

VIEWPOINTS & OPINIONS

National Security

Incirlik



Joe Boyles
Guest Columnist

In last week's address to the nation about ISIS (Islamic State of Iraq and Syria), President Obama said several things that has the 'talking heads' puzzled and debating. One of those pronouncements is that, for the first time, we will attack ISIS base camps and sanctuaries in Syria. My first question was, from where will we launch those attacks?

Assuming the strikes will be done with TACAIR assets (fighter-bombers) rather than strategic bombers, the best option is Incirlik Air Base in south central Turkey, but that option may be off the table.

Incirlik is an American-NATO base near the city of Adana. In a hundred air miles and 12 minutes, our fighters are inside Syrian airspace, a simple unrefueled flight to and from ISIS targets. I flew out of Incirlik in January 1981 with my fighter squadron from Germany. The base is located on a flat plain, ringed by majestic mountains a short distance from the Mediterranean Sea. I recall the beautiful orange groves, flying over the ruins of castles built by Crusaders nine centuries ago, and crossing the snow-topped mountains at 14 thousand feet driving northwest 200 miles to the Konya bombing range.

Can we use Incirlik to attack ISIS targets inside Syria? Apparently not. The Turks have approved non-lethal logistics flights from the base by airlifters, but no attack aircraft, so Air Force F-15s and F-16s based there are grounded from attacking ISIS.

There might be more to this than simply being a fair-weather friend. When ISIS overran Mosul in northern Iraq a couple of months ago, they took about forty prisoners from the Turkish Consulate, a clear violation of international standards and agreements. We know how these murderers treat their captives. Maybe this is Turkey's vain attempt to save or protect their diplomats.

So if Incirlik is off the table, where are these attacks supposed to originate from (assuming the president follows through on his word)? There is one aircraft carrier in the Persian Gulf, the USS George H. W. Bush. Their F-18 Super Hornets have carried a lot of the load thus far. Then there are Air Force assets like F-15E's in Qatar, but these aircraft have to drive nearly 700 miles to reach Northern Iraq and Syria. That means they require inflight refueling, probably going

to the target area and returning. That's a lot more time (fatigue for our fighter pilots) and more coordination with support aircraft.

Syria would be much easier to attack from the Mediterranean Sea, but I don't believe we have a carrier strike group in the Med at this time. Maybe such a group is under sail from Norfolk as we speak.

About three weeks ago, an Air Force F-15C flying from Qatar had its hydraulic systems shot up and damaged over Northern Iraq. The emergency forced the pilot to divert to Turkish airspace and request assistance. Turkish F-16s joined on him and escorted the damaged aircraft to a nearby base where it safely landed. Maintenance crews had to be dispatched from Incirlik to repair the aircraft before it could be safely flown back home.

Expect this scenario to repeat as ISIS grows more confident in their defense and as our aircraft go deeper into enemy territory. There is also the danger that our aircraft will be shot at with more sophisticated Syrian air defenses. Don't be surprised if some of our jets are shot down and the pilots eject over ISIS territory. The president says that we aren't putting any "boots on the ground," but he is discounting our fighter pilots when he says that. And when one of our jets is blown out of the sky, there will be a full-blown rescue attempt which will put more of our people in harm's way. If ISIS captures one of our pilots, it will be especially ugly.

One of the things that frustrates me is how politicians misuse tactical aviation. They see it as a 'clean war' meaning no casualties or cost for us. Don't tell that to our fighter pilots - Navy, Air Force and Marines - who are flying over enemy territory seeing flak and watching their radar warning receivers (RWR) light up with signals indicating they are being tracked by surveillance and threat radars. It isn't a clean war and we can expect casualties.

Politicians like to see themselves as strategic thinkers who are best equipped to pick targets for our pilots to attack. That's baloney and if the White House is doing this like LBJ did during Rolling Thunder (1965-68 in North Vietnam), they're demonstrating ignorance of history. So far, it seems like most of the targets we have hit have been pickup trucks, hardly a sophisticated us of TACAIR. If the political types are deciding the rules of engagement (ROE) our pilots must follow, that's another classic example of politicians monkeying with military decisions and putting our pilots at greater risk.

There are many important issues to deal with as we ramp up a larger military campaign to defeat the ISIS threat.

Letter To The Editor

Letters to the Editor are typed word for word, comma for comma, as sent to this newspaper.
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Third Annual Prayer Walk

Dear Editor

If we ask anyone between five-years old and one hundred what "Holiday" falls on October 31st, 100 percent will resound: "Halloween!" If we ask the same individuals what the next day proclaims, I guess 90 percent would stare back bewildered, because All Saint's Day, November 1st, remains unknown by many, even Christians, as does All Souls Day on November 2nd.

Nevertheless, my Letter to the Editor in the Daily News, Jacksonville, North Carolina, two years ago brought added attention to All Saint's Day. I announced that my wife and I would walk once around one of our city's landmarks, Jacksonville Commons' Pool, at 6 p.m., praying for God to continue to guide and bless our nation. In my letter, I invited other

Christians to join our ten minute walk. A small group arrived and shared our praying. Last year, another Letter to the Editor about our All Saint's Day Prayer Walk drew more praying walkers.

This third year, God's Spirit touched me to invite more of God's people to share in our All Saint's Day Prayer Walk. Therefore, I am sending this same invitation to every newspaper and Christian church email I can find, local and afar, throughout America. I encourage churches to tell their congregations of this prayer walk or at least tell them of this National effort. Further, I encourage Christians, wherever they worship, to gather at a landmark in their city or community. Then, on November 1st at 6 p.m., praying Christians can join spiritually over vast dis-

tances with Jacksonville, North Carolina souls in our Third Annual All Saint's Day Prayer Walk.

Regardless of the distance between us, what a blessing God will bestow on our nation if two or three (thousand) gather in Christian spirit every All Saint's Day. If we walk worthy of our calling, praising God, humbling ourselves, praying and seeking His face, God will forgive our sins and will heal our land as He promised in Second Chronicles 7:14.

If we invest a few minutes in an Annual All Saint's Day Prayer Walk until Christ returns for us, His living saints, we will no longer hide our light under a bushel. We will shine it from the highest hilltop for all to see.

Rev. Gene Poore

Covenant Hospice:

A Daughter's Reflection On Compassionate Care

I remember so vividly the moment the doctor told my family there was nothing else they could do to treat my father's illness. There were so many thoughts and emotions going through my mind; primarily that there was no way that my dad could die. He was only 66 years old much too young to die. I needed him, my children needed him and he had to see them grow up. I could not process everything that was being said or even comprehend the notion that my dad was going to die.

Through my tears I asked the doctor How long does dad have?

It could be weeks or even months, I just don't know, the doctor said, You need to focus on making it about the quality of the time you have with your dad, not the quantity of time.

That is a hard concept to grasp when you are talking about someone you love. The doctor suggested we might want to talk to someone with Hospice. Deep down I felt like accepting care from Hospice meant that I was giving up and that his death was imminent. I never thought that what it really meant was making the most of the time we still had together as a family.

We agreed to meet with someone from Hospice to learn more about the services offered and so began our journey with Covenant Hospice.

Covenant Hospice had been serving the Talahassee and surrounding counties since 2003 and is widely recognized as one of the largest and most comprehensive hospices in the nation, providing quality time for over 30 years for patients with life-limiting illnesses, their families and loved ones.

Hearing those words, there is nothing else we can do, set off a roller coaster emotions for everyone in my family. From my dad to my six children all the way up to my 90 year old grandmother, there was a wide range of feelings, emotions and questions that each one of us had. Covenant Hospice provided us with Social Workers, Chaplains and Volunteers that were able to provide us with a wide range of comfort and care that we all needed. I have a very big family and from the moment we called Covenant Hospice it was as if our large family grew even more to make room for our Covenant Family. The care they gave and shared with all of us extended well beyond just my dad. Covenant Hospice gives families, such as mine, the gift of quality time by providing care to help loved ones live each day to the fullest.

One of the primary objectives of Covenant Hospice is to give patients the opportunity to receive care in their own home or a homelike setting while maintaining a strong emphasis on quality of life. Hearing that meant so much to me since getting home was one of my dad's primary objectives as well. I immediately knew that choosing Covenant Hospice was the right choice for our family. We were going to get my dad home and be together.

As a daughter I could not bear to see my dad suffer in any way. The fear of my dad being in pain and suffering in anyway was heart wrenching to me and something I would lay awake at night worrying about. The burden and fear of him suffering in any way was taken off of our

shoulders by Dr. Jean Murphy, Covenant Hospice physician, and the wonderful Covenant Hospice nursing staff. Dr. Murphy would come to the house to check on my dad, which took away much of his anxiety about being put back in the hospital. Her compassion and care for him and towards all of us endeared her quickly to our hearts.

In addition to Dr. Murphy, the entire Covenant team, consisting of nurses, social workers, chaplains, bereavement specialists and a volunteers were available anytime day or night to us give support and assistance, to help in any way enhance the quality time that dad and our family had together.

Knowing that dad was being cared for and kept comfortable allowed my family to really focus on the time we spent with dad. We will forever hold precious the memories of the nightly rounds of Jeopardy and the laughter that filled the room as we attempted to shout out the correct answer first. There were priceless visits from my dad's high school and college friends where we all got to sit around and here them reminiscing about the good old days. I learned even more stories about my dad that I will treasure forever and pass on to my children and their children someday. Covenant Hospice gave us those moments that we shared together as a family and that will always be so precious. They gave us a quality of life I didn't expect after hearing the words, there is nothing else we can do.

On the morning that my dad died, my dad's nurse Connie was there with us as he peacefully took his last breath. She had stayed with him all through the night, never leaving his side, so that my mom could get some rest. Dr. Murphy came and spent time with us as we processed what had just happened and shared stories and tears about dad.

At one point, I remember looking around the room and thinking about something my dad once told me:

Family is not just the people you were born to and you are related too, he said. Family is also the people you meet along your journey in life who love you and are always there for you.

He was so right. At that moment I looked around the room and realized that I was surrounded by family not just the family I was born into, but our Covenant Hospice family who we had all grown to love so much. It was a very special moment.

I miss my dad every single day but I take great comfort in the fact that he died free from pain and with all of us together. We were given the gift of quality time with this wonderful man and that is a gift I will forever be grateful to them for giving to us. I like to think that my dad is smiling down on me seeing that today I am working for Covenant Hospice to make sure that other patients and families are given that same special care and quality time that Covenant Hospice gave to my family.

To learn more about Covenant Hospice and the services and programs offered go to www.covenant-hospice.org or call (850)575-4998.

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Obituaries

Mae Bell Barclay

On Friday, September 12, God called home Mrs. Mae Bell Barclay, 92. She was a resident of Greenville. Mrs. Barclay was a homemaker and a member of New Macedonia Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lee Barclay and one son, Albert and one daughter, Margaret. She is survived by three sons: Gene Barclay, Donnie

(Mary) Barclay, all of Greenville; and Allen (Caroline) Barclay of Perry, two daughters: Sarah Buchanan, of Greenville and Marie Shetty, of Tallahassee. She has a brother, Randall Southall, of Madison and one sister, Geneva Brown of Jacksonville. She has sixteen grandchildren, thirty great-grandchildren and eleven great-great-grandchildren. Her funeral ser-

vice was held Monday, September 15 at 11 a.m., at Beggs Funeral Home Madison Chapel. Visitation was held Sunday, September 14 from 5-7 p.m. at Beggs Funeral Home. 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.

Wedding Announcement

Scheetz-Humphries Will Unite In Marriage

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Scheetz are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Monique Christine Scheetz to Oscar Thomas Humphries, son of Harold and Gloria Humphries of Cairo, Georgia.



in December. She is currently employed by South Georgia Medical Center. Oscar is a graduate of Valdosta State University and is currently employed by Georgia Department of Corrections; where he works as a counselor.

Monique is a student at North Florida Community College majoring in Nursing. She will complete the RN program

A March 28th wedding is being planned at the Lakes Chapel and Clubhouse in Lake Park, Georgia.

Vernie M. Griner Smith

Mrs. Vernie M. Griner Smith, 67, died Friday, September 12, at South Georgia Medical Center. A memorial service will be at a later date. She was born July 29, 1947 in Ft. Pierce, Fl. and moved here in 1981. She was a member of Cherry Lake Baptist

Church. She is survived by her husband, William Smith of Madison; one son, Bonzo Smith, of Madison; four daughters: Kelly (Wesley) Atkins, of Madison; Kim Smith, of Madison; Kitty Smith, of Cherry Lake and Keely Smith, of Madison;

four grandchildren: Aturo "Bubba" Vasquez, Allegra Smith, Krintina Ferrell and Bridgette Ferrell; and five great-grandchildren: Hayden Michael Johnson, Aria Vasquez, Meia Vasquez, Alicia Vasquez and Lydia Rose McKee.

P. F. Kelley, Jr.

Mr. P. F. Kelley, Jr., 75, passed away Saturday, September 13, at Advent Christian Village, in Dowling Park. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. on Wednesday, September 17, at Beggs Funeral Home Madison Chapel with visitation one-hour prior to the service from 10 - 11 a.m., at Beggs Funeral Home. He was born in Hamilton County on September 15, 1938 to Pennywell and Ora Lee Kelley. P. F. was retired from Dixie Packers and was a member of Lee First Baptist Church.

He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather enriching the lives of those he touched. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends, hunting, fishing, gardening and especially his grandchildren Bryant and Kelley Ann and his four-legged friend. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Clarice Kelley; daughter, Angie (Bill) Howell; and grandchildren: Bryant and Kelley Ann Howell of Day, Fl.; three brothers: Wes Kelley, of Madison; Jer-

ry Kelley, of Orange Park, Fl. and Terry Kelley, of Lake City; six sisters: Sudie Selph, of Jennings, Fl., Lavern Harris and Shyril Norris of Suwannee, Fl., Christine Ullrich, of Homerville, Ga. and Christalee O'Dwyer and Rhonda Hancock of Live Oak, Fl. as well as a host of nieces and nephews. 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.

Community Calendar

September 21
The Regal Woman's Club of Greenville invites everyone to attend their anniversary program at 3 p.m. The service will be held at Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church, located at 1694 SW Grand Street. For more information, contact Vera Greenwood at (850) 948-4088 or email veranne@embarq-mail.com.

September 22
A first time homebuyer series begins Monday, Sept. 22 and will continue on Sept. 23, 29 and 30, at the Madison County Extension Service, starting at 6 p.m. After completion, participants will receive a certificate that can be used for the SHIP program and Rural Development home loans. To register, call 973-4138.

gram events at 11:30 a.m., with lunch served at noon. The campus tours will resume at 1 p.m. Call (386) 668-5088 or email madison.ranch@funch.org or for more information. Madison Youth Ranch is located at NE Captain Buie Road in Pinetta.

September 21
Genesis Missionary Baptist Church, as part of their Missionary Program, would like to invite everyone to join them at 3 p.m., to hear speaker, Missionary Maggie Duval from Tallahassee. Refreshments will be served. For more informa-

September 23
Madison Youth Ranch will have a prayer, dedication and opening celebration on Tuesday, Sept. 23. Campus tours will begin at 10:30 a.m., followed by the pro-

September 25
NFCC will be holding an Open House and Employer Forum, from noon until 7 p.m., where they will be showcasing their Automation and Production Technology Program and giving tours, demonstrations and enrollment information. Location of the college is 325 NW Turner Davis Dr. in Madison.

Have something you would like to add to the Community Calendar? Simply call Greene Publishing, Inc. at (850) 973-4141 or email your information to Rose@greenepublishing.com.

District Governor Of Rotary Visits Madison

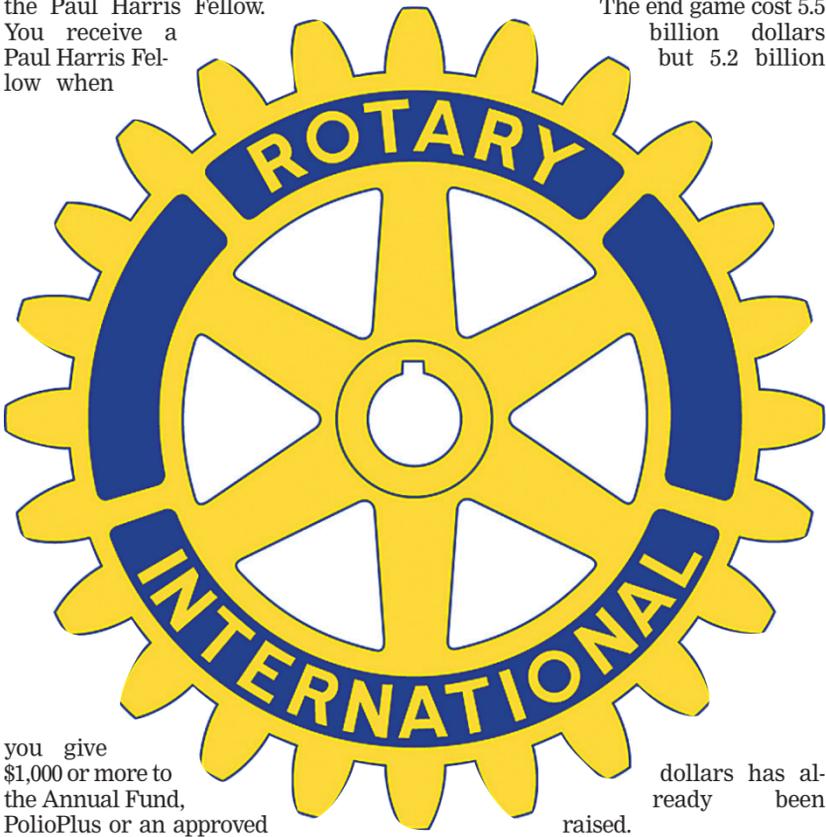
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The District Governor of Rotary David Rauch, his wife, Gretchen and Assistant District Governor Mark Viola visited the Madison Rotary Club on Wednesday, Sept. 10.

Afghanistan and Pakistan. "People have lost their lives trying to immunize children in these countries," said Rauch. For these countries to be Polio free, every child must receive the vaccination by the end of 2015 and be Polio free for three years to get the certification of Polio free in 2018.

The end game cost 5.5 billion dollars but 5.2 billion



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Madison Rotary Club Treasurer Mark Branham receiving the Paul Harris Fellow from District Governor David Rauch.



you give \$1,000 or more to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus or an approved Foundation grant. You are recognized as a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow with each additional gift of \$1,000. Rauch also discussed the eradication of Polio and how close they are. The goal is to end Polio in 2018 and they are really close to that goal. Three countries remain: Nigeria,

dollars has already been raised. Rauch discussed membership of Rotary and how it is not a matter of bringing people in but bringing in the right people. People are being brought in but there is an issue with retaining members. Rauch believes if the right ones are brought in then the tendency for them to stay will be better.



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Pictured, left to right, are: District Governor David Rauch, his wife Gretchen, Madison Rotary Club President Pete Bucher and Assistant District Governor Mark Viola at the Madison Rotary Club meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 10.

AROUND MADISON COUNTY

Local Firefighter Helped Fight Wildfires



Matthew LaMendola

By Jessie R. Box
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Matthew LaMendola, a firefighter for Madison Fire Rescue went to Orleans, Calif. to help with a wildfire. He was gone from Aug. 14 to Aug. 30. The first week he was there he worked a small fire that was on top of a mountain that was in a controlled state. By the second week, that fire was out and he worked as initial attack for Orleans. This means that any calls that came in related to a wildfire, he would answer along with the other firefighters. He answered three fires during that time.

LaMendola said that fighting wildfires is something he always wanted to do so he got his red card, which enables him to go out West and fight fires. To qualify for his red card, he had to walk three miles in 45 minutes with 45 pounds of gear. Once he got the red card, he had to put his name on a list every week to show that he was available to go out West and help.

When his name was chosen, he had 24 hours to be at his destination but did not know where he was going until he arrived at the airport in Tampa.



Photo Submitted

Matthew LaMendola went to Orleans, California to help with wildfires from Aug. 14 to Aug. 30. He stands in the aftermath of the fire.

He also had to get his shifts covered at Madison Fire Rescue.

He plans on helping again but would like to do it as a paramedic. He already has the qualification as a paramedic.

"I think everyone (firefighters) should try it at least once because it gives them an appreciation for their jobs in Florida," said LaMendola. "The work those guys are doing out there is 10 times harder."

NOTICE OF CONTINUATION

The Final Budget Hearing held on September 16, 2014 For the Town of Lee was recessed and will be continued on September 19, 2014 6 p.m. Lee Town Hall Town of Lee, Florida

Madison Man Won Tickets To iHeart Radio Music Festival



Danny Griffin

By Jessie R. Box
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Danny Griffin, of Madison has won tickets to the iHeart Radio Music Festival on Sept. 19 and 20 at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas. He and one guest will be flown out to Las Vegas and will stay at the MGM Grand.

The contest was a "Text-to-Win" contest where everyday an iHeart Radio station would announce a word of the day and you were to text it to a number. The winning word for Griffin was 'glitter,' which he heard on X101.5 in Tallahassee.

Griffin said that after he text the word to the number he received a phone call telling him he was the winner but he thought it was a joke. It did not sink in that he had won until he heard a recording of his winning phone conversation on X101.5 the next morning.

"I am still in shock because the odds of winning it is like winning the lottery," said Griffin.

The artists that will be performing include Lorde, Taylor Swift, Usher, Eric Church and Ariana Grande but Griffin is most excited to see Montle Crue in concert, as this is their farewell tour.

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Members of the Madison County United Way Committee met on Wednesday, Sept. 10 at the Madison County Community Bank. In the back row, from left to right, are: Stephanie Carroll, Co-Chair; Howard Phillips and Willy Gamalero. In the middle row, from left to right, are: Kaitlynn Passmore, Megan Picht from United Way of Big Bend; Mark Buescher and Cathy Rogers. In the front is Janet Maier. Not pictured is Ina Thompson.

Madison County United Way Campaign Has Begun

By Jessie R. Box
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Madison County United Way has kicked off their campaign and it will end on Tuesday, Nov. 25. The Co-Chairs this year are Stephanie Carroll and Kaitlynn Passmore from Tri-County Electric. Their goal for this year is to collect \$91,716. They also plan to have their Celebrity Waiters event again but no date has been set.

Madison County United Way plans to donate the money collected during this campaign to 20 different organizations. The organizations are 2-1-1 Big Bend, Ability 1st, American Red Cross, America's Second Harvest, Big Bend Cares, Big Bend Hospice, Boys and Girls Club, Tabula Rasa, Brehon Family Services, Capital City Youth Services, Children's Home Society, Consolidated Christian Ministries of Madison, Early Learning Coalition of the Big Bend, El-

der Care Services, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Girl Scouts, Kids Incorporates, Madison Senior Citizens Council, Office of the Public Guardian, Refuge House and Sickel Cell Foundation.

United Way of the Big Bend covers Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Taylor and Wakulla counties. Last year, over \$1.2 million was invested into the community.

Madison County Farm Bureau Hosted District 2 Youth Speech Contest

By Jessie R. Box
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Madison County Farm Bureau hosted the Farm Bureau Youth Speech Contest for District 2 on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at their office. There were three contestants: Tremelody Robinson of Jefferson County

Middle High School, Terrah Henderson of Suwannee High School and Krista Lyons of Lafayette High School.

The topic for their speech was "Food security is an important issue to the people of the U.S. How can Florida Agriculture continue to provide quality solutions for the future?"

The judges for the event were Ed Sapp, agriculture teacher at Madison County High School; Lindsey Lawson, of Madison County Farm Bureau; and Ginny Paarlberg, State Woman's Chair for Farm Bureau.

The winner of the Youth Speech Contest was Krista Lyons. She will be going on to the State Competition with seven other district winners on Thursday, Oct. 30. She received a \$100 award. Second place was Terrah Henderson and received a \$50 award. Third place was Tremelody Robinson and she received a \$25 award.

The Farm Bureau Youth Speech Contest is sponsored by the Florida Farm Bureau Federation Women's Leadership Program.



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Tremelody Robinson (middle) placed third in the Youth Speech Contest. Her Ag Teacher, Sarah Sapp (left) and Sarah Fulford (right), Women's Chair of Women's Committee of Jefferson County Farm Bureau, showed their support on Tuesday, Sept. 9.



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Terrah Henderson (left) placed second at the Youth Speech Contest and Sarah Carte (right), Women's Chair of Women's Committee of Suwannee County Farm Bureau, posed for a picture with her after the contest.



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Krista Lyons (left) will be going to the State Competition after placing first at the District Competition. Brenda Gayle Land (right), Farm Bureau District 2 Women's Committee Chair Person, stands with Lyons for a picture.

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Master Mason Degree Conferred Upon Two



Photo Submitted

Madison Lodge No. 11 conferred The Master Mason Degree on Brother Chris Norris of Greenville Lodge No. 28 and Brother Lucas Rutherford of Madison Lodge No. 11, on Monday, Sept. 8. This was an event attended by 33 Brothers. The Madison Lodge would like to thank the Brothers from Greenville Lodge, Barrett Lodge in Live Oak, Joppa Lodge in Old Town, Mayo Lodge in Mayo and Perry Lodge in Perry who took part in the Degree.

Pictured left to right in the first row are: Bro. Chris Norris, RW Roy Hibbs, Bro. Lucas Rutherford, Bro. Philip Wilkerson and Bro. Coley Raines. Pictured left to right in the middle row are: RW Allen Wood, RW Wyatt Clarke, RW John Sirmon, RW Guye Daniels, Bro. Keith Williams and W Francis Kinney. Picture left to right in the back row are: Bro. Jim Catron, Bro. James Bennett, Bro. Sid Johnson, RW David Lane and W Larry Parker, RH John Barber, RW Jim Stanley and W Jason Stanley. Not pictured is RW Don Zolonz.

Former Heavyweight Uses His Talents In Madison

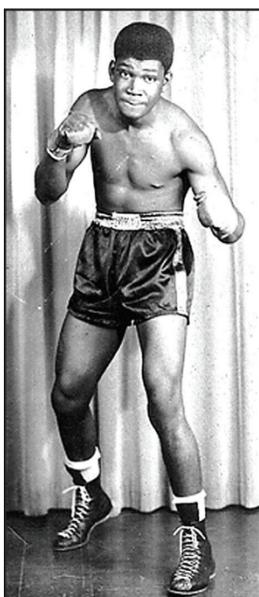


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LeRoy Alexander as a young boxer.

Story Submitted

The year was 1958 and LeRoy Alexander had just completed the school year at Madison County Training High School.

He got a job in South Florida at the Hub in Miami as a janitor. One afternoon a man approached him and said, "I need someone to fight three rounds." The money from that boxing match and other fights to follow was more than a week's pay at his janitor's job.

"So I started in Miami," said Alexander, a 228-pound heavyweight nicknamed Big Roy: "That's where I fought Willie Taylor and Jim Robinson. I lost to Jim Robinson and he fought Sonny Liston." Big Roy was known for his wicked left hook.

"We went to Miami Beach to train at 5th St. Gym," said Alexander, who met Frank Sinatra and Joe Lewis while waiting to see one of his heroes, Floyd Patterson getting ready to fight Ingemar Johansson.

"Patterson had a style of boxing I liked," he said. Also on his list of boxing favorites: Meriweather's style and Mike Tyson's punch.

During the 1960s boxing flourished with the likes of a young boxer named Classius Clay, who later changed his name to Mohammed Ali. Alexander arrived in New York to try his hand in a bigger arena. "A straight jab was my best punch," he smiled.

He unfolded the yellowed newspaper clippings that tell of his past as a Golden Gloves winner in 1962-1963 in Buffalo, New York. One New York headline read "Alexander Tops Champ on Buffalo Fight Card," the day he surprised Tom Quick. In those days, Alexander said he was well known around Rochester and Buffalo. He even did a boxing exhibition with Sonny Liston for prisoners at Cook County Jail.

In 1963, LeRoy Alexander went to Chicago where he lost a fight. The same day President John F. Kennedy was assassinated, Nov. 22, Alexander joined the Army after being drafted. He continued boxing during his Army days and had six finishes - winning all of them.

He said he always felt being in the Army curtailed his boxing career.

"I won all of my championships as an amateur 12-0 and my pro record was 6 and 4. I had to quit because of trouble with my eyes," said Alexander.

The ringing in his ears also told him it was time to hang the boxing gloves up.

The last time Alexander got in the boxing ring was 1988 when he competed for the Central Florida Heavyweight Championship in Orlando against Solomon McTier, a grueling 10-round bout in which Solomon won by a TKO, knocking Alexander's teeth out. He said it seemed like an eternity before the bell rang.

A friendly person willing to lend a helping hand, Alexander summarizes his success in life by saying, "I've lived a loving life. I've always had Christ and all. I've made good friends in New York, Orlando and Madison." He said his mentors, including former Sheriff Joe Peavy, helped him stay out of trouble and lead a quiet life.

He enjoys going to the Madison County Senior Citizens Center on SW Harvey Greene Drive to volunteer and meet with other seniors, playing billiards and remembering the good times. He visits the sick and comforts them. He goes to church faithfully at Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church, where his brother, Pastor Sim Alexander, serves a loving church family.

Having opponents in the boxing ring never bothered LeRoy Alexander: "All opponents are good when they're picked for you," he said. Perhaps this message applies to the tests of life - it's possible to grow and learn from those who oppose you and other trials that arrive in life's journey.



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LeRoy Alexander today.



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SCHOOL

Principal Barbara Pettiford Finds New School Home In Greenville



Barbara Pettiford



“Economic status as a child, does not decide who you will become as an adult.”



By Rose Klein
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Barbara Pettiford served 33 years as an educator before retiring from Georgia's school system. In Georgia, she taught in the classroom for 15 years but finished up the last 18 of her years there in leadership roles. In 2013, she decided to leave retirement behind, and brought her experience as an administrator to Madison County Central School, putting it to work as a third-fifth grade Assistant Principal. This school year, Pettiford has found yet another new school home in Madison County, as Greenville Elementary School's principal.

In 2010, when Pettiford made the decision to rekindle her school career, Madison County was one of the first places on her list of possibilities. She shared a story of going to church in Madison County with her grandparents, Coley and Lizzie Davis, when

she was around 10 years old. She doesn't remember the location of the church, but she does remember the pastor, Reverend Frazier, along with the quaintness of the town and its moss-covered trees. After making the decision to come to Madison, it took Pettiford three years to get here, but she couldn't be happier.

Pettiford was raised, along with her ten brothers and sisters, by parents Leroy and Florence Miles, whom she says, "raised them to work hard." Her father, following in his own father's footsteps, was a farmer with a third grade education, and her mother, whom Pettiford described as smart, very organized and one who ran their house like a leader, had a dream of becoming a teacher, but was only able to go as far as eighth grade before having to quit school to help take care of her brothers and sisters. Her mother was able to have her dream lived out through her children, said Pettiford, because the love of education was passed down, creating a family full of educators, six with PhDs and four with Masters or Specialists degrees.

One of the lessons from her childhood Pettiford took with her, that shapes her view of students in the classroom today, is that "economic status as a child, does not decide who you will become as an adult." One of the first things she did when arriving at Greenville, was to change the environment and make it conducive to learning. She feels this allows kids to feel good about where they are and once they have that sense of pride, it will encourage them to care more about what they're doing. Another initiative of Pettiford's is to create a strong bond with school and community and school and parents. She feels strongly that "Greenville is not my school, it is our school." She likes to see teachers and parents talking too and said that's as it should be. "We're all on the same team, we're working towards one goal. I want to see these relationships, I need my parent's help."

One of the things last year's principal Valencia Barnes accomplished before leaving Greenville was acquiring an Annenberg Grant for the

school that integrates fine arts into the curriculum, which Pettiford says she is grateful to have. "Ms. Barnes didn't get to live the dream, I'm living the dream for her." The grant has allowed the school to purchase Google Chrome notebooks for students, and teachers are now integrating music, role-playing and drama into their classroom curriculum, making learning for their students fun. Pettiford says children tend to learn content faster when it is paired with art, as it unlocks areas in the brain, allowing information into long-term memory more efficiently.

Pettiford, with the help of staff, parents and volunteers, have more ideas and plans for Greenville Elementary this school year. There are plans for students to participate in speaking programs that will be partnered with awards, talent shows, academic intramurals, question and answer relay games and after-school programs for students needing extra instruction. As far as Pettiford's next retirement date, it doesn't seem like it will be anytime soon.

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SCHOOL

The Woman's Club Opens New Season With Education



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JMPHS students Danica Cook (left), 9th grade and Courtney Wilder (right), 10th grade were present at the club's season-opening luncheon. Wilder was recognized by JMPHS Principal Demetrius Rice (on right) as being the only student known, in his experience, to receive a perfect score on last year's FCAT (Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test).

By Rose Klein
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The ladies at the Woman's Club, starting back after a three-month break, welcomed James Madison Preparatory High School (JMPHS) Principal and STEM Program Director Demetrius Rice to their education-themed luncheon.

President Ethel Barefoot opened the meeting with a moment of silence to remember those lost in the 9/11 tragedies of 2001. Club member Florida Smith followed the remembrance with a devotional, dedicated to children and education, reading inspirational quotes and a poem from David Weatherford "What Children Learn."

After the opening of the meeting, everyone enjoyed a spaghetti lunch served by Divine Events Catering before settling in to hear Principal Rice.

The JMPHS charter school principal told the ladies he was not "long winded" and kept true to his word, but was still able to share plenty of information about the school and its STEM objectives. He spoke on the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math today, and how it affects all aspects of life and believes

that JMPHS is the prototype for our educational system today.

Betty Jean (BJ) Curtis ended the luncheon thanking the club for all they do, and have done, for Take Stock in Children; an educational organization that gives out prepaid college scholarships to students who might not otherwise be able to further their education after high school. BJ has been the organization's Student Advocate, but has retired this year. Take Stock Director Jo Willis was able to attend the meeting, after coming from the state conference, announcing to the Woman's Club that the Madison County Chapter of Take Stock in Children had just received the state's Program of Excellence Award.

The Woman's Club helps out the Take Stock program by donating school supplies for backpacks the organization gives away, they have paid for a student scholarship and many of the club's members participate in the mentor program, assisting students weekly with their studies.

The Woman's Club meets on the second Thursday of every month at the Woman's Club Center, located at 420 Lakeshore Dr., beside Lake Frances.

JMPHS Has New History And P.E. Teacher

By Jessie R. Box
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Patrick White is a new teacher at James Madison Preparatory High School. He teaches World History, Geography, P.E. and Health class. He has been teaching for 20 years. He has mostly taught in Georgia.

He was born in Valdosta, Ga. but he considers Madison his home away from home because he used to visit Cherry Lake as a child. His wife, Kitty, also grew up in Greenville and they are currently living in her childhood home.

When they moved to Greenville, White wanted to work in a smaller school system compared to the Atlanta, Ga. school system. He liked the idea of James Madison Preparatory High School that pushes high academics.

"Teaching is in my blood," said White.

His grandmother was a teacher for over 50 years, his mother just retired from teaching at Valdosta State University and his sister is a teacher. White said his daughter is also considering becoming a teacher.

What White loves about a small school system is that he is able to get to know the students and parents and the community is more involved in the education process. What he loves about being a teacher is he is able to interact with the kids, which allows him to mold young minds.

James Madison Preparatory High School is the first school that White has not been involved in sports in his 20 years of teaching. He has coached football and baseball in the past.

History was not always the subject that White wanted to teach.

He knew he wanted to teach but to also coach. He planned on following the normal track for coaches where he would teach P.E. and Health. That changed when he was given a project in his college history class to trace his lineage. This triggered an interest and he began taking more history classes.

White has only been at James Madison Preparatory High School since the beginning of the year but loves being there. As a teacher he tries to promote fun and education.

"The kids are amazing," said White. "They are probably the best group of kids I have ever taught. Even when I'm in a bad mood the kids lift me up."



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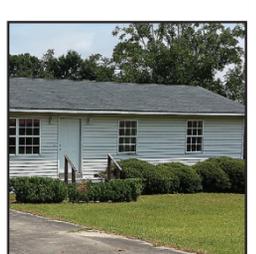
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SPORTS

Football

MCHS COWBOYS STOMP THE HURRICANES 48-23

By Bryant Thigpen
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The Madison County High School Cowboys (4-0) defeated the Gainesville High School Hurricanes (1-2) at home Friday night for their fourth win of the season with a final score 48-23. The contest against the Hurricanes was a non-conference matchup.

"I thought our Offensive Line played a heck of a football game. For the first time all season, it looked like a well oiled machine," said Head Coach Mike Coe. "They played with great effort and physicality and it showed with both fullbacks rushing for well over 100 yards each."

The Cowboys trailed 7-6 at the end of the first quarter. However, the home team put 15 points on the board to take the lead, allowing the opposing team just 10 points in the quarter, 21-17. Following half-time, the Cowboys offense racked up 27 points in the third quarter and allowed just six points on defense for a score of 48-23. Neither team scored during the fourth quarter.

The offensive line for the Cowboys were named the MVPs for the game. The players are: Marcus

Fleming, left tackle; Jaquon Smith, left guard; Zack Sprenkle, center; Tony Wooten and Kevin Turner, right guards; Victor Davis and Jonathan Mitchell, right tackles; and Eric Bright and Patrick Brown, fullbacks.

Bright led the way with 188 yards and one touchdown in rushing in 27 attempts, averaging 6.9 yards per carry. Brown gained 130 yards on the ground and one touchdown in 13 attempts, averaging 10 yards per carry. Ladarius Robinson also had a rushing touchdown.

In the passing game, Robinson picked up 16 yards and one touchdown through the air on two completions. Akevious Williams also caught the ball for a touchdown.

Overall, the Cowboys had 355 yards of total offense in the contest.

Javon Redding was named the Defensive MVP, and Bump Robinson the Special Teams MVP for their performance Friday night against the Hurricanes.

Coe said the offensive line made the difference in Friday night's contest.

"The 1-2 combo in the backfield with Eric Bright and Pat Brown really started to impress Friday

night," Coe said. "Those guys compliment each other back there very well and we feel like playing both of those guys together and snapping it at a high tempo, really wears down a defense so we can take over in the second half of games."

Coe also noted Robinson as a stand-out player for the Cowboys.

"Bump Robinson continues to make play after play for us every Friday night. He stepped in last Friday and played quarterback and we didn't miss a beat on offense. He threw a touchdown pass, ran for a touchdown, ran an interception back for a touchdown and returned a fumble for a touchdown that was called back by a foolish penalty on our part," Coe said.

Redding also had a career night with the Cowboys on offense and defense.

"Javon 'Skippy' Redding also played a great game last Friday night! He caught two touchdown passes and made some nice tackles on defense," Coe noted.

The Cowboys will load the buses Friday and head to Jacksonville for a matchup against the Trinity Christian Academy Conquerors (1-1) at 7:30 p.m.

"This Friday we travel to Jax Trinity Christian to take on



Ladarius Robinson, of the Cowboys, helps take down #23 of the Gainesville Hurricanes Friday night at Boothill ending with a 48 to 23 win for the Cowboys.

one of the best teams in the nation that is littered with players with multiple Division 1 offers," Coe said. "They will be, by far, the most athletic team we have played this far. We are excited about the opportunity to play them and we need all the Cowboy support we can get."

Coe said, "I want to thank the ones who do come out and support us every week. This group of young men amaze me daily with their attitudes and work ethic. It is a pure pleasure to coach these guys and to see them mature both as young men and as football players weekly."

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Eric Bright, of the Cowboys, crosses the goal line, making one of many touchdowns in Friday's blowout game against the Gainesville Hurricanes.

MCCS Falls To Wakulla 54-22

By Bryant Thigpen
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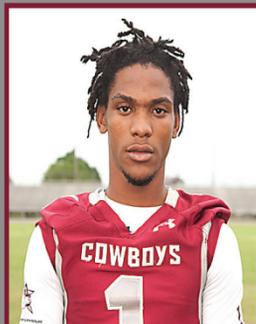
The Madison County Central School Broncos (0-1) lost their season opener Thursday night against the Wakulla High School War Eagles (3-0) with a final score 54-22.

"Wakulla was a very, very good team,"

said Head Coach Mike Ragans. "We have a lot of work to do. We made a lot of mistakes, but it was mistakes that we can fix."

The Broncos will travel to Jasper Thursday night to take on Hamilton County at 6 p.m. for their first road game of the season.

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OFFENSIVE PLAYER
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DEFENSIVE PLAYER
NICK ROBERTS

Volleyball

Madison Varsity Volleyball Falls To Godby, Beats Taylor County

By Bryant Thigpen
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The Madison County High School varsity volleyball team (1-3) dropped a close game to the Godby High School Cougars Tuesday night at home with a final score 3-2. However, the Cowgirls bounced back and notched their first victory of the season on Thursday against Taylor County High School, 3-1.

"Varsity experienced a tough five series games, losing in the last set," Head Coach Quasheena Johnson said about playing Godby.

On Thursday, the Cowgirls beat Taylor County with a final score 3-1. Johnson said she was proud of her

team's efforts in the win.

"We saw, we fought, we conquered," Johnson said. "Our win against Taylor County was the spark we needed to boost morale and confidence in our girls. We are hoping that the same level of intensity that was played in our last game, carries throughout the remainder of the season."

The Cowgirls played East Gadsden High School on the road Tuesday night. Those results will appear in the Friday's edition of the *Madison Enterprise-Recorder*. The Cowgirls will now look to prepare to play on the road against Taylor County High School on Monday at 7 p.m.

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Jacobbi McDaniel: A Champion For Life

McDaniel storms back from a season-ending injury to win a national championship at FSU



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Jacobbi McDaniel of Greenville was on the FSU national championship team. Now, he is on the practice squad for the Cleveland Browns.

By Bryant Thigpen
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Jacobbi McDaniel knows what it is to be successful. Indeed, he was the defensive tackle for the 2013 Florida State football team that won a national championship. He also knows what it is to go through hardships. In 2011, he suffered a leg injury against Duke that ended his junior season. Through the good times and bad, there was one thing that kept McDaniel going – his faith.

McDaniel was born on Oct. 8, 1989 in Tallahassee to Terry McDaniel and Darlann Choice and joins a family of four brothers and one sister. McDaniel attended school in Madison County, eventually graduating from Madison County High School in 2009.

In high school, McDaniel played several

sports including baseball, basketball and football. However, it was the challenges he faced in high school that prepared him for the college life.

“I always said Madison, back in my day, was like a junior college. The coaches held you responsible for your actions. That program taught me how to face adversity,” McDaniel said. “I faced adversity in high school that people really didn’t know about. It helped prepare me for my future.”

McDaniel was attending MCHS when he was offered a scholarship to play football at Florida State University.

“It was a lifetime dream,” he said. “Growing up and watching Florida State, I always wanted to wear that garnet and gold. That was a dream school I always wanted to go to. I didn’t care what the record was or what they had done in the past.”

However, it was in 2011 that McDaniel suffered an injury many thought would end his collegiate career.

“We were playing at Duke and it was on the first drive of the game,” McDaniel recalled. “I couldn’t believe it happened to me. I never thought I’d have an injury like that. I was told I would never come back from that injury because of my weight and putting pressure on my leg. They say most people don’t come back from

an injury like that.”

The following season, McDaniel red-shirted and returned to FSU for his senior year in 2013. That same year, the Seminoles achieved a perfect record (14-0) and went on to play Auburn in Pasadena, Calif., for the national championship. The Noles won their first national title since 1999, and only the third title in school history.

“I’m always going to remember that championship season,” McDaniel said. “But what I’ll remember most is coming back from that injury.”

From trials to triumph, McDaniel experienced it all. However, it was his faith in God that helped him through each situation and drew him closer to Christ.

“I know it (injury) happened for a reason, but I knew I had to keep a positive mindset and do what I had to do to get back to playing football,” he said. “I was always a believer, but it seemed that I only went to God when I was down. That injury made me realize really who and what God is through reading the Bible and getting a complete understanding of it. My faith went through the sky. It brought me closer to God.”

He continued, “When I got injured, I never turned my back on God. I still praised him every day. Everything happens for a reason.”

McDaniel now lives

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That injury made me realize really who and what God is.
- Jacobbi McDaniel

in Ohio and is a member of the practice squad for the Cleveland Browns.

“It was like a dream come true to put an NFL jersey on for the first time, but the dream isn’t over yet. Those were just preseason games. I want to be out there on Sundays flying around and hitting somebody. That’s for real,” he said.

McDaniel has faced many trials, but his faith in God has helped him to overcome adversity. That is what makes him a champion.

Madison Church Of Christ

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Celebrate Recovery With Bible Study At MFBA

By Bryant Thigpen
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The Middle Florida Baptist Association hosts a Bible study every Wednesday in the conference room at the MFBA headquarters. The Bible study begins at 12 p.m. and ends at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend and participate.

The theme for the Bible study is “Celebrate Recovery” and is designed for people who struggle with anger, grief, habits, codependency, control/abuse, over or under-eating, fear, anxiety, and the list goes on. This journey through the Bible is designed to help individuals find answers to their struggles.

The class is designed in a manner that no individual will be asked to an-

swer questions. Nobody will be forced to talk, however, everyone is welcome to comment.

Although the session is an hour-and-a-half, folks are welcome to join or leave at anytime during the Bible study.

Beatitudes is currently the topic, and the group is spending approximately two weeks on each beatitude.

“We have sent out a lot of invitations, and we would love to have people come and join and celebrate recovery while building a life of freedom,” said Mike Miller, director of missions for the MFBA.

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LOCAL CITIZENS BUILD OUTDOOR WORSHIP CENTER AT MADISON YOUTH RANCH



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Shown above is the view of a wooden cross constructed near the outdoor worship center.

By Bryant Thigpen
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The Madison Youth Ranch is a refuge in Madison County for children and youth who have been devastated by things in life. These hurting children need love and compassion. They also need to know that Jesus Christ, the Savior, loves them. That's why several local citizens had a vision to establish an outdoor worship center.

"It started with a vision," said Loren "Pock'o" Vause, youth director for the First United Methodist Church of Madison. "It hit a couple of people all at once, so we knew we had to do something right then."

Vause said the theme at FUMC this summer was "Souled Out Summer." They designated every Tuesday as a day of action, where they performed yard work, painting, construction and much more for people in the community. However, for three weeks, their project was to build an outdoor worship center at the Madison Youth Ranch for the 20 chil-

dren that calls the ranch home.

"We averaged about 12 youth each Tuesday that would volunteer their time off in the summer and get out and work in the heat. That's cool," Vause said.

According to Vause, about four adults and 16-18 youth from the community worked diligently to construct the worship area.

"I was just thinking about the Creator who carved out the universe and us, why not create a worship center that is among his beauty," he said. "This gives the children at the youth ranch a sanctuary, a special place to go."

Vause recalled a friend coming to know Christ through the beauty of nature.

"I had a friend who was walking through a field and looking at the beauty of nature. Because of that, he came to know Christ. The beauty and power of nature can move people just like a sermon or music," he said. "The ranch is just a beautiful place and you can see God's hand at work everywhere."

The Madison Youth Ranch will be holding a dedication and open house on Tuesday, Sept. 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Everyone is invited to visit the ranch and see what God is doing.



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The worship area was constructed in July by members of the First United Methodist Church of Madison and surrounding churches.



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Individuals from local churches came together to construct an outdoor worship center at the Madison Youth Ranch.

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The outdoor worship center will be enjoyed by all at the Madison Youth Ranch.



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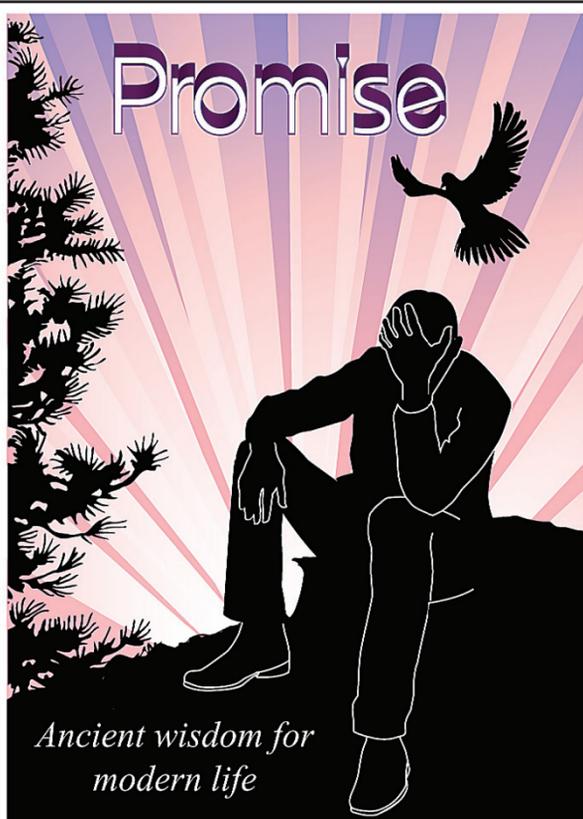
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Lee Worship Center To Honor Pastor Richard Sauls

By Bryant Thigpen
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Lee Worship Center will hold a Pastor Appreciation Day service on Sunday, Oct. 5, at 10:30 a.m. The church will be honoring their senior pastor, Richard B. Sauls, who will also be celebrating a birthday. Dinner will be served following the morning worship service.

Pastor Sauls was called to Preach at the age of 14 and has pastored churches in Florida, Pennsylvania, Alabama and North Carolina.

Sauls said his message is the Message of the Cross-Jesus Christ paid the price so that we can be saved; but not only saved—we can live a life of victory through sanctification, healing, deliverance,

and baptism in the Holy Ghost, all through the Cross.

Sauls is ordained with the Living Word of Faith Fellowship and with World Evangelism Fellowship, a branch of Jimmy Swaggart Ministries.

Sauls has been the senior pastor of Lee Worship Center for two years. Everyone is invited to attend this special service.

Children's Day At Faith Baptist Set For Sept. 20

By Bryant Thigpen
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Faith Baptist Church in Madison will be hosting Children's Day for the community on Saturday, Sept. 20, at 4 p.m. A hotdog dinner will be provided and folks in attendance will be entertained by a Christian Illusionist.

The special guest for the day is Phillip Shutt, a christian illu-

sionist. There will also be plenty of fun and games and great food.

On Sunday morning, the focus of the morning worship service will be on children. April Phillips, who serves as the church's music director, will present various songs for children. Pastor Bryan Phillips will bring the morning message that will be geared towards children.

"We're looking at expanding our children's ministries, and this is a way that we can give back to this community," Pastor Phillips said. "We're really excited about this weekend."

Faith Baptist Church is located on US 90 east in Madison. Sunday school begins at 10 a.m., followed by morning worship at 11 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

HICKORY GROVE FOUNDER'S DAY SET FOR OCT. 18

Submitted By Paul Buchanan

The time has come for the folks at Hickory Grove United Methodist Church to start their final plans for the Annual Founder's Day Celebration, which will be held on Saturday, Oct. 18, beginning at 8 a.m. This year marks the 24th consecutive year the event has been held. Could be some sort of record for church events.

Rev. Tim Blanton, who is also a part-time logger in our county, is really looking forward to an even larger crowd than last year. It is guess that over 2,000 folks visited the church during the day last year. Rev. Blanton will culminate the Founder's Day event at about 2 p.m. with his annual message to all those that relax under the trees and take in a really great sermon. All the booths and other events will cease for the circuit rider message presented by Pastor Tim.

As usual, there will be gospel singing from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., or when the sermon starts. There is a really great list of singing groups slated for the "Singing Stage" at Founder's Day. We will have Teddy McMullen,

LifeSong, the Williams sisters, Sam and Jan Agner, Mike Scott, Everylasting Arms and more. Also, our own Hickory Grove Church Choir will also perform some great songs. You will not want to miss any of these great voices, and there is plenty of shade to sit under.

Be sure to come to Founder's Day with a good case of the "Hungeries" as there will be plenty to eat and enjoy. Just to name a few, there will be chicken pileau, barbecue pork sandwiches, corn on the cob, venison chili, collard greens and hoe cakes, boiled peanuts, and the list goes on and on. Oh, by the way, don't forget breakfast, as there will be biscuits cooked on old wood burning stoves and you can put a piece of sausage or ham with it. Cousin Mary Lou Buchanan's Country Kitchen will be up and running by at least 7-7:30 a.m. So, come out early and enjoy breakfast and stay for lunch!

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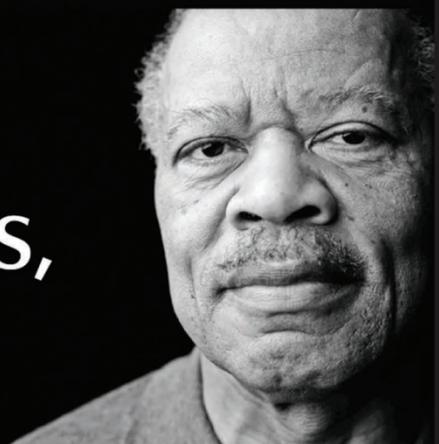
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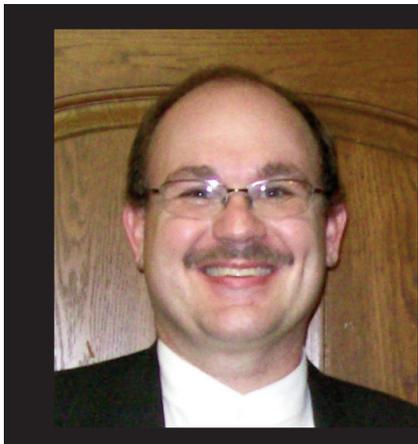


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The Pulpit

By Richard Sauls

THE HOLY SPIRIT PROPHET OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

“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 King-

dom 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” (1 Cor. 3:16).

Church Calendar

September 20

Faith Baptist Church in Madison will be hosting Children's Day for the community on Saturday, Sept. 20, on the church grounds. A hotdog dinner will be provided and folks in attendance will be entertained by a Christian Illusionist.

September 21

Genesis Missionary Baptist Church, as part of their Missionary Program, would like to invite everyone to join them Sunday, Sept. 21, at 3 p.m., to hear speaker, Missionary Maggie Duval from Tallahassee. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Gloria Washington at (850) 973-5081.

October 5

Lee Worship Center will hold Pastor Appreciation Day and honor their senior pastor, Richard Sauls, during the morning worship service on Oct. 5, at 10:30 a.m. It is also Saul's birthday celebration. The church is located at 471 SE Magnolia Drive, in Lee.

October 5

LifeSong will be performing at Grace Presbyterian Church in Madison on Sunday, Oct. 5, at 6 p.m. Admission is free, however, a love offering will be received during the concert.

October 11

The Methodist Cooperative Ministries

of Madison, located on Dill Street, will be holding a Good News Music Festival, with vendors and music, beginning at 10 a.m. and ending at 7 p.m. For music information, contact Barbrea Faircloth at (850) 443-1405 or email barbra@fairclothagency.com. For vendor information, call Cindy Horne at (850) 591-4841 or email horne4210@embarq-mail.com.

October 12

Midway Church of God will hold their homecoming service

on Sunday, Oct. 12, at 10 a.m. LifeSong will be presenting a concert during the morning service and following lunch.

October 18

Hickory Grove Founder's Day is set for Saturday, Oct. 18, on the grounds of the Hickory Grove United Methodist Church. The event begins at 8 a.m. and runs until late afternoon.

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CERTIFICATE NO: **08-1126**
 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: **2008**
 NAME IN, WHICH ASSESSED: **GEORGE W. MYLER JR.**
 PARCEL ID: **07-IN-11-6180-00A-014**

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: **LOT 14, BLOCK A, OF BLUE RIDGE LANDING SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION AS PER THE PLAT THEREOF FILED AT PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE "B", OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MADISON COUNTY, 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 23rd day of **OCTOBER 2014** at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 25th day of August, 2014



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 MADISON, FLORIDA

BY: *Denise Keeling*
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 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: **2012**
 NAME IN, WHICH ASSESSED: **RANDLE & ELLEN ODOM**
 PARCEL ID: **00-00-00-4797-000-000**

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
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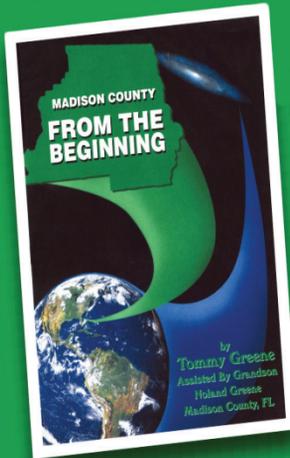
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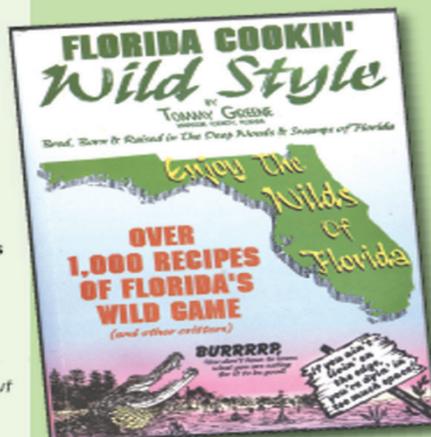
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the most exciting line-ups of awesome country artists around. Tobacco Rd Band, 309C Band, Band of Brothers, Adam Brock and Southern Rain along with contestants from the Suwannee River Jam Auditions to be held here during the event.

Tobacco Road, the Tallahassee four-piece band, came out of the gate running and has accomplished in less than a year what some bands spend a lifetime trying to do. Powered by the songwriting of Eric Durance, the soulful guitar playing of Lex Vance, the solid bass playing of Aaron Halford, and the feel good rhythm of drummer Joe Markham, The Tobacco Rd Band has been a hit since the first time they stepped on the stage. We are looking forward to featuring them this year.

309C is a high energy, hard-hitting country/Southern rock band of young men that have a sound displaying solid talent well beyond their years. In just the past few months, 309C has opened for talented acts such as Matt Stillwell, Ryan Weaver, Charlie Daniels Band, Justin Moore, Tobacco Road and many others. Currently they are busy in the studio working on their new album.

Also, the following bands will be joining the lineup: Band of Brothers out of Mayo, Fl., who currently have quite a few fans who follow them all over Florida, our very own home grown Adam Brock, and the band Southern Rain.

In addition to the artists listed above, Country in the Pines has teamed up with 1st Street Music & Sound Co. of Lake City, Fl., to not only provide the stage production but will be conducting their Suwannee River Jam Auditions on

Saturday as well, giving aspiring artists the opportunity to audition for and perform on the 1st Street Music Stage at the Suwannee River Jam held in May of 2015 at the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park, Live Oak, Fl.

But, music is just part of it. There will be seafood vendors, a variety of other food vendors, arts and crafts, a mud truck show with cash prizes and more. Camping is available, but limited so call early for reservations. Tickets are available for the Sept. 26-27 event at www.countryinthepines.com or at the Perry-Taylor County Chamber of Commerce office (428 North Jefferson Street). The event will be held at Forest Capital State Park located on Hwy. 19 South in Perry. For camping or other information, call the Chamber office at (850) 584-5366.

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8:30 p.m. - 309C Band (Main Stage)

Saturday
11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. — Suwannee River Jam Auditions & Awards (Participants TBA)
4:30 p.m. - Southern Rain (Main Stage)
5:50 p.m. - Adam Brock & Band (Main Stage)
7:30 p.m. - Band of Brothers (Main Stage)
9:00 p.m. - Tobacco Road (Main Stage)