which is expected to cost \$20 million and be completed by November 2015.

Warning signs have been placed downstream, and stream sampling of the Withlacoochee River has been initiated as required. For more information, contact Environmental Manager John Waite at (229) 259-3592 or at [jwaite@valdostacity.com](mailto:jwaite@valdostacity.com).

## Millage Notices

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concerns about property values, not tax rates.

If you are concerned about the tax rate you should contact the taxing authority and/or attend the special meetings.

Countywide property values increased less than a half of a percent county wide. Overall county millage rate is proposed to decrease .1364 per thousand. Board of County Commissioner's propose to increase .3036, School

Board decrease of .4400, City of Madison increase of .9516, Town of Lee increase .1170, Town of Greenville no change.

We encourage each tax payer to attend the special meetings on your proposed notice if you have questions concerning your taxes.

Please visit our website [www.madisonpa.com](http://www.madisonpa.com) for additional information about your property in Madison County. You may also display/print

your TRIM notice from our website which is a new feature from the parcel details tab.

If you feel you did not receive an exemption that you applied for or are entitled to; and meet all requirements please visit the Property Appraiser's office located on the second floor of the Courthouse Annex just south of the Courthouse, Room 201. To contact by phone please call (850) 973-6133 or email us at [info@madisonpa.com](mailto:info@madisonpa.com).

## Registration

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equipment at a reduced price on a first come, first serve basis.

Used equipment will be available at both registration dates. Due to this change, registration will be lowered to \$25.00.

If you have any questions or are interested in coaching this year, please feel free to give Billy Tolar a call at (850) 673-7979.

## Archie Watkins and African Pastor To Be At New Home Baptist Church

The pastor and congregation of New Home Baptist Church invites the community to hear Southern-gospel singer Archie Watkins and African Pastor from Kenya, Pastor Agreed, this Sunday morning, Sept. 1, at 11 a.m. Brother Archie Watkins is a former member of the Inspirations gospel group. Pastor Agreed is from Kenya, Africa where he serves as a missionary and pastor to his homeland. He is a gifted speaker with a powerful anointed message of Jesus Christ.

You will not want to miss out hearing this great man of God pour his heart out in his spirit filled sermon. A love offering will be taken for the mission work that Pastor Agreed conducts in Kenya, Africa. Come and hear two fine men of God during our morning worship service at 11 a.m. this Sunday, Aug. 25.

New Home Baptist Church is located at 1100 SW Moseley Hall Road in Madison. For more information, please call the church at 973-4965.

## Pertussis FAQs

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### Frequently Asked Questions About Pertussis

Pertussis can be treated with antibiotics. Infected persons can still spread the disease until five days after treatment begins.

#### How common is pertussis?

Before the availability of pertussis vaccine, pertussis was one of the most common childhood diseases and a major cause of death in children in the United States. Since widespread use of the vaccine began, cases have decreased by 99 percent, but about 5,000 to 7,000 cases per year are still reported. In unimmunized populations in the world, pertussis remains a major health problem in children and causes an estimated 300,000 deaths per year.

#### Is pertussis a re-emerging infectious disease?

Yes. Despite the availability of an effective vaccine, pertussis continues to cause serious illness and death. Pertussis cases have been increasing since the 1980s, and some major outbreaks have occurred. Most cases are in unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated infants, but cases have increased in adolescents and adults, many of whom have been immunized. This suggests that protection from pertussis vaccine may be decreasing over time.

#### How can pertussis be prevented?

The most important way to prevent pertussis is through complete immunization. A vaccine against pertussis has been available for many years. It is usually given to children combined with diphtheria and tetanus vaccines in a shot called DTP or DTaP. A child needs five DTP or DTaP shots, given at specified intervals, for complete protection.

Protection from the DTaP vaccine decreases over time. A one-time booster vaccine, Tdap for pre-teens and adults, helps people stay protected against the disease. Pre-teens should get the Tdap vaccine at 11 or 12 years of age. Adults and teens who did not get the Tdap vaccine as pre-teens should also get it. This is very important for families and caregivers of babies. Pregnant women should get the vaccine right after delivery, before they leave the hospital.

As is the case with all immunizations, there are important exceptions and special circumstances. Health care providers should have the most current information on recommendations about pertussis vaccination.

Treating infected persons with antibiotics can shorten the contagious period and prevent further spread. People who have or may have pertussis should also stay away from infants and young children until properly treated.

## First Day Of School: By The Numbers

By Lynette Norris  
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At the first school board meeting (Aug. 20) after school began (Aug. 19), Superintendent Doug Brown released the first official enrollment numbers for schools in Madison County.

Pinetta Elementary School	215
Lee Elementary School	240
Greenville Elementary School	146
Madison County Central School	142
Madison County High School	547
Madison County Excel School	46
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## Florida Department Of Education Issues Memo Regarding Prayer

The Florida Department of Education has issued a memorandum regarding "Guidelines and Certification Regarding Constitutionally Protected Prayer in All Public Elementary and Secondary Schools."

The gist of the memo is that FDOE is requiring all school sign neutrality agreements concerning prayer in public schools, i.e., that it will be allowed, as long as it is not led by a teacher or any other adult.

To see the full memorandum, go to: <http://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-6789/dps-2013-84.pdf>.

For questions or more information about it, contact: [Felicia.Williams@fldoe.org](mailto:Felicia.Williams@fldoe.org).



### Alberta Dentist Trying To Clone John Lennon

In Alberta, Canada, Michael Zuk, a dentist in Red Deer, purchased a tooth from the collection of record executive, Alan McGee. The tooth came from Jarlett Dorothy, the former housekeeper for ex-Beatle, John Lennon, who Lennon reportedly gave the tooth to as a gift, after he had it pulled. Zuk paid \$30,000 for the tooth and has sent it to Penn State University in PA where scientists are considering ways to extract the genetic code from the specimen in order to try and create a clone of Lennon. Zuk says, "I am nervous and excited at the possibility that we will be able to fully sequence John Lennon's DNA. With researchers working on ways to clone mammoths, the same technology certainly could make human cloning a reality."

### Australian Man Over The Limit For Foreign Wives

In Canberra, Australia, a man was informed his current fiancée couldn't have a visa because he had already sponsored too many foreign wives. Rex Peterson's first wife was Australian, his second was from the Seychelles and his third wife, whom he is currently in divorce proceedings with, is from the Philippines. He is already engaged to Maria Canales, another Filipina woman he met online 18 months ago. Peterson said, "The immigration officer told me that because I already had two spouses from overseas, I wouldn't be able to have another wife unless one dies. What sort of dictator brought that in?" Peterson also stated that none of his marriages had been immigration scams. His first lasted 18 years, his second lasted 15. His last marriage, only lasting five years, he said was bad luck because his wife, being the same age as his children, did not get along with them.

### Switzerland Opens Drive-Thru Sex Boxes

In Zurich, Switzerland, drive-thru "sex boxes" recently opened to accommodate prostitutes and to try to reduce organized crime in the Sihgai district, Swiss officials say. Each garage-sized box will accommodate one car at a time and is equipped with alarm buttons and a security guard. Michael Herzig, a Zurich social services director says, "Prostitution is a business. We cannot prohibit it, so we want to control it in favor of the sex workers and the population. If we do not control it, organized crime and the pimps will take over." The sex boxes were approved by 52 percent of Zurich voters, but Switzerland's right-wing Swiss People's Party opposed the boxes. Party politician, Sven Dogwiler said, "It will not work, either because the clients will not come or because the boxes will not be used by prostitutes. It puts them in a cleaner environment, but one which is subsidized by taxpayers." In Germany, sex boxes have operated since 2001 and have reported a considerable drop in violence against prostitutes.

### Bangkok Police Not Laughing At Gas Filled Balloons

In Bangkok, one of the latest trends on the streets is balloons filled with nitrous oxide, also known as laughing gas, and have been selling for around four dollars a piece. Authorities say the trend started on the beaches of Koh Samui and Pattaya, as well as Koh Pagnan, an island known for its heavy use of drugs and all-night parties. So far, eight vendors have been arrested. Police state that those arrested can face up to five years in prison and be served a fine of \$300 for selling medicine without authorization.



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# AROUND MADISON COUNTY

## Obituary

### David Curtis "Red" Reams, Sr.



David Curtis "Red" Reams, Sr., 86, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, August 23, 2013, following a prolonged illness. As he entered Heaven, he was surrounded by his loving family and friends.

Born on June 26, 1927, he was a native of Greenville. A veteran of World War II, Mr. Reams was a member of the Navy's Seabees, receiving his honorable discharge on August 17, 1946. Following his service, he worked in various businesses, retiring from Standard Feed Co. and The American Freight Co., both in Jacksonville. In the 1950-1960's he was the chaplain for the Madison Elks Lodge and a member of the Madison Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Reams in death are his parents, Albert Porter Reams and Nonie Belle Woodard Reams, Madison; his sister, Mary Louise Horne; and a brother, Robert Austin Reams.

Mr. Reams is survived by his wife of 61 years and caregiver, Corrine Brooks Reams; two daughters, Lynn Marie Bridges (Charlie) of Dalton, Ga., and Mary Gayle Acorn (John) of Waynesville, N.C.; two sons, David Reams, Jr. of Jacksonville, and James Reams of Waynesville, N.C.; four grandchildren, JB Acorn, Way-

nesville, N.C., Kaly and Justin Bridges, Dalton, Ga., and Edward Curtis Reams, Phoenix, Ariz.; and one brother, James Fred Reams, 92, of Crescent City, as well as many loving nieces and nephews.

Mr. Reams was a faithful Christian. He was a faithful member of First Baptist Church, Waynesville, N.C. At First Baptist, Waynesville, he was an active participant in the Senior Adult one Men's Sunday School Class until illness prevented his attendance. He served as an ordained deacon and years of service at Terry Parker Baptist Church, Jacksonville.

A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 27, 2013, in Chapel of First Baptist Church of Waynesville with the Reverend Dr. Robert Prince and the Reverend Dr. Charlie Bridges officiating. A private inurnment will be held at a later date in Garrett-Hillcrest Memorial Park. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Building Fund of First Baptist Church of Waynesville, at 100 South Main Street, Waynesville, NC 28786 or Midwest Hospice at 127 Sunset Ridge Road, Clyde NC 28721.

A message of comfort may be left to the family and a guest registry may be signed at [www.garrettfuneral-sandcremations.com](http://www.garrettfuneral-sandcremations.com)

## Farmhouse Chowder



By Jean Kressy  
Relish Contributor

Before deciding that summer is not the right time for a pot of hot soup, forget for a moment the business of sauteing and simmering and read what Jasper White has to say about corn chowder. White is the chef and owner of the Summer Shack, a popular restaurant in Cambridge, Mass., specializing in New England seafood. Not surprisingly, there is always fish chowder on the menu, but when fresh corn is in season, corn chowder is a special.

"It's the king of farmhouse chowders," writes White. "The flavor of corn combines so naturally and beautifully with other chowder ingredients."

Although we think of chowders as soups, early chowders were more like puddings. They were thick and starchy concoctions of mostly fish and vegetables. Indeed, there is not even a hint of the word "soup" in the history of the word "chowder." Chowder comes from the English jowter, or "fishmonger" and has been linked to the French chaudron, or "large pot."

White's corn chowder is a version of a Shaker recipe and could almost be called summer in a bowl. It has ample amounts of fresh corn and potatoes, so that with each spoonful, you get a mouthful of vegetables. For a tad more thickening, White adds a cornstarch slurry; for brighter color, he stirs in a small amount of turmeric; and for interesting flavor he uses a little ground cumin. With sliced tomatoes and hunks of whole-grain bread, the chowder makes a perfect meal. Pay no attention to the thermometer!

### Corn Chowder

- 3 medium ears fresh corn
  - 1 (4-ounce) piece unsliced bacon, rind discarded and bacon diced
  - 2 tablespoons butter
  - 1 medium onion, diced
  - 1/2 large red bell pepper, diced
  - 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
  - 1/8 teaspoon turmeric
  - 1 pound all-purpose potatoes, peeled and diced
  - 3 cups reduced-sodium chicken broth
  - 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
  - Freshly ground black pepper
  - 2 teaspoons cornstarch, dissolved in 2 tablespoons water
  - Minced fresh chives or thinly sliced green onions, for garnish
1. Cut kernels off cobs and scrape off milky bits. You should have about 2 cups corn.
  2. Cook bacon until crisp in a large pot. Pour off all but 1 tablespoon fat. Add butter, onion, bell pepper, thyme, cumin and turmeric; cook over medium heat until vegetables are tender, stirring occasionally. Add corn, potatoes, broth, salt and pepper.
  3. Cover and bring to a boil. Adjust heat and boil 10 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Stir in cornstarch mixture and cook until chowder is lightly thickened. Stir in cream. Garnish with chives or green onions. Serves 4.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**August 28**  
Tobacco Free Madison Partnership Meeting Wednesday, Aug. 28, at 3:30 p.m. at Madison County Central School Media Center. For more information, call (850) 973-5000, ext. 120.

**August 28**  
Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc. will be at the Madison County Senior Center to distribute amplified phones, at no cost, to qualified Florida residents from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at 1161 Harvey Greene Drive in Madison. If you already have an FTRI phone and it isn't working properly or your hearing has changed, call FTRI at 888-554-1151 for assistance.

**September 1**  
The pastor and congregation of New Home Baptist Church invites the community to hear Southern-gospel singer Archie Watkins and Africa Pastor from Kenya, Pastor Agreed, this Sunday morning, Sept. 1, at 11 a.m. New Home Baptist Church is located at 1100 SW Moseley Hall Road in Madison. For more information, please call the church at 973-4965.

**September 7**  
The Florida National Guard 868th Engineering Company will host an open house on Saturday, Sept. 7, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the National Guard Armory, located at 1416 SW 11th Street in Live Oak.

**October 20**  
Midway Church of God will hold its homecoming service beginning at 10 a.m. Bishop Ivester will be the guest speaker and LifeSong will be the musical guests. Everyone is invited to attend.

**November 1**  
Members of the Madison High School Class of 1973 are planning a class reunion to be held December 27-29, 2013. The committee is asking that all class members please contact one of the persons listed below to express your interest in participating in the reunion and receive further information. The registration deadline is November 1, 2013. To register, or for more information, please contact: Mary Frances Mauldin, [mauldinm73@gmail.com](mailto:mauldinm73@gmail.com); Sharon James Postell, [goldenlife59@gmail.com](mailto:goldenlife59@gmail.com), (850) 973-6200; Renetta Warren Parrish, [renetta.parrish@yahoo.com](mailto:renetta.parrish@yahoo.com), (850) 464-0610; or Fagarie Wormack, [fwormack@yahoo.com](mailto:fwormack@yahoo.com).

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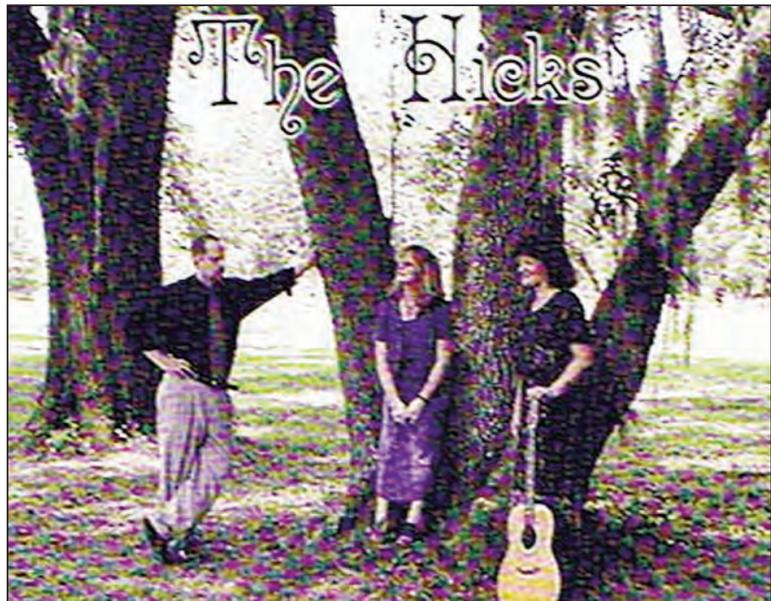
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# AROUND MADISON COUNTY

## Harmony Baptist Church Homecoming Set



By Jacob Bemby  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

**H**armony Baptist Church will hold its homecoming service on Sunday, Sept. 8, at the church. Worship service will begin at 11 a.m., followed by dinner on the grounds. Special bluegrass gospel music will be provided by the Hicks Family, with special guests, Seabie Ewer and Rob Sylvester from the Holler Band, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend this special service.

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## Madison Rotarians Visit Rotary Summer Camp

By Lynette Norris  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

**S**ummer camp is probably the quintessential experience for many children, and the stuff of fond memories for many adults...the swimming, the horseback riding, the nature trails, the camp outs, the dancing the arts and crafts, and the friendships formed that sometimes last a lifetime...all of these and many more make the summer camp experience practically a rite of passage for many.

The Rotary Club recognizes the importance of this experience and the many and sundry ways it can enrich a child's life, and through the Rotary Youth Camp Program, works to make this same wonderful experience accessible to children, ages 7-22, with mental or physical challenges – children who might not otherwise be able to attend a summer camp due to the severity of their disabilities.

Rotary Youth Camp is a summer camp developed especially for special needs children, bringing a range of camp activities within their reach; and one unique feature of this program is that it allows campers who show the aptitude to be trained as counselors themselves and once they are old enough, help other special needs young people like themselves.

This summer, North Florida's Rotary Youth Camp moved to a new location: the Wallwood Boy Scout Camp on Lake Talquin near Tallahassee, and a few Rotarians from Madison recently spent a Sunday afternoon making the trek to Tallahassee to spend a few hours with the staff and campers, and serve up a hot dog supper with all the trimmings.

While they were there, they spent some time with the children and met one very extraordinary counselor, Celine. Now 19 years old, Celine has been attending the Rotary Youth Camp for six years, and this summer, she was promoted to camp counselor. Her mother speaks warmly about what the Rotary Youth Camp Program has done for her daughter, build-

ing up her confidence, bringing her out of her shell and helping her see what she could learn and do.

Shortly after their return from that Sunday afternoon trip, several Madison Rotarians spoke to the rest of the club about what they had seen and experienced.

"It's refreshing to see young people working as counselors, taking care of all those special needs children just like parents," said Jennifer Johnson. "It's amazing how blessed we are."

"I was blessed," Pete Bucher agreed. "I'm thankful that I made the time to go. It's great to see young people that Rotary is helping. It was an eye-opener...and it made me want to work hard and try to do more."

"Seeing those kids...we just don't know how blessed we are," said Wayne Conger, President of the Madison Rotary Club. "Those kids, in spite of severe handicaps, were uplifting." Like several of the others who made the trip, Conger also spoke of the camaraderie and fellowship as well as the blessing of being together with friends and doing something worthwhile for others.

"I would urge that all of us (Rotarians) get more involved in what we do," he said.



Photo submitted

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# SPORTS

## MCCS Cheerleaders



Photo Submitted  
Danyel Rucker

By Rose Klein  
*Greene Publishing, Inc.*  
Danyel Rucker is the new cheer sponsor for Madison County Central School's cheerleaders. She is a second year teacher and so being fairly new to the teaching game, has a lot of energy and enthusiasm for the seventh and eighth grade group of girls she will be mentoring, and that is a good thing because there are

a total of 18 cheerleaders for her to sponsor. Some of the duties that Rucker is responsible for will be to make sure the girls have their uniforms and pom-poms after she collects the rental fees of those uniforms. She will attend cheer practice twice a week and of course be at the weekly game. If it is an "away" game, she will ride the bus with the girls and after the games, make sure all of

them are safely on their way home. Rucker has some ideas she would like to see realized during her time as a cheer sponsor. Her goal for the year is to make it as memorable as possible for the girls, while easing the burden of cost that some parents may experience. Cheerleaders have the required responsibility of their own warm ups and shoes but there are also extras that make

the sport fun, but more costly. Not necessary, but part of the experience are: making signs for the football players to burst through at the games, making goodie bags for the players, away game dinners and award banquets. Rucker also would like to supply the girls with group tee shirts and iced coolers for the games filled with water and Gatorade. Rucker will work the concession stand

through all the games to pay for the bus driver and fuel when they have away games and she says there will be at least one fundraiser in the works. She's hoping to enlist help from local businesses to cover some of these costs. This would allow her to meet her goals for the girls and their parents along with her final goal, which is to be the best positive role model that she can be.



Photo Submitted

MCCS Cheerleaders

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## Cowboys Nip Bulldogs In Kickoff Classic

By Jacob Bemby  
*Greene Publishing, Inc.*

The Madison County High School Cowboys won the Kickoff Classic against the Suwannee High Bulldogs on Friday evening, Aug. 23, by a score of 20-14.

The Cowboys amassed 274 yards on offense as quarterback Akevious Williams aired the ball out 12 times for seven completions and 90 yards and two touchdowns.

Williams also rushed nine times for 91 yards and a touchdown for a total of 181 all-purpose yards.

Eric Bright rushed 19 times for 80 yards and caught a pass for 10 yards.

Deontaye Oliver rushed six times for 15 yards and caught four passes for 43 yards.

Ladarius Robinson caught one pass for 32 yards and a touchdown.

Jamond Bruton caught one

pass for five yards.

The Cowboys travel to Tampa Catholic on Friday, where they will play against the Crusaders, who lost on Friday night to Sickles High School in Tampa by a score of 27-14.

The Bulldogs host the Bradford County Tornadoes in Live Oak this Friday. Bradford lost to Gainesville Buchholz 7-0 on Friday evening.

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# SCHOOL

## New Teacher & New School Is A Perfect Fit



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Rose Klein August 12, 2013

**Alan Androski in his classroom, ready for a new challenge.**

By Rose Klein  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Alan Androski is such a perfect fit for the new James Madison Preparatory High School (JMPHS) that you would think the position was made specifically for him. JMPHS will be a STEM school, meaning that the focus on teaching will be Science, Technology, Engineering and Math and Androski has experience in all of them.

Androski is certified to teach Physics at the High School level, obviously covering the necessary science qual-

ification. He labels technology as a self-taught hobby, but has ample experience in using technology in a school setting as he incorporated student testing onto computers at his previous school and has Smart Board experience. He also reports that his previous fellow employees depended on him for technological help when the school IT person was absent. Engineering experience came with his first degree and first job after graduating from the Naval Academy with a Naval Architecture Degree. His assignment was on a Naval Ship in the Engineering Department. It was here that his interest in education formed when he began training new recruits in damage control for the ship. After five years of active duty on a Naval Ship, he went into the reserves and back to school, where he earned his Masters in Math Education; thus completing the final step in his experience and knowledge of STEM subjects. It was during his

time in school, that Alan Androski met, and married, Christy Davis of Madison County. Both were able to find teaching positions in Madison. Christy was initially hired at Madison Primary School where JMPHS now resides. Androski found work at Madison County High School, where he has now taught for the past 18 years. His last four years at Madison County was teaching, but not students. He was assigned as a Math Coach where he acted as a resource for other math teachers and the school principal, by assisting with curriculum and teaching methods in the classroom.

Alan Androski says he is "excited" about his current upcoming positions of science, math and computer teacher at JMPHS and describes it as, "a great opportunity." He goes on to say that leaving Madison County High School was a very tough decision but felt the STEM school setting will be a good match for him and that he is ready for the challenge.

## ACA: Teaching Children To Honor God And Country



Photo Submitted

**CARING FOR THE COLORS AT ACA: Fifth graders in Mrs. Wanda Hughey & Mrs. Jennifer Falk's classes were excited to learn about their new flag raising and lowering responsibilities at school this year from Mr. Richard Finlayson, ACA's principal.**

Submitted by ACA

Aucilla Christian Academy, the focus is Christ first. Teachers begin each school day with a devotion, prayer and the pledge of allegiance. And, during the first week of school, fifth graders learn how to care for the colors from Principal Richard Finlayson.

"You have a very big responsibility," said Finlayson to the students. "We are honored to have you do this for our school every day."

Enrollment increased by seven families at ACA this year, giving the school a total of 328 students. The majority of students take buses to ACA from Madison, Jefferson and Taylor counties. Brandi Hughes, who serves as Perry's bus driver, also cooks hot meals for stu-

dents daily.

"I have a passion to cook!" said Hughes. "I love cooking for the children and staff each day. I look forward to it."

Debbie Love, ACA's second grade teacher and ACA's Elementary Faculty Chair, is the teacher behind ACA's theme Bible verse that students memorize. This year's theme verse is Psalm 119:11: "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you." At Friday's chapel, both she and Assistant Principal Kevin Harvin spoke on the importance of memorizing scripture.

"When you know the Word of God, you'll be able to recall it when you face difficult decisions in life," said Harvin to the secondary students. Summer Reading and Math Awards were also presented to students during the ele-

mentary chapel by Love.

The mission of Aucilla Christian Academy is to provide educational opportunities and experiences within a Christian environment to help children develop spiritually, mentally and physically.

ACA is dedicated to providing a "Christian Environment of Academic Excellence" and providing students with a high-quality, college preparatory education, ultimately producing future leaders and responsible citizens.

"It's going to be a wonderful school year," said Finlayson. "God has laid out great role models for us. Jesus is our perfect role model. We strive to become like Him."

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## JMPHS Welcomes Bill Gemmill

By Rose Klein  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

There are a lot of new things in Bill Gemmill's life right now including a new career in a brand new charter school and in a new city. Bill Gemmill is James Madison Preparatory High School's principal. He moved here from Nashville, Tenn., where he has held positions as a public school teacher, assistant principal, a computer aided designer, and has helped educate legislators when working as a teacher advocate for an independent teachers association. He graduated from the University of Tennessee and began working at I.T.T. where he taught computer-aided design, previously called "drafting". He then went to work in the public school system, where he taught in the classroom for 12 years before going into administration as an assistant principal for two years and then as a principal for six. After retiring from the public school system he went to work for P.E.T., Professional Educators of Tennessee, where he was still an educator, but instead of children, educated legislators in trying to pass laws serving as an advocate for teachers.

When asked why he came to Madison to be at JMPHS, Gemmill said he missed being with kids and felt like it is his calling. He said being a "military brat" helped in his decision to move, because he was used to moving and starting over and he wanted this challenge. His current goal is to assist this 9th grade class, and each new grade added, in reaching their goal towards a college degree. His ultimate goal would be for the inaugural class of 9th graders to all graduate from JMPHS so that the school has a 100 percent graduation rate in 2017.

Being the principal at JMPHS is not his only function at the school. Gemmill is also teaching two periods of Character Development and Leadership for 18 weeks this year where notable leaders of the past are used as examples in the classroom. Role models such as Nancy Reagan, Christopher Reeve, Booker T. Washington and Amelia Earhart are a few of the people on the curriculum. An interesting side note is that Gemmill's grandfather went to school with Earhart, was friends with her and even talked to her the week before she departed on her infamous flight around the world. Along with curriculum, the thing that Gemmill says he really wants the kids

to learn is, "Time is priceless and you can't get it back. I like to live life to the fullest and that is what I try to teach my kids."

When talking about some of his favorite memories as an educator, working with his own children ranked high. Gemmill was able to teach three of his four children in the classroom and he said that was special for him as well as to his children. Soccer games were also a great memory because Gemmill learned to play soccer in Germany and was able to watch all his kids play in school. Between the classes and soccer games, school was a real family affair for him. William B. Gemmill III and wife, Judy has two sons; William the IV (Billy) and Eric who lives in Denver, two daughters; Allison, who lives in Tennessee, and Ashley, who passed away in 2008 from bone cancer. He admits Ashley passing was a tough time, but that her life had an amazing impact on him and all the family can now talk about memories shared with her and smile.

Gemmill says he has had a great life. He has his family, his long and diverse career in education that is still on going, he has met six American Presidents, due to his Father being a Military Officer on the Republican National Committee and has even sang on stage at the Grand Ol' Opry. Gemmill says, "I love what I do and I feel I've had a full life and I want to share all my experiences with these kids."



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Bill Gemmill is pictured in his office at JMPHS.

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# SCHOOL

## MCCS Holds Open House



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A crowded, packed gym awaited Dr. Willie Miles and the faculty/staff of MCCS.

By Lynette Norris  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

It was standing room only in the gym at Madison County Central School when the school principal, Dr. Willie Miles stepped to the podium to address the crowd.

In front of the stage, the faculty and staff of MCCS, all dressed in white shirts and khaki pants, sat in a horseshoe-shaped row of chairs. As their team leaders introduced them one by one, they stood and waved.

Miles touched on the unity represented by the white and khaki attire, and talked about the excitement of the upcoming school year for the MCCS Broncos, welcoming the new students from Greenville Elementary, Pinetta Elementary and Lee Elementary.

For the coming school year, he related the four goals he has set

out for MCCS: a standard-based school, adopting and meeting the Common Core Standards; a safe, orderly and positive school; parents will be involved, with "Parents' Nights" scheduled throughout the school year; and technology will be more integrated with the classroom, with teachers using it to enhance their teaching.

Many of the classrooms are now equipped with smart boards, and each teacher now has his or her own web site that parents can visit to stay updated on what is going on with the class.

If the gym was crowded, then the cafeteria, where parents and students adjourned to pick up their schedule of classes was even more so, as crowds of kids and parents gradually sorted themselves out into lines before large signs on the wall, separating every-

one out alphabetically. Hundreds poured into the cafeteria every minute and gradually filtered themselves through the lines.

A few of the students took note of the new murals on the cafeteria walls, but the majority seemed absorbed with finding out where they had to be the following Monday morning.

"I don't think it (the mural wall) has really registered with them yet," said Mimi Riplogle, adding that they would probably be able to take it all in once they were settled in their classes. Her husband Matt teaches seventh grade math at MCCS, and their daughter Tris is a fourth grader this year.

"We're trying to make a difference," Dr. Willie Miles had said a few days earlier at a Kiwanis Club meeting. "And enjoy these young folks."



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Fourth grader Tris Riplogle, whose father Matt teaches seventh grade math, chose this mural for her picture.



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In the cafeteria, hundreds of students sort themselves into queues to pick up their schedules.



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Cordae Weatherspoon, first grade, chooses his favorite mural.

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FILE NO.: 2013-CP-66  
DIVISION: PROBATE

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of WALTER STEPHEN BUCKELS, deceased, whose date of death was April 25, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Madison County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Madison County Courthouse, 125 SW Range Avenue, Room 106, Madison, Florida 32340, File No. 2013-CP-66. The names and addresses 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 THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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**MADISON COUNTY ENTERPRISE ZONE #4001 BOUNDARY AMENDMENT REQUEST NOTICE**

A resolution will be considered for a change in the boundary of the Madison County Enterprise Zone #4001 (EZ). The boundary amendment is a request to add an additional 3 square miles to the current Enterprise Zone. A public hearing will be held on the following day and time, by the below named entity:

November 6, 2013 at 9:00 a.m., Regular Meeting of the Madison County Board of County Commissioners, Room 107, first floor of the Courthouse Annex.

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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 Barbara Pepin at 386-362-4115, ext. 223 no later than September 4, 2013.

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## DivorceCare Comes to Madison

At a time in our nation when 32% of marriages end in divorce, more and more people are going through the trauma and upheaval associated with this life-altering tragedy.

Beginning at 6 p.m. on Sunday evening September 8, 2013, First Baptist of Madison will offer the first meeting of its DivorceCare Ministry.

DivorceCare is a network of more than 13,000 churches worldwide who are equipped to offer divorce support groups. The program is nondenominational and features biblical teaching for recovering from divorce or separation.

The weekly meetings on Sunday evenings

will provide a warm and caring oasis for those suffering through the trauma of divorce or separation. The first half of the two hour meeting time will offer a video seminar featuring information-packed videos and some of the nation's top Christian divorce recovery experts. After a short break the meeting will divide into a Ladies' Support Group and a Mens' Support Group to discuss the week's topic and offer encouragement and support as the group navigates together this most difficult time in life.

During the week, journaling and workbook exercises will help members reinforce the lessons of the previous session. Class participants will also have access to the DivorceCare

website as well as daily email updates and encouraging messages.

The class is open to anyone, and the only cost is \$15 to cover the price of the workbook. Childcare is provided free of charge. Register with the church by Friday, September 6th to ensure materials are available at the first session. The group's fall schedule can be found at [www.divorcecare.org](http://www.divorcecare.org). Simply type in your zip code and click on First Baptist Madison Fall 2013 to see more details on the schedule.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call the church at 850-973-2547 or email the church secretary at [shannonsandi@yahoo.com](mailto:shannonsandi@yahoo.com).

## First Time Home Buyer's Class

Interested in becoming a homeowner? Now is the time to take the Home Buyer's class beginning Monday, Sept. 16, at 6 p.m. at the Madison County Extension Service. The series will run four evenings beginning on the 16th and continuing on the 18th, 23rd and 25th. Lesson topics include credit, home selection, securing a home mortgage, home insurance and home maintenance.

Funding for the State Housing Initiative Program (SHIP) has been restored and money is available to assist income eligible individuals and families with down payment and closing cost on the purchase of an existing home. This is a great opportunity for working people of low and moderate income to achieve home ownership. Upon completion of the class, participants receive a certificate that is re-

quired for SHIP assistants and rural development loans.

If you are interested in attending the class to learn about the homeownership process, complete a SHIP application, available at Suwannee River Economic Council on Bunker Street, then register by calling the Madison County Extension Service at 973-4138.

## Jay Lee Of Pest Patrol, Part One: Those Little Black Ants

By Lynette Norris  
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Jay Lee, proprietor of Pest Patrol, a local family-owned-and-operated business, has been helping folks in Madison battle those little black ants and other annoying household pests for years, and has some advice on some steps people can take themselves to help keep these pests at bay. By understanding some of the ways these pests operate and how they get into your home in the first place, you can probably take some steps to cut down on their numbers and reduce the problem.

Part One looks at the little black ants that get into everything in the house, as well as fire ants which generally stay outside, but can pose problems with their painful bites.

Without this cold winter kill-off, spring brings on ideal conditions for burgeoning populations.

### What about those little black ants that get into everything?

The ants have gotten into the sugar again, and found that bit of spilled juice under the table, and that bit of spaghetti sauce on the back splash above the stove, and maybe even the water dripping from the rims of faucets in kitchens and bathrooms, but why do those same little black ants invade your laundry hamper? And what is it about the clothes hanging in your closet that sometimes attracts them as well?

About 95 percent of the ants you find in your house come in from outside; they nest outside and only come in for food, water and shelter. When one randomly foraging ant happens onto a food source inside a dwelling, it lays down a scent trail from the food source back to the nest and in short order there will be a line of the critters following the scent trail back to the food or water source.

Most people have probably heard the nursery rhyme song, "The Ants Go Marching One By One," and this is an apt description for what you're likely to see when you come across the critters. Moving almost single file, heads down, waving their an-

tennae back and forth, they follow the scented path to the food or water source. Rub your finger across the line and watch them scurry about in confusion – you've just erased part of the scent trail. Until one of them makes it across the void and picks up the trail on the other side, they'll be lost.

This explains their presence in the kitchen and the bathroom, but why do they turn up in laundry hampers and sometimes even our closets?

Kitchen spills, splatters and crumbs aren't the only food source. We shed tiny flakes of skin all the time and these are all over our dirty clothes. We can't see these microscopic dead skin cells, but when a foraging ant wandering through the house happens across this mother-lode of high protein food, it beats a scent-path back to nest and alerts the others.

Another thing on our clothes that we can't see is particles of dried sweat. These ants love it.

As for why they go for clean clothes hanging in the closet, it's because not even the most intense laundering can get rid of all the skin cells ground into our clothes. A few will still stick around, and all it takes is one randomly foraging ant to come across those remaining particles, and that ant will soon be back with friends.

Another fact about these ants is that only

about one third of the anthill population ever leaves the colony to forage and fetch the food; there is another class of ants, known as "tendering ants," who take the solid food brought into the colony and turn it into liquid form – an important task, since ants cannot digest solid food. But once these liquid protein meals are ready, it's time to ring the dinner bell for the colony.

The main key to the ant problem is finding out where they are getting into your house. Follow the ant trail backwards to find their entry point. This could be through cracks in the sidewall or through the floor. If there is wall-to-wall carpet in the house, look between the carpeting and the baseboard, or look at where the baseboard joins the floor, and don't forget the closet; there is a reason baseboards are known as "the ant highway."

Look at where your plumbing pipes, phone, cable and electrical lines come into the house. There could be tiny or not-so-tiny gaps there. Look for tiny cracks around windows and doors.

Outside, do the same thing around the outer wall of your house. Look closely at any place where the electrical, phone or cable lines and plumbing pipes enter your house. Check all around windows and doorjambes for tiny cracks and crevices.

Then, caulk up all the holes and cracks you find. Studstill Lumber sells different kinds of caulking for indoor and outdoor use and can help you find the right kind you need.

### What about fire ants?

Fire ants are imported pests that seldom enter the house, but they have very painful bites; also, some people and children are allergic to their venom in varying degrees of severity, so it's important to get rid of an infestation if you can, or keep one from becoming a serious problem.

One peculiar thing about fire ants is that they are "polymorphic" – meaning that they have multiple queens. It's an unusual arrangement, but it explains why the critters are so difficult to get rid of. One mound can contain 300,000 – 500,000 ants, and once that mound is disturbed, the ants will simply split up and "bud out," with each queen taking a group of ants with her to form new mounds – and each of these mounds can go down five or six feet into the ground. In these new mounds, they will multiply until they reach the 300,000 – 500,000 population mark.

As with other ants, only about one-third of the anthill population ever leaves the mound, and with so much of the colony deep underground, topical solutions won't get them

all. A much more effective strategy is baiting. The forager ants will take the poisoned bait down into the colony.

However, fire ants have a couple of peculiar traits; anything left on the mound will be considered a foreign object and thrown away; not only that, but the ants will recognize any similar substances they find near the mound as "foreign objects" and ignore these as well.

Instead, scatter the bait about 12 – 24 inches from the mound, taking care not to disturb the mound itself. If the ants have to go out and forage for it, they'll believe it's food and take it down into the colony where it will be eaten.

Another thing to remember is that the poisoned bait can be easily contaminated with foreign substances, which will cause the ants to reject it. It's important to re-seal the bait bag after each use. Also, any bait left out in the yard will spoil after a while, which is why treating individual mounds works much better than scattering the bait all over the yard.

For more severe infestations, or if the above steps don't alleviate the ant problem, Pest Patrol can help; call 973-9910, or check out their website or Facebook page.

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