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Senator Rubio's Mobile Office Hours In Madison County

By Jessie R. Box
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A staff member from Senator Marco Rubio's office will be available at the Madison County Courthouse Annex and Lee Town Hall on Monday, August 4, to meet one-on-one with citizens needing assistance dealing with issues such as Social Security, Medicare, Veterans Affairs benefits, immigration, the IRS

or any federal agency. The staff member will be at the Madison County Courthouse Annex, located on Pinckney Street, in the Commission Boardroom from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The staff member will be at Lee Town Hall, located on CR 255 from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. For more information about the mobile office hours, call (850) 599-9100.

Microsoft Scam Alert

By Jessie R. Box
Greene Publishing, Inc.
The Madison County Carrier has received a report of a new scam. A resident received a phone call from a scammer, who advised that she worked for Microsoft and the computer had alerted them that it needed service. The scammer advised the resident that she needed access to the computer. The resident told the scammer that it was a scam and hung up.



control of your computer to a third party unless you can confirm that it is a legitimate representative of a computer support team with whom you are already a customer. Also you should never provide your credit card or financial information to someone claiming to be from Microsoft tech support. Some of the names that scammers use are: Windows Helpdesk, Windows Service Center, Microsoft Tech Support, Microsoft Support, Windows Technical Department Support Group and Microsoft Research and Development Team (Microsoft R & D Team). If you feel that you have been a victim of such activity or even an attempt, please contact the Madison County Sheriff's Office with any information at (850) 973-4001.

Commissioner Thompson Hosts Second Community Meeting

By Jessie R. Box
Greene Publishing, Inc.
District 2 City Commissioner Ina Thompson held a community meeting on Wednesday, July 23 at 5:30 p.m. in the Madison County Public Library. Her guest speaker was Ken Small of the Florida League of Cities. His topic of discussion was city budgets. Small discussed that the City of Madison is able to collect a property tax without it going to the state. The property tax has a maximum of 10 mills. There are three taxes that the city can



The guest speaker, Ken Small, of Florida League of Cities speaks at the community meeting hosted by District 2 City Commissioner Ina Thompson on Wednesday, July 23. collect that the state will not get a share of and they are the utility
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Two Weeks Later: What About The Sinkhole?



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo By Lynette Norris, July 28, 2014

Although it doesn't seem to be growing, the sinkhole just off Celosia Way has the road shut down for the duration. The county should know more about the road's ultimate fate by early September.



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In this close-up view of the cracks around the edge, the apparent depth is easier to see.

By Lynette Norris
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Road Department Coordinator Lonnie Thigpen asked the Madison County Commission on Wednesday, July 23, to approve a \$15,000 work order to have an engineering firm go out to the sinkhole off Celosia Way to help determine A) what lies under the sinkhole, B) is the ground stable enough to repair the road, and C) even if repair is possible, will it cost more to repair the road than the road is worth, meaning it might have to be cut off and made into a cul-de-sac both ways.

The sinkhole, which opened up next to the road sometime Monday afternoon, July 7, measured about 100 feet across and about 15-20 feet deep. It claimed about half of one lane and sent cracks radiating across the rest of the road.

The road is now blocked off to all traffic. Only the homeowner who lives directly across the road from the sinkhole is allowed to enter and leave around the barricades.

At the July 9 County Commission meeting, Thigpen had warned the commissioners that any repairs undertaken would be a "long, drawn-out process," since before anything could be done, the Road Department had to determine what lay underneath all that

collapsed earth - stable ground or another cavern? Until that was known, it was too dangerous to send in men with heavy equipment. "There could still be a cavity under that road," he said at the July 23 meeting. "It could be two feet deep or it could be 50 feet deep."

There is just no way of knowing until the engineering firm completes its site testing with borings and ground-penetrating radar. The ground stability study will focus mainly on the roadway itself and the county's right-of-way property on each side, to see if what is still there will stay put in the future.

The firm can begin its work within a couple of weeks, and Thigpen hopes to have the results, along with the estimated cost for any corrective action, ready for the commissioners' consideration by their first meeting in September, which will be Wednesday, Sept. 10.

Meanwhile, the hole appears to be holding its own. "I try to go by there every two or three days and check on it," said Thigpen. The cracks in the roadway seem to have gotten a little wider, as the sloping sides of the sinkhole pull away and start settling towards the center, but it doesn't appear to be growing.

The commissioners unanimously approved the engineering firm's work order.

County Award Benefits Homeowners

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing, Inc.
Sue Hopfensperger, Certified Floodplain Manager, appeared before the Madison County Commission July 23, to present the county with an award and explain to them how that award would benefit homeowners in unincorporated Madison County when they purchased flood insurance.

Hopfensperger works for a private insurance services firm that helps insurance companies crunch numbers and establish a risk profile for communities through the FEMA-created Community Rating System (CRS). CRS also provides national recognition for communities that exceed the National Flood Insurance Program standards by creating new floodplain management programs or improving ones that are already in place. CRS provides a way to measure those community efforts that go above and beyond minimum NFIP stan-



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo By Lynette Norris, July 23, 2014

Sue Hopfensperger (center) Certified Floodplain Manager, visited the County Commission to congratulate the county on its rise from a Class Eight CSR rating to a Class Seven, and explain the benefits of the new rating for homeowners in the unincorporated areas, especially if they are in a Special Flood Hazard Area. From left to right are: Renee Demps of the Madison County Building Department, who put in many, many hours collecting and collating the data that helped move Madison's CSR rating up a class level; Hopfensperger; and County Commission Chair Justin Hamrick.

points a community accumulates in the program moves it up one class; every class ranking also provides homeowners living in that community with a five percent discount on their flood insurance, if it is purchased through

the NFIP. If the community is a Class Nine, the homeowners receive a five percent discount; if it is Class Eight, a ten percent discount, and so forth. Madison County had been a Class Eight,

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Local Weather

Wed 7/30	93/70	Thu 7/31	92/71	Fri 8/1	87/71	Sat 8/2	88/71
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VIEWPOINTS & OPINIONS

National Security

Rocket's Red Glare



Joe Boyles
Guest Columnist

The Palestinians and Israelis are going at it again, or more precisely, the terrorist organization Hamas headquartered in Gaza is combating Israel as they periodically do. The latest round of fighting was triggered a month ago when three Israeli (including an American with dual citizenship) teenagers were abducted in the West Bank and murdered. In retaliation, Jewish thugs murdered a Palestinian teenager.

In response to these crimes, the Israelis quickly captured those responsible for the murder of the Palestinian; they will be prosecuted. In contrast, the Palestinians have celebrated the murder of the Israeli teenagers and proclaimed the murderers as heroes. Then on the opposite side of Israel in Gaza, Hamas began to fire rockets at Israel's population centers.

The Israelis, ever vigilant to attack from any corner, have intercepted most of the rockets with their Iron Dome missile defense system. Apparently, Iron Dome has a success rate approaching 90 percent. Hamas are also 'tunnel rats' and have infiltrated Israel with terrorists in an attempt to murder and kidnap Israeli citizens.

It is easier to spot and attack rocket launchers than underground tunnels which are quite sophisticated. I understand that Israeli scientists are hurriedly seeking technology that will enable them to detect the tunnels while they are being dug. Why they haven't done this before is a bit of a mystery.

The Israeli Air Force (IAF) has also attacked Gaza, using precision weapons to target rocket launchers and tunnels. When air power had reached its limits of effectiveness, the Israeli Army attacked across the Gaza border to target Hamas. Through all of this mess, Hamas has hidden their fighters among the Palestinian civilians (and often where children are located such as schools, orphanages and hospitals) which means that civilian casualties will rise. This is in violation of the international Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC) which Hamas disregards since it is in their propaganda interest to pile up bodies.

Now I have some experience with ducking rockets. In the spring of 1972, I was flying Phantoms from an airbase near the port city of DaNang, South Vietnam. Within miles south of the base was a North Vietnamese artillery battalion that had been there for years. Their job was to harass our flying operations with occasional attacks using 122mm Katyusha rockets. In the ten weeks I spent at DaNang, we were rocketed 13 times. They always came at night. A light attack was five rockets; a heavy one 15. Imagine waking up from a dead sleep to the sound of warning sirens and stumbling through the dark in the search of shelter. That happened to me repeatedly.

A rocket has no guidance system which distinguishes it from a missile which is a guided rocket. A rocket is aimed; then the motor is ignited and off it goes...in a hurry. When the rocket motor burns out, ballistics take over and the spent rocket falls to earth where upon contact, the warhead detonates spreading shrapnel far and wide.

This is what is happening over Israel where Hamas has fired more than two thousand rockets from Gaza into the Jewish state. They are indiscriminate, again because there is no guidance system. They might fall into the desert, or hit a school; it makes no difference to Hamas. The rockets are a weapon of terror and that is their objective - to terrorize the Israelis. They might hit and kill Israeli Muslims (a quarter of Israel's population); Hamas doesn't care. The more victims, the better. The Hamas propaganda machine will blame all deaths on the Jews. Unfortunately, naive people believe them.

Hamas, whom the people of Gaza elected to represent them when Israel vacated in 2005, could stop this war immediately by halting the rocket attacks. They won't until they don't have any left. Then they'll begin stockpiling weapons for the next excuse to terrorize the Jewish state.

This is an asymmetric war since the Israeli military machine is so much more sophisticated than Hamas' and the fact that Israel plays by the rules whereas Hamas does not. Hamas can only win the 'public relations war.' Since Hamas will only stop when they have destroyed Israel and killed every last Jew, Israel's only solution is to destroy Hamas. In this respect, Hamas is like al-Qaeda. We will only defeat Islamic Jihadism when it has been destroyed. The president may declare the war over, but that only is true when the enemy capitulates. And make no mistake - the Jihadists are our sworn enemy.

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And now.... the Internet is here and the talk is that the days of the newspaper are numbered. Again, I think not! It is true; some people have turned totally to the Internet. For others however, it will never happen when it comes to reading the local news. There's something about reading that paper, held in your hands, while eating breakfast, drinking coffee or enjoying some quiet time, being able to look at the pictures and turn the pages. Something is lost when you turn that into a click of a button; and clipping out a newspaper picture/story, to hang on the refrigerator, just isn't quite the same if it's printed off a printer instead.

With a printed version of the newspaper, you hold everything right there in your hands....your local news, school news and sports news, crossword puzzles, the local sales at the community stores, coupons...all with just a few turning of the pages.

The fact of the matter is that newspapers feed a basic human need - the need to know; and that need will never go away. The difference between big daily newspapers and small hometown newspapers is that the ONLY place to find your local hometown news is IN your LOCAL NEWSPAPER. Thus, a big reason I believe that newspapers will not die out, anytime soon.

The Internet is a great thing, however, and all newspapers seem to now have a version of their printed product on the web also. Some newspapers only have a few paragraphs of each story on the web (telling the reader to buy the printed version for the whole story), some newspapers put only some of the stories on the web (advising the reader to purchase the printed version in order to get all the stories), and yet other on-line newspapers are viewable at a subscription cost, and the newspaper can be read, in its entirety, on the web.

Emerald's Gem Box

Are Newspapers Dying Out? I Think Not.



Emerald Greene
Publisher

In today's world of Internet and high speed knowledge, there has been much talk that the printed newspaper is dying out. Some think that the newspapers of this world are standing on their last leg and their life-span is limited.

I think not! It is true that many newspapers have folded, and gone out of business in the last few years, but so have many other businesses (which I blame on Washington DC and our "leaders" - but that's another column).

Newspapers are like any other business - if they lose enough money for long enough, they will go out of business. Despite popular belief, newspapers are a business just like any other business. To survive, they must show a profit. With the economy being what it is, for the last several years, there are businesses all over this nation, newspapers and non-newspapers, feeling the crunch of the times.

I read a column a few years ago that said when the AM radio came along; people had predicted that the days of the newspaper were numbered. Radio could get a story out in minutes; newspapers took hours.

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Competition keeps us all on our toes, in life. The Internet is no different.

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If we can be of any service to you please call our office at 973-4141.

Until then.... I'll see you around the town.

Letter To The Editor

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- All submitted letters must be 600 words or less -

Mayberry

Dear Editor:

My husband and I have recently moved to Madison. What a quaint country town! Imagine my delight at hearing the clock downtown toll the hours. There are sidewalks, lined with benches, for waiting and relaxing. Families fill the sidewalks holding the hands of their little ones.

We have frequented many of the businesses in Madison. We have always been greeted in the friendliest of terms. Some establishments are even more personal by wishing us a "blessed day." Where could one go to hear this nearly every day? Just before the Independence Day celebration, there was a banner over the main street declaring "A Celebration Honoring God and County." The sight of this declaration just thrilled me! Honestly, I felt that I was in Mayberry.

The community spirit abounds, and we are very fortunate to be living in Madison. My final objective, now that we are almost settled in our home, is to find employment in Madison. This is important to me because I want to immerse in the community, and be a part of the rich Southern tradition I am enjoying so much.

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In Support Of Our Department Of Corrections Officers

I have read the recent news about the 2012 scalding death of one of our South Florida inmates. As the wife of a State Legislator and a person who has spent countless hours volunteering directly with inmates in the prisons, I share the distress over the allegations surrounding this horrific tragedy. I feel compelled to tell "the rest of the story."

There is another face to Corrections that is never presented to the general public. Of the 22,398 employees in the Department of Corrections the vast majority are honorable, caring men and women. I've listened to many inmates tell me about officers like Major Duncan, who "is firm, but very fair, he treats us like he really cares about us."

I've watched Assistant Warden Jordan and his team as they've gathered up discarded doors and other materials to build a hydroponic garden for their inmates so they can learn a skill and have the satisfaction of working with growing plants inside the stark razor wire and hard concrete buildings.

In the midst of this horrendous news could we also express appreciation and respect for these unsung public servants, the Correctional Officers who lay their lives on the line daily for long hours and minimal pay while putting their whole hearts into a job, sincerely longing and working to send prisoners back out of prison as productive citizens?
Katherine Van Zant

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Junior Bishop, 25, of Brooklyn, was charged with assaulting an officer, resisting arrest and criminal mischief.

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Community Meeting

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tax, communication service tax and the local business tax. With the utility tax, the city can levy up to 10 percent on the purchase of electricity, metered and bottled gas and water service. The communication service tax allows cities to levy up to 5.22 percent. According to Small, the local business tax is a small amount of money.

The city also has a franchise agreement with the electric company to use valuable right of ways. The city receives six percent of the monies the electric company receives from the citizens. This brings in about \$220,000.

Florida has two revenue sharing pro-

grams and they are municipal revenue sharing and the half-cent sales tax. Municipal revenue sharing takes 1 1/3 percent of all sales tax collected in Florida and shares it with all the cities in Florida. The city of Madison gets \$110,000 from this program and receives \$78,000 from the half-cent sales tax from the state. It is derived from a set percentage of what is collected in Madison.

The local option gas tax garners \$357,000. There is a local options sales tax, where the money can only be spent on infrastructure, however, due to an Interlocal agreement, the money received from this goes only to the county.

Award

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earning a ten percent discount. It has now moved up into a Class Seven, meaning homeowners in unincorporated areas who purchase their flood insurance through the NFIP are entitled to a 15 percent discount.

In determining a community rating, the NFIP looks at a community's fire safety rating, its fire department, the effectiveness of its building inspection program, emergency management services and a host of other areas. With discounts that increase as a community's class ranking rises, the NFIP hopes to provide incentives for both citizens and communities to go above and beyond to put together a good floodplain management program. Madison was definitely headed in the right direction.

She also urged the county to promote purchase of flood insurance among its citizens, saying that having more residents with flood insurance means that the community as a whole bounces back faster from an emergency situation.

"Everyone lives in a flood plain," she told the commission. "You don't have to live near water. Nature doesn't read a flood map."

According to actuarial statistics, there is a 25 percent chance of a house experiencing a flood event over the life of an average 30-year mortgage, but only a five percent chance that it will experience fire.

In conclusion, she told the commissioners that she hoped to return next year, with news that Madison County had risen up to another class rating.

Letters To The Editor

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To the voters of Madison County: I would like to start off by thanking everyone for their love and support during the loss of our home due to a fire. The support the community has shown has been greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank my staff for all they have done.

With elections fast approaching, I would like to share some information.

- The bulk of absentee ballots were mailed out July 22, and UOCAVA ballots were mailed out on July 11.

- For those of you who are voting via absentee ballot, you can mark your ballot using a blue or black pen or a number 2 pencil, but you need to sign the back of the envelope with a blue or black pen.

- Sample ballots will be mailed out either August 1st or August 4th.

- Early voting dates are August 16-23. Saturday and Sunday will be from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Monday-Friday will be from 1 a.m. to 6 p.m. The early voting sites are the Madison County Board Room Annex, Lee City Hall, Greenville Senior Citizens Building and Pinetta Volunteer Fire Department. Don't forget that you can vote at any of these sites. It doesn't matter where you live.

- If you live in District 1 (Precinct 1) you will be voting for School Board. The candidates are Jeanne Bass, Terrence Lamont Boatman, Jay Lee and Susie Bishop Williamson.

- District 2, your County Commissioner will be Wayne Vickers. He was unopposed.

- District 3 (Precincts 2 and 5) has a School Board mem-

ber to vote for. The candidates are Surreta Lee Bell and Ve'Etta Hagan.

- District 4 (Precincts 4, 9, and 10) has County Commissioner on the ballot. The candidates are Alfred Martin and Howard B. Pickels. This is considered a Universal Primary Contest which means that every party will get to vote on these candidates because they are both members of the same party.

- District 5, your School Board member will be Bart Alford. He was unopposed.

- If you are a Democrat, you will have the Governor and Lieutenant Governor to vote for. The candidates are Charlie Crist and Nan H. Rich. Attorney General is also on the ballot and the candidates are George

Sheldon and Perry E. Thurston.

- If you are a Republican, you will also have Governor and Lieutenant Governor on the ballot. The candidates are Yinka Abosede Adeshina, Elizabeth Cuevas-Neunder, and Rick Scott. Also, Republicans in Congressional District 3, which includes Precincts 1B, 2,3,7B, 8, 10B, and 11, will have a United States Representative on the ballot. The candidates are Jake Rush and Ted Yoho.

Election Day is August 26 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. If you have any question please feel free to stop by the office or give us a call at 973-6507.

Respectfully,
Tommy Hardee
Madison County Supervisor of Elections



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AROUND MADISON COUNTY

Obituaries

Marcheta Godwin

Marcheta "Pat" Godwin, 89, died Friday, July 25 at home. Graveside funeral services will be Wednesday, July 30 at 2 p.m., at Cherry Lake Methodist Cemetery, in Madison. Visitation will be held at noon prior to the funeral service at Beggs Funeral Home.

She was born and raised in Tamaqua, Penn. She graduated nursing college as an RN and moved to Miami in 1944 and then moved to Cherry Lake in 1964. Later, she moved to Coolidge. She worked at Kendall Hospital in Miami, Madison Hospital and Brooks County Hospital in Quitman.



She is survived by one son: Marvin Godwin (Krista) of Norman Park, Ga.; two daughters: Terri Sorrel (Gary) of Palatka and Juanita Howard (Lyle) of Moultrie; one niece: JoAnn Thompson; 13 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters and one grandchild.

Beggs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements, (850) 973-2258. You may send your condolences to the family by visiting their website at www.beggsfuneral.com.

Ronnie Lee Fox

Ronnie Lee Fox, 55 of Valdosta, passed away on Saturday, July 26, at his residence. He was born on July 4, 1959 in Orlando, to Albert Fox and Barbara (Hutchinson) Catton. He loved to hunt, fish and spend time with his family and friends, especially his grandchildren. He enjoyed his sisters' good ole southern cooking and was of the Catholic faith.

His survivors include his wife of 32 years, Ramona Fox of Valdosta; son and daughter-in-law: Jacob and Angela Fox of Valdosta; two grandchildren: Ethan Fox and Annabelle Fox; sisters and brother-in-law: Connie and Kevin Reaves of Pinetta, and Sherri Fox of Madison; brothers and sister-in-laws: Keith and Tracey

Fox of Lee; Mike and Doris Fox of Lee; and Kevin and Becky Fox of Tallahassee; brother-in-law and wife: Arnie and Rebecca Meindl of Valdosta; Niece, Brooke Meindl of Valdosta; and 21 nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, July 31 at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of Music Funeral Services. The family will receive friends one hour prior to service. In lieu of flowers, make donations to Hospice of South Georgia, 2263 Pineview Dr. Valdosta, Ga. 31602.

Sympathy may be expressed online at www.musicfuneralservices.com. Music Funeral Services of Valdosta will be serving the Fox family.

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Community Calendar

August 1

The Madison County Cowboys Baseball team will be selling grilled chicken dinners, Friday, August 1, between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. on the courthouse lawn. Plates will include grilled chicken, green beans, coleslaw, roll, dessert and a drink for \$5. Delivery will be available for individuals or businesses ordering three or more dinners.

August 1 – August 24

Taylor Gymnastics will be taking orders for donuts from Johnson's Bakery, August 1 until August 24, with fresh doughnuts delivered the morning of Tuesday, Sept. 9. Donuts are sold for \$10/dozen and donut holes for \$3/dozen. Anyone interested can contact Renee Demps at (850) 766-2868 or email at sissirenee5604@yahoo.com. All proceeds will go towards competition costs for next year's competition season.

August 5

Divine Events, 5806 N.E. Colin Kelly Hwy, is hosting a free CLA Estate Planning Workshop, Tuesday, Aug. 5, beginning at 9:30 a.m., providing valuable information for seniors on securing one's estate and retirement planning. You will receive a workbook and gain useful information you can act upon immediately. CLA Estate Services is a firm devoted to assisting area residents in protecting their assets and ensuring their money lasts. Seating is limited; please call 1-866-252-8721 to confirm your attendance. We hope the information presented will help you have a better understanding of your planning choices. For more information, contact Beth Morphis, Data Research Assistant 903-567-2400 ext. 110.

August 9

It's time again for the annual "Back to School - Stay In School Explosion" at the NFCC Fitness Center, Saturday, Aug. 9 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.. Sponsored by the Madison Prevention coalition and its community partners, the Madison County Department of Health and Tobacco Free Madison, "Back to School - Stay in School" is a fun community event that brings business leaders, public officials, churches and community volunteers together to make sure Madison County school children get the resources they need to succeed in school. Parents or guardians are encouraged to bring their children to receive free school supplies. Registration is required at the door, and supplies are limited, but they will be given away while they last, along with free food and entertainment for a fun and festive atmosphere (to give you an idea of how many people attended last

year's event, volunteers grilled and gave away nearly 2000 hot dogs). There will also be information booths with everything parents need to know about getting their children ready for the 2014-2015 school year. For business and community leaders who would like to help with monetary donation, school supplies or food, checks can be made out to "HPPI - Madison" and all donations can be dropped off at the Chamber of Commerce, 248 Range Avenue. All sponsors and donors will be recognized in a media release/newspaper story following the event. For more information, including finding out how you can volunteer and participate in the event, contact Jerome Wyche at (850) 464-0196 or Lamar Tookes at (850) 673-9116.

August 12

The Joe P. Burns Funeral Home, next to the Woman's Club on Lake Frances, is holding an Open House for its new facility, Tuesday, August 12. The event begins with a ribbon cutting at noon, followed by an Open House from 1 - 7 p.m., where people can drop by anytime for refreshments, tours and a chance to meet the owners, talk to them and ask questions. At 7 p.m., they will hold a dedication ceremony for their new chapel, with Bro. Steve McHargue as guest speaker.

August 13

The Senior Citizens Council of Madison County will be holding their annual Senior Health Expo, Wednesday, August 13, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. All seniors, caregivers, loved ones and friends are welcomed to attend the event that will include special presentations and vendor booths, offering education and informa-

tion on services available, along with door prizes and plenty of food. Seniors, come out and learn how you can, "Be the best you can be!"

August 17

Thursday, August 21, MAT & FRAME WORKSHOP, hosted by Branford Camera Club members, with special guest from HARMON'S PHOTO LABS in Gainesville. This workshop will be held at the Hatch Park Community Center and is designed to improve our presentation skills in preparation for our Fall Photo Show in October. Participation in both the workshop and the Fall Photo Show are open to the public, so let one of the members listed below know if you'd like to participate in either event: Carolyn Hogue, Program Chair, (386) 935-2044; Rob Wolfe, Publicity Chair, (386) 362-6771; Esta Eberhardt, Creative Consultant, Captured Memories by Esta, (386) 623-011; Gary Kueppers, Technical Consultant, (386) 362-6957; Skip Weigel, Technical Consultant, (386) 935-1382. The Branford Camera Club meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month, with an occasional exception, for the purpose of sharing, learning, and enjoying all things photographic. We are an eclectic group with experiences ranging from complete novice to consummate professional. The only requirement for membership is a keen interest in photography; there are no membership fees. Please join us. Visit our Facebook page at Branford Camera Club.

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- Two or three doses of hepatitis B (Hep B) vaccine
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- Two doses of measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine
- Two doses of varicella vaccine† for kindergarten and grades one through six
- One dose of varicella vaccine† for grades seven through twelve

Seventh Grade Requirements:

In addition to kindergarten through 12th grade requirements, students must have the following vaccinations:

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* If the fourth dose of vaccine is administered prior to the fourth birthday, a fifth dose of polio vaccine is required for kindergarten.

†Varicella vaccine is not required if varicella disease is documented by the healthcare provider.

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School Year/Grades	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
1 Varicella*	6-12	7-12	8-12	9-12	10-12	11-12	12	—
2 Varicella*	K-5	K-6	K-7	K-8	K-9	K-10	K-11	K-12
Tdap**	7-11	7-12	7-12	7-12	7-12	7-12	7-12	7-12

* Or a health care provider's documentation of evidence of disease

** Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis vaccine

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Free Horse Show Set For Saturday



By Lazaro Aleman
Greene Publishing, Inc.

If you enjoy horses and horse shows or are simply looking for something fun to do this weekend, the Greener Pastures Ranch (GPR) is hosting an open house from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 2.

Sponsored by the GPR and the Paso Fino Horse Association (PFHA), the event will feature Paso Fino horses in various competitions, as well as include food vendors and other activities.

Best of all, the event is free and open to the public.

Established in the 1950s in South Florida and in Madison County since the 1980s, the GPR breeds, boards, trains and competes Paso Finos horses "prized for their smooth, natural, four-



Photo Submitted

The Greener Pastures Ranch is located on U.S. 27 in Madison County, just about four miles east of Lamont.

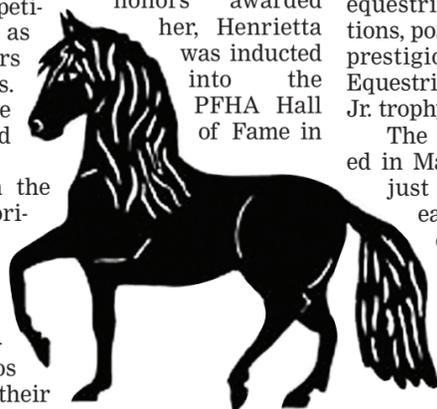
beat, lateral ambling gait," according to Wikipedia. The GPR is nationally and internationally known in the Paso Fino world, as are its mother/daughter co-owners, Henrietta and Robin Ratliff.

Among the many honors awarded her, Henrietta was inducted into the PFHA Hall of Fame in

2002 for her contributions to the breeding and promotion of Paso Finos in the United States. And daughter Robin, who has been training and showing horses since her teens, has won more than 150 awards and prizes in equestrian competitions, possibly the most prestigious the USA Equestrian C.J. Cronan Jr. trophy.

The ranch is located in Madison County, just a few miles east of Lamont on U.S. 27.

Look for the GPR Paso Fino sign on the south side of the road going east.



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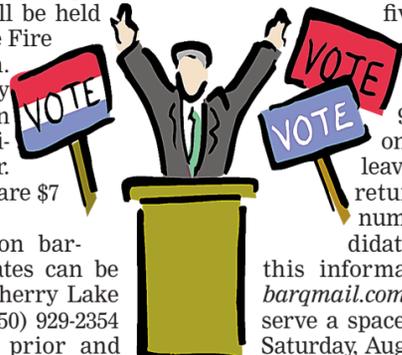
By Jessie R. Box
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Cherry Lake Fire Rescue is hosting a 1/4 Barbeque Chicken Dinner and Political Rally on Saturday, August 23 at 5 p.m. The event will be held at the Cherry Lake Fire & Rescue Station. The Political Rally and Cake Auction will start immediately after dinner. The dinner plates are \$7 a plate.

Reservations on barbeque chicken plates can be made by calling Cherry Lake Fire Rescue at (850) 929-2354 at least one day prior and

leave your name, how many plates you desire and a return call phone number to verify. You can also email Cherry Lake Fire Rescue this information to clfr@embarqmail.com.

Political candidates who desire a five-minute presentation, may call Cherry Lake Fire Rescue at (850) 929-2354 at least one-week prior and leave your name and a return call phone number to verify. Candidates may also email this information to clfr@embarqmail.com. Deadline to reserve a space at the podium is Saturday, August 16 at 5 p.m.



Wild Adventures Ticket Winners



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Laketa Davis (shown left) came to pick up her tickets for Wild Adventures with Mekhi Roberson. Sponsored by Greene Publishing, Inc.



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Christina Brooks was excited to be drawn as a winner of Wild Adventures tickets. Sponsored by Greene Publishing, Inc.



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Shirley Davis was all smiles as she picked up her Wild Adventures tickets. Sponsored by Greene Publishing, Inc.



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Heather Klein won tickets to Wild Adventures. Sponsored by Greene Publishing, Inc.



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Why He Chose Firefighting: "I had experienced and received training at a very young age. I thought it was the greatest need that I was qualified to fulfill in our community."

How Long He Has Volunteered: 20 years.

Last Book Read: *Killing Lincoln* by Bill O'Reilly.

Favorite Quote: "If you disregard history, you are doomed to repeat it."

Favorite Music: "Anything that is not boom, bang, crash annoying."

Favorite Movie: "*Sound of Music*, I grew up with it."

Favorite TV Show: "*Lonesome Dove*. Many diverse characters come together to get a tough job done."

Favorite Sport: College baseball – All teams ACC or SEC.

Hero: "Thomas Jefferson, his prose started this great country."

Hobbies: "Cherry Lake Volunteer Fire and Rescue and growing pine trees."

Day Job: Forester for a pulp and paper manufacturer.

Family: "Just me and my spouse who is and was my best friend.

Relatives are scattered about the U.S."

Sum Yourself Up: "I am an independent rascal surrounded by enigmas."



AROUND MADISON COUNTY

Madison County Memorial Hospital Holds Grand Opening



Photo By RandREventsPro, July 26, 2014

The Madison County Memorial Hospital Board of Directors were in charge of cutting the first ribbon of the day, the red ribbon, that represented the hospital opening for the people. From left to right are: James Sale, Rosa Richardson, Reverend Oliver Bradley, Howard Phillips, Ben Harris, Annette Johnson (chair), Richard Machek (Florida State Director USDA / Rural Development) and David Abercrombie, MCMH Chief Executive Officer.

"For you, above all else, prosperity and health" 3 John 1:2



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IMPORTANT NOTICE!

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Friday, August 1, 2014.

Madison County Memorial
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By Rose Klein
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Madison County Memorial Hospital (MCMH) held its Grand Opening Ceremony last Saturday, July 26, with hundreds showing up for the event.

The new hospital, located at 224 NW Crane Avenue, had its doors opened from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday to offer staff, volunteers, residents and special guests a sneak preview of what the new hospital looked like on the inside, after a year and a half wait from the hospital's ground breaking in November of 2012.

Frank Ranicky, from WCTV, was the Master of Ceremonies and spoke to hundreds of people who came out to see the new facility. Other special guests who participated in the ceremonies were Florida State Director of US Department of Agriculture, Richard Machek and US Senator, Bill Nelson.

Red, white and blue ribbons adorned the new medical facility and provided three separate ribbon cuttings. After the ceremony, visitors streamed inside the hospital to refreshments and Hors d'oeuvres in the Main Lobby, before going on to tour the remainder of the building. Hospital personnel and volunteers were positioned throughout the building to share information with guests, where they were able to view both floors of the hospital.

Some of the rooms viewed in-

cluded the business office and financial services area, surgery suites, emergency room, kitchen and dining areas, nurse's stations, patient rooms and best of all, state-of-art lab and x-ray equipment that welcomes in a new era of digital technology to Madison.

Ted Ensminger, the hospital's Director of Marketing, who had already been giving group and private tours of the new hospital, said over 1,000 people had toured the facility before the grand opening. "We are all so very pleased about how well the Grand Opening went for the new hospital. Hundreds of people came out to support the Grand Opening including many representatives for our county and city governments, members of the local clergy the Department Heads from the Hospital and many of the Hospital Auxiliary. We cannot thank our speakers enough for their time and kind words," said Ensminger. "Special thanks to go to Congressman Ted Yoho, Ms. Lynn Bannister who read a letter from Senator Bill Nelson, Reverend Robert Agner who led the Blessing of the Hospital, Mr.



Photo By RandREventsPro, July 26, 2014

Frank Ranicky, who served as news anchor at WCTV for over 30 years, was Master of Ceremonies for the hospital's Grand Opening.

Robert Machek, Florida State Director of the USDA Rural Development, as well as Ms. Annette Johnson, Chair of the MCMH Board of Directors, Mr. David Abercrombie, Chief Executive Officer of MCMH and the Reverend Oliver Bradley, who is a Board Member and lead the group in the invocation. And of course, very special thanks to Mr. Frank Ranicky of WCTV for serving as the Master of Ceremonies for the entire event. The event, indeed, was a huge success!"

The new Madison County Memorial Hospital will begin admitting patients into the new building on Friday, August 1.



Photo By RandREventsPro, July 26, 2014

Dr. Johnson Bibb, who has been with Madison County Memorial for 53 years, along with Ms. Margaret Graham, in-etary for 51 years, had the honor of cutting the second ribbon, the white ribbon, at the Grand Opening.

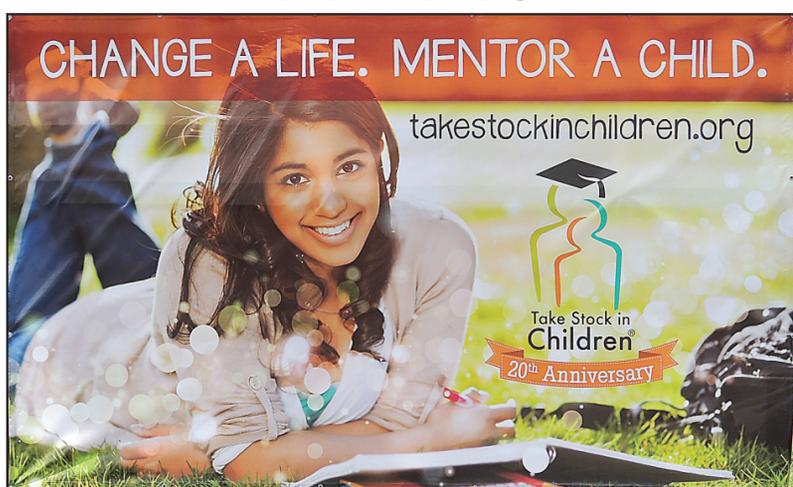


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The final ribbon represented all of the management team and volunteers at the hospital. Cutting the blue ribbon, from left to right, are: Dr. Brett Perkins, Chief Medical Office of MCMH; Francis Mercer, President of MCMH Hospital Auxiliary; David Abercrombie, MCMH Chief Executive Officer; Tammy Stevens, MCMH Chief Operating Officer; Cindi Burnett, Human Resources Officer and Patrick McGee, Comptroller and Interim Chief Financial Officer.

AROUND MADISON COUNTY

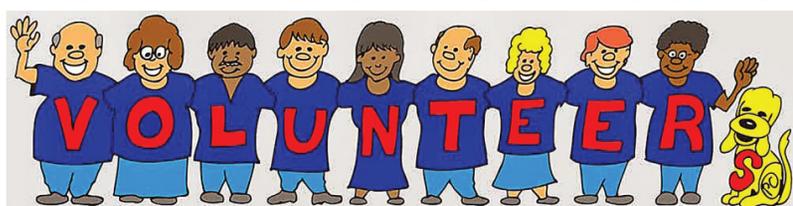
Take Stock In Children Turns 20



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo By Lynette Norris, July 28, 2014

Those driving past Four Freedoms Park may have noticed the Take Stock In Children sign. The organization is celebrating 20 years of serving the children of Florida, including many children in Madison County. The Madison Chapter plans to have more on this later, focusing on some of the children who are currently in the TSIC program as the school year kicks off in a few short weeks. Keep watching.

Senior Center Seeks



By Jessie R. Box
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The Senior Citizens Council of Madison County is seeking volunteers to help for the summer with yard work, minor home repairs and building ramps. There are several senior citizens in Madison County that are unable to do yard work and have no family that can help. Some senior citizens have minor repair jobs around the house that they are unable to do and some citizens are homebound that need ramps built. If anyone is handy with tools or willing to help with yard work, contact the Senior Citizens Council of Madison County at (850) 973-4241.

City Of Madison Fire Rescue Received Grant

Submitted by City of Madison Fire Rescue

The City of Madison Fire Rescue was awarded a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) - Assistance to Firefighters Program (AFG) FY 2013 Grant Award for Operations and Safety, on Friday, July 11.

The City of Madison Fire Rescue applied for and was awarded an \$89,500 grant from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) - Assistance to Firefighters Program (AFG) FY 2013 for the purchase of an exhaust removal system and replacement of the existing air compressor and fill station system for the fire station.

This grant requires a five percent (\$4,475) match in funds from the city, with 95 percent (\$85,025) provided by DHS. This award provides \$39,500 for the Madison Fire Rescue to purchase and have installed a new air compressor and fill station system, which will meet all current safety standards as well as providing

for additional breathing air capacity for filling Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) bottles. The existing air compressor and fill station was bought in 1983 and is no longer able to be updated or repaired in most cases. This compressor and fill station is also not compliant with modern standards.

The award also provides \$50,000 for the department to purchase and install an Exhaust Removal System for either the fire apparatus or station. The combination of both of these projects will help to provide a safer and healthier environment for the firefighters who work in Madison. Diesel exhaust is a known cancer-causing agent and taking this step to help protect our firefighters from this hazard is a step in the right direction for the city and fire department.

The City of Madison Fire Rescue thanks the Department of Homeland Security/AFG Program for this award and the City of Madison for their support of this project.



Madison County School's Open House Dates Set

By Jessie R. Box
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The 2014-15 school year for the Madison County School District begins on Monday, August 18 and open house dates and times have been set.

Lee Elementary School's open house is Tuesday, August 12 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Greenville Elementary School's open house is Thursday, August 14 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Pinetta Elementary School's open house is Thursday, August 14 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Madison County Central School's open house for 6th to 8th grade is Wednesday, August 13 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For grades Pre-Kindergarten through 5th grade at Madison County Central School will have open house on Thursday, August 14 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Madison County High School's open house is Thursday, August 14 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The Madison County Excel Alternative Education Center's

open house is Thursday, August 14 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Madison Academy is set to start on Monday, August 11. The open house is set for Thursday, August 7 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.



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On Tuesday, June 10th, Covenant Bible College & Seminary (CBCS) Commencement Ceremonies was filled to overflowing with over 200 family members and friends who came from as far as Missouri to applaud the graduating class of 2014. The atmosphere in the church was charged with excitement as the 32 graduates in their caps, gowns, hoods and tassels marched down the aisle in a procession as the honorees of the evening.

Dr. Connie Peterson, CBCS Academic Dean and Madison Campus Director/Instructor, opened the Commencement Ceremony with a welcome and an exhortation to the Body of Christ to

fulfill the plans and purposes of their Divine calling. Peter Harvey, Madison Campus Assistant Director/Instructor, shared a powerful Scripture with the honorees and the congregation.

Dr. Katherine Harris, also an anointed Instructor/Minister gave the invocation and lifted up praise and thanksgiving to God for all He is doing in each of our lives, our nation and Covenant Bible College and Seminary. Life-transforming worship that was centered at the Throne of God was lead by Rev. John L. Peterson, pastor of New Life Christian Church International in Madison.

Dr. Dawn Knighton, CBCS Campus Director/Instructor of the Daytona, FL, graduates, shared her awesome testimo-

2014 Covenant Bible College Graduates

ny and how Covenant Bible College & Seminary prepared her for ministry. A beautiful medley of praise and worship was sung by Tharron Robinson, who was one of the 2014 graduates.

Hollie Bargerstock, Campus Director in Tallahassee, gave a wonderful introduction of the evening's guest speaker. After Pastor Peterson's powerfully anointed Commencement address, CBCS Registrar, Licia Newstead conferred on the graduates the following degrees:

Diploma of Theology:

- Joseph L. Chavers
- Dawn Smith
- Constance Lombardozzi
- Cynthia Tuten
- Leslie Ratliff

Associate of Science in Theology:

- Catherine Alexander
- Carl Leon Miller, Jr.
- Allison Davis
- Sabrina L. Powell
- David L. Ellison
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- Loretta M. Ellison
- Tharron B. Robinson

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After the Confering of the Degrees, Dr. Connie Peterson

offered her heart-felt love and appreciation to the instructors, students' families, The Madison Florist and the wonderful host-church family at The Madison Church of God. Dr. Peterson then presented the 2014 Graduating Class of Covenant Bible College & Seminary to those in attendance and watching by web-cast.

A lovely reception followed and was beautifully catered in the Fellowship Hall by Dr. Rickey and Dr. Ava Curry from Jasper, FL.

All the students and those who are interested in joining the CBCS family for the new academic year have been extended an invitation:

ORIENTATION FOR THE 2014 - 2015 ACADEMIC YEAR WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 5 AT 7 P.M. AT NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CHURCH INTERNATIONAL LOCATED ON US 90 WEST IN MADISON FLORIDA (405 SW OLD US 90).

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By Richard B. Sauls,
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"And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out My Spirit."

(Joel 2:28-29).

Joel is the Holy Spirit Prophet of the Old Testament, the one quoted by Simon Peter on the Day of Pentecost.

(Acts 2:16-21).

Before the Cross, the Holy Spirit, even though working mightily in the world, still, was very limited as

to what He could do, because the blood of bulls and goats could not take away sins (Heb. 10:4). In other words, the Holy Spirit could not come into the hearts and lives of Believers before the Cross and abide there permanently. He came into the hearts of some to help them accomplish particular works, but He was still very limited, due to the fact that the sin debt could not be paid with animal blood.

That's the reason that Jesus said of John the Baptist, that even though he was the greatest Prophet born of woman, still, the least in the Kingdom of God was greater than John (Lk. 7:28).

What did Jesus mean by that?

He didn't mean that we are greater in character than John. Not at all! He meant that the Cross would afford greater privileges and opportunities than John ever thought of having.

That's why Paul said that the "New Covenant," which was made possible by the Cross, is a much better Covenant, based on better Promises (Heb. 8:6).

Now, due to the what the Cross has made possible, in that it atoned for all sin, the Holy Spirit comes into the hearts and lives of all Believers, and does so to remain forever, and to constantly help us (Jn. 14:16-17).

The Cross, by the shedding of the Precious Blood of Christ, atoned

for all sin, past, present, and future, at least for those who will believe. The sin debt was thereby forever paid. Consequently, the Holy Spirit now, even at conversion, comes into the heart and life of the Believer in order to abide forever. As long as faith is maintained in Christ, He most definitely will there abide. He desires to help us, lead us, and guide us as we live this life for the Lord (Jn. 16:7-15).

Every single thing done in our lives, as it regards the Fruit of the Spirit, Christlikeness, Righteousness, Holiness, in fact, all Spiritual Growth, must be carried out by the Holy Spirit. That's what makes false doctrines so wrong.

They are attempting to sanctify people by the means of the flesh. Such cannot be done.

Anything done in our hearts and lives for the Lord must, and without fail, be instituted, instigated, carried out and accomplished by the Holy Spirit.

And how does He do such? He only requires of us that we evidence Faith in Christ and the Cross, and not allow our faith to be moved from that correct Object, which then will give Him the latitude to do all the things that need to be done. He works entirely within the confines and parameters of the Finished Work of Christ. He will not work outside of those parameters.

(Rom 8:2).
HOW THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKS

The Holy Spirit works exclusively within the realm of the Finished Work of Christ. This means that He works entirely within the parameters which are defined by the Cross (Rom 8: 2,11). That's what Jesus was talking about when He told His Disciples just hours before His Crucifixion, *"And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever"* (Jn. 14:16).

Before the Cross, the Holy Spirit dwelt with Believers; but, since the Cross, where the sin debt was paid, the Holy Spirit can now "be in you."

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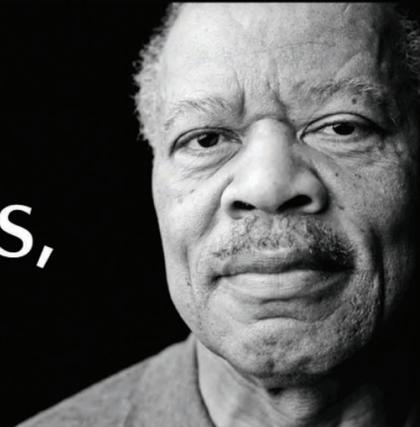
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By Lynette Norris
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But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. (I Peter 3:15)

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA
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IN RE: The Estate of
VERNELL M. FLOWERS,
Deceased.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

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Madison Versus Maitland, From A Police Officer's Point Of View



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Addressing the Madison Rotary Club, Madison Police Chief Gary Calhoun relates some of the differences and similarities between police work here and his previous position in Maitland, just north of Orlando.

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When he was first asked to speak to the Rotary Club about the differences between police work in Maitland versus Madison, Police Chief Gary Calhoun thought he would be a little hard pressed to come up with any significant differences. Madison and Maitland, a suburb lying just north of Orlando, seemed very similar at first glance, at least from a law enforcement perspective.

But as he thought about it more, he was able to see the differences as well as the larger similarities be-

tween the two towns.

Calhoun moved to Maitland in 1984, shortly after his 21st birthday, and spent the next 25 years with the police department, rising through the ranks. After his 25 years with the Maitland force, he and his wife wanted to find someplace where they could finish raising their children, someplace that didn't have 17,000 people in one town and traffic so thick it took 45 minutes to drive nine miles.

Regarding the I-4 corridor that goes through Maitland, he asked the audience to imagine that instead of Base Street, there were a six-lane major high-

way with constant heavy traffic going right through the middle of downtown. In Madison, at least, the interstate is several miles out of town.

At first, the Calhouns worried about uprooting their teenagers, but found that their children adjusted to the new surroundings even better than they did. One of the younger children remarked that he felt more comfortable living in Madison. He recalled his wife's surprise at seeing cows the first time she rode the bike trail north of town, and commented on seeing his first ballet and a troupe of Chinese acrobats (through the NFCC Artist Series) in a town that didn't even have a Walmart, and meeting "Enos" (actor Sonny Shroyer, *The Dukes of Hazzard*) and "Spongebob" at events in Tallahassee.

There are of course, differences in the size of the police departments. In Maitland, there were 40 sworn officers and 10 civilians operating on a \$4 million budget. In Madison, he operates with 15 sworn officers and one civilian, with an annual budget of \$1 million.

"In a smaller department, we all wear a lot more hats," he said. And in a town with a smaller population base, he and his officers deal with a lot of the same people over and over again, often

wondering, "why is this guy out of jail again already?"

In Maitland, crimes tended to be a lot more "stranger-based," while in Madison, where everybody knows everybody, it's more common to discover that the people who burgled your house might be someone you know, or at least know about.

Also in a town where everyone knows everyone, he recalled his amazement when he would hear Capt. McGhee tell someone to "bring so-and-so to see me, or tell him I'll come to his house with his mother and talk to him." It almost never failed - the man would come in and talk to McGhee.

Still, the basic job is the same, and it's not a job where one can get complacent. It's still very dangerous. Nationwide, about 160 police officers die every year. Other occupations may have higher death rates, but murder is not often the manner of death. Also, the ugly side of human nature that police officers see can eventually take its toll.

On the plus side, "we get to go out and help people sometimes," he said. "There's nothing like it."

"Think about the guys down there doing the job," he said. "We ask for your support, and we ask for your prayers to keep them safe."

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