

# Madison Goes Wet For First Time In Over 100 Years

By Jacob Bemby  
Greene Publishing, Inc.  
For the first time in over 100 years, hard liquor will be able to be sold legally in Madison County. Voters had their say on Tuesday, Aug. 28, and made Madison County one of Florida's wet counties.

A total of 3,064 voters (or 61.61 percent) of the voters cast their ballots in favor of the wet county referendum, while 1,909 (or 38.38 percent) voted against the measure.

The second part of the ballot concerned the sale by drink or by the package. A total of 3,061 voters cast their ballots for sale by the drink while 1,401 cast their ballot for sale by the package.

Total voter turnout for the election was 42.3 percent, approximately five percent lower than the turnout for the primary election.

The sale of hard liquor will not be able to be done until 90 days after a required vote by



Ted Ensminger

the Madison County Commission to approve the vote. A workshop conducted by a member of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation on the requirements to enter the lottery to get a business license will be held at the 53 Bar on Thursday, Sept. 6, at 2 p.m.

Midway Church of God Pastor Retis Flowers, who chaired the group opposed to liquor sales, Citizens for Medi-

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# Bruce Jordan Named Acting Fire Chief

By Jacob Bemby  
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Bruce Jordan was named the acting fire chief for the City of Madison, replacing Alfred Martin, who has been suspended with pay, following Martin's arrest for four felony counts of grand theft and official misconduct.

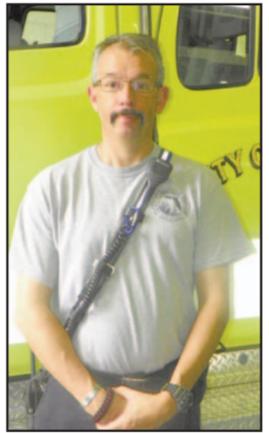
Jordan said he was called to the office of City Manager Tim Bennett, who placed the duties on him.

Jordan has worked for Madison Fire & Rescue 17 years. Also an emergency medical technician (EMT), he has worked with Madison County EMS for 18 years.

Jordan has firefighter training and graduated from EMT school at Taylor Technical in Perry. He holds an Associate of Science degree.

Since becoming the acting chief, Jordan has worked administration for the department, attending many meetings, including department head meetings as well as meetings with Emergency Man-

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Bruce Jordan

# Public Workshop Set For Proposed Improvements To Dangerous Intersection



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By Jacob Bemby  
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The Florida Department of Transportation has scheduled a public workshop on Thursday, Sept. 27, at the County Commission Chambers at the Courthouse Annex, located at 229 SW Pinckney Street in Madison. The workshop will discuss proposed safety

improvements at the intersection of US 90 and State Road 53/State Road 145.

Improvements being recommended include widening of the intersection to accommodate trucks turning onto the roads, resurfacing the existing roadway on SR 53/SR 145 from SE Rutledge Street to Livingston Street and re-

striping SR 53/SR 145 to provide left turn lanes onto US 90.

Also to be discussed will be the installation of a raised concrete traffic separator on US 90 from SR 53/SR 145 to Hancock.

The workshop will be an open house format from 4:30-6:30 p.m. A public comment period will begin at 6:30 p.m.

# Wreck Caused By Wet Weather

By Jacob Bemby  
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A one-vehicle wreck on Interstate 10 caused \$3,000 in damage to a 2004 Chevy two-door on Wednesday, Aug. 29, at 1:20 p.m.

According to a Florida Highway Patrol report, Norman Terence Zaldivar, 48, of Fayetteville, N.C., was traveling east on I-10 in the inside eastbound lane, approaching the 235 eastbound mile-marker.

Zaldivar said that he was going 65-70 miles per hour and hit some standing water and lost control of the car. The car rotated counterclockwise and struck the bridge rail with its front.

The car continued to travel east and came to a final rest, facing east in the center grass median.

FHP Trooper Chuck Swindle was the investigating officer.

# Prep Charter Presentation Set On School Board Agenda

By Jacob Bemby  
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A presentation on the James Madison Preparatory High School, a proposed charter school, is on the agenda for the Tuesday, Sept. 4, meeting of the Madison County School board.

Other items slated for the agenda include school zone/district transfers; GED requests; student overnight or out-of-state trips; staff trips (non-general fund, in or out of state); staff trips (general fund, in or out of state); the 2012-2013 organizational chart;

screened school volunteers; personnel changes; and staffing table revisions.

On the consent agenda will be minutes of the previous meeting(s); contract with the Taylor County School Board to participate in the North Florida Career Pathways Consortium for 2012-2013; and an agreement with the Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross to use Madison County schools as shelters for disaster relief activities.

Other items of interest to the board and a time for public input are also on the agenda.

# Jobless Rates Up Across The State

By Lazaro Aleman  
Special from ECB  
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Madison and Jefferson counties' jobless rates rose again in July, reflecting a statewide trend that saw Florida's unemployment rate register a 0.2 percentage point increase from the previous month.

This according to the latest statistics released by the Florida Department of Eco-

nomic Opportunity (FDEO) on Friday, Aug. 17.

The figures show Florida's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 8.8 percent in July, up from 8.6 percent in June, while Madison County's rate climbed from 10.8 to 11.4 percent and Jefferson County's rate climbed from 7.7 to 8.7 percent during the same period.

"There were 816,000 jobless Floridians out of a labor force of 9,269,000," the FDEO reports. "The July 2012 rate was 1.8 percentage points lower than the year-ago rate of 10.6 percent."

The U.S. unemployment rate, meanwhile, was 8.3 percent in July.

The DEO points out that Florida's seasonally *Please see Jobless, Page 3A*

# Aucilla Area Solid Waste Administration And County Commission To Hold Workshop On Sale Of Land

By Jacob Bemby  
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The Aucilla Area Solid Waste Administration and the Madison County Board of County Commissioners will hold a workshop Tuesday, Sept. 4, at 5 p.m. at the Administration's offices, located at 1313 SW Greenville Hills Road in Greenville.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the sale of a 130-acre adjoining tract to the Administration by the Board of County Commissioners. The county currently owns the property.

A good portion of the land is swamp land and it is believed the Administration will use the property as a buffer, although they could possibly use the property for another purpose later.

The public is invited to attend the workshop.

# SRWMD Distributes Payment In Lieu Of Taxes To Counties

The Suwannee River Water Management District (District) will deliver a total of \$346,103.52 to 11 counties as Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) this year.

The PILT program was created by the Florida Legislature to help reduce the fiscal impact to rural counties when the State or District acquires lands. Since land owned by the District is tax-exempt, PILT funds offset the loss of tax revenue when the District purchases property for flood control, water quality, water supply and natural resource protection. The District will pay PILT funds to counties until their populations reach 150,000.

The PILT funding comes from the Legislature, enabling the District to make payments to its rural counties.

"The District is grateful to our Legislative Delegation for their support in securing the funding that allows us to distribute the PILT checks to our communities," said District Executive Director Ann Shortelle.

The following are totals that each county is scheduled to receive:

- Bradford: \$15,416.77
- Columbia: \$40,100.89
- Dixie: \$21,647.39
- Gilchrist: \$44,392.72
- Hamilton: \$37,752.42
- Jefferson: \$9,223.41
- Lafayette: \$77,306.21
- Levy: \$30,401.84
- Madison: \$20,464.85
- Suwannee: \$30,429.59
- Taylor: \$18,967.43

District staff will distribute PILT payments to the county commissions through November.

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## Local Weather

<b>Fri</b> 8/31	92/73		<b>Sat</b> 9/1	92/74		<b>Sun</b> 9/2	89/74		<b>Mon</b> 9/3	90/74	
A few showers early in the day.			Slight chance of a thunderstorm.			Scattered thunderstorms possible.			Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 70s.		

The peak of hurricane season always makes Florida residents start thinking about if their family is prepared in case of an emergency, but we should be taking steps year round to ensure our safety and the safety of our loved ones. Instead of waiting until hurricane season to start or replenish your family emergency kit, try adding a few things each month. This will keep you from having to spend a lot of money at one time and allow you to purchase items at their best sale price. To help you and your family get started I've put together a list of items you may want to include. Remember to get the whole family involved so they know what is in the box and what it should be used for; most importantly what they should do in case of an emergency. If you have small kids at home, hold an emergency drill once every month or two; this will keep them (mostly) calm in an emergency situation because they know where to go and what to do!

**72 Hour Emergency Kit Starter Items:**  
**Month 1** - Container for supplies, 1 flash light per person with extra batteries, current family or individual photos labeled, emergency exit route (lami-

**Madison County Extension Service**  
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 Guest Columnist

## 4-H<sup>4</sup>: Head, Heart, Hands, & Health

nated), important phone numbers list (laminated), current list of medications and allergies (laminated), \$20 cash in various bills (remember power failure makes debit/credit card machines inoperable)

**Month 2** - Toiletry items, blankets, paper towels, can opener, candles & matches, \$20 cash in various bills

**Month 3** - First Aid kit, bottled and jugs of water, canned/instant food items, small pot, propane camping grill, \$20 cash in various bills

**Month 4** - One change of clothes per family member plus extra under garments, garbage bags, hand sanitizer, \$20 cash in various bills, limited entertainment (playing cards, paper, pens, toys for little ones, etc.)

These items should be adapted to meet the needs and size of your family. Always remem-

ber to replenish the kit (especially perishable items!) either at the end or beginning of each hurricane season so you are always prepared.

Becky V. Bennett  
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## Jacob's Ladder

Jacob Bemby  
 Columnist

## Spanish Moss, Concrete And Asphalt Carpets And Florida State Memories

Strange interludes of madness seem to softly walk by me. Memories of yesterday blend in with now and create the fabric of which my life is made.

Memories of Tallahassee begin to flicker like the beginning of a motion picture in a darkened movie theater; memories of Spanish moss hanging from oak trees, near Lafayette Circle; memories of canopied roads off side streets down Mahan Drive.

As the motion picture begins to start, and the memory becomes less clouded, canopy roads and Spanish moss give way to a carpet made of asphalt and concrete, surrounded by curtains of steel and bright lights.

The city becomes more clinical looking each day, but parts of it still retain a rural, genteel Southern charm. There are still women who say, "Bless your little heart," old men who call all women "honey" and young people who answer their elders with "yes, sir," "no, sir," "yes, ma'am," "no, ma'am."

As Mahan becomes Tennessee Street and you go farther into Tallahassee, you come up on Florida State University. Turn down Macomb Street and then College Avenue and you will see the Westcott Building with its historic fountain. Memories of being a student at the College of Communication seem to emerge on the silver screen, as I watch frat boys in a Jeep drive by and throw a pledge into the fountain and drive off. Minutes later, the frat boys are back, throwing another pledge into the fountain. (At least, I hope they were pledges and not students the guys had decided to kidnap.)

I also see the scene where I was thrown into the fountain by three girls but that was pre-planned as a stunt for a TV show (1800 Seconds) that the students produced for WFSU-TV. Unfortunately, that footage never aired

because there was too much background noise from the fountain.

The fountain that the unfortunate students and I (who actually had fun being thrown in by three cute girls) were thrown in was replaced by an exact replica of the original fountain in 1988 because of failure in the support structure of the original. I remember lazy days spent sitting at the fountain, talking with friends. I even remember sitting there, talking to my friend, Nicole (Nick), on my birthday.

I was a student at FSU during 1986 and 1987, transferring from North Florida Junior College (now North Florida Community College). Football reigned, although FSU was struggling like a newborn calf to find its legs to stand on. Bobby Bowden was the head coach but he had not yet reached his legend status. Mark Richt, current University of Georgia head coach, was a grad assistant for the Seminoles, having formerly been a backup quarterback for the University of Miami.

On the evening of Saturday, Sept. 13, 1986, FSU did not have a football game. A 21-year-old starting offensive tackle for the team was shot following an argument at a dance outside of Montgomery Gym. Pablo Lopez died at the hospital at 1:30 a.m. the next day. Nicky and I spoke briefly that Monday about the death of the young man who she knew but that I never met.

A longer conversation about Pablo's death took place between Mark Richt and Coach Bowden and Richt gave his heart to the Lord. Today, he is an example to young men everywhere, especially in Athens, Ga.

It has been a long time since I have been back to FSU but I will return Saturday as the Seminoles continue their proud football heritage under Coach Jimbo Fisher. It will be my birthday and I hope to celebrate in victory as the Seminoles defeat Murray State. Go, Seminoles!

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**Madison County... Jail Report**

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son County with Mount Olive Baptist Pastor Greg Ragans, said he was disappointed with the turnout. "I am not disappointed in the ones who showed up and voted their conviction. I am disappointed in the ones who sat back and chose to do nothing. We expected the citizens to really care enough to turn out in a number that showed they still believe in moral values, education and work ethics to help the economy in a positive way."

Citizens for Madison County had been pushing for a 60 percent voter turnout.

"It may or may not have changed the outcome of the election," Flowers said, "but if there was a larger turnout, the people as a whole would have been heard from."

Ted Ensminger, who chaired the MadisonYes! political action committee, which pushed for the referendum to be placed on the ballot and its passing, said, "You know, I think everybody clearly understood how emotional of an issue this was. I'm sure people are glad it's over for different reasons. I am grateful and thankful that it passed."

Ensminger is optimistic about Madison County's future.

"I believe we are going to see some positive changes in the next year or two," he said.

Ensminger thanked the volunteers for their "courage and commitment."

He said that it was a possibility that MadisonYes! would continue to work in a pro-business capacity as the political action committee in Suwannee County has done.

"It would be business people working in a positive direction for Madison County," he said.

Though prohibition passed nationwide on Oct. 28, 1919, with the adoption of the Volstead Act, Madison County had voted itself dry years before. Prohibition was repealed on Dec. 5, 1933, with the passage of the 21st amendment.

## Jobless

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adjusted total nonagricultural employment was 7,331,400 in July, "a decrease of 3,300 jobs over the month."

"The number of jobs in the state was up 69,900 over the year, an increase of 1.0 percent from July 2011," the FDEO reports. "Nationally, the number of jobs was up 1.4 percent over the year."

For Jefferson County, the 8.7 percent rate translates into 581 jobless persons out of a labor force of 6,702, compared with 513 jobless persons out of a labor force of 6,695 in June.

In July 2011, the comparable figures were 624 jobless persons out of a workforce of 6,755 when the unemployment rate was 9.2 percent.

For Madison County, the 11.4 percent translates into 823 jobless persons out of a labor force of 7,193, compared with 779 jobless persons out of a labor force of 7,204 in June.

In July 2011, the comparable figures were 920 jobless persons out of a labor force of 7,307, when the unemployment rate was 12.6 percent.

Seasonally adjusted means the figures have been purged of seasonal and other factors that would increase the numbers. The statistics do not

## Bruce Jordan

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agement because of Tropical Storm Isaac. He has also talked to vendors, makes sure that the trucks are being repaired and maintained and handles any calls that come through when he's working.

"The thing I had to get used to is coming in to work every day," he said. "Before, I worked shift work."

The shifts that Jordan had to work were 24 hours on and 48 hours off.

Right now, he's trying to make a change in the shifts. Currently, firefighters have to change shifts at night. He is working to getting it changed to the morning.

Jordan admits that it has been fairly quiet since he took over handling the chief's duties. He said that it's fortunate that it's so quiet but said, "I worry when it's quiet."

Jordan said that right now, he has to make a decision on the person to hire to fill a position at the fire department. He said in the future, they are going to a hiring board so the decision will not just be his, but will also be the decision of his fellow lieutenants, Dan Studstill and Earnie Johnson.

Jordan said that since he has taken over his new duties that he has gotten a lot of support from the city commission and city manager. He also noted that he has always had a good relationship with the volunteer fire departments throughout the county and he expects that to continue.

"I'm just trying to make sure the department keeps running until things stabilize and we get through this part we're at right now," he said.

Bruce is married to the former Lisa Linton. They have a son and a daughter. He is the son of Eulis and Mary Ellen Jordan and has three sisters.

## Conservative Corner

By Claudia Anderson  
VP, Republican Club of Madison

### Let's See

We have:

A president - who writes Executive Orders, bypassing the Senate and House, that give him the means to pursue his "anti-Constitution" agenda - who stirs with a big stick, racial, ethnic, labor related tensions.

National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) and the Patriot Act which give the president the power to use police and military personnel to enter, at will, any private property and detain U.S. citizens with or without charges or representation for unlimited length of time...and oh yes, let's not forget Martial Law!

Federal agencies ordering and stockpiling thousands of rounds of ammo.

UN Agenda 21 (the agenda for "sustainability") which is rapidly taking control or influencing our school systems, zoning and land use laws, our public lands and waterways (including much of what is on private property), in fact, meddling in every area of our lives.

Hillary Clinton - bound and determined to sign a UN Small Arms Treaty, which will give the United Nations control over our right to bear arms and defend ourselves.

Flash mobs attacking and terrorizing innocent, easy targets for brutalizing, which is then unreported or often called "simple" theft or crime.

Etc., (limited only by space)

QUOTES FROM ARTICLE BY ALEX NEWMAN/WND

"The eyes of the world were on South Africa two decades ago as the apartheid era came to an end and Western governments helped bring the communist-backed African National Congress (ANC) to power.

Last month, however, when Genocide Watch chief Gregory Stanton declared that white South African farmers were facing a genocidal onslaught and that communist forces were taking over the nation, virtually nobody noticed.

Few outside of South Africa paid attention either when, earlier this year, the president of South Africa began publicly singing songs advocating the murder of whites.

The silence is so deafening that Secretary of State Hillary Clinton didn't even publicly mention the problems when she was there last week. Instead, she was busy dancing, pledging billions of dollars and praising the ruling government.

'I find that quite disturbing, as if Afrikaner lives do not count for the Obama administration,' Dan Roodt of the Pro-Afrikaans Action Group, PRAAG, told WND.

Genocide Watch, a highly respected U.S.-based nonprofit organization..., has been sounding the alarm on the genocidal onslaught facing South Africa for a decade.

Over those 10 years, thousands of white South African farmers, known as Boers, have been massacred in the most horrific ways imaginable. The horrifying evidence is available for the world to see on countless sites throughout the Internet: pictures of brutalized dead women and children - even babies.

The government often classifies the brutal farm murders as simple "robberies," sometimes the crimes are not even reported.

The government, meanwhile, has already launched a campaign to disarm Afrikaner farmers. Disarmament of the target group is one of the surest warning signs of impending genocide.

'More and more, the ANC regime's supporters are turning to violence and revolution to achieve their aims of taking control over land and industry,' Roodt explained.

'The government also disbanded farmer self-defense groups known as commandos that formerly protected rural areas.'

According to Roodt, South Africa, like every country during a communist takeover, is being deliberately destabilized. Ethnic and racial tensions are being purposefully stirred up as part of the scheme as well, he said.

If the ANC gets its way, they (activists, exiles and human rights leaders) say, it will be an unmitigated disaster for whites, blacks - basically everyone except politically connected cronies."

Let's see - We have a warning!

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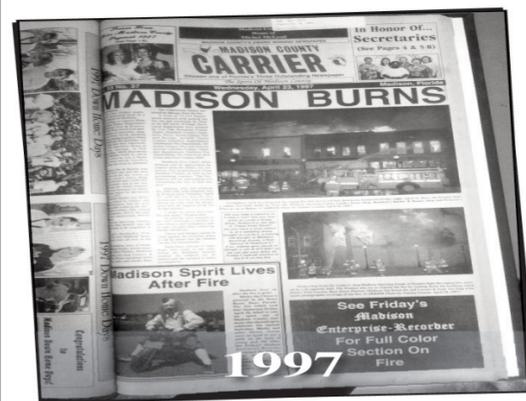
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## Cinderella, Cinderella!

### Thrills Audience At New Testament Open House

By Jacob Bemby  
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*Cinderella, Cinderella!* played to an audience of over 200 people who

were guests at New Testament Christian School's open house on Tuesday evening, Aug. 28. The play was per-

formed by members of the Rural Area Theater (RAT).

Teagan Dunn starred in the title role as the poor girl who was tormented by her wicked stepsisters, played by Sara Taylor and Kelsey Varn.

David Calhoun was cast as Prince Charming and several times he also appeared as a poor beggar woman who sought out a kind person. Later, the prince revealed he had been the beggar woman.

Sean Cucinella was cast as Tom the Cat, who was Cinderella's only friend and who constantly urged her to stand up for herself.

Skyler Dunn played the Clock and Link Claverie was cast as the Herald, Link's wife, Melody, was cast as Lady Lotta BonBon.

Judie Baldwin did a great job playing the Fairy Godmother.

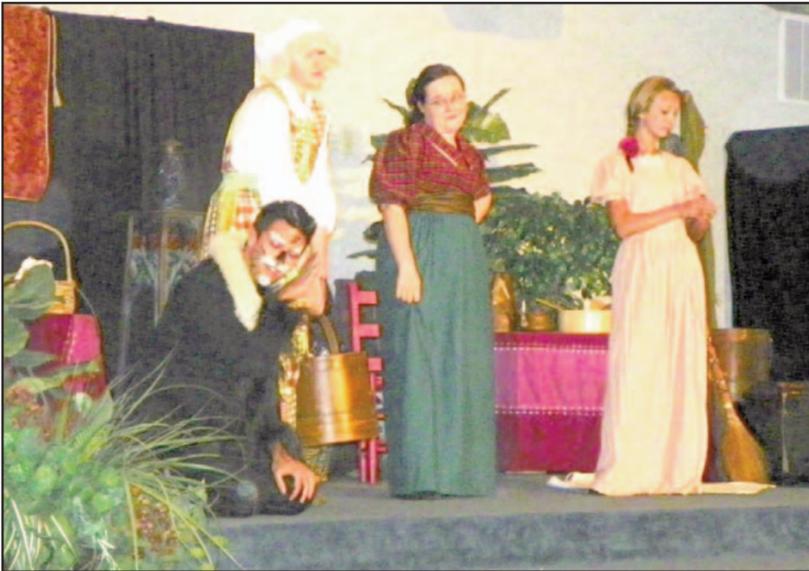
The crew was formed of Donn Smith, stage manager; Dawn Renner, prop artist; and Tim Dunn, who did the lighting for the play.

Jessica Webb directed *Cinderella, Cinderella!*

Webb said the next production of the Rural Area Theater would probably be in early December. She said they are looking at doing some kind of Christmas show.

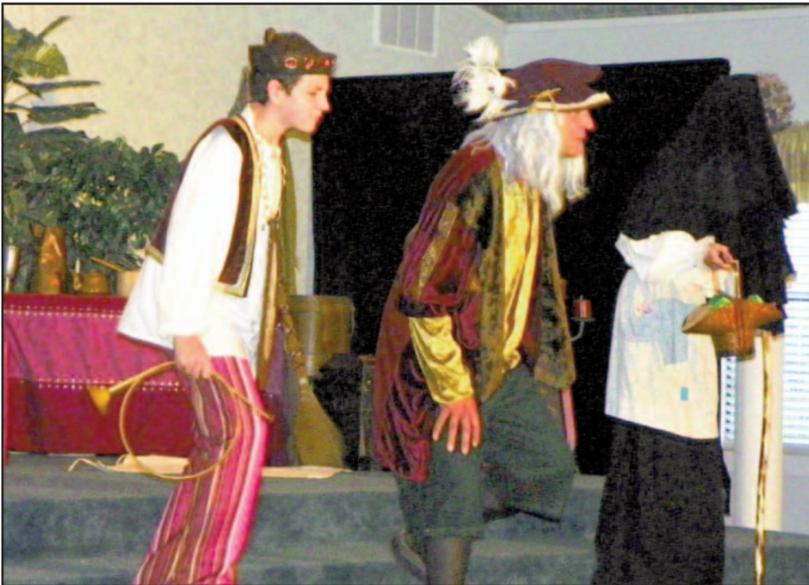


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Teagan Dunn, as Cinderella, who has been transformed for the ball, explains the reason for her hesitation to the Fairy Godmother, played by Judie Baldwin.



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Sean Cucinella (Tom the Cat), Teagan Dunn (Cinderella), Sara Taylor (Wicked Stepsister), and Kelsey Varn (Wicked Stepsister), are pictured left to right as the stepsisters torment Cinderella.



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Skyler Dunn (the Clock), left, Link Laverie (the Herald), center, and David Calhoun (the Beggar Woman and Prince Charming), ponder a question.

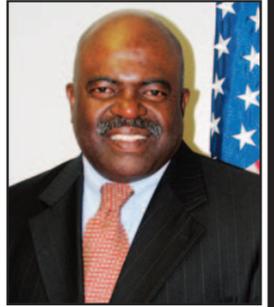
## THANK YOU!

I want to personally thank each of you for your vote, moral support and especially the prayers making me victorious as County Commissioner representing District 3 during the August 14 primary. Thanks also to each voter that voted during the election.

For all the votes I missed during the primary, I welcome the opportunity to earn yours during the General Election.

I humbly and sincerely ask for your vote as the next County Commissioner for District 3 on November 6, 2012.

Thanks Again,  
Ronnie L. Moore



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### August 31

The Madison County Farm Bureau will present the George Townsend Good Neighbor Award at its Annual Banquet on Sept. 18. The award was named after Mr. George Townsend, who exemplified a kind and loving spirit and generosity to everyone. He was truly a good neighbor with those he came in contact with.

The deadline to nominate a resident of Madison County who represents the traits that George Townsend demonstrated is Aug. 31. There is no set length required in the nomination letter, so one can write as much as they want to about their nominee.

Please drop your letter off at the Madison County Farm Bureau office, or mail to 233 West Base Street Madison FL 32340 or you may also email the latter to lindsey.lawson@ffbic.com. The winner will be announced at the Sept. 18 annual Farm Bureau meeting and dinner.

### September 1

The Dave Galbraith Football League will hold sign-ups on 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 weighing 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.

### September 1

A bake sale will be held to raise money for the building fund at Jes-lamb A.M.E. Church. The sale will be held Saturday, Sept. 1, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at Granny's Indoor Yard Sales, located at 633 NE Colin Kelly Hwy., in Madison. The purpose is to raise money for a new air conditioner.

### September 1

The Morgan-Wilson reunion will be held at the Forest Capital Park in Perry on Saturday, Sept. 1, at 11 a.m. Lunch will be held at 12:15 p.m. and the auction will be held at 1:15 p.m. Family members are asked to bring a covered dish lunch, beverage, lawn chair and something for the auction. Plates, cups, forks, napkins and ice will be provided. For more information, please call JoAnn Wilson at (850) 584-8181.

### September 4

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive Tuesday, Sept. 4, from 3-7 p.m. in the Winn Dixie parking lot in Madison. All who are present will receive an American Red Cross Travel mug. For more information, please visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

### September 5

The Tall Pines Club will meet Wednesday, Sept. 5, at noon in the Mill Conference Room in Clyattville, Ga. The meat will be furnished. One may bring a side dish or dessert to go with the meal. Please make plans to attend for good food, fun and fellowship.

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## MCI Visits Kiwanis



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Warden Diane Andrews and some of her staff visit the Kiwanis Club. Left to right are: Connice West, Glenn Young, Andrews and Maj. Opie Peavy.

By Lynette Norris  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Warden Diane Andrews and three of her staff, Connice West, Glenn Young and Maj. Opie Peavy, visited the Kiwanis Club to talk about the Madison Correctional Institution and its role in the community. As a major employer in rural Madison County, with a staff of 326 and a payroll of nearly \$14 million, that role is a considerable one.

"We're about public service," said Andrews. In addition to keeping the public safe by assuring that the inmate population was secure, she stressed that, "Our job is also service to the local community."

She also praised the outpouring of generosity she had seen from Madison since she had arrived at her post. Nine more community volunteers had been added in that short time period, offering the inmates everything from culinary arts classes to high school equivalency classes, all of which could help them find better jobs and become better citizens when they were released.

In addition to several learning programs for its inmates, MCI also has a re-entry program for those who have been released. It is somewhat modeled after a similar program in Jacksonville, but without a large city's resources, it is not an exact duplicate. Still, the program at MCI provides newly released, former inmates some assistance with finding a job, or finding housing, or getting food stamps to make their transition back into the world a little smoother. Community organizations and churches have been great about helping out.

With the Christian mindset that Warden Andrews, a devout believer, brings to her job, she believes that "just because you're incarcerated, it doesn't mean there's no hope for you."

By keeping the community safe, helping released inmates transition back into the community, providing community services and participating in community events, MCI sees its role in the community becoming even more integral and more vital.

Currently, though, the Florida Department of Corrections has been running a huge deficit in its budget, and since the largest part of its budget is employees' salaries, it has closed several facilities across the state. Neighboring Jefferson County, another small, rural county much like Madison, narrowly escaped having its facility shut down several months ago.

To ensure that MCI doesn't suffer a similar fate, Warden Andrews wants MCI to be such a well-run facility, one that is such an integral part of the community, "That it would-

n't even be considered for closing."

On the one hand, MCI provides inmate labor for many community works projects that save taxpayers many thousands of dollars, which is a mark in its favor with the Florida DOC. In fact, Andrews told the audience, some small, rural, economically struggling counties in North Florida might not be able to function effectively without the help of inmate labor from their own correctional facilities.

However, they can only perform labor on publicly owned property, and Andrews expressed regret that this ruled out places like churches and privately owned cemeteries...even veterans' cemeteries, if they are privately held, are ineligible for help from inmate labor with their maintenance and upkeep.

Another area the Florida DOC looks at is inmate idleness - how much time inmates spend standing around the compound as opposed to either helping the local community through inmate labor projects, or participating in programs and classes designed to make them better, more employable citizens when they re-enter society.

That is one reason MCI is seeking even more volunteers to teach such classes. "Even if it's something as simple as how to balance a checkbook," said Andrews, because there are a few inmates who don't have even those basic life skills. Whatever skills potential volunteers might be willing to teach, Andrews encouraged them to contact MCI.

"It (being a volunteer at a prison) does require a background check, but after that, we can get you set up," she said.

On the other hand, MCI's geographical location, surrounded by Jefferson, Suwannee and Hamilton, all counties which have their own correctional facilities, might make it a more attractive target for closing by the state. State officials might just figure that MCI's employees could simply be dispersed to those surrounding counties.

To counter that, Andrews has been working hard to increase MCI's visibility and make the community more aware of the facility, whether it's through having floats in local parades or taking advantage of public speaking opportunities. When she first arrived, the "Down Home Days" festival was in high gear, and she asked about the MCI staff being part of the parade; while she was speaking to the Kiwanis members, she learned of the "Light Up Madison" parade coming up in December, and now wants the MCI staff to participate.

"My staff knows I love a parade," she said.

## ICBA And Madison County Community Bank Offer Tips To Help Students Handle Credit Wisely

As the nation's college students head back to school, and with a growing number of them planning to use credit cards during the school year, the Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA) and Madison County Community Bank want to encourage students to be responsible when using their credit cards so they can maintain their finances and establish solid credit.

"As college students work toward their professional goals by obtaining educational degrees, we urge them to also consider their financial future and the role that credit plays in helping them achieve their personal and professional goals," said Jeff Gerhart, chairman of ICBA and of Bank of Newman Grove, Neb. "The fact is that no one may ever need to see your transcript after you leave school, but your credit report will be with you for the rest of your life."

New rules governing credit cards aimed specifically at protecting students went into effect in 2010. According to these rules, credit card companies are prohibited from issuing cards to anyone under the age of 18, and those under 21 need either an adult co-signer or proof of income. Educational institutions must disclose any agreements they have with credit card companies that market to students, and credit card companies may no longer entice students with free gifts. All other provisions in the Credit Card Accountability, Responsibility, and Disclosure (CARD) Act that cover consumers—such as advance notice of changes, more time to make payments and terms that are easier to understand—apply to students as well.

Even with these safeguards, the best protection against getting deeply in debt is knowing the pitfalls and how to avoid them. ICBA and Madison County Community Bank offer the following tips to help students use credit cards wisely:

- Set up and follow a budget that includes paying off a credit card balance. "Maxing out" or charging up to your card's credit limit can make sticking to your budget more difficult.
- Remember that cash advances, unlike purchases, generally have finance charges that apply immediately.
- Pay on time, every time. Whenever possible, pay more than the minimum payment owed (for example, 150 percent of the minimum) to pay off the balance faster and save on finance charges.
- Keep records of your account number, expiration date and the phone number of your card issuer in a safe place.
- Keep your account information confidential.
- Never give out your credit card number, card verification number (which appears on or near the signa-

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ture panel) or expiration date over the phone, unless you initiated the call and know who you're dealing with.

- Elect to receive your statement information online. Many sites offer an alert for unusual transactions and reminders of when your bill is due.

- Consider making your credit card payment online to ensure it is received by the monthly due date.

- Routinely access your account information online to track your spending and to quickly identify fraudulent transactions. If you see a transaction that is not yours, notify your card issuer immediately.

- If there's an error on your account, report it immediately by notifying your card issuer. Look for complete instructions on your monthly statement or your bank's website and follow them carefully to protect your rights.

- Keep a copy of your sales receipts so you can compare what you bought with the charges on your bill.

- When making online transactions, be sure the site is secure. Don't let others see you enter card information.

- Don't lend your credit card to anyone, not even a friend. Ever.

- If you move, notify your card issuer immediately.

- If you encounter financial difficulties, contact your card issuer as soon as possible.

"If students want to learn more about credit cards and how to manage their credit, they should talk to their local community bank," said Edward Meggs, President, Madison County Community Bank. "Community banks are common-sense lenders that provide credit cards as a valuable service to their customers."

To learn more about community banks, visit [www.icba.org](http://www.icba.org). To find a community bank, visit ICBA's community bank locator at [www.banklocality.org](http://www.banklocality.org).

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# Church

## Happenings

At Madison

### First Baptist Church

Submitted By Nell Dobbs  
Guest Columnist

“WOW!” Landyn Bontrager’s (Sid and Lesley’s little one) words about his first week at Lee School as his eyes lit up (they’re always bright!) and as he said his teacher is Mrs. Debbie Pittman. He’s also excited about his baby sister coming soon and the shower for her on the 9th – his name for her is “Pudding.” We’ll be praying for all of them, as well as all other families.

Landyn’s words about school are perfect for 1.) our Sunday School Superintendent, Kathy McCollum, reporting the most in a long time 2.) for the four baptized Sunday and their families present: Keillor Davis (Justin and Kim), Jackson Kendrick (Nathan and Amy), Lillian Washington (Billy and Kara) and Teddy Brown (Bill Brown) 3.) for singing “Days of Elijah” 4.) for Sunday School recognition of Caleb Ginn, and Kersten Malone by Martha Beggs (Martha Register also a teacher) and their new class beginning – Children I – and their touching singing “Bless That Wonderful Name,” “Do, Do, Do the Right Thing” and “Books of the Bible” 5.) Ronnie Ragans’ touching offertory prayer 6.) Worship Choir singing a Jamaican song “Shut de Do” with David Fries doing a special part 7.) Shellie Smith touching us with her singing 8.)

Preacher’s message about the Nile River (longest in the world) and its being very important in history – about Joseph’s life at home, being sold and taken to Egypt and how through him, God’s people were fed and cared for, and how what was intended for bad ended up saving them. God provided. 9.) Teresa Gallegos, Louise Herring and Sue Downing went to Ocala Sunday night for Johnny Downing’s retirement service in Ocala. 10.) Beautiful birthday flowers for Toy Stewart from her children – Amy, Hank, Jim and Paula.

There are so many ill ones among us. Jeannette Mitchell is in South Georgia.

Jesse Dobbs was out of work two weeks with serious illness and blessed to be so much better and back to work.

A sweet thank you from Margaret Toloar for all kindness and prayers for her during surgery and recovery.

Awana kick-off will be Sept. 5 at 5:30 p.m.

Prayers of comfort for Carrin Meadows’ family; for grandfather and grandson’s family in Greenville in their sudden death by drowning; for Claire Meyer now back in Wisconsin where daughter Nancy died in her sleep Thursday night, Aug. 23. The funeral is Sunday, Sept. 2.

## Increasing Community Support For Adoption And Foster Care In Madison And Taylor Counties

### One Church One Child of Florida partners with Partnerships for Strong Families to bring hope to children in care

One Church One Child of Florida and Partnership for Strong Families are rallying the support of the faith community leaders in Madison and Taylor counties to increase the awareness of adoption and foster care. The two non-profit organizations are hosting a free Prayer Breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Saturday, September 15 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Parish Hall. The keynote speaker is Rev. Robert Butler, Pastor of Little Saint John Missionary Baptist Church in Perry.

“We’re looking forward to increasing our community support in Madison and Taylor counties,” said Shawn Salamida, President and CEO of Partnership for Strong Families. “We’re grateful for the support of One Church, One Child in helping us gather new faith partners to support the children and families we help. We are very dependent upon the support and generosity of the faith community in recruiting partner and adoptive homes as well as in providing support for our kids in out-of-home care.”

“It warms my heart to see other people of faith joining us in our mission to enhance the community’s ability to protect and nurture children,” said Salamida. “It is my hope and prayer that more churches and families in Madison and Taylor counties will embrace this mission and join us in our efforts.”

Dr. Arie Sailor, executive director of One Church One Child of Florida, added that linking partnerships for children in Madison and Taylor Counties is very important to the agency’s mission. “We want to connect any missing links that may bring hope to children and support for families,” said Sailor, who has lead the agency for the past 10 years. Sailor noted that the event is a part of the agency’s statewide initiative to inform churches and the greater community of the opportunity to partner in support of children and families in Florida.

One Church One Child of Florida is a statewide, non-profit organization whose mission is prevention, intervention, promotion of adoption and support for families. One Church One Child works in partnership with churches, the Florida Department of Children and Families, Community-Based Care Lead Agencies and or-

ganizations to help deliver services in local communities.

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church is located at 2750 Byron Butler Parkway in Perry, Florida. For additional information about this event or to RSVP, please contact the One Church One Child headquarters office at 850.414.5620 or toll free at 1.888.283.0886 or email [info@ococfl.org](mailto:info@ococfl.org). The website for One Church One Child of Florida, Inc. is [www.ococfl.org](http://www.ococfl.org).

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**About Partnership for Strong Families:**

Partnership for Strong Families is the lead community-based care agency for Florida Judicial Circuits Three and Eight, including Alachua County. PSF is contracted by the Florida Department of Children and Families to deliver comprehensive child welfare services to children who are victims of abuse and neglect. Partnership for Strong Families also works with at-risk families to prevent child abuse and to decrease the risk of children entering the foster care system. PSF serves more than 5,000 children in 13 counties annually.

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**I, Kenneth W. Detzner, Secretary of State of the State of Florida, do hereby give notice that an election will be held in each county in Florida, on November 6, 2012, for the ratification or rejection of proposed revisions to the constitution of the State of Florida.**

## NO. 1 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE I, SECTION 28 (Legislative)

**Ballot Title:** HEALTH CARE SERVICES.—

**Ballot Summary:** Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to prohibit laws or rules from compelling any person or employer to purchase, obtain, or otherwise provide for health care coverage; permit a person or an employer to purchase lawful health care services directly from a health care provider; permit a health care provider to accept direct payment from a person or an employer for lawful health care services; exempt persons, employers, and health care providers from penalties and taxes for paying directly or accepting direct payment for lawful health care services; and prohibit laws or rules from abolishing the private market for health care coverage of any lawful health care service. Specifies that the amendment does not affect which health care services a health care provider is required to perform or provide; affect which health care services are permitted by law; prohibit care provided pursuant to general law relating to workers' compensation; affect laws or rules in effect as of March 1, 2010; affect the terms or conditions of any health care system to the extent that those terms and conditions do not have the effect of punishing a person or an employer for paying directly for lawful health care services or a health care provider for accepting direct payment from a person or an employer for lawful health care services; or affect any general law passed by two-thirds vote of the membership of each house of the Legislature, passed after the effective date of the amendment, provided such law states with specificity the public necessity justifying the exceptions from the provisions of the amendment. The amendment expressly provides that it may not be construed to prohibit negotiated provisions in insurance contracts, network agreements, or other provider agreements contractually limiting copayments, coinsurance, deductibles, or other patient charges.

**Full Text:**

### ARTICLE I DECLARATION OF RIGHTS

#### SECTION 28. Health care services.—

(a) To preserve the freedom of all residents of the state to provide for their own health care:

(1) A law or rule may not compel, directly or indirectly, any person or employer to purchase, obtain, or otherwise provide for health care coverage.

(2) A person or an employer may pay directly for lawful health care services and may not be required to pay penalties or taxes for paying directly for lawful health care services. A health care provider may accept direct payment for lawful health care services and may not be required to pay penalties or taxes for accepting direct payment from a person or an employer for lawful health care services.

(b) The private market for health care coverage of any lawful health care service may not be abolished by law or rule.

(c) This section does not:

(1) Affect which health care services a health care provider is required to perform or provide.

(2) Affect which health care services are permitted by law.

(3) Prohibit care provided pursuant to general law relating to workers' compensation.

(4) Affect laws or rules in effect as of March 1, 2010.

(5) Affect the terms or conditions of any health care system to the extent that those terms and conditions do not have the effect of punishing a person or an employer for paying directly for lawful health care services or a health care provider for accepting direct payment from a person or an employer for lawful health care services, except that this section may not be construed to prohibit any negotiated provision in any insurance contract, network agreement, or other provider agreement contractually limiting copayments, coinsurance, deductibles, or other patient charges.

(6) Affect any general law passed by a two-thirds vote of the membership of each house of the legislature after the effective date of this section, if the law states with specificity the public necessity that justifies an exception from this section.

(d) As used in this section, the term:

(1) "Compel" includes the imposition of penalties or taxes.

(2) "Direct payment" or "pay directly" means payment for lawful health care services without a public or private third party, not including an employer, paying for any portion of the service.

(3) "Health care system" means any public or private entity whose function or purpose is the management of, processing of, enrollment of individuals for, or payment, in full or in part, for health care services, health care data, or health care information for its participants.

(4) "Lawful health care services" means any health-related service or treatment, to the extent that the service or treatment is permitted or not prohibited by law or regulation at the time the service or treatment is rendered, which may be provided by persons or businesses otherwise permitted to offer such services.

(5) "Penalties or taxes" means any civil or criminal penalty or fine, tax, salary or wage withholding or surcharge, or named fee with a similar effect established by law or rule by an agency established, created, or controlled by the government which is used to punish or discourage the exercise of rights protected under this section. For purposes of this section only, the term "rule by an agency" may not be construed to mean any negotiated provision in any insurance contract, network agreement, or other provider agreement contractually limiting copayments, coinsurance, deductibles, or other patient charges.

## NO. 2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 6 ARTICLE XII, SECTION 32 (Legislative)

**Ballot Title:** VETERANS DISABLED DUE TO COMBAT INJURY; HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX DISCOUNT.—

**Ballot Summary:** Proposing an amendment to Section 6 of Article VII and the creation of Section 32 of Article XII of the State Constitution to expand the availability of the property discount on the homesteads of veterans who became disabled as the result of a combat injury to include those who were not Florida residents when they entered the military and schedule the amendment to take effect January 1, 2013.

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### ARTICLE VII FINANCE AND TAXATION

#### SECTION 6. Homestead exemptions.—

(a) Every person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, or another legally or naturally dependent upon the owner, shall be exempt from taxation thereon, except assessments for special benefits, up to the assessed valuation of twenty-five thousand dollars and, for all levies other than school district levies, on the assessed valuation greater than fifty thousand dollars and up to seventy-five thousand dollars, upon establishment of right thereto in the man-

ner prescribed by law. The real estate may be held by legal or equitable title, by the entireties, jointly, in common, as a condominium, or indirectly by stock ownership or membership representing the owner's or member's proprietary interest in a corporation owning a fee or a leasehold initially in excess of ninety-eight years. The exemption shall not apply with respect to any assessment roll until such roll is first determined to be in compliance with the provisions of section 4 by a state agency designated by general law. This exemption is repealed on the effective date of any amendment to this Article which provides for the assessment of homestead property at less than just value.

(b) Not more than one exemption shall be allowed any individual or family unit or with respect to any residential unit. No exemption shall exceed the value of the real estate assessable to the owner or, in case of ownership through stock or membership in a corporation, the value of the proportion which the interest in the corporation bears to the assessed value of the property.

(c) By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, the Legislature may provide to renters, who are permanent residents, ad valorem tax relief on all ad valorem tax levies. Such ad valorem tax relief shall be in the form and amount established by general law.

(d) The legislature may, by general law, allow counties or municipalities, for the purpose of their respective tax levies and subject to the provisions of general law, to grant an additional homestead tax exemption not exceeding fifty thousand dollars to any person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner and who has attained age sixty-five and whose household income, as defined by general law, does not exceed twenty thousand dollars. The general law must allow counties and municipalities to grant this additional exemption, within the limits prescribed in this subsection, by ordinance adopted in the manner prescribed by general law, and must provide for the periodic adjustment of the income limitation prescribed in this subsection for changes in the cost of living.

(e) Each veteran who is age 65 or older who is partially or totally permanently disabled shall receive a discount from the amount of the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homestead property the veteran owns and resides in if the disability was combat related, ~~the veteran was a resident of this state at the time of entering the military service of the United States~~, and the veteran was honorably discharged upon separation from military service. The discount shall be in a percentage equal to the percentage of the veteran's permanent, service-connected disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. To qualify for the discount granted by this subsection, an applicant must submit to the county property appraiser, by March 1, ~~proof of residency at the time of entering military service~~, an official letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs stating the percentage of the veteran's service-connected disability and such evidence that reasonably identifies the disability as combat related, and a copy of the veteran's honorable discharge. If the property appraiser denies the request for a discount, the appraiser must notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the denial, and the veteran may reapply. The Legislature may, by general law, waive the annual application requirement in subsequent years. This subsection ~~shall take effect December 7, 2006~~, is self-executing, and does not require implementing legislation.

### ARTICLE XII SCHEDULE

SECTION 32. Veterans disabled due to combat injury; homestead property tax discount.—The amendment to subsection (e) of Section 6 of Article VII relating to the homestead property tax discount for veterans who became disabled as the result of a combat injury shall take effect January 1, 2013.

## NO. 3 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTIONS 1 and 19 ARTICLE XII, SECTION 32 (Legislative)

**Ballot Title:** STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE LIMITATION.—

**Ballot Summary:** This proposed amendment to the State Constitution replaces the existing state revenue limitation based on Florida personal income growth with a new state revenue limitation based on inflation and population changes. Under the amendment, state revenues, as defined in the amendment, collected in excess of the revenue limitation must be deposited into the budget stabilization fund until the fund reaches its maximum balance, and thereafter shall be used for the support and maintenance of public schools by reducing the minimum financial effort required from school districts for participation in a state-funded education finance program, or, if the minimum financial effort is no longer required, returned to the taxpayers. The Legislature may increase the state revenue limitation through a bill approved by a super majority vote of each house of the Legislature. The Legislature may also submit a proposed increase in the state revenue limitation to the voters. The Legislature must implement this proposed amendment by general law. The amendment will take effect upon approval by the electors and will first apply to the 2014-2015 state fiscal year.

**Full Text:**

### ARTICLE VII FINANCE AND TAXATION

SECTION 1. Taxation; appropriations; state expenses; ~~state revenue limitation~~—

(a) No tax shall be levied except in pursuance of law. No state ad valorem taxes shall be levied upon real estate or tangible personal property. All other forms of taxation shall be preempted to the state except as provided by general law.

(b) Motor vehicles, boats, airplanes, trailers, trailer coaches and mobile homes, as defined by law, shall be subject to a license tax for their operation in the amounts and for the purposes prescribed by law, but shall not be subject to ad valorem taxes.

(c) No money shall be drawn from the treasury except in pursuance of appropriation made by law.

(d) Provision shall be made by law for raising sufficient revenue to defray the expenses of the state for each fiscal period.

~~(e) Except as provided herein, state revenues collected for any fiscal year shall be limited to state revenues allowed under this subsection for the prior fiscal year plus an adjustment for growth. As used in this subsection, "growth" means an amount equal to the average annual rate of growth in Florida personal income over the most recent twenty quarters times the state revenues allowed under this subsection for the prior fiscal year. For the 1995-1996 fiscal year, the state revenues allowed under this subsection for the prior fiscal year shall equal the state revenues collected for the 1994-1995 fiscal year. Florida personal income shall be determined by the legislature, from information available from the United States Department of Commerce or its successor on the first day of February prior to the beginning of the fiscal year. State revenues collected for any fiscal year in excess of this limitation shall be transferred to the budget stabilization fund until the fund reaches the maximum balance specified in Section 19(g) of Article III, and thereafter shall be refunded to taxpayers as provided by general law. State revenues allowed under this subsection for any fiscal year may be increased by a two-thirds vote of the membership of each house of the legislature in a separate bill that contains no other subject and that sets forth the dollar amount by which the state revenues allowed will be increased. The vote may not be taken less than seventy-two hours after the third reading of the bill.~~

~~For purposes of this subsection, "state revenues" means taxes, fees, licenses, and charges for services imposed by the legislature on individuals, businesses, or agencies outside state government. However, "state revenues" does not include: revenues that are necessary to meet the requirements set forth in documents authorizing the issuance of bonds by the state; revenues that are used to provide matching funds for the federal Medicaid program with the exception of the revenues used to support the Public Medical Assistance Trust Fund or its successor program and with the exception of state matching funds used to fund elective expansions made after July 1, 1994; proceeds from the state lottery returned as prizes; receipts of the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund; balances carried forward from prior fiscal years; taxes, licenses, fees, and charges for services imposed by local, regional, or school district governing bodies; or revenue from taxes, licenses, fees, and charges for services required to be imposed by any amendment or revision to this constitution after July 1, 1994. An adjustment to the revenue limitation shall be made by general law to reflect the fiscal impact of transfers of responsibility for the funding of governmental functions between the state and other levels of government. The legislature shall, by general law, prescribe procedures necessary to administer this subsection.~~

~~SECTION 19. State revenue limitation.—~~

~~(a) STATE REVENUE LIMITATION.—Except as provided in this section, state revenues collected in any fiscal year are limited as follows:~~

~~(1) For the 2014-2015 fiscal year, state revenues are limited to an amount equal to the state revenues collected during the 2013-2014 fiscal year multiplied by the sum of the adjustment for growth plus four one-hundredths.~~

~~(2) For the 2015-2016 fiscal year, state revenues are limited to an amount equal to the state revenue limitation for fiscal year 2014-2015 multiplied by the sum of the adjustment for growth plus three one-hundredths.~~

~~(3) For the 2016-2017 fiscal year, state revenues are limited to an amount equal to the state revenue limitation for fiscal year 2015-2016 multiplied by the sum of the adjustment for growth plus two one-hundredths.~~

~~(4) For the 2017-2018 fiscal year, state revenues are limited to an amount equal to the state revenue limitation for fiscal year 2016-2017 multiplied by the sum of the adjustment for growth plus one one-hundredth.~~

~~(5) For the 2018-2019 fiscal year and thereafter, state revenues are limited to an amount equal to the state revenue limitation for the previous fiscal year multiplied by the adjustment for growth.~~

~~(6) The adjustment for growth for a fiscal year shall be determined by March 1 preceding the fiscal year using the latest information available. Once the adjustment for growth is determined for a fiscal year, it may not be changed based on revisions to the information used to make the determination.~~

~~(b) REVENUES IN EXCESS OF THE LIMITATION.—State revenues collected in any fiscal year in excess of the revenue limitation shall be transferred to the budget stabilization fund until the fund reaches the maximum balance specified in Section 19(g) of Article III, and thereafter shall be used for the support and maintenance of public schools by reducing the minimum financial effort required from school districts for participation in a state-funded education finance program, or, if the minimum financial effort is no longer required, returned to taxpayers as provided by general law.~~

~~(c) AUTHORITY OF THE LEGISLATURE TO INCREASE THE REVENUE LIMITATION.—~~

~~(1) The state revenue limitation for any fiscal year may be increased by a two-thirds vote of the membership of each house of the legislature. Unless otherwise provided by the bill increasing the revenue limitation, the increased revenue limitation enacted under this paragraph shall be used to determine the revenue limitation for future fiscal years.~~

~~(2) The state revenue limitation for any one fiscal year may be increased by a three-fifths vote of the membership of each house of the legislature. Increases to the revenue limitation enacted under this paragraph must be disregarded when determining the revenue limitation in subsequent fiscal years.~~

~~(3) A bill increasing the revenue limitation may not contain any other subject and must set forth the dollar amount by which the state revenue limitation will be increased. The vote may not be taken less than seventy-two hours after the third reading in either house of the legislature of the bill in the form that will be presented to the governor.~~

~~(d) AUTHORITY OF THE ELECTORS TO INCREASE THE REVENUE LIMITATION.—The legislature may propose an increase in the state revenue limitation pursuant to a concurrent resolution enacted by a three-fifths vote of the membership of each house. The proposed increase shall be submitted to the electors at the next general election held more than ninety days after the resolution is filed with the custodian of state records. However, the legislature may submit the proposed increase at an earlier special election held more than ninety days after it is filed with the custodian of state records pursuant to a law enacted by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the membership of each house of the legislature. The resolution must set forth the dollar amount by which the state revenue limitation will be increased. Unless otherwise provided in the resolution, the increased revenue limitation shall be used to determine the revenue limitation for future fiscal years. The proposed increase shall take effect if it is approved by a vote of at least 60 percent of the electors voting on the matter.~~

~~(e) REVENUE LIMIT ADJUSTMENT BY THE LEGISLATURE.—The legislature shall provide by general law for adjustments to the state revenue limitation to reflect:~~

~~(1) The fiscal impact of transfers of responsibility for the funding of governmental functions between the state and other levels of government occurring after May 6, 2011; or~~

~~(2) The fiscal impact of a new federal mandate.~~

~~(f) GENERAL LAW IMPLEMENTATION.—The legislature shall, by general law, prescribe procedures necessary to administer this section.~~

~~(g) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:~~

~~(1) "Adjustment for growth" means an amount equal to the average for the previous five years of the product of the inflation factor and the population factor.~~

~~(2) "Inflation factor" means an amount equal to one plus the percent change in the calendar year annual average of the Consumer Price Index. The term "Consumer Price Index" means the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, U.S. city average (not seasonally adjusted, current base for all items), as published by the United States Department of Labor. In the event the index ceases to exist, the legislature shall determine the successor index by general law.~~

~~(3) "Population factor" means an amount equal to one plus the percent change in population of the state as of April 1 compared to April 1 of the prior year. For purposes of calculating the annual rate of change in population, the state's official population estimates shall be used.~~

~~(4) "State revenues" means taxes, fees, licenses, fines, and charges for services imposed by the legislature on individuals, businesses, or agencies outside state government. However, the term "state revenues" does not include: revenues that are necessary to meet the requirements set forth in documents authorizing the issuance of bonds by the state for bonds issued before July 1, 2012; revenues that are used to provide matching funds for the federal Medicaid program with the exception of the revenues used to support the Public Medical Assistance Trust Fund or its successor program and with the exception of state matching funds used to fund optional expansions made after July 1, 1994; proceeds from the state lottery returned as prizes;~~

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receipts of the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund and Citizens Property Insurance Corporation; receipts of public universities and colleges; balances carried forward from prior fiscal years; taxes, fees, licenses, fines, and charges for services imposed by local, regional, or school district governing bodies; or revenue from taxes, fees, licenses, fines, and charges for services authorized by any amendment or revision to this constitution after May 6, 2011.

### ARTICLE XII SCHEDULE

SECTION 32. State revenue limitation.—The amendment to Section 1 and the creation of Section 19 of Article VII, revising the state revenue limitation, and this section take effect upon approval by the electors and apply beginning in the 2014-2015 state fiscal year.

### NO. 4 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTIONS 4, 6 ARTICLE XII, SECTIONS 27, 32, 33 (Legislative)

**Ballot Title:** PROPERTY TAX LIMITATIONS; PROPERTY VALUE DECLINE; REDUCTION FOR NONHOMESTEAD ASSESSMENT INCREASES; DELAY OF SCHEDULED REPEAL.—

#### Ballot Summary:

(1) This would amend Florida Constitution Article VII, Section 4 (Taxation; assessments) and Section 6 (Homestead exemptions). It also would amend Article XII, Section 27, and add Sections 32 and 33, relating to the Schedule for the amendments.

(2) In certain circumstances, the law requires the assessed value of homestead and specified nonhomestead property to increase when the just value of the property decreases. Therefore, this amendment provides that the Legislature may, by general law, provide that the assessment of homestead and specified nonhomestead property may not increase if the just value of that property is less than the just value of the property on the preceding January 1, subject to any adjustment in the assessed value due to changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to such property which are assessed as provided for by general law. This amendment takes effect upon approval by the voters. If approved at a special election held on the date of the 2012 presidential preference primary, it shall operate retroactively to January 1, 2012, or, if approved at the 2012 general election, shall take effect January 1, 2013.

(3) This amendment reduces from 10 percent to 5 percent the limitation on annual changes in assessments of nonhomestead real property. This amendment takes effect upon approval of the voters. If approved at a special election held on the date of the 2012 presidential preference primary, it shall operate retroactively to January 1, 2012, or, if approved at the 2012 general election, takes effect January 1, 2013.

(4) This amendment also authorizes general law to provide, subject to conditions specified in such law, an additional homestead exemption to every person who establishes the right to receive the homestead exemption provided in the Florida Constitution within 1 year after purchasing the homestead property and who has not owned property in the previous 3 calendar years to which the Florida homestead exemption applied. The additional homestead exemption shall apply to all levies except school district levies. The additional exemption is an amount equal to 50 percent of the homestead property's just value on January 1 of the year the homestead is established. The additional homestead exemption may not exceed an amount equal to the median just value of all homestead property within the county where the property at issue is located for the calendar year immediately preceding January 1 of the year the homestead is established. The additional exemption shall apply for the shorter of 5 years or the year of sale of the property. The amount of the additional exemption shall be reduced in each subsequent year by an amount equal to 20 percent of the amount of the additional exemption received in the year the homestead was established or by an amount equal to the difference between the just value of the property and the assessed value of the property determined under Article VII, Section 4(d), whichever is greater. Not more than one such exemption shall be allowed per homestead property at one time. The additional exemption applies to property purchased on or after January 1, 2011, if approved by the voters at a special election held on the date of the 2012 presidential preference primary, or to property purchased on or after January 1, 2012, if approved by the voters at the 2012 general election. The additional exemption is not available in the sixth and subsequent years after it is first received. The amendment shall take effect upon approval by the voters. If approved at a special election held on the date of the 2012 presidential preference primary, it shall operate retroactively to January 1, 2012, or, if approved at the 2012 general election, takes effect January 1, 2013.

(5) This amendment also delays until 2023, the repeal, currently scheduled to take effect in 2019, of constitutional amendments adopted in 2008 which limit annual assessment increases for specified nonhomestead real property. This amendment delays until 2022 the submission of an amendment proposing the abrogation of such repeal to the voters.

#### Full Text:

### ARTICLE VII FINANCE AND TAXATION

SECTION 4. Taxation; assessments.—By general law regulations shall be prescribed which shall secure a just valuation of all property for ad valorem taxation, provided:

(a) Agricultural land, land producing high water recharge to Florida's aquifers, or land used exclusively for noncommercial recreational purposes may be classified by general law and assessed solely on the basis of character or use.

(b) As provided by general law and subject to conditions, limitations, and reasonable definitions specified therein, land used for conservation purposes shall be classified by general law and assessed solely on the basis of character or use.

(c) Pursuant to general law tangible personal property held for sale as stock in trade and livestock may be valued for taxation at a specified percentage of its value, may be classified for tax purposes, or may be exempted from taxation.

(d) All persons entitled to a homestead exemption under Section 6 of this Article shall have their homestead assessed at just value as of January 1 of the year following the effective date of this amendment. This assessment shall change only as provided in this subsection.

(1) Assessments subject to this subsection shall change ~~be changed~~ annually on January 1 1st of each year; ~~but those changes in assessments~~

a. A change in an assessment may ~~shall~~ not exceed the lower of the following:

1.a. Three percent (~~3%~~) of the assessment for the prior year.

2.b. The percent change in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers, U.S. City Average, all items 1967=100, or a successor index reports for the preceding calendar year as initially reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

b. ~~The legislature may provide by general law that, except for changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to homestead property assessed as provided in paragraph (5), an assessment may not increase if the just value of the property is less than the just value of the property on the preceding January 1.~~

(2) ~~An~~ ~~No~~ assessment may not ~~shall~~ exceed just value.

(3) After a ~~any~~ change of ownership, as provided by general law, homestead property shall be assessed at just value as of January 1 of the following year, unless the provisions of paragraph (8) apply. Thereafter, the homestead shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(4) New homestead property shall be assessed at just value as of January 1 ~~1st~~ of the year following the establishment of the homestead, unless the provisions of paragraph (8) apply. That assessment shall ~~only~~ change ~~only~~ as provided in this subsection.

(5) Changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to homestead property shall be assessed as provided for by general law; ~~provided~~. However, after the adjustment for any change, addition, reduction, or improvement, the property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(6) In the event of a termination of homestead status, the property shall be assessed as provided by general law.

(7) The provisions of this ~~subsection amendment~~ are severable. If a provision ~~any of the provisions of this subsection is amendment shall be held unconstitutional by a~~ court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of the ~~such court does shall~~ not affect or impair any remaining provisions of this ~~subsection amendment~~.

(8)a. A person who ~~establishes a new homestead as of January 1, 2009, or January 1 of any subsequent year and who has received a homestead exemption pursuant to Section 6 of this Article as of January 1 of either of the 2 two years immediately preceding the establishment of a the new homestead is entitled to have the new homestead assessed at less than just value. If this revision is approved in January of 2009, a person who establishes a new homestead as of January 1, 2008, is entitled to have the new homestead assessed at less than just value only if that person received a homestead exemption on January 1, 2007.~~ The assessed value of the newly established homestead shall be determined as follows:

1. If the just value of the new homestead is greater than or equal to the just value of the prior homestead as of January 1 of the year in which the prior homestead was abandoned, the assessed value of the new homestead shall be the just value of the new homestead minus an amount equal to the lesser of \$500,000 or the difference between the just value and the assessed value of the prior homestead as of January 1 of the year in which the prior homestead was abandoned. Thereafter, the homestead shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

2. If the just value of the new homestead is less than the just value of the prior homestead as of January 1 of the year in which the prior homestead was abandoned, the assessed value of the new homestead shall be equal to the just value of the new homestead divided by the just value of the prior homestead and multiplied by the assessed value of the prior homestead. However, if the difference between the just value of the new homestead and the assessed value of the new homestead calculated pursuant to this sub-subparagraph is greater than \$500,000, the assessed value of the new homestead shall be increased so that the difference between the just value and the assessed value equals \$500,000. Thereafter, the homestead shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

b. By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, the legislature shall provide for application of this paragraph to property owned by more than one person.

(e) The legislature may, by general law, for assessment purposes and subject to the provisions of this subsection, allow counties and municipalities to authorize by ordinance that historic property may be assessed solely on the basis of character or use. Such character or use assessment shall apply only to the jurisdiction adopting the ordinance. The requirements for eligible properties must be specified by general law.

(f) A county may, in the manner prescribed by general law, provide for a reduction in the assessed value of homestead property to the extent of any increase in the assessed value of that property which results from the construction or reconstruction of the property for the purpose of providing living quarters for one or more natural or adoptive grandparents or parents of the owner of the property or of the owner's spouse if at least one of the grandparents or parents for whom the living quarters are provided is 62 years of age or older. Such a reduction may not exceed the lesser of the following:

(1) The increase in assessed value resulting from construction or reconstruction of the property.

(2) Twenty percent of the total assessed value of the property as improved.

(g) For all levies other than school district levies, assessments of residential real property, as defined by general law, which contains nine units or fewer and which is not subject to the assessment limitations set forth in subsections (a) through (d) shall change only as provided in this subsection.

(1) Assessments subject to this subsection shall be changed annually on the date of assessment provided by law. ~~However, but~~ those changes in assessments ~~may shall~~ not exceed 5 ~~ten~~ percent (~~10%~~) of the assessment for the prior year. ~~The legislature may provide by general law that, except for changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to property assessed as provided in paragraph (4), an assessment may not increase if the just value of the property is less than the just value of the property on the preceding date of assessment provided by law.~~

(2) ~~An~~ ~~No~~ assessment may not ~~shall~~ exceed just value.

(3) After a change of ownership or control, as defined by general law, including any change of ownership of a legal entity that owns the property, such property shall be assessed at just value as of the next assessment date. Thereafter, such property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(4) Changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to such property shall be assessed as provided for by general law; However, after the adjustment for any change, addition, reduction, or improvement, the property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(h) For all levies other than school district levies, assessments of real property that is not subject to the assessment limitations set forth in subsections (a) through (d) and (g) shall change only as provided in this subsection.

(1) Assessments subject to this subsection shall be changed annually on the date of assessment provided by law. However; but those changes in assessments may shall not exceed 5 ten percent (10%) of the assessment for the prior year. The legislature may provide by general law that, except for changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to property assessed as provided in paragraph (5), an assessment may not increase if the just value of the property is less than the just value of the property on the preceding date of assessment provided by law.

(2) An No assessment may not shall exceed just value.

(3) The legislature must provide that such property shall be assessed at just value as of the next assessment date after a qualifying improvement, as defined by general law, is made to such property. Thereafter, such property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(4) The legislature may provide that such property shall be assessed at just value as of the next assessment date after a change of ownership or control, as defined by general law, including any change of ownership of the legal entity that owns the property. Thereafter, such property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(5) Changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to such property shall be assessed as provided for by general law; However, after the adjustment for any change, addition, reduction, or improvement, the

property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(i) The legislature, by general law and subject to conditions specified therein, may prohibit the consideration of the following in the determination of the assessed value of real property used for residential purposes:

(1) Any change or improvement made for the purpose of improving the property's resistance to wind damage.

(2) The installation of a renewable energy source device.

(j)1) The assessment of the following working waterfront properties shall be based upon the current use of the property:

a. Land used predominantly for commercial fishing purposes.

b. Land that is accessible to the public and used for vessel launches into waters that are navigable.

c. Marinas and drystackes that are open to the public.

d. Water-dependent marine manufacturing facilities, commercial fishing facilities, and marine vessel construction and repair facilities and their support activities.

(2) The assessment benefit provided by this subsection is subject to conditions and limitations and reasonable definitions as specified by the legislature by general law.

#### SECTION 6. Homestead exemptions.—

(a) Every person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, or another legally or naturally dependent upon the owner, shall be exempt from taxation thereon, except assessments for special benefits, up to the assessed valuation of \$25,000 ~~twenty-five thousand dollars~~ and, for all levies other than school district levies, on the assessed valuation greater than \$50,000 ~~fifty thousand dollars~~ and up to \$75,000 ~~seventy-five thousand dollars~~, upon establishment of right thereto in the manner prescribed by law. The real estate may be held by legal or equitable title, by the entireties, jointly, in common, as a condominium, or indirectly by stock ownership or membership representing the owner's or member's proprietary interest in a corporation owning a fee or a leasehold initially in excess of 98 ~~ninety-eight~~ years. The exemption shall not apply with respect to any assessment roll until such roll is first determined to be in compliance with the provisions of Section 4 by a state agency designated by general law. This exemption is repealed on the effective date of any amendment to this Article which provides for the assessment of homestead property at less than just value.

(b) Not more than one exemption shall be allowed any individual or family unit or with respect to any residential unit. No exemption shall exceed the value of the real estate assessable to the owner or, in case of ownership through stock or membership in a corporation, the value of the proportion which the interest in the corporation bears to the assessed value of the property.

(c) By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, the legislature may provide to renters, who are permanent residents, ad valorem tax relief on all ad valorem tax levies. Such ad valorem tax relief shall be in the form and amount established by general law.

(d) The legislature may, by general law, allow counties or municipalities, for the purpose of their respective tax levies and subject to the provisions of general law, to grant an additional homestead tax exemption not exceeding \$50,000 ~~fifty thousand dollars~~ to any person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner and who has attained age 65 ~~sixty-five~~ and whose household income, as defined by general law, does not exceed \$20,000 ~~twenty thousand dollars~~. The general law must allow counties and municipalities to grant this additional exemption, within the limits prescribed in this subsection, by ordinance adopted in the manner prescribed by general law, and must provide for the periodic adjustment of the income limitation prescribed in this subsection for changes in the cost of living.

(e) Each veteran who is age 65 or older who is partially or totally permanently disabled shall receive a discount from the amount of the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homestead property the veteran owns and resides in if the disability was combat related, the veteran was a resident of this state at the time of entering the military service of the United States, and the veteran was honorably discharged upon separation from military service. The discount shall be in a percentage equal to the percentage of the veteran's permanent, service-connected disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. To qualify for the discount granted by this subsection, an applicant must submit to the county property appraiser, by March 1, proof of residency at the time of entering military service, an official letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs stating the percentage of the veteran's service-connected disability and such evidence that reasonably identifies the disability as combat related, and a copy of the veteran's honorable discharge. If the property appraiser denies the request for a discount, the appraiser must notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the denial, and the veteran may reapply. The legislature may, by general law, waive the annual application requirement in subsequent years. This subsection shall take effect December 7, 2006, is self-executing, and does not require implementing legislation.

(f) ~~As provided by general law and subject to conditions specified therein, every person who establishes the right to receive the homestead exemption provided in subsection (a) within 1 year after purchasing the homestead property and who has not owned property in the previous 3 calendar years to which the homestead exemption provided in subsection (a) applied is entitled to an additional homestead exemption for all levies except school district levies. The additional exemption is an amount equal to 50 percent of the homestead property's just value on January 1 of the year the homestead is established. The additional exemption may not exceed the median just value of all homestead property within the county where the property at issue is located for the calendar year immediately preceding January 1 of the year the homestead is established. The additional exemption shall apply for a period of 5 years or until the year the property is sold, whichever occurs first. The amount of the additional exemption shall be reduced in each subsequent year by an amount equal to 20 percent of the amount of the additional exemption received in the year the homestead was established or by an amount equal to the difference between the just value of the property and the assessed value of the property determined under Section 4(d), whichever is greater. Not more than one exemption provided under this subsection shall be allowed per homestead property at one time. The additional exemption applies to property purchased on or after January 1, 2011, if this amendment is approved at a special election held on the date of the 2012 presidential preference primary, or to property purchased on or after January 1, 2012, if this amendment is approved at the 2012 general election, but the additional exemption is not available in the sixth and subsequent years after it is first received.~~

### ARTICLE XII SCHEDULE

SECTION 27. Property tax exemptions and limitations on property tax assessments.—The amendments to Sections 3, 4, and 6 of Article VII, providing a \$25,000 exemption for tangible personal property, providing an additional \$25,000 homestead exemption, authorizing transfer of the accrued benefit from the limitations on the assessment of homestead property, and this section, if submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at a special election authorized by

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law to be held on January 29, 2008, shall take effect upon approval by the electors and shall operate retroactively to January 1, 2008, or, if submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next general election, shall take effect January 1 of the year following such general election. The amendments to Section 4 of Article VII creating subsections (f) and (g) of that section, creating a limitation on annual assessment increases for specified real property, shall take effect upon approval of the electors and shall first limit assessments beginning January 1, 2009, if approved at a special election held on January 29, 2008, or shall first limit assessments beginning January 1, 2010, if approved at the general election held in November of 2008. Subsections (g) (4) and (h) (4) of Section 4 of Article VII, initially adopted as subsections (f) and (g), are repealed effective January 1, 2023 2019; however, the legislature shall by joint resolution propose an amendment abrogating the repeal of subsections (g) (4) and (h) (4), which shall be submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the general election of 2022 2018 and, if approved, shall take effect January 1, 2023 2019.

**SECTION 32. Property assessments.—This section and the amendment of Section 4 of Article VII addressing homestead and specified nonhomestead property having a declining just value and reducing the limit on the maximum annual increase in the assessed value of nonhomestead property, if submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at a special election authorized by law to be held on the date of the 2012 presidential preference primary, shall take effect upon approval by the electors and shall operate retroactively to January 1, 2012, or, if submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the 2012 general election, shall take effect January 1, 2013.**

**SECTION 33. Additional homestead exemption for owners of homestead property who recently have not owned homestead property.—This section and the amendment to Section 6 of Article VII providing for an additional homestead exemption for owners of homestead property who have not owned homestead property during the 3 calendar years immediately preceding purchase of the current homestead property, if submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at a special election authorized by law to be held on the date of the 2012 presidential preference primary, shall take effect upon approval by the electors and operate retroactively to January 1, 2012, and the additional homestead exemption shall be available for properties purchased on or after January 1, 2011, or if submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the 2012 general election, shall take effect January 1, 2013, and the additional homestead exemption shall be available for properties purchased on or after January 1, 2012.**

## NO. 5 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE V, SECTIONS 2, 11, AND 12 (Legislative)

### Ballot Title: STATE COURTS.—

**Ballot Summary:** Proposing a revision of Article V of the State Constitution relating to the judiciary.

The State Constitution authorizes the Supreme Court to adopt rules for the practice and procedure in all courts. The constitution further provides that a rule of court may be repealed by a general law enacted by a two-thirds vote of the membership of each house of the Legislature. This proposed constitutional revision eliminates the requirement that a general law repealing a court rule pass by a two-thirds vote of each house, thereby providing that the Legislature may repeal a rule of court by a general law approved by a majority vote of each house of the Legislature that expresses the policy behind the repeal. The court could readopt the rule in conformity with the public policy expressed by the Legislature, but if the Legislature determines that a rule has been readopted and repeals the readopted rule, this proposed revision prohibits the court from further readopting the repealed rule without the Legislature's prior approval. Under current law, rules of the judicial nominating commissions and the Judicial Qualifications Commission may be repealed by general law enacted by a majority vote of the membership of each house of the Legislature. Under this proposed revision, a vote to repeal those rules is changed to repeal by general law enacted by a majority vote of the legislators present.

Under current law, the Governor appoints a justice of the Supreme Court from a list of nominees provided by a judicial nominating commission, and appointments by the Governor are not subject to confirmation. This revision requires Senate confirmation of a justice of the Supreme Court before the appointee can take office. If the Senate votes not to confirm the appointment, the judicial nominating commission must reconvene and may not renominate any person whose prior appointment to fill the same vacancy was not confirmed by the Senate. For the purpose of confirmation, the Senate may meet at any time. If the Senate fails to vote on the appointment of a justice within 90 days, the justice will be deemed confirmed and will take office.

The Judicial Qualifications Commission is an independent commission created by the State Constitution to investigate and prosecute before the Florida Supreme Court alleged misconduct by a justice or judge. Currently under the constitution, commission proceedings are confidential until formal charges are filed by the investigative panel of the commission. Once formal charges are filed, the formal charges and all further proceedings of the commission are public. Currently, the constitution authorizes the House of Representatives to impeach a justice or judge. Further, the Speaker of the House of Representatives may request, and the Judicial Qualifications Commission must make available, all information in the commission's possession for use in deciding whether to impeach a justice or judge. This proposed revision requires the commission to make all of its files available to the Speaker of the House of Representatives but provides that such files would remain confidential during any investigation by the House of Representatives and until such information is used in the pursuit of an impeachment of a justice or judge. This revision also removes the power of the Governor to request files of the Judicial Qualifications Commission to conform to a prior constitutional change.

This revision also makes technical and clarifying additions and deletions relating to the selection of chief judges of a circuit and relating to the Judicial Qualifications Commission, and makes other nonsubstantive conforming and technical changes in the judicial article of the constitution.

### Full Text:

#### ARTICLE V JUDICIARY

**SECTION 2. Administration; practice and procedure.—**

(a) The supreme court shall adopt rules for the practice and procedure in all courts including the time for seeking appellate review, the administrative supervision of all courts, the transfer to the court having jurisdiction of any proceeding when the jurisdiction of another court has been improvidently invoked, and a requirement that no cause shall be dismissed because an improper remedy has been sought. The supreme court shall adopt rules to allow ~~it the court~~ and the district courts of appeal to submit questions relating to military law to the federal Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces for an advisory opinion. Rules of court may be repealed by general law that expresses the policy behind the repeal ~~enacted by two thirds vote of the membership of each house of the legislature. The court may readopt the repealed rule only in conformi-~~

ty with the public policy expressed by the legislature. If the legislature determines that a rule has been readopted and repeals the readopted rule, the rule may not be readopted thereafter without prior approval of the legislature.

(b) The chief justice of the supreme court shall be chosen by a majority of the members of the court; shall be the chief administrative officer of the judicial system; and shall have the power to assign justices or judges, including consenting retired justices or judges, to temporary duty in any court for which the judge is qualified and to delegate to a chief judge of a judicial circuit the power to assign judges for duty in that circuit.

(c) A chief judge for each district court of appeal shall be chosen by a majority of the judges thereof or, if there is no majority, by the chief justice. The chief judge shall be responsible for the administrative supervision of the court.

(d) A chief judge in each circuit shall be chosen from among the circuit judges as provided by supreme court rule. The chief judge of a circuit shall be responsible for the administrative supervision of the circuit courts and county courts in the ~~his~~ circuit.

#### SECTION 11. Vacancies.—

(a) Whenever a vacancy occurs in a judicial office to which election for retention applies, the governor shall fill the vacancy by appointing for a term ending on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January of the year following the next general election occurring at least one year after the date of appointment, one of not fewer than three persons nor more than six persons nominated by the appropriate judicial nominating commission.

(b) The governor shall fill each vacancy on a circuit court or on a county court, wherein the judges are elected by a majority vote of the electors, by appointing for a term ending on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January of the year following the next primary and general election occurring at least one year after the date of appointment, one of not fewer than three persons nor more than six persons nominated by the appropriate judicial nominating commission. An election shall be held to fill that judicial office for the term of the office beginning at the end of the appointed term.

(c) The nominations shall be made within thirty days from the occurrence of a vacancy unless the period is extended by the governor for a time not to exceed thirty days. The governor shall make the appointment within sixty days after the nominations have been certified to the governor.

(d) Each appointment of a justice of the supreme court is subject to confirmation by the senate. The senate may sit for the purpose of confirmation regardless of whether the house of representatives is in session or not. If the senate fails to vote on the appointment of a justice within 90 days, the justice shall be deemed confirmed. If the senate votes to not confirm the appointment, the supreme court judicial nominating commission shall reconvene as though a new vacancy had occurred but may not renominate any person whose prior appointment to fill the same vacancy was not confirmed by the senate. The appointment of a justice is effective upon confirmation by the senate.

~~(e) There shall be a separate judicial nominating commission as provided by general law for the supreme court, one for each district court of appeal, and one for each judicial circuit for all trial courts within the circuit. Uniform rules of procedure shall be established by the judicial nominating commissions at each level of the court system. Such rules, or any part thereof, may be repealed by general law enacted by a majority vote of the membership of each house of the legislature, or by the supreme court, five justices concurring. Except for deliberations of the judicial nominating commissions, the proceedings of the commissions and their records shall be open to the public.~~

**SECTION 12. Discipline; removal and retirement.—**

(a) **JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION.—**A judicial qualifications commission is created.

(1) There shall be a judicial qualifications commission vested with jurisdiction to investigate and recommend to the Supreme Court of Florida the removal from office of any justice or judge whose conduct, during term of office or otherwise, ~~occurring on or after November 1, 1966, (without regard to the effective date of this section)~~ demonstrates a present unfitness to hold office, and to investigate and recommend the discipline of a justice or judge whose conduct, during term of office or otherwise ~~occurring on or after November 1, 1966 (without regard to the effective date of this section)~~, warrants such discipline. For purposes of this section, discipline is defined as any or all of the following: reprimand, fine, suspension with or without pay, or lawyer discipline. The commission shall have jurisdiction over justices and judges regarding allegations that misconduct occurred before or during service as a justice or judge if a complaint is made no later than one year following service as a justice or judge. The commission shall have jurisdiction regarding allegations of incapacity during service as a justice or judge. The commission shall be composed of:

a. Two judges of district courts of appeal selected by the judges of those courts, two circuit judges selected by the judges of the circuit courts and two judges of county courts selected by the judges of those courts;

b. Four electors who reside in the state, who are members of the bar of Florida, and who shall be chosen by the governing body of the bar of Florida; and

c. Five electors who reside in the state, who have never held judicial office or been members of the bar of Florida, and who shall be appointed by the governor.

(2) The members of the judicial qualifications commission shall serve staggered terms, not to exceed six years, as prescribed by general law. No member of the commission except a judge shall be eligible for state judicial office while acting as a member of the commission and for a period of two years thereafter. No member of the commission shall hold office in a political party or participate in any campaign for judicial office or hold public office; provided that a judge may campaign for judicial office and hold that office. The commission shall elect one of its members as its chairperson.

(3) Members of the judicial qualifications commission not subject to impeachment shall be subject to removal from the commission pursuant to the provisions of Article IV, Section 7, Florida Constitution.

(4) The commission shall adopt rules regulating its proceedings, the filling of vacancies by the appointing authorities, the disqualification of members, the rotation of members between the panels, and the temporary replacement of disqualified or incapacitated members. The commission's rules, or any part thereof, may be repealed by general law ~~enacted by a majority vote of the membership of each house of the legislature, or by the supreme court, five justices concurring. The commission shall have power to issue subpoenas. Until formal charges against a justice or judge are filed by the investigative panel with the clerk of the supreme court of Florida all proceedings by or before the commission shall be confidential; provided, however, upon a finding of probable cause and the filing by the investigative panel with said clerk of such formal charges against a justice or judge such charges and all further proceedings before the commission shall be public.~~

(5) The commission shall have access to all information from all executive, legislative and judicial agencies, including grand juries, subject to the rules of the commission. At any time, on request of the speaker of the house of representatives ~~or the governor~~, the commission shall make available to the house of representatives all information in the possession of the commission, which information shall remain confi-

dential during any investigation and until such information is used in the pursuit for use in consideration of impeachment or suspension, respectively.

(b) **PANELS.—**The commission shall be divided into an investigative panel and a hearing panel as established by rule of the commission. The investigative panel is vested with the jurisdiction to receive or initiate complaints, conduct investigations, dismiss complaints, and upon a vote of a simple majority of the panel submit formal charges to the hearing panel. The hearing panel is vested with the authority to receive and hear formal charges from the investigative panel and upon a two-thirds vote of the panel recommend to the supreme court the removal of a justice or judge or the involuntary retirement of a justice or judge for any permanent disability that seriously interferes with the performance of judicial duties. Upon a simple majority vote of the membership of the hearing panel, the panel may recommend to the supreme court that the justice or judge be subject to appropriate discipline.

(c) **SUPREME COURT.—**The supreme court shall receive recommendations from the judicial qualifications commission's hearing panel.

(1) The supreme court may accept, reject, or modify in whole or in part the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the commission and it may order that the justice or judge be subjected to appropriate discipline, or be removed from office with termination of compensation for willful or persistent failure to perform judicial duties or for other conduct unbecoming a member of the judiciary demonstrating a present unfitness to hold office, or be involuntarily retired for any permanent disability that seriously interferes with the performance of judicial duties. Malafides, scienter or moral turpitude on the part of a justice or judge shall not be required for removal from office of a justice or judge whose conduct demonstrates a present unfitness to hold office. After the filing of a formal proceeding and upon request of the investigative panel, the supreme court may suspend the justice or judge from office, with or without compensation, pending final determination of the inquiry.

(2) The supreme court may award costs to the prevailing party.

(d) **REMOVAL POWER.—**The power of removal conferred by this section shall be both alternative and cumulative to the power of impeachment.

(e) **PROCEEDINGS INVOLVING SUPREME COURT JUSTICE.—**Notwithstanding any of the foregoing provisions of this section, if the person who is the subject of proceedings by the judicial qualifications commission is a justice of the supreme court of Florida all justices of such court automatically shall be disqualified to sit as justices of such court with respect to all proceedings therein concerning such person and the supreme court for such purposes shall be composed of a panel consisting of the seven chief judges of the judicial circuits of the state of Florida most senior in tenure of judicial office as circuit judge. For purposes of determining seniority of such circuit judges in the event there be judges of equal tenure in judicial office as circuit judge the judge or judges from the lower numbered circuit or circuits shall be deemed senior. In the event any such chief circuit judge is under investigation by the judicial qualifications commission or is otherwise disqualified or unable to serve on the panel, the next most senior chief circuit judge or judges shall serve in place of such disqualified or disabled chief circuit judge.

(f) **SCHEDULE TO SECTION 12.—**

(1) Except to the extent inconsistent with the provisions of this section, all provisions of law and rules of court in force on the effective date of this article shall continue in effect until superseded in the manner authorized by the constitution.

(2) After this section becomes effective and until adopted by rule of the commission consistent with it:

a. The commission shall be divided, as determined by the chairperson, into one investigative panel and one hearing panel to meet the responsibilities set forth in this section.

b. The investigative panel shall be composed of:

1. Four judges,
2. Two members of the bar of Florida, and
3. Three non-lawyers.

c. The hearing panel shall be composed of:

1. Two judges,
2. Two members of the bar of Florida, and
3. Two non-lawyers.

d. Membership on the panels may rotate in a manner determined by the rules of the commission provided that no member shall vote as a member of the investigative and hearing panel on the same proceeding.

e. The commission shall hire separate staff for each panel.

f. The members of the commission shall serve for staggered terms of six years.

~~g. The terms of office of the present members of the judicial qualifications commission shall expire upon the effective date of the amendments to this section approved by the legislature during the regular session of the legislature in 1996 and new members shall be appointed to serve the following staggered terms:~~

~~1. Group I. The terms of five members, composed of two electors as set forth in s. 12(a)(1)c. of Article V, one member of the bar of Florida as set forth in s. 12(a)(1)b. of Article V, one judge from the district courts of appeal and one circuit judge as set forth in s. 12(a)(1)a. of Article V, shall expire on December 31, 1998.~~

~~2. Group II. The terms of five members, composed of one elector as set forth in s. 12(a)(1)c. of Article V, two members of the bar of Florida as set forth in s. 12(a)(1)b. of Article V, one circuit judge and one county judge as set forth in s. 12(a)(1)a. of Article V shall expire on December 31, 2000.~~

~~3. Group III. The terms of five members, composed of two electors as set forth in s. 12(a)(1)c. of Article V, one member of the bar of Florida as set forth in s. 12(a)(1)b. of Article V, one judge from the district courts of appeal and one county judge as set forth in s. 12(a)(1)a. of Article V, shall expire on December 31, 2002.~~

~~g.h. An appointment to fill a vacancy of the commission shall be for the remainder of the term.~~

~~h.i. Selection of members by district courts of appeal judges, circuit judges, and county court judges, shall be by no less than a majority of the members voting at the respective courts' conferences. Selection of members by the board of governors of the bar of Florida shall be by no less than a majority of the board.~~

~~i.j. The commission shall be entitled to recover the costs of investigation and prosecution, in addition to any penalty levied by the supreme court.~~

~~i.k. The compensation of members and referees shall be the travel expenses or transportation and per diem allowance as provided by general law.~~

## NO. 6 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE I, SECTION 28 (Legislative)

**Ballot Title:** PROHIBITION ON PUBLIC FUNDING OF ABORTIONS; CONSTRUCTION OF ABORTION RIGHTS.—

**Ballot Summary:** This proposed amendment provides that public funds may not be expended for any abortion or for health-benefits coverage that includes coverage of abortion. This prohibition does not apply to an expenditure required by federal law, a case in which a woman suffers from a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness that would place her in danger of death unless an abortion is performed, or a case of rape or incest.

This proposed amendment provides that the State Constitution may not be interpreted to create broader rights to an abortion than those contained in the Unit-

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ed States Constitution. With respect to abortion, this proposed amendment overrules court decisions which conclude that the right of privacy under Article I, Section 23 of the State Constitution is broader in scope than that of the United States Constitution.

### Full Text:

#### ARTICLE I DECLARATION OF RIGHTS

SECTION 28. Prohibition on public funding of abortions; construction of abortion rights.—

(a) Public funds may not be expended for any abortion or for health-benefits coverage that includes coverage of abortion. This subsection does not apply to:

(1) An expenditure required by federal law;

(2) A case in which a woman suffers from a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness, including a life-endangering, physical condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself, which would, as certified by a physician, place the woman in danger of death unless an abortion is performed; or

(3) A pregnancy that results from rape or incest.

(b) This constitution may not be interpreted to create broader rights to an abortion than those contained in the United States Constitution.

#### NO. 8 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE I, SECTION 3 (Legislative)

### Ballot Title: RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.—

**Ballot Summary:** Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution providing that no individual or entity may be denied, on the basis of religious identity or belief, governmental benefits, funding or other support, except as required by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, and deleting the prohibition against using revenues from the public treasury directly or indirectly in aid of any church, sect, or religious denomination or in aid of any sectarian institution.

### Full Text:

#### ARTICLE I DECLARATION OF RIGHTS

SECTION 3. Religious freedom.—There shall be no law respecting the establishment of religion or prohibiting or penalizing the free exercise thereof. Religious freedom shall not justify practices inconsistent with public morals, peace, or safety. Except to the extent required by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, neither the government nor any agent of the government may deny to any individual or entity the benefits of any program, funding, or other support on the basis of religious identity or belief. No revenue of the state or any political subdivision or agency thereof shall ever be taken from the public treasury directly or indirectly in aid of any church, sect, or religious denomination or in aid of any sectarian institution.

#### NO. 9 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 6 ARTICLE XII, SECTION 32 (Legislative)

**Ballot Title:** HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR SURVIVING SPOUSE OF MILITARY VETERAN OR FIRST RESPONDER.—

**Ballot Summary:** Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to authorize the Legislature to provide by general law ad valorem homestead property tax relief to the surviving spouse of a military veteran who died from service-connected causes while on active duty or to the surviving spouse of a first responder who died in the line of duty. The amendment authorizes the Legislature to totally exempt or partially exempt such surviving spouse's homestead property from ad valorem taxation. The amendment defines a first responder as a law enforcement officer, a correctional officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, or a paramedic. This amendment shall take effect January 1, 2013.

### Full Text:

#### ARTICLE VII FINANCE AND TAXATION

### SECTION 6. Homestead exemptions.—

(a) Every person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, or another legally or naturally dependent upon the owner, shall be exempt from taxation thereon, except assessments for special benefits, up to the assessed valuation of twenty-five thousand dollars and, for all levies other than school district levies, on the assessed valuation greater than fifty thousand dollars and up to seventy-five thousand dollars, upon establishment of right thereto in the manner prescribed by law. The real estate may be held by legal or equitable title, by the entireties, jointly, in common, as a condominium, or indirectly by stock ownership or membership representing the owner's or member's proprietary interest in a corporation owning a fee or a leasehold initially in excess of ninety-eight years. The exemption shall not apply with respect to any assessment roll until such roll is first determined to be in compliance with the provisions of section 4 by a state agency designated by general law. This exemption is repealed on the effective date of any amendment to this Article which provides for the assessment of homestead property at less than just value.

(b) Not more than one exemption shall be allowed any individual or family unit or with respect to any residential unit. No exemption shall exceed the value of the real estate assessable to the owner or, in case of ownership through stock or membership in a corporation, the value of the proportion which the interest in the corporation bears to the assessed value of the property.

(c) By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, the Legislature may provide to renters, who are permanent residents, ad valorem tax relief on all ad valorem tax levies. Such ad valorem tax relief shall be in the form and amount established by general law.

(d) The legislature may, by general law, allow counties or municipalities, for the purpose of their respective tax levies and subject to the provisions of general law, to grant an additional homestead tax exemption not exceeding fifty thousand dollars to any person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner and who has attained age sixty-five and whose household income, as defined by general law, does not exceed twenty thousand dollars. The general law must allow counties and municipalities to grant this additional exemption, within the limits prescribed in this subsection, by ordinance adopted in the manner prescribed by general law, and must provide for the periodic adjustment of the income limitation prescribed in this subsection for changes in the cost of living.

(e) Each veteran who is age 65 or older who is partially or totally permanently disabled shall receive a discount from the amount of the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homestead property the veteran owns and resides in if the disability was combat related, the veteran was a resident of this state at the time of entering the military service of the United States, and the veteran was honorably discharged upon separation from military service. The discount shall be in a percentage equal to the percentage of the veteran's permanent, service-connected disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. To qualify for the discount granted by this subsection, an applicant must submit to the county property appraiser, by March 1, proof of residency at the time of entering military service, an official letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs stating the percentage of the veteran's service-connected disability and such evidence that reasonably identifies the disability as combat related, and a copy of the veteran's honorable discharge. If the property appraiser denies the request for a discount, the appraiser must notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the denial, and the veteran may reapply. The Legislature may, by general law, waive the annual application requirement in subsequent years. This subsection shall take effect December 7, 2006, is self-executing, and does not require implementing legislation.

(f) By general law and subject to conditions and limitations specified therein, the Legislature may provide ad valorem tax relief equal to the total amount or a portion

of the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homestead property to the:

(1) Surviving spouse of a veteran who died from service-connected causes while on active duty as a member of the United States Armed Forces.

(2) Surviving spouse of a first responder who died in the line of duty.

(3) As used in this subsection and as further defined by general law, the term:

a. "First responder" means a law enforcement officer, a correctional officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, or a paramedic.

b. "In the line of duty" means arising out of and in the actual performance of duty required by employment as a first responder.

#### ARTICLE XII SCHEDULE

SECTION 32. Ad valorem tax relief for surviving spouses of veterans who died from service-connected causes and first responders who died in the line of duty.— This section and the amendment to Section 6 of Article VII permitting the legislature to provide ad valorem tax relief to surviving spouses of veterans who died from service-connected causes and first responders who died in the line of duty shall take effect January 1, 2013.

#### NO. 10 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 3 ARTICLE XII, SECTION 32 (Legislative)

### Ballot Title: TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION.—

**Ballot Summary:** Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to:

(1) Provide an exemption from ad valorem taxes levied by counties, municipalities, school districts, and other local governments on tangible personal property if the assessed value of an owner's tangible personal property is greater than \$25,000 but less than \$50,000. This new exemption, if approved by the voters, will take effect on January 1, 2013, and apply to the 2013 tax roll and subsequent tax rolls.

(2) Authorize a county or municipality for the purpose of its respective levy, and as provided by general law, to provide tangible personal property tax exemptions by ordinance. This is in addition to other statewide tangible personal property tax exemptions provided by the Constitution and this amendment.

### Full Text:

#### ARTICLE VII FINANCE AND TAXATION

### SECTION 3. Taxes; exemptions.—

(a) All property owned by a municipality and used exclusively by it for municipal or public purposes shall be exempt from taxation. A municipality, owning property outside the municipality, may be required by general law to make payment to the taxing unit in which the property is located. Such portions of property as are used predominantly for educational, literary, scientific, religious or charitable purposes may be exempted by general law from taxation.

(b) There shall be exempt from taxation, cumulatively, to every head of a family residing in this state, household goods and personal effects to the value fixed by general law, not less than one thousand dollars, and to every widow or widower or person who is blind or totally and permanently disabled, property to the value fixed by general law not less than five hundred dollars.

(c) Any county or municipality may, for the purpose of its respective tax levy and subject to the provisions of this subsection and general law, grant community and economic development ad valorem tax exemptions to new businesses and expansions of existing businesses, as defined by general law. Such an exemption may be granted only by ordinance of the county or municipality, and only after the electors of the county or municipality voting on such question in a referendum authorize the county or municipality to adopt such ordinances. An exemption so granted shall apply to improvements to real property made by or for the use of a new business and improvements to real property related to the expansion of an existing business and shall also apply to tangible personal property of such new business and tangible personal property related to the expansion of an existing business. The amount or limits of the amount of such exemption shall be specified by general law. The period of time for which such exemption may be granted to a new business or expansion of an existing business shall be determined by general law. The authority to grant such exemption shall expire ten years from the date of approval by the electors of the county or municipality, and may be renewable by referendum as provided by general law.

(d) Any county or municipality may, for the purpose of its respective tax levy and subject to the provisions of this subsection and general law, grant historic preservation ad valorem tax exemptions to owners of historic properties. This exemption may be granted only by ordinance of the county or municipality. The amount or limits of the amount of this exemption and the requirements for eligible properties must be specified by general law. The period of time for which this exemption may be granted to a property owner shall be determined by general law.

(e) (1) By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, twenty-five thousand dollars of the assessed value of tangible personal property is subject to tangible personal property tax shall be exempt from ad valorem taxation. Tangible personal property is also exempt from ad valorem taxation if the assessed value of such property is greater than twenty-five thousand dollars but less than fifty thousand dollars.

(2) A county or municipality may, for the purposes of its respective tax levy, provide additional tangible personal property tax exemptions by ordinance, subject to this subsection and as provided in general law.

(f) There shall be granted an ad valorem tax exemption for real property dedicated in perpetuity for conservation purposes, including real property encumbered by perpetual conservation easements or by other perpetual conservation protections, as defined by general law.

(g) By general law and subject to the conditions specified therein, each person who receives a homestead exemption as provided in section 6 of this article; who was a member of the United States military or military reserves, the United States Coast Guard or its reserves, or the Florida National Guard; and who was deployed during the preceding calendar year on active duty outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii in support of military operations designated by the legislature shall receive an additional exemption equal to a percentage of the taxable value of his or her homestead property. The applicable percentage shall be calculated as the number of days during the preceding calendar year the person was deployed on active duty outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii in support of military operations designated by the legislature divided by the number of days in that year.

#### ARTICLE XII SCHEDULE

SECTION 32. Tangible personal property; ad valorem tax exemption.— The amendment to Section 3 of Article VII providing that property is exempt from tangible personal property tax if the assessed value of such property is greater than twenty-five thousand dollars but less than fifty thousand dollars shall take effect January 1, 2013, and applies to assessments for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2013.

#### NO. 11 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 6 (Legislative)

**Ballot Title:** ADDITIONAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION; LOW-INCOME SENIORS WHO MAINTAIN LONG-TERM RESIDENCY ON PROPERTY; EQUAL TO ASSESSED VALUE.—

**Ballot Summary:** Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to authorize the Legislature, by general law and subject to conditions set forth in the general law, to allow counties and municipalities to grant an additional homestead tax exemption equal to the assessed val-

ue of homestead property if the property has a just value less than \$250,000 to an owner who has maintained permanent residency on the property for not less than 25 years, who has attained age 65, and who has a low household income as defined by general law.

### Full Text:

#### ARTICLE VII FINANCE AND TAXATION

### SECTION 6. Homestead exemptions.—

(a) Every person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, or another legally or naturally dependent upon the owner, shall be exempt from taxation thereon, except assessments for special benefits, up to the assessed valuation of twenty-five thousand dollars and, for all levies other than school district levies, on the assessed valuation greater than fifty thousand dollars and up to seventy-five thousand dollars, upon establishment of right thereto in the manner prescribed by law. The real estate may be held by legal or equitable title, by the entireties, jointly, in common, as a condominium, or indirectly by stock ownership or membership representing the owner's or member's proprietary interest in a corporation owning a fee or a leasehold initially in excess of ninety-eight years. The exemption shall not apply with respect to any assessment roll until such roll is first determined to be in compliance with the provisions of section 4 by a state agency designated by general law. This exemption is repealed on the effective date of any amendment to this Article which provides for the assessment of homestead property at less than just value.

(b) Not more than one exemption shall be allowed any individual or family unit or with respect to any residential unit. No exemption shall exceed the value of the real estate assessable to the owner or, in case of ownership through stock or membership in a corporation, the value of the proportion which the interest in the corporation bears to the assessed value of the property.

(c) By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, the Legislature may provide to renters, who are permanent residents, ad valorem tax relief on all ad valorem tax levies. Such ad valorem tax relief shall be in the form and amount established by general law.

(d) The legislature may, by general law, allow counties or municipalities, for the purpose of their respective tax levies and subject to the provisions of general law, to grant either or both of the following additional homestead tax exemptions:

(1) An exemption not exceeding fifty thousand dollars to any person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner and who has attained age sixty-five and whose household income, as defined by general law, does not exceed twenty thousand dollars; or—

(2) An exemption equal to the assessed value of the property to any person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate with a just value less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars and who has maintained thereon the permanent residence of the owner for not less than twenty-five years and who has attained age sixty-five and whose household income does not exceed the income limitation prescribed in paragraph (1).

The general law must allow counties and municipalities to grant these additional exemptions exemption, within the limits prescribed in this subsection, by ordinance adopted in the manner prescribed by general law, and must provide for the periodic adjustment of the income limitation prescribed in this subsection for changes in the cost of living.

(e) Each veteran who is age 65 or older who is partially or totally permanently disabled shall receive a discount from the amount of the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homestead property the veteran owns and resides in if the disability was combat related, the veteran was a resident of this state at the time of entering the military service of the United States, and the veteran was honorably discharged upon separation from military service. The discount shall be in a percentage equal to the percentage of the veteran's permanent, service-connected disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. To qualify for the discount granted by this subsection, an applicant must submit to the county property appraiser, by March 1, proof of residency at the time of entering military service, an official letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs stating the percentage of the veteran's service-connected disability and such evidence that reasonably identifies the disability as combat related, and a copy of the veteran's honorable discharge. If the property appraiser denies the request for a discount, the appraiser must notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the denial, and the veteran may reapply. The Legislature may, by general law, waive the annual application requirement in subsequent years. This subsection shall take effect December 7, 2006, is self-executing, and does not require implementing legislation.

#### NO. 12 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE IX, SECTION 7 (Legislative)

**Ballot Title:** APPOINTMENT OF STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM.—

**Ballot Summary:** Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to replace the president of the Florida Student Association with the chair of the council of state university student body presidents as the student member of the Board of Governors of the State University System and to require that the Board of Governors organize such council of state university student body presidents.

### Full Text:

#### ARTICLE IX EDUCATION

### SECTION 7. State University System.—

(a) PURPOSES. In order to achieve excellence through teaching students, advancing research and providing public service for the benefit of Florida's citizens, their communities and economies, the people hereby establish a system of governance for the state university system of Florida.

(b) STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. There shall be a single state university system comprised of all public universities. A board of trustees shall administer each public university and a board of governors shall govern the state university system.

(c) LOCAL BOARDS OF TRUSTEES. Each local constituent university shall be administered by a board of trustees consisting of thirteen members dedicated to the purposes of the state university system. The board of governors shall establish the powers and duties of the boards of trustees. Each board of trustees shall consist of six citizen members appointed by the governor and five citizen members appointed by the board of governors. The appointed members shall be confirmed by the senate and serve staggered terms of five years as provided by law. The chair of the faculty senate, or the equivalent, and the president of the student body of the university shall also be members.

(d) STATEWIDE BOARD OF GOVERNORS. The board of governors shall be a body corporate consisting of seventeen members. The board shall operate, regulate, control, and be fully responsible for the management of the whole university system. These responsibilities shall include, but not be limited to, defining the distinctive mission of each constituent university and its articulation with free public schools and community colleges, ensuring the well-planned coordination and operation of the system, and avoiding wasteful duplication of facilities or programs. The board's management shall be subject to the powers of the legislature to appropriate for the expenditure of funds, and the board shall account for such expenditures as provided by law. The governor shall appoint to the board fourteen citizens dedicated to the purposes of the state university system. The appointed members shall be confirmed by the senate and serve staggered terms of seven years as provided by law. The commissioner of education, the chair of the advisory council of faculty senates, or the equivalent, and the chair of the council of student body presidents, which council shall be organized by the board of governors and consist of all the student body presidents of the state university system president of the Florida student association, or the equivalent, shall also be members of the board.

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# Turn Back Time

## Remembrance Of Things Past: Glenda Carroll Sirmon

By Kristin Finney  
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Glenda Carroll Sirmon spent her youth in Greenville. She attended school in Greenville from Primary to High School. She was a part of the last graduating class from Greenville before the new high school was open. Sirmon lived in Greenville from the time she was born, until 1980 when she married Johnny Sirmon. The two then moved to Madison.

Growing up in Greenville, Glenda's dad owned a farm. So, that is how she and her four siblings, two brothers and two sisters, spent a lot of their extra time. "He grew tobacco at the farm. But even when it wasn't tobacco season, we grew vegetables. We grew, picked and sold them. We all (all the brothers and sisters) did that together, so even though it was work, it was still fun," said Glenda.

During the weekends, the siblings would go skating or go see movies at the Woodard Theatre. "My parents would take all of the brothers and sisters and some of our cousins to the movie and they



Photo submitted

Glenda Carroll Sirmon lived in Greenville from the time she was born, until 1980, when she married Johnny Sirmon. The two then moved to Madison.

would wait outside till the movie was over," Glenda recalled. "We were all very close growing up. My twin sister Brenda and I had a lot of friends, but we still did everything together. Being twins, we are very close and everywhere one went, the other went. We were best friends. In our family, we never went and spent the night with friends. Everyone would come to

our house. We are very family oriented."

There have been several places come and go in Madison County over the years. Some of the ones Brenda can recall include the Woodard Theatre, the Dairy Bar, the high school in Greenville, the dry cleaners in Greenville and the Pirate Hut. The Pirate Hut was a restaurant in Greenville that was owned by the for-

mer football coach. It was named after the Greenville High School mascot, the Pirates. "We went there every day for lunch when I was in school. We would walk to town from the school every day to eat there," recalled Glenda. One of her fondest memories growing up was having Youth Rallies at churches across the county. "We had them once a month at different churches and it gave us a chance to meet new people and make new friends," Glenda recalled.

Glenda's first job after marrying Johnny was at the Dairy Bar. The Dairy Bar was located where O'Neal's is now. Then she went to work at Greenwood School, where she worked with mentally handicapped children. Then, after her oldest son, John, was born she quit work and became a stay at home mom. She stayed at home until Justin, her youngest son, was four. She then went to work at Head Start, which is where Justin went to school. Then she quit at Head Start and decided to go to Live Oak Gas, where she still works today.

There are a few ways that Glenda believes Madison has changed. One of the biggest she believes is the lack of safety. "Safety has changed a lot in Madison. There are more drugs and drinking now then there was when I was growing up." However, there are also many ways that she feels Madison has stayed the same. One of the biggest ways she feels Madison has stayed the same, is when someone passes away. "I know when there is a death in someone's family, the outpour from the community is amazing. I don't know that that goes on everywhere, but it has always been that way here. I believe that that probably won't ever change because that is just the way our community is. We enjoy gathering together and helping each other," she added.

Glenda is married to Johnny Sirmon. They have three children: John, Kristin Woyak, who is married to Nate Woyak, and Justin.

## Way Back When

September 4, 1942

Funeral services for Lt. Augustus A. Trulove, Jr., who was killed in a bomber crash near Mulberry last Thursday afternoon, were held at 5 p.m. Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church of Madison, of which he was a member, and where he attended Sunday School in his boyhood.

James Simmons of Shady Grove was a visitor in Madison Thursday.

County Commissioner Clarence Blalock was riding around town Tuesday in a horse and buggy, a new arrangement he has fitted out to stay ahead of Mr. Ickes, et al and the gas shortage.

Miss Ginger Latham returned Friday from a visit to Madison, Ga., with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. R.G. Latham.

August 31, 1962

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W. V. Bunker has been appointed manager of the Tri-County Co-op, succeeding A.L. Taylor, who has resigned.

Ashley Beggs has graduated from mortuary science school. He and his family come home today.

Arnie Medders and Edgar Barrs were injured Tuesday night on the Perry-Keaton Beach Road when the pickup truck in which they were riding overturned to avoid hitting a bog.

September 1, 1972

Mr. and Mrs. William B. Clark and also William B. Clark of Atlanta, Ga., attended the wedding Saturday of their cousin, Miss Jeannie Clark, of Tallahassee.

Mr. and Mrs. John McDowell Lester have returned from their wedding trip to Highlands, N.C. and were here with her parents a few days before entering college in Tampa.

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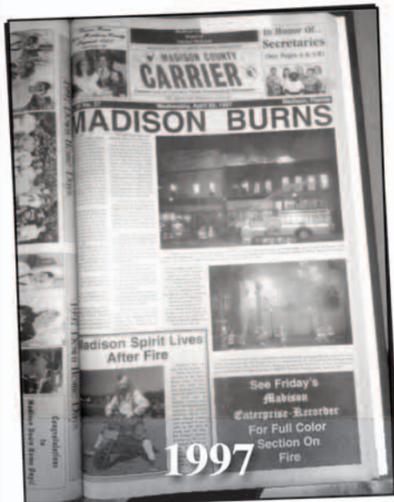


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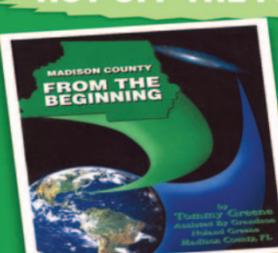
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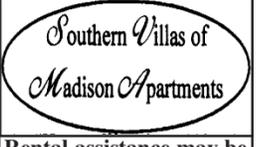
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Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. has an opening for a full-time Manager of Engineering in our Madison Office. The candidate is required to have a Bachelor Degree in Electrical Engineering (BSEE) from an ABET accredited curriculum. Five or more years of responsible electric utility experience is preferred, as well as strong supervisory experience. The candidate must also have excellent problem solving skills and be able to effectively plan, design, prepare and organize technical projects and new organization initiatives. The Cooperative offers competitive salary and benefits. Tri-County is an EOE and DFWP. Please send resume and completed Tri-County Employment Application Form, which is available at any TCEC office or online at www.tcec.com, before September 17 to: Stephanie Carroll scarroll@tcec.com Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. 2862 West US 90 Madison, FL 32340.

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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**  
**Madison County Road Department**  
**Job Title:** Truck Driver  
**Salary:** Starts at a minimum of \$11.37 per hour  
**Job Duties:** Driving pick-up trucks, dump trucks, flat bed trucks, and other type trucks with single or tandem rear axles with air brakes and standard/manual shift. May operate other light mechanized equipment such as tractors, mowers, rollers, mixers involved in construction and maintenance of roads. Duties may also include laborer work as needed to maintain work schedule, or during slack or seasonal periods. **Minimum Qualifications:** Minimum of one (1) year's experience in the operation of a combination of trucks as specified under "Job Duties". High School Diploma or its equivalent preferred. Sufficient health, physical strength, and ability to do heavy manual labor. Valid Commercial Driver's License Class A preferred. **Application Deadline:** 5:00 PM, Thursday, September 6, 2012. Employment applications may be obtained from and submitted to the County Commission Office between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday in the Courthouse Annex at 229 SW Pinckney Street, Room 219, Madison, FL 32340. For further information on the job itself, contact the Madison County Road Department office at Phone Number (850) 973-2156. Madison County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and a Drug Free Workplace.

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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**  
**Madison County Road Department**  
**Job Title: Machine Operator**

**Salary:** Starts at a minimum of \$11.37 per hour  
**Job Duties:** Miscellaneous equipment operation, performing routine maintenance and minor repairs on such equipment; performing other job duties as assigned by supervisor, including truck driving, laborer and semi-skilled assignments when necessary to maintain work schedule or during slack or seasonal periods. **Minimum Qualifications:** Minimum of two (2) years' experience operating various heavy equipment and/or heavy trucks, or any combination of education, training, and experience which provides the required knowledge, skills, and abilities. High School Diploma or its equivalent preferred. Sufficient health, physical strength, and ability to do heavy manual labor. Valid Commercial Driver's License Class A preferred. **Application Deadline:** 5:00 PM on Thursday, September 6, 2012. Employment applications may be obtained from and submitted to the County Commission Office between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday in the Courthouse Annex at 229 SW Pinckney Street, Room 219, Madison, FL 32340. For further information about the job itself, contact the Madison County Road Department Office at Phone Number (850) 973-2156. Madison County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and a Drug Free Workplace.

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**Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.**  
Position: Case Manager. Location: Suwannee/ Madison County. Responsible for client case records, client assessments, case plans, and case management for low-income individuals. Knowledge of Microsoft Office Programs, database and the ability to type 35 cwp/m. High School graduate/or related experience. Apply at or send Resume to: Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc., P.O. Box 70, 1171 Nobles Ferry Rd, NW, Bldg #2 Live Oak, FL. 32064 (386)-362-4115 Voice/TDD. Affirmative Action Employer. Deadline: September 7, 2012 no later than 12:00 P.M.

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**Job Announcement**  
**Madison County Clerk of the Circuit Court**  
**Financial Accounting Clerk**  
**Application Deadline:** September 12, 2012  
**Salary Range:** \$27,500 - \$29,500

Qualified applicants should be able to perform a variety of duties in a busy office as a team member; possess the technical skills to input and maintain accounting data on computerized accounting systems, with IBM AS400 experience a plus; be proficient in Microsoft Office software including Excel and Word, e-mail and the internet; assist with financial transactions, customer payments, reconciliations and reporting with the ability to analyze, interpret and communicate results; establish and maintain effective working relations with peers, other agencies, county officials, and the public; and attend meetings and training sessions as required. Basic knowledge of accounting obtained through technical training equivalent to an Associate's Degree or Accounting Certificate Program and two or more years work experience in governmental accounting highly preferred. Knowledge of grants accounting a plus. Applications may be obtained from and returned with attached resume to the Office of the Clerk of Circuit Court, Madison County Courthouse, 125 SW Range Avenue, Room 101, Madison, FL 32340. Applications may also be submitted with attached resume by mail to Clerk of Circuit Court, P.O. Box 237, Madison, FL 32341-0237 or by email to [tsanders@madisonclerk.com](mailto:tsanders@madisonclerk.com). The Office of the Clerk of Circuit Court is a drug free workplace and an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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## BID NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Madison County, Florida will be accepting sealed bids for the following: **Three (3) New Current Model Tandem Drive Motor Graders, Heavy Duty Category, with attachments: Caterpillar No. 120M2, John Deere 670 G, Volvo G930B or Equivalent, Bid Number 2012-05.**

Sealed bids may be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners by depositing same at the Board office located in the Madison County Courthouse Annex, Room 219, 229 SW Pinckney Street, Madison, Florida 32340, or Post Office Box 539, Madison, Florida 32341, **anytime prior to 5:00 PM on Wednesday, September 12, 2012.** ANY BID RECEIVED AFTER SUCH DATE AND TIME WILL NOT BE OPENED OR CONSIDERED. Sealed bids must be clearly marked as a sealed bid and the bid number must be printed on the outside of the front of the envelope: **Three (3) New Tandem Drive Motor Graders, Bid Number 2012-05.** BID MUST CONTAIN A COPY OF THE VENDOR'S MADISON COUNTY OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE WHERE APPLICABLE.

Bid Specifications, as well as other pertinent documents, may be obtained from the Madison County Road Department office located at 2060 NE Rocky Ford Road (C-591), 2 miles north of Madison, telephone # 850-973-2156, beginning Tuesday, September 4, 2012. Copies of Specifications are available for inspection at the County Commission Office during regular office hours.

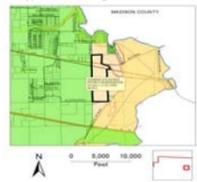
Madison County reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all bids.

Bids will be opened at 9:00 a.m. on **Thursday, September 13, 2012** after which all bids will be available for public inspection. Bid Award by the Board of County Commissioners will be during their regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Wednesday, September 19, 2012. All vendors will be notified in writing of the successful bidder.

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## NOTICE OF LAND USE CHANGE

The Board of County Commissioners of Madison County, Florida proposes to regulate the use of land within the area as shown on the map below by amending the Future Land Use Map of the Madison County Comprehensive Plan hereinafter referred to as the Comprehensive Plan, as follows: CPA 12-1, an application by the Rich Property and Investment Group, to amend the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan by changing the future land use classification from Conservation to Agriculture - I (1 dwelling unit per 40 acres) for the property described as: That portion of the West Half of Section 22, Township 1 S, Range 11 E lying north of Myrtle Street and also: The West Half of Sections 15, Township 1 S, Range 11 E, less and except: (a) right of way for US Highway 90 and (b) railroad right of way, and also: That portion of the East Half of Section 15, Township 1 S, Range 11 E, lying north of railroad right of way and south and west of the right of way for US Highway 90 and also: The south 660 feet of the Southwest Quarter of Section 10, Township 1 S, Range 11 East, all within Madison County, Florida containing 670 acres



Public Hearings concerning the amendment to consider enactment of an Ordinance to adopt the amendment will be held first with the Planning & Zoning Board on Thursday, September 13, 2012 at 5:30 pm or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard in the Board Room, Courthouse Annex, located at 229 Southwest Pinckney Street, Madison, Florida. A Public Hearing for the intent to adopt an Ordinance will be held with the Board of County Commissioners on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 4 pm or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard at the same location as above and the final Public Hearing to Adopt the Ordinance for the Land Use Change will be held on Wednesday, October 3, 2012 at 9 am or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard at the same location. The title of said Ordinance shall read, as follows:

**AN ORDINANCE OF MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE MADISON COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT OF MORE THAN TEN ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION BY RICH PROPERTY & INVESTMENT GROUP, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.316 THROUGH 163.3215, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED, PROVIDING FOR AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM CONSERVATION TO AGRICULTURE - I PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

At the aforementioned public hearings, all interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the amendment, and the ordinance adopting said amendment, on the dates, time and place as referenced above.

Copies of the Ordinance adopting said amendment are available for public inspection at the Office of the Planning & Zoning Department, Courthouse Annex, located at 229 Southwest Pinckney Street, Madison, Florida (850)973-3179, during regular business hours.

All persons are advised that, if they decide to appeal any decision made at the public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, they 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.

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The City of Madison, Florida invites approved Natural Gas Suppliers to participate in a Request for Proposal (RFP) to supply the city's NG needs. All bids are due by 5:00 PM EDT Friday, September 7, 2012. If you are interested in submitting a bid, please contact James Hatch at 352-332-8097 or jhatch@energyvision.net for more information including a complete RFP specification sheet.

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## NOTICE

There will be a Joint Workshop with Aucilla Area Solid Waste Administration and Madison County Board of County Commission September 4, 2012 at 5:00 p.m., followed by a meeting of the Aucilla Area Solid Waste Administration. 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. If you have any question please contact 850-948-4875.

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## CALL FOR BIDS

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| Bid Package 9A   | APainting@                    |
| Bid Package 9B   | "Gypsum Partitions"           |
| Bid Package 9C   | "Acoustical Ceilings"         |
| Bid Package 9D   | "Flooring"                    |
| Bid Package 10A  | "Signage"                     |
| Bid Package 10B  | "Fire Extinguishers"          |
| Bid Package 10 C | "Miscellaneous Specialties"   |
| Bid Package 21B  | "Fire Suppression Building"   |
| Bid Package 22A  | "Plumbing"                    |
| Bid Package 23A  | "HVAC"                        |
| Bid Package 26A  | AElectrical@                  |
| Bid Package 28A  | "Fire Alarm System"           |
| Bid Package 32A  | "Asphalt and Concrete Paving" |
| Bid Package 32B  | "Water Distribution System"   |
| Bid Package 32C  | "Site Fire Piping System"     |

The above bid packages are being requested for the Remodel of Madison County EMS/911 Facility.

Clemons, Rutherford & Associates, Inc., the project manager, will receive sealed bid proposals from qualified subcontractors/vendors for the bid packages listed above, until **1:30 P.M. EST on September 27, 2012** at Clemons, Rutherford, & Associates, 2027 Thomasville Road, Tallahassee, FL 32308. Proposals should be addressed to Will Rutherford, Project Manager. Proposals will be opened at 1:35 P.M.

A mandatory Pre-Bid will be held at site on September 20, 2012 at 9:00a.m..

The bid documents can be picked up at the office of Clemons, Rutherford & Associates, Inc., 2027 Thomasville Road, Tallahassee, Florida, 32308. Deposit for plans sets will be \$50.00. Bid documents are refundable if returned within 10 days following bid opening in usable condition.

For information concerning this project or obtaining plans, call Will Rutherford, Project Manager, at (850) 385-6153.

The owner, Madison County Board of County Commission and the project manager reserve the right to reject any and all bids, and waive informalities on any bid.

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## NOTICE OF PROPOSED ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION CITY OF MADISON, FLORIDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that proposed Ordinance No. 2012-5, bearing title as follows, will be considered Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, Madison, Florida.

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-5  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MADISON AMENDING PART II, CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 11, FIRE PREVENTION, ARTICLE II, FIRE DEPARTMENT, DIVISION 2, RETIREMENT, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MADISON; AMENDING SECTION 11-23, DEFINITIONS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "SALARY"; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A copy of the proposed Ordinance is available for public inspection at City Hall, Madison, Florida during regular business hours. At the meeting, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the proposed Ordinance. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

CITY OF MADISON, FLORIDA  
BY: IS/ Lee Anne Hall  
City Clerk

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## 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 4:00 p.m. during its regular meeting held September 19, 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:

**NE EYEBRIGHT AVENUE: The entire length of NE Eyebright Avenue, from NE Dusty Miller Avenue to NE Epazote Street, contained within (1) one parcel, lying in Section 21, Township 2 north, Range 10 East, also known as Parcel ID 21-2N-10-6016-000-000, as shown in OR Volume 808, Pages 148-150, 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 31st 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.

8/31, 9/05

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

BANDIT ROAD FARMS, LLC,  
A Florida limited liability company,

CASE NO: 12-149-CA

Plaintiff,

vs.

KEITH DOUGLAS CONNOR,

Defendant.

## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Default Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 23, 2012, in the above referenced case in which BANDIT ROAD FARMS, LLC is the Plaintiff and KEITH DOUGLAS CONNOR is the Defendant, I, TIM SANDERS, Clerk of the Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on the front steps of the West door of the Madison County Courthouse, 125 S.W. Range Avenue, Madison, Florida, at **11:00 a.m. on September 24, 2012** the following described property set forth in the said judgment:

Description: Bandit Road Farms Parcel 1 Parcel I.D. No. 08-1S-11-1516-001-001

A portion of the South half (S 1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section 8, Township 1 South, Range 11 East, being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCE at a concrete monument marking the southwest corner of said Section 8; thence North 00°01'52" West along the west line of said Section 8 a distance of 362.40 feet to a rebar marking the intersection of said west line with the northerly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 90 (67 foot right-of-way) thence South 75°22'10" East along said right-of-way line a distance of 445.24 feet to and the southwest corner and POINT OF BEGINNING of the following described parcel; thence North 00°01'52" West along said west line a distance of 1067.33 feet to a rebar on the south line of Twin River Farms Subdivision as recorded in Plat Book 1, page T, of the public records of Madison County, Florida; thence South 89°40'33" East along the south line of said Twin River Farms Subdivision a distance of 1014.63 feet to a rebar; thence South 39°48'06" West a distance of 1417.95 feet to a rebar on said northerly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 90; thence North 75°22'10" West along said right-of-way line a distance of 109.93 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 14.05 acres, more or less.

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

**ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.**

[Note: In accordance with Rule 2.065, Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, please be advised as follows: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administrator, Post Office Box 1569, Lake City, Florida 32056-1569, Telephone: (386) 758-2163, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this Notice or pleading. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call: 1-800-955-8771.]

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said Court, this 27th day of August, 2012 at Madison, Madison County, Florida.

TIM SANDERS  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: Ramona Dickinson  
Deputy Clerk

Scot B. Copeland, Esq.  
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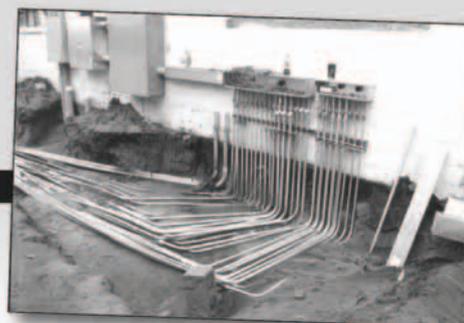
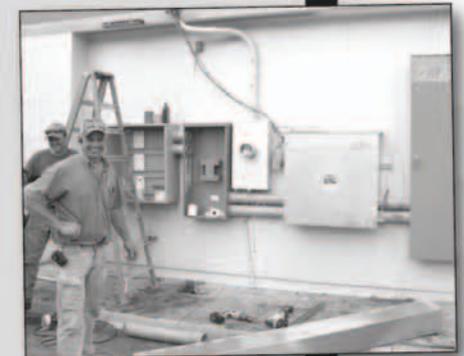
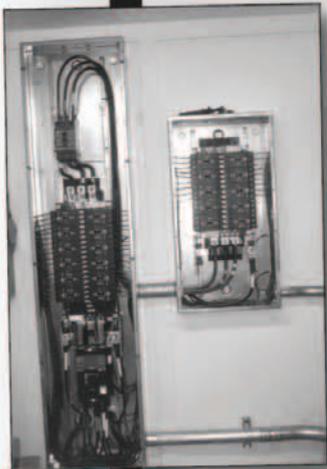
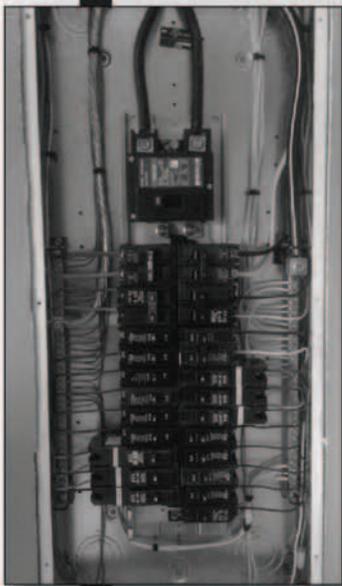
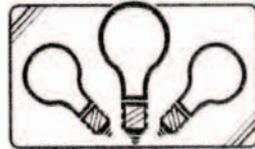
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# Now That You Have Your Proposed Tax Notice....

By Lynette Norris  
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## PART I: WHAT YOU WILL SEE ON THE TRIM

You're either a brand new homeowner in Madison County and you've just received your first Proposed Tax Notice (A.K.A. the "TRIM" or Truth In Millage Notice), or maybe you've owned a home here for a few years, but there are still some things you don't quite understand about your TRIM Notice.

Or, perhaps you're one of those rare folks who understand the TRIM Notice perfectly, but just for the sake of argument and the rest of this brief, general report, let's assume you're in one of the first two categories.

On Aug. 22, the Board of County Commissioners mailed out a TRIM Notice (which you should have received by now) to every citizen who owns property in Madison County, as well as owners of Tangible Personal Property. The first category includes homeowners and business owners in the county, while the second – "tangible personal property" – refers to any equipment required to operate your business, whether it's desks and computers or other equipment for an office or retail-type business (this does NOT include inventory), or tractors, harrows and other agricultural equipment for a farm.

The first thing you might see on your TRIM, underneath the "Notice of Proposed Property Taxes" is DO NOT PAY – THIS IS NOT A BILL.

Rather, this is simply a notice to let you know approximately what your tax bill for 2012 will be if:

1) No budget change is adopted; or, 2) The proposed budget and tax rate for 2012 is adopted. Here, "budget" refers to the budget each of the taxing authorities in Madison County (county, city, school, etc.) uses to operate. They can either change nothing in their budget when they go into a new fiscal year, or adopt budget changes that will affect the dollar amount of tax they put on your bill. The TRIM also lists the tax exemptions (homestead, widowed, disabled, veteran, etc.) for which you are eligible.

There are four of these taxing authorities in Madison County, starting with the county itself, followed by the school district, then the city (if you live within the city limits of any of the three incorporated municipalities of Madison, Greenville or Lee) and finally, the Suwannee River Water Management District.

All authorities that levy taxes on the value of your property will be listed in the very first column on the left hand side of your notice (to further complicate things, the school taxing authority is further subdivided into "RLE" and "Discretionary," each with different millage rates).

In the next two columns (under one heading), you'll see the tax rate or "millage" each of these authorities used in 2011 and the actual dollar amount on your 2011 tax bill for ad valorem taxes.

In the next two columns after those, you'll see, first, the tax rate each will

use for 2012 if no budget change is adopted, and then what your tax dollar amount will be in that case.

In the next two columns, you'll see what each authority's proposed tax rate is for 2012, and the amount this will add to your taxes if the new tax rate and budget is adopted.

All of these taxing authorities' millage rates are multiplied by the assessed value of your home, or a percentage of the assessed value of your home, depending on what exemptions you may be entitled to and whether or not the exemptions affect that particular taxing authority.

## PART II: MILLAGE AND HOW THE EXEMPTIONS WORK

The easiest way to understand millage is to think of it as "dollars per thousand." One mil is equal to one dollar of tax for every 1000 dollars of taxable value. That's taxable value, not assessed value. Taxable value is what is subject to tax after all eligible exemptions are applied.

Take the example of a hypothetical taxing authority that levies a hypothetical tax rate of 10 mils (ten dollars of tax on every 1000 dollars of taxable value) on a hypothetical home assessed at \$50,000.

First, the standard homestead exemption (\$25,000) is going to be subtracted from the assessed value of \$50,000, leaving a taxable value of \$25,000.

A mil is written as .001, so for a millage rate of ten mils ( $10 \times .001 = .010$ ), multiply \$25,000  $\times$  .010 for a dollar tax amount of \$250.

Now for the exemptions:

The standard homestead exemption is fairly straightforward; it gives the homeowner a break by exempting the first \$25,000 of the assessed value of his home (and this has to be the actual, primary residence; second homes, vacation homes, etc., are not eligible) from taxation from all taxing authorities. For several years, it was the only big homestead exemption used.

Then, a few years ago, a second \$25,000 exemption was authorized by law, but it doesn't apply to the second \$25,000 of your home's assessed value – it applies to the third \$25,000.

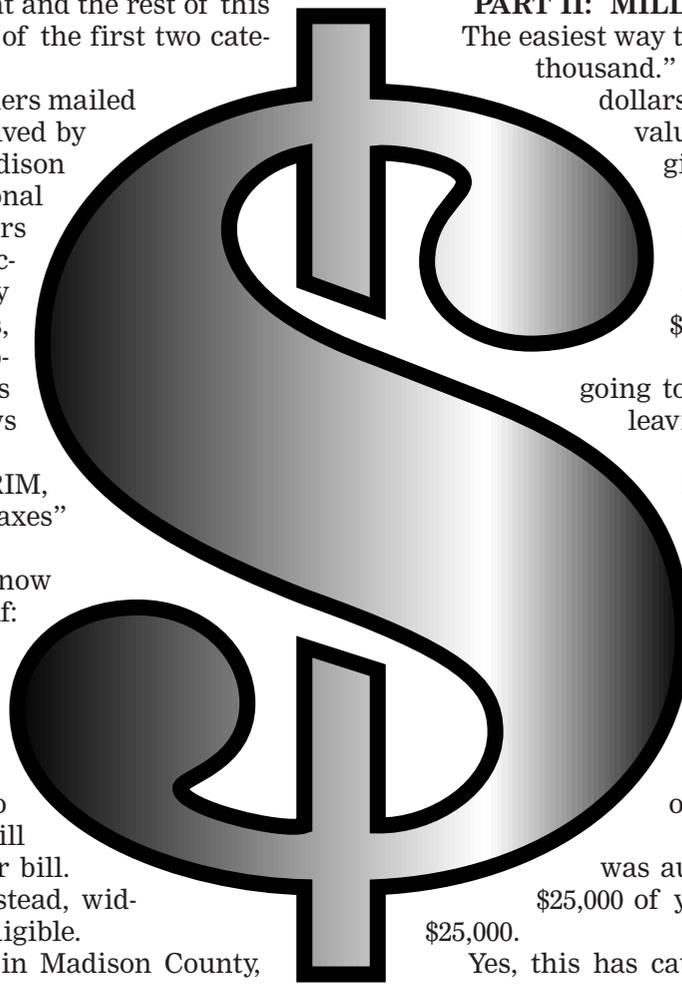
Yes, this has caused some confusion, especially if someone has a home assessed at \$60,000, but wonders why, with \$50,000 worth of exemptions in existence; his home has a taxable value of \$25,000, rather than \$10,000.

Here's how that works:

Take that \$60,000 assessment and divide it into chunks of \$25,000, \$25,000 and \$10,000.

The first chunk is exempted by the old standard Homestead Exemption that has been around since...well, it's been around for a long time. The second chunk is taxed at full value. The third chunk, \$10,000, is exempted under the second \$25,000 exemption. If your home is assessed at \$75,000 or higher, you would then see the full benefit of the two \$25,000 exemptions.

There are, however, more exemptions ...*Story cont. on Page 4B...*



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that a homeowner may qualify for, including the widow's exemption, the senior citizen's exemption, a disability exemption for the wheelchair-bound, and a veteran's exemption, which are applied to the homeowner's advantage. Check with the Property Appraiser's Office to determine which ones you may be eligible for.

Now to add to the confusion; not all taxing authorities recognize all exemptions. For example, they all recognize the first \$25,000 homestead exemption; however, the school taxing authority does not recognize the newer exemption on the third \$25,000 of your home's taxable value and applies its tax rate on the full value of that \$25,000 chunk.

### PART III: HOW YOUR HOME'S VALUE IS DETERMINED

The Property Appraiser's office determines the assessed value of your home or business for taxing purposes. The Appraiser's office does not set the tax rate – that is the taxing authority's job – nor does it collect any taxes. The Tax Collector's Office has that responsibility.

The Property Appraiser's office takes your home's market value, or what your home would fetch on the open market as of January 1 of the current year as a base, and creates a market spreadsheet of your home, and all the other 15,622 parcels of real property located in Madison. It then does mass appraisals of your home and all homes nearby that are similar to it, comparing like parcels with like parcels; for example, a wooden home would not be compared to a brick home, nor would a brick home be compared with one that has vinyl siding. The year your home was built is also considered; a 30-year-old home would not be compared to a brand-new home.

Several individual components such as the type of roof and heating/cooling system also come into play, as does the quality adjustment; if the building quality is excellent, above average, average, below average, or the bare minimum, this will affect the assessment accordingly.

After many individual factors and like-to-like parcel comparisons are considered, the Property Appraiser's Office will give your home an

assessed value. Again, don't confuse this with the market value of your home...that's something completely different.

If you disagree with the assessed value for your property, now is the time to visit the appraiser's office and make your concerns known. As an example, your home may have an impeccable exterior, but it may have interior structural damage not visible from the outside that would affect the assessed value. In that case, someone from the appraiser's office ...*Story cont. on Page 5B...*

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would need to come out to your home, inspect the damage and make the appropriate adjustment. Since the Property Appraiser's office does mass appraisals rather than focusing on your property and your property alone as a fee appraiser would do, there may be a need for some adjustments here and there, but the time to do that is now.

That is why the TRIM notices are sent out at this time, to give property owners time to look over their potential tax bills, check them for accuracy, ask questions and challenge items they may not agree with. It is important to get your questions answered and your concerns cleared up as soon as possible, because it is much, much easier to make needed adjustments and corrections BEFORE the final budget hearing where the 2012 budget is adopted.

If the Property Appraiser's Office cannot resolve the issue for you, you may file a petition with the Value Adjustment Board, but you must do so by Sept. 17, 2012.

#### **PART IV: WHERE TO TAKE YOUR QUESTIONS**

If you have any questions regarding the assessed value of your home, or exemptions for which you believe you may be qualified, or for more complete or detailed information than this brief report can provide about either of the aforementioned subjects, go by the Madison County Property Appraiser's Office in the Courthouse Annex at 229 SW Pinckney Street, Room 201, call 850-973-6133, email [info@madisonpa.com](mailto:info@madisonpa.com), or visit the website at [www.madisonpa.com](http://www.madisonpa.com).

The Property Appraiser's Office does NOT impose taxes, set tax rates, or

determine tax amounts. So, if you have any questions regarding the dollar amount of your tax bill, or the millage rate that is used to determine your tax bill, why the rate is what it is, why did it go up or down, or what is the purpose of any change in the rate, you will have an opportunity to question the taxing authorities themselves in a series of public hearings during the month of September. The taxing authority public hearings that affect your property are noted on the far right side of your TRIM notice, and all the public hearings are listed below.

Madison County will hold its hearing Sept. 5, beginning at 5:30 p.m., at Courthouse Annex meeting room. Call 973-1500 for more information.

The School Board will hold its hearing Sept. 10, beginning at 6 p.m., at the School Board Office meeting room. Call 973-5022.

The City of Madison will be Sept. 11, at 5:30 p.m., at Madison City Hall. Call 973-5081.

The City of Greenville will be Sept. 4, at 6 p.m., at Greenville City Hall. Call 948-2251.

The Town of Lee will be Sept. 4, at 6:30 p.m., at the Lee Town Hall. Call 971-5867.

The Suwannee River Water Management District will be Sept. 11, at 5:30 p.m., at the SRWMD Headquarters in Live Oak. Call (386) 362-1001 for directions or more information.

As a final note, your tax bill may also contain non-ad valorem taxes for special assessments pertaining to fire protection and solid waste fees. These fees are not on your proposed notice/TRIM.



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# S.H.I.P. Funds Help First-Time Homebuyers



By Jacob Bemby  
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State Housing Initiative Partnership (S.H.I.P.) funds are still available in Madison County.

S.H.I.P. will pay for the down payment and closing cost of a home. This writer's family took advantage of the program several years ago and was able to build a four-bedroom home in Lee.

A first-time homebuyer's course will begin Tuesday, Sept. 11. Attendance in at least three of these classes by members of a household is mandatory to receive S.H.I.P. funds.

The program is ideal for those in low to moderate income households.

The class will be held at the Extension Office in Madison.

For more information on the program, please call Diann Douglas at (850) 973-4138.



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# Protecting Your Home From Carbon Monoxide Poisoning During A Storm

As the waning months of hurricane season are upon us, people need to be aware (as they do at all times) of safety tips to protect themselves from deadly carbon monoxide poisoning.

## Portable Generator Tips:

- Never use a portable generator indoors, including in your home, garage, basement, crawlspace, shed or partially-enclosed area – even with ventilation. Opening doors and windows or using fans will not prevent CO buildup in the home.

- Only use a portable generator outdoors in a dry area far away from doors, windows and vents that can allow CO to come indoors.

If you have CO alarms, test them. If you do not have CO alarms and can access products at retail, it is wise to install CO alarms near sleeping areas. Make sure the alarm features a battery back-up.

- Get to fresh air right away if you start to feel dizzy or weak. The CO from generators can rapidly lead to full incapacitation and death.

- Plug appliances into a heavy duty, outdoor-rated extension cords and plug the cords into the generator.

- If you are concerned about theft, secure your generator outside.

## Carbon Monoxide Facts and Safety Tips:

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless and odorless gas known as the silent killer. According to the Journal of the American Medical Association, CO poisoning is the number one cause of accidental poisoning in the United States. Diagnosis of CO poisoning can be difficult because symptoms mimic those of many other illnesses and include nausea, headaches, dizziness, weakness, chest pain and vomiting. In more severe poisoning cases, people may experience disorientation or unconsciousness, or suffer long-term neurological disabilities, cardiorespiratory failure or death. Regardless of a home's age, people can be exposed to this poisonous gas, which originates from anything that burns fuel, such as gas furnaces, stoves, water heaters, barbecue grills, wood-burning fireplaces and automobiles.

## Avoiding CO Poisoning

- All fuel-burning (gas, oil and coal) devices should be serviced by a qualified technician every year. Generators, charcoal grills, camp stoves and other similar devices should only be used outdoors.

- Running vehicles inside an attached garage, even if the door is open, is hazardous, as CO can leak into the home.

- CO alarms should be installed outside each sleeping area (such as in a hallway outside the bed-

room). For maximum protection, an alarm should be installed on each level of the home. Battery-operated CO alarms or plug-in alarms with battery backup are preferred in case of power failure.

- Call 911 and leave the home immediately if the CO alarm sounds.

## Additional CO Alarm Guidelines

- Clear CO alarms of all of dust and debris.
- Ensure that alarms are plugged all the way into the outlet or, if battery operated, have working batteries installed. Check or replace the battery when you change the time on your clocks each spring and fall.

- Make certain each person can hear the CO alarm sound from his or her sleeping room and that the sound is loud enough to awaken everyone.

- Make sure the alarms are installed at least 15 feet away from sources of CO to reduce the number of nuisance alarms.

For residents out of immediate danger, there are a number of other ways to increase a home's safety quotient, and even more ways to prepare loved ones to face future natural disasters without fear. For any additional tips, please do not hesitate to contact me at 800/837-7123 or via e-mail at [sburruss@lcwa.com](mailto:sbur-russ@lcwa.com)

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# The Power Of Smell: Decorating With Scents

By Jacob Bembry  
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When people think of decorating, they think of what types of curtains they will hang, what kind of furniture will look good in a room or what pictures should be displayed on the walls. One way to decorate, however, is with scents.

A scent can change the whole feel of a room. Rooms can come alive with smells. For example, using candles or an air freshener with a country meadow scent gives the feel of bringing the outside in.

A suggested scent for kitchens is a lemony or citrus smell.

Nice clean linen scented candles work well in bedrooms.

During the Christmas holidays, the smells of evergreens, pumpkin and cinnamon can add a festive decoration to the house.

The power of smell used sparingly and tastefully, can add some extra pizzazz to one's homes.



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# Searching For Furniture?

By Jacob Bemby  
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What kind of furniture do you want to decorate your house?

Those with bigger pocketbooks can go to upscale furniture stores and have their pick of

fine leather furniture, comfortable beds with mattresses set to their "sleep number" and fine upscale décor, such as paintings.

Those with good credit can also take advantage of such stores and can even find many of the same items at Badcock & More and Farmer's Furniture.

For those on limited incomes but big dreams, they can take advantage of yard sales and such thrifts stores as the United Methodist Cooperative Ministries store, Goodwill or the Sheriff's Boy's Ranch Store in Live Oak, or any number of second hand stores around town. Sometimes, it may seem like looking for a needle in a haystack but really good bargains can be found. For example, this writer's family has found awesome lamps and end tables at thrift stores.

One can also find bargains at estate sales and auctions, as well as at online sites like eBay, Craigslist and Facebook Marketplace.

Great bargains are to be found for those who take the time to look.



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# Inside The Man Cave



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When I was a teenager, it was easy to decorate my room. The walls were filled with photos and posters of TV stars, singers, athletes and professional wrestlers. As a teenager, I had photos of Farrah Fawcett, Marie Osmond, Jack Youngblood, Steve Garvey and Dusty Rhodes on my wall. In college, I had posters of Heather Locklear and Emma Samms in my first dorm room. By the time, I graduated I had only one thing hanging on my wall. It was an ad for a hair salon in Tallahassee. It was a homage to Huey Lewis and the News. It had a toddler wearing sunglasses and sporting a really cool haircut on it and the words "It's hip to be square."

As a single adult, my bedroom is basically my "man cave." In addition to my bed, dresser and lamp, in the room, I have my computer desk (which is kind of a cool Star Trekky looking thing) with the laptop sitting on it. There are printers and scanners next to it. My TV set, which is hooked to my ...*Story cont. on Page 11B...*

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# Mancave

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Wii system (which I use for exercise, believe it or not) sits on a table in the room. Also, in the "man cave" is a Weider exercise machine (kind of like the Total Home Gym that Chuck Norris and Christie Brinkley endorse).

On the walls of the man cave are a painting of Christ hugging a man, my diplomas and several awards and an autographed photo of Bobby Bowden.

I may get some more photos and posters to decorate the walls. I wish that I had a Bose stereo system in the man cave but instead will settle for my iPod Touch and Kindle Fire with cheap five dollar ear buds.

It's not much of a man cave but it's where I go when I need to get away from the rest of the world. Plus, it's a really cool place to sleep.

What things are in your man cave? Email [Jacob@greenepublishing.com](mailto:Jacob@greenepublishing.com) with your man cave ideas.



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