

# Jada Woods Williams Is New Dean Of Students At Madison County High School

By Lynette Norris  
*Greene Publishing, Inc.*  
Former Supervisor of Elections Jada Woods Williams has been named the new dean of students at Madison County High School. The hiring, which caused some discussion at the Aug. 21 school board meeting, was met with murmurs of approval from members of the public who attended, even though there was

some opposition voiced by school board members. When school board member Fain Poppell questioned the choice, School Superintendent Lou Miller stated that the position of dean at MCHS had been advertised, candidates interviewed, and one applicant hired. However, that person then refused the position due to salary issues. Other ap-



Jada Woods Williams

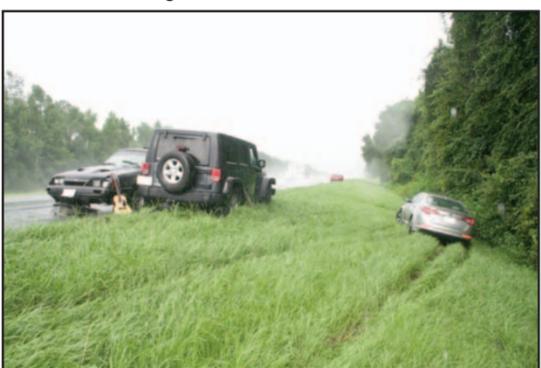
plicants for the position were then rejected. Meanwhile, Williams, who has prior teaching experience, had applied for an ESE position at the school and had been accepted; but with the approval of the school superintendent, Williams was subsequently reassigned to the dean's position. Since that move left the ESE position open again, it was then re-ad-

vertised, and Joyce Taylor was soon hired to fill it. Miller then referenced Florida Statue 1012.315, specifically, the list of charges that could disqualify an individual for employment with the school district. Although the list took up nearly two pages, "there was nothing in her (Williams') record that would cause her to be disqualified," Miller

stated. She stated that she had also double-checked with the Florida Department of Education to make sure (as the former Madison County Supervisor of Elections, Williams was charged with several counts of neglect of duty in November 2011, following a voter fraud investigation that resulted in her arrest and that of eight

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## Two-Vehicle Wreck On Rainy Afternoon



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By Jacob Bemby  
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No one was injured in a two-vehicle accident on a rainy afternoon on Friday, August 17. According to a Florida Highway Patrol report, Kelley Ford, 23, of Raleigh, N.C., was traveling eastbound on the outside lane in a 2011 Kia. At the same time, Melissa Moeller, 32, of San Diego, Calif., was traveling eastbound in a 2007 Jeep in the outside lane with a vehicle in tow. The front of Ford's Kia struck the rear of the towed vehicle. The towed vehicle rotated counter-clockwise one-half turn and struck the Jeep's left side.

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## "Bumper Crop of Kindergartners" Start New School Year

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With the second day of school completed, the Madison County School Board reviewed the unofficial enrollment figures for each school in the district, numbers that were expected to change slightly as more students showed up belatedly for enrollment and the numbers were finalized in the next few days. At the Aug. 21 meeting, the totals so far were: Madison County High School, 622; Madison County Central, 1165; Lee Elementary, 239; Pinetta Elementary, 204; Greenville Elementary, 149; the B.E.A.R Center (formerly the Madison Excel School), 32. The large number of kindergarten students at Lee meant that the num-



Sean Golden

bers exceeded the class sizes; a new kindergarten section was added and a new teacher hired to handle the overflow, resulting in two classes with 17 students each, one with 16 students and humorous references to the "bumper crop of kindergartners" beginning the new school year. Sean Golden, Executive Director of the B.E.A.R (Behavior Enrichment and Academic Restoration) Center, spoke briefly to the school board, saying that he looked forward to the new school year and the Center's first year of operation, taking over for the Madison Excel School, "Doing the best we can for the kids." The Center had had a good

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## Four Freedoms Trail Will Get Rest Stop

*Rec Park Bleachers Remain Bare For Now*  
By Lynette Norris  
*Greene Publishing, Inc.*  
Cindy Vees, Executive Director of the Madison Chamber of Commerce, appeared again before the County Commission to see what the verdict was on two requests made by the Tourist Development Board at the previous commission meeting. Vees had appeared at the Aug. 1 meeting at the behest of the TDB to ask about using Madison County tourist tax revenues to construct a restroom facility somewhere along the 10-mile Four Freedoms Trail. Florida statutes governing the tourist revenue allows for such an expenditure, if, for example, it were constructed as part of a "nature center," which the TDB wanted to put up at Hanson, the half-way point of the trail. The Commissioners acknowledged

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## Skip Jarvis Writes About Investigation And Retirement

Submitted by Skip Jarvis  
Yesterday, I learned from the press that a report had been released in the investigation regarding my use of my office. At first I was angered that I had to learn of it from the press and not from the persons responsible for it. After obtaining a copy from the press and reading it I was outraged. At the advice of close friends, I considered the facts overnight and after some reflection I am now prepared to respond.



Skip Jarvis

First, I was of the initial position that certain claims in the memorandum were false in their finding as to why certain records were accessed. Days before the impending grand jury we had obtained a list of inquiries which were the subject of the investigation. Although the list went back to 2010, I was able to go through and identify the vast majority of them, most being criminal investigations or job applicant background investigations. Yes, there were some that I had no recollection of, but it was com-

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## SRWMD Introduces New Executive Director To County Commission



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Lynette Norris, August 15, 2012

County Commission Chair Roy Ellis accepts a check from SRWMD Vice President Al Alexander. Left to right: Commissioner Justin Hamrick, Ellis, Alexander, Commissioner Wayne Vickers, Commissioner Renetta Parrish, Dr. Ann Shortelle and Steve Minnis, Governmental Affairs Director for SRWMD.

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"I arrived in the middle of a multi-year drought," said Dr. Ann Shortelle, Ph.D., the new Executive Director of the Suwannee River Water Management District. "And within a few days, the entrance to (our district headquarters) was flooded." As if to emphasize the irony, the monitor screen on the wall beside her displayed a photo of the floodwaters lapping at the district's office door. Al Alexander, Vice President of the SRWMD governing board and representative for the Upper Suwannee River Basin, introduced Dr. Shortelle to the Madison County Commissioners at the Aug. 15 meeting, as the one whom the governing board had selected to run the SRWMD.

## Dave Galbraith Football Sign-Ups

By Jacob Bemby  
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The Dave Galbraith Football League will hold sign-ups on Saturday, Aug. 25, and Saturday, Sept. 1, from 9 a.m. until noon at the Madison County Courthouse. Age groups are open for 6 and 7 year olds, 8, 9 and 10 year olds and 11, 12, and 13 years olds. The age control date is Sept. 1. Ten year olds weigh-

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Sun 8/26	88/72		A few clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 70s.
Mon 8/27	87/75		Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 70s.

Diabetes is a common disease affecting over 25 million adults and children in the U.S. It is estimated another 79 million people are in a "pre-diabetes" stage, with elevated glucose levels that will most likely develop into diabetes and another 18 million people are undiagnosed.

A condition that is often misunderstood; some people are paralyzed by the diagnosis and stick their head in the sand trying to ignore the condition. This is not the best strategy to take. Unchecked, diabetes can cause complications; problems with eye sight, kidneys, skin and nerve damage. All of these health problems can be prevented with a proactive care and taking charge of the diagnosis.

If you have type 2 diabetes or a health care provider has cautioned you are heading in that direction, due to elevated glucose levels, the best thing you can do is to be proactive. Learn all you can about the disease and how to live well while reducing your

## Madison County Extension Service

Diann Douglas  
Guest Columnist



## Take Charge Of Your Diabetes

health risk. Take Charge of Your Diabetes will give you the information and motivation to help you make positive lifestyle changes for improved control.

Madison County Health Department will join the Extension Service to provide information on medication and blood glucose monitoring. Donna Melgaard, Director of Nursing and Nita Fico will teach sessions on health care. Participants will learn to plan meal patterns, portion control and carbohydrate counting to keep blood sugar levels even. You can take control and keep stress to a minimum.

The lesson series will start Wednesday, September 3rd at 10 a.m. at the Madison County Extension office and run six weeks. Each week will cover a different topic about steps you can take to ensure a healthy lifestyle. To register for this free series, call the Extension office at 973-4138.

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## Jacob's Ladder

Jacob Bemby  
Columnist

## The Farmer, The Small Businessman, The Average Citizen

I went and voted early Monday. I do not mind telling you that I voted "Against" Madison County becoming wet. My conscience would not let me vote otherwise and I do not believe the hype that a great economic boom will hit Madison County if it becomes wet.

I grew up in Jefferson County and it has been wet forever and I still see no restaurants there like Cheddar's, Olive Garden or Outback Steakhouse. And, yes, there is an interstate running through Jefferson County. In Hamilton County, one doesn't see those restaurants either and when people travel into Florida on I-75, Hamilton County is the gateway. Now, why wouldn't one of these restaurants be looking at Hamilton County or Jefferson County if they have interstate access with hundreds of thousands of cars passing through each week?

Could it be because they look at the population of the county, not the interstate traffic?

The companies Madison County should be seeking first is industry, whether is a processing plant or a fulfillment center or something to do with agriculture. These companies hire more people at higher wages than restaurants do. The only people who would be making money off a restaurant would be the owner and then there is really no new money in the

county. Why? Because the money simply shifts to another restaurant.

The taxes on liquor are distributed among 67 counties in the state. If Jefferson County sells a bottle of liquor, the taxes off it are also sent to Madison, Lafayette and Suwannee County.

I went to the Supervisor of Elections office Monday and checked the financial reports for MadisonYes! The ones who contributed the most to it have the most to gain if Madison becomes wet. The farmer, the small businessman or the average citizens has nothing to gain.

What will happen if Madison County becomes wet? I really don't know but I do foresee increased law enforcement because of more impaired drivers, more domestic violence and more drunken brawls. The worst case scenario is one more person being killed by a drunk driver. Just one person is not worth it.

If you have yet to vote, I encourage you to go and vote the way you feel most comfortable. If the county becomes wet, I will be sad, not mad. I will wish you all the best and wait and see if the economic boom comes as fast as MadisonYes! says it will.

I am praying for my county, which I love, to remain dry. I voted against a wet county and I urge of you to do the same.



## Taxpayers of Madison County

One of the most important pieces of mail this year is about to arrive in your mailbox - your Notice of Proposed Property Taxes.

On August the 22nd Board of County Commissioners will mail the Notice of Proposed Property Taxes (also known as the TRIM notice) to all owners of property in Madison County - that's all home owners, business owners and owners of Tangible Personal Property. This will include 15,622 Real Property notices and 1,837 Tangible Personal Property notices.

Your notice contains information on:

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If you have questions concerning your Notice or if you disagree with the 2012 Taxable Value of your property, I encourage you to contact our office at 850-973-6133 and myself or one of my staff will be happy to assist.

Respectfully,

*Leigh B. Barfield*

Leigh B. Barfield, Certified Florida Appraiser  
Madison County Property Appraiser

## Madison County...

## Jail Report



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| 8/19<br>Arturo Negrete-No Drivers License<br>Tewayne Jones-DUI<br>Oterrian Travon McDaniel- Resisting with Violence, Assault, Violation of Parole<br>Keona Renal Ware- Violation of Parole<br>8/20 | Wilbert Clarence Sears-Violation of Parole (Circuit)<br>Matthew Maxwell- Violation of Parole<br>Sammie Lee Pridgeon-Grand Theft/Larceny, Dealing in Stolen Property, Knowingly Driving with a Suspended License. | 8/21<br>Javaris Ray Blue- Driving with a Suspended License<br>Mark Allen Barfield- Violation of Parole<br>Jimmy Lee Weatherspoon-Burglary of a Structure, Petit Theft, Criminal Mischief |
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## CITIZENS FOR MADISON COUNTY ASK YOU TO

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Queen Isabella of Castile, who dispatched Christopher Columbus to find the Americas, boasted that she had only two baths in her life - at her birth and before she got married.

## Letters To The Editor

Letters to the Editor are typed word for word, comma for comma, as sent to this newspaper.

### Does the World See Us (Christians) United as One?

Dear Editor,  
Recently the Founder and CEO, S. Truett Cathy, came under fire because of his stance against same sex marriage, which caused an outcry of the media and an attempt to boycott Chick-fil-A. The response to the outcry brought the Christian community together in support of Chick-fil-A. Together the Christian community, as well as others, showed their extraordinary support and helped break a sales record of all fast food restaurants. The Christian community standing together in support of Chick-fil-A proved, to the outcry of a Christian businessman stance against same sex marriage, standing for what is right is greatly rewarded.

Jesus prayed an important prayer recorded in the Book of John that we, as Christians, should never forget and heed to in our daily walk. In John 17, Jesus prayed for Himself, the apostles, and for all believers. The core of Jesus' prayer was that all Christians be unified as one as He and the Father are as one (John 17:21-22), so that the world may believe (John 17:21). If Jesus took the time to pray to the Father asking Him to grant us such unification, we need to take heed to the prayer and stand together as one (a Christian community) and do what is right in the sight of our Savior and Lord so that He might be glorified in and through our lives.

In the coming days there will be people asking you to return to the polls on August 28 to cast your vote concerning the wet/dry alcohol issue facing our great county of Madison. Some will try to per-

suade you to vote yes, claiming it will help the economical growth of our county. Some will try to persuade you to vote no, claiming it will glorify God for the stance you are taking against such a terrible thing (issue), which I personally agree with. Who is right? First of all, having hard drinks (liquor, whiskey, vodka) sold in our county will not bring in industry like some may claim. An industry does not base whether to establish themselves in a community or not based on alcohol sales. Secondly, no matter how one may interpret Scripture, alcohol does nothing but destroy lives. Jesus came to give life, not destroy it. So, I have to agree that taking a stance against alcohol is glorifying to God.

As the Christian community, along with others, sent a message by supporting Chick-fil-A, we too, can send a message by taking a stance and casting a NO vote regarding the wet/dry issue in our great county. The world (especially our community) needs to see us (Christians) unified as one, glorifying our Savior and Lord. But the message can only be sent by returning to the polls on August 28 and casting a vote of NO, so PLEASE citizens of Madison County return to the polls on August 28 and cast your vote in favor of what is truly right and glorifying to God!

III John 2,  
Rev. Benjie Dyal  
Pastor, New Home Baptist Church  
Madison, FL

### Former Sheriff Urges People To Vote Against Wet County

I have never written a letter to the editor before but I feel after reading so much overblown articles as to the benefits of Madison County voting yes to go wet and legalizing sale of liquor, I have been in Madison County through one of these votes before and also attempted vote several years ago. The earlier vote was no and I took a stand against legalized liquor sales and still do.

I spent 16 years as a Florida trooper in Madison County, followed by being elected sheriff for 28 years and have seen my share of drunks and families being killed and buying liquor when their children went hungry. No one can convince me availability does not make more problems for law enforcement and broken families.

You have heard about the economy. The only people who to benefit from the sale of liquor are the businesses that sell it. We know that it has cost thousands of dollars to promote this election to go wet.

The benefit will come to those businesses because of more drinking because of availability.

I can attest to the fact that DUIs will double and law enforcement will have to be increased. As far as the taxes to Madison County, the taxes derived from taxes in Madison County, the tax rate in Florida is divided 67 ways throughout the state of Florida. The idea of restaurants coming to Madison, such as Ruby Tuesday's and Olive Garden, these have to have metropolitan numbers to come to a town. I can attest to many advantages to vote no, but to vote yes,

I cannot think of any advantage it would be to Madison County. Please vote no if no other reason we won't make it readily available to our children and the citizens of the county.

Former Sheriff Joe Peavy

### Educated Concerned Citizens Of Madison, Lend Me Your Ears

To the Educated Concerned Citizens of Madison County:

I don't know how much I can add to Bob Williamson's letter to the editor. He made some very good points. However, I still hear people making ignorant statements concerning the Wet/Dry issue.

No one "running" Madison Yes is there for financial gain. The fact is, it has been a hard road raising enough money for the signs (that are being stolen), mailings, paperwork, etc. I know! I have been part of this from the beginning. We would like to see Madison prosper. Moving here in 1987, Madison downtown seemed a "growing" city. Today it looks like a pending "ghost town" We love it here and want to see Madison grow.

If we become WET, only two liquor stores will be allowed in Madison County. Hopefully we will get a restaurant or two... like "Cheddars"...good food/great prices! They can do that because a good part of their profit comes from their bar. (you don't have to drink alcohol, to eat there and enjoy)... Will we get a Cheddars in Madison County? Maybe not. But if this county stays "dry", you can be guaranteed you will never see that here. We just want to see a nice restaurant or two come in where you can get a glass of wine with your meal, instead of having to drive to Valdosta or Tallahassee to get that.

Someone said being "wet" would not bring in much money. Almost everyone I know here drinks. They go to Georgia or to other counties to get their spirits. I say keep that money here! For those who oppose it, that's money in the tax coffers that they don't have to put in themselves!

I saw one of the signs against Madison Yes that stated "Don't be fooled" and in a letter to the Chamber... "Common sense tells me if intoxicating liquor was more readily available (especially by the drink, No. 2 on the ballot) there would be more impaired

drunk drivers on our roads. Sheriff Ben Stewart agrees." I typed into Google: "more dui in wet counties". Most feedback read "Dry Counties have higher DUI/DWI related crashes or fatality rates." "Research has long demonstrated that the existence of dry counties increases alcohol-related automotive accidents and fatalities." The analysis suggests that residents of dry counties have to drive farther from their homes to consume alcohol, thus increasing impaired driving exposure. One site was even a study from a news channel. When specifically looking at DWI's, NewsChannel 11's investigation appears to back up his claim. "Two out of three dry counties we showed you have more DWI's than the wet or partially wet counties."

So, who is fooling who? Do you want to protect your loved ones? ESPECIALLY YOUR CHILDREN??? Then vote YES!!

Common sense would suggest ...

The bible does not tell us it is a sin to drink. (It does state, however, you should not steal.... for those taking the signs).

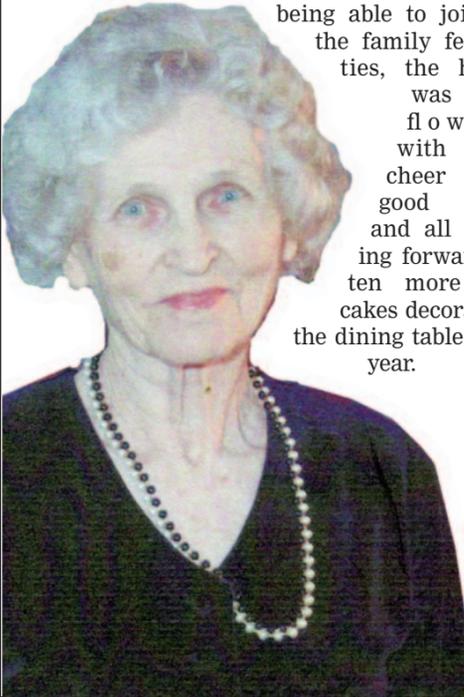
Prohibition ended in 1933. It did not work!!! If people want a drink, they will get one. Again, common sense would tell you it is better for them to drive 3 miles for a drink and then home than to drive 30+ miles. ....Not to mention, that in a bar (located in Madison County) you would have a greater chance of people you know, who would care enough to get you home without letting you drive impaired!

Madison Yes was formed solely with the intent for economic growth of Madison County! That is why I am involved. I believe this will bring more businesses to Madison. Who wants to start a business in a county that is "behind the times".... Let's move forward.

Robert Wieland

## Thelma Thompson Celebrates 93rd Birthday

Thelma Thompson thoroughly enjoyed her 93rd birthday, which occurred on Aug. 15. Since the date kept many from being able to join in the family festivities, the home was overflowing with good cheer and good food and all looking forward to ten more big cakes decorating the dining table next year.





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## Letters To The Editor

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### Time-Bomb In Disguise?

Alcohol is a drug, considered by some to be the most dangerous drug in America because of its wide acceptance and the ease of access, resulting in major problems on the job, in the home and on the streets.

It seems to be acceptable to argue against cocaine, heroin, meth or whatever other names are given to abusive substances, but alcohol is being wrapped in a pretty package and sold to us as a cure-all for ills of Madison County. Using some of the expressed reasoning, someone might question - "Why not legalize all drugs? Would that not bring even more business to Madison County?" I would say that businesses attracted to Madison because of the ability to sell alcoholic drinks, may not be very beneficial to the quality of life in our community and just where can we expect all those projected jobs to come from?

How many of the 20,000 plus or minus, citizens of our county are adults with the financial ability to support "upscale" restaurants? I for one, cannot, and I believe a majority of our county residents also walk a similar tight budget line. A lot of restaurants come and go in wet counties, also, so it's not just because "drinks" cannot be sold, that we have had that happen in Madison.

Some say going "wet" will encourage development at the Interstate exchanges as in Live Oak. Really? Take a serious look at the Highway 129 exit and tabulate just how much development has actually been established in the last couple of years, or due to access to alcohol?

A whole lot of money is being spent on this issue, including more than \$33,000 of county taxes. Who is really going to benefit? It is my understanding that beverage taxes are state collected. However, Madison would receive a "trickle" and there should be some new jobs in the city police and county sheriff's departments. Sounds like more taxes to me!

The word "drink" is generic in that it can refer to water, juice, punch, coffee, an alcoholic beverage, or — even what you take before a colonoscopy. In response to "Bible scholar" statements, according to the late Adriane Rogers, Bible scholar extraordinaire, in scripture, the word "wine" is generic. When Jesus turned water into "wine" it was "oynos", meaning "fruit of the vine" or "grape juice", but definitely not "shekar" which was an intoxicating "wine" to be used ONLY as a narcotic for illness and otherwise, not even in moderation.

We should definitely think twice before opening that "pretty package" we are being sold. It could be a time-bomb in disguise!

VOTE NO AUG. 28  
 Claudia Anderson

### Statistical Analysis Of Public Comments

From Letters To The Editor, Madison Florida Voice, August 9, 2012:

Comment: Unemployment rate is 10.8%, 3% higher than Jefferson county, 2% higher than the State.

Analysis: For the eight years 2003 through 2010 the average unemployment rate for Madison County was 6.8%. For the same time period the average rate for the State of Florida was 6.1% and the national rate was 6.3%. The Madison County rate was .7% higher than the State rate (6.8-6.1=.7) and only .5 higher than the national rate (6.8-6.3=.5). Source: State of Florida Labor Force Summary corrected 03/15/2012.

Comment: Santa Rosa County DUI's have gone down since going wet (2005).

Analysis: Comparing the three years before voting to go wet (2002-2004) to the three years after voting to go wet (2006-2008) Santa Rosa County had a 26% increase in DUI Citations (2224-1768=456/1768=25.8) Source: Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

Comment: Dry counties have nearly double the rate of alcohol-related accidents as the state-wide average and Madison had 13.6%.

Analysis: For the years 2002 through 2009 (8 years) all Dry Counties combined had an average of 14.6% alcohol-related traffic crashes compared to all traffic crashes. The State of Florida average for the same time period was 8.9%. During the same eight years the Madison County average was 11.4% or 2.5% above the State average. (Double the State average would be 17.8%). Source: Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

Comment: DUI arrests rising in Madison County 21% and 28% annually during the same period that the State rate was 2% and 9% respectively.

Analysis: In the years 2003 through 2009 (7 years) comparing DUI Citations to all Criminal Citations Madison County had an average rate of 8.0% compared to all Dry counties rate of 13.9% and the State of Florida rate of 11.1%. Madison Counties rate is lower than both the Dry counties and the State of Florida rates. Source: Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

From The Madisonyes Website As Of August 12, 2012:

Comment: Santa Rosa county DUI average 2002-2004 was 340, 2006-2008 was 254 or a decrease of 25%.

Analysis: In the years 2002 through 2004 Santa Rosa County averaged 589 DUI Citations per year and in 2006 through 2008 averaged 741. This represents a 26% increase in DUI Citations (741-589=152/589=25.8). Source: Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

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Pat Lightcap

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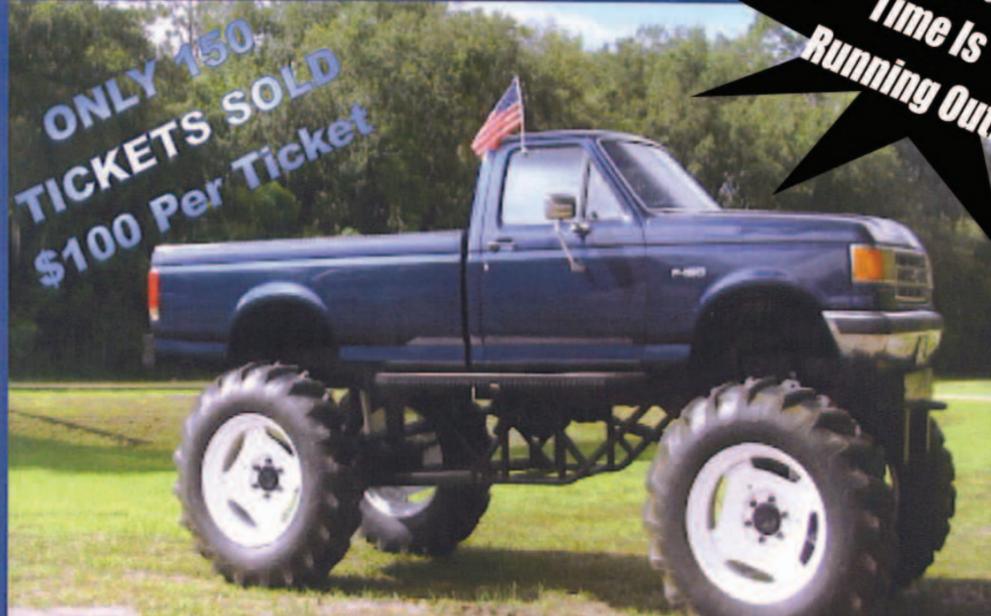
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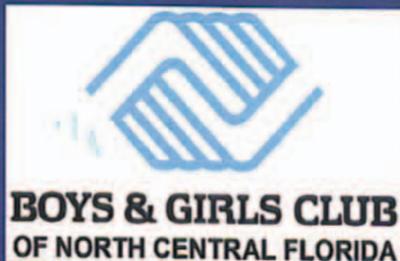
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# Viewpoints & Opinions

## Letters To The Editor

Letters to the Editor are typed word for word, comma for comma, as sent to this newspaper.

### The Liquor Debacle

Currently there are 4 "dry" counties in Florida. These counties include: Madison, Lafayette, Liberty and Washington. Sixty-three have decided to be "wet". Our neighbors Hamilton and Jefferson have not only been "wet", but also had gambling and card rooms for several years and it certainly has not been an economic boom for them. A petition drive failed in Washington County within the last two years, as it did here 3 years ago.

You have no doubt recently seen articles in the local newspaper regarding the Local Option Election for the purpose of legalizing liquor sales in Madison County to be held on August 28, 2012. Two questions will be on the ballot regarding legalizing liquor sales: first, shall the sale of intoxicating liquors, wine or beer be prohibited or permitted?; and second, if liquor sales are permitted, what method of sale shall be used? There is wide discretion under the law as to the method of sale, but my understanding of the intent of the petitioners is for it to be as full blown as the law allows. If so, this would allow package stores, bars, lounges, and sales by the drink in a number of venues if the measure is voted in.

Let's take a look at Florida Statute 561.20 which covers Beverage Law Administration. Liquor licenses are allocated based on population to counties which have voted to become "wet" on a ratio of 1 license per 7500 people. This would only give Madison County 2 licenses, but the statute further states that all "wet" counties will be permitted at least 3 licenses. These are referred to as quota licenses. Apparently Madison Yes has not read the entire Statute as they advertised in their facts in the 8/17/12 Enterprise Recorder we would only have two licenses.

To get one of these three quota licenses there will be a 45 day application period, after which a lottery type drawing from the applicant pool will determine who gets them. These will cost the regular license fee for the first year (\$624 for drinking on premises facilities), plus the Hughes Act Fee of \$10,750. Normally these go to the package stores, bars, and lounges.

Businesses which now have beer licenses will be allowed to upgrade their license to beer and wine. I personally believe this is will be the biggest change we will see due to the number of establishments that currently have beer licenses.

There are any number of scenarios under which additional special licenses may be secured for the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages on the premises: hotels, motels or motor courts with at least 80 guest rooms; condominiums with at least 100 units, condominiums with at least 50 units in a county having home rule; restaurants with at least 2500 square feet of service area and can serve 150 persons full course meals at one time; caterers who generate 51% of revenue from food and non-alcoholic beverages; specialty centers with at least 50,000 square feet of leasable space and near a navigable body of water; bowling establishments with at least 12 lanes; county commissioners for county establishments; special airport license; public fair or exposition; civic center authority; sports arena authority; performing arts center; certain clubs, lodges, and fraternal or benevolent associations.

My point in listing all of these is to show that in Madison County we have very few establishments that qualify for the licensure applicant pool. There would be 0 hotels and mo-

tels, 1 restaurant,(and it is not Honey Lake as their restaurant license is for 74 seats), 1 country club, 2 lodges and 2 or 3 American Legion Posts that would qualify assuming they wanted a license. Only one of these would satisfy the quest to get a restaurant (assuming the owners want a license) that could serve after dinner drinks which is what the proponents of this issue say is their driving force.

Revenue to the county would be minimal from licenses. The county retail business license is only \$30 per year, restaurant licenses are based on seating and range from \$18.75 - \$75 for existing effective licenses, and all other license revenues go to the state. Currently there are 20 licensed restaurants in Madison County. There would be City licenses if the business is located in a municipality. The county would receive 1 1/2% of the sales tax generated as a result of the sales. The 1/2% would go to the new hospital construction debt retirement fund and the 1% would go toward the EMS and infrastructure debt retirement. One percent of sales tax in Madison County currently produces \$1,038,651.00 annually from taxable sales. We have no way of knowing what liquor sales would generate in addition to current revenues. Based on experiences nationwide for every \$1 received in taxes from the sale of alcohol the cost to society is \$3 to \$5. To make it come even closer home, in a recent year alcohol cost you (each taxpayer) \$479, and that 's if you didn't buy any. We are already financially strapped as a county, state, and nation, so how could we afford this extra drain on our resources?

We can't afford alcohol because of the cost to business-\$4 billion in absenteeism and poor performance on the job.

We can't afford alcohol because of it's contribution to auto deaths-50 percent of the fatal accidents are alcohol related.

We can't afford alcohol because of what it does to our health-alcoholism is surpassed only by cancer and heart disease as a health problem.

We can't afford alcohol because alcohol is America's number one drug problem-it is used and abused more than all other drugs combined.

We can't afford alcohol because of what it does to our homes- in 90 percent of cases in domestic courts one or both partners are guilty of using large quantities of alcohol. Think of the molested, abused and neglected children in these homes.

We can't afford alcohol because of what it does to the appearance of our community-litter (bottles, cans, cartons) on the streets and roads multiplies 3 to 5 times after alcoholic beverages are legalized.

We can't afford alcohol because of its contribution to crime-up to 90 percent of the inmates in prison are drunk or drinking when committing the crime that sent them to prison. Alcohol lowers resistance and reduces the ability to make rational decisions.

We can't afford alcohol because availability brings increased consumption-that brings more of the problems mentioned above.

We can't afford alcohol because drunkenness places one's soul in jeopardy-I Corinthians 6:10.

Alcohol sales offers nothing positive for Madison County, but gives the opportunity for many negatives!

Please join me in voting against liquor sales in Madison County on August 28th!

Gene Stokes  
Lee, FL

## Reader's Brother Killed By Drunk Driver In Wet County

Dear Editor,

This letter is dedicated to the memory of my brother, Ed Smith, who was murdered by a drunk driver on August 24, 2008. Ed's murder occurred in Hamilton County, a wet county. The driver of the vehicle that hit Ed head on was killed that day because he was so drunk he forgot to put on his seat belt. Ed had his seat belt on but he didn't stand a chance against the SUV. I didn't talk to Ed that day, I didn't tell him I loved and admired him the last time I saw him. It's too late now. God works in mysterious ways.

I am sure by now; those of you that support the wet issue have probably stopped reading. But, I'm not done.

Hamilton County: Has anyone been to their new Wal Mart lately? How about Applebee's or Texas Roadhouse? Seen the drop in their unemployment rate? Oh that's right, there is no growth. Just like there will be no growth in Madison County just because we are a wet county. Anyone have a clue how long Hamilton county has been wet?

I find it interesting that of the 3 people listed on the Madison Yes website, I cannot find where any of them own property in Madison County, or at least in their names. There seems to be some kind of shell game with the office that Madison Yes is working out of. Three fictitious corporations (LLC's) owned by the same people? Each building listed as a separate corporation? What are they hiding? Why do they seem to have a problem paying their taxes every year? I didn't realize that you could pay property taxes on an every other year or every third year basis. This information is readily available on the Madison Property Appraiser's website. (madisonpa.com) Search the addresses provided and see what comes up.

It seems that most of the people that are being so vocal in their support for this issue are not from here at all. If you don't like it here or the way we want to live, I will personally transport you to the nearest Greyhound station and buy you a one way ticket back to where you came from. It's kind of like wanting

to change your partner's behavior after the wedding....

I personally love life in Madison County. I have lived in a wet county and there were no chain restaurants except fast food. There was a Wal-Mart but life didn't seem any better there than here. I don't mind driving a little to Wal-Mart and I don't have to worry about driving to the liquor store. If either had been a consideration, I would not have come back home to Madison.

As far as the quote from the owner of Music Park concerning having more customers since they began serving liquor by the drink, that just tells me there are more drunks on the road now. Who cares if a few cyclist can't get an alcoholic drink with their meals?

And how can the former "homeless drug user turned millionaire" who read the bible and became a Christian speak in favor of liquor sales? Could it be because he hopes to profit greatly from the sale of liquor at his establishment?

I have been a Law Enforcement Officer for over 30 years. I have seen firsthand the destruction caused by alcohol on a professional level. Nothing good can come from this lie. The only people that are going to profit from this are the people pushing so hard for it. You remember them, the ones who are not from here.

Whether this passes or not, I know I can count on one of you three people contacting me in reference to purchasing a nice home and lot

that sits right next to an establishment that you want to help grow and support. That way you can actually own something here and be close to what you want for the rest of us.

I miss you, Brother. Tell Pop I said Hi....

Russell Smith

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# Around Madison County

## Williams

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other people, including former school board member Tina Johnson).

When Poppell asked what would happen if the board voted to reject Williams' reassignment, Miller explained that, with proper recommendation and the superintendent's approval, "Williams has a right to the job, unless the school board could show good cause for denial."

As school board attorney Tommy Reeves then pointed out, an accusation did not constitute "good cause."

Besides, Miller continued, the charge was a misdemeanor and it wasn't even listed in the Florida Statutes as a bar to employment with the school district. Even if Williams were later convicted, it wouldn't matter, because it still wouldn't affect her eligibility.

School board member VeEtta Hagan urged caution in using someone's record to deny employment without good cause, since, "We could be sued, and we will be sued."

Another school board member, Bart Alford, raised the final question of how discipline problems would be handled if a family had an issue with Williams handling their child's discipline.

In that case, it would simply be referred to another school leader, as was the case when a child's family had an issue with any school administrator. "It happens all the time," Miller said, and it would not constitute a problem.

The board voted unanimously to approve the decision, although School Board Chair Kenny Hall stated after the meeting that he still disagreed with the reassignment, as did some other school board members. However, they felt that their hands were tied, and they, himself included, were not willing to open the board up to a lawsuit where they would have no legal backing.

"I have nothing personal against Jada," said Hall, adding that he hoped she would eventually be found innocent of the charges against her. "She's well qualified, but she should have been left in the ESE position. That wouldn't have been a problem."

It was the decision to move Williams to the dean's position that "sends the wrong message...we can't move on until we start choosing what's best for our kids...there was opposition, but we had nothing to stand on."

Even so, he concluded, "There comes a time when you just have to cut your losses and move forward."

## Galbraith

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ing more than 120 pounds must play in the next age group. Those who are 13 and weigh over 130 pounds are ineligible to play in the league.

Please bring \$50 sign-up fee and a copy of birth certificate even if the player has played in previous years. A parent or guardian will need to be present to sign for each player.

Child or player who is being signed up needs to be present for the official weigh-in. This is being done at sign up.

Volunteers are also needed.

For more information, please call Billy Tolar at (850) 973-7979.

## Wreck

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Ford traveled onto the south shoulder and came to a final rest, facing east.

Moeller traveled onto the emergency lane on the south shoulder facing east. The towed vehicle came to a final rest on the emergency lane, facing west.

The Madison County Sheriff's Office and EMS assisted FHP at the scene.

Trooper Boatwright was the investigating officer.

## Hickory Grove Founder's Day Is Right Around The Corner

Submitted by Dan Buchanan

October is just around the corner, and October brings the annual Founder's Day Celebration at Hickory Grove United Methodist Church. This year marks the 22nd consecutive year the Celebration has taken place, and the date will be October 22, 2012, which is on a Saturday.

As usual, we will have the Old Country Kitchen, complete with wood burning stoves cooking homemade biscuits for breakfast. In the old iron frying pans on top of the stove will be smoked sausage cooking as well as ham. One of the highlights at the Country Kitchen is to poke a hole in your biscuit and fill the hole with homemade cane syrup, fresh from the syrup-making booth.

There will be collard greens with hoe-cake cornbread, and Bobby Joe's World Famous Venison Chili located across the road from the church near the playground.

For the past two Saturday's about 30 folks from the church have been picking off delicious peanuts, grown by Willie Agner and family and kindly donated to the Church for Founder's Day. We cannot thank The entire Agner Family enough for growing, fertilizing, spraying, irrigating and even digging the peanuts for the Church folks. So, let this be a BIG THANK YOU to Willie Agner and his entire family.

The real purpose of Founder's Day is for folks to come and visit our community and our Church. We are a real rural community, located in prime farming country in the county. Fifty years ago, nearly everyone who attended Hickory Grove were involved in production agriculture, and that means farming for a living. Today, only a few really farm

## Rest Stop

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the need for some sort of rest room break along the lengthy bike trail, and were intrigued enough by the idea to ask Vees to gather some more information. However, they also wanted her to look into alternate locations.

Along with possible locations, several members of the public suggested possible designs for the building that would make it look like less of an "outhouse" and more like something that "belonged." One suggestion, since the trail followed the roadbed of the old railroad tracks, was something that would look like a miniature train depot, a nod to the area's history.

The TDB's second request, to use tourist tax revenue for bleacher covers at the Rec Park, was denied. Although state statute would allow improvements or additions to facilities like sports arenas, the commissioners felt that going from "rec park" to "sports arena" was a bit of a stretch - a little "too close to the borderline" for comfort. Also, there was the issue of maintenance to take into account once such covers were installed.

Although they seemed to think that this too was a nice idea, they ultimately felt it should be done with a different revenue source and voted unanimously against it.

## School Year

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turnout so far with parents and other community members, he told the board, adding that, "Our doors are open, so if you're interested, come on by and see us."

Another school up for discussion was the James Madison Charter School, which has plans to be up and running by the beginning of the following school year, August of 2013.

In the meantime, there are several more steps to the process. The school board received the charter school's application on Aug. 1, giving the board 60 days from that date (until Sept. 30) to take action.

After brief discussion, the board agreed to hear the presentation for James Madison Charter School at the next regular school board meeting, Sept. 4, the day after Labor Day. The board will then act on recommendations at the Sept. 18 meeting.

## Skip Jarvis

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mon that when someone would come in or would call on the telephone about a case that I would simply look up information right then and would have limited recollection of it after all of this time.

I prepared a listing for each inquiry and the reasoning for it, however I learned only last night that this response had not been provided to the investigators. At the time it was prepared, we thought that I would be appearing before the grand jury and we would present the explanations at that time. Since we did not go to the grand jury, it was never seen nor considered by the investigators. Thus, without the benefit of knowing the why of the inquiry, the investigators simply formed their own opinions and were not reporting falsely, but rather incorrectly. This is what is so sad, they simply went forward with their report based upon their own assumption of whether my inquiry was proper, without ever actually knowing the basis for it. In most cases they simply incorrectly assumed the worst.

With this said, the controversy is over. I have agreed to withdraw my bid for re-election and the case has been closed. There is no benefit to having friends arguing with friends about whether there is a right or a wrong to this outcome. It is done.

Pam and I are planning for my upcoming retirement at the end of my term, which will actually end January 7, 2013. We have grown old together and would like to spend our remaining years in peace.

I wish nothing but the best to all parties involved in this matter and hope that tempers will subside and we can all get on with our lives.

Thank you for your trust and understanding. This matter has to come to an end.

Respectfully,

Robert L. "Skip" Jarvis, Jr.  
State Attorney  
Third Judicial Circuit of Florida

for a living.

Founder's Day is a time to remember our early pioneer heritage and remember that farming was

and still is the most important industry in our county, our state and even our nation. Growing sugar cane and making syrup was something that everyone in rural Madison County did almost every year. Syrup was a main staple in our diets. Nowadays, we just go to the local grocery store and buy our syrup and can get it in about 50 flavors.

We just want folks to understand that rural America and our early heritage was and still is a very part of our county and community.

So, Everyone remember to come to Hickory Grove on Saturday, October 22 for the 22nd Annual Founder's Day Celebration. Be sure to come hungry, because there will be plenty to eat!

## The Johnson Family Of Tampa Thanks You

The Johnson family extends our sincerest thank you to our family and friends of Madison for your many acts of kindness during our time of bereavement. We appreciate your words of comfort, support and prayers.

Lovingly,  
Mrs. Lorita F. Johnson and sons, Sheldron Tyron, Morris Mario and Byron Keith Johnson

May the light of God surround you;

May the love of God enfold you;  
May the power of God protect you;  
May the presence of God watch over you;  
Wherever you are...God is.



## Obituaries

### Rena M. Ballenger

Rena M. Ballenger, 83, of London, Ohio, died Sunday, Aug. 19, 2012, at 3:11 p.m. in The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center.

She was born May 18, 1929, in London, Ohio, a daughter of Roy F. and Runa (Goff) Miller.

She is survived by her children, Earl R. Ballenger of London, Ohio; Lillian A. and Joseph DeWitt of Port Charlotte; Charles David Ballenger of Madison; Pamela Sue and Dennis Cutlip of London, Ohio; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sisters, Rose M. Davidson of Missouri, Rita M. Love of London; and brother, Ray (Carolyn) Miller of London.

She is preceded in death by her parents; and husband, Charles R. Ballenger in January 2000.

Following Rena's wishes, there will be no visitation times or funeral service. A memorial service will be held at a later date at the convenience of the family.

If friends wish, they can make memorial contributions in Rena's memory to the Madison County Historical Society.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Rader-Lynch & Dodds Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 124 E. High St., London, Ohio.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.rldfuneralhome.com](http://www.rldfuneralhome.com).

### Carrin Meadows



Carrin Meadows, 40, of Lake Park, Ga., went home to be with the Lord Monday, August 20, 2012, due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

She was born on February 13, 1972, in Duval County. She loved her family and her church, Azalea City Church of God. She would always put a smile on your face; it was a joy to be around her. She worked at Wells Fargo Bank in Madison as the Branch Manager.

She was survived by her husband of 24 years, Michael Meadows of Lake Park, Ga.; daughters and sons-in-law, Christin and Alex Elliott of Valdosta, Ga. and Curtstie and Jimmy Day of Lake Park, Ga.; four grandchildren: Cassidy Elliott, Joshua Elliott, Annabelle Day and Trevor Day; mother and father, Diane and Raymond Dunn, Thomaston, Ga.; sisters and brothers-in-law, Lisa and Steven Dugal of Louisiana, Margie and Thomas Hill of Jacksonville, Lori Frelove of Jacksonville, brothers and sister-in-law, Jonathan and Laura Owen of Dothan, Ala., Michael Dunn of Thomaston, Ga.; maternal grandmother, Margie Self of South Carolina; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Audrey and Jessie Meadows of Jacksonville; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Thursday, August 23, 2012, at Azalea City Church of God, 247 N Saint Augustine Rd, Valdosta, GA 31601, with Pastor Brett Jarriel officiating.

Burial followed in Riverview Memorial Gardens. Mrs. Meadows lay in state one hour prior to services at the church. The family received friends from 6-8 p.m., Wednesday, August 22, 2012 at Azalea City Church of God.

Sympathy can be expressed online at [www.musicfuneralservices.com](http://www.musicfuneralservices.com)

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# Church

## Happenings

### At Madison First Baptist Church

By Nell Dobbs

Love one another. In several Scriptures, we are commanded to love one another. When Jesus was asked what the greatest commandment was, His answer was "to love God with all their heart, mind, soul, and strength and to love their neighbor as themselves."

Such was the love Naomi had for Ruth and Orpah and that they had for her – their mother-in-law. They wanted to follow her back to her homeland of Judah after their husbands and her husband died, but Naomi told them to go back to their own mother's houses and told them how good they had been to her and her family. Orpah did, but Ruth went with her, saying what has been used many times since in weddings (as Wilbur Rutherford used to quote) Ruth 1:16: "and entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee; for whither thou goest I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; and thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God" and verse 17.

In all things, give thanks.

Love one another. Many are hungry in our own county (at least 60-plus families) and we pray to know how to help them with food and encouragement.

And many are homeless and hungry and weary. Several from our church and three others on a weekend Mission Trip to Jacksonville in the area of 8th Street and Main Street Baptist. That was my Stetson roommate, Clarise Murphy's, church. She had worked for Mrs. Clyde Maguire before 1948. Our goal for the Maguire Missions is \$1,700.

In night church, Mary Alice Brown, who was just baptized Sunday morning, told really well of her experiences on the trip (and Preacher spoke how she has grown in her faith in the short time since being saved) and then her brother, Teddy, told how God had brought him from his West Virginia Army Base to be on this trip and how God had saved him. How thankful their dad, Bill, and Cindy are for these two. Then, Billy Washington read several Scriptures about the mission of believers to "Go and tell" and how God blessed those who went to serve and those who were served. Amen.

Geoff Hill told of the beginning of new programs for all youth!

Preacher's message was about "Discipleship" from John 8:31-32: "If ye continue in my word, then ye are my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free." We are to grow in grace and knowledge. Moses was told to answer the question, "Who sent you?" with "I AM THAT I AM." A new thought from the message. Jesus said, "I am the way...I am the Truth...I am from above...I am the door and more."

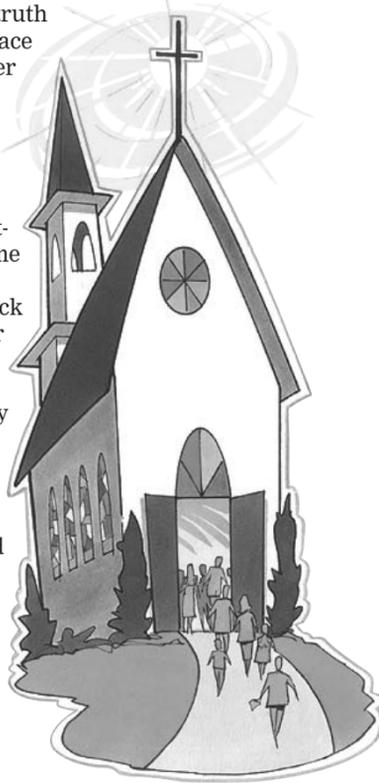
Bless all ill ones. Thankful Jesse is better after a serious illness. Happy Oad's home a few days.

A sweet touching "thank you" from Jack Stewart's family and continued prayers for them.

Prayers for the family of Sammy Harris and all other sad ones, including a Navy friend, Bill McLeer of Phoenix, Ariz.

Flowers Sunday in memory of Marjell's life, 1925-2008.

Let us so live knowing "This world is not my home for we are pilgrims and strangers passing through and looking for a city not made with hands." Amen.



## Don't take the easy way out

Proverbial tips for practical living

When you set your eye on something, do you work long and hard to get it, or do you look for the easy way out? Have you ever stopped to consider that taking the latter may not be as easy as it seems? Many who attempt it find it fraught with deception, harder to execute and bittersweet in the end. Those who choose to live wisely must realize the value of honest hard work. If they don't practice this truth, they will not be satisfied with the "bread" they obtain and anything that comes from it will taste like gravel to them.

*Bread of deceit is sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel. Proverbs 20:17 (KJV)*

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# Turn Back Time

## Remembrance Of Things Past:

### Gerald and Leslie Greenlee

By Kristin Finney  
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While Gerald and Leslie Greenlee have not lived in Madison all of their lives, they have spent enough time here to see things change. Gerald has lived in Madison since 1996, after getting engaged to Leslie. Leslie was already in Madison at that time. Leslie was born in Madison, but only lived in Pinetta for around six months before her father joined the Air Force. She came back to Pinetta in 1994, after living in Louisiana, to be closer to her family.

Gerald and Leslie remember when Stone Fox was in Madison. "Leslie's cousin Richie owned the Stone Fox. The food was good, and Richie would never let us pay for our meals," Gerald stated. They can also recall when Dixie Packers was here. When asked to name some places that have come to Madison since they have lived here, the two said, "There are several things that come to mind, the biggest of which has to be Nestle Bottling and the recently added bike/walking trail. The Busy Bee, Rancho Grande, Freds, O'Reilly's, and Madison County Community Bank have been established since we have been in Madison County. There were also several restaurants that didn't stay long...Sonic, Food for Thought, the spaghetti place, and El Carrisal Mexican Restaurant."

The Greenlee's have been involved with the church for many years. Gerald is a pastor at Unity Baptist Church and prior to that has been a minister for several years. Throughout those years and the years before that, the couple has seen many changes in the church as well as the churchgoers. When asked how he felt that people's views on religion have changed over the years, Gerald and Leslie both agreed, "I prefer not to use the word religion, but in the context of Christianity, the church's influence in the community has declined over the years. Many congregations that were once close to full capacity with lots of young adults and children have

dwindled to a fraction of their past. I believe there are a variety of reasons for this decline from the church and society. However at the end of the day, it's a heart problem. Christ followers want to gather, worship, and reach others for the Kingdom. Unfortunately

not walking with God as a way of life. So when the culture observes the inconsistencies in our profession, they see the church as pointless and powerless. For the sake of clarity, I want to stress that God is real and He's still in the life transformation business, but in many cases the church has failed to live out her profession. I think the newest struggle the church is facing is Biblical illiteracy. If we were to spend as much time seeking God through His Word as we do on ballgames, TV, or social media, we'd be more in tune with the Maker. We've traded in truth for popular opinion. Adrian Rogers once said, 'If Moses had led by popular opinion, the Israelites would have never made it to the Promised Land.' I think the churches' biggest struggle is knowing and following the directions God provided for us in His Word."

When asked what one of the best things about living in Madison was, Gerald said, "I love small towns. It's a blessing to live in an area where you can get to know so many people in the community. Leslie also shared, "I love living in Pinetta because I love the small town atmosphere. We live amongst my mother's family and that makes fellowship very convenient."

One of the worst things about living in Madison, they both agreed, is, "Economic development is probably the biggest challenge for small communities and Madison is no exception. We know some of our county leaders are working hard to attract businesses to the area, but it is tough to draw big business to small communities. From a parents' perspective, we'd like to see more career opportunities in Madison County for our children as they become young adults. Just for the record, becoming a wet county is not the answer to economic development."

Gerald and Leslie Greenlee have been married for 16 years. God has blessed them with three wonderful daughters: Kylie, 15, Karsyn, 13, and Kyrslie, 11.



Photo submitted

Gerald and Leslie Greenlee are seen with their daughters. Karsyn, is seated front left, and Kylie is seated front right. Kyrslie is in the center back

ly that is not happening in many congregations today."

They also feel that people's relationships with God and the Church have changed over recent years. Gerald stated, "As a pastor it is going to be hard to answer this thoroughly and in short form, but I'll give it a try. People's relationship to the church has changed because of their relationship to God. Let me explain it like this: People with a genuine relationship with God seek to honor Him in all they do. None of us are perfect but the direction of the Christian's life is upward. Many people profess a relationship with God through Christ, but they are

## Way Back When

### August 28, 1942

Friends will be interested to know that Pvt. Fred C. Glass, Jr., has been sent from McDill Field, Tampa, to Athens, Ga., for a three months' course in the Midland Radio and Television School.

Football practice for the 1942-43 term of Madison High School will begin next Monday

afternoon.

The trial blackout held in Madison Tuesday night, Aug. 25, from 9:30-10, as authorized by General Blanding, gave us an opportunity to prove the efficiency of the personnel of the several committees of the Action Divisions here.

Mrs. J.T. Vann, Mrs. A.G. Herring and Mrs. A.H. Armstrong will at-

tend the commencement exercises in Tallahassee at the Florida State College for Women tomorrow morning. Miss Ruby Vann, who has been attending the summer semester, will receive her Bachelor of Arts degree at this time.

### August 24, 1962

A runaway wheel from a Mack semi crashed head-on into an International semi in front of Yellow Pine Truck Stop at 5:30 Wednesday morning. Trooper Joe Peavy reported the wheel of the Mack, driven by Maxwell Dees of Jacksonville, came off the trailer and crashed head-on into the truck driven by Marvin Jordan of Attalia, Ala.

Mrs. Mack Hadden and daughter, Miss Jan Hadden, were guests of Mrs. Hadden's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Collins, in Jacksonville over the weekend.

For the first time since Sept. 16, 1935, Cherry Lake School will not open. Buses will route children to other schools.

The record hop usually held at the Recreation Center on Friday night has been postponed until Friday, Aug. 31.

### August 25, 1972

Mr. and Mrs. Larry King of Madison Drug Store are pleased to announce the association of Paul Couley with Madison Drug Store.

Students from Madison County receiving A.A. degrees from North Florida Junior College are Melody Rebecca McHargue, Thomas

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# Legals

**NOTICE**

There will be a Joint Workshop with Aucilla Area Solid Waste Administration and Madison County Board of County Commission August 27, 2012 at 2:30 p.m., followed by the regular scheduled meeting of the Aucilla Area Solid Waste Administration at 6:00 p.m. on August 27, 2012. Meeting will be held in the Board Room of the Aucilla Area Solid Waste Facility located at 1313 S.W. Greenville Hills Road Greenville, Florida.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

MADISON COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD MEETING

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: **September 10, 2012 at 10:30 a.m.**

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

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

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, 2009 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the agency at least **2 business days** before the meeting by contacting **352.955.2200**. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1.800. 955.8771 (TDD) or 1.800. 955.8770 (Voice).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

8/24

**NOTICE**

SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL 9:00 A.M. ON SEPTEMBER 5, 2012 FOR THE SALE OF THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES DECLARED SURPLUS PROPERTY BY THE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY.

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INTERESTED PERSONS ARE TO REQUEST A BID PACKET FROM THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT, AT MADISON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD. ENVELOPES CONTAINING BIDS SHALL BE MARKED "SEALED BID SURPLUS CARS."

VEHICLES MAY BE VIEWED AT THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT OF MADISON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD, MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

FOLLOWING BOARD ACTION TO ACCEPT BIDS, SUCCESSFUL BIDDER SHALL, WITHIN 7 DAYS, PAY FOR BY CERTIFIED CHECK AND REMOVE THE VEHICLE FROM SCHOOL BOARD PREMISES. ANY VEHICLE NOT REMOVED WITHIN 7 DAYS SHALL BE OFFERED TO THE NEXT BEST BID.

THE BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS.

THE MADISON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD DOESN'T WARRANTY THESE SURPLUS VEHICLES THEY ARE SOLD AS IS.

8/17, 8/24

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

ARTHUR G. SMITH and FLORIDA D. SMITH, as Mortgagee, Plaintiff,  
v.  
CASSANDRA R. BLACKSHEAR, et.al., Defendants.

CASE NO.: 12-157 CA

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Default Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 3, 2012, in the above referenced case in which ARTHUR G. SMITH and FLORIDA D. SMITH are Plaintiffs, and CASSANDRA R. BLACKSHEAR, unknown tenants; and other unknown parties in possession, including the unknown spouse of any person in possession of the property, and if named Defendant is deceased, the surviving spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against that Defendant, and all claimants, persons or parties natural or corporate, or described Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Madison County Courthouse in Madison, Florida as the Clerk of the Court may direct provided that said sale must be commenced on the **6th day of September, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.**, the following described property set forth in the Default Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

A portion of Section 9, Township 2 North, Range 10 East, being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at Northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of Section 9, Township 2 North, Range 10 East; thence South 89°31'16" West a distance of 672.26 feet to the Southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of said Section 9; thence South 89°31'16" West a distance of 190.67 feet; thence South 00°28'44" East a distance of 43.97 feet to the Northwest corner and POINT OF BEGINNING of the following described parcel, said point lying on the Southerly right of way line of County Road 150 (80 foot right of way); thence South 88°49'24" East along said right of way line a distance of 155.63 feet; thence South 00°28'44" East a distance of 305.50 feet; thence South 89°31'16" West a distance of 155.56 feet; thence North 00°28'44" West a distance of 310.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 1.099 acres. Said lands situate, lying and being in Madison County, Florida.

A portion of Section 9, Township 2 North, Range 10 East, being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at Northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of Section 9, Township 2 North, Range 10 East; thence South 89°31'16" West a distance of 672.26 feet to the Southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of said Section 9; thence South 89°31'16" West a distance of 190.67 feet; thence South 00°28'44" East a distance of 43.97 feet to the southerly right-of-way line of County Road 150 (80 foot right-of-way), thence continue South 00°28'44" East a distance of 310.00 feet to the northwest corner and the POINT OF BEGINNING of the following described parcel; thence North 89°31'16" East a distance of 155.56 feet; thence South 00°28'44" East a distance of 112.72 feet; thence South 89°31'16" West a distance of 155.56 feet; thence North 00°28'44" West a distance of 112.72 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 0.403 acres. Said lands situate, lying and being in Madison County, Florida Along with: 1985 HAVE Mobile Home VIN-HMST0828GA

Any and all bidders, parties or other interested persons shall contact the information desk of the Clerk of the Court prior to the scheduled foreclosure sale.

IF THIS PROPERTY IS SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION, THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL MONEY FROM THE SALE AFTER PAYMENT OF PERSONS WHO ARE ENTITLED TO BE PAID FROM THE SALE PROCEEDS PURSUANT TO THIS FINAL JUDGMENT. IF YOU ARE A SUBORDINATE LIENHOLDER CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said Court, this 14th day of August, 2012 at Madison, Madison County, Florida.

(COURT SALE)

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

By: /s/ Ramona Dickinson  
as Deputy Clerk

Monica Taibl  
Attorney for the Plaintiff  
P.O. Box 836  
Madison, FL 32341  
Phone: (850) 973-1477  
FL Bar 035058

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8/17, 8/24

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to SS 336.09 and 336.10, Florida Statutes, the Board of County Commissioners of Madison County, Florida hereby gives notice that at 9:00 a.m. during its regular meeting held September 5, 2012 at the Board of County Commissioner's Room, Room No. 107, Madison County Courthouse Annex, 229 SW Pinckney Street, Madison, Florida, the Board will hold a public hearing to consider vacating, abandoning, discontinuing and closing certain roads located in Northeast Madison County, Florida, more specifically described as follows:

**UNOPENED ALLEY, FORMERLY KNOWN AS BROWN AVENUE: The east 140 feet of unopened alley, formerly known as Brown Avenue, lying between Blocks 1 and 2, East Madison Subdivision, as shown on the Plat in "DB" - 25, Page 8, Public Records of Madison County, Florida.**

YOU WILL PLEASE BE GOVERNED ACCORDINGLY.

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

Dated this 20th day of August, 2012.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: Allen Cherry, County Coordinator.

All interested parties may appear at this hearing and be heard regarding this matter.

8/24, 8/29

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

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

CERTIFICATE NO: **09-1084-TD**  
YEAR OF ISSUANCE: **2009**  
NAME IN, WHICH ASSESSED: **ELLA MAE DAVIS, HENRIETTA BRASBY, KATHLEEN HAMILTON, OLLIE HAINES, MAMIE LOU HIGHTOWER, CORA LEE WRIGHT, PEARL DAVIS and LILLIE BOLTON**

PARCEL ID: **21-2N-09-5289-000-000**

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Begin at the Northwest Corner of the Southeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 2 North, Range 9 East; thence run East 140 yards, to the Point of Beginning; thence run South 210 feet, thence run East 210 feet, thence run North 210 feet, thence run West 210 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing one acre, more or less, and being a part of the Southwest Quarter of Southwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 2 North, Range 9 East.

Less and accept the right-of-way for State Road 53.

All of said property being in the County of Madison, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to the law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the west front door at the Madison County Courthouse on the **6th day of September 2012** at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 27th day of July 2012.

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

BY: /s/ Karen Holman  
DEPUTY CLERK

8/3, 8/10, 8/17, 8/24

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