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## Greenville Town Council Seeks Replacement For Poppell

By Lynette Norris  
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In a letter dated Oct. 3, Town Council member Margaret Poppell submitted her resignation from the council, and at the Nov. 4 meeting, the remaining town council members, minus Vice Mayor Robin Housh, discussed what to do about seeking a replacement for her until the March 2014 election.

Town Council attorney Christine Thurman advised the council that their two choices were to appoint someone or hold a special election, the latter of which she did not recommend because of the cost.

Mayor Kovacherich Arnold suggested that if anyone were interested they should submit their name to Town Clerk Kim Reams; the person

would serve in the next three meetings, until the March election, when he or she could choose to run for another term or not.

In discussing whom they could appoint, all of the three council members present (Barbara Dansey, Calvin Malone and Mayor Arnold) admitted that there were no names that immediately sprang to mind, and asking for volunteers from the audience resulted in several definite answers of "no."

Sans volunteers, Dansey made a motion to make an announcement of the vacancy on the bulletin board outside the town hall building and on the website, asking interested citizens to submit their names by Nov. 14.

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Greenville Town council members (pictured left to right) Calvin Malone, Barbara Dansey and Mayor Kovacherich Arnold voted to seek names of interested citizens to fill the vacancy left by Margaret Poppell's resignation and serve until the March 2014 election. Interested individuals should submit their names to Town Clerk Kim Reams no later than Nov. 18.

### Advanced Weather Spotter Training Offered

The Madison County Emergency Management Office is offering Advanced Weather Spotting Training on Tuesday, Nov. 12, at 7 p.m., at the Madison County Emergency Operations Center located at 1083 SW Harvey Greene Dr.

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## Read Your Newspaper With Relish

The Relish magazine is in TODAY'S paper!

There's a New Taste in Town

By Jacob Bembry  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

This week, The Madison County Carrier is proud to bring you Relish.

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## Man Arrested For Felony Battery

By Jacob Bembry  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

A man was arrested for felony battery and false imprisonment after a fight with another woman on Sunday, Oct. 27.



Antonio Cox

According to a Madison Police Department report, Officer Brandon Abbott was dispatched to a disturbance at 278 SW Lee Avenue. While en route to the address, he was advised that Antonio Cox had hit the complainant and was walking away from the residence.

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## Sheriff's K9 Units Visit Madison Academy

By Lynette Norris  
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Jennifer Copeland's second grade class and Susan Pickles' third graders had been learning about teamwork from reading a story about a police officer and his dog. So Madison County Sheriff's Office Corporal Kevin Anderson and Corporal Kevin Stout paid a visit to Madison Academy recently to give the children a first-hand look at how law enforcement officers and their specially trained dogs work together.

Max and Onyx, two of the dogs trained to track missing people and other persons of interest by scent tracking, find hidden narcotics and protect the officers they patrol with, delighted the young audience with demonstrations of their special skills.

The training for the dogs begins when most of them are pup-



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Onyx demonstrates his technique for stopping suspects in their tracks by grabbing Corporal Kevin Stout's heavily protected arm.



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With Corporal Kevin Anderson (teacher Jennifer Copeland seated behind him) on the left with Max, and Corporal Kevin Stout on right (seated next to Susan Pickles) with Onyx, the combined second and third grade classes of Madison Academy gather on the bleachers after the demonstration is over.

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Local Weather			
Wed 11/6	72/57		Partly cloudy skies. High 72F. Winds NE at 10 to 20 mph.
Thu 11/7	79/58		Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 50s.
Fri 11/8	81/48		A few thunderstorms possible.
Sat 11/9	73/51		Sunny. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 50s.

# VIEWPOINTS & OPINIONS

## National Security

### INTERESTS



**Joe Boyles**  
Guest Columnist

In a couple of weeks, it will mark the 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this column. Here's how it began; the late Bernard Wilson, a fellow Rotarian, had written a weekly column on veterans affairs for something like 30 years. One day in late 2002, he approached me and said that with his declining health, he could no longer write the column. A few weeks later, I asked if I could begin writing in his place. Bernard agreed and put me in touch with Mary Ellen Greene ... and this column began.

Over time, I changed it to match my personality, style and interests. The umbrella subject is "national security," but if you're a regular reader, you know I'm pretty loose with that definition. Let me describe some of my interests, and as a result, the varying subject matter.

I spent a little over thirty years (including cadet time) in the military, so naturally, I write about that subject quite often. I spent quite a bit of time in fighter aviation and flight test, so that subject pops up in this column fairly often. A lot of folks don't understand aerodynamic principles, so this column gives me a forum to talk about it. I'm also a Vietnam War veteran, so I sometimes use this column to teach about that war and correct misconceptions.

My undergraduate major was economics, a subject that is universally misunderstood, so I comment on this and free market principles often. I manage a small forestry business for my family, so I find that this seamlessly folds

into my discussion of the economy. I believe that the foundation of our national strength is a vibrant, growing private economy so I frequently comment on this matter.

I'm a pretty active reader, so I often write what amounts to a book review. The foundation of an educated person is broad knowledge and reading gives both me and you a solid background in any number of subjects. I often watch "Booknotes" on CSPAN over the weekend to get an idea of new, interesting non-fiction books.

I sometimes refer to myself as a "policy wonk" meaning that I look at public policy and its effects on things like our economy, national security, etc. I rarely pick on a public figure but rather, his or her policies. As a rule, I don't trust politicians of any stripe, but it isn't personal. Instead, I do my best to focus on the policies they advocate and whether or not I think those policies are good for America.

Let me give you an example. My criticism of the Affordable Care Act that is commonly known as Obamacare has nothing to do with the president and everything to do with a policy that (in the words of chief architect Senator Max Baucus) has become "a train wreck."

Keeping with that theme, my father once told me, "politics is far too important to leave to the likes of politicians," meaning that we have to keep our eyes on those slippery fellows. Every time I see Will Rogers' statue in Statutory Hall in the Capitol, I think about my father's advice. You might recall that Will said his statue was there "so I can keep my eye on Congress." Good idea.

With my new position in the clergy, I'm sure that I will have the opportunity to write about religious subjects. It shouldn't come as a surprise that I believe our faith makes us a stronger nation and more assured people. When I see my Christian faith under attack, it is a natural thing for me to defend it. Scripture repeatedly tells us that we are called to defend the faith.

## Emerald's Gem Box

### What If You Woke Up Today, With Only The Things You Thanked God For Yesterday?



**Emerald Greene**  
Publisher

Too many times, I feel, we are caught up in what we don't have in life, and miss so much of what we do have. So many times we find ourselves thinking of all the materialistic things we think we need to be happy, and we seem to forget all the things that are truly the most important.

In order to be happy in life, we don't NEED big houses, new cars, big screen televisions, and all the new electronic gadgets. What we NEED is inner peace. This can only be obtained by truly being happy with (and within) ourselves and our surroundings.

I read a short story once about an elementary teacher giving her students an assignment on writing down what they thought the Seven Wonders of the World were. The answers varied, from child to child, but included such famous sights as .... The Grand Canyon, Great Wall of China, Taj Mahal, Empire State Building, Egypt's Great Pyramids, Panama Canal, and St. Peter's Basilica.

One little girl was having great difficulty in writing her paper, and when asked by the teacher what the problem was, she explained there were just too many things to choose from. So the teacher asked her to read her paper aloud so that the other students could help her. Her list of "The Seven Wonders of the World" read.....To See, To Hear, To Touch, To Feel, To Laugh, and To Love.

How often we all seem to lose sight of this. Life is not about what we have, it is about who we are.

The things we overlook as simple and ordinary, and that we take for granted, are truly the most wondrous things in our lives.

The most precious things in life cannot be built by hand or bought by man.

At the end of the day, when we go HOME, and EAT dinner, and sit on FURNITURE, in the HEAT or A/C, talk with our SPOUSE, and play with our CHILDREN - those are some of the things that we seem to overlook on a daily basis.

So many people in this world do not have those luxuries. Why can't we thank God more often for what we do have, instead of blaming Him (or others) for what we don't have?

What if you woke up today with only the things you thanked God for yesterday?

Life is short - make it good.

Until then...see you around the town.

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## Searching For Ambrosia

### Revisiting Gluten-Free For Reader Request



**Rose Klein**  
Columnist

Today, we are revisiting gluten-free to satisfy a reader request for a vanilla cake recipe. Donna Warren requested the recipe so she could bake for her nephew, who is gluten intolerant. Her request brings to mind memories of my own nephew, when about six years old, was ordered by a doctor to have no sugar products. I vividly remember the one large tear that rolled down his cheek, as his mother attempted to explain to him all the products that contained sugar he could no longer have. It was absolutely heart wrenching for me and I wanted desperately to figure out how to ease Richard's heart as well as his sweet tooth. Needless to say, this reader request was one near and dear to my heart and a request I was happy to fulfill.

Gluten-free has become almost mainstream and products of all kinds can be found on grocery shelves. No longer relegated to natural or holistic food stores, products are easily identified with tags and labels advertising them to consumers. There are several options when baking without gluten. If you're looking for cake products, you can now decide if you want a cake mix, all-purpose baking mix or individual ingredients to bake a cake from "scratch." I opted to test individual baking products because I was curious as to how different flours would affect the texture and flavor of a finished product. I did not test the mixes, so can't compare the home-baked version against these ready to mix renditions, but I figure those are convenient and timesaving enough to try at a later date.

I reworked recipes and developed one that didn't require too many special ingredients, but still gave a good textured cake with optimal flavor. The final test was versions of the same recipe, substituting either sorghum flour or white rice flour. Sorghum flour is referred to a lot in gluten-free baking because of its sweetness and tender texture, so I was curious as to why the many cake recipes I found used white rice

flour. Rice flour is purported to give most baked goods a gummy texture, which might not sound good, but in my mind, could contribute to the cake's moistness. I was amazed at the outcome. There were definite differences between the two cakes: The sorghum flour cake had a golden color with a very desirable light texture and "oatey" flavor, but with a slight grittiness. The rice flour cake was pure white and had a denser texture and mild flavor, but also had a chewier crust. I iced the cakes with a standard butter frosting and conducted an informal taste test at my home. The results were two to one for the sorghum cake, mostly because of the texture. I, however, preferred the rice cake. I personally didn't mind the chewiness of the crust and thought the mild flavor of the cake would accept any additional flavors of frosting and/or fillings added.

Here is my gluten-free cake recipe; Decide between the two or try one of the boxed mixes on the grocery shelves. Either way, it is good to know that if you suffer gluten intolerances you can still enjoy a favorite food, or if you have a nephew you want to make feel special and not like he's missing out on anything, well, you can do that too.

**Gluten-Free Vanilla Cake**  
(Makes two 8-inch cake layers)

- 1/2 cup butter
  - 1 cup sugar
  - 2 eggs
  - 2 tsp vanilla
  - 1 cup white rice OR sorghum flour
  - 1 cup tapioca starch
  - 1 tsp baking powder
  - 1 tsp baking soda
  - 1 tsp xanthan gum
  - 1 tsp salt
  - 3/4 cup buttermilk
- (Be sure to read the ingredient labels, some buttermilk will have modified food starch!)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a medium bowl, combine butter and sugar; beat until creamy. Add eggs and vanilla; beat just until combined.

In a small bowl, combine flour, starch, baking powder, baking soda, xanthan gum and salt. Add half of dry mixture to butter mixture; stir until combined. Beat in buttermilk and then stir in remaining dry ingredients. Pour batter into prepared pans. Bake about 30 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pans 10 minutes; turn out on racks to cool completely and frost as desired.



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Choose between the gluten-free sorghum cake on the left and the white rice flour cake on the right.

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Calvin Malone stated that there should perhaps be a longer time frame so the council could review the names, perhaps as long as 30 days. There was a question of whether or not a replacement was even necessary. Thurman pointed out that the statutes said that a council member "shall" be replaced, not "may" be replaced. Her interpretation was that the "shall" was an imperative, not an option. Also, there would be the issue of possibly not having a quorum at a future meeting if more than one council member was absent, something that had already happened at

the October meeting, when two members did not appear. Having a quorum was very important for what the council wanted to accomplish in the December and January meetings, she reminded them. However, there was no second to Dansey's motion, which died. Malone then made a motion to include the 30-day time frame, which neither of the other two seconded. That motion also died. Discussion went back and forth for several minutes, with Malone protesting that Nov. 14 simply didn't allow enough time to review those who might submit their

names and Dansey pointing out that just because they would be reviewing the names didn't mean they had to approve them. After even more discussion, the deadline date for interested citizens to submit their names for Popell's seat was moved back to Nov. 18. Dansey made another motion to announce the vacancy and have it posted on the bulletin board and the website, with a deadline of Nov. 18 for interested citizens to submit their names to Town Clerk Reams. The motion received almost simultaneous second from Arnold and Malone, and passed.

## Manager

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allow the town council to assume the duties of a Town Supervisor. Greenville Town attorney Christine Thurman pointed out that changing the town charter to eliminate a town superintendent was not a matter of simply deleting one paragraph; duties and job descriptions would have to be revised and rewritten for everyone else in the entire chain of command. It would essentially be rewriting the town's entire charter. Parrish pointed out that the town's revenues had not increased to the point where it could afford a full-time \$30-\$40K position. Thurman advised that the current charter had the council making policy decisions, but not running the town - that authority it placed in the hands of a town super, as a division of power. "That's like asking Congress to

come in and run everything," said someone from the audience. Parrish suggested scheduling a town meeting/public hearing/workshop to see what the public had to say regarding the issue of to have or have not a town supervisor. Council member Barbara Dansey spoke in favor of the public hearing. A motion was made, but died for lack of a second. After several more minutes of debate and discussion, the motion was made again for a public hearing. It passed. It was an either/or situation as far as Malone was concerned, and he reiterated that he felt it was either a town manager or a change to the town charter. "There's no in-between," he said. The public hearing is Nov. 18 at 6

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## Spotter

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The Advanced Spotter Course, designed for individuals who have a significant interest in meteorology - beyond just observing and reporting significant weather events. Advanced topics discussed include wind shear, radar meteorology, and storm structure, again, this class is offered on Tuesday, Nov. 12, at 7 p.m. at the EOC. This class will also be a time to ask questions of our Amateur Radio Emergency Services Group about what they do and how they assist the county during times of emergency and disaster. Any questions, please call (850) 973-3698.

## Arrested

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After his arrival, he made contact with the complainant, who advised that Cox began hitting her and accusing Cox of having a current relationship with her child's father and it made Cox angry. After talking with both parties involved, Abbott ran a criminal check on Cox and discovered that he had numerous convictions for battery, aggravated battery and false imprisonment. Cox was arrested and charged with felony battery (second or subsequent arrest) for striking the complainant and for false imprisonment for taking the phone away from the complainant, preventing her from calling 911 for help.



**Mammoth Chicken Nugget Holds World Record**  
In Secaucus, N.J., Empire Koshier Poultry made the Guinness World Record for making the world's largest chicken nugget. The mammoth nugget was unveiled in New Jersey and is on display at the Koshierfest trade show at the Meadowlands Exposition Center. The 51.1 pounds chicken piece measured in at 3.25 feet long and two feet wide. The company made the nugget to celebrate the food company's 75th anniversary and said it took six people more than three hours to create the large nugget.

**Man Forces Neighbor To Drink Alcohol**  
In Waltham, Mass., Scott Topham, allegedly broke into his neighbor's house and forced his neighbor to have a drink with him. Early in the morning, Topham began banging on his neighbor's door, holding a bottle of vodka. After the door was opened, Topham allegedly forced his way into the house, shoved the victim into a chair, produced a knife, and then ordered the victim to drink. Topham poked the victim several times with the knife then stated he had "harmed people before and was not afraid to kill someone." Luckily, the victim's roommates heard the commotion and were able to force Topham from the house. Police arrived on the scene and, after investigation, arrested Topham, where he was later charged with home invasion, kidnapping, threats to commit a crime and two counts of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

**Man Eats Debit Cards To Conceal Evidence**  
In Dallas, Texas, Ogiesoba City Osula, accused of identity theft and having an income tax fraud ring, is accused of eating one or more debit cards in an attempt to conceal evidence. When arrested, Osula was found with \$300,000 cash and money orders, along with numerous debit cards. Osula and his four accomplices, George Ojonugwa, Eseos Igiebor, Ebenezer Legbedion and Evelyn Nyaboke Haley have all been convicted of using stolen identities to file false tax returns and claim millions of dollars in refunds. The five have not yet been sentenced.

**Corrupt Morticians Desecrate Bodies**  
In Italy, corruption among public services is a serious problem, apparently even after death. In the town of Pesaro, Italian police arrested five morticians who were charged with making tens of thousands of euros a month with bribes from funeral homes and profiting from grieving families of the dead. The morticians would tip off a favored funeral home when a corpse arrived and take kick-backs from the cost of the burial ceremony. They were found to also pocket payments from families given to them for preparing and dressing the dead and rather than passing them to the hospital, would sell the clothes and rosary beads intended for the deceased, at inflated costs and give formaldehyde injections without the proper medical training. Former hospital employees also were found to operate on bodies to remove pacemakers, despite lacking the correct medical training, and would sell the devices on the black market for reuse. The five morticians were put under house arrest and 29 others including doctors and funeral home owners were charged with crimes of fraud, embezzlement and illegal medical practice.

## JA Skeet Shoot Set For Sunday

The Second Annual Belles and Bucks Shot Skeet Shoot will be hosted by the Junior Auxiliary of Madison County and will be held Sunday, Nov. 10, from 1-5 p.m. at Wally Davis' firing range, located at 5757 NE Rocky Ford Road in Madison. The event is free to the community. Instruction and training will be available at the site. Bring your family, chairs, guns and ammo for a shooting good time. For more info, call Katie at (850) 253-0262 or any Junior Auxiliary





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## Obituaries

### Ferdinand Edward Naughton II

Ferd Edward Naughton II was born in Madison in 1941. He passed away after a brief illness.

He and his wife Martha have owned Morrow Insurance Agency in Monticello for over four decades. He was an active member of the community and had served as President of the Kiwanis Club and the Chamber of Commerce.

He is survived by his wife, Martha Naughton; his son, Joseph Naughton and daughter, Ellen Andrews; five grandchildren; Victoria Naughton, Katie Naughton, Meghan Naughton, John Lewis Dickey and Kanny Andrews. He had four sisters, Barbara Beggs (Billy), Mary Carol Kaney, Betty Naughton, Louise Waldron (Alan) of Tallahassee and a number of other relatives. He was pre-deceased by a son, Ferdinand Edward Naughton III.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, November 9, 2013 at 2 p.m. at Beggs Funeral Home Monticello Chapel (850-997-5612). The family will receive friends after the service at the funeral home.

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### Donald Leroy Norris

Donald Leroy Norris, age 77, of Madison, died Friday at his home in Cherry Lake. He spent most of his life in Madison except for his time in the U.S Army. He was a retired Correctional Officer with the State of Florida and a member of Harmony Baptist Church.

Graveside funeral services were held Monday, November 4, 2013, at 2 p.m. at Harmony Baptist Church with visitation one hour before services. Burial followed at the church cemetery.

He is survived by one brother, Johnny Norris of Madison; two sisters, Lorene Darville (Walter) of Tampa and Louise Morgan (Harvey) of Day; four sisters-in-law, Katherine Summerlin of Hurtsboro, Deloris Norris of Land O' Lakes, Willete Norris of Bryceville and Martea Norris of Soddy Daisy, Tenn.

His wife, Sarah Helen Floyd Norris; two sisters, Rilla Norris and Gussie O'Neal Smith; and five brothers, Wilbur, Charles, James, Jack, and Billy Norris pre-deceased him.

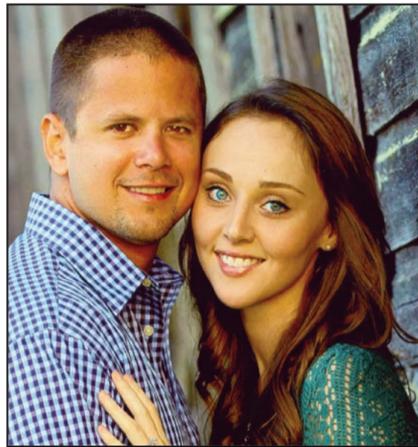
Thanks to his caregivers, Tiffany Miller, Vickie and Krista Hill.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to Big Bend Hospice, 1785 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee, 32301 or Harmony Baptist Church, 266 N.W. Harmony Church Way, Greenville FL, 32331.

Beggs Funeral Home, Madison Chapel, is in charge of arrangements, (850) 973-2258)

## Announcements

### Dickey-Revels Announce Engagement



Marley Ann Revels, of Perry, is excited to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of her father, Mr. Colin "Cole" Vince Revels to Miss Olivia Ashlee Dickey.

Olivia is the daughter of Chuck and Lynn Dickey of Lee. She is a 2010 graduate of Madison County High School and is employed at the Hard-ee Law Firm in Madison.

Cole is the son of Tina and Waymond Carroll of Perry and Vince and Tammy Revels of Madison. He is a 2006 graduate of Taylor County High School and is employed at Jack's Boats and Trailers in Perry.

The wedding is planned for November 9, 2013 at 4 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Dickey (387 SE Burnett Pond Trail in Madison).

No local invitations are being sent, but all family and friends are invited to share with them in beginning their lives together.

### Hickory Grove Couple Is Harvesting Bananas...From Their Own Yard



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photos by Lynette Norris, October 29, 2013

Tick...tock...tick...tock. The large, bulbous, red flower hangs from the bottom of the stalk while the fruit grows above. Imagine a cuckoo, no, make that a toucan, popping out of the bananas to announce the hour.



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Another bunch of bananas hangs underneath the porch roof as they finish ripening.

By Lynette Norris  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

It takes luck, ingenuity, and the right cultivar of banana tree planted in the right spot (banana trees this far north need to be planted in a sunny location, one that is protected from north winds - usually this is the southern or southeastern side of a home or greenhouse) to withstand the cooler temperatures up here, but Eugene and Udean Williams of Hickory

Grove seem to have what it takes. The banana trees beside their home have produced three big bunches of bananas so far this year.

The bananas form clumps above a hanging stalk, with the flower growing at the very bottom, facing downward, like the pendulum of an exotic clock.

The Williamses harvest the bunches while the fruit is still green and hang them underneath the back porch roof to finish ripening.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**{November 8}**  
Madison County Central School will be holding a Veterans Day program on Friday, Nov. 8, at 9 a.m. in the gym. They would like to invite all veterans to be their honored guests.

**{November 9 and 16}**

The Lions Club is hosting its annual Turkey Shoot in front of *Greene Publishing* (State Road 53 at the yellow caution light) on the first three Saturdays in November, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Come on out, show off your target-shooting skills and win a frozen turkey for Thanksgiving. Shots are three dollars each, twelve shots to a round. Win your round. Win the turkey. Chips and drinks will also be on sale.

**{November 9}**

Called "A Night of Miracles," Jacob Bemby and recording artists LifeSong will hold a book signing and music concert at Pinetta United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. to unveil Jacob Bemby's new book, *Sudden Death: God's Overtime*, which details his near-death experience and miraculous recovery.

**{November 10}**

The Second Annual Belles and Buckshot Skeeet Shoot will be hosted by the Junior Auxiliary of Madison County and will be held Sunday, Nov. 10, from 1-5 p.m. at Wally Davis' firing range, located at 5757 NE Rocky Ford Road in Madison. The event is free to the community. Instruction and training will be available at the site. Bring your family, chairs, guns and ammo for a shooting good time. More info, call Katie at (850) 253-0262 or any Junior Auxiliary member.

**{November 10}**

Genesis Missionary Baptist Church, located at 2062 Colin Kelly Highway, will cele-

brate Rev. Oliver J. Bradley's first anniversary as a pastor at 3 p.m. Special guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. Charlie Barfield. Special music provided by the Pineland Sanctuary Choir, under the direction of Brother Desmond Roberson.

**{November 10}**

A benefit gospel singing to help with medical expenses for Allen McCormick will be held Sunday, Nov. 10, at 5 p.m. at the Lee Town Hall Pavilion.

**{November 10-13}**

Grace Presbyterian Church will hold its 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Fall Bible Conference, with Dr. Gordon K. Reed bringing the messages. Services will be Sunday at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., and Monday - Wednesday at 7 p.m. Please join in for any or all of the services. The church is located at 1200 N. Washington Street (Highway 53 North).

**{November 16}**

The Second North Florida Nostalgic Toy Show at the Wellborn Community Hall, 1340 8th Ave. in Wellborn. Featuring vintage dolls, toys, action figures and more, all for sale. The show is open 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Regular admission \$3. \$1 discount with ad, Military, Veterans and children under 10 get in free.

**{December 13}**

SkillsUSA will hold a fundraiser on Friday, Dec. 13, from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Courthouse Lawn. Funds will be used to help MCHS SkillsUSA compete in Regional and State Competitions. A grilled chicken plate will be available for \$6 in advance or \$7 at the lawn. It will include potato salad, green beans, roll and dessert. Sweet tea will be available for \$1. For tickets or questions, contact Paige Thomas at (386) 965-6771.

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# AROUND MADISON COUNTY

## Tommy Hardee Updates Kiwanis Club On Elections Office



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Kiwanis Club president Diane Head (left) presents a certificate of appreciation to Madison Supervisor of Elections Tommy Hardee (center). On the right is Kiwanis member Mike Von Stetina, who arranged for Hardee's presentation to the Kiwanis Club.

By Lynette Norris  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

On Halloween, shortly before Election Day, Madison County Supervisor of Elections Tommy Hardee visited the Kiwanis Club to update the members on new laws affecting voting practices and talked about what he and his staff have been doing for the past year to make the Madison County SOE Office better and more responsive to the needs of Madison County, while still operating on a very tight budget.

In the area of early voting, he questioned the need to have early voting 12

hours a day on all 12 days, because while a large urban county might need that extra time, a small, rural county like Madison would probably have poll workers sitting idle in some areas. Since Madison has four early voting sites spread out in strategic locations, only one less than the much more heavily populated Leon County, he negotiated with Tallahassee to have Madison's poll hours adjusted so that the polling sites would be open during times when the largest number of voters showed up during the last election. In most areas, that was during the afternoon and evening on weekdays,

and mornings on weekends. With shorter hours scheduled for when the most voters were expected, Hardee explained that the county could get the most return on the taxpayer dollars spent to pay the poll workers and deputies required for each polling location, and still reach the maximum number of voters.

Changes in the election laws also mean that the SOE's office is now allowed to notify someone if they forgot to sign their absentee ballot, whereas before, that was forbidden.

With changes in voting technology, and new equipment

such as the E-vid, voters are now allowed to change their addresses at the polls. Before, they had to do a provisional vote and then elections officials had to verify everything before the vote was official.

Electronic poll books will capture votes in real time and prevent people from voting twice. If a person walks into the main elections office and wants to do early voting, but he has already done so at another site, the electronic poll book will catch that - why, sir, didn't you just vote 16 minutes ago in Lee? "And suddenly, they disappear," said Hardee.

New rules designed to simplify ballot language now require that amendments do not exceed 75 words, meaning that it will take people much less time to read through them at the polls, if they haven't prepared in advance and done so already.

Military personnel stationed overseas now have up to 10 days after the election is over to get their absentee ballots in. This is a good thing, in Hardee's view, but it also means that Florida cannot certify an election until those ten days are up. The media may be screaming for a certification,

but Hardee reckons that elections employees and officials will just have to deal with it.

In the past year, Hardee and his staff have attended conferences and classes for elections employees, and Hardee has visited 31 other counties to see how elections are done there. The reason for that, he told the audience, is that there is no instruction booklet on how to run an elections office, but visits to other offices have allowed him to pick up bits and pieces of useful information here and there, and put them all together into a coherent whole, enough so that the Madison SOE office has become the second elections office in the nation to achieve an ISO rating. After the six month process of an ISO audit, where a 3<sup>rd</sup> party comes in and evaluates the office according to 1500 pages of rules, regulations and general office protocols, Madison's elections office now has its ISO rating.

"Offices rarely pass on the first try," said Hardee. "But we passed."

There are still areas where he would like to see some improvement, however. In the last election, statistics revealed that middle-aged and

older voters still vastly outnumber young people at the polls.

"That's something we're missing," he said. "We still need to get the message to young people about how important the vote is."

In response to a question from the audience about former felons getting their right to vote restored, Hardee replied that those applications are handled by the state, and that the state was way behind - as in, waaaaaaah behind - on reviewing applications and getting those voting rights restored.

For example: "If you applied in 2006, the state is working on your application right now," said Hardee.

Does that mean that people who apply for restoration of rights today will have to wait until November of 2020 to get their voting rights back, or can improvements in technology and the way applications are handled speed things up?

That answer isn't clear. "I call them (Tallahassee) every month," he said. "And they won't give me a time frame."

As the meeting concluded, Hardee urged everyone to vote on Election Day.

"Y'all come to see us," he said.

## Tree Service Has New Name/Owner



Greene Publishing, Inc Photo By Rose Klein October 29, 2013

Chelsea Lawson displays the Lawson Tree Service logo on the back of her shirt, while Lee Lawson smiles at the camera.

By Rose Klein  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Madison's tree service now has a new face and a new name to go with that face. The tree service formerly owned and named for Tim Blanton, has now changed

over to Lawson Tree Service. Lee Lawson was an employee of Blanton's, after being hired at the first part of this year. During the time Lawson was working for Blanton, the two discussed Blanton's desire to sell the business, and Lawson, previous-

ly having his own tree service in Mayo, decided he would pick up the gauntlet once more.

Lawson and wife, Chelsea, work the business without any help. When Chelsea isn't working at the post office in Live Oak, she helps drag limbs, ties down rope and even runs a chainsaw, but she is quick to say she doesn't cut down any trees. Chelsea also says her dad gives a hand to the business on occasion.

Lawson is familiar with Madison as he attended North Florida Community College, taking Corrections classes and eventually gaining his law enforcement certification. After dissolving his first tree service business and gaining his certification in law enforcement, Lawson worked as a deputy sheriff in Mayo for several years before finding himself back in the tree business again.

Lawson says he looks forward to getting to know the citizens of Madison better and would love the opportunity to help Madison County with any of their tree service needs. He does tree trimming, tree removal and storm clean up. Look Lawson Tree Service up on Facebook and "like" their page. If you need service, you can call (386) 209-5763 for a free estimate.

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## VFW And Ladies Auxiliary To Host Banquet And Talent Show

By Jacob Bemby  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 251 and Ladies Auxiliary will host a Friday's Best Banquet program and talent show on Friday evening, Nov. 8, at Greenville Elementary School.

The Honorable John R. Nelson, Sr., chairman of the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners, will emcee the program.

The event will begin with the presentation of colors by VFW Post 251 before the invocation and blessing of the food by Rev. Alonzo Fudge, pastor of New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance will be recited before Dabra Lofton per-

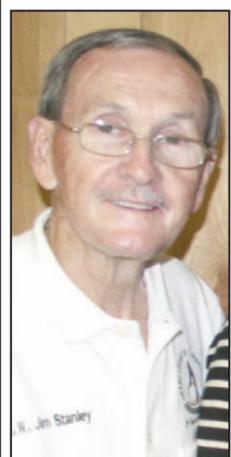
forms the National Anthem.

Ulysses Robinson will welcome everyone to the banquet before Herman Johnson, keynote speaker, will be introduced. Before Johnson's speech, the St. Tabernacle Youth Group from Monticello will perform.

Food will be served after Johnson speaks and the talent show will immediately follow the evening meal. The talent show will feature Kimberly Thomas, creative dance, a Martin Luther King, Jr. speech and the Rapper. Judges will be Renetta Parrish, VeEta Hagan, Christine McClain, Angie Bolden and Reshaunda Nelson.

Awards will be given to the winners of the talent show before closing remarks are made.

## Masons Honor Jim Stanley



Jim Stanley

By Jacob Bemby  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The Masons held their annual Jim Stanley night on Monday, Oct. 14, at the Masonic Lodge.

A perpetual event, which began in 2004, is held each year on the second Monday in October.

Approximately 50 people, including some from out-of-town, attended the supper.

Following the supper, there was a short program honoring Stanley, who has been

the secretary for both the Masons and the Shrine for the last 34 years.

Stanley has been the coach for almost every single one of the Masonic candidates for a number of years.

"I appreciate them doing this for me," Stanley told this writer. "How do you express your appreciation for something like this?"

Madison Lodge #11 Free and Associated Masons (F & A.M.) was established on Jan. 16, 1845.

# AROUND MADISON COUNTY

## Pock'O Vause: Bad Habits And Little Eyes



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

**Pock'O Vause speaks to members of the 55 Plus Club about how their lives and examples influence young people around them.**

By Lynette Norris  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Pock'O Vause, who is not Hispanic or Mexican, says that, "If you know my father, it will only be a few minutes before you'll have a nickname, too." His nickname came about because he was too young at the time to pronounce the word "pooch," which came out as "pock." From there, it was only a short leap to "Pock'O."

Vause, the guest speaker at the 55 Plus Club for their October meeting, had come to address those gathered about the impact their

everyday lives have on the young people around them. Not just their grandchildren, but other young people they see all around. Of course, there were the young people at their church, but in a small place like Madison, where everyone knows everyone, it could be anywhere their paths crossed those of the younger generation.

He was raised in the Christian faith and grew up in North Florida. However, "It wasn't until Christ grabbed hold of me that I realized where I wanted to be," he said. He is now the youth pastor at

First Methodist.

On average, youth pastors last about 18 months at a church. Too many churches seem to consider youth ministry as daycare, not a real ministry, but nothing could be further from the truth. It is a vitally important ministry that concerns nothing less than the future of the church, and there are young people looking to the adults around them for guidance.

As a youth pastor, Vause describes his mission as taking care of the next generation of the faithful, a generation that will grow up in the faith, have it within them, and, in turn, carry it on to the next generation to come after them - but it is a responsibility that involves more than just a youth pastor. It also involves the role models that young people see around them every day.

In speaking of the lack of interest many young people seem to have in church and church activities, Vause told the 55 Plus audience that they have more influence with young people than they might think. "You are looked up to by young people," he said.

Young people are very observant of the adults - all of the adults, not just their parents, grandparents and church leaders - that they see around them, noting their habits in word and

deed, and what those habits say about the individual.

"Ninety-five percent of our entire behavior is habit," said Vause, "especially speech, and that is a very powerful force."

It is like the popular adage says: "Watch your thoughts, for they become words. Watch your words, for they become actions. Watch your actions for they become habits. Watch your habits, for they become character. Watch your character, for it becomes destiny."

It is a great responsibility, and the secret is establishing the right habits. "Because," he said, "the world needs people of character."

"Do we have what it takes to get to where we need to be? The pathway to sainthood, love, patience, faith and right-living, is in establishing holy habits. It is a life-long process of growing. If the relationship with Christ is true and real, then we take on more and more of Christ. As role models, think of the influence we could have on the world."

Bad character dilutes good character, and lessens its power; but when Christ dominates our view, it gives us the power to break bad habits and break down walls between people.

"Only after we have knelt before God can we stand before each other," said Vause.

When it comes to youth ministry, everyone is needed. "It's all about relationships. Relationships with youth, relationships with Christ. College kids, married couples, retirees all working together."

And youth leaders themselves need to be in an adult Sunday school class so they themselves can be fed regularly on the word and be up to the challenge of leading.

"Young people want the truth," he says. "Give them the truth. The Bible truth."

In a world of lost young people, he asked, do we have bad habits they could stumble over, things we do, that we don't even think are important, that could trip them up? Every adult in the room was important to a young person somewhere, and perhaps he or she wasn't even aware of it.

To illustrate the point, he held a brown paper bag and pulled items from it as he recited the poem, "Those Little Eyes" by Richard Netherland Cook.

*Those little eyes are watching you  
Each and every day,  
And little ears are listening too,  
Every word you say.*

From out of the brown paper sack, he pulled a trashy magazine....

*Little hands are fast*

*at work  
Doing what you do,  
And a Little mind is dreaming  
To grow up just like you.*

...and a can of beer...

*To him you are the wisest  
He leans on your every word  
He believes in you with all his heart,  
And all from you he's heard.*

...and a pack of condoms....

*When he grows up he wants to be  
A man who's just like you  
So watch the all of what you say,  
And all the things you do.*

...and a bag of dead leaves, representing marijuana.

It didn't have to be just these particular vices that could be easily represented by props. What about gossip? Jealousy? Dishonesty? Those little white lies? A quick temper? A spiteful tongue? A hateful attitude? Unkindness toward another person?

It can be a very long list, those little habits, but the responsibility is too important to just give up.

Watch your thoughts, for they become words....

Because those little eyes are watching you.

## Third Annual Greenville Veterans Day Program Slated For November 9

By Jacob Bembry  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The third annual Greenville Veteran's Day Program will be at the Haffye Hayes Park at the Ray Charles Memorial on Saturday, Nov. 9, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The program will begin with a procession of patriotic music, as the Honorable John R. Nelson, Sr., Past District 2 Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), and current chairman of the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners, will emcee the event.

Jefferson County VFW Post 251 will present the colors and the U.S. service flags for the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard.

An invocation will be given, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Cindy Veas, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce, will sing the National Anthem before the posting of the colors by Jefferson County VFW Post 251.

The Honorable Kovacherich Arnold, mayor of Greenville, will welcome everyone to the

occasion before greetings from Madison and Jefferson County officials.

Keynote speaker Lt. Col. Stewart McKival will deliver his address before local heroes Major Cobb, Jr., (U.S. Army, Korean Conflict), and Willis Brown, (U.S. Army, World War II) are honored.

Sharon Cone will perform "Taps" before closing remarks and the retiring of the colors by VFW Post 251.

The event will close with the song "God Bless America" and a benediction.

## Greenville Resident Lifetime Volunteer For Kids



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo By Rose Klein October 21, 2013

**J.A. Lane, who has volunteered much of his life offering Greenville children recreational opportunities, poses by the American flag in the town hall.**

By Rose Klein  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

J.A. Lane was born in Quitman, but has lived in Greenville all his life and appears to have no plans of moving. He returned from the service, married wife, Janie, and eventually had five children, all boys. During this time, Lane recognized that the children of Greenville needed something to do in the summer-

time, so he began organizing sports in order to keep them entertained. His favorite sport was baseball, and since he played in high school, it seemed like a natural place to begin.

For about 40 years now, Lane has organized teams and scheduled games every summer for the children of Greenville. There are 12 baseball and softball games every sea-

son, including T-ball and rookie teams. The games are played on the old Greenville football field, which is now named J.A. Lane Field.

At age 70, Lane has no plans of stopping. Next year he wants to incorporate football into the summer games. He stated he would appreciate help from any Greenville citizen to assist him in organizing the future games.

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# AROUND MADISON COUNTY

## Gramling Reunion Held At Shiloh Methodist



The entire Gramling clan gathers on the steps of Shiloh Methodist Church for their 55th annual family reunion.

Story Submitted

The Adam Gramling Family Reunion was held on October 13, 2013, at the Shiloh Methodist Church in Madison. The meeting began with registration at 10 a.m., followed by the program at 11:30 a.m., with Wetzell Blair, Chairman, presiding.

Rev. Tom Ray Kelly opened the meeting with a prayer. FCA Director Steve McHargue, who was also a former pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church, was the guest speaker, addressing our need to reach out to our young people and invite them

into not only our church but our hearts as well. There are only 20 percent of our young people in church, leaving 80 percent without hearing about Jesus and the Bible. We need to do better!

Following Steve was the Gramling Business Meeting. Elise Blair read the minutes from the previous meeting, Lilla Howerton gave the Treasurer's Report, Jackie Johnson gave a brief history and asked for pictures from each family. Tall tales were given at this time, which was a fun time for all. A love offering was given to FCA and

Rev. Tom Kelly, along with an offering to the church. Ginger Jarvis was outstanding playing the piano for the reunion.

The youngest one attending the reunion was four-year-old Bevan Wilson, son of William and Mary Bess Wilson. The oldest attending was Leona Gay, 96 years young. The one who traveled the farthest to attend was Melinda Luce from Sebring. Each one received a special gift for attending. Tucker Cherry won a jar of M&Ms by guessing the closest to the correct number of M&Ms in the jar.

Following the business meeting, the Gramling Clan posed for a photo on the steps of the church, and dinner on the grounds was, as usual, filled with their wonderful recipes. Ann Brooks won the best dessert recipe.

A wonderful time was had by all who attended the reunion.



Photo Submitted

The boys of the Gramling Clan are shown gathered on the church steps for a quick picture. Shown left to right are Josh Jordan Waring, Jacob Johnson, Will Wilson, Jarod Johnson, John Luke Waring and Sikes Wilson. The little guy standing in front is four-year-old Bevan Wilson, the youngest Gramling family member in attendance.



Photo Submitted

Many family and friends attended the 55th annual Gramling reunion. Shown left to right are Steve McHargue, FCA Director and the guest speaker at the reunion, his wife Jan McHargue, Rev. Tom Kelly, who led the opening prayer, Lauren Smith and Chris McHargue.

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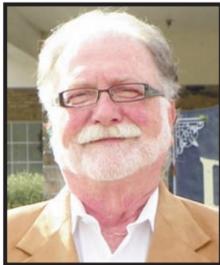
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# HEALTH

## Health & Wellness Tips

### Did You Know...



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

November is the month formerly known as Movember, where men and women across the globe join together to raise awareness and funds for men's health issues - specifically prostate and testicular cancer initiatives. Once registered at Movember.com, men grow and women support a Mo (Mo is Aussie slang for moustache, where Movember began) for 30 days, getting friends and family to donate to their efforts.

Therefore we are going to cover testicular cancer, a disease in which cells become malignant (cancerous) in one or both testicles. The testicles (also called testes or gonads) are a pair of male sex glands. They produce and store sperm and are the main source of testosterone (male hormones) in men. These hormones control the development of the reproductive organs and other male physical characteristics. The testicles are located under the penis in a sac-like pouch called the scrotum.

Based on the characteristics of the cells in the tumor, testicular cancers are classified as seminomas or nonseminomas. Other types of cancer that arise in the testicles are rare and are not described here. Seminomas may be one of three types: classic, anaplastic, or spermatocytic. Types of non-seminomas include choriocarcinoma, embryonal carcinoma, teratoma, and yolk sac tumors. Testicular tumors may contain both seminoma and nonseminoma cells.

Testicular cancer accounts for only 1 percent of all cancers in men in the United States. About 8,000 men are diagnosed with testicular cancer, and about 390 men die of this disease each year. Testicular cancer occurs most often in men between the ages of 20 and 39, and is the most common form of cancer in men between the ages of 15 and 34. It is most common in white men, especially those of Scandinavian descent. The testicular cancer rate has more than

doubled among white men in the past 40 years, but has only recently begun to increase among black men. The reason for the racial differences in incidence is not known.

The exact causes of testicular cancer are not known. However, studies have shown that several factors increase a man's chance of developing this disease.

**Undescended testicle (cryptorchidism):** Normally, the testicles descend from inside the abdomen into the scrotum before birth. The risk of testicular cancer is increased in males with a testicle that does not move down into the scrotum. This risk does not change even after surgery to move the testicle into the scrotum. The increased risk applies to both testicles.

**Congenital abnormalities:** Men born with abnormalities of the testicles, penis, or kidneys, as well as those with inguinal hernia (hernia in the groin area, where the thigh meets the abdomen), may be at increased risk.

**History of testicular cancer:** Men who have had testicular cancer are at increased risk of developing cancer in the other testicle.

**Family history of testicular cancer:** The risk for testicular cancer is greater in men whose brother or father has had the disease.

Most testicular cancers are found by men themselves. Also, doctors generally examine the testicles during routine physical exams. Between regular checkups, if a man notices anything unusual about his testicles, he should talk with his doctor. Men should see a doctor if they notice any of the following symptoms:

- a painless lump or swelling in a testicle
- pain or discomfort in a testicle or in the scrotum
- any enlargement of a testicle or change in the way it feels
- a feeling of heaviness in the scrotum
- a dull ache in the lower abdomen, back, or groin
- a sudden collection of fluid in the scrotum

These symptoms can be caused by cancer or by other conditions. It is important to see a doctor to determine the cause of any of these symptoms.

To help find the cause of symptoms, the doctor evaluates a man's general health. The doctor also performs a physical exam

and may order laboratory and diagnostic tests. These tests include:

Blood tests that measure the levels of tumor markers. Tumor markers are substances often found in higher-than-normal amounts when cancer is present. Tumor markers such as alpha-fetoprotein (AFP), Beta-human chorionic gonadotropin (HCG), and lactate dehydrogenase (LDH) may suggest the presence of a testicular tumor, even if it is too small to be detected by physical exams or imaging tests.

**Ultrasound,** a test in which high-frequency sound waves are bounced off internal organs and tissues. Their echoes produce a picture called a sonogram. Ultrasound of the scrotum can show the presence and size of a mass in the testicle. It is also helpful in ruling out other conditions, such as swelling due to infection or a collection of fluid unrelated to cancer.

**Biopsy** (microscopic examination of testicular tissue by a pathologist) to determine whether cancer is present. In nearly all cases of suspected cancer, the entire affected testicle is removed through an incision in the groin. This procedure is called radical inguinal orchiectomy. In rare cases (for example, when a man has only one testicle), the surgeon performs an inguinal biopsy, removing a sample of tissue from the testicle through an incision in the groin and proceeding with orchiectomy only if the pathologist finds cancer cells. (The surgeon does not cut through the scrotum to remove tissue. If the problem is cancer, this procedure could cause the disease to spread.)

If testicular cancer is found, more tests are needed to find out if the cancer has spread from the testicle to other parts of the body. Determining the stage (extent) of the disease helps the doctor to plan appropriate treatment.

Although the incidence of testicular cancer has risen in recent years, more than 95 percent of cases can be cured. Treatment is more likely to be successful when testicular cancer is found early. In addition, treatment can often be less aggressive and may cause fewer side effects.

Most men with testicular cancer can be cured with surgery, radiation therapy, and/or chemotherapy. The side effects depend on the type of treatment and may be different for each person.

Tune in next week for more information on treatments for testicular cancer.

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# AROUND MADISON COUNTY



## Thrills, Chills And Cute Kids In Costume

Greene Publishing Inc., Photos by Lynette Norris, October 31, 2013

As the sun went down on Range Street, business owners and organizations such as Cindy Poire of Madison Antiques Market, Wendy Webb of Madison Florist, Jamie Serrano of Rancho Grande Restaurant, Emerald Greene of *Greene Publishing*, the Boot Hill Riders Motorcycle Club, 4-H, Tobacco Free Madison and many, many others were getting their candy ready for the onslaught of little ghouls and goblins on downtown Range Street. Here's a glimpse of what they saw.



# SCHOOL

## FLDOE Conducts Instructional Review Central School Leadership Team Outlines Turnaround Targets



Photo Submitted

A team of FLDOE specialists conducted an Instructional Review of Madison County Central School on October 4. Pictured left to right: Ann Selland, Beth Gladden, Keisha Jarrett, Cynthia Stepter, Michael McAuley and Martha Gioielli.



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Gwen James presents to the FLDOE Differentiated Accountability Team, District Staff, and Central School Administration, as part of the six-member MCCA Leadership Team.

**Story Submitted**  
When the Florida Department of Education, Bureau of School Improvement, launched its Differentiated Accountability actions in response to the declining school grade at Madison County Central School, all involved realized it wasn't going to be an easy fix. It would require students, faculty, administrators, parents, and the community working together to achieve sustainable success; it would require strategic planning and a high degree of commitment from all

stakeholders. Leading the charge in this turnaround effort are six instructors that comprise the school's leadership team, each hand picked by the administration for their dedication and expertise to address the issues that must be improved for a successful turnaround. The Instructional Review conducted by six FLDOE specialists, who toured the Central School on Friday, Oct. 4, was a key milestone in that process. Instructors Katrina Aikens, Megan Dickey, Kim Graham, Gwen James, Cindy Vega and Jeff

Veilleux, who comprise the leadership team, outlined the barriers to success and school improvement goals to the visiting specialists, referencing topics such as attendance, behavior, classroom management, curriculum, data collection and professional standards. As noted in the presentation, "In response to the data collected and our barriers to success from last year, we have developed four school improvement goals." The four goals are as follows:  
1.) Standard based instructional classrooms  
2.) Safe and order-

ly school environment  
3.) Parent and community engagement  
4.) Integration of instructional technology  
Prior to breaking into small groups to observe classroom instruction throughout the school, the visiting educators responded to the leadership team's presentations with brief questions and comments. For instance, addressing their concerns regarding the high number of referrals and suspensions, it was stated, "Because academics and discipline go hand in

hand, CHAMPS, a positive behavior approach, has been implemented school wide in order to hold children accountable for their actions." Director Michael McAuley of the Florida Department of Education team praised the presentation, recognizing the passionate commitment to achieve the objectives that were outlined. Director McAuley expounded on the positive energy that he felt when he walked through MCCA.

As the sole feeder school to the high school and home to almost half of the district's students, all agree that the turnaround of Madison County Central School is essential for sustainable district success. Superintendent Doug Brown was pleased with the results of the instructional review and thanked Director Michael McAuley and his staff for supporting Dr. Willie Miles and his faculty. Dr. Miles concluded the meeting by applauding his leadership team for a job well done. It was further agreed that all stakeholders should work harder and not become complacent, but stay focused on achieving the four school goals.



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# AROUND MADISON COUNTY

## Warriors Burn Blazers 26-21, Improve To 6-2

By William Smith  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

It seems as though the Warriors have been secretly contracted by the gastrointestinal industry to ensure that the Big Bend is rife with indigestion, because as of late they are simply not satisfied with anything but exciting finishes to their victories. Case in point: Aucilla yet again raced neck-and-neck with non-conference opponent Baconton Charter throughout a four-quarter slugfest, relying on late-game fireworks to shock the Blazers 26-21 in what is quickly becoming a trend for this Warrior squad.

Said Coach Colby Roberts, "Say what you will about playing to the level of the opponent, or not being dominant enough to blow away the competition, but there's something to be said for the team that responds to adversity. In years past, Aucilla wouldn't have come out on top in these types of games. So many things have to go right to get this kind of win, from the

boys believing in themselves when they're up against the breaks, to the lucky bounce in a time of need. We seemed to once again have that special something tonight."

Whether it be luck, skill, Cajun Voodoo or some combination of the three, the Warriors had the "it" factor that provided the boost necessary to leave Georgia with positive vibes entering into the final two games of the season. That evening, the "it" factor had a name, and it belonged to junior quarterback Austin Bishop. In the past two weeks, Bishop has taken his quarterback position by the edges and made it his own, drastically improving his play and making fewer costly mistakes to the tune of 679 yards passing and seven touchdowns with only one interception. Against Baconton alone Bishop totaled 24/36 for 376 yards and four touchdowns to go along with 28 yards rushing.

The proof has been in the decision making process for Bishop, as his trial by fire this

year is finally teaching him the benefits of throwing the ball away or scrambling for crucial yards instead of forcing passes into tight windows that often result in deflating turnovers. Just as importantly, his accuracy and timing with Warrior receivers is vastly improved. Saturday night, Bishop looked every bit like the cagey, confident veteran that believed he would make the play when the game was on the line.

In fact, Bishop was responsible for the two biggest plays of the game on either side of the ball. The first was a brilliant display of determination and awareness as Bishop hawked down a Blazer runner from behind who had broken free for what looked to be a 74 yard touchdown in the second quarter, and just before the ball carrier broke the plane of the goal line, Bishop punched the ball forward into the end zone where it was recovered for a Warrior touchdown.

The second was the go-ahead score that would seal the victory

for Aucilla. The exhilarating guts of the story reside, as they often do, in the fourth quarter. Following a trudging Blazer drive which ended in a touchdown and two-point conversion that gave Baconton a disheartening 21-20 lead, the Warrior offense stalled on the Blazer goal line and turned the ball over on downs, which seemed to seal the fate of a hard-fought game in favor of the competition. Baconton needed only to secure a few first downs to ice the victory, but after a breakaway touchdown run was called back due to holding, the Warrior defense forced a punt with just over three minutes left in the game.

It was then that Lady Luck paid the Warrior faithful a visit. The Baconton punter bobbled a low snap and was tackled on his own 36 yard line, putting Aucilla in prime position to perform yet another game-winning drive. However, it only took one play to strike back: Aucilla executed a beautiful flea-flicker where running back

Brandon Holm took a handoff up the middle, stopped at the line, and tossed back to Bishop, who found receiver Casey Demott absolutely wide open for the 24 yard touchdown.

However, with so much time still remaining on the clock, one more play was needed to guarantee the party, and that play came in the form of junior defensive lineman Bryce Sanderson. As a Blazer runner struggled in a last gasp effort for extra yardage in a pile of Warrior players, Sanderson reached in and snatched the ball away, forcing the third turnover of the night and closing the comeback.

The feeling was all too reminiscent of what happened in Quincy, and every bit as welcome as players celebrated the catharsis of yet another stirring comeback win.

Chief among reasons why Aucilla was able to move the ball so effectively in this game was that offensive weapon Timothy Burrus returned to action after missing last week's game with a

shoulder injury. All that Burrus did was catch seven passes for 208 yards, including a 29 yard touchdown strike in the third quarter.

Running back Brandon Holm was also a major part of the offensive output, rushing 10 times for 48 yards, and also contributing 93 yards receiving with two touchdowns.

Rounding out the offensive stats, receiver Casey Demott caught seven passes for 57 yards and the go-ahead score, while Seth Wiles hauled in two passes for 17 yards.

"I want to make sure that everyone knows that the offensive and defensive line really stepped up after what happened last week," Roberts emphatically stated. "It'll never show up on a stat sheet, but guys like Austin Harrell, T.J. Swords, Tyler Pentz, Cole Schwab, Zach Lunn, Christopher Fitch, Bryce Sanderson, Cameron Burns, and Mike McCamman; they were physical, they wouldn't quit, and it made all the difference in the trenches

## Warriors Perform Very Well In Regional

By Fran Hunt  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The Aucilla Christian Academy boys and girls varsity cross country teams competed in the Regional Championship on November 2, which resulted in the boys finishing fifth, and the girls sixth. Both teams will now compete in

the State Championship on Nov. 9 in Tallahassee. Running for the boys, Braden Mattingly passed four runners to finish fourth, with a time of 17:19.

Gatlin Nennstiel finished ninth with a time of 19:30.

Carson Nennstiel finished 27<sup>th</sup>, with a time of 19:04, setting a personal record.

Nick Arceneaux passed three runners to finish 73<sup>rd</sup>, with a time of 21:01.

Zack Arceneaux was passed by two runners to finish 79<sup>th</sup>, with a time of 21:13, setting a personal record.

Taylor Nugent was passed by six runners to finish 87<sup>th</sup>, with a time of 21:47.

Brandon Slaughter passed one runner to finish 89<sup>th</sup>, with a time of 22:08.

Running for the girls, Hanna Searcy passed three runners to finish 35<sup>th</sup>, with a

time of 23:17, setting a personal record.

Sarah Tarpe passed two runners to finish 37<sup>th</sup>, with a time of 23:27.

Camryn Grant passed three runners to finish 39<sup>th</sup>, with a time of 23:40.

Whitney Stevens finished 47<sup>th</sup>, with a time of 24:24.

Jessica Giddens was passed by three runners to finish 49<sup>th</sup>, with a time of 24:31.

Grace Beshears was passed by six runners to finish 51<sup>st</sup>, with a time of 24:47.

A graphic for 'LAST WEEKS PIGSKIN PICKS WINNER' featuring a football field background. The name 'MARIE M. CARTER' is written in large, bold letters across the center.

A graphic titled 'PLAYERS OF THE WEEK' for Aucilla Christian Academy. It features four player portraits: Jamarion Weatherspoon (Defense), Vincent Dimenna (Offense), Austin Harrell (Defense), and Brandon Holm (Offense). The Aucilla Christian Academy logo is also present.

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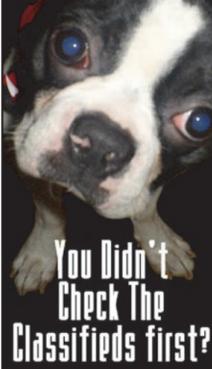


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10/30, 11/6

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CASE NO. 2013-CA-000202

MARVIN R. ARRINGTON,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
JUNE E. McDONALD AND UNKNOWN TENANT(S),  
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DATED 30 day of Oct, 2013.

TIM SANDERS  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
By: *Ramona DeLuis*  
Deputy Clerk

11/6, 11/13

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING: The District Board of Trustees of North Florida Community College will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the NFCC Board Room, NFCC, 325 NW Turner Davis Dr., Madison, FL. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by writing: NFCC, Office of the President, 325 NW Turner Davis Dr., Madison, FL 32340. For disability-related accommodations, contact the NFCC Office of College Advancement, 850-973-1653. NFCC is an equal access/equal opportunity employer.

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MADISON COUNTY  
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BUSINESS MEETING

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DATE AND TIME: December 2, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: County Commissioners Meeting Room Madison County Court house Annex located at 112 E. Pinckney Street, Madison, Florida

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To conduct a regular business meeting of the Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

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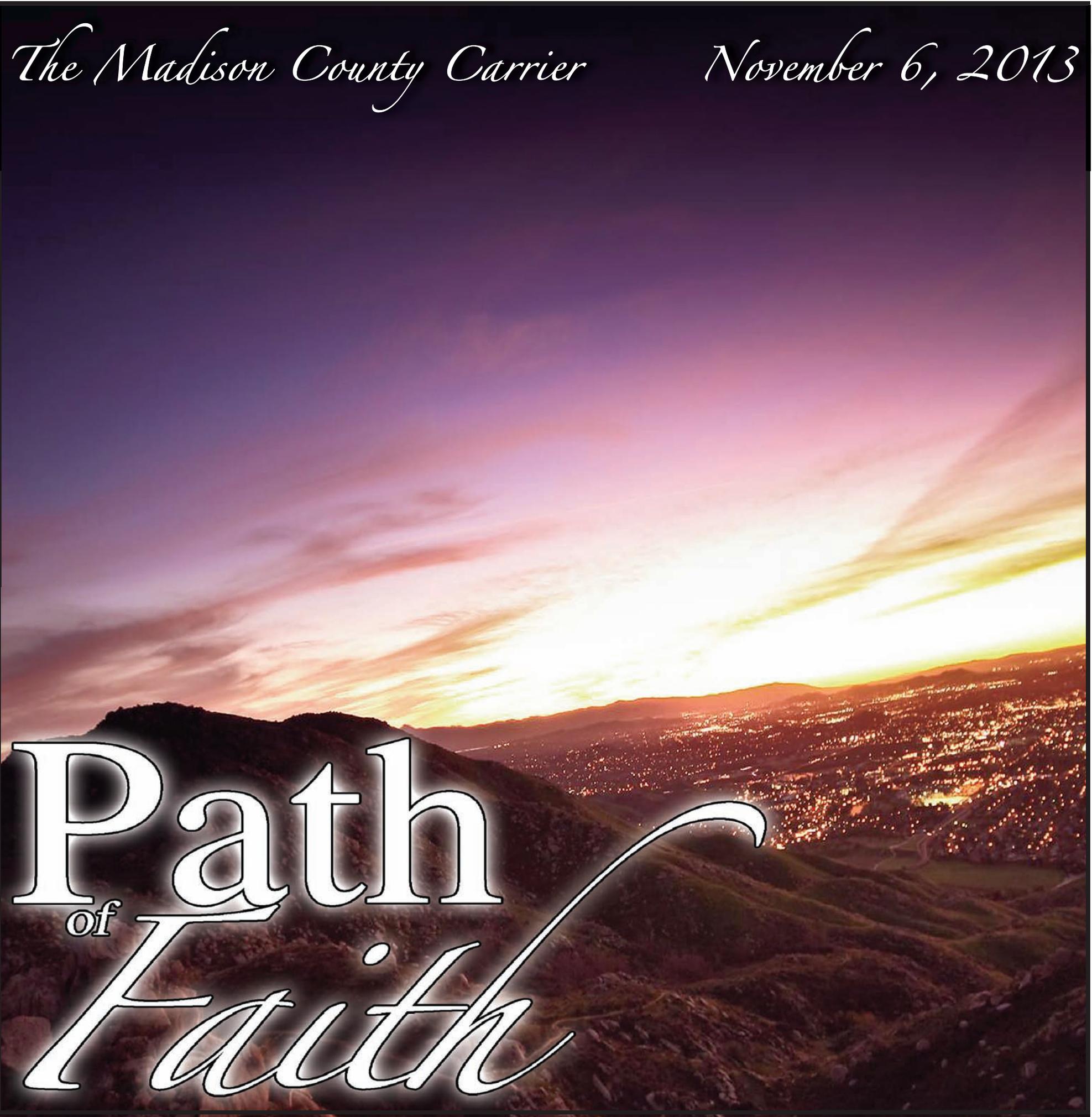
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him.”

What made the dissonance even more striking for Clarence was that many of the more zealous racists were prominent Christians. They were the very people with whom he attended church. But rather than blaming God and running away from religion because of the hard-heartedness of others, he boldly embraced faith.

After earning a degree in agriculture from the University of Georgia, he completed his doctoral studies at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Then he returned to those same Georgia fields, those same

racist communities, and those same friends and neighbors. And once there, he created a countercultural, redemptive community just outside the town of Americus, named Koinonia Farms.

Koinonia is the Greek word for “community.” And Jordan set out to create just that: A farming community where men and women, blacks and whites, rich and poor would live together under the parenthood of God, using love as a substitute for violence, and sharing their possessions with the poor.

This was no utopia, however.

Clarence was hated for his beliefs of equality. His fields were sabotaged with salt. His fruit stands were fire bombed. His pecan trees were cut down. The local communities instituted an embargo against his crops. Gun shots were often fired into his home late at night from the street. But through it all, Clarence persevered.

One day a man showed up at Clarence’s house angry that he and the people on his farm wouldn’t fight back. Clarence answered, “You’ve got that wrong. We’ll fight.” And then he looked across the field where a mule was sticking

his head out of the barn. Clarence said, “Suppose you walked by the barn and that old mule reached out and bit you in the seat of your britches? Would you bite him back?”

The man was appalled. “Of course I wouldn’t bite him back,” the man said. “I’d get a ‘two by four,’ and hit him in the head!” Clarence, with his Southern-fried wisdom answered, “See, you would fight, but you wouldn’t use that old mule’s tactics, ‘cause you ain’t no mule. You wouldn’t bite or kick him because he would win.

...*Story continued on 4B...*

Clarence Jordan was a Southern gentleman born deep in the farming fields of Talbot County, Ga. Now, if you have never heard of Talbot County, don’t sweat it. Not many people have; not in recent years, anyway. But if you haven’t heard of Clarence Jordan, that is your tremendous loss.

Growing up in the

Deep South, Jordan was witness to bitter racism and acts of injustice against African-Americans that were as numerous as the Georgia cotton bolls. But Clarence, by God’s grace, refused to become a participant. He could not understand how anyone could hate a man simply “because of the color of skin God Almighty gave to

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You would choose weapons that a mule can't compete with."

Then Clarence delivered the clincher: "Yes sir, we will fight, but we will choose the weapons. We will fight with humility, grace, justice, and forgiveness. But we're not going to fight with the enemy's weapons, because if we do, the enemy will whip us."

Clarence Jordan died in 1969, still reviled by many of his neighbors, so much so that the local coroner wouldn't even drive to the farm to pronounce the man deceased. But the man was anything but dead. His deeds and words live on. Jordan's model of life has been followed by courageous Christian witnesses all around the world, and while he is not as well-known, it is not uncommon to hear his name spoken with the likes of Gandhi, King, and Teresa of Calcutta.

His most prominent work, "The Cotton Patch Gospel" is a masterpiece of New Testament interpretation, and Koinonia eventually birthed the organization now known as Habitat for Humanity which has partnered with those in need to shelter more than three million people.

In the end, it appears that Clarence Jordan contended well. His life is a testimony to grace under fire and an example for all fighters to follow. Like him, let us choose our weapons carefully.

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](http://www.ronniemcbrayer.me).

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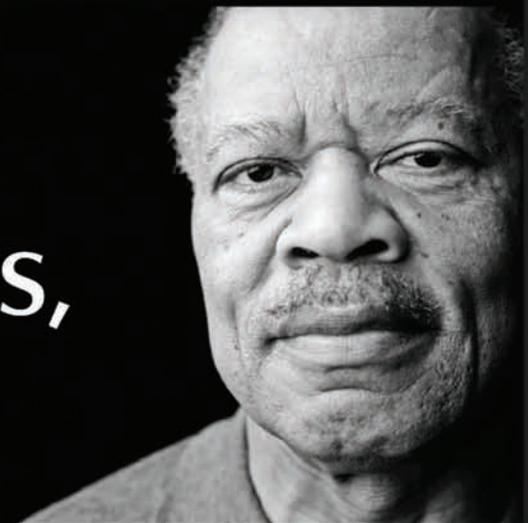
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# Special Concert Being Held In Lee To Benefit McCormicks

By Jacob Bemby  
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A special benefit concert will be held at the Lee City Hall Pavilion on Sunday, Nov. 10, at 5 p.m., to help raise money for medical expenses for Allen and Brenda McCormick.

Allen recently had a toe amputation and colon cancer and the

medical bills mounted during this time.

Several gospel groups, who are friends and family members of Allen and Brenda McCormick, will be on hand to perform.

If you would like to help, please contact Brenda McCormick at (850) 869-9976 or mail at P.O. Box 211, Lee, FL 32059.

# Florida UMC Children's Home President Visits Madison



Photo submitted by Vicki Howerton

Florida United Methodist Children's Home President Becky Dotson was a visitor in Madison on Sunday, Oct. 27, and enjoyed lunch with friends at Divine Events. Shown, back row left to right: Billy and Dianne Sullivan, Traci and Bob Laidlaw, Cheri Platt, Vicki Howerton and Mike and Ruth Moore. On front row, left to right: John Maultsby, Becky Dotson, Myra Valentine and Bunny Maultsby. The Children's Home is scheduled to open in 2014.

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# Pine Grove Baptist Celebrates Homecoming

By Jacob Bemby  
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Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church held its annual homecoming on Sunday, Oct. 27, as the church celebrated 157 years of service to the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Dr. Mike Miller, Director of Missions for the Middle Florida Baptist Association, was the guest speaker for the homecoming.

Jenny Dyke, wife of Pine Grove M.B. Baptist Pastor, Timmy Dyke, provided special music.

Everyone enjoyed Sunday School followed by Miller's dynamic morning message.

Following morning worship, a covered dish dinner was held on the church grounds.



Photo submitted by John Bullard

The sign outside the church beckons people inside to attend the Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church homecoming.



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The Fellowship Sunday School class is shown at the Pine Grove Baptist homecoming. Front row left to right: Catherine Gibson Smith and Roy Smith. Back row left to right: Loring Randal Gaston, Lorena Seals Kelley, Rose Seals Gaston, Nola Smith Sindt, Ginger Adams-Bullard and John Bullard.

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## The Pulpit

By Rev. Robert L. Holmes,  
Pastor, Archtillery  
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### Be A Living Sacrifice For The Lord

*"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."* Romans 12:1. We need to be willing to sacrifice our agenda for God's agenda.

Just think about

the following "What ifs." What if Noah had told God, "I don't want to build boats!" What if Joseph had not forgiven his brothers and failed to protect them from the life-threatening famine? Or, most importantly, what if Jesus had refused to die on the Cross? Can you begin to imagine

what this world would be like today? Or better yet, would we still have a world?

Let us close the "What ifs" by stating that God knew what he was doing when he picked the aforementioned brethren for each particular job. The point is that all of them presented themselves as a Living Sacrifice for God. This should be a goal for all of us in life, because if we live otherwise, we are asking for trouble.

The question then becomes, "how do we live a sacrificial life?"

First, let love be without dissimulation. *Hate that which is evil; and cleave to that which is good. Bless*

*them which persecute you: bless and curse not. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.* Romans 12:9, 14 and 21.

I know how it feels when you try to live for the Lord and it looks like all you get is negative and evil responses. Sometimes, you feel like all your work is in vain and you wonder why you should surrender to God. Read James 4:7, which says, *"Submit yourselves therefore to God." We need to say, Lord take our lives and make them wholly thine; Fill our poor hearts with thy great love divine. Then realize that surrender becomes victory, when we yield to God."*

When we surrender to God's will, we become true disciples for Christ. Some may say, "Brother Pastor, how do we become true disciples for Christ?" Luke 14:26 says, *"If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple."* The key to understanding this scripture is grasping the idea of a technique used in the Ancient World called hyperbole, which is defined as a "deliberate exaggeration or figure of speech for the purpose of emphasis." Therefore, hyperbole should not be taken lit-

erally and many times a person may misinterpret what the true meaning is all about. Jesus is not saying literally hating mother, father, etc, but, stressing to his disciples that they can't have divided loyalties, instead. God must be number one.

Finally, true discipleship or total surrender to God's will means that you will choose Christ, even in extreme circumstances. If someone is forced to choose between obeying Jesus or obeying his father, or sister, or brother, then that person must choose Jesus. This is what being a Living Sacrifice for the Lord is all about!



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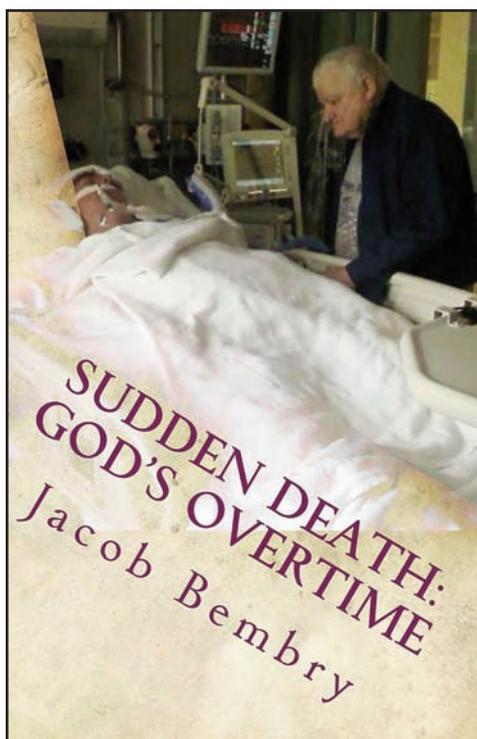
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## Bembry Releases New Book



Jacob Bembry's new book, *Sudden Death: God's Overtime*, has been released.

The book recounts how Bembry went into sudden cardiac death at work on Dec. 8, 2011, before co-workers and Madison County EMS revived him.

Physicians cautioned Bembry's family that if he recovered, he would most likely be brain damaged. While the prognosis by doctors looked bleak, God was not through working miracles.

In the book, *Sudden Death: God's Overtime*, Bembry tells the story of God's amazing healing power; tells about his early life and encourages the reader to "keep walking, keep breathing and keep expecting miracles."

*Sudden Death: God's Overtime* is available, signed by Bembry for \$12 plus \$3.99 shipping and handling from Bembry at Jacob Bembry P.O. Box 9334, Lee, FL 32059 or by contacting him by email

at [jacobeembry@gmail.com](mailto:jacobeembry@gmail.com). His website can be viewed at [jacobbembry.com](http://jacobbembry.com) and there the book may be ordered by credit card through PayPal.

The book can be ordered through *Amazon.com* for just \$11.40 plus shipping and handling or on Kindle from Amazon for just \$3.99. If one orders a print copy of the book from Amazon, they can receive the Kindle version for only 99 cents.

Bembry's book, *Higher Call*, is also available signed for \$10 plus \$3.99 shipping and handling from Bembry or for \$9 plus shipping and handling from Amazon. It is also available on Kindle from Amazon for a mere \$2.99.

Bembry, along with gospel recording artists LifeSong, will hold a book-signing event on Saturday, Nov. 9, at 6 p.m., at Pinetta United Methodist Church, for a special edition of *Sudden Death: God's Overtime*.

## Benefit Concert And Supper To Help McCormicks With Medical Expenses



By Jacob Bembry  
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A benefit concert and supper on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 9, at 5 p.m., will be held at the Brooks County Jamboree to help Allen and Brenda McCormick with medical expenses

Among those appearing will be the Famous Waysider Band, along with special guests, the

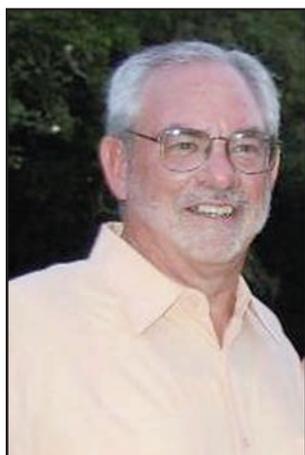
Willow Creek Band, from Mayo. Wes Cochran will appear, as will Allen and Brenda McCormick and others.

Grilled meat will be provided for the supper. Side dishes are needed.

Everyone is invited to help this worthy cause.

The Brooks County Jamboree is located on Culpepper Street in Quitman, Ga.

# The Great Commission: Teaching Them



Dan Fisher

The following is part of a series on the Great Commission. This series is written by Dan Fisher, who has been involved in ministry since he was 15 years old. A former pastor, Fisher holds Master's degrees in Biblical Studies and Pastoral Studies from

Faith Baptist Theological Seminary in Ankeny, Iowa, as well as a bachelor's degree from Appalachian Bible College in Bradley, W. Va. Each week, we will run another portion of the series until it is complete. Fisher resides in Madison County.

In the Great Commission, Jesus issued two commands: **Preach the Gospel** and **Make Disciples**. During these devotions, I am seeking God's examination of my life to determine my "follow-through" in observing these two commands...

**Matthew 28:19-20,**  
As you are going therefore **make disci-**

**ples of all the nations, baptizing them** in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20 teaching them** to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

**Making Disciples ... Teaching Them**

**1.The Authority for Making Disciples,**

**Matthew 28:18-20,**  
Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 As you are going therefore **make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them** in the name of the Son and of the Holy

**Spirit, 20 teaching them** to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

**2.The Definition of Making Disciples.**

**Making Disciples is the process of training those who believe in Jesus Christ for salvation to live a lifetime of growing in Christ, serving Him, and loving Him more each passing day.**

**3.The Demand when Making Disciples,**

**Luke 9:23, Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up**

**his cross daily, and follow Me."**

**4.The Pattern for Making Disciples,**

**2 Timothy 2:2,**  
And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

**5.The Principle for Making Disciples,**

**Galatians 6:7-9,**  
Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. 8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. 9 And let us not grow weary while

doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

**6.The Proof of Making Disciples,**

**John 8:31, Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you continue in My Word, you are My disciples indeed."**

LORD Jesus help me today to intentionally impact those in my care to follow Your pattern for Making Disciples. Help me to live a disciplined life so that I can teach others to live a disciplined life. Help me to sow eternal seeds in the Spirit, and help me to persevere in the faith, finishing my course. I love You, LORD Jesus!

# Grace Presbyterian Fall Bible Conference

On Nov. 9-13, Grace Presbyterian Church will again hold their Fall Bible Conference with Dr. Gordon Reed leading the services. Dr. Reed began the Conference in 1991 and has faithfully come each year since to bring the inspiring and enlightening messages from God's Word. Sunday services will be held at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Weekday evening services will be at 7

p.m. in the Sanctuary, Monday through Wednesday. Following the Sunday morning service, there will be a covered dish lunch. On Wednesday evening, join us for a covered dish supper in the Fellowship Hall before the service at 6 p.m.

To "kick off" the conference, the women of the church will gather on Saturday, Nov. 9

at 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. After a time of fellowship, the congregation will be privileged to listen to and learn from Miriam Reed as she once again brings a devotional message.

Dr. Gordon K. Reed was raised in western North Carolina and attended Columbia Seminary in Atlanta. After marrying Miriam Clark and graduating, he

began what would become decades of pastoral ministry in many churches, large and small. In between, he has served in several positions within the Presbyterian Church in America and as a seminary professor for Reformed Theological Seminary. He has also written several books. But Gordon's heart has remained in bringing God's word to

God's people.

Gordon is now involved in Reasonable Hope Ministry at [www.reasonable-hope.com](http://www.reasonable-hope.com), which provides audio and text files of his sermons in sincere hope that they will give a clearer understanding of God and His will in peoples life. They are neither ivory-tower dissertations nor flights of dramatic oratory. They are simple,

direct explanations of the truth of God's word. Jesus said that the truth would set you free. Come and listen to God's truth.

The public is warmly invited to attend any and all services of the Fall Bible Conference. Please come and be blessed by the messages and the fellowship. The church is located at 1200 N. Washington (Hwy 53 N).



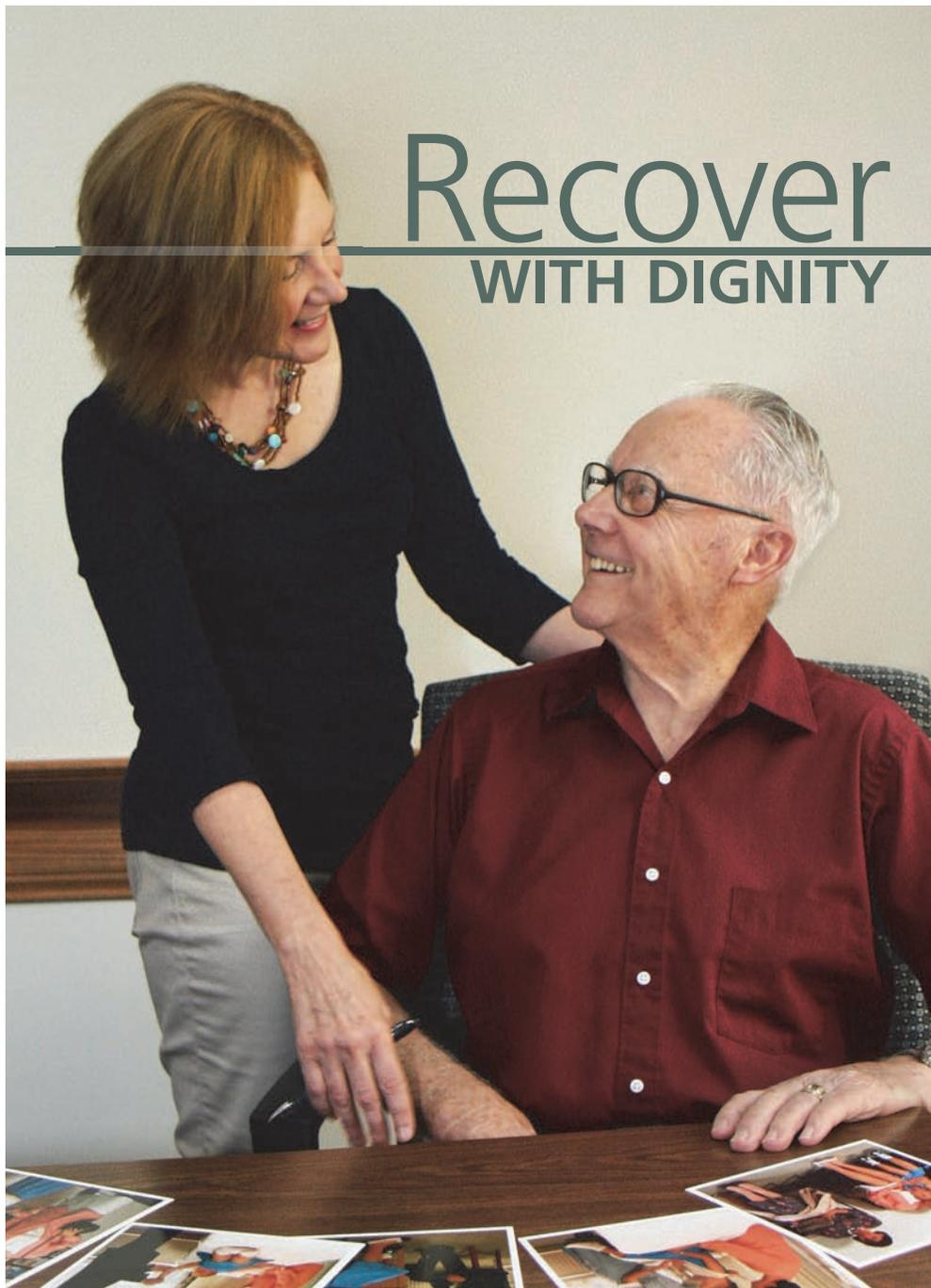
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