



Unknown vehicle causes MPD wreck

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After activating lights and sirens in response to call for back-up, a Madison Police Department officer was involved in a wreck on Martin Luther King Dr., in Madison.

According to a report by the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), on Friday, Aug. 3, at approximately 2:07 p.m., MPD officer

Michael Thacker, 23, of Madison, was traveling southbound on County Road 360-A in a 2018 Ford Taurus, a marked police vehicle. Thacker was responding to a disturbance call with emergency lights and sirens activated to back-up another police officer. An unknown vehicle was traveling southbound on CR 360-A, in front of Thacker.

As Thacker

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Senator Bill Nelson visits Madison

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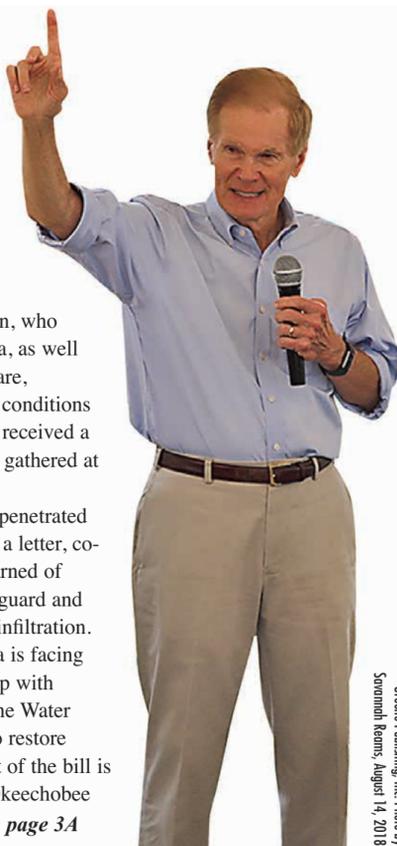
On Tuesday, Aug. 14, United States Senator, Bill Nelson, visited with Madison County citizens in Four Freedoms Park. Nelson (D), is currently running against Florida Governor, Rick Scott (R), and Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente (R) for the United States Senate.

A crowd of citizens, who were accommodated by the Madison County Democratic Party, gathered to hear from Nelson, who addressed many important issues facing Florida, as well as the United States. Nelson spoke on health care, pledging to ensure that those with pre-existing conditions are not denied health coverage. These remarks received a warm round of applause from the citizens who gathered at the park.

Nelson stood by his belief that Russia has penetrated Florida's voting systems in certain counties. In a letter, co-signed by Florida Senator Marco Rubio, he warned of Russian interference, urging the state to be on guard and to use federal resources to protect against any infiltration.

Nelson addressed the red tide crisis Florida is facing along its Southern Gulf coast. He is teaming up with Senator Marco Rubio in an effort to promote the Water Resources Development Act, a bill that aims to restore Florida's water system. The biggest component of the bill is the construction of a reservoir south of Lake Okeechobee that will help

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Don't forget to vote: Early voting underway

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Early voting has begun and Madison County citizens are already taking to the polls for the 2018 primary elections, in anticipation for November's general elections. Here's what you need to know before the polls close.

According to the Florida Division of Elections, early voting is defined as casting a ballot in person prior to Election Day at a location designated by the Supervisor of Elections and depositing the voted ballot in the tabulation system. The voter uses the same type of voting equipment that is used at the polls on Election Day. In all elections, when there is a state or federal office race, early voting is required to be available. Early voting may be offered in county, municipal and other local elections.

Polls opened at various locations for early voting on Saturday, Aug. 18. Those polls will continue to be open during specific hours until Saturday, Aug. 25, at 6 p.m. Once the polls close, no other residents will be able to vote until the primary election on Tuesday, Aug. 28. Voters then, and only then, can vote at their designated precinct.

If you are unsure of where your precinct is, log onto votemadison.com and click 'Find your Precinct.' Then, enter your house number and slowly type in your street name. You do not need to enter the direction or street type. You will then select your street name from the options that appear.

If you will be away from home during the election or prefer to vote by mail, you are asked to call the Madison County Supervisor of Elections office to

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City declines to assist local church

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On Tuesday, Aug. 14, the Madison City Commission met for their regularly scheduled meeting. They were presented with a request from Reverend Octavious Tookes of Revelation Missionary Baptist Church to consider making an application to amend the text of section 4.11.11 of the Land Development Regulations (LDR) to remove off-street parking requirements in the C-3 zoning district.

Revelation MB Church is currently in the process of purchasing the building located at 169 SW Range Ave., where Madison Sporting Goods used to operate. According to Reverend Tookes, their wish is to hold church services at this building,

promoting unity within the community and a strong moral foundation. However, due to a restriction in the city's LDR, they have postponed closing on the property. According to 4.11.11 of the LDR, it is required that a church, or other house of worship, located within a C-3 zoning district, provide off-street parking, with one space for each six permanent seats in the main auditorium.

However, in this particular location, as is true with most buildings in downtown Madison, there is no extra space for any additions--especially a parking lot. The City of Madison's downtown area is designed like most; with on-street parking and plenty of sidewalks for pedestrians, in order to promote visitors and citizens

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Emerald's Gem Box: *Heaven, like Earth, needs children too*

Today, Wednesday, August 22, marked what would have been the 46th birthday of my younger brother, Forest.

Forest Selman Greene was born on August 22, 1972, and was the fourth child born to my parents.



EMERALD G. PARSONS

For reasons unknown, Forest was born with major medical problems and only lived one day. He died on August 23, 1972.

My youngest childhood memory is of Forest's funeral.

Without Forest, I grew up as the "baby" but always wished that I had that younger brother that I could have had. I

always longed for "what could have been" and always wondered what life, in our home, would have been like, with that extra brother.

Even into my teenage years, I never lost that feeling. When I had troubles on my mind (as all

young teenagers do) I would drive to the cemetery and sit by Forest's grave and "just talk." I could sit there for hours, with him, and just think and talk. It always seemed to ease my mind and help me feel better.

Please understand that I have always been strong in my faith. I KNEW/KNOW that for everything under the sun, there is a reason. The Lord never gives us more than we can handle. The adversities in our life should make us stronger Christians. I knew that, and understood that, even during my younger years. However, the question always remained, "Why did Forest have to die?" It's just a question we, as humans, always wonder.

One day I was reading a book (back then I actually had time to read for pleasure). Within the story, there was a lady who had a child that died. The lady began questioning the Lord on His reasoning behind her child dying. Her attitude changed towards God and she began to be angry and resentful. She began to turn her back on the

Lord.

One night she had a dream. She dreamed she was standing with the Lord talking. She asked Him, "Lord, why did you let my baby die?"

The Lord answered her by saying, "Heaven, like earth, needs children too."

That story, and that thought process, meant a lot to me – and it still does. It said a lot to me about my Forest as well. We, his family, didn't get to spend time with him and enjoy him, but God did – for God loves children too.

Even after all these years, I still think about that story. When I hear, or read, about a baby, child or young person dying, I think about that story.

Too many times in life we question God with "why?"

We may never know the answer to all of our questions, but we need to remember there IS a reason to everything under the sun. We just have to have faith.

National Security: *Gaza*

The Gaza Strip sits adjacent to Israel's western border. It is the source of constant clash between the two nations. There is a protected border fence between the two nations, largely to protect Israel from all the maladies of a war-like neighbor:



JOE BOYLES
Guest Columnist

murder, smuggling, drugs, kidnapping ... the list is nearly endless.

In the six-day 1967 war, Gaza was one of four territories captured by the victorious Israeli military. The other three were the Sanai Desert, Golan Heights and West Bank, which included the Old City of Jerusalem. Over

the past half-century, the Israelis have returned two of these territories back to the country of origin through negotiated peace – Gaza in 2005 and the Sanai to the Egyptians. The peace with Egypt has proven fairly stable, but Gaza has not.

There was no agreement between the two Palestinian factions – the new state of Gaza and the Palestinian Authority (PLA) ruling the West Bank. Before too many months had past, the people of Gaza elected Hamas, a widely recognized terrorist organization, to form the ruling government of the newly independent Gaza state. That was more than a decade ago.

Often, I hear politicians and diplomats talk about a two-state solution to the Palestinian disagreement with Israel, and my immediate thought is, 'these people are nuts.' Gaza will never agree to a two-state solution; maybe a three-state

solution will resolve the dispute, as difficult and unlikely as that may be. Politically, Hamas and the Palestinian Authority are on different pages.

So Israel has returned two of its four captured territories from the 1967 War. Let me give you a couple of reasons why they won't surrender the last two. First, the Golan Heights, which was captured from Syria is a strategic defense for Israel. If the Arabs could place artillery at the top of Golan, they would command the northernmost quarter of the Jewish state, which is also its most productive agricultural region and the source of most of its water. For these strategic reasons, Israel never intends to surrender the Golan. Throw-in that Syria is in the midst of a decades-long civil war and Iranian proxy Hezbollah (another terrorist organization) controls southern Syria and you have even more reasons not to give up the Golan. It would be suicide for the Jewish State.

As far as the West Bank and East Jerusalem, these are very important parts of the Israeli state. From a historical and religious perspective, Israel will protect them forever. Before 1967, the Arabs would not permit Jews to visit these areas. This was particularly vexing for the Old City (built by King David) and the Wailing Wall, important religious symbols of Judaism.

You might argue that Israel is repeating the Arabs example by denying these West Bank territories to the Palestinians, but that isn't true. Within the West Bank territory, there are cities and neighborhoods totally under control (government and security) of the PLA. The Jewish state does have security screening checkpoints to prevent

terrorist attacks, but that is not the same as denying access.

Let me add a third reason why Israel will not surrender the last two captured (some call it occupied) territories – the good faith repatriation of Gaza has not gone well these past dozen years. Almost daily, the adjacent part of Israel has been under attack by Gazans using rockets, flaming kites, rocks, etc. They are constantly tunneling under the protective border and using these subterranean routes for smuggling and kidnapping. The Israeli government and military will not permit this poison to infect its people. They have stationed their Iron Dome defensive missile system in position to shoot down incoming rockets from Gaza.

Neither Hamas in Gaza nor the PLA in the West Bank will publicly admit that Israel has a right to exist. Instead, their policy is the destruction of the Jewish State. Furthermore, Hamas is openly practicing their policy in frequent attacks. It is hard for me to imagine a peaceful, negotiated position under these circumstances, no matter how much pressure Israel is under.

Gaza is largely cut off from the world; they are even embargoed by their Muslim neighbor to the west, Egypt. The humanitarian tragedy for two million people plays out on the world stage in excruciating detail. But, the Gazan people elected Hamas to be their government and representative. They chose their own poison, so to speak.

It is hard for me to imagine the Hamas elected leaders of Gaza changing their tune and moderating their policy. In the meantime, Israel will protect its borders from intrusion. Stalemate.

Learning As I Go: *Life matters*

I spent almost an hour walking through an old cemetery looking at the different headstones. When I was a kid, I used to think of it as a game; trying to figure out how many years a person had lived or how old they would be if they were still alive. As an



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Guest Columnist

adult and a mother, though, the cemetery took on a whole new meaning.

I made it to one family plot from the late 1800s. The first headstone was for an infant who lived a day. The next was another infant who lived for five months followed by yet another infant who lived for only a day. In all, the family buried six babies, all under a year old. I stood there and wept. As the tears rolled

down my face, all I could imagine were my little boys kicking inside of me and how much I loved them even before they reached my embrace. I remembered holding each one in my arms for the

first time and how tiny and perfect they were. I knew my life would never be the same; and my love would never be the same, either.

That mama felt all of those things for every single one of those babies. Each of them grew inside her womb and she loved them as only a mother could. I tried to imagine this mother and her situation. Had the babies fallen ill? Was there a fever? Was it an incurable disease? Was she unable to produce milk with no wet nurse in town? Was the baby just too weak to take another breath? With each new scenario, steady streams of tears fell down my face. I imagined the emotional hardship that this mama faced having to bury six infants. How hard had it been to hold a sick child knowing that all she could do was rock him and watch him die?

Brokenhearted, I moved to another family plot. There was a mother who buried two infants and one other child under five years old. She died at age 36, within a year of the death of her youngest child. Did she simply die from a broken heart?

I left the cemetery that day with a new

realization: life matters. Each of those graves represented someone's life. One life. One chance to love. One chance to impact others. One dash. I won't get the chance to meet those mamas on this side of heaven, but I've have the opportunity now to live my life and accompany other people on their individual journeys. I don't have to try to imagine what it must have been like when someone went through a tragedy; I get the opportunity to hold a real hand, feel real emotions and work through real hurts on this side of eternity with people who matter.

Those grieving mamas of the past are no different than grieving mamas of the present; all of them need caring people to come alongside and hold them up. Our families matter. Our friends matter. Our communities matter. Life matters. Before it's our time to occupy a plot of dirt, let's be intentional and walk beside each other making the most of every opportunity.

For more inspiration from Christy, visit her blog at christybassadams.com.

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Did you know

- The Grand Canyon can hold around 900 trillion footballs.
- A giraffe can clean its ears with its 21 inch tongue.
- All insects have six legs.

Scripture of the day

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8:12

Thought for the day

It's not what you do for your children, but what you have taught them to do for themselves that will make them successful human beings.

~ Ann Landers

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Corrections

School Board Dist. 5



Bart Alford
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John Jay Lee
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Donnell Laron Davis
(NPA)

In the Wednesday, Aug. 8, issue of the *Madison County Carrier*, in Section B, we incorrectly assigned two candidates with the wrong party affiliation. In clarification, Donnell Davis, candidate for School Board District 5, is registered as non-partisan. Bart Alford, candidate for School Board District 5, is registered as non-partisan. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

In the Wednesday, Aug. 15 edition of the *Madison County Carrier*, on page 6, in an article titled "American Legion Auxiliary to host fundraiser," we incorrectly identified the time the fundraiser is slated to begin. The correct time the fundraiser will begin is at 2 p.m. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Nelson

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After Nelson visited Madison, he was back in Washington the following Thursday, continuing his efforts to rejuvenate Florida. "(The reservoir) is just one piece, but it's one that absolutely cannot wait," Nelson said as he addressed the Senate floor, on Thursday Aug.16. "And if we don't act soon, I'm afraid there won't be much of an environment in South Florida left to save."

reduce toxic discharges into the ocean. Currently, South Florida is oppressed by these toxic algal blooms which are decreasing tourism and killing Florida's wildlife.

Declines

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to walk around and explore. Parking is somewhat limited, and the commission expressed their concerns for the church creating traffic in the downtown area during services. Town Manager Jerome Wyche iterated that weddings, funerals, showers and other occasions would cause problems downtown. Mayor Thompson added that the traffic created by church events would not be good for city retailers located in that area, either.

Reverend Tookes responded to the city's concerns, stressing the fact that regular church services take place outside of business hours, when the city is relatively inactive. In regards to the extra services such as weddings and funerals, Tookes said, "We are always going to have challenges. You have to plan appropriately. . . we want to cause the community to ascend and create a moral foundation that would catapult businesses into

making moral decisions. It's about the way you conduct yourself." He expressed the positive effect the church has made on the community, adding that, over the years, "We have fed over 2,000 people in Madison at no expense to them, because that's what we do."

Downtown business owner, Chris Norris, approached the podium in favor of Reverend Tookes and his congregation moving downtown. "As a business owner who owns a building downtown, I hate seeing vacant buildings. Who knows how long this building would sit there? [Revelation MB Church] would bring unity to downtown."

The city was faced with two options. They could either make a motion and vote to submit an application to change the wording in the LDR to allow churches and similar groups to hold services in downtown buildings without providing off-street parking, or they could take no action on the issue, thereby

placing the application process in the hands of Revelation MB Church. The church would have to pay a \$900.00 application fee, without the promise of receiving approval after the application is submitted. If the city were to submit the application, there would be no charge.

The City Commission declined to assist the local church and did not make a motion to submit an application to change the LDR. If Revelation MB Church wishes to pursue this matter further, they will have to pay the \$900.00 application fee to begin the process.

Vote

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request a vote-by-mail ballot. Vote-by-mail ballot requests are valid for two general election cycles; call the Madison County Supervisor of Elections office to verify request is current. The deadline to request a vote-by-mail ballot is today, Wednesday, Aug. 22.

Voters who want to vote early should present a valid photo ID and a signature ID. Polls for early voting are located at the following locations:

Madison County Board Room Annex
 229 SW Pinckney St. Rm. 107
 Madison, FL.
 Monday through Friday: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 Saturday and Sunday: 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Lee City Hall
 286 NE County Road 255
 Lee, FL.
 Monday through Friday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 Saturday and Sunday: 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Greenville Senior Citizen Building
 166 SW Onslow St.
 Greenville, FL.
 Monday through Friday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 Saturday and Sunday: 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Pinetta Volunteer Fire Department
 509 NE Persimmon Dr.
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 Saturday and Sunday: 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Wreck

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was changing lanes to pass the unknown vehicle, the unknown vehicle changed lanes into the path of Thacker in the northbound lane of CR 360-A. Thacker took evasive action by steering his police car toward the left to avoid collision with the unknown vehicle. Thacker then entered the ditch on the shoulder and collided with the culvert on the northbound shoulder.

Debris from this collision then collided with the rear bumper of a properly parked and unoccupied vehicle, facing east. Thacker's vehicle then came to a final rest in the ditch, facing south.

The unknown vehicle continued southbound on CR 360-A and was a non-contact vehicle. The unknown vehicle which caused the crash was not located.

Thacker was transported by ambulance to Madison County Memorial Hospital's emergency room after the incident. FHP was assisted at the scene by Madison County EMS, Madison Fire Rescue, MPD and Madison County Sheriff's Office.

Learn CPR, first aid with American Red Cross

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If you've always wanted to learn how to be prepared when it comes to saving someone's life, or if you need the proper training to satisfy an OSHA-mandated job requirement, you have the chance to do so. The Madison Public Library is teaming up with American Red Cross to provide CPR and first-aid training to participants of Madison County and surrounding areas on Saturday, Aug. 25, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

According to the American Red Cross, during the first-aid training class, you'll learn how to help non-medical professionals provide assistance in times of crisis. The class will give you an understanding of first-aid best practices for a wide range of conditions, including: asthma emergencies; anaphylaxis; burns; choking; diabetic emergencies; external bleeding; environmental emergencies; heart attack; poisoning; stroke; seizure and neck, head and spinal injuries.

The CPR class will also provide steps and procedures that can potentially save someone's life in a time of danger, including hand placements, body positioning, timing and other useful tips that can keep an adult and a child safe.

The class is free for participants, however, to receive proper certifications, students (high school/college) pay \$40 and non-students pay \$65. The class is limited to 10 participants so act fast today and call Madison Public Library at (850) 973-6814. For more information about CPR and first-aid, log onto redcross.org.



American Red Cross

Community Calendar

August

If you would like to have anything added to the community calendar, please email Rick Patrick at rick@greenepublishing.com or give us a call at (850) 973-4141.

Every Wednesday

The Greenville Knitting Club meets each Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Greenville Public Library, located at 1325 SW Main St., in Greenville. All ages are welcome. For more information, contact Stewart MacIver at (850) 371-0042.

Every Wednesday

The Madison Rotary Club meets at 12 p.m. in the Ave Maria Hall of St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church, located at 301 N Orange Ave., in Madison. For more information, contact Jim Catron, Secretary, at MadisonFLRotary@gmail.com or call (850) 673-8201.

Third Wednesday of every month

Representatives from Congressman Al Lawson's office will be on hand to meet with Madison County residents the third Wednesday of each month at the Madison County Courthouse Annex, located at 229 SW Pinckney St., in Madison.

Every Thursday

The Madison Public Library holds their Preschool Story Time every Thursday from 10:30 a.m. through 11:30 a.m. Movies, crafts and games are sure to entertain and delight! The library is located at 387 College Loop, in Madison.

Every Thursday

There will be a spiritual discussion held at the Greenville Public Library each Thursday, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. All beliefs and viewpoints are welcome. The library is located at 312 SW Church Ave., in Greenville.

August 25

The Hamburg-Lovett Volunteer Fire Department annual peanut boil fundraiser will take place on Saturday, Aug. 25, starting at 5 p.m. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be available. There will also be a cake auction. Anyone running for political office is invited to come and will be given time to speak. All proceeds will go to help the Hamburg-Lovett Volunteer Fire Department with operations and to purchase equipment. The event will be held at the Hamburg-Lovett Fire Department located at 7286 NW Lovett Rd., in Greenville.

Second and fourth Monday of every month

Consolidated Christian Ministries holds their food distribution the second and fourth Monday of every month from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. To receive the food, one must be a resident of Madison County and meet certain guidelines. Applications are taken every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. Consolidated Christian Ministries is located at 799C SW Pinckney St., in Madison.

Every Tuesday

There will be free informational sessions on healthy living each Tuesday at the Madison County Public Library from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Topics will include tips for a healthier lifestyle, nutritional support, motivation to be healthier and more.

The sessions are sponsored by Kingdom Fit and are free to the public. The Madison County Public Library is located at 378 NW College Loop, in Madison.

Fourth Tuesday of every month

Shepherd's Hands of the Suwannee Valley, Inc. holds a free health clinic the fourth Tuesday of every month at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, located at 140 NE Horry Ave., in Madison. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. Certain eligibility requirements must be met. For more information, please call (850) 973-8338.

Fourth Tuesday of every month

The Madison County Healthy Start conducts car seat classes on the fourth Tuesday of each month, at 3:30 p.m. These will take place at the Women's Building in the Madison County Health Department at 218 SW Third Ave. Car seats are available to purchase for \$20. On-site certified technicians will educate caregivers about proper car seat installation. For questions or additional information, contact Nita Mitchell, at (850) 973-5000 ext. 2151.

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Free health clinic

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Shepherd's Hands of the Suwannee Valley, Inc. is inviting anyone who does not have health insurance to their free health clinic, taking place on Tuesday, Aug. 28, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

To be eligible for services, you must not have any health insurance (including Medicaid and Medicare) and you must have an income less than 200 percent of the 2018 poverty level. The health clinic will take place at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, located at 140 NE Horry Ave., in Madison. For more information, call (850) 973-8338.

Local Shriner receives certificate

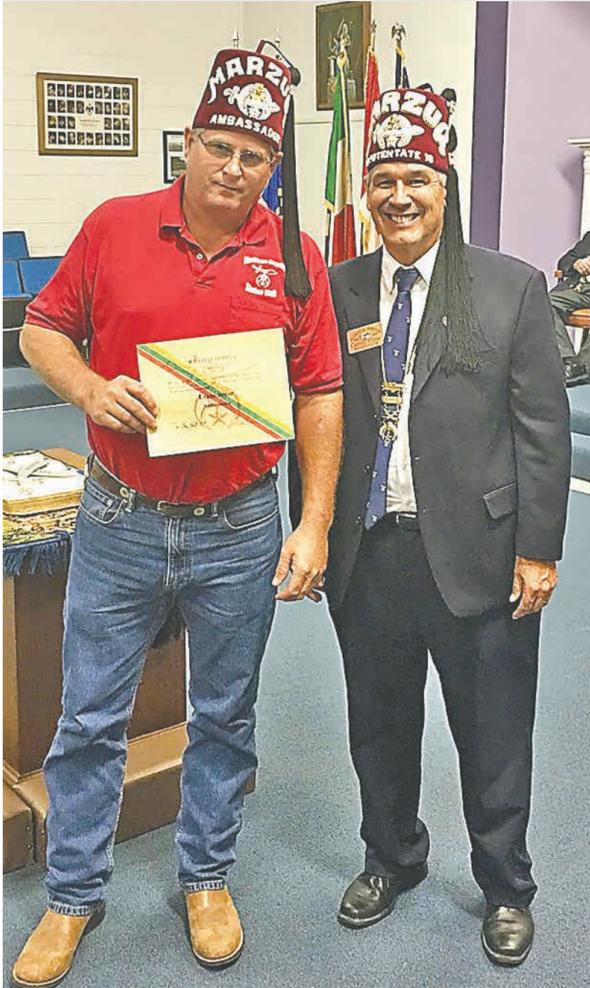


Photo Submitted

Madison County Resident Evan Sevor was presented with a certificate of Ambassadorship at an event at the Marzuq Shrine of Tallahassee on Thursday, Aug. 16. Sevor is currently the club president at the Madison Shrine Club, serving along multiple other Shriners who work toward helping children get the care they need and deserve at the Shriners Hospital for Children. Pictured, from left to right, are: Evan Sevor and Marzuq Shrine Potentate Calvin Cone.

Meet your neighbor: Beatrice Stephens



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Beatrice Stephens offers customers at the Madison County Tax Collector's office a warm smile as they enter the building. Stephens is the Deputy Tax Clerk and loves making a difference in the lives of others and the good rapport she has with customers. Stephens sees each day as a new adventure. "I love being able to learn something new every day," said Stephens.

Stephens is a 32-year resident of Madison who loves spending time with family, friends and especially her granddaughter, Gabrielle Stephens. Stephens also enjoys shopping and caring for the elderly. Taking pride in her work is also high on Stephen's agenda. "My goal is to continue working as the best deputy tax clerk that I can be and I always want to have a positive mindset," said Stephens.

Stephens and her husband, Raymond Stephens, attend Pineland Missionary Baptist Church and the couple has one son, Gavin.



BEATRICE STEPHENS

Tri-County annual meeting slated for Sept. 15

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Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. (TCEC) proudly invites TCEC members, families and friends to enjoy entertainment, prizes and other great opportunities to learn about the business at their annual meeting on Saturday, Sept. 15, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Taking place at the Madison County High School gymnasium, registration will begin at 9 a.m. and the business meeting will proceed at 10 a.m.

The matters to be discussed at the meeting will include any business listed in Section 8 of Article III of the by-laws of TCEC. Also, TCEC trustees will be elected

from districts one, two and four to serve a three-year term. The following members nominated are Junior Smith, district one; Bobby Dodd, district two; and George Webb, district four.

At the meeting, proposed amendments to TCEC by-laws will be discussed and a number of valuable prizes will be given away.

In addition to the meeting, entertainment will be provided by Michael and Jennifer McLain and the Banjocats. US Navy Veteran Commander Drew Brown will be the distinguished speaker.

For more information, call TCEC at (850) 973-2285. MCHS is located at 2649 W US Hwy. 90, in Madison.

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National Breastfeeding Awareness Month

Story Submitted: *Kimberly Allbritton*

August is National Breastfeeding Awareness Month and the Madison County Health Department (MCHD) would like to encourage all new mothers to breastfeed. This article also addresses some concerns women may have about breastfeeding.

In 2017, 86 percent of new mothers in Florida initiated breastfeeding. That percentage was much lower in Madison County, where 69 percent of mothers initiated breastfeeding in 2017. About 80 percent of white, non-hispanic mothers in Madison County initiated breastfeeding in 2017, along with 60 percent of hispanic mothers and 54 percent of black, non-hispanic mothers.

Benefits

Breastfeeding helps mothers and babies to be closer and to bond. This relationship lasts for a lifetime so you are encouraged to start it this way. Human milk provides virtually all the protein, sugar and fat your baby needs to be healthy. It contains many things that benefit your baby's immune system, like antibodies. A Mother's milk protects a baby against a wide variety of diseases and infections not only while he or she is breastfeeding but, in some cases, long after the baby is weaned. Formula cannot offer this protection.

Doctors recommend breastfeeding babies from birth until their first birthday. Solid foods should not be given until the baby is six months old. Babies who are breastfed only for at least four months are less likely to be hospitalized for asthma and other breathing problems. Babies who are breastfed are not as overweight, or as likely to have diabetes, asthma and ear infections as babies who are given formula. Breastfed babies are also diagnosed with learning problems less often than formula-fed babies.

Mothers who breastfeed are less likely to be overweight and have type 2 diabetes. Women who breastfeed are also less likely to be diagnosed with breast, ovarian and endometrial cancer, as well as osteoporosis and rheumatoid arthritis later in life.

Concerns

Mothers who would like to breastfeed may not get support from family, friends or partners. Mothers and older female family members probably used formula and they may not know the benefits of breastfeeding and cannot give advice. Because they were not encouraged to breastfeed, they might even discourage breastfeeding.

Many women choose not to breastfeed if their partner or family does not support them. We can address the lack of support by linking women to peers who are breastfeeding and by educating family members about the importance of breastfeeding. Partners may not support breastfeeding because they think

breastfeeding will get in the way of the relationship.

Women who return to work or school may find it is difficult to find the time or a place to pump breast milk or breastfeed and may decide to stop. The Florida Department of Health – Madison County can help by providing education on how to develop a schedule to express breast milk and how to store it properly.

Some doctors and nurses have not been trained to help with breastfeeding and do not encourage women to breastfeed. Women can ask for advice from more than one doctor or nurse while in the hospital. The Florida Department of Health – Madison County can help by having a lactation counselor visit the hospital or in the home.

Many mothers are able to breastfeed in the hospital but run into issues when they return home. Without assistance, it is easy to give up. Our Healthy Start and Women,

Infants and Children (WIC) program staff can provide support before, during and after your baby is born.

Women may not be able to afford some of the start-up costs such as purchasing or renting a breast pump or paying a lactation consultant for breastfeeding assistance. If women do not know where to go for assistance, or they do not qualify for programs such as WIC, then they may not be able to afford to get the help they need to continue to breastfeed. Breastfeeding does not cost anything to get started. The Florida Department of Health – Madison County can provide information about breast pumps that are available through insurance providers and through other means.

Breastfeeding Help

Lactation Consultants at the Department of Health in Madison County can provide help before and after your child is born, even if you do not receive prenatal care with The Florida Department of Health.

The Florida Department of Health – Madison County staff can even come to your home to help you with breastfeeding if you are new to the experience or if you are having problems. For more information, call the MCHD at (850) 973-5000, extension 2131.

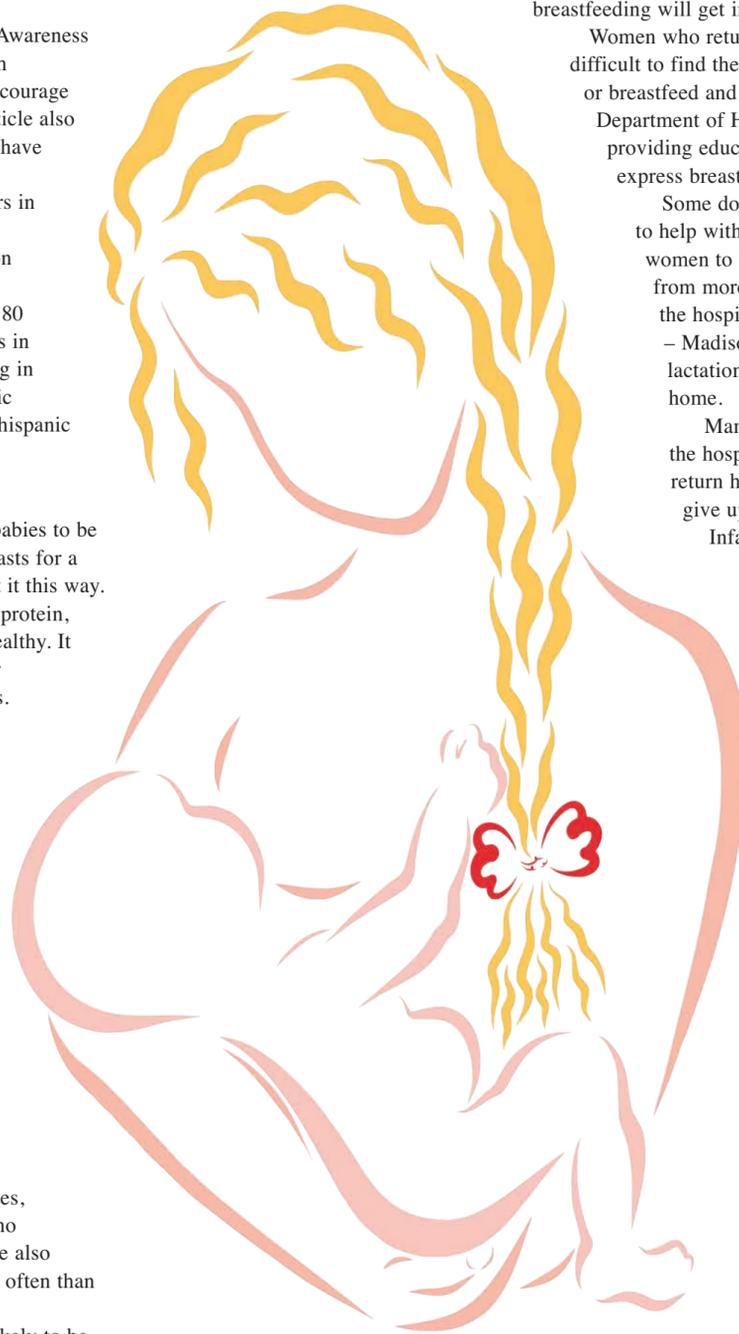
Employers

There are benefits for employers who provide a private place for women to breastfeed or express their milk for later use. Establishing a breastfeeding friendly space for customers and employees can help businesses in the following ways:

- Increased business from women who appreciate the space designated to meet their needs while away from home.
- Lowered rate of employee absences because breastfed babies are half as likely to be sick.
- Lowered employee health care costs as breastfed babies have less illnesses.
- Increased employee retention because women will return to work after maternity leave.

The MCHD would like to thank the Madison County Library System for agreeing to work with them to set up breastfeeding areas at their sites.

More information about establishing a breastfeeding area at your site is available at www.flbreastfeeding.org/business-case-for-breastfeeding/ or by contacting (850) 973-5000, extension 2131.



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Public employees' salaries: Where does your money go?

Rick Patrick: *Greene Publishing, Inc.*

This is the fourth of a regular series that will be published in the *Madison County Carrier* on the salaries of public employees in Madison County. It is published in order to give you, the Madison County taxpayer, a better idea of how some of your tax dollars are spent.

This week, the City of Madison is listed. Included is information on base salaries, plus benefits and other costs associated with paying a public employee. The total cost of paying that employee is also included.

Administration/City Hall	Annual Salary	Fica/Medicare	Retirement	Insurance	Total
Susan Albritton 10/01/2015	\$ 30,908.80	\$ 2,364.52	\$ 2,812.70	\$ 7,816.68	\$ 43,902.70
Kimberly Frazier 3/5/2015	\$ 48,006.40	\$ 3,672.49	\$ 4,368.58	\$ 7,816.68	\$ 63,864.15
Mary Graham 10/1/1979	\$ 44,096.00	\$ 3,373.34	\$ 4,012.74	\$ 7,816.68	\$ 59,298.76
Lee Anne Hall 1/2/1996	\$ 46,820.80	\$ 3,581.79	\$ 7,023.12	\$ 7,816.68	\$ 65,242.39
Charles Hitchcock 12/26/1989	\$ 64,958.40	\$ 4,969.32	\$ 5,911.21	\$ 7,816.68	\$ 83,655.61
Lanée Pike 04/29/2015	\$ 35,360.00	\$ 2,705.04	\$ 3,217.76	\$ 7,816.68	\$ 49,099.48
Jerome Wyche 6/25/2018	\$ 60,008.00	\$ 4,590.61	\$ 5,460.73	\$ -	\$ 70,059.34

Fire Department	Annual Salary	Fica/Medicare	Retirement	Insurance	Total
Brian Basford 6/25/2016 Tyler	\$ 30,640.40	\$ 2,343.99	\$ 12,256.16	\$ 7,820.28	\$ 53,060.83
Clayton 10/18/2017	\$ 30,640.40	\$ 2,343.99	\$ 12,256.16	\$ 7,820.28	\$ 53,060.83
Gavin Dickinson 10/1/2015	\$ 30,640.40	\$ 2,343.99	\$ 12,256.16	\$ 7,820.28	\$ 53,060.83
Bruce Jordan 8/3/1995	\$ 52,100.80	\$ 3,985.71	\$ 20,840.32	\$ 7,820.28	\$ 84,747.11
Matthew-Jay Lamm 2/7/2018	\$ 30,640.40	\$ 2,343.99	\$ 12,256.16	\$ 7,820.28	\$ 53,060.83
Matt Lunn 9/29/2016	\$ 30,640.40	\$ 2,343.99	\$ 12,256.16	\$ 7,820.28	\$ 53,060.83
Ethan Shannon 9/25/2015	\$ 32,294.00	\$ 2,470.49	\$ 12,917.60	\$ 7,820.28	\$ 55,502.37
Daniel Studstill 9/5/2002	\$ 39,845.44	\$ 3,048.18	\$ 15,938.18	\$ 7,820.28	\$ 66,652.07
Benjamin A. Tellfsen 10/4/2012	\$ 32,294.00	\$ 2,470.49	\$ 12,917.60	\$ 7,820.28	\$ 55,502.37
Avril "Ben" Williams 9/29/2016	\$ 30,640.40	\$ 2,343.99	\$ 12,256.16	\$ 7,820.28	\$ 53,060.83

Police Department	Annual Salary	Fica/Medicare	Retirement	Insurance	Total
Reginald Alexander 12/4/2008	\$ 59,280.00	\$ 4,534.92	\$ 8,299.20	\$ 7,820.28	\$ 79,934.40
Jerry Alexander 7/25/2017	\$ 38,001.60	\$ 2,907.12	\$ 5,320.22	\$ 7,820.28	\$ 54,049.23
James Bennett 4/19/2018	\$ 33,458.88	\$ 2,559.60	\$ 4,684.24	\$ 7,820.28	\$ 48,523.01
Chris Cooks 3/27/2003	\$ 46,737.60	\$ 3,575.43	\$ 6,543.26	\$ 7,820.28	\$ 64,676.57
Skylor Deming 4/27/2015	\$ 33,480.72	\$ 2,561.28	\$ 4,687.30	\$ 7,820.28	\$ 48,549.58
Efrem Edwards 02/01/2016	\$ 57,595.20	\$ 4,406.03	\$ 8,063.33	\$ 7,820.28	\$ 77,884.84
Tammy Fletcher 2/29/1988	\$ 37,398.40	\$ 2,860.98	\$ 5,235.78	\$ 7,816.68	\$ 53,311.83
Rebecca Garner 07/12/2018	\$ 31,515.12	\$ 2,410.91	\$ 4,412.12	\$ 7,820.28	\$ 46,158.42
Tony Mashburn 04/27/2015	\$ 38,176.32	\$ 2,920.49	\$ 5,344.68	\$ 7,820.28	\$ 54,261.77
Robert Sanders 10/27/2016	\$ 32,432.40	\$ 2,481.08	\$ 4,540.54	\$ 7,820.28	\$ 47,274.29
Joseph Smith 2/15/2007	\$ 38,351.04	\$ 2,933.85	\$ 5,369.15	\$ 7,820.28	\$ 54,474.32
David Spicer 7/29/2013	\$ 43,929.60	\$ 3,360.61	\$ 6,150.14	\$ 7,820.28	\$ 61,260.64
Michael Thacker 10/27/2016	\$ 32,432.40	\$ 2,481.08	\$ 4,540.54	\$ 7,820.28	\$ 47,274.29
William Walker 7/15/2016	\$ 33,480.72	\$ 2,561.28	\$ 4,687.30	\$ 7,820.28	\$ 48,549.58
Marcia Weekes-Garcia 07/12/2018	\$ 31,515.12	\$ 2,410.91	\$ 4,412.12	\$ 7,820.28	\$ 46,158.42
Heather Whitfield 2/26/2016	\$ 43,763.20	\$ 3,347.88	\$ 6,126.85	\$ 7,820.28	\$ 61,058.21

Public Works/Sanitation Department	Annual Salary	Fica/Medicare	Retirement	Insurance	Total
Edward Baker 3/15/2015	\$ 24,731.20	\$ 1,891.94	\$ 2,250.54	\$ 7,816.68	\$ 36,690.36
David Floyd 6/27/2016	\$ 46,342.40	\$ 3,545.19	\$ 4,217.16	\$ 7,816.68	\$ 61,921.43
Nicholas Glenn 6/7/2018	\$ 21,008.00	\$ 1,607.11	\$ 1,911.73	\$ 7,816.68	\$ 32,343.52
Francis Grantham "Buddy" 4/26/2018	\$ 30,014.40	\$ 2,296.10	\$ 2,731.31	\$ 7,816.68	\$ 42,858.49
Ronald Layton 10/26/1992	\$ 34,008.00	\$ 2,601.61	\$ 3,094.73	\$ 7,816.68	\$ 47,521.02
Guy McCaskill 5/24/2018 Dedrick	\$ 21,008.00	\$ 1,607.11	\$ 1,911.73	\$ 7,816.68	\$ 32,343.52
McIntyre 4/26/2018	\$ 21,008.00	\$ 1,607.11	\$ 1,911.73	\$ 7,816.68	\$ 32,343.52
Freeman Mobley 5/29/2007	\$ 28,017.60	\$ 2,143.35	\$ 2,549.60	\$ 7,816.68	\$ 40,527.23
Gavin Stephens 5/18/2018	\$ 23,982.40	\$ 1,834.65	\$ 2,182.40	\$ 7,816.68	\$ 35,816.13
Delmonies Thomas 3/21/2013	\$ 24,960.00	\$ 1,909.44	\$ 2,271.36	\$ 7,816.68	\$ 36,957.48

Water Department	Annual Salary	Fica/Medicare	Retirement	Insurance	Total
Matt Hollingsworth 4/3/2017	\$ 41,204.80	\$ 3,152.17	\$ 3,749.64	\$ 7,816.68	\$ 55,923.28
Andrew Peters 10/14/2014	\$ 29,348.80	\$ 2,245.18	\$ 2,670.74	\$ 7,816.68	\$ 42,081.40
Jorge Torralbas 8/11/2015	\$ 23,691.20	\$ 1,812.38	\$ 2,155.90	\$ 7,816.68	\$ 35,476.16
Kevin Turner 7/26/2018	\$ 21,008.00	\$ 1,607.11	\$ 1,911.73	\$ 7,816.68	\$ 32,343.52
Johnny Webb 8/28/1989	\$ 46,072.00	\$ 3,524.51	\$ 4,192.55	\$ 7,816.68	\$ 61,605.74

Natural Gas Department	Annual Salary	Fica/Medicare	Retirement	Insurance	Total
Brenton Malone 4/26/2018	\$ 23,691.20	\$ 1,812.38	\$ 2,155.90	\$ 7,816.68	\$ 35,476.16
Michael Smith 1/28/1974	\$ 46,342.40	\$ 3,545.19	\$ 4,217.16	\$ 7,816.68	\$ 61,921.43
Eddie Thompkins 03/05/2008	\$ 35,006.40	\$ 2,677.99	\$ 3,185.58	\$ 7,816.68	\$ 48,686.65

Wastewater Department	Annual Salary	Fica/Medicare	Retirement	Insurance	Total
Jerald Lee 9/17/2015	\$ 46,384.00	\$ 3,548.38	\$ 4,220.94	\$ 7,816.68	\$ 61,970.00
John Cooks 5/6/2015	\$ 25,771.20	\$ 1,971.50	\$ 2,345.18	\$ 7,816.68	\$ 37,904.56
Michael Dupree 4/30/2008	\$ 28,017.60	\$ 2,143.35	\$ 2,549.60	\$ 7,816.68	\$ 40,527.23
Marco Hernandez 5/30/2017	\$ 21,632.00	\$ 1,654.85	\$ 1,968.51	\$ 7,816.68	\$ 33,072.04
James Robinson 9/18/2006	\$ 25,584.00	\$ 1,957.18	\$ 2,328.14	\$ 7,816.68	\$ 37,686.00
Eric Shipp 07/28/2016	\$ 28,017.60	\$ 2,143.35	\$ 2,549.60	\$ 7,816.68	\$ 40,527.23

Purchasing Department	Annual Salary	Fica/Medicare	Retirement	Insurance	Total
Pamela Paquette 9/18/2006	\$ 29,993.60	\$ 2,294.51	\$ 2,729.42	\$ 7,816.68	\$ 42,834.21

Is your item being recalled?

Compiled by: John Willoughby

Pressure Cookers

Rena Ware is recalling about 700 Nutrex Pressure Cookers due to a burn hazard. The recalled pressure cookers can discharge steam at lower pressures than intended, posing a burn hazard to consumers. Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled pressure cookers and contact Rena Ware for a free repair. Currently, Rena Ware is contacting all known purchasers directly. For more information, log onto renaware.com, email customerservice@renaware.com or call (877) 736-2487.



perspiration or cleaning liquids can build up in the power socket on the unit, causing a short circuit, posing a fire hazard. Exercise facilities should immediately unplug the machines and contact Johnson Health Tech North America to schedule for a free repair. Machines can be used in self-powered mode without needing to be plugged into an electrical outlet. Johnson is contacting purchasers of the recalled ellipticals directly. For more information, call (866) 218-3674 or log onto matrixfitness.com.

Wireless Charging Pads

Hirsch Gift is recalling approximately 21,000 wireless charging pads due to a burn hazard to consumers. The wireless phone chargers can overheat while in use. Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled chargers and contact Hirsch Gift for a free replacement. For more information, call (877) 220-4438, email recall@hirschgift.com or log onto hirschgift.com.



Fireworks

Miller Fireworks is recalling approximately 3,800 fireworks due to a violation of federal standard, explosion and burn hazards. The recalled fireworks are overloaded with pyrotechnics intended to produce an audible effect, violating the federal regulatory requirements for this product. Overloaded fireworks can result in a greater than expected explosion, posing burn and explosion hazards to consumers. The fireworks are banned hazardous substances and are prohibited from being sold under the Federal Hazardous Substances Act (FHSA).



Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled fireworks and return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. For more information, call (833) 474-1777, email sales@millerfireworks.com or go online to millerfireworks.com.

Bicycles

BMC is currently recalling about 430 bicycles due to a fall hazard. Variations in tire dimension, tire pressure, head set play and ride load can result in insufficient space between the front wheel and downtube, posing the hazard. Consumers should immediately stop riding the recalled bikes and contact their local BMC authorized dealer for a free inspection and, if needed, a free replacement fork. Until the replacement forks are available in September or October of



2018, the firm is providing consumers with a free 23C replacement tire, if needed, to ensure adequate clearance. For more information, log onto bmc-switzerland.com/us-en or call (888) 262-7755. You may also email timemachine01_us@bmc-switzerland.com.

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Downtown Business Spotlight: Kingdom Fit of Madison



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Kingdom Fit of Madison offers programs for kids, as well as adults.



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Alfonso Frazier and wife, DeShala, own Kingdom Fit of Madison on SW Rutledge St.

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Kingdom Fit of Madison, located at 295 SW Rutledge St., has become a haven for community members who seek to get fit and live a healthy lifestyle. Not only is Kingdom Fit the ideal place to challenge oneself to meet new fitness goals, but it is a place where community bonding occurs and new relationships are formed. The camaraderie which exists at Kingdom Fit is unlike any other. Here, new friends become family.



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Kingdom Fit is owned and operated by Alfonso Frazier, a former deputy for the Madison County Sheriff's Office and, now, full-time entrepreneur. Frazier is a Level 1 and Level 2 Boxing Fitness Instructor. He received his certification through Box N' Burn Academy in Santa Monica, Ca., and loves using his talents to help others succeed physically. However, for Frazier, Kingdom Fit is more than a fitness experience; it's a spiritual one. "I knew God saved me for His purpose and I knew, in order to be a vessel that He could use, I needed to take care of my physical temple in order to fulfill my Kingdom purpose, so that's where 'Kingdom Fit' came to mind," said Frazier. Frazier seeks to provide a faith-based environment for his clients, where they can become healthy physically and spiritually. "Most importantly, I want to help others succeed physically so they're able to serve others spiritually," said Frazier.

Kingdom Fit of Madison provides opportunities for adults, as well as children, to begin a healthy lifestyle. "My goal as a boxing and fitness instructor and owner of Kingdom Fit of Madison is to assist adults and children with their health and fitness goals, creating a positive and fun environment for children in an effort to combat childhood obesity," said Frazier.

Community members who have joined Kingdom Fit have noticed a huge difference in their health, as

well as their lives. "We joined the 16 Week Boxing Challenge, with each of us having our own personal reasons for signing up, but the result has been a mix of family, fitness and fun," said Judy Bentley, who frequents Kingdom Fit of Madison with her family. "Since joining, we have spent more time together as a family and have bonded and grown stronger, both physically and relationally ... the gym has allowed us to make social connections that we otherwise would not have made. It doesn't matter your fitness level or age, you become a part of the Kingdom Fit family. We laugh together, sweat together and motivate each other."

Kingdom Fit offers boxing fitness for adults and kids, Zumba, dance toning, circuit training and more. There are all sorts of ways to get in shape at Kingdom Fit of Madison and, most importantly, it's a lot of fun! Trust me, during my visit with Alfonso and Kingdom Fit, I wasn't allowed to leave without punching it out with his class. I felt certain I would fall on my face. Despite my doubts, those 45 seconds were intense, but extremely exhilarating! I felt the burn in my core and I have a feeling my abs will be sore (this editor is out of shape, y'all!). However, I couldn't recommend a more entertaining workout experience.

Alfonso is happily married to his wife, DeShala, a registered nurse who has worked in Madison County for over ten years. They have five children: Sequoia, Zakyah, Alaysia, Alonah, AJ; and one granddaughter, Khalani. They have owned Kingdom Fit of Madison since the Fall of 2017. "It's all about God's kingdom," said Frazier. "A lot of people are dying prematurely because of health-related issues and some of those issues can be avoided by simple nutrition and exercise. I know that in this season of my life, this is my ministry: to meet the needs of people through fitness."



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One of Frazier's kickboxing classes get's ready to duke it out and work on their fitness. Pictured, from left to right, are: Katherine Chaplin, Lynne Brown, Alfonso Frazier, Amy Lipscomb and Liz King.



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Leigh Ann Browning (left) and Paige Peavy (right) lead Zumba classes, as well as other fitness classes at Kingdom Fit of Madison.

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MCHS volleyball season begins

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The Madison County High School (MCHS) volleyball season has begun with matches in Valdosta, Ga. The Cowgirls have had mixed results against some stiff competition from across the border.

On Tuesday, Aug. 14, the junior varsity team defeated the Lady Trojans of Brooks County High School, from Quitman, Ga, in straight sets, 25-16 and 25-12. The Cowgirls junior varsity was then defeated

by the Lady Wildcats of Valdosta High in three sets; 9-25, 25-23 and 10-15.

At the Aug. 14 event, the MCHS varsity team defeated Brooks County, 26-16 and 25-13. The Cowgirls then fell to Valdosta High in two straight sets, 21-25 and 6-25.

The Cowgirls made a return trip to Valdosta on Saturday, Aug. 18, at Valdosta High School. The varsity team split their matches by defeating Colquitt County High School and Georgia Christian School, but lost to Valdosta High School and Lowndes High

School.

The junior varsity won two out of three matches on Saturday, Aug. 18, defeating Lowndes High School and Thomasville High School and falling to Valdosta High School.

The Cowgirls varsity team will have a home match on Monday, Aug. 27, against Suwannee County High School at 6 p.m. in the MCHS gymnasium. The junior varsity will have a home match on Tuesday, Aug. 28, against Lafayette County High School at 5 p.m. in the MCHS gymnasium.

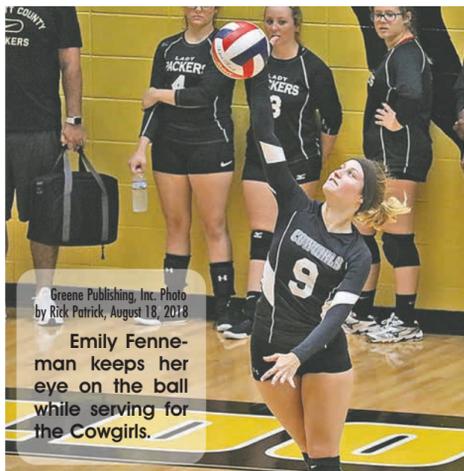


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The Madison County High School varsity volleyball team is ready for another exciting season. Pictured in the front, from left to right, are: Halie Wetherington, Emily Durst, Anna Key, Maryn Bush and Caroline Jennings. Pictured in the back, from left to right, are: Savannah Wilford, Jaydn Gore, Summer Roberts, Emily Fenneman, Hope Underhill, Cali Dyal, Emily Parker and Coach Jimbo Ratliff.

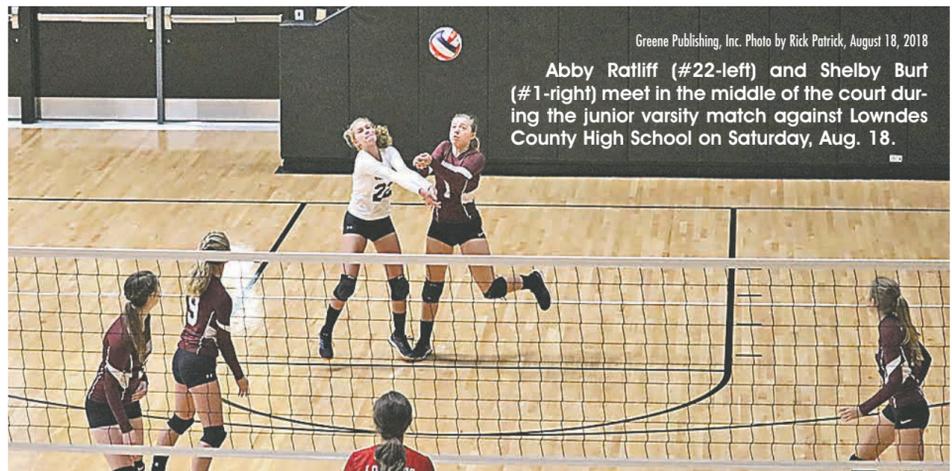
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The Madison County High School junior varsity volleyball team is off to a strong start. Pictured in the front, from left to right, are: Abby Ratliff and Shelby Burt. Pictured in the back, from left to right, are: Mackenzie Bochnia, Savannah Curtis, Whitney Raines, Mattie Barnes, Bailey Hackle, Emily Minor, Morgan Sevor, Tera Harmon, Carter Gore and Kaylee Beverly. Not pictured are: Angelina Quintana and Coach Jessica Ratliff.



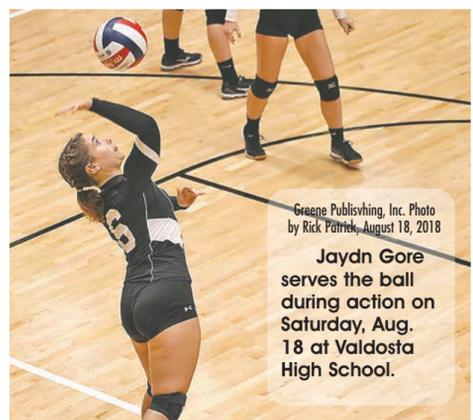
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Emily Fenneman keeps her eye on the ball while serving for the Cowgirls.



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Abby Ratliff (#22-left) and Shelby Burt (#1-right) meet in the middle of the court during the junior varsity match against Lowndes County High School on Saturday, Aug. 18.



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Jaydn Gore serves the ball during action on Saturday, Aug. 18 at Valdosta High School.

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From the road:

Billy Goodwin looks back on Madison

Photo courtesy of Turning Point Media Relations

Goodwin, who is a founding member of NewSong, has had quite the story and doesn't plan on stopping anytime soon. Pictured in the back row, from left to right, are: Jack Pumphrey, Mark Clay and Billy Goodwin. Pictured in the front row, from left to right, are: Matt Butler, Russ Lee, Eddie Carswell and Rico Thomas.



John Willoughby: Greene Publishing, Inc.

It was a step that gave Billy Goodwin his start in the music ministry, and making that step through Madison made it even more special. Now known nationwide as one of the founding members of GRAMMY-nominated Christian music legends, NewSong, Goodwin looks back on his time spent in Madison as he prepares for a new album and a couple of months of exciting tours.



Photo courtesy of Sterling Graves

BILLY GOODWIN

Born and raised in Courtland, Al. and graduating from Troy University in 1972, Goodwin was working part-time when he began to develop a heart for kids and felt called into the church ministry. After praying and sending resumes, he got a call from Madison First Baptist Church. Though he had never had a full-time job as a music minister, neither had the Church had a full-time music minister so it was a step both the church and Goodwin were willing to make.

Soon, Goodwin made the move from Luverne, Al. and began serving as the minister of music and activities at Madison First Baptist Church in 1975, under the leadership of Rev. Eddie Humes. "He was a great man," said Goodwin.

As some recall, Goodwin was very active within the church and was there almost every time the doors were open. Jean McWilliams, who is still a member of Madison First Baptist Church, recalled when Goodwin was the minister of music. "He was very talented," said McWilliams. "But his attitude was not 'Hey, look at how good I am.' He was genuine; nothing superficial."

Goodwin's life virtually began shaping into what it is today while serving at Madison First Baptist and singing in quartets and quintets in the surrounding area, including a group he sang in while in Madison. It was during an associational gospel sing at Greenville Baptist Church around 1976 when Bill Andrews and Goodwin met. "That's a talented rascal," laughed

Andrews. The group, though it had no set name, consisted of Goodwin, Andrews, Doug Bishop and John Maxwell; some were members of different area churches.

As his time progressed, he was invited to Morningside Baptist Church, in Valdosta, Ga., by a college friend who Goodwin said was an atheist in college, but is now saved. Morningside Baptist Church saw something in Goodwin that eventually led to an offer being made that gave Goodwin "difficult decisions to make."

"[There was] something about that opportunity in Valdosta that was very intriguing," said Goodwin while expressing the love he had for Madison and the current position he was in. At the time, Goodwin and his wife, Annabeth, had just welcomed a new baby boy. At the first offer, Goodwin declined, but eventually made the transition through plenty of prayer and faith. "I had no animosity of Madison," said Goodwin. "Looking back, I can see God's hand in it."

While joining Eddie Carswell, Eddie Middleton and Bobby Apon, Goodwin always looked for different ways to present the musical gospel, even while at Madison First Baptist Church. "Anything we can come up with," stated Goodwin, whether it be through solos or in a group.

As NewSong began taking shape and Carswell was trying to find the path God wanted him on, though having a heart for evangelism, the four members began singing specials and going to other churches, seeing a large response to the gospel. By the time the number of shows began exceeding the amount of time spent with family, Goodwin, Carswell and the others recalled thinking if it was time to make a decision to quit their full-time jobs and go into full-time ministry. "It was really hurting our family time," said Goodwin. It was in Leesburg, Ga. at a NewSong concert when the question became not if, but when.

Officially, NewSong, who is known for their hit singles "Arise, My Love" and "The Christmas Shoes," went full-time on May 1, 1981. While not sure how to "make it" as full-time musicians, John Roger Breland, of the contemporary Christian group, Truth, suggested that NewSong needed an album, so in the first year, NewSong recorded three custom albums and signed with Covenant Records in 1982, releasing "The Son In My Eyes" the same year. By 1984, NewSong signed with Canaan Records, an imprint of Word Records, and released "The Word" the same year.

Over the next decade, NewSong released six studio albums and switched from Word Records to DaySpring Records in 1991. In 1993, Middleton and Apon left the group to spend more

time with their families and, in 1995, Goodwin and Carswell, along with other members of NewSong began a tradition that is now known nationwide as one of the biggest tours of the year – Winter Jam.

As Goodwin recalls, "God sort of put it in our life," he stated. Before Winter Jam, NewSong was averaging about 250 shows per year. NewSong had an interest in playing in neutral venues to draw those who would otherwise not come if the show was in a church. By the time a promoter was received, it was too late to start selling tickets but that same promoter was able to rent a small venue in Greenville, SC. The venue was rented and a small suggested donation of \$3 was received at the door for any audience members who chose to attend, as NewSong didn't want to sell tickets.

NewSong expected to fill up the floor – which would have probably held 1,500 – but as Goodwin states, the auditorium filled up with approximately 6,500 people and around 2,000 people were turned away because of the lack of room. He stated he later called his wife and said: "God is doing something and I don't quite know what it is."

The next year, promoters were on board for setting up "January Jam" again, as it was first called. According to Goodwin, the promoters were taking a risk but it was a risk they were willing to take. Over the next 23 years of Winter Jam, the concert line-up and audience steadily grew. The idea was to remove the financial barriers so more people could hear the gospel. That foundation is the same today for the touring ministry.

Since the tour's formation in 1995, the Winter Jam Tour has featured many of the top names in Christian music, including TobyMac, Skillet, Hillsong UNITED, Lecrae, for KING & COUNTRY, Newsboys and more. The tour has also been a launching pad for great artists such as Francesca Battistelli, who is Goodwin's daughter-in-law, and Sidewalk Prophets. It has often outpaced any other tours' attendance worldwide during the first quarter of the year.

The tour stretches as far south as Tampa, and goes as far north as Chicago. Winter Jam also holds a limited-date, west coast tour throughout latter months of the year. In recent years, tickets have been \$10-\$15 suggested donations at the door and seats are always available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

"It's God's tour," according to Goodwin, as he states the band is very careful and very obedient with it. Throughout the years, Goodwin sees Winter Jam as quite a blessing to him and he's seen many stories of salvation from suicide or family destruction.

One instance Goodwin recalls is when a girl's parents

were getting a divorce and she begged her father to take her Winter Jam. However, she wanted her father to hear the gospel and luckily, after Winter Jam, he went home and reconciled with his wife. The father later became involved with his church and began taking his youth group to the annual concert. "God changed his life." "It's amazing," said Goodwin, who states the salvation stories motivate NewSong to keep going. "[God's] been so faithful."

Since 1981, NewSong has compiled 26 albums, with "One True God" hitting number one on the Billboard Top Christian Album charts. Today, NewSong currently consists of Goodwin, Carswell, Russ Lee, formerly of Truth; Matt Butler, Rico Thomas, Jack Pumphrey and Mark Clay.

NewSong is currently preparing for the 2018 Greatest Hits Live tour featuring Nicole C. Mullen, Point of Grace, Avalon, Bob Carlisle and Rebecca St. James. NewSong is also working on finishing an album that already had seven songs available during the early months of 2018 when the band was touring with Winter Jam. The EP included two singles: "I am a Christian" and "Down" and a live recording of "Arise, My Love."

Married for 45 years, Goodwin and Annabeth have three children: Will, 41; Matthew, 40; and Joy, 38. The Goodwins also have several grandchildren. As for his time in Madison and the people who helped make his time in Madison memorable, "Thank you for being so receptive," said Goodwin. "[I have] so many fond memories."

For more information about NewSong and upcoming tour dates, log onto newsongonline.com. To learn more information about Winter Jam, log onto jamtour.com.

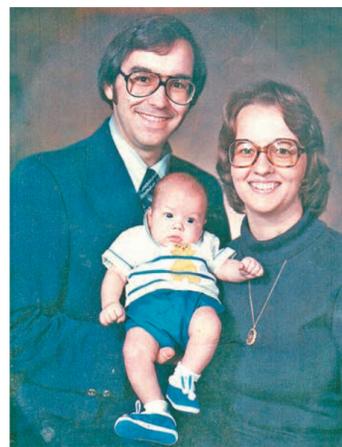


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Billy and Annabeth Goodwin spent two years (1975 to 1977) in Madison while serving at Madison First Baptist Church. During that time, the Goodwins welcomed their first child, Will, who was dedicated to God on Jan. 30, 1977.

Consolidated Christian Ministries needs volunteers



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Thanks to the continued support of the United Way, Second Harvest, Winn Dixie and local churches, CCM is well-stocked to assist those needing additional groceries.

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Consolidated Christian Ministries (CCM) continues to be busy supplying food to low-income families and those facing emergency situations. Ray Cooley, director for CCM, estimates that 250 to 350 bags of groceries are given out twice a month at their 799 SW Pinckney St. location. Thanks to the generous provisions made possible through United Way, Second Harvest, Winn Dixie and local churches, the ministry continues to have plenty to

share with those in need.

The only problem CCM is facing is a shortage of volunteers to bag the groceries and assist clients who need help getting food to their vehicles. Right now, they average three volunteers for the bi-weekly ministry. Bagging isn't the only area where help would be appreciated. "I could get a lot more done if someone else did the paperwork," said Cooley. Volunteers normally work every second and fourth Monday, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., to prepare the bags for the next week. Clients come in every first



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Consolidated Christian Ministries Director Ray Cooley is pictured while assisting a client with their application to receive groceries from the ministry.



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It takes hours for the small number of volunteers to load these bags with groceries for the coming week's ministry.

and third Tuesday to get the supplemental groceries.

All that is needed to participate in the program is to fill out a short form that verifies income level and other basic information. Individuals may qualify if their income is less than \$1,360 a month, while the qualification level for families varies according to the number in the household. Last year, 90,000 pounds of food were distributed by CCM.

If you are interested in serving others through this valuable ministry, call Cooley at (850) 973-6208.

Muse honored by Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church

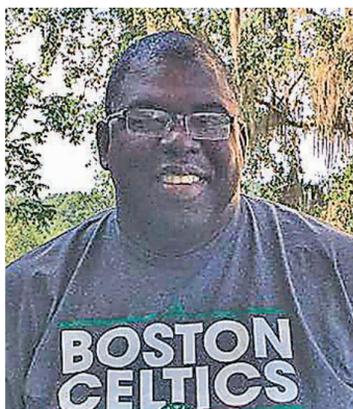


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Mt. Hope Missionary Baptist Church Pastor Delvin Boatman will be the guest speaker for Pastor Appreciation Day at Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church, in Greenville.

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Rev. Jessica Muse, pastor of Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church, located at 1694 SW Grand St., in Greenville, will be honored by her congregation on Pastor Appreciation Day. The service will be held on Sunday, Aug. 26, at 3 p.m.

The theme for the day will be "Celebrate the Call." This event will recognize Rev. Muse for giving outstanding service to the community as a pastor and leader. This special afternoon service will feature a powerful message by Rev. Delvin Boatman, pastor of Mt. Hope Missionary Baptist Church, in Quitman, Ga.

Fellowship Baptist youth attend Centrifuge



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The youth group at Fellowship Baptist Church enjoyed their trip to Centrifuge, in Jackson, Tn. 43 youth and chaperones made the 12-hour bus ride to the convention.

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From Sunday, July 15, to Friday, July 20, 43 youth and chaperones took their first trip with new youth pastor, Justin Heslin. The group chartered a bus for a 12-hour trip to Centrifuge, in Jackson, Tn. Centrifuge is a youth conference organized by Lifeway Christian resources. The event featured great speakers, music, games and activities. The adults were treated to some helpful team building activities as well.

Heslin considered his first trip with the teens to be a good start. "It was a great chance to get to know my kids. It was especially rewarding to see two of them come to Christ," said Heslin.

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Breaking Stereotypes: "You're the one who holds the stars"



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On Saturday, Aug. 11, I attended a concert at Wild Adventures Theme Park where Christian Rock group, Skillet, performed for the ninth year in a row. Since first seeing them in 2011 at Wild Adventures, this was my 15th time seeing the band over multiple years (Maybe the 16th; I kind of lost count).

When Skillet released their most recent album,

"Unleashed," in 2016, the third track of the record was called "Stars." During the concert, they played a very intimate, acoustic version of the worship song.

Before playing, the lead singer stated he had many friends who were not Christians and expressed the love and friendship he has shared and continued to share with them, hoping that there were atheists and people of other religions in the audience that night. He also addressed the hurting and the poor in spirit and how God holds the stars, sets the world in the motion and can still call us by our name.

As the song goes:
*"If you can hold the stars in place,
 You can hold my heart the same
 Whenever I fall away
 Whenever I start to break*

*So here I am, lifting up my heart
 To the one who holds the stars."*

Everything about this song is very true about the one, true-living God who holds the stars, spinning everything even in the furthest outer space. If He can calm the raging seas, how much more can He calm the storm in us? Though we get lost off the path less traveled, God still knows our name and is listening to us in our darkest times. Don't give up.

"Now this is what the Lord says – He who created you, O Jacob, and He who formed you, O Israel: 'Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; you are Mine! When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you go through the rivers, they will not overwhelm you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, and the flames will not set you ablaze.'" (Isaiah 43:1-2)

Pulpit: Peace through the pain

Story Submitted: Cheryl Register

Life is certainly not "easy like a Sunday morning." Truth is, life is not easy, neither are Sunday mornings. Life is hard, but life is worth the living. When I say "living," I am not speaking of every day waking-up-breathing-moving-forward-in-



Photo Submitted

Cheryl Register pastors Greenville and Cherry Lake United Methodist Churches.

routine kind of living. To live is to experience pain in life, and to be able to have the peace through the pain. It is through the pain we learn to appreciate the joys in life. Joy reaches beyond the momentary happiness of this world into a peace that surpasses all understanding.

Peace can be found amongst the pain.

We all witness brokenness, pain, loss, grief, fear and disenchantment due to a fallen world. Yet we, a people called by name, can experience unspeakable peace and comfort when we trust in our Heavenly Father. Paul knew of the pains of this world. At one point in the scripture, Paul referred to a thorn in his side. Three times, Paul pleaded for the Lord to remove the thorn and he was denied each time. Why would a loving God allow such pain to one of His most faithful servants? It was allowed because through the pain, Paul learned of the unwavering, non-caving strength of the Lord to sustain him.

It would seem the sweetest blackberries are in the middle of the thickest briar patch and the most beautiful rose grows in a wreath of thorns. As a child, I always made my way through the briar patch for the sweet morsel. As an adult, I prefer my rose bouquet to remain with thorns unbroken. For me, the thorn enhances the beauty of the bloom.

It is that way in life too. Sometimes, the world breaks apart. Pain comes in. The cut is deep. I react to the pain instead of the beauty of the bloom. I take my eyes from the prize (the sweet morsel) and look at the briar patch. I become afraid, I hurt, I cry, I lash out; I know I am not the only one. The disciples had just witnessed the wonders of the Lord's miracles. The breaking of the bread and the feeding of the multitudes. Just a short time later, they were in the middle of a storm. Their boat was battered by the waves. They were taking on water and completely exhausted by the constant battling of the sea. Scripture states that the Lord stood on the shore and saw His friends. Jesus never took His eyes from those in peril. Jesus began to walk upon the storm. He walked upon the storm proving His authority

above it. Blinded by fear and pain, the disciples did not recognize the Lord and the Lord almost passed them by.

You know the story: Peter walking on the water, and at one-point sinking beneath the waves. Peter cried "Lord, help me!," and Jesus reached out a hand and pulled Peter to safety, placing him in the boat. "Peace be still," the Lord proclaimed and the winds and the waves obeyed. What we never think about is Peter. He was soaking wet from the storm and his body most likely shivered from the shock of the experience. Nevertheless, Peter found peace in the midst of the pain. Even safe in the boat, he still felt the effects of the situation. We may be safe, but still experience the distresses of life.

I do not believe we are going to find ourselves in a boat on the stormy sea anytime soon. However, we are in stormy waters; our spiritual ships are tossed. We need to keep our eyes on the Lord. I have had storms. Pastors are not storm-free and I have taken my eyes from the Lord. We are not without fear. Nonetheless, I am eternally grateful for the prayers of saints who reach out and pulled me above the waves of an angry sea. I am grateful for those who see me soaking wet from the momentary weakening of faith and lend me their faith until I am strong (dry) again. For those who say, "watch your words that they not weigh down your soul," (just being honest, confessing brokenness, being human, if you will). Thank you for speaking truth in love.

My soul is peaceful today. There is peace amid the pain. The grace of the Lord is enough for me. Truth be known, we need the thorns to remind us of His great joy, we need the briars of life to taste the goodness of the Lord. Psalm 34:8 says, "Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him" (Taste the Lord, He is a sweet morsel, the largest blackberry). That is a strange concept, but I like it. Lamentations 3:22-23 states, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

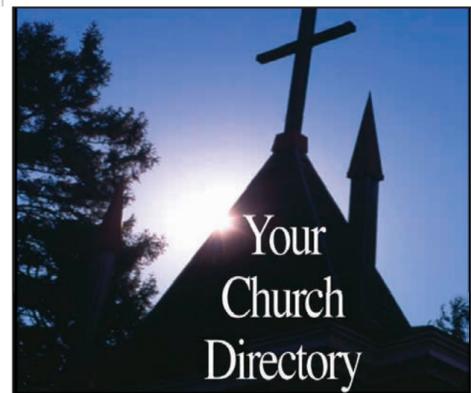
Allow His mercies to renew you every morning. His faithfulness has no end. Be good to one another, lift one another before the Lord, live life realizing the thorns keep us humble and that our Lord has walked upon the storms of life and brought us, His beloved ones, to safety. God bless you all.

Greenville church to host ventriloquist act

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Pastor Bryant Thigpen and St. John's Missionary Baptist Church, in Greenville, is inviting the Madison County and surrounding community to come ready to laugh out loud with gospel ventriloquist David MacMeekan and his witty wooden partner, Rusty, as they present the gospel in a way you may have never seen before.

David and Rusty will take the stage on Sunday, Sept. 16, at 6 p.m. For more information, log onto SJMBCgreenville.com. St. Johns Missionary Baptist Church is located at 5905 NW Lovett Rd., in Greenville.



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LEGALS

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, the following application for permit was received on August 1, 2018:

Benjamin Read, of Jackson Oaks, LLC, has submitted an Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) application number ERP-079-203816-4. The project is located in Madison County, Section: 27, Township: 1N, Range: 7E, and includes 2.77 acres. The ERP application is for the construction of an approximate 28,800 SF industrial warehouse and approximate 5,000 SF open air staging facility with associated parking, driveway, and stormwater management facility. The project will include 1.39 acres of proposed impervious surface area.

Interested persons may comment upon the application or submit a written request for a staff report containing proposed agency action regarding the application by writing to the Suwannee River Water Management District, Attn: Resource Management, 9225 C.R. 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060. Such comments or requests must be received by 5:00 PM within 14 days from the date of publication of this notice.

No further public notice will be provided regarding this application. A copy of the staff report must be requested in order to remain advised of further proceedings. Substantially affected persons are entitled to request an administrative hearing, pursuant to Title 28, Florida Administrative Code, regarding the proposed agency action by submitting a written request after reviewing the staff report.

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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, the following application for permit was received on August 17, 2018:

Jeffrey and Kristy Douglas, 794 NE Macedonia Church Road, Lee, FL 32059, has submitted a transfer of ownership for Water Use Permit 2-079-220623-2 with no change in permitted allocation. This project is located in Township 1N, Range 10E, Section 28, in Madison County.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA

QUICKEN LOANS INC., Plaintiff, **CASE NO: 2018-CA-000919**

vs.

ASHLEY NICOLE BARRON F/K/A ASHLEY NICOLE JOHNSON, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF SHARON W. JOHNSON A/K/A SHARON ANN JOHNSON, DECEASED; Defendants.

CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Plaintiff's Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on August 10, 2018 in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on October 10, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. (EST), at Madison County Courthouse, 125 W. Range Avenue, Madison, Florida 32340:

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Dated: August 15, 2018

BILLY WASHINGTON, CLERK OF THE COURT MADISON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

By: *Karen Rutnal* Deputy Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA

FIRST COMMERCE CREDIT UNION, f/k/a FLORIDA COMMERCE CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,

vs. **CASE NO. 17 CA 59**

UNKNOWN HEIRS and/or DEVICES OF HILDA OSTEEEN ZEH, a/k/a HILDA L. ZEH, deceased; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF HILDA OSTEEEN ZEH, a/k/a HILDA L. ZEH, deceased; LORETTA HUGHES, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; STATE OF FLORIDA; EDDIE DEAN WRIGHT; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF EDDIE DEAN WRIGHT; AND JOHN OR JANE DOE, as Unknown Tenants in possession, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the final judgment of foreclosure entered on August 10, 2018 in Madison County, Florida, in the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit for Madison County, Florida, in which FIRST COMMERCE CREDIT UNION is plaintiff and UNKNOWN HEIRS and/or DEVICES OF HILDA OSTEEEN ZEH, a/k/a HILDA L. ZEH, deceased; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF HILDA OSTEEEN ZEH, a/k/a HILDA L. ZEH, deceased; LORETTA HUGHES, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; STATE OF FLORIDA; EDDIE DEAN WRIGHT; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF EDDIE DEAN WRIGHT; AND JOHN OR JANE DOE, as Unknown Tenants in possession, are defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder in accordance with §45.031 of the Florida Statutes, in-person sale beginning at 11:00 a.m. at Madison County Courthouse on the 12th day of September, 2018, the following described real property:

PARCEL 1

BEGIN AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF BLOCK 27 OF THE TOWN OF GREENVILLE, FLORIDA, THENCE RUN WEST 72.25 FEET FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE RUN WEST 72 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 125 FEET, THENCE RUN EAST 72 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 125 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

ALSO: THAT PART OF EIGHTH STREET THAT LIES SOUTH OF THE LAND DESCRIBED ABOVE.

AND

BEGIN AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF BLOCK 27, AS DESIGNATED ON A PLAT OF GREENVILLE INVESTMENT COMPANYS LANDS IN THE TOWN OF GREENVILLE, FLORIDA MADE BY FRED T. BROCK, SURVEYOR, DATED NOVEMBER 23, 1925, AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND RUN WEST 72.25 FEET FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING, ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF 7TH STREET, THENCE CONTINUE WEST 72 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 75 FEET, THENCE RUN EAST 72 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 75 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, AND BEING A PART OF SAID BLOCK 27, AND ALSO BEING A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST.

AND

THAT PART OF EIGHTH STREET THAT LIES SOUTH OF THE LANDS DESCRIBED ABOVE AS FOLLOWS: THE EAST 72.25 FEET TO BLOCK 27 OF THE TOWN OF GREENVILLE, FLORIDA.

SAID LANDS LYING AND BEING SITUATE IN MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA.

PARCEL 2

THE EAST 72.25 FEET TO BLOCK 27 OF THE TOWN OF GREENVILLE, MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

WITNESS MY HAND and seal of this Court on this 16th day of August, 2018.

By: *Karen Rutnal* Deputy Clerk

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Cowboys' Preview

Madison County Carrier - Section B

August 22, 2018



The trail to Orlando

Rick Patrick: *Greene Publishing, Inc.*

The pieces are in place. The participants have been practicing and working for months. Now, the time has come. The Cowboys of Madison County High School (MCHS) are ready to hit the long, arduous trail that is the 2018 season. The Cowboy faithful are hoping that trail leads to Orlando and the possibility of back-to-back state titles, something that has never before been accomplished at MCHS.

That trail will have some familiar pitfalls along the way. A look at this season's schedule shows that the opponents are the same as last season, a schedule that was one of the toughest schedules in the state. The only difference from last season to this will be the locations of the games. Last season began with a trip to Crawfordville to face the War Eagles of Wakulla High School. This season, it will be the War Eagles who will fly up to Boot Hill to meet the Cowboys for the first contest of the season. The memory of the Cowboys' last-second win over the War Eagles will surely be on the minds of the Wakulla players and they will likely have revenge on their minds.

The opening game will not be the only potential pitfall awaiting the Cowboys along the trail. Road games against Columbia County in Lake City and University Christian in Jacksonville will test the

Cowboys.

The Cowboys will have a completely new backfield this season. That does not mean they are completely without experience. There will be plenty of talent and a good bit of experience with Vinsonta Allen and Marcus Ghent likely providing much of the rushing attack this season.

Quarterback Travis Jay will see a lot of action on both sides of the ball. Jay has good instincts and a strong arm, plus an ability to run the ball, should pass protection break down. When Coach Coe decides to rest Jay, quarterback Caleb Watts has shown enough talent to be able to manage the offensive game plan. Watts has spent time in the weight room during the off-season and comes into the season stronger. Of course, the offensive production this year will begin with the "hogs" up front. This is a big and talented offensive line, anchored by a couple of big 300 pound juniors, Zac Coe and Zane Herring. The offensive line will be challenged early to help establish the Cowboy rushing attack.

On the defensive side of the ball, Jay is enough of a threat that opposing offenses will likely avoid throwing to his side of the field. If they do venture a gamble and throw to Jay, he has the ability to make them pay with 16 career interceptions. The defensive front is impressive, led by the 6' 2" 300

pound solid Division I prospect, Terray Jones. The defensive front has the ability to put pressure on opposing quarterbacks and could force them into making poor decisions and throw the ball in Jay's direction. Don't be surprised if Jay racks up several more interceptions during the year. A young linebacking corps will need to mature quickly in order to round out a very solid Cowboy defensive unit.

Perhaps one of the biggest question marks for the Cowboys this season is the play of special teams. The Cowboys will have a new place kicker in Thomas Miller. Gone is the phenomenal kick returner, Derrick Staten. However, Cowboy fans may get an opportunity to see another Staten returning kicks when younger brother Derrion gets his chance.

Just where the trail will lead, no one knows for sure. Will it lead to Orlando and another Cowboy state title? Will the Cowboys stumble somewhere along the way? The answers to those questions are uncertain. Some things are certain, however: the trail will be tough and difficult. There will be pitfalls along the way. How the young Cowboys handle those difficulties will be a reflection of their character and determination. No matter where that trail finally leads them, at the end, these Cowboys will become men.



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Cowboy coaches keep eyes on the real prize



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Emerald G. Parsons, August 6, 2018

The football coaching staff at Madison County High School continues to hold their young student-athletes to high standards, on and off the field. Pictured in the front row, from left to right, are: Greg Ray, Peter Jackson, Kirk Mitchell, Tim Meinsen and Morris Bell. Pictured in the back row, from left to right, are: Bill Hightower, Mike Coe, Jim Ertzberger and Chad Mitchell.

Rick Patrick: *Greene Publishing, Inc.*

For the coaching staff of the Madison County High School (MCHS) Cowboys, true success isn't immediately apparent when the game clock hits 00:00. True, wins and losses can be a gauge of on-the-field success, but for a group of men who see themselves more as mentors than as teachers of football, the true measure of success is seen long after the game ends. In fact, it could be years later. "Ten or fifteen years from now, we'll see just how successful we have been; when these young men are husbands and fathers," said MCHS Head Coach Mike Coe during a recent interview.

That focus on the bigger picture is evident when talking with any of the coaches on the Cowboys'

coaching staff. The coaching staff takes their task of molding young men to be productive and honorable citizens very seriously. Many of the young men with whom these coaches work may not have strong male role models in their lives. That is where the coaching staff steps in. All this does not mean the coaches simply gloss over teaching and perfecting football skills. A football program does not have the kind of success that Madison County has enjoyed over the years without a great deal of work going into perfecting the fundamentals of the game. According to Assistant Coach Morris Bell, football can be an effective teaching tool to teach larger life lessons. Demanding complete effort on and off the field is a major component of teaching those lessons. Many of the young men on the team respond in a positive way.

"They [the coaches] yell at us sometimes and they are tough on us," said senior Daniel Derico. "They are all like father figures."

The obvious love the coaches have for the young men on the team is present, regardless of the numbers on a scoreboard. "Win or lose, we're not going to love [the players] any less," said Coach Coe. "It's about you doing your absolute best for the guy next to you."

Prominently displayed at Boot Hill Stadium is a list of championships earned by the Cowboys over the years. Each year, young men return to Boot Hill from college, professional lives and even success in the National Football League (NFL). No matter their chosen walk of life, the success of these men is evidence that what the coaching staff is teaching is working. Even if it takes years to be seen.

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Coach Ruth Ann Latner

Another season, another reason to cheer

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This time of year could almost seem to be routine for Madison County High School (MCHS) cheerleading coach Ruth Ann Latner. She has, after all, been coaching the junior varsity and varsity cheerleaders for over a decade now. This season marks the 11th season of coaching for Latner, who also teaches

math at MCHS.

In addition to overseeing the cheerleaders' activities, Latner also helps them with the fundraising necessary to keep the program going. Latner's job doesn't end with the conclusion of the football season, either. Latner and the cheerleaders will be busy cheering the Cowboys on all the way through basketball season as well.

In addition to the fun and excitement of Friday nights at Boot Hill Stadium, Latner enjoys seeing the personal development that takes place among the cheerleaders. Seeing the girls develop leadership skills in addition to the physical skills of learning stunts and cheers is one of the major aspects of the activity that Latner enjoys. "Really, I just enjoy all of it," said Latner.

Varsity cheerleaders ready for history



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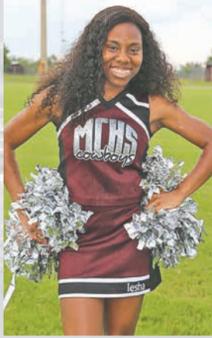
The 2018 MCHS varsity cheerleading squad is ready for another season of Cowboy football. Pictured in the front row, from left to right, are: Ginger Hernandez, Antonia Bowman, Iesha Aikens, Morgan Mercer, Zorrea Lee, Caitlin Gibson, Ashley Cantey and Charmesia McQuay. Pictured in the back row, from left to right, are: Zaria Straughter, Verdazyia Hampton, Jordon Weatherspoon, Emma Courtney, Tyresha Hudson, Shonta'e Braymiller, Trinity Mathis and Nhizayia Hill.

Rick Patrick: *Greene Publishing, Inc.*

The seniors on the Madison County High School (MCHS) varsity

cheerleading squad are primed to cheer the Cowboys on to another championship season. The 11 seniors on the varsity squad have cheered the Cowboys on through their share of happiness and heartache.

Iesha Aikens, 17, is the daughter of Sandra Rowe and Edward Rowe. She has been cheering for six years and counts winning the state title last year as one of her most memorable experiences as a Cowboy Cheerleader. She plans to attend Florida A&M University and pursue a degree in physical therapy.



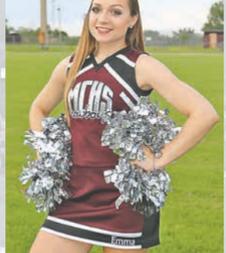
Iesha Aikens

Antonia Bowman, 17, has been cheering for two years. She is the daughter of Kimberly Livingston and Antonio Bowman. She says she enjoys doing stunts and Friday night lights. After graduation she hopes to attend Flagler College and pursue a degree in accounting and finance.



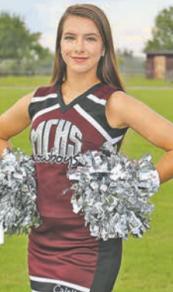
Antonia Bowman

Emma Courtney, 16, is the daughter of Christine DeFreeze and Brian Courtney. She considers this year's cheer camp one of her most memorable experiences with the squad. She hopes to finish the academic year with a 3.5 GPA, finish her A.A. degree from North Florida Community College, then pursue a nursing degree from Florida State University.



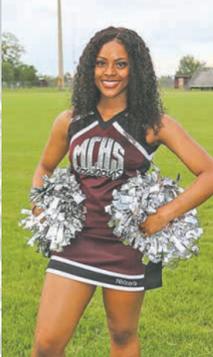
Emma Courtney

Caitlin Gibson, 17, has been involved in cheerleading for the past five years. She is the daughter of Brad McNicol and Lisa Gibson. Her goal for the cheerleading squad this year is to become more advanced at doing stunts and to keep their weekly devotions going strong. Her future plans are to join the military, probably the Marine Corps, and become a dog trainer, an intel specialist or a linguist.



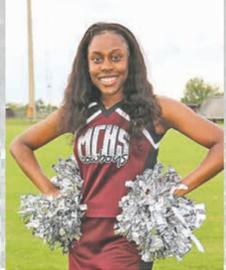
Caitlin Gibson

Nhizayia Hill, 17, is the daughter of Renatta Taylor and Quazay Hill. She has been cheering for six years and considers winning the state title last year as one of her most memorable experiences. Her future plans include attending Florida A&M University and pursuing a degree in social work.



Nhizayia Hill

Tyresha Hudson, 17, is the daughter of Peggy Alexander and Tony Hudson. She has been cheering for six years. She would love to see the squad come closer and be a great example for the younger students. She says she enjoys the hype of Friday night lights and doing stunts. Her future plans are to attend either Florida A&M University or Valdosta State University.



Tyresha Hudson

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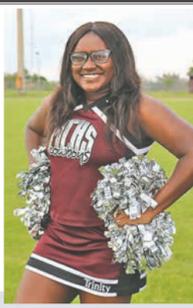
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Zorrey Lee, 17, is the Co-Captain for the varsity cheerleading squad. She is the daughter of Latreca Davis and Quinn Lee. She has been cheering for four years. She says she enjoys cheering on the Cowboys on Friday nights. She plans to attend Florida A&M University and major in forensic social work.



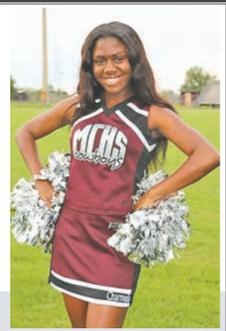
Zorrey Lee

Trinity Mathis, 17, is the Captain for this year's varsity cheerleading squad. She is the daughter of Rondy and Angela Mathis. She says her most memorable experience with the squad was the game against Wakulla last year when the Cowboys won in the last second of the game. Her future plans are to continue her education after high school and become the best person she knows how to be.



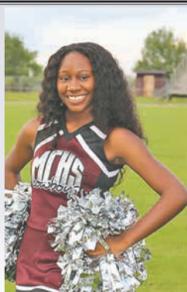
Trinity Mathis

Charmesia McQuay, 17, is the daughter of Twanikki Dobson and the late Demarvis McQuay. This is her first year cheerleading, but she already enjoys everything about it. She considers going to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) cheer camp one of her most memorable experiences. Her future plans are to go to college and pursue a degree in business.



Charmesia McQuay

Zaria Straughter, 17, is the daughter of Roger Straughter and Denise Livingston. Her goals for the school year are to maintain a 4.0 grade point average and remain in the National Honor Society and the Beta Club. Her future plans include finishing her A.A. degree at North Florida Community College, then transfer to Florida State University, where she plans to eventually earn a master's degree in social work and open her own business.



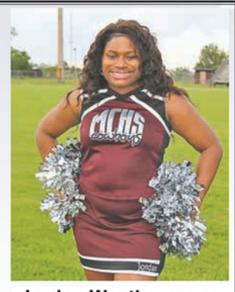
Zaria Straughter

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These senior cheerleaders are ready to do their part to help lead the Cowboys to another undefeated season, capped off with another state title. Such a feat would certainly make history.



Jordan Weatherspoon, 17, is the daughter of Lacava Chambers. She has been cheering for five years. She says her favorite part of being a cheerleader is being a part of something and traveling. After graduation, she plans to pursue a degree in psychology and African American studies. She says she also would like to travel to different countries and play with exotic animals.



Jordan Weatherspoon

Cowboy seniors: *building a dynasty*



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A group of 17 seniors on the Madison County High School (MCHS) Cowboys football team hope to continue and build upon the growing Cowboy legacy. Pictured in the front, from left to right, are: Travis Jay and Patrick Hampton. Pictured standing, from left to right, are: Dawson Rutherford, Reed Morse, Daniel Derico, Gabriel Barnes, Tavares Sanders, Devin Norwood, Marcus Ghent, Terray Jones, Eric Blackshear, Antonio Cox, Caleb Watts, Avery Holton, Daquarius Thompkins, Quinn Lee and Jarod Johnson.

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According to *dictionary.com*, one definition of "dynasty" is "a series of members of a family who are distinguished for their success." One only needs to glance at the sign next to the scoreboard at Boot Hill Stadium to see the Madison County High School

(MCHS) Cowboys have distinguished themselves for their success. Speaking to the team members, one can easily understand that the Cowboys are more than just a team. The brotherhood that is evident in the players shows that the team is more of a family than a mere sports team. Speaking with high school sports enthusiasts around the state, it is clear the Cowboys fit the definition of a "dynasty." The current group of seniors on the Cowboys squad is ready to leave their mark on the "Cowboy Dynasty."



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Patrick Hampton, #6, is a defensive end for the Cowboys. He considers winning the state title and wearing the "big play chain" among his most memorable experiences so far. He plans to continue his education and pursue a criminal justice degree and go into law enforcement.



Patrick Hampton

Quinn Lee, #7, plays tight end for the Cowboys. This year marks the seventh year he has been playing football. He says he has a goal of winning another state title this year. Personally, he hopes to graduate with honors. His future plans include finishing his A.A. degree from North Florida Community College, then transferring to either Florida State University or Valdosta State University to pursue a nursing degree.



Quinn Lee

Travis Jay, #8, has been playing football for 10 years. He currently pulls double duty for the Cowboys, playing quarterback and defensive back. He says scoring touchdowns and having fun are his favorite aspects of the game. His most memorable Cowboy experience has been making three interceptions against Pahokee during his 10th grade season. He remains a verbal commit to attend Florida State University where he plans to study business.



Travis Jay

Devin Norwood, #11, plays defensive end for the Cowboys. Like many of his fellow Cowboys, he has a goal of making a return trip to the state championship game. Personally, he hopes to keep his grades up and to do his best, on and off the field. After graduation, he plans to attend college and pursue a business degree.



Devin Norwood

Jarod Johnson, #15, is a linebacker/safety on the Cowboys squad. He has been playing football for 10 years and, like most players in the defensive backfield, he enjoys hitting. His goals are to do well academically and on the field. He plans to attend Florida State University after high school and pursue a degree in business and finance.



Jarod Johnson

Daquarius, "DT" Thompkins #16, is a wide receiver for the Cowboys. He considers winning a state title as being his most memorable experience as a Cowboy. He plans to attend the University of Florida after high school and eventually become a physical therapist.



Daquarius "DT" Thompkins

Caleb Watts, #17, plays quarterback for the Cowboys. He says he enjoys the mental and strategic aspects of playing football the most. A dual-enrollment student at North Florida Community College, he plans to graduate with his A.A. degree, then transfer to Florida State University and pursue a career in Sports Medicine.



Caleb Watts

Daniel Derico, #25, is a Cowboy linebacker. This is his first year playing football for the Cowboys. He hopes the Cowboys can continue to improve as a team, not just as individuals. Personally, he hopes to improve both on and off the field. After graduation, he plans to attend Florida A&M University and pursue a degree in communications.



Daniel Derico

Marcus Ghent, #27, plays running back and linebacker. He has been playing football for 11 years, starting with the Dave Galbraith League. One of his goals is to help the younger players and to be a better person. He hopes to move on to college after high school graduation.



Marcus Ghent

Eric Blackshear, #34, is a defensive tackle for the Cowboys. This is his second year playing football but he already enjoys the adrenaline rush that comes from playing the game. He hopes to be a better teammate during the season. He plans to continue his education and study engineering after high school.



Eric Blackshear

Gabriel Barnes, #36, is a Cowboy defensive end. He hopes to help the Cowboys make it back to state this year. He says he enjoys the team atmosphere of playing football. Personally, he hopes to attend the University of Florida to study pre-med. He eventually wants to become a doctor.



Gabriel Barnes

Dawson Rutherford, #38, plays tight end for the Cowboys. His personal goal for the season is to simply get better every day. After graduating from high school, he plans to attend the University of Alabama, or possibly the University of Florida or the University of Georgia to pursue an engineering degree.



Dawson Rutherford

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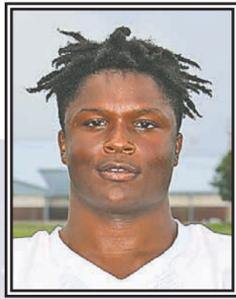
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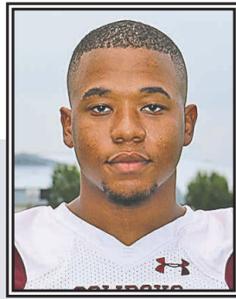
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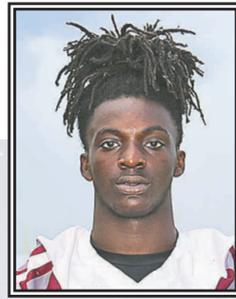
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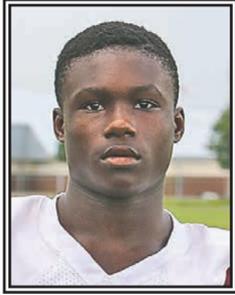
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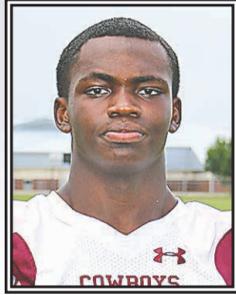
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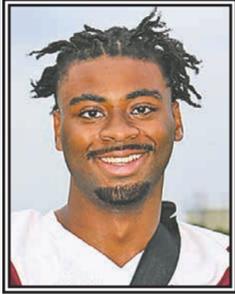
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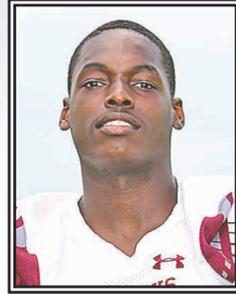
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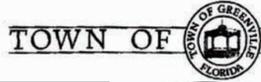
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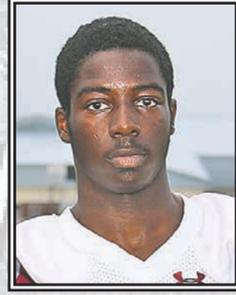
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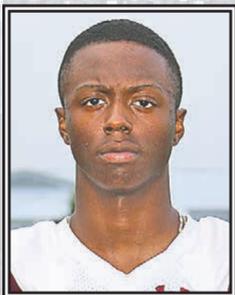
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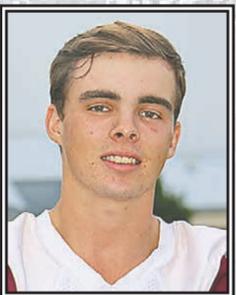
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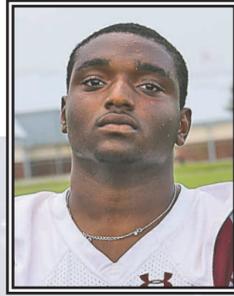
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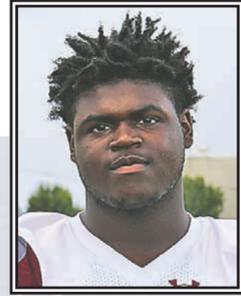
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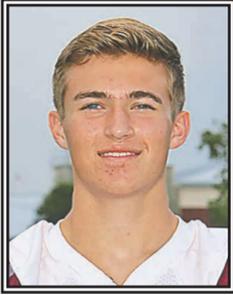
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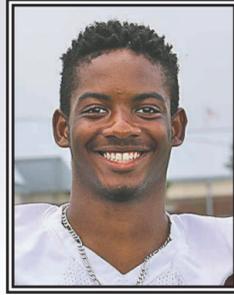
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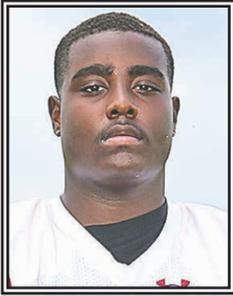
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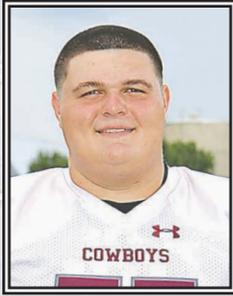
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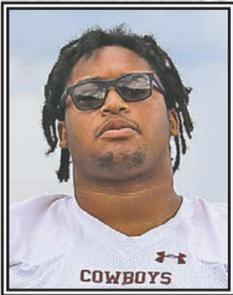
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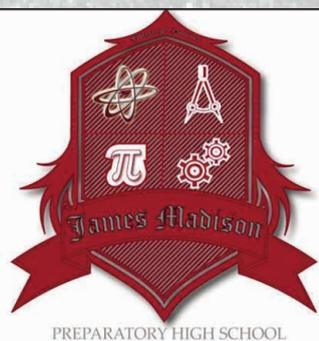
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Cowboy seniors

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Reed Morse, #41, is a kicker and long snapper for the Cowboys. This is his first year playing football, but he already enjoys the brotherhood of the team. He hopes to help the Cowboys win another state title this year. After high school, he plans to serve his country in the United States Marine Corps.



Reed Morse

Terray Jones, #44, plays on the defensive line for the Cowboys. He hopes to help the Cowboys to another undefeated season on their way to back-to-back state titles. On a personal level, he hopes to graduate from high school with honors and play college football. He is currently weighing 15 offers from various schools, including Purdue University, Florida Atlantic University and Georgia Southern. He plans to pursue a business degree and hopes to play in the National Football League one day.



Terray Jones

Avery Holton, #71, is a defensive tackle on the Cowboys team. His most memorable Cowboy experience has been winning a state title. He also hopes to maintain a grade point average above 3.0 and to be a better teammate. He hopes to go to college after high school and become a game warden.



Avery Holton

Antonio Cox, #77, plays on the Cowboy offensive line. He hopes the team will achieve another undefeated season, followed by another state title. He also hopes to improve in the classroom as well as on the field. After high school, he plans to attend welding school.



Antonio Cox

Tavares Sanders, #99, is a defensive tackle for the Cowboys. He considers getting to know his brothers on the team as being among his most memorable Cowboy experiences. After high school, he plans to study and eventually become a diesel mechanic.



Tavares Sanders

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These young men have a big challenge ahead of them. They plan to continue and build upon the Cowboy dynasty, this year and in the years to come.

MCHS Cowboys 2018 Football Schedule

<p>Aug. 17 Crestview (Kick-off Classic) Away 8:30 p.m. (Eastern)</p> <p>Aug. 24 Wakulla Boot Hill 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Aug. 31 Newberry Boot Hill 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Sept. 7 Florida High Away 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Sept. 14 Williston Boot Hill 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Sept. 21 Columbia County Away 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Sept. 28 Dunnellon Boot Hill 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Oct. 5 Pensacola Catholic (Homecoming) Boot Hill 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Oct. 19 University Christian Away 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Oct. 26 Suwannee County Away 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Nov. 2 Rickards Away 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Nov. 9 Playoffs TBD</p>
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Cowboy offensive line



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Whether it means opening holes for the running attack or protecting the quarterback, the success of the Cowboys' offense begins with the play of the "hogs" of the offensive line. Pictured on the front row, from left to right, are: Terrion Hampton, Tavares Sanders, Quinn Lee, Avery Holton, Coach Bill Hightower, Jayden Roberson, Zane Herring, Zac Coe, and Dawson Rutherford. Pictured on the back row, from left to right, are: Devin Norwood, Jabarrek Hopkins, Le'tavious Cuthbertson, Terray Jones, Antonio Cox and Tyrique Adams.

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Cowboy wide receivers



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These speedy Cowboy wide receivers plan to light up the scoreboard this season. Pictured, from left to right, are: Michael Gibson, Jr., Derrion Staten, Octavius Davis, Shedrick Johnson, Jr., Coach Morris Bell, Daquarius Thompkins, Demarvion Brown and Rodderick Johnson, Jr.

Cowboy defensive line



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Keeping opposing teams out of the Cowboys' end zone is job number one for the talented Cowboy defensive line. Pictured, from left to right, are: Coach Greg Ray, Donyea Farmer, Gabriel Barnes, Tavares Sanders, Devin Norwood, Terray Jones, Coach Chad Mitchell, Pat Hampton, Avery Holton, Eric Blackshear, Demarvion Brown, Bardley Neal and Ivory Tillman.

Cowboy defensive backs



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The defensive backs for the Cowboys are ready to shut down any aerial attack opposing teams may attempt. Pictured in the front row, from left to right, are: Shedrick Johnson, Jr., Caleb Watts, Octavius Davis, Travis Jay, Coach Kirk Mitchell, Chalton Howard, Rodderick Johnson, Jr., Daquarius Thompkins and Michael Gibson, Jr. Pictured in the back row, from left to right, are: Vinsonta Allen, Kelivon Oliver, Jarod Johnson, Derrion Staten and Phennis Jennings.

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Cowboy backfield



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The Cowboy quarterbacks and running backs are primed to move the ball up and down the field in their quest for back-to-back state championships. Pictured, from left to right, are: Robert Hiers, Caleb Watts, Travis Jay, Coach Jim Ertzberger, Marcus Ghent, Chalton Howard and Vinsonta Allen.

Cowboy linebackers



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Making life difficult for opposing offenses are the tough Cowboy linebackers. Pictured, from left to right, are: Robert Hiers, Jordan Alexander, Marcus Ghent, Coach Tim Meinsen, Todd Brown, Tyrique Adams and Daniel Derico.

Cowboy special teams



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Crucial to the success of the Cowboys this season will be the play of special teams. Pictured, from left to right, are: Dawson Rutherford, Sherrick Johnson, Jr., Caleb Watts, Miles Stanley, Reed Morse, Thomas Miller, Coach Bill Hightower, Zane Herring, Chalton Howard, Zac Coe, Daquarius Thompkins and Derion Staten.

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