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Florida Farm Bureau Women Attend State Annual Women's Conference

Central School Will Soon Have A Golf Cart

By Lynette Norris
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The campus of Madison County Central School is a large and sprawling place, surrounding an inner courtyard so huge it has housed school carnivals and festivals in the past, complete with several bounce houses, all without the least bit of feeling crowded or scrunched together.

All that space and room to move about does come with a downside, however, and that is if Point A and Point B are at opposite ends of the campus, getting from one to the other

will be a bit of a hike, and if one must get there quickly, it's a very long run.

That was why members of the nursing staff at MCCS went before the school board a few months ago requesting permission for the school to purchase a golf cart that could quickly navigate the large space. The nurses station is located near the front office of the school, and the nursing staff was concerned that if a child was injured or became too ill to walk in a distant classroom or play

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Firefighters Receive Letters Of Commendation



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Rose Klein, March 18, 2014

Police Captain Willie McGhee, presents Letters of Commendation to Firefighter Matt LaMendola (left) and Lieutenant Juan Jimenez (right) for their actions in assisting Madison police officer Cpl. Jeffery Rosenberg with the arrest of a shoplifter described as a "career criminal."

Congressional Happenings In Washington D.C.

During Week Of March 17

Following are noteworthy Congressional happenings during the week of March 17-21, as reported by the NWYC Congressional Review & Preview Report.

Jobless Aid: A bipartisan group of senators reached agreement on a five-month extension of expanded jobless aid that appears to be headed toward passage later this month. The measure would resume the unemployment benefits that expired at the end of 2013 and provide retroactive payments to those whose benefits were cut off.

The five-month extension carries an estimated cost of about \$9.7 billion that would be offset by spending cuts or revenue raising measures. The new agreement provides several offsets that enjoy bipartisan support, including an extension of customs user fees through Fiscal Year 2024 and two pension-related offsets.

SGR Repeal and Medicare Provider Payment Act - "Doc Fix": This House-passed bill would replace the Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) formula that determines the annual updates to payment rates for physicians' services in Medicare. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that enacting the bill will increase direct spending by about \$138 billion over a 10-year period.

Childcare Protection Law: This Senate-passed measure calls for criminal background checks for all who work around children.

Water Rights Protection Act: Passed by the House, this bill is designed to protect private property rights from what the GOP sponsors say are recent federal overreach actions. Supporters of the bill argue it would stop the government from taking water supplies from recreation businesses and demanding that citizens and business-

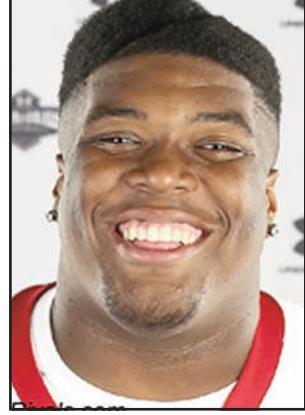
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MCHS Alumni Ousted From Noles



Ira Lee Denson
By Fran Hunt
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Madison County High School alumni, class of 2013, Ira Lee Denson,

Jr., 18, was permanently ousted from the Florida State University (FSU) Seminoles football team, following his arrest in Tallahassee last week.

The Tallahassee Police Department (TPD) arrested Denson on March 18 and charged him with illegal use of a credit card and petit theft.

Following Denson's arrest, FSU Head Football Coach Jimbo Fisher stated that the offensive lineman would not be allowed back on the team. He further added that Den-

son had not been on the team since last December.

Recapping the case, On December 20, 2013, Delmarrick "Mario" Pender contacted the TPD to report the theft and fraudulent use of his Bank America Visa card. He indicated that the card had been stolen from the locker room at FSU. He stated that the card had been used three times on December 19 summing up to \$501.36, and had been used without his permission.

One of the three purchases was made at Champs, so TPD investigators obtained the store's surveillance video. The video showed several black males entering the store together. Two of the individuals were later identified as Shaquille Walden and Denson. The video showed Walden pick up a red shoebox, walk to the sales counter, and pay a total of \$134.36, using Pender's credit card. Denson was seen standing next to Walden during the purchase.

Denson came to

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MCSO Gets Marijuana Off The Street



Kayla Williams
By Jessie R. Box
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Madison County Sheriff's Office Drug Task Force and deputies of the Patrol Division arrested a man for possession of marijuana with the intent to manufacture, sell and deliver

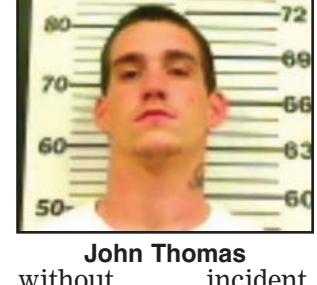
and a woman for operating a motor vehicle with a cancelled, suspended or revoked driver's license and having an illegal license plate after stopping a vehicle for a traffic violation, Thursday March 20 at 8:05 p.m. on Range Street.

According to the MCSO report, a male subject immediately exited the driver seat and was identified as John Skye Taylor Thomas, 22, of Valdosta, Ga. Deputies noted that the vehicle was being driven by a female just prior to the stop and determined that Thomas had changed

places with the driver, later identified as Kayla Danielle Williams, 20, of Lake Park, Ga.

While discussing the traffic offenses with Thomas and Williams, investigators and deputies detected the odor of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. Investigators conducted a probable cause search of the vehicle and located a large zip lock bag containing loose marijuana and 22 individual bags also containing marijuana concealed inside the vehicle.

Thomas and Williams were arrested



John Thomas without incident. Thomas was charged with possession of a controlled substance with the intent to manufacture, sell and deliver. Williams was charged with having an illegal license plate and operating a motor vehicle with a cancelled, suspended or revoked driver's license.

Robin Riley Explains Health Care Changes For School Board

By Lynette Norris
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County Agent of Record and Health Care Liaison Robin Riley, of Brown & Brown Public Risk Insurance Agency, addressed the school board at their March 18 meeting to explain some of the changes arising from health care reform, and how those changes would affect the district and its employees.

In discussing what employers needed to know, Riley summed up the two main requirements of any benefits plan the district might offer as: 1) it must be deemed "valuable," meaning that it must cover at least 60 percent of eligible costs and 2) it must be "affordable," meaning that the premiums cannot exceed nine-point-five percent of the employee's wages.

Penalties for em-

ployees at all would amount to \$2000 per employee, excluding the first thirty employees.

If the district did offer a health care plan, but said plan did not meet one or both of the aforementioned requirements, the penalties increased to \$3000 per employee, excluding the first thirty employees.

Attorney Tommy Reeves questioned Riley on that point, that offering an unacceptable plan would be more costly than offering no plan at all, something that didn't seem to make sense at first glance; Riley confirmed that he had understood correctly.

Since the Madison school district employs about 400 people, the penalties for no plan at all would amount to around \$750,000, and the penalties for a plan deemed unacceptable would mount up to about \$1,110,000. Fur-

thermore, the penalties would not be tax-deductible for the district.

In addition to covering the full-time employees, the district had to offer coverage to part-time employees who work 30 hours or more a week.

Financial Director Ray Griffin, pointed out the need to look especially at substitute teachers and other part-timers who might meet or exceed 30 hours a week, or, since the district pays monthly, 150 hours per month, but with computerized records acting as an electronic time-clock, it should not be difficult to keep track of hours.

It would mean that whoever was in charge of calling in substitutes for the schools made sure to check that record and see who was getting close to the limit and who still had enough allowable time

to cover a full day, half-day, or whatever was needed.

However, when it came to school bus drivers, Madison County is "something of an anomaly" in that it offers coverage to its bus drivers, most of whom barely make 20 hours per week, according to Human Resources Director Willie Williams.

While Riley's presentation left the school board a lot to think about, board member VeEttta Hagan found a bright spot, saying that limiting the hours that substitute teachers could work, might mean that the district would use all the substitutes, instead of just the same few over and over again.

"We certify these people and say they're qualified, then we don't use them," she said. "Maybe this will spread out the calls a little better."

Correction: Wrong Bus Stop

The story in the March 21, 2014 edition of the *Madison Enterprise-Recorder* inadvertently left out a word. The part of the sentence reading "not the first time the school had lost track of a child" should have said "not the first time the school system had lost track of a child." Pinetta Elementary was not singled out, and the transportation department assumes responsibility for students once they board the school buses. We regret the error.

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Fashion Show Date Correction

Those who have tickets know already, but those who may be planning to go to the Woman's Club Fashion Show next month need to know that the date is Thursday, April 10, rather than Saturday

April 12 as originally reported. The show does start at noon, and does include a delicious chicken salad luncheon. Those who still need to get tickets (they're \$25) can still contact Dale Sowell at (850) 973-6576, or see any member of the Woman's Club.

Just remember, it's Thursday, April 10, and you still need to purchase your ticket by April 1.

Local Weather

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| Wed 3/26 | 61/45 | |
| Thu 3/27 | 71/56 | |
| Fri 3/28 | 77/62 | |

More sun than clouds. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 40s.
Mostly cloudy. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 50s.
A few thunderstorms possible.

AROUND MADISON COUNTY

Burglar Steals Jewelry Box And Soda



Andy White
By Jessie R. Box
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A Madison man was arrested for stealing a jewelry box and soda from his next-door neighbor.

Deputies of the Madison County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to 190 SW Anderson Pond Way in Madison to investigate the report of a burglary, Wednesday March 19 at 10:17 p.m.

According to the MCSO report, when deputies arrived, they spoke with the homeowner who reported that when she returned home she noticed her bedroom window blinds had been tam-

pered with and a jewelry box was missing from the room. When the homeowner checked the rest of her residence, she found the only other item missing were some soft drinks that were in the refrigerator.

The homeowner informed the deputies that she suspected her neighbor, Andy White, 40, based on a previous incident. Deputies made contact with White at his residence located next-door.

When questioned about the soda, White retrieved the stolen soft drinks from his refrigerator. When questioned about the jewelry box, White retrieved it from his bedroom.

Deputies placed White under arrest without incident and transported him to the Madison County Jail.

All property was returned to the homeowner. White was charged with burglary to structure or conveyance unarmed and petty theft.

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be interviewed for a related shooting incident. During the interview, Denson admitted being present when the transaction was made, but said he merely told Walden he wanted to buy the shoes but would do so at a later date. Denson admitted that he knew that the card used by Walden belonged to Pender, but said he did not know where Walden had gotten the card. He also admitted receiving the shoes from Walden. A few days later, Pender confronted Denson about the fraudulent transactions and Denson acknowledged his receipt of the shoes purchased with Pender's card, and agreed to reimburse Pender the cost.

TPD contacted Walden and asked him to come in for an interview. He came in on January 10, 2014.

During the interview Walden advised that Denson gave him Pender's card. He explained that Denson showed him the shoes in the red shoebox, and Denson indicated that he would like to have

them. Walden said he volunteered to purchase the shoes for Denson using Pender's card. Walden said he knew when he purchased the shoes that they were going to be a gift from Denson to Denson's father, so he gave the shoes to Denson immediately after they left the store.

TPD investigators noted that Walden is not affiliated with FSU athletics and did not have access to the locker room. Denson, however, did have access. Denson was injured during the time and therefore was only allowed to practice for a short time period each day. Denson would leave practice and return to the locker room before the other players. The lockers are not secured, so Denson would have been able to access Pender's personal belongings.

As a senior at Madison County High School (MCHS), Florida State continued to mine the talent-rich MCHS Cowboys' football program, landing Denson who was a two-way star on the line, but he was tabbed to play on the offensive line for the Seminoles.

A late-bloomer on

the recruiting scene, he was universally considered one of the top 10 offensive guard prospects in the nation. He helped lead the Cowboys to a 12-2 record as a senior, and a trip to the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSA) 3A state championship game.

He has earned four-star rankings from ESPN, Rivals, PrepStar and Scout. Denson participated in the Under Armour All-American Bowl, and committed to the Noles last May and stayed true to his word, despite the pursuit and offers from Miami, Ole Miss, South Florida, Nebraska, South Carolina, Kentucky and Tennessee, among others.

When he was recruited by FSU, he was referred to as the school's biggest find.

But, the Seminole football dream for Denson is now over, and that door has been closed, permanently.



World News
By Rose Klein

Senior Arrested At Golden Corral For Food Fight

In Wilkesboro, N.C., a 64-year-old woman was charged with two counts of assault and battery after allegedly starting a food fight at the local Golden Corral. According to police, Polly Richards started a fight with 69-year-old Linwood Moore after he cut in line ahead of her while she was getting her drink. Witnesses observed Richards curse Moore, grab his shirt, shove him against a wall and slap him. Also during the scuffle, Richards allegedly threw a plate that cracked 62-year-old Fay Cardwell in the leg, causing swelling on her shin and knee. While being placed under arrest, Richards told police, "Just take me to the [expletive] jail then."

Father Of Arrested Daughter Clubs Cars On Jail Lot

In De Funiak Springs, a father who was frustrated with how long it was taking to release his daughter from jail allegedly began striking parked cars with a golf club, including one marked patrol car, outside the county jail. Phillip Tidwell, 47, of Tenn., was caught on video using the golf club to damage the parked cars and was arrested on a charge of criminal damage to property. Tidwell's 20-year-old daughter had been arrested earlier in the day on a charge of possessing an alcoholic beverage. Tidwell allegedly caused more than \$1,600 in damage to the cars he clubbed.

Golfer Wipes Blood From Ball After Hitting Woman In Head To Continue Game

In Austin, Texas, a woman says a golf ball hit her in the head while celebrating her birthday at a backyard party. Maureen Percenti said she was knocked out by the impact and when golfer, Craig Rooker showed up looking for his ball, Percenti's son-in-law told Rooker his ball had hit Percenti in the head and directed him to the ball. The son-in-law said Rooker wiped off the blood-covered ball and continued playing his game. Percenti says she now suffers from neck pain, headaches and memory loss as a result and has filed a lawsuit against Rooker and the Grey Rock Golf Course.

Central School

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area, it would be difficult to get the child to the nurse's station. The little ones could be carried, if necessary, but the Central School goes all the way up to the eighth grade, and some of the older students are nearly as tall and heavy as the faculty and staff members.

Then, too, things sometimes happen that require the immediate presence and quick intervention of the principal or other school administrator.

At a previous school board meeting,

the district's financial director, Ray Griffin, had submitted selections from three companies, ranging from \$2500 to about \$3100. At the March 18 meeting, he went over the selections again, explaining the options as far as warranty and maintenance agreements that came with each one. The money for the purchase was in the school's discretionary budget.

Superintendent Doug Brown reminded everyone that even though the golf cart

would give the principal and other staff/faculty quick access to any point of the campus when they needed, the original request had come from the nursing staff, and it was the nurses who would be the first users.

The board approved the purchase 4-1, with VeEtta Hagan casting the dissenting vote, explaining that she opposed the purchase of only one golf cart; a school that large "should have at least two," she said.

Happenings

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es turn over their privately owned water in order to qualify for a federal permit or lease.

Student Loans: These White House proposed regulations would apply to for-profit colleges and come after a federal court overturned a previous like effort. The move is expected to incite a critical response from congressional Republicans who say the "gainful employment" regulations, which would withhold federal funding from for-profit colleges that are not adequately preparing students for well-paying jobs, would limit educational opportunities for students who are seeking knowledge in a desired field but are not preparing for a career.

Measure Asks President to Enforce Law: The House passed two measures calling for the Obama administration to enforce the laws of the land. The Faithful Execution of the Law Act and EN-

FORCE the Law Act of 2014 would allow legislators to take agency officials to court if the latter doesn't enforce laws. The two measures' supporters say the President has repeatedly declined to fully enforce laws, pointing to immigration, welfare, environmental and education as areas where the administration has allegedly enforced the law selectively.

Flood Insurance: This Senate-passed bipartisan bill aims to protect Americans from potentially unaffordable increases in the cost of federal flood insurance. The measure would limit annual increases to no more than 18 percent. It next goes to the President for a signature.

Military Sexual Assault Prosecutions: Senators finished work on reforming the military's practices for reporting and prosecuting sexual as-

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Special Recognition For A Special Man

If you're not having the best of days or feeling a tad blue, just stop in Cherry Farms and Joe Branch Jr. will turn your mood around instantly, with his flashy smile and friendliness.

Cherry Farms is located on 255 S. in the "Little but Proud" town of Lee, FL. My husband and I have depended on them for 11 years, as our dogs love their food!

Mr. Joe Branch Jr. entered this world in 1938. He was born unto his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe

Branch Sr. (Retha), in an old wooden, which still stands in Pinetta, FL.



At the young age of 17, Joe was offered a position from Mr. Larry James Cherry. He accepted and is still employed af-

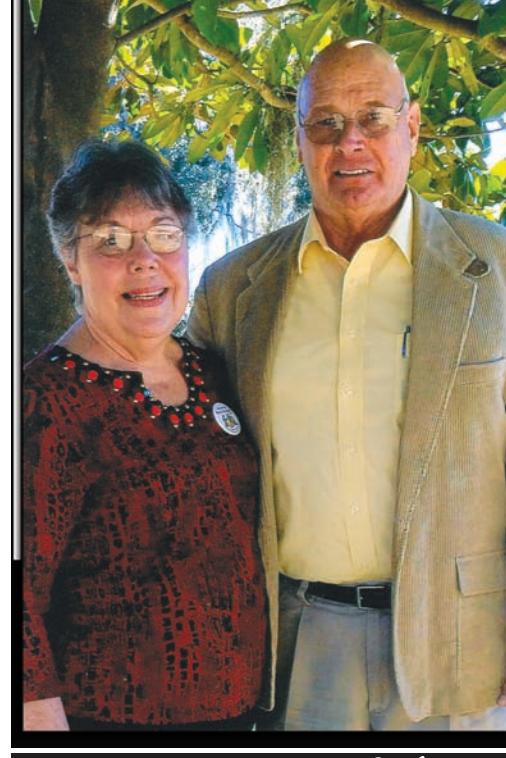
ter all these years.

When asked what he enjoys about his job most, his reply was, "Well, I can't answer that, I enjoy it all."

He and Greg Whiting field work side by side and it is always a pleasure to do business with them.

We give this printed applause to a man we like to call, "The Friendliest Man in Lee!" Keep up the good work JB. You make this world a better place.

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Obituaries

James B. Gayler

Reverend Dr. James Burton Gayler went home to be with the Lord on March 19 after a long and courageous fight with cancer. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m.



Saturday, March 22, with a visitation one-hour prior at Oxford United Methodist Church, Oxford. A full obituary may be viewed at www.hiersbaxley.com.

Wilma Johnson Copeland

Wilma Johnson Copeland, 84, passed away on Friday, March 21, in Ocala.

Funeral Service was held Sunday, March 23 at 2 p.m. at Beggs Funeral Home in Perry. Burial followed at Lake Bird Cemetery. The family received friends on Saturday, March 22 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Beggs Funeral Home.

She was born December 7, 1929 in Madi-

son County, the daughter of the late George Washington Johnson and Jerusha Hendry Johnson. She spent her early years in Madison and lived for 32 years in Branford. She was a secretary for WC Copeland and attended the Methodist Church in Branford.

She is survived by two sons, Tony Macarages and wife Stephanie of Ocala and Leon Macarages and

wife Connie of Branford; one brother, Herold Johnson; one sister, Bessie Greene of Perry; eight grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren. She also leaves behind a great number of nieces and an enormous amount of friends and loved ones who will miss her beyond measure.

She is predeceased by her parents, her husband, WC Copeland; brothers, Shirly Johnson, Johnny Bill Johnson and Jimmy Johnson; sisters, Darnella Tuten, Alvilda Johnson, Iris Shiver and Marvine Wambolt.

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Community Calendar

March 26-28

Bishop Mike Carson, pastor of Dowling Park Church of God, will continue revival services Wednesday evening, March 26 through Friday, March 28 at 7 p.m. at Midway Church of God, located at 2485 SE Midway Church Road in Lee. Everyone is cordially invited.

March 29

A reunion for families and friends of Washington Walters, Reuben Morgan and Alexander Wilson will meet on Saturday, March 29, at Forest Capital Park at 11 a.m. Lunch will be at 12:15 p.m. with an auction at 1:15 p.m. Please bring a covered dish and beverage for lunch, lawn chairs, photos and something for the auction. Please pray for God's blessing upon us.

March 30

Pastor Jimmy Fletcher invites everyone to attend the Sirmans Baptist Church Homecoming on Sunday, March 30, at the church, located at 168 SW Sirmans Church Way (just off Highway 221, south of the Greenville exit on Interstate 10). The Lighthouse Children's Choir will be performing and Rev. Joshua Wynn, pastor of Philadelphia Baptist Church in Suwannee County, will be the guest speaker. Dinner on the church grounds will follow the morning worship service.

April 4

The Greenville Library will be hosting a book signing, Friday, April 4, from 5-7 p.m. Local author, Marvin "Merv" Mattair, will be autographing copies of his book, *My Royal Swag: Viewing Life in HD*, and can be purchased for \$13. A "Royal Social" complete with music and finger foods will accompany the signing. For more information, contact Library Manager, Kenya Dennis at (850) 948-2529.

April 4

Madison County High School Cheerleading tryouts are coming up. There are two meetings that must be attended. The first meeting is a mandatory pre-tryout meeting, Friday, April 4, at 4 p.m. in the gym. The second meeting is tryouts for JV and Varsity, Monday through Thursday, April 14-17, from 4:30 p.m. in the gym. Contact Ruth Ann Latner for questions at (850) 464-0236 or ruth.latner@madisonmail.us.

April 10

The Woman's Club is having its annual fundraiser Thursday, April 10, with a luncheon and fashion show at the Woman's Club building on Lake Frances, beginning at noon. Tickets are \$25 each and must be reserved by Tuesday, April 1. For tickets or reservations, see any Woman's Club member or contact Ms. Dale Sowell, (850) 973-6576.



NEWS RELEASE

Florida's Tax And Revenue Collections 33rd Highest In The Nation

Florida's state government tax burden is one of the lowest in the nation, but when local government is included, the ranking goes much higher, according to a report from Florida TaxWatch. The report,

How Florida Compares, shows the state's per capita state and local revenue collections rank 33rd in the nation. TaxWatch produces the report in order to help Floridians understand how state revenues stack up against the rest of the nation.

"One specific tax ranking cannot tell the whole story," said Dominic M. Calabro, President and CEO of Florida TaxWatch, the independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit taxpayer research institute and government watchdog. "It is our hope that this more comprehensive report will help taxpayers and policymakers better understand how states fund their governments and demonstrate that low taxes in one area often means higher taxes in another area."

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Floridians' per capita state tax burden fell to 47th in 2012 and its per capita revenue ranking fell to 48th. These are the lowest rankings since Florida TaxWatch has been tracking them. However, Florida's per capita local revenue and tax rankings are 7th and 22nd, respectively, in 2011 (latest available data).

When combined, Florida's per capita state and local revenue and tax rankings are 33rd and 37th, respectively.

The report finds that Florida's recent lower tax rankings are largely due

to the profound negative impact the great recession had on government revenue. From 2006 to 2012, Florida's state tax collections saw the largest decrease in the nation, of 17.6 percent.

Prior to the recession, Florida's total tax and revenue rankings had been climbing steadily, due in large part to skyrocketing property taxes. In 2006, Florida's combined state and local tax and revenue rankings had both climbed to the 22nd largest in the nation. Since 2006, Florida has dropped 15 places in the state and local tax collection rankings.

"Because Florida relies more on local governments to fund public services than all but one state and uses non-tax revenues more than most states, it is imperative to look at the whole picture of revenue collection when comparing the cost of government," said Kurt Wenner, Vice President of Tax Research. "When you consider combined state and local revenue, Florida becomes more of a moderate tax state than a low tax state."

While the state does have relatively low state tax burdens, more than half of Florida's revenue collections come from local governments. The report shows that Florida's local governments raise 55.6 percent of all Florida government revenue, which is the second highest percentage in the nation. It also shows that 38.9 percent of revenue comes from non-traditional tax sources, then 10th highest percentage in the nation.

Non-tax revenue includes special assessments, charges for services, impact fees and net lottery funds. The tendency of elected officials to want to use the term fee, instead of tax, makes consideration of these revenues even more important.

The report also presents data showing that 54.0 percent of state and local taxes in Florida come from businesses, the 8th highest ratio in the nation. Factors contributing to this include the lack of a personal income tax, a high sales tax with exemptions for most necessities and the Save Our Homes provision which tends to shift property tax burden away from homeowners.

Another unique feature of Florida's tax structure is the heavy reliance on transaction taxes. Sales and excise taxes account for 82.6 percent of all Florida's state tax collections, compared to the national average of 47.1 percent. Florida taxes utilities, alcoholic beverages and motor fuels much higher than most states.

"Florida TaxWatch pioneered the inclusion of the taxpayers' rights and responsibilities in our state laws through the adoption of the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights. It is our hope that the report will help taxpayers and policymakers understand how those responsibilities serve their government, how they compare to those in other states, and how important our tax and revenue structure is to making Florida a great place to live and work," added Calabro.

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Pet Photo Contest Winners *Greene Publishing, Inc.*

Thank you to all pet owners who submitted pictures for this contest. There were more adorable pets than categories available and the judging was difficult.



Winner



Remington
Owner
Christina
Brooks

Honorable Mention



Parker

Winner



Buddy Holben
Owner
Jim Holben

Honorable Mention



Lady
Stormageddon

Best In Show

Light It Up Blue! Madison

By Rose Klein
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April is Autism Awareness month and was created to help "shine a light on Autism." Always Support Kids (ASK) 4-H club is asking everyone in Madison to "go blue" starting Wednesday, April 2, in order to raise awareness and promote acceptance about Autism.

Autism is a developmental disability thought to appear in

the first three years of life and affects the brain's normal development of social and communication skills. Individuals affected usually have difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication and repetitive behaviors. Autism affects 1 in 88 children. Many of these children and adults are living in your community.

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Hometown: Madison

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Family: Two children. Lisa has a 13-year-old daughter and an 11-year-old son. She is married to Madison Fire Department's Fire Chief Bruce Jordan.

Favorite Book: *Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger

Favorite Music: U2

Hero: "My grandmother because she just took everything in stride."

Favorite TV Show: *Big Bang Theory*. "I love Sheldon."

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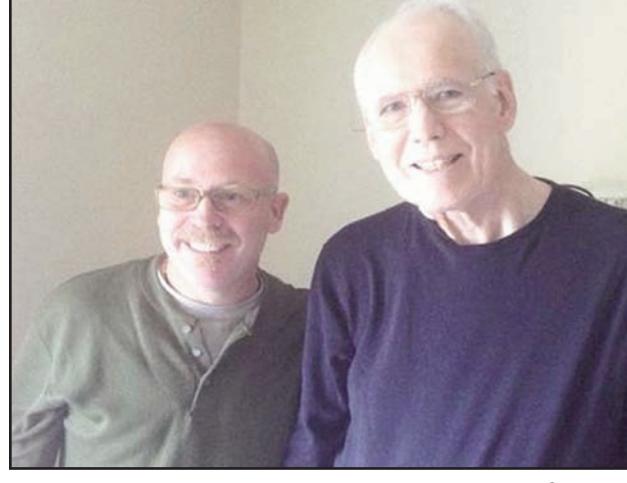


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John McNicol (left) saved Philip Cunningham (right) by donating one of his kidneys.

Nineteen people die every day in the United States waiting for a kidney transplant, most waiting seven to nine years. The team at *MatchingDonors.com* is working hard to make sure that doesn't happen by finding altruistic living organ donors for people needing kidney transplants. The average patient gets their transplant through *MatchingDonors.com* within six months of signing up on the website.

Philip Cunningham a 70-year-old husband, father and grandfather from Scarsdale, New York needed a lifesaving kidney transplant. Philip thought all hope was lost for him; if he didn't receive a lifesaving kidney transplant soon he would die. Besides having his own medical ailments, Philip was also taking care of his ailing wife who suffers with lung disease, and also trying to enjoying the little time he thought he had left with his four-year-old granddaughter. He thought that there were no other options left to save his life. He knew he would never last the seven to nine year wait for a deceased kidney donor from the government's waiting list. He thought he was destined to waste away and die; staying on dialysis for five hours a day three days week.

Then one day his neighbor told him about a great website named *MatchingDonors.com* where he could quickly find a living altruistic organ donor; and get his lifesaving transplant. Philip registered himself on the website, and within only 14 days Philip found a matched

donor John McNicol, a perfect stranger he met on *MatchingDonors.com* who was willing to give Philip a lifesaving kidney, and within only 94 days Philip received his lifesaving kidney transplant.

Philip wrote in his *MatchingDonors.com* profile:

"I'm not usually one to ask people for things,

but I'm the full-time caregiver for my wife, who has COPD (a lung disease) and is on oxygen around the clock.

She recently broke her foot, which has immobilized her further. The 15 hours I spend on dialysis each week means

that she is alone during that time. So a potential donor would really be saving the lives of two people in my case. It

would mean so much to the both of us for me to find a new kidney.

I exercise at the gym three days a week,

do all the cooking, shopping and chores, and

also work part-time.

Throughout these recent challenges, I've

tried to focus on the positives. I have a four-year-old granddaughter who

lives locally, and we

spend a lot of time together. It's my greatest

hope that I can give my

wife the proper care she

deserves after a happy

marriage, watch my

granddaughter grow up,

and eliminate the misery of dialysis, which I

do not tolerate well. I

have tutored many people

in math, which I am

very good at, and would

love to get back to helping others."

John McNicol, a 50-year-old father, grandfather, and former teacher from Fort Lauderdale, wrote to Philip on *MatchingDonors.com*:

"I am healthy and believe in the inherent value of all people. If I

can live a healthy life

and extend the life of another why wouldn't I?"

Now, because of a complete stranger he

met on *MatchingDonors.com*, Philip will witness his granddaughter grow up. He also will be able to continue spending time with his wife and his kids.

There have been over 300 transplant surgeries facilitated between a patient and altruistic donor that found each other through *MatchingDonors.com*.

John answered Philip's plea instantly and was excited to help. He wanted to do this because he knew it was the right thing to do. In his words he did it because it would not affect him, but somebody else. John had found out about *MatchingDonors.com* through a documentary on television and knew he had to be a part of this very special thing.

He was willing to risk his life to save another; a total stranger, for him it was that simple.

MatchingDonors.com was launched in January of 2004 as an Internet service based in Canton, Massachusetts.

Patients on transplant lists put their profiles on the website, and potential donors browse the site for a life they want to help save. Donors are not compensated, since it is against the law to have any financial benefit from organ donation.

Since the inception of *MatchingDonors.com*, directed living organ donations has increased to historic numbers.

MatchingDonors.com is now the largest living donor organization in the world.

"We believe that if more people were better educated on the ability to be a live organ donor, and we add in the personal communication between potential organ donors and patients needing an organ, the number of donors will increase and so will the probability of a patient receiving their much needed organ. We already have over 12,651 potential donors on our site waiting to find patients needing organs," said Dr. Jeremiah Lowney, *MatchingDonors.com* Medical Director.

"*MatchingDonors.com* is the most comprehensive searching system available.

Other organizations concentrate mainly on the passive anonymous portion of finding organ donors - leaving little or no communication between patients and potential donors."

Over the past seven years *MatchingDonors.com* has made historic strides in saving the lives of people needing organ transplants, and increasing living organ donation in

the United States. For the work we do at *MatchingDonors.com* we have won many awards and commendations from Congress and The President of The United States, but we do not currently receive any funds from the government. *MatchingDonors.com* accomplishments include:

1. *MatchingDonors.com* is a 501c3 nonprofit.

2. *MatchingDonors.com* now has the largest living donor registry in the United States, with over 12,954 potential donors registered on the website.

3. Many patients get their transplants within only six months of being registered on *MatchingDonors.com*.

4. *MatchingDonors.com* is also now the largest living donor paired exchange database in the United States, with over 3,123 potential paired exchange donors registered on the website.

5. *MatchingDonors.com* now has over 600 organ patients with active profiles.

6. *MatchingDonors.com* has an extremely high success rate - most patient members that have been on the site for at least 30 days have been offered an organ by a potential donor.

7. Many of our patient members have upcoming surgery dates with their donors found on *MatchingDonors.com*.

8. *MatchingDonors.com* can get over 1.5 million visits in a month.

9. New patients and potential donors sign up daily.

10. *MatchingDonors.com* is recommended and used by many doctors across the United States, including some of the most prestigious transplant surgeons and centers.

Recently, the *MatchingDonors.com* team was honored as one of the only two nonprofits of choice by the Hollywood Awards® at the 15th Annual Hollywood Awards Galain Beverly Hills.

MatchingDonors.com and was chosen out of 1.5 million other nonprofits in the United States for this prestigious honor.

As of March 3, 2014, there are 121,411 patients waiting for an organ transplant in the

United States on the government's deceased organ donor list. Yet, from January - November 2013, according to the United Network for Organ

Sharing, *www.UNOS.org* a non-profit organization contracted with the US Department of Health, there were only 26,517 organ transplants performed in the United



Photo Submitted

Pictured above is Philip smiling with his beautiful granddaughter.

States.

Currently patients waiting for an organ donation are placed on the UNOS national waiting list through the United Network for Organ Sharing.

A computer system matches patients to donor organs according to objective criteria such as blood and tissue type, immune status, medical urgency and time spent on the waiting list. This ranking system determines which patients are offered available organs. This process is increased. To help educate people about the option of live organ donation, *MatchingDonors.com* Web site provides extensive information regarding the safety and types of donations available.

Members of *MatchingDonors.com* and the *MatchingDonors.com* Medical Director, Dr. Jeremiah Lowney, are available for interviews for print, radio and television. An NBC TODAY SHOW piece, an ABC News Nightline Story, and New England Journal of Medicine Articles, and hundreds of more news articles and videos about *MatchingDonors.com* can be found at www.MATCHINGDONORS.COM. HBO is currently running a documentary featuring *MatchingDonors.com* and its success named "Tales from the Organ Trade."

MatchingDonors.com main objective is to search the world to find potential live donors for people in need of organ transplants, also knowing the success rate of living donors as opposed to deceased donors is higher. Patient members of *MatchingDonors.com* provide a personal biography as well as pictures of their choice to display on the website, which will create an interest in them and their life story. When patients in need of an organ transplant place themselves into *MatchingDonors.com* database, their information will be promoted on the website. *MatchingDonors.com* advertises and promotes its Web site in many different ways through extensive public relations networking to increase potential donors viewing the site.

The personal connection between donor and recipient is the key.

MatchingDonors.com provides the opportunity to locate a potential live donor.

According to the National Kidney Foundation, "Nearly one out of four (23.4 percent) of 1000 people queried told pollsters that they would be "likely" to consider donating a kidney or a portion of their liver or lung to help save the life of someone they did not know."

Many people feel more comfortable considering offering a live donation to

someone they may have a connection with or a common bond.

When patients provide their biography, and open up personally, the potential for live donors to respond is increased. To help educate people about the option of live organ donation, *MatchingDonors.com* Web site provides extensive information regarding the safety and types of donations available.

Members of *MatchingDonors.com* and the *MatchingDonors.com* Medical Director, Dr. Jeremiah Lowney, are available for interviews for print, radio and television. An NBC TODAY SHOW piece, an ABC News Nightline Story, and New England Journal of Medicine Articles, and hundreds of more news articles and videos about *MatchingDonors.com* can be found at www.MATCHINGDONORS.COM. HBO is currently running a documentary featuring *MatchingDonors.com* and its success named "Tales from the Organ Trade."

MatchingDonors.com is not an organ donor waiting list, and is not associated with any organ donor organization. It is a nonprofit venue where patients and potential donors can communicate and hopefully expedite a live donor agreeing to give a much-needed organ. *MatchingDonors.com* gives patients and potential donors the important communication tools to correspond with each other, but once the contact between the parties has been made, the road to transplant surgery is their own.

Based in Canton, Massachusetts, *MatchingDonors.com* is a non-profit corporation with people based throughout the United States. Anyone interested in donating to support *MatchingDonors.com* services can do so by calling *MatchingDonors.com* at (781) 821-2204.

More information about the company is available at its corporate web site, <http://www.MATCHINGDONORS.COM>.

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HEALTH

TOBACCO CESSATION PROGRAM COMBINES HEALTH WITH FAITH IN MADISON COUNTY



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Madison residents involved in the outreach program in Madison County, sitting left to right in the front row; are Annie Pearl Reddick, Glenda McCall and Deborah Glee. Members standing in the middle row, left to right, are Johnny Woods, Pamela Walken, Latresa Humphrey and Phyllis Brinson. Members in the back row, left to right, are Sharita Scott, Adrian Kinsey and Larcedious Jones.

Submitted By Cindy Brown

Florida Dept. of Health in Madison County

The Faith Based Tobacco Program in Madison County is a collaborative faith-based pilot project where county health departments work with local faith-based organizations to eliminate the exposure of second-hand smoke. The program tactics are through policy development, increased aware-

ness of the Bureau of Tobacco Free Florida cessation services (three ways to quit: Call, Click or Come in), organizing Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) clubs within the participating churches, adopting policies to create tobacco-free premises or Breathe Easy Zones and working within the community to increase awareness on point-of-sale issues in rural and low-income population

communities in the county. This strategy targets underserved populations and incorporates the development of a health care ministry for sustainability purposes. The health ministers, coaches and congregation members will be invited to join the County Tobacco Free Partnership and become active members.

The Bureau of Chronic Disease collaborates with the Bureau

of Tobacco Free Florida in Madison County to reduce risk factors associated with chronic disease. This comprehensive approach targets tobacco prevention, healthy cooking classes/and or nutrition education sessions and physical activity.

Healthy Eating and Living education has been on going since Sept. 1, 2013 through the end of the grant period, March 31, 2014. Nutritional informa-

tion on how to incorporate healthier meal choices has been given to the church members. Healthy cooking classes have been offered to expose members to another choice instead of the traditional "Sunday Dinner" that includes fried chicken. Many seasoning alternatives have been substituted for the long-used bacon and fried, grease-laden meats and vegetables historically included in the "southern meal."

The churches in

Madison County that

are included in the

Faith Based Outreach

are: Artillery Mis-

sionary Baptist;

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Baptist; St. James Mis-

sionary Baptist; Cross-

roads Missionary

Baptist; Mt. Nebo AME

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sionary Baptist; New

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nity Missionary Baptist

and Mt. Zion AME

Cherry Lake. These

congregations have



Photo Submitted

Adrian Kinsey, Health Educator for the faith-based tobacco cessation program in Madison County, is committed to helping individuals in leading a healthier life style.

members understand they can make decisions to help themselves prevent illness and manage their chronic disease in a more satisfying way.

Adrian Kinsey, Health Educator for the Faith Based Outreach Program in Madison County, is committed to the success of the program. He has been with the tobacco program for four years and is constantly searching for improved methods of service to the African-American churches.

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AROUND MADISON COUNTY

“Inspire-d” To Dance: Christian Dance Team Holds Fundraiser



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Members of the Inspire Dance Team hold posters advertising their barbecue fundraiser. Left to right are Lamarya Roberson, Charmesia McQuay, Jalexis Porter, Malia Roberson and Ke’Niya Barfield. Look for these same young ladies, along with the rest of their team, marching in the Down Home Days parade, Saturday, Apr. 19, beginning at 10 a.m.



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Ready for customers under the tent are (left to right) Damesia McQuay, Shirley Barfield and Inspire Dance Team Director Tammy Roberson. In the background is Roberson's father and the master BBQ chef, Johnny Mack Mitchell.

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Those who drove by the courthouse last Friday around midday may have noticed the big grill under the tent on the courthouse lawn, or the line of young ladies in their purple tee shirts along the Base Street side, adver-

tising barbecue ribs or chicken dinners for sale.

The Inspire Dance Team was holding a fundraiser for their group. Dance director Tammy Roberson, who started the group five years ago for young ladies ages four through 18, said that Inspire is primarily under the leadership of

the Pineland Missionary Baptist Church family, Rev. Charlie Barfield, pastor, but that it is essentially a community/church dance group, performing at churches and events in and out of Madison County; the fundraiser is to help defray their expenses. Currently, Inspire has about 25 members.

In addition to Inspire, Roberson also teaches two other dance groups, one for ages 19–30 and another for ages 30 and up.

For those who missed the fundraiser but would like to help, Inspire will accept any donation in any amount folks would like to give. The team has an account at Bank of America, 232 South Horry Street, and checks can be made out to “Inspire Dance Team.”

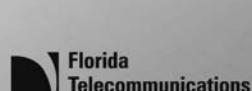
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Save Your Family History

Submitted by: Justina A. Cone, MCGS Member

Madison County Genealogy Society (MCGS) is kicking off spring 2014 with the goal of expanding its membership. This group houses a wonderful library full of research material, computers and genealogy software for family history research. The genealogy library is located in the back of Treasures Museum in Madison.

There are thousands of pages and books full of family history for Florida, Georgia and beyond! As well, the digitized material available will make for quick access and speed your process

along. We are making an earnest effort to involve everyone in the great endeavor of saving their family history for generations to come!

Just tear out this news edition's adjoining membership application and mail it in! With your \$25 membership your household will be mailed the quarterly MCGS newsletter (really a booklet) brimming with local record extractions and history – it alone is well worth the membership fee. With paid membership, the key to unlocking additional online content will be available to you.

Monthly meetings for the MCGS are held

at the Madison Public Library where speakers provide updates on new tools, websites and their own search methods. The meetings are held the second Thursday at 6 p.m. We can also assign a mentor to you if you are new to genealogy – our Charter members are very seasoned in genealogy!

If you've ever thought you'd be interested in learning more about your family, then MCGS is the group you need to contact! Please be our GUEST at an upcoming meeting. We have so much to share! For more information visit our website at: www.madisongenealogy.com or call us at (850) 973-3661.

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SCHOOL

Rep. Halsey Beshears Meets S.W.A.T. Team At Central School



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The Madison County Central School S.W.A.T. Team (Students Working Against Tobacco) met with Rep. Beshears in the Media Center. Left to right are Michael Gibson, Kiara Kinsey (looking over Michael's shoulder), Alea Roberson, Ginger Oro, A.D. Kinsey (standing behind the sign) Esther Oro, Diante Mobley (behind Esther) and Betsy Rykard.



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Rep. Halsey Beshears, visiting Madison County Central School for an update on their Students Working Against Tobacco (S.W.A.T.) team and partnerships with other Tobacco Free organizations in Madison County, chats with faculty member Lynn Brown.

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Rep. Halsey Beshears was in Madison on Monday, St. Patrick's Day, to meet with the S.W.A.T. (Students Working Against Tobacco) Team at Madison County Central School.

The Team, along with Preston Matthews of Big Bend AHEC (Area Health Education Center), Ted Ensminger, Tobacco Free Madison Partnership Chair, and MCCS faculty members A.D. Kinsey and Betsy Rykard, presented Beshears with an update on what MCCS, Madison County as a whole and various partnerships with all the tobacco prevention groups is working on in the area of tobacco prevention, as well as a list of what they have already accomplished.

The towns of Madison, Greenville and Lee have all passed resolutions condemning candy-flavored tobacco products and supporting the voluntary ef-

orts of retailers to restrict sales. The partnership has also worked with local retailers to educate them about recently instituted FDA guidelines for marketing and placing tobacco products.

Tobacco Free Madison and the Madison County School District have partnered to strengthen the district-wide tobacco-free campus policy and provide tobacco cessation help to district staff. Nationally sought-after anti-tobacco advocate, Dr. Victor DeNoble, addressed sixth through eighth graders about tobacco prevention and the dangers of tobacco use.

Tobacco Free Madison host-

ed the Great American Smokeout Golf Event last November, and is looking forward to the 2014 Down Home Days Festival and Rodeo – the only rodeo in Florida with a tobacco-free partnership as its title sponsor.

Investing in tobacco control programs works, both in preventing young people from getting started and in helping people quit. Tobacco Free Madison and S.W.A.T. of MCCS also wished to thank Rep. Beshears for his continued support in their fight against tobacco and tobacco-related illness.

"We are thrilled that Madison County puts the health and well-being of its citizens as a top priority," they told him.

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Pinetta Elementary, Madison Academy Students Recognized As JA Gems

By Jacob Bembry
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The Junior Auxiliary recognizes JA Gems throughout the school year at the elementary schools throughout Madison County. For the next few newspapers, we will be featuring the JA Gems who have already been chosen for the year.

In this edition, we will be featuring Pinetta Elementary School and

Madison Academy. Students from Pinetta who were chosen include Molly Buchanan, Emily Minor, Cassidy Evans and Brianna Brooks.

Students chosen from Madison Academy include Emily Parker, Savannah Curtis, Will Carpenter and Kersten Malone.

Congratulations to all those recognized.



Will Carpenter
Pinetta Elementary School



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By Fran Hunt
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The Aucilla Christian varsity Lady Warriors hit the diamond against FAMU on March 10 in a double header, and Aucilla blanked their opponent in both games, to now stand 10-1 on the season.

In the first game at 4 p.m., the Lady Warriors scalped their opponent for a 19-0 victory in the four-inning game, called due to the 10-run mercy rule.

As a team, at the plate, the Lady Warriors had 37 plate appearances, 22 at bats, 11 hits, five singles, four doubles, two triples, nine RBIs, 19 runs, 15 walks and three strikeouts.

Whitney Stevens had four plate appearances, one at bat, one hit, one single, two runs and three walks.

Emma Witmer had four plate appearances, three at bats, two hits, one double, one triple, three RBIs, one run, one walk and one strikeout.

Natalie Sorensen had two plate appearances, two at bats, two hits, two doubles, two RBIs and two runs.

Ramsey Sullivan had five plate appearances, four at bats, one hit, one single, two runs and one walk.

Kelly Horne had four plate appearances, two at bats, one hit, one single, one RBI, four runs and two walks.

Courtney Watts had two plate appearances, one at bat, one run and one walk.

Payal Chaudhari had two plate appearances, one at bat, one run, one walk and one strikeout.

Abigail Morgan had

four plate appearances, two at bats, one hit, one double, two RBIs, three runs and two walks.

Monique Restrepo had four plate appearances, one at bat, one hit, one single, one run and three walks.

Taylor Copeland had four plate appearances, three at bats, one hit, one triple, one RBI, two runs and one walk.

Gaige Winchester had two plate appearances, two at bats, one hit, one single, one run and one walk.

Watts had two plate appearances, two runs and one walk.

Morgan had three plate appearances, one at bat, one hit, one single, one double, two RBIs, one run and one walk.

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

Witmer had 10 total chances, 10 putouts and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

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

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

On the mound, Stevens pitched four innings, giving up no hits, seven strikeouts and striking out 10 batters.

In the second game of the day, the Lady Warriors thrashed FAMU for a 16-0 victory in the three-inning game called due to the 10 run rule.

As a team, at the plate, the Lady Warriors had 24 plate appearances, 17 at bats, 10 hits, eight singles, two doubles, seven RBIs, 16 runs, six walks and one strikeout.

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

On the mound, Morgan pitched three innings, giving up one hit and striking out seven batters.

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Witmer had two plate appearances, two at bats, one hit, one single and one run.

Sorensen had three plate appearances, three at bats, one hit, one RBI and one walk.

Sullivan had three plate appearances, two at bats, one hit, one single, one run and one walk.

Horne had two plate appearances, two runs and one walk.

As a team, at the plate, the Lady Warriors had 32 plate appearances, 23 at bats, 11 hits, seven singles, one double, one triple, two RBIs, 15 runs, nine walks and one strikeout.

Whitney Stevens had three plate appearances, three at bats, one hit, one single and one run.

Joiner had three plate appearances, two at bats, one hit, one single and one run.

Winchester had two plate appearances, two at bats, one hit, one single, one RBI, one run and one walk.

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

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

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

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Lady Warriors Wallop Rickards In No-Hitter

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The Aucilla Christian varsity Lady Warriors hit the diamond against Rickards on March 7 and the Lady Warriors wallop Rickards, 15-0, in the four-inning no-hitter. The Lady Warriors now stand 8-1 on the season.

Monique Restrepo had one triple, one home-run, five RBIs and three runs.

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

Carly Joiner had two plate appearances, two at bats, one hit, one single, one run and one walk.

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

Sullivan had six total chances, three assists, three putouts and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

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

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

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

Morgan had seven total chances, one assist, six putouts and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

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

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

On the mound, Stevens pitched four innings, gave up two walks, no hits and struck out five batters.

Madison County High School Tryouts



Cheerleading tryouts are coming up. place April 14-17 from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the MCHS gym.

If anyone has any questions they can contact Ruth Ann Latner at (850) 464-0236 by calling, texting and by email: ruth.latner@madisonmail.us.

MCHS Weightlifting Strive For State



Marc Robinson



Tinarus "Tank" Irvine



Andrew Strom

By Jessie Box
Greene Publishing Inc.

The Madison County High School weightlifting team is gearing up to try to make it to the State Championships this year. The Sub-sectional will be Thursday, March 27 to decide who will make it to the Sectionals April 9. According to Ben White, MCHS Weightlifting coach, there are several young men on the team who have a chance to go to state this year.

Zack Sprenkle, 16, is a junior at MCHS. This is his third year lifting. He is in the Unlimited Weight Class and is the team captain. He qualified for the state championship last year but did not make it.

Sprenkle has placed first in every meet this year including the Indian Invitational at Fort White High School, which is a meet of the top 18 weightlifting teams in the state. His highest total of the year is 725 pounds with a bench press of 410 pounds and a clean jerk of 315 pounds.

"His work ethic is second to none and is an outstanding student in the classroom as well as outside the classroom," said Ben White, MCHS Weightlifting Coach.

"It would give me a kind of sense that all this work I have been doing for three years is finally paying off," said Sprenkle about the possibility of making it to the state weightlifting championship.

Tinarus "Tank" Irvine, 14, is a freshman and this is his first year weightlifting. He is in the 119-pound Weight Class and is the only one on the team in that class. He has placed first in five out of the six meets and placed third in the Indian Invitational. His highest total of the year is 360 pounds with a bench press of 200 pounds and a clean jerk of 160 pounds.

"The reason why this kid is so special is because he is a freshman and has never lifted before and has dominated his weight classification," said White. "He has a very unique work ethic and is highly competitive."

Marc Robinson, 17, is a junior and this is his third year weightlifting. He is in the 154-pound Weight Class. He has placed first in two meets this year and in the Top three in five out of six meets. His highest total of the year is 475 pounds with a bench press of 235 pounds and a clean jerk of 240 pounds.

"I enjoy it," said Robinson when asked about weightlifting. "I like the competition and everything that involves weightlifting."

According to White, Marc has his work cut out for him to qualify for the state championship meet but is working hard in the weight room to make that happen.

Andrew Strom, 16, is a junior and is in his third year of weightlifting. He is in the 139-pound Weight Class. Strom has placed first in four out of six meets. Strom loves the challenges and pressure that weightlifting offers. His highest total of the year was 410 pounds with a bench press of 205 pounds and a clean jerk of 205 pounds.

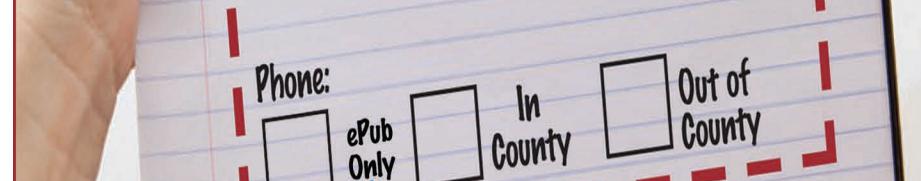
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NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,
Plaintiff,

vs.

NANCY CAPLES, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered January 14, 2014 in Civil Case No. 2012-CA-000209 of the Circuit Court of the THIRD Judicial Circuit in and for Madison County, Madison, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC is Plaintiff and NANCY CAPLES, ANTHONY HOBBS, UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION #1, UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION #2, are Defendants, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door of the Madison County Courthouse, 125 S.W. Range Avenue, Madison, FL 32340 in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes

April 14, 2014 on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, notwithstanding:

Lot No. 279, in Block 52, being the Northwest Quarter of Block 52 of the TOWN OF MADISON, Florida.

AND ALSO:

A portion of Meeting Street lying adjacent to Lot 279, Block 52 in the original Town of Madison, being more particularly described as follows: Begin at the SW corner of said Lot 279, thence Westerly along the Westerly extension of the South line of said Lot 279 a distance of 15.00 feet to the point of tangency of said line with the North line of said Lot 279; thence 100.00 feet to its intersection with the Westerly extension of the North line of said Lot 279; thence Westerly along the Westerly extension a distance of 15.00 feet to the NW corner of said Lot 279, thence Southerly along the West line of said Lot 279 a distance of 100.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING Said lands situate, lying and being in Madison County, Florida.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was: [check all used] () E-mailed () Mailed this 11 day of March, 2014, to all parties on the attached service list.

Dated this 10 day of March, 2014.

Deputy Clerk

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
As Clerk of the Court

By: Jeanne Bass

MCCALLA RAYMER, LLC, ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF
110 SE 6TH STREET
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **Henry Jacqueline Washington**, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property and name in which it is assessed is as follows:

CERTIFICATE NO: 09-501
YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2009
NAME IN, WHICH ASSESSED: NRLL EAST, LLC

PARCEL ID: 00-00-00-2243-002-000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT 4, THE NORTH HALF OF LOT 3 AND THE NORTH 75 FEET OF LOT 5 IN BLOCK 22, GREENVILLE, FLORIDA.

All of said property being in the County of Madison, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to the law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the west front door at the Madison County Courthouse on the 24th day of APRIL 2014 at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 6th day of MARCH 2014.

TIM SANDERS
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
MADISON COUNTY
MADISON, FLORIDA

BY: Ronata Kuling
DEPUTY CLERK

3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE

The Madison County Planning & Zoning Board and Board of County Commissioners will hold public hearings in the County Commission Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 229 SW Pinckney Street, Madison, Florida. The first public hearing with the Planning & Zoning Board will be on Thursday, April 10, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. or soon as the matter can be heard. The second public hearing with the Board of County Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at 4:00 p.m., or soon as the matter can be heard, on the following application for Special Exception:

APPLICATION: A request by James Johnston with Shults & Bowen, LLP on behalf of Verizon Wireless, to be granted a Special Exception Use to permit a 260 foot Communication Tower for cellular service coverage on the following property: A portion of tax parcel ID#18-2S-08-0838-004-000. Said lands situate, lying and being in Madison County, Florida.

A copy of the proposed site application is available for inspection by the public during normal business hours at the Madison County Courthouse Annex, Planning Department, Room 219, Madison, FL 32340, or you may contact Jeanne Bass, at (850) 973-3179 for additional information.

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All interested parties may appear at the Public Hearing and be heard with respect to the above referenced application. Any persons wishing to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearing will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made.

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YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2008
NAME IN, WHICH ASSESSED: Peter Amaril

PARCEL ID: 00-00-00-2243-002-001

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

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All of said property being in the County of Madison, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to the law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the west front door at the Madison County Courthouse on the 24th day of APRIL 2014 at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 6th day of MARCH 2014.

TIM SANDERS
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
MADISON COUNTY
MADISON, FLORIDA

BY: Ronata Kuling
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NOTICE OF INTENTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER AN EXCHANGE OF COUNTY PROPERTY FOR OTHER REAL PROPERTY

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the intention of the Board of County Commissioners of Madison County, Florida, to consider a proposed resolution authorizing the exchange of certain real property owned by the County for other real property owned by a private party at the meeting of the Board which will be held as follows:

DATE: April 9, 2014

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: The Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room
Room No. 107
Madison County Courthouse Annex
229 S.W. Pinckney Street
Madison, Florida 32340

Terms of the Proposed Exchange

1. The County shall receive that certain parcel of real property located in Madison County, Florida and more particularly described as follows:

A portion of Sections 8 and 17, Township 1 South, Range 10 East, Madison County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

BEGIN at an iron pipe marking the southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of said Section 8; thence North 00°46'37" West along the west line of said SE 1/4 a distance of 47.07 feet to the intersection of said west line with the northerly and westerly proposed right of way line of SE Balboa Drive (60 foot proposed right of way); thence along said right of way line the following courses: South 89°50'49" East a distance of 1081.52 feet to the point of curvature of a circular curve to the left having a radius of 155.00 feet and a central angle of 01°11'57"; thence along said curve an arc distance of 246.72 feet (Chord: North 44°33'13" East, 221.48 feet) to the point of tangency of said curve; thence North 01°02'46" West a distance of 1830.01 feet; thence North 00°36'20" West a distance of 453.11 feet to the point of curvature of a circular curve to the right having a radius of 455.00 feet and a central angle of 45°08'58"; thence along said curve an arc distance of 358.54 feet (Chord: North 21°58'10" East, 349.34 feet) to the point of tangency of said curve; thence North 44°32'39" East a distance of 748.82 feet; thence North 44°16'35" East a distance of 814.24 feet to the point of curvature of a circular curve to the left having a radius of 395.00 feet and a central angle of 11°56'48"; thence along said curve an arc distance of 132.21 feet (Chord: North 38°18'11" East, 82.21 feet) to the intersection of said proposed right of way line with the north line of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of said Section 8; thence North 89°21'21" East along said north line a distance of 69.64 feet to the intersection of said north line with the easterly and southerly proposed right of way line of SE Balboa Drive, said point lying on a non-tangent circular curve to the right having a radius of 455.00 feet and a central angle of 16°43'29"; thence along said proposed curved right of way line an arc distance of 132.82 feet (Chord: South 35°54'51" West, 132.34 feet) to the point of tangency of said curve; thence continuing along said proposed right of way line the following courses: South 44°16'32" West a distance of 814.38 feet; thence South 44°32'39" West a distance of 748.96 feet to the point of curvature of a circular curve to the left having a radius of 395.00 feet and a central angle of 19°44'13"; thence along said curve an arc distance of 136.07 feet (Chord: South 34°03'32" West, 135.40 feet) to the intersection of said proposed easterly right of way line with the south line of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of said Section 8; thence South 89°39'14" West along said south line a distance of 38.22 feet to northeast corner of the West Half (W 1/2) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of said Section 8; thence South 00°36'20" East along the east line of said W 1/2 of SE 1/4 a distance of 2529.36 feet to the intersection of said east line with the southerly proposed right of way line of SE Balboa Drive, said point lying on a non-tangent circular curve to the right having a radius of 215.00 feet and a central angle of 262.56°; thence along said proposed curved right of way line an arc distance of 262.36 feet (Chord: South 55°11'42" West, 246.38 feet) to the point of tangency of said curve; thence North 89°50'49" West a distance of 582.55 feet to the intersection of said proposed right of way line with the westerly line of those lands described in O.R. Book 935, page 294 of the Public Records of Madison County, Florida; thence North 16°24'14" East a distance of 17.64 feet to the northwest corner of said O.R. Book 935, page 294, said point lying on the south line of said Section 8; thence South 89°41'52" West along said south line of Section 8 a distance of 503.17 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

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Said lands situate, lying and being in Madison County, Florida.

2. The County shall give up that certain parcel of real property located in Madison County, Florida and more particularly described as follows:

A portion of Sections 7 and 18, Township 1 South, Range 10 East, being a portion of the present right of way of SE Balboa Drive, being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCE at a concrete monument marking the northeast corner of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of said Section 18; thence South 89°27'46" West a distance of 302.61 feet; thence along the right of way line of said SE Balboa Drive the following courses: North 00°00'25" West a distance of 148.80 feet; thence South 89°59'35" West a distance of 60.00 feet; thence South 00°00'25" East a distance of 114.83 feet; thence South 89°19'54" West a distance of 1901.89 feet to the intersection of the northerly right of way line of SE Balboa Drive with the easterly right of way line of State Road 53, said point marking the POINT OF BEGINNING of the following described parcel; thence North 89°19'54" East along the northerly right of way line of SE Balboa Drive a distance of 265.02 feet; thence leaving said northerly right of way line South 73°54'06" West a distance of 229.91 feet to said easterly right of way line of State Road 53; thence North 36°01'19" West along said right of way line a distance of 75.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Containing 0.186 acres, more or less.
Said lands situate, lying and being in Madison County, Florida.

3. No money shall be paid or received by the County except that the County shall pay for all costs of the exchange including, without limitation, closing costs, recording costs, documentary stamp taxes.

The proposed resolution may be considered by the Board at any time during the above meeting. The proposed resolution may be inspected by the public during regular business hours at the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Madison County, Florida, in the Madison County Courthouse, Madison, Florida. All interested parties may appear at the above meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed resolution. The proposed resolution may be modified at the above meeting.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in such meeting, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Tim Sanders, Clerk of Court, at Post Office Box 237, Madison, Florida 32341, telephone:(850) 973-1500, at least 3 working days prior to the meeting date; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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

DATED on March 12, 2014.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: /s/ Tim Sanders
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FWC Seeks Public Input On Deer Management In North, Central Florida *- Meetings To Be Held Locally In Monticello & Lake City-*

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) seeks input and invites the public to a series of meetings starting April 1 on deer management in hunting zones B and C in north and central Florida.

The FWC is in the process of establishing deer management units (DMUs) throughout the state. DMUs are intended to allow the FWC more flexibility with deer management based upon deer populations, habitat conditions and public preference within each of the units.

All meetings are from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the following locations and dates:

- Chiefland – Tuesday, April 1, at the Tommy Usher Community Center, 506 SW 4th Ave.

- Monticello – Thursday, April 3, at the Monticello Opera House, 185 W. Washington St.

- Sebring – Monday, April 7, at Chateau Elan, 150 Midway Drive.

- Lakeland – Tuesday, April 8, at the Ramada Lakeland Hotel and Conference Center, 3260 U.S. Highway 98 N.

- Tampa – Wednesday, April 9, at the Southwest Florida Water Management District, Tampa Governing Board Room, 7601 U.S. Hwy. 301 N.

- Lake City – Monday, April 21, at the Holiday Inn Lake City, 213 SW Commerce Drive.

- DeLand – Wednesday, April 23, at First Baptist Church of DeLand, 725 N. Woodland Blvd.

Vero Beach – Thursday, April 24, at Bethel Creek House, 4405 Hwy. A1A.

At the meetings, plans for using DMUs will be explained and all participants will have an opportunity to provide input. The FWC seeks public preferences on deer management options such as the size of the population, greater antler regulations, bag limits, antlerless deer days and other deer-related issues.

Following the public meetings, four technical assistance groups will be formed, made up of members of the public. These groups will meet and work to create goals and objectives for deer management in their respective DMUs. Anyone interested in being on one of these groups will get the opportunity to apply.

For those who cannot attend any of the meetings, there will be follow-up opportunities to participate in a webinar and to view an online presentation where comments may be submitted. Information on all of this will be available soon at MyFWC.com/Deer.

More information about the proposed DMUs, technical assistance groups and a meeting agenda is at MyFWC.com/Deer. Also, results and a final report from previous such meetings that took place in the Panhandle and South Florida can be found there.

For more information, contact Cory Moreau at 850-617-9487 or Christine Denny at 352-327-3269.

Florida Farm Bureau Women Attend State Annual Women's Conference



Photo Submitted

The Madison County Farm Bureau was well represented at the Annual State Women's Conference. Pictured left to right: Lacey Hudson, Ginny Paarlberg, Brenda Pitts, Rosemary Haire, Jennifer Greene, Maria Greene & Lindsey Lawson.

The Madison County Farm Bureau was well represented at the Annual State Women's Conference which was held recently in Daytona Beach, Florida.

This Annual Meeting is held each year as a Leadership venue for over 100 Farm Bureau Women from all over the state.

Madison County Farm Bureau had seven ladies to attend this year.

A certain highlight of this year's event was a Farm Tour of several Volusia county agricultural operations. One stop was a huge fernery and a really good tour stop was an orchid and rare plant nursery. The largest farm stop was at a huge horse farm.

During the meeting part of the event, the ladies heard speakers talk about all the "Misinformation" that is being placed in the national media about animal agriculture and what they can do to work with local and state media to combat this misinformation.

Madison County Farm Bureau has always been extremely involved with the State Women's Program in Farm Bureau.

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Church Hopes To Reach Out And Give Greenville Renewed Life



Photo submitted

Pastor Chris Peterson and his wife, Jerri, welcome everyone to attend Renewed Life Outreach Center in Greenville.

By Jacob Bembry
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The building located at 1376 SW Grand Street in Greenville doesn't look like a church; it looks like an old converted store front. Other ministries have been birthed out of storefronts, though. A pastor named John O'Steen began preaching in an old feed store in

Houston, Texas. That church became a mega church before Pastor O'Steen died. While the building doesn't look like a church, one need only walk inside to experience that it is.

The ministry of Renewed Life Outreach Center represents a homecoming of sorts for its pastor, Chris Peterson. Pastor Chris was called into the ministry at the young age of 21, just a year after he had been saved at the age of 20 in Aug. 1992. He began teaching the adult Sunday School class at the now abandoned Church of God in Greenville. The building stands as a sentinel on the eastern outskirts of the town, but it has sent people like Pastor Chris and his brother, John Peterson, into the world to proclaim the saving power of the

blood of Jesus Christ. Others have gone to other countries, like Walter Davis, former pastor, and his wife, Carla.

Pastor Chris began ministering where he found people he could proclaim the goodness of Christ to. He ministered in jails and in prisons and in the streets. When he was called to preach at a church, he would go minister there.

In 2000, Chris was called to an evangelistic meeting at Abundant Life Church in Lloyd. He became the associate pastor, and after the pastor left, he became the senior pastor.

Years later, Pastor Chris felt God calling him to another place and he began evangelizing. He went to seminary in Tallahassee and finished his bachelor's degree in ministry. He even got to

teach at the college, because of his life experience as a minister.

Chris felt God beckoning him to do something else in ministry. He said God wanted him and his family to do something closer to where they were. Greenville was the answer and in one weekend, he had secured the building at 1376 SW Grand Street for the church.

The first Sunday at the church – Sept. 23, 2012 – the service had only five people. Those five people were he, his wife, his two sons and his nephew. Since then, the church has grown, sometimes having 60 people in attendance.

Vanessa Unglaub, a member of the church, said that Pastor Chris has been very dear to her and her husband.

"He has been a true brother to me," she said. "I have learned to 'put feet' to the gospel I know in my heart. He has taught me how to be a true disciple."

Renewed Life Outreach Center is a non-

denominational church but Unglaub said there are a few there who would say they are "Pentecostal in our blood."

Unglaub said the services at the church begin with spirit-filled worship and then a powerful message from the pastor. Saturated with Scriptures and animated with his own personal stories, the sermons are followed by a powerful prayer, which Pastor Chris prays with full conviction, expecting God to answer.

One of the outreach events that the church has planned for the town that it calls home is a service at Haffye Hays Park on Saturday, April 26. The crowd will also be fed that day and the church is expecting to feed approximately 500 people, maybe more. Desmond Roberson will lead the worship music for the event and Pastor Chris will preach



Photo Submitted

Renewed Life Outreach Center serves spiritual needs in Greenville.

to those in attendance.

Sunday morning services begin at Renewed Life Outreach Center at 11 a.m. On Tuesday evenings, beginning at 7 p.m., there is a prayer meeting. A women's meeting is held at the church every third Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

Pastor Chris, his wife, Jerri, and their two sons, Micah and Jeremiah, are happy to be serving at Renewed Life Outreach Center and are looking to expand, as they are looking at a larger building to hold services in.

"We're just putting one foot in front of the other," Chris said, saying they were moving forward.



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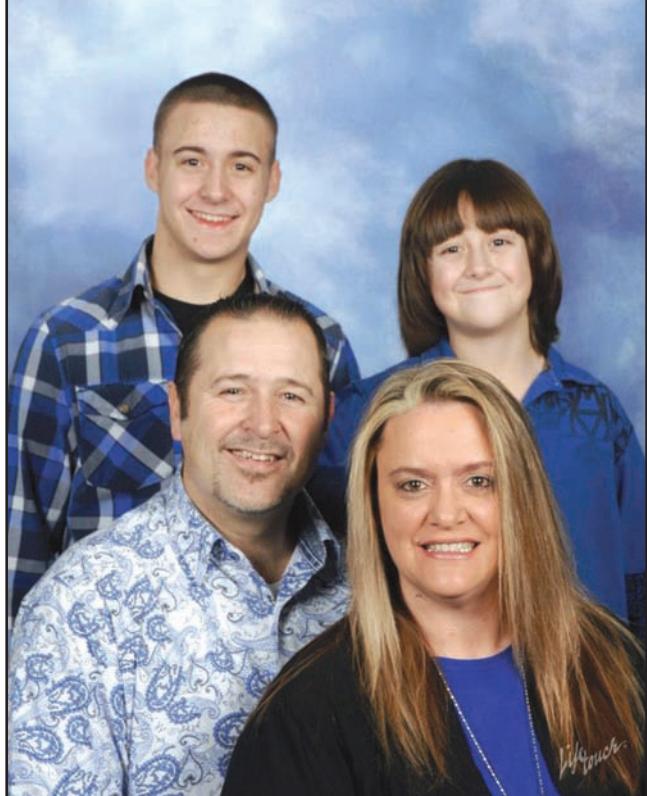


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Bishop Mike Carson, seat left is shown with his wife, Angie, and sons, Joshua, standing left, and Jonah. He is the guest speaker at a revival at Midway Church of God and will speak at Shiloh M.B. Church's Holy Week service.

FAMILIAR FACE TO LEAD REVIVAL AND TO SPEAK AT HOLY WEEK SERVICE

By Jacob Bembry
Greene Publishing, Inc.

When the people at Midway Church of God look at the podium during revival this week, they will see a face that has become familiar to them and many people in Madison and Suwannee Counties over the past 12 years. They will see a tenacious minister who peppers his messages with humor and seems to preach Heaven down. They will see a family man, who is fiercely loyal to his wife of 28 years, Angie, and sons, Joshua True, 19, and Jonah Blue, 13. They will look and know that they see a man of God, who is their friend and not afraid to share what God has laid on his heart.

Bishop Mike Carson will also be speaking at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church during their Holy Week service on Tuesday, April 15. He is the kind of minister who can cross the racial divide and be as welcome in an African American church, as well as a white church. He used to pastor a predominantly black church in Atlanta, Ga., and was one of only five white graduates in his class from the now defunct Havana Northside High School in Gadsden County.

Bishop Carson is usually stuck in one speed when he is preaching and that speed is wide open. He is dedicated to seeing souls saved and people healed.

The first church he pastored was Evangel Worship Center in Marianna. From there, he went to Telogia Assembly of God, before going into Georgia and pastoring Zion Grove Assembly of God and Ellenwood Assembly of God. He next became a youth pastor at Living Waters Church of God in Ocala, the third largest Church of God in Florida. He then began an evangelistic career and under the

tutelage of Pastor Fred Watson at Live Oak Church of God and Pastor Retis Flowers of Midway Church of God, he became a fixture every year for revivals in the area. He became the state evangelist for the Church of God in Tennessee.

Soon, Bishop Carson felt he was being called back into the pastoral ministry and answered the call at Lafayette Church of God in Lafayette, Tenn. The church grew by leaps and bounds under his ministry as God poured out his blessings upon the congregation.

The state of Florida began calling his name again, though, and he returned home to be close to his parents and to become the pastor at Dowling Park Church of God.

Since his arrival, the church, which had almost shut its doors, has begun to grow with services held Sunday mornings and youth services on Tuesday and Family Training Hour on Wednesday.

Bishop Carson is also leading the church in outreach ministry. The church has an emergency food pantry which he hopes to see grow into a place where food can be distributed at least once a month to more members of the community. The church is also holding an Easter egg hunt the Saturday before Easter and they hope to have over 100 children attend.

"We are looking to bring healing by using the three Rs," he said. "We've adopted this from the Church of God's Vital Initiative. The three Rs are to Revalue our community, Reclaim our community and Revive our community."

The revival at Midway Church of God will run Wednesday through Friday with services beginning at 7 p.m. each evening. Everyone is welcome.

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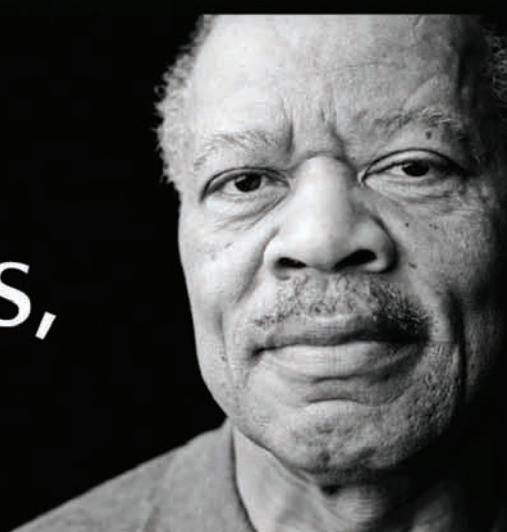
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Faith Baptist Church Welcomes Bryan Phillips As New Pastor

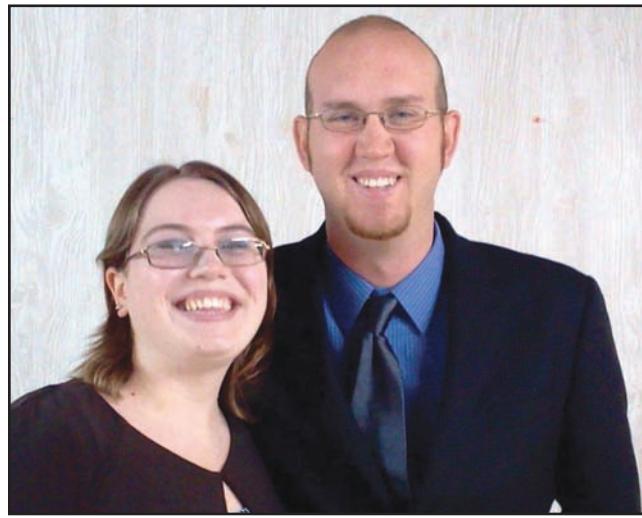


Photo submitted

Rev. Bryan Phillips and his wife, April, are excited about the opportunity to serve at Faith Baptist Church, where Bryan preached his first sermon as pastor on March 16.

By Jacob Bembry
Greene Publishing, Inc.

A few years ago, Bryan Phillips worked in a job where he had the privilege of saving lives; he was an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) for Madison County EMS. Still, he found himself unsatisfied with his career. Something bigger, something stronger kept tugging at his heart. One day, he went home and told his parents, Henry and

Susan Phillips, that he was going to enter the ministry.

Bryan enrolled at the Baptist College of Florida in Graceville, where he graduated in May 2012. It was there that he met his wife, April. It was also in West Florida that he became a pastor for the first time, as he became the youth pastor at Piney Road Baptist Church in Cottondale in August 2010.

Bryan had spoken

at Faith Baptist Church in Madison in February. The church was diligently seeking a pastor to replace the former one, Rev. Delbert Redditt, who now pastors as the First Baptist Church of Bratt, just north of Pensacola on the Florida-Alabama line. Shortly afterward, Faith Baptist called Bryan and April Phillips to come serve at their church, with Bryan as pastor.

These days, the young Phillips is no longer responsible for saving lives; he is responsible for telling others how their souls can be saved through knowing Jesus Christ.

Bryan said that he and April are excited about the opportunity to serve the church and the Madison community.

The newly elected pastor said that, while his wife was nervous at first about the move to Madison, because she had grown up in a city, she is happy with the move now. He said that it affords him the opportunity to help out with any labor on his family farm in Lee that may be needed and he gets to see many familiar faces.

"We're committed to seeing the church ministry grow," Bryan said.

After serving his last Sunday in Cottondale, Bryan preached his first sermon as the pastor of Faith Baptist Church on Sunday, March 16. He said that the Faith Baptist Church had

welcomed he and his wife with open arms.

"They have been very loving and enthusiastic," he said. "They are very committed to seeing the church's ministry grow."

If anyone does not have a home church and is looking for one to attend, they may want to drop in at Faith Baptist, located at 1135 East US 90 in Madison.

For any others wishing to hear Bryan Phillips speak, he will be the guest speaker at the Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church Holy Week service on Thursday, April 17. Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church is located at 518 Dade Street in Madison.

Cherry Lake Baptist Church

Revival Services Set

By Jacob Bembry
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Revival: "An awakening, in a church or community, of interest in and care for matters relating to personal religion." – *Dictionary.com*

Folks in Cherry Lake prepare for the awakening as revival services begin at Cherry Lake First Baptist Church on Sunday evening, April 13, at 6 p.m.

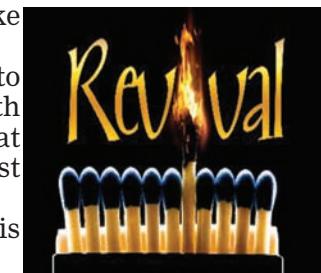
Each evening will feature different musicians and different speakers, bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to a congregation hungry to hear the Word.

The Monday through Wednesday evening services begin at 7 p.m., each night, Monday, April 14-Wednesday, April 16.

Cherry Lake First Baptist Church is located at 175 NE Cherry Lake Circle in Cherry Lake.

Everyone is invited to attend and worship with the congregation at Cherry Lake First Baptist Church.

Dr. Murrell Bennett is the pastor.



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 Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday

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Church Calendar

March 26-28

Bishop Mike Carson, pastor of Dowling Park Church of God, will be the guest speaker at revival services March 26-28 at Midway Church of God. Services begin at 7 p.m. each evening. Everyone is welcome to attend and be revived at Midway Church of God, located at 2849 SE Midway Church Road, just off County Road 255, south of Interstate 10, Exit 262, and off Highway 53 South, south of I-10, exit 255.



March 30

The Lighthouse Children's Home Choir will be the guest singers and Rev. Joshua Wynn, pastor of Philadelphia Baptist Church in Suwannee County, will be the guest speaker at the Sirmans Baptist Church homecoming on Sunday, March 30. Service begins at 10:30 a.m. A fellowship dinner on the grounds will follow the morning service. Everyone is welcome. Sirmans Baptist Church is located at 168 SW Sirmans Church Way, south of Greenville, off Highway 221, south of Interstate 10, exit 241.

April 13

The Lighthouse Children's Home Choir will perform a gospel concert at Renewed Life Outreach Center in Greenville on Sunday morning, April 13, at 11 a.m. Renewed Life Outreach Center is located at 1376 Grand Street. A love offering will be accepted for the Lighthouse Children's Home. A fellowship dinner will immediately follow the service. Everyone is welcome.

April 13-16

Cherry Lake Baptist Church will hold revival services begin-

ning Sunday evening, April 13, at 6 p.m. Services for Monday, April 14, through Wednesday, April 16, will begin at 7 p.m. There will be special music and guest speakers each evening. Everyone is welcome to attend. Dr. Murrell Bennett is the pastor.

April 14

Rev. Steve McHargue, of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, will be the guest speaker at the Holy Week Service to be held Monday, April 14, at Grace Presbyterian Church, located at 668 North Washington Street in Madison. A lunch will be served following the service.

April 14-18

Churches in the western part of Madison County will hold Holy Week services as well as a meal, beginning at 6:30 p.m., each evening. The nights for each church and the speakers have not been announced yet, but churches participating are Greenville Baptist, St. John's Baptist, Sirmans Baptist, New Home Baptist and Hopewell Baptist. If anyone needs any information or would like to volunteer to help with duties, such as cooking, please call Jimmy Fletcher, pastor of Sirmans Baptist, at (850) 869-0269.

April 15

Bishop Mike Carson, of Dowling Park Church of God, will be the guest speaker for the Holy Week service to be held Tuesday, April 15, at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, located at 221 SW Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive in Madison. Rev. Marcus Hawkins is the church's pastor. A lunch will be served following the service.

The Pulpit

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gion;" one that will satisfy their desire to be religious, soothe their conscience, and scratch their "itching" ears. (Matt. 25:10; 2 Tim 4:3-4)

In Matthew 25, Jesus spoke of those not prepared for the coming of the Bridegroom or the Marriage Supper and made it clear that they were lacking in their preparation. They did not have enough oil in their vessels, and while they "shopped," the Bridegroom came and it was too late for them because "the door was shut." (Matt. 25:1-8-10)

They were grievously disappointed when they were turned away. (Matt. 25:11-12) After their rejection, He linked this directly to those who may not be prepared for His Second Coming by offering a warning: "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh." (Matt. 25:13)

Again, when the Bridegroom returns, it will be sudden and unexpected as a thief. (1 Thess. 5:2; Rev. 3:3; Rev. 16:15) For the second time, Jesus stressed the consequences for not preparing for His coming. He said, "²⁴Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. ²⁵When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door; and ye begin to stand without, and to

The cry "Behold, the Bridegroom Cometh" is ringing throughout the world today.

The urgency of this cry is being broadcast on the radio, television and various internet media. Even though this cry is carried throughout the world, and many people are hearing it, still a very large majority of those are out shopping for the "right reli-

knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are:²⁶ Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets.²⁷ But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity." (Luke 13:24-27) We would do well to heed the words of the Apostle John as he encouraged his readers, "And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming." (1 John 2:28) At the minimum there are five things that a believer must do in order to prepare for the returning of Jesus.

1. **Be Ready** – "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." (Matt. 24:44) Whatever it takes to get ready, do it immediately for He could come at any hour.

2. **Be Watching** – "Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is." (Mark 13:33; Luke 12:36-40; 21:36) Be sober and clear minded about the Scriptures so no one can deceive you or take your crown. (Rev. 3:11)

3. **Take Heed** – (meaning: "to hold the mind towards, i.e. pay attention to, be cautious about, apply oneself to, adhere to") - Luke 21:34 "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares." That day will come as a Snare (Something hidden from view) - Luke 21:35 "For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth." "Keep (Guard) thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." (Prov. 4:23)

4. **Be Looking** – Heb 9:28 "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation."

5. **Be Praying** – Luke 21:36 "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." If we don't pray, we will stay!



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