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BLACK BEAR SEEN IN GREENVILLE

By Jessie R. Box
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A homeowner near Greenville Elementary School reported sightings of a black bear in their yard last week. Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) officers were dispatched to the area but by the time they reached the area, the bear had moved on.

FWC officers and a biologist went sent to the area on Thursday, July 24, in an effort to haze the bear and show that being around humans is not a good idea. The bear was not spotted during that time and there have been no reports of black bear sightings since the initial reports.

If you spot a black bear, report the sighting to the Madison County Sheriff's Office at (850) 973-4001.

City Of Madison Police Department Possibly On The Chopping Block

City Of Madison Commissioners To Vote On Several Options

By Jessie R. Box
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The City of Madison is in a deteriorating financial condition, according to the recent audit. The deteriorating financial condition results from General Fund expenditures exceeding General Fund revenues. City Manager Tim Bennett has several different options for the City Commissioners to vote on to address the financial situation.

The number one option is to eliminate the City of Madison Police Department and have the Sheriff's Office assume the law enforcement duties. The police department has

a \$1.018 million budget, which according to Bennett is more than one-third of the City's General Fund.

The Public Safety budget that includes the police and fire departments accounts for 57 percent of the General Fund. The City of Madison Fire Rescue has a budget of \$600,000. The second option is to establish a Fire Assessment Fee to fully fund the \$600,000 budget for the fire department. Bennett also asked Fire Chief Bruce Jordan to provide a plan as to how he would go about reducing the manning level in the fire department by one or two firefighters.

The third option is to eliminate the Community

Development Department duties to Madison County. These duties are Building Inspections and Planning. Under this plan, the Community Development Department head position would be eliminated and the assistant would be reassigned within City Hall. The current salary and benefits for the head of the department totals approximately \$80,000, not including the assigned vehicle.

The other options that Bennett will present to the City Commissioners include: reducing the payroll worker to part-time; reducing the manning level in Public Works; outsourcing sanitation services; increasing rates

for water, sewer, and natural gas; increase millage rate to seven mills; increasing the amount firefighters contribute to pension; refinance wastewater bonds and to invoice community organizations and events all overtime accrued by police and public works.

The City Commissioners will be reviewing the options during the budget workshops. The date of the workshop has not been set yet but should be held in August and early September. The budget commissioner's decide on must undergo two readings and a public hearing prior to going into effect on Oct. 1.

August 1 County Commission Meeting To Set Tentative Millage Rate

The Madison County Commissioners will be holding a budget workshop Friday morning, Aug. 1, beginning at 9 a.m.

Agenda items include: Budget preparation workshops for the county's fiscal year 2014-2015, setting the tentative millage rate for certification to the county's property appraiser and a request for a temporary road closure of Christmas Tree Lane.

The meeting will convene on the first floor of the Courthouse Annex, Room 107, at 229 SW Pinckney Street. Members of the public are encouraged to attend.

Next School Board Meeting Is August 5

With the first day of school just around the corner, Tuesday's Aug. 5 school board meeting will be the last one of the summer before the 2014-2015 school year starts (the first day of school is Monday, Aug. 18).

The board will be considering several items during that meeting, including:

A powerpoint presentation of School Improvement Grant (SIG) activities for the first year covered by the grant.

An update on academic services for the upcoming school year.

An update on the construction project underway at the high school.

Parents and interested community members will have a chance to address the board on matters of concern during the public input segment at the beginning of the meeting.

The Madison County School Board meets at 6 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month (unless otherwise noted) at the School Board Administrative Office at 210 N.E. Duval Street. The next regularly scheduled school board meeting is Tuesday, Aug. 19.

Sheriff's Office Land To Revert To Madison County



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

This building first opened as a Florida Highway Patrol Office in 1968, on land the county had deeded to the State of Florida Board of Trustees for that purpose. The building now houses the Madison County Sheriff's Office, and both it and the land have reverted back to county ownership as a result of the state closing the FHP Station in 2011.

By Lynette Norris
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Sometimes, an arrangement stays in place for so long, people may forget some of the small details that were in the original agreement.

That appears to be the case with the property where the Madison County Sheriff's Office is now located, in the old Florida Highway Patrol Office on west Highway 90.

Many, many years ago, Madison County originally owned that property, but it deeded the land to the Florida State Board of Trustees, with the understanding that the state would open a Florida Highway Patrol Office there. According to historical records at the Florida Highway Patrol, the FHP station was constructed on the site in 1968.

The station remained in operation. **See Land On Page 3**

Flesh-Eating Bacteria Kill 10 In Florida

By Rose Klein
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New warnings were issued Monday by the Florida Department of Health surrounding a flesh-eating bacteria found in the ocean that has already killed several people in Florida. The bacterium is called *Vibrio vulnificus* and thrives in warm saltwater. The Department of Health reports 32 have contracted the bacteria and 10 have died from the strain. Last year, 41 people were infected and 11 died.

Below is the statement from the Florida Department of Health:

A recent, tragic death that occurred in Flagler County has brought forth concerns of the bacteria, *Vibrio vulnificus*, a bacterium that normally lives in warm seawater.

Vibrio vulnificus can cause disease in those who eat contaminated seafood or have an open wound that is exposed to warm seawater containing the bacteria. Ingestion of *Vibrio vulnificus* can cause vomiting, diarrhea and abdominal pain. *Vibrio vulnificus* can also cause an infection of the skin when open wounds are exposed to warm seawater; these infections may

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STATE LAW

MOVE OVER

Safe-Driving Rule Extended To Garbage Collectors, Utility Workers

By Fran Hunt
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Florida's Move Over Law was instituted in the State of Florida in July 2002 to protect law enforcement officers and other emergency workers stopped alongside highways. That law states that "motorists are required to approach cautiously when an emergency vehicle is stopped ahead with its lights flashing. Motorists must change lanes away from the emergency vehicle if they are on a multi-lane highway and can do so SAFELY. If drivers can't change lanes safely, or they are on a two-lane highway, they must slow down while maintaining a safe speed so as not to impede other traffic. A violation can result in fines being assessed."

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles reports that with Florida's Move Over Law there are still too many motorists who are unaware of the law or simply choose not to comply with the law. However, the risks of

violating this law are too great to ignore.

Violators threaten the lives of troopers and first responders as well as the motoring public. During the five-year period of 1996 to 2000, motorists in Florida crashed into working law enforcement vehicles that were either stopped or parked along Florida roadways 1,793 times, resulting in five deaths and 419 injuries.

Even with the Move Over Law, Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) lost a trooper earlier this year. Trooper Chelsea Richard was struck and killed by a vehicle on May 3, 2014, while investigating a traffic incident on I-75, near mile marker 341 in Ocala.

The vehicles involved in the incident had been moved to the shoulder of the Interstate. She was speaking

with a tow truck driver and a family member of a crash victim when a pickup truck pulling a trailer left the roadway and struck all three individuals, killing Trooper Richard and the tow truck driver. The third pedestrian suffered severe injuries and died several days later.

On July 1, 2014 that law was

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Back To School Explosion

Set For Saturday, August 9th At NFCC Gymnasium From 10 a.m. Until 2 p.m.

Free School Supplies For All Students

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Local Weather

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| Fri 8/1 94/72 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s. | Sat 8/2 91/72 Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s. | Sun 8/3 87/72 Scattered thunderstorms possible. | Mon 8/4 86/71 Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 70s. |
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Viewpoints & Opinions

Madison County Extension Service



Diann Douglas
Guest Columnist

MAKE A PLAN FOR BACK TO SCHOOL SPENDING

Not sure where the summer went, but August means it's time to gear up for a new school year. For most families, getting the kids ready to start a new school year makes a huge dent in the family budget. This year, the tax free weekend in Florida will be August 1-3 and August 1-2 in Georgia, a great time to take advantage of the savings. Back-to-school spending can take a toll on the family budget, so plan your spending and write it down before going to the stores this weekend.

One of the first and most obvious categories for back-to-school spending is clothes and shoes. Shopping for new back-to-school clothes is a necessity in more cases because the kids have usually grown over the summer months and may no longer fit in their school clothing from the previous year. It is important for families to make the most of your clothing dollars.

First, find out what each child needs by taking a clothing inventory to determine what clothes can be worn or passed on to another child. Make a shopping list for new

purchases needed to fill the wardrobe gaps and plan shopping trips to take advantage of sales. If your child is experiencing a growth spurt, it may be wise to purchase a few items now and buy larger sizes in a few months. Since it is so hot when school begins, many kids will be wearing shorts for a few months. Hold off purchasing long pants because your child may be in a different size in three to four months when the weather cools down.

School supplies are another large expenditure in back-to-school preparation. Get a list of supplies needed, then plan to take advantage of sales. By using this strategy, you will be able to save as much as 20 to 40 percent on school supplies purchased during back to school sales. Anticipating the child's needs for supplies throughout the year and buying them at one time will save money in the long run, if you have storage space.

Planning for back to school expenses helps keep you on track with purchases that won't put you into debt for months to come. Let your children be a part of the planning process, they will begin to develop money skills for the future. It is also a good lesson to know that planned spending helps you get the most for your dollars without overspending. Set a dollar amount for clothing and supplies and have children make their own shop-

ping list. This means, back-to-school purchases can't exceed a certain amount without getting the family into debt and you must stay within the amount of money budgeted for school.

Have children check advertisements for sales and compare prices before the big shopping day. They can prioritize the items on their list according to immediate needs and a wish list of wants. You may discover it's necessary to make some purchases now and postpone some until next month. Getting kids involved in the planning, selection and purchasing helps them become more aware of family finances and leads to developing responsible spending habits.

When you go out shopping, take along a calculator and let your children keep a running total as they select and put items into the cart. It is a great exercise in learning about price comparison and getting the best value for your money. Planning and working together will help your money go further and give each family member a sense of accomplishment because you've stuck with a spending plan.

For more information on consumer spending and money management, contact the Madison County Extension Service.

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Letter To The Editor

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

- All submitted letters must be 600 words or less -

Attention Voters of Madison County

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

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

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

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

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

- Early voting dates are August 16-23. Saturday and Sunday will be from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Monday-Friday will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The early voting sites are the Madison

County Board Room Annex, Lee City Hall, Greenville Senior Citizens Building and Pinetta Volunteer Fire Department. Don't forget that you can vote at any of these sites. It doesn't matter where you live.

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

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

- District 3 (Precincts 2 and 5) has a School Board member to vote for. The candidates are Surretta Lee Bell and Ve'Etta Hagan.

- District 4 (Precincts 4, 9, and 10) has County Commissioner on the ballot. The candidates are Alfred Martin and Howard B. Pickels. This is considered a Universal Primary Contest which means that every party will get to vote on these candidates because they are both members of the same party.
- District 5, your

School Board member will be Bart Alford. He was unopposed.

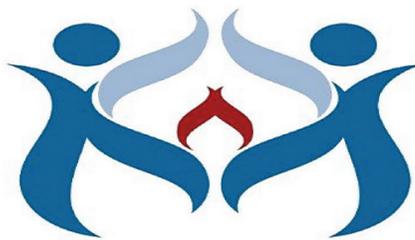
- If you are a Democrat, you will have the Governor and Lieutenant Governor to vote for. The candidates are Charlie Crist and Nan H. Rich. Attorney General is also on the ballot and the candidates are George Sheldon and Perry E. Thurston.

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

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

Respectfully,
Tommy Hardee
Madison County Supervisor of Elections

Fire Safety Tips By Fire Chief Bruce Jordan MOTOR VEHICLE FIRE SAFETY TIPS



Fire is Everyone's Fight™



Fire Chief Bruce Jordan

Cars can catch fire for many reasons.

Mechanical or electrical issues are the most common cause. A car can also catch fire as the result of a bad crash. If you see smoke or flames or smell burning rubber or plastic, react immediately.

What to do if your car is on fire:

Pull over as quickly as it is safe to do so, be sure to use your turn signal as you make your way to a safe area such as the emergency lane, rest area or off the roadway.

Once you have stopped, **TURN OFF the engine.**

Get everyone out of the car, NEVER return to a burning

vehicle for anything.

MOVE everyone at least 100 feet from the burning vehicle and away from traffic.

CALL 9-1-1 and report the fire after you are away from the burning vehicle.

How to prevent a car fire:

- Have your car serviced regularly by a professionally trained mechanic. If you spot leaks, your car is not running properly, get it checked. A well-maintained car is less likely to have a fire.

- If you must transport gasoline, transport only a small amount in a certified gas can that is sealed. Keep a window open for ventilation.

- Gas cans and propane cylinders should never be transported in the passenger compartment.

- Never park a car where flammables, such as grass, are touching the catalytic converter.

- Drive safely to avoid an accident.

Know the danger signs:

- Cracked or loose wiring or electrical problems, including a fuse that blows more than once.

- Oil or fluid leaks.
- Oil cap not on securely.

- Rapid changes in fuel or fluid level, or engine temperature.

FACT

Most car fluids are flammable. Heat and electrical sparks plus leaking fluid are all it takes to start a car fire.

Contrary to what is seen on TV or movies, most vehicle crashes do NOT result in fire. In the event of any crash, call 9-1-1. If there is no sign of fire, wait for emergency assistance to help any injured individuals out of the car.

Any group(s) that would like to have someone come out and speak about any fire safety topics, please contact Chief Bruce Jordan (850) 973-5075 or email: bruce.jordan@cityof-madisonfl.com

Car Fire Safety information provided by www.nfpa.org.

Conservative Corner

By Nelson A. Pryor, Lee, FL.

Obama Pushes The Limits Of Executive Power



"You are feeling good...you are better off...you are getting sleepy..."

That is the banner headline of a *Washington Post* article of June 27, 2014. The imperial President! Has it come to this?

"So, sue me!" That's what the President said on July 10, 2014.

It reminds me of the situation Daniel Webster found himself in, in 1834. On April 21, 1834, in the Register of Debates, page 1397, he took on "King" Andrew Jackson, over appointments. Which goes to the heart of the recent court decisions which have gone against the President.

Webster said: "Sir, the President of these United States has been misled. He is unin-

formed, or misinformed, as to the real state of opinion in the country. I fear there are those who share his confidence, and who present to his view only one side of things. The state of the country is alarming. Members of the Senate, who have not been out of this city for five months, are not aware of the depth and strength of the public feeling. I should like to know what advisers have recommended to the President to send us this protest."

Webster then went on and concluded with: "The whole measure is of an alarming character. It attempts one great stride towards the accumulation of all power in executive

hands; a stride which I doubt not the Senate will resist with firmness and constancy; and in that resistance they will be supported by the country."

Court Packing

One of the most clear, the most obvious, trip wires that a president can stumble over, is appointments. Yet, this is the most common trip wire that causes the downfall, the exposure, of those who want to be king. Does no one learn from history? Franklin D. Roosevelt was humbled, in 1936, over his attempt to pack the Supreme Court, as was Warren D. Harding by the choice of his friends. Remember the Tea Pot Dome scandal, of the 1920's?

The Republican Club of Madison County meets August 11, 2014 at noon at Shelby's Restaurant.
The Republican Executive Committee meets August 26, 2014, Everyone Welcome
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Bacteria

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lead to skin breakdown and ulcers.

Persons who have weakened immune systems, especially those with chronic liver disease, are at risk for *Vibrio vulnificus* infection when they eat raw shellfish, particularly oysters in that oysters filter the bacteria from the water. People with these pre-existing medical conditions are 80 times more likely to develop *Vibrio vulnificus* blood infections than healthy people.

Infection can happen when the bacterium invades the bloodstream, causing a severe, life-threatening illness with symptoms such as fever, chills, decreased blood pressure and blistering skin lesions. People who have contracted the disease describe it as a feeling of being on fire. These bloodstream in-

fections are fatal about 50 percent of the time and can also require amputation for individuals to recover.

This rare illness can be contracted by exposure to the bacterium after ingesting seawater or shellfish, contact with marine wildlife that has been exposed to the bacterium or contamination of an open wound after exposure to warm saltwater that contains the bacterium.

If exposed by contamination of an open wound, symptoms of illness include swelling, redness and pain at the site of the wound. Illness typically begins within one to three days of exposure, but can begin as late as seven days after exposure. The redness and swelling can progress to affect the whole body and can then

cause the life-threatening illness and symptoms described above.

Tips for preventing *Vibrio vulnificus* infections:

Avoid exposure of open wounds or broken skin to warm salt or brackish water.

If a cut or scrape is incurred while swimming in marine waters, wash thoroughly with soap and fresh, clean water as soon as possible and monitor the wound.

Do not eat raw oys-

ters or other raw shellfish.

Cook shellfish (oysters, clams, mussels) thoroughly.

For shellfish in the shell, either boil until the shells open and continue boiling for five more minutes or steam until the shells open and then continue cooking for nine more minutes. Do not eat those shellfish that do not open during cooking. Boil shucked oysters at least three minutes or fry them in

oil at least 10 minutes at 375 degrees.

Avoid cross-contamination of cooked seafood and other foods with raw seafood and juices from raw seafood.

Eat shellfish promptly after cooking and refrigerate leftovers.

Wear protective clothing (gloves) when handling raw shellfish.

For more information on *Vibrio vulnificus*, visit the Centers for Disease Control website at www.cdc.gov.



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tion until about mid-2011, when FHP closed the office due to budget constraints. Ironically, shortly before the closure, the building had been renamed the James H. Fulford, Jr., Building, in honor of one of FHP's slain troopers.

Rather than let the building sit idle, the Madison County Sheriff's Office sought permission to move there from its downtown location. By that fall, the county had made arrangements to lease the property back from the state for a nominal fee and the MCSO was soon operating out of its new headquarters.

However, a closer examination of the original deed has revealed a long-forgotten

reverter clause in that deed, stating that once the state of Florida ceased to operate a highway patrol station there, the property would revert back to Madison County.

Madison County Attorney Tommy Reeves told the county commission that, in light of the reverter clause, the state would sign a quit-claim deed for the property, officially turning ownership back over to Madison County – but first, it wanted an official statement from the county releasing it from the current lease agreement.

The commissioners voted unanimously in favor of terminating the lease.

Move Over

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amended. Until now, drivers were only required to move over for emergency vehicles. They will now have to move over for garbage and utility trucks as well or risk facing a fine and points on their license.

A good rule of thumb to follow, if there is anyone along side the roadway, move over or at least slow down, flashing lights or not. Not only is it common sense to prevent any mishaps, it's a common courtesy.

Motorists need to be able to see what is going on. Anything can happen. If you can't move over safely, slow down to 20 miles per hour below the posted speed limit. The Move Over Law is a good thing for law enforcement, and a good thing for everybody. Remember, slow down and put some distance between you and others, there is only a few feet between you when you do not move over, and, as said before, anything can happen. The amended law makes it safer for everybody.

Nationwide, an estimated 225 responders have been killed after being struck by vehicles along the highway from 2003 to 2008, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Towing and Recovery Association of

America. *Responder-Safety.com* reports that two emergency responders per day, on average, are fatally or non-fatally struck by passing vehicles. An Ohio State Highway Patrol investigation (Law Enforcement Stops and Safety Subcommittee 2006) found that 55 percent of officer-involved, struck-by incidents involved serious injuries or fatalities and 60 percent occurred on high-speed, high volume interstate highways. Move Over laws may reduce both the frequency of responder struck-by incidents, as well as the severity of such incidents when they do occur by requiring drivers to provide a buffer area between responders and moving traffic and travel at reduced speeds.

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles concluded that a routine traffic stop could be anything but routine for emergency responders. Since 1999, more than 200 law enforcement officers have died and thousands injured in a crash as a result of being along side a road doing their job, and being hit by an oncoming vehicle.

Remember, Move Over Florida, it's the law and can save someone's life.

CRIME BEAT

All Information Is Printed As Taken From Madison County Law Enforcement Reports.
All Suspects Should Be Considered Innocent Until Proven Guilty In A Court Of Law.

Man Charged With Possession Of Crack Cocaine



Derrick Jordan
Submitted by the
Madison County
Sheriff's Office
Madison County
Sheriff Ben Stewart

reports that on Tuesday, July 22, at 2:27 p.m., investigators of the Madison County Sheriff's Office Drug Task Force stopped a vehicle at the intersection of Brooklyn and Brookwood Street for committing a traffic violation. After issuing the driver a warning for the traffic violation investigators

conducted a consent search of the vehicle. During the search investigators located two plastic baggies containing crack cocaine concealed inside a McDonalds cup and a small plastic baggie containing marijuana concealed under the back seat.

A passenger identified as Derrick Jor-

dan claimed ownership of the crack cocaine and marijuana. Jordan was placed under arrest without incident and transported to the Madison County Jail. He was charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell and possession of marijuana less than 20 grams.

Man Charged With Possession Of Marijuana



D Juan Whetsel
Submitted by the
Madison County
Sheriff's Office

received an anonymous complaint of a strong odor of marijuana coming from inside apartment 103 located in building 258 at 258 SW Arbors Circle. Investigators responded to the apartment and also detected the odor of marijuana emitting from inside the apartment.

Investigators knocked on the door and made contact with a male subject identified as D Juan Whetsel. Whetsel

opened the apartment door and stepped outside. Investigators detected a strong odor of marijuana on his person as well as the marijuana odor from the apartment.

Investigators received consent from Whetsel to search the apartment for marijuana. Upon searching the apartment investigators located several marijuana cigarettes along with a grinder and numerous small plastic baggies commonly used

to package marijuana for sale. Whetsel admitted that the marijuana and paraphernalia belonged to him and admitted to smoking marijuana in the apartment earlier in the day. Whetsel was placed under arrest without incident and transported to the Madison County Jail.

Whetsel was charged with possession of marijuana less than 20 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Man And Woman Arrested For Possession Of Marijuana And Tramadol



James Smith
Submitted by the
Madison County
Sheriff's Office

Battle Drive for a faulty equipment violation.

Investigators asked the driver, identified as James Smith, to exit the truck with his driver's license and also requested identification from the passenger, identified as Naomi Cornute. Investigators ran a warrant check through Communications and while awaiting a response, investigators deployed Canine "Leo" to conduct a free air sniff around the exterior of the truck. Canine "Leo" gave a positive

response for the presence of narcotic odor.

Investigators completed enforcement actions for the faulty equipment violation and then conducted a probable cause search of the truck. During the search investigators located a plastic sandwich bag containing marijuana and a plastic wrapper containing Tramadol pills concealed inside the seat cover pocket. Smith and Cornute denied owning the contraband and were both arrested without incident.



Naomi Cornute
Smith was charged with possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession of marijuana less than 20 grams. Cornute was charged with possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession of marijuana less than 20 grams.

Woman Charged With Possession Of Marijuana



Lasonza Bernita Davis

Submitted by the
Madison County
Sheriff's Office

Madison County Sheriff Ben Stewart reports that on Tuesday, July 22, at 11:05 a.m., investigators of the Madison County Sheriff's Office Drug Task Force stopped a vehicle driven by La-

sonza Bernita Davis at the intersection of Lake Shore Drive and Priest Street for committing a traffic violation. Investigators requested that Davis exit the vehicle to discuss the traffic violation. When Davis opened the driver's door, investigators ob-

served a marijuana cigarette known as a "blunt" lying inside the driver's door handle in plain view. Davis was placed under arrest without incident and transported to the Madison County Jail. She was charged with possession of marijuana less than 20 grams.

Around Madison County

Community Calendar

August 1

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

August 1 – August 24

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

August 5

Divine Events, 5806 N.E. Colin Kelly Hwy, is hosting a free CLA Estate Planning Workshop, Tuesday, Aug. 5, beginning at 9:30 a.m., providing valuable information for seniors on securing one's estate and retirement planning. You will receive a workbook and gain useful information you can act upon immediately. CLA Estate Services is a firm devoted to assisting area residents in protecting their assets and ensuring their money lasts. Seating is limited; please call 1-866-252-8721 to confirm your attendance. We

hope the information presented will help you have a better understanding of your planning choices. For more information, contact Beth Morphis, Data Research Assistant 903-567-2400 ext. 110.

August 9

It's time again for the annual "Back to School – Stay In School Explosion" at the NFCC Fitness Center, Saturday, Aug. 9 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.. Sponsored by the Madison Prevention coalition and its community partners, the Madison County Department of Health and Tobacco Free Madison, "Back to School – Stay in School" is a fun community event that brings business leaders, public officials, churches and community volunteers together to make sure Madison County school children get the resources they need to succeed in school. Parents or guardians are encouraged to bring their children to receive free school supplies. Registration is required at the door, and supplies are limited, but they will given away while they last, along with free food and entertainment for a fun and festive atmosphere (to give you an idea of how many people attended last year's event, volunteers grilled and gave away nearly 2000 hot dogs). There will also be information booths with everything parents need to know about getting their children ready for the 2014-2015 school year. For business and community leaders who would like to help with monetary

donation, school supplies or food, checks can be made out to "HPPI – Madison" and all donations can be dropped off at the Chamber of Commerce, 248 Range Avenue. All sponsors and donors will be recognized in a media release/newspaper story following the event. For more information, including finding out how you can volunteer and participate in the event, contact Jerome Wyche at (850) 464-0196 or Lamar Tookes at (850) 673-9116.

August 12

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

August 13

The Senior Citizens Council of Madison County will be holding their annual Senior Health Expo, Wednesday, August 13, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. All seniors, caregivers, loved ones and friends are welcomed to attend the event that will include special presentations and vendor booths, offering education and information on services available, along with door prizes and plenty of food. Seniors, come out and learn how you can, "Be the best you can be!"

WAY BACK WHEN

July 29, 1949

Ernest Thomas, colored, suspected of participation in the kidnaping and robbery case at Groveland last week, was shot and killed Tuesday about eleven o'clock by a posse about fifteen miles southwest of Madison.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wynn, of Jasper, announce the birth of a son, Billy Ray, July 21.

Mrs. Charles Phillips is moving this week from the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Smith to her home on West Base Street which she recently purchased and has had remodeled.

Alvin Helborn Bethea, 41, was electrocuted last Thursday when he apparently touched a power switch in the boiler room of a cleaning plant which he operated in Jacksonville.

July 28, 1950

Mrs. Ruby McCullough Ulm was among those receiving degrees at Florida State

University July 22. She received the B.S. Degree in Education.

Vacation Bible school will begin at the Cherry Lake Baptist church Monday morning, July 31st, 9 to 12 o'clock continuing through Friday, August 4th.

Mrs. Albert Sutton of Lee, Florida, announces the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jacqueline Ruth McCullough, to Robert Lee Moore, son of Mrs. Ruth Moore of Lake City, Florida. The wedding will be an event of August 5th at the home of the bride elect.

John Warren Boyd, seaman recruit, USN, of Pinetta, Fla., has completed recruit training at the U.S. Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif.

July 27, 1951

Mrs. D D Morris in company with her sister-in-law and husband, Mr. and Mrs. H W Mizell, of St. Augustine, left yesterday, (Thursday) on a motor tour of Mexico, to be gone a couple of

weeks.

Miss Myrna Reams and Miss Joyce Glennon, of Greenville, were given treatment at the local hospital Saturday night for minor injuries received in an automobile accident which occurred on the Quitman highway about a mile north of Madison.

Mr. Bobby Surles brought to the E-R office Friday morning a fine 67 pound Garrison watermelon, which was grown on his father's farm, the Jim Surles place.

Mr. Jim Al Townsend and Mr. Jim Arnold recently lost their tobacco barns by fire. Sunday morning Mr. W T Everett came very near to losing his barn, when a stick caught fire, but was seen in time to put the blaze out.

Obituaries

Donna Lee

Donna Lee, 48, of Shady Grove, passed away Tuesday, July 29, at her home in Shady Grove. Donna was born September 10, 1965 in Perry, to Wayne and Mary (Wilson) Coody.

Donna entered into law enforcement as a young woman, starting her career of 20-plus years at the Alachua County Sheriff's Dept. She then came to Perry and joined the Perry Police Dept., in 1993. After a few years, she then joined the Taylor County Sheriff's Dept., and was a long time Investigator for them. She retired due to medical reasons in 2012. As an officer, Donna's passion was more for serving and protecting the public, than the authority she may have had with her position. Donna loved her family and

friends, as well as her dogs, and was devoted to them.

She is survived by her father, Wayne Coody and his wife, Mary, of Cherry Lake; her sisters: Renee Hatton and husband, Barry of Panama City Beach; Sherelle Clark and husband, Mills, of Kingsland, Ga.; and Suzanne Brown of Middleburg; her brother, Allen Coody, of Middleburg; nephews: Garrett Clark, Blake Clark, Ridge Hatton, Stone Lee Hatton, Dylan Coody and Randall Brown; nieces: Hailie Hatton and Casey Brown; great nephew, Connor Clark and great niece Jamie Brown. Special friends Mr. and Mrs. Dodd Franklin and Kenny Keene, as well as several aunts, uncles and cousins also survive her.

Donna was preceded in death by her mother, Mary Lee Horton and nephew, James Allen Coody.

Funeral services were held Thursday, July 31 at 2 p.m. at Joe P. Burns Funeral Home in Perry with Bro. Gary Blanton officiating. Interment followed at the Fellowship Baptist Church Cemetery in Shady Grove. The family received friends from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 31 at Joe P. Burns Funeral Home. Memorial contributions can be made to the Humane Society or to Taylor County Animal Shelter. All arrangements are under the care of Joe P. Burns Funeral Home.

You may send condolences to the family at www.joepburnsfuneralhomes.com.

Calvin Eddins

Calvin Eddins, 76, passed away early Thursday morning, on July 31. He is survived by his twin brother, Alvin Eddins; his wife,

Shirley Eddins; his sisters: Geneva Massey, Evelyn Cribbs, Johnnie Kinard and Dorothy Hubble; and nieces and nephews.

The funeral service will be Saturday, August 2 at 2 p.m. at the Evergreen Cemetery in Greenville. Casual dress.

Jail Report

Information in the Jail Report is provided to *Greene Publishing, Inc.*, by the Madison County Sheriff's Office. All people are considered innocent until proven guilty. Questions about people identified in the report should be directed to the MCSO at (850) 973-4001.

July 23

Carney Delmario McCray – Violation of parole.

Naomi Rae Cornute – Possession of controlled substance and possession of controlled substance under 20 grams.

James Allen Smith – Controlled substance possession/sell of Tramadol and possession of controlled substance less than 20 grams.

Djuan Lewis Whetzel – Possession of controlled substance less than 20 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia.

July 24

Sedrick Leon McIntyre – Disorderly intoxication.

Jermaine Lacharles Ross – Domestic battery.

Marion Mae Cooks – Domestic battery.

Cedric Lavar White – Disorderly conduct.

Adrian Jermeil Green – Driving know-

ingly while license suspended or revoked.

July 25

Torry Jermaine Lee – Possession of a controlled substance under 20 grams.

James Earl Hampton – Weekender.

July 26

Dennis Andrew O'Neal – Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs and refusal to submit.

David Coleman McGee – No driver's license.

Shatina Lanay Poole – No driver's license.

Lakesha Nicole Harper – Battery (first degree).

Quanthony Dele Shawnd Fletcher – Possession of marijuana less than 20 grams.

July 27

Glenn Ezacurus Adams – Possession of marijuana less than 20 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia.

July 28

Stanley Joseph Scurto – Driving while license suspended.

Carolyn Love Macklin – Failure to appear.

Benjamin Perry Wilburn – Possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and out of county warrant.

Cedrick Terrell Brown – Possession of marijuana less than 20 grams.

Evan Jasper Flow-ers – Violation of parole (county).

Robert Dale Padron – D.U.I.

July 29

Thomas Ren Davis – Driving while license suspended.

Wyatt Adam Bast-ron – Violation of parole and out of county warrant.

Christina Xiomara Torres – Possession of marijuana more than 20 grams.

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School

Back To School Explosion Set For August 9th At NCC

-FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR ALL STUDENTS-

Story Submitted

The Madison County Prevention Coalition and its partners, under the umbrella of Health Promotion Program Initiative (HPPI), have committed to hosting a countywide "Back to School Explosion" to kick off the 2014-15 school year. This event will be held at the North Florida Community College Fitness Center and surrounding grounds on Saturday, Aug. 9, beginning at 10 a.m. and ending at 2 p.m. Sponsored by a long list of community partners, the "Back to School Explosion" is designed to reach students, parents, guardians, teachers, and citizens in an atmosphere focused on preparation for the new school year. Establishing a student mindset of success and achievement is a top priority for the Coalition, so in addition to free school supplies, the event also provides information about health related resources, educational opportunities and advancements, as well as other services designed to get the school year started off in a positive fashion.

The Coalition is working hard to secure enough donations to provide free school supplies to all students from pre-Kindergarten through high school; Superintendent Doug Brown and his staff provided lists of basic supplies for students at all levels. Hosting such an event is an uphill climb, but everyone is excited and expects the event to produce the success of previous years. The Coalition has enlisted partnerships with organizations, businesses, county and city officials, churches and citizens, to join this effort that all students in the Madison County School District. This is our community's special way of showing that we care.

The Madison County Department of Health will have the Whole Child Express mobile unit on site to provide information to parents and assist students in meeting school health requirements. The health department will also be open during the event to administer immunizations to students. Tobacco Free Madison and Students Working against Tobacco (SWAT) will promote the policy to restrict the sale of flavored tobacco products not covered by the FDA by conducting a skit during the assembly and an informational booth during the event. The Abstinence Program staff will be able to address the parents and students during the program, and will have a booth set up to provide additional information and answer questions. Flyers from each of the programs will also be inside the backpacks that will be distributed.

Superintendent Doug Brown, principals from all schools, along with other faculty and staff will be on site to greet parents and students. A variety of other information booths, social service providers, businesses and agencies will also be present and accessible to meet the

needs of parents and students. Additionally, Aug. 1st - 3rd is the Florida tax-free weekend for school-related items. So even through the Madison County event will provide free school supplies, parents are encouraged to take advantage of the savings of this weekend for other school items, such as school clothing.

The Madison County Prevention Coalition established an account for monetary donations, with the Madison County Chamber of Commerce acting as the central collection agency for all donations. Many generous individuals and groups made donations and the Chamber maintained a list of all the donors, who will be thanked in a press release wrap-up following the event. The cut-off date for donations was July 31st, in order to allow time to purchase and pre-order the extensive list of school supplies.

Volunteers are still welcome, however, for what will be several busy days leading up to the event day.

The Madison County School District has agreed to provide bus transportation to and from the event from Greenville, Pinetta, and Lee, for students only. Because of the liability, parents and guardians are not permitted to ride on transportation provided by the Madison County School District. The pick-up points, times, and locations are as follows:

- The pick-up point for Lee students will be the Old Lee Elementary School beginning at 8 a.m. and returning at 2 p.m.

- The pick-up point for Greenville students will be Greenville Elementary School beginning at 8 a.m. and returning at 2 p.m.

- The pick-point for Pinetta students will be Pinetta Elementary School beginning at 8:00 AM, followed by a pick-up point at the Cherry Lake crossroads at 8:30 a.m. with return times at 2 p.m.

A parent or guardian is encouraged to be in attendance, however, in order to facilitate a smooth process. Because this event is centered on our youth, no student will be turned away. Adult attendees should consider bringing chairs for personal comfort, as there will be some outside activities.

Choosing to partner with the Madison County Prevention Coalition and its partners is the answer to the question... "What can we do to help?" If you would like to volunteer some of your time on event day or require further information, please contact Jerome Wyche, Local Community Organizer at (850) 464-0196, or Octavious Tookes, Co-Chair for Community Organizing at (850) 673-9116.

Together, we can have a tremendous impact by helping our students get ready for the 2014-15 school year.

Madison County Central School's Asthma-Friendly Program Receives \$500 Grant Award



Photo Submitted

Yolanda Haynes (left), Assistant Principal of the Madison County Central School, and Jodi Baker (right), RN, School Health Coordinator, display the certificate they received from the Florida Asthma Coalition, recognizing their school as a Bronze Level Asthma-Friendly School.

Submitted By Jodi Baker, RN, School Health Coordinator

Asthma is a chronic lung disease that cannot be cured, but can be controlled. For children with asthma, the influence of schools can be lifesaving! Studies show that students with their asthma under control are more present and ready to learn in the classroom, they experience higher productivity levels and test scores.

With the goal of improving student health, attendance, and academic achievement, the Florida Asthma Coalition established a voluntary recognition opportunity to acknowledge schools with exceptional asthma management programs. The Madison County Central School jumped at the opportunity to improve asthma management, establishing a school-based Asthma Leadership Team. School nurses, faculty and staff participated in asthma training. Also, the school ensured immediate access to asthma medications, provided student-centered asthma management support, posted asthma posters in high-traffic areas and assured that physical education and activity opportunities met the needs of children with asthma.

This commitment to student health and wellness gained the Madison County Central School the Bronze Level 2013-2014 Asthma-Friendly School Award receiving a \$500 Grant Award. For future school years to come, the Madison County Central School will continue to participate in this cause. The school will also continue to provide education to the faculty and staff to better serve the students with asthma.

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Post Master Receives Plaque



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One year after being sworn in as Madison County Post Master, Erica Carmichael, right, received her Post Master plaque, while at the swearing-in ceremony for the new Monticello Post Office Post Master Arch Rogers. The Post Master plaque was presented by Gulf Atlantic District Manager of Post Office Operations, Keith Pierle (left).

The Bush Wealth Advantage

Our column, "The Bush Wealth Advantage" is our way of giving back to the community with all sorts of insights, relevant news, and practical wealth planning strategies.

5 Critical Financial Issues in Remarriages



Stacy Bush, President
Bush Wealth Management

Many Americans are in their second and third marriages. In fact, statistics from a 2012 book, *The Remarriage Blueprint*, suggest that nearly 40 percent of new marriages include at least one previously married spouse.

Remarrying later in life can produce a number of complex financial, legal, and emotional matters that should be addressed as soon as possible. If you or someone you love is part of a blended family, I urge you to think about these important issues.

Be candid about your financial situation. Couples who are remarrying frequently have significant financial baggage. Being open and honest with each other about assets, debts, and obligations from a previous marriage can help avoid problems later on.

Update life insurance, medical directives, and beneficiary designations. It's unbelievably common for couples to forget to update important documents when they remarry. If you or your spouse dies without changing beneficiaries on a retirement account or life insurance policy, a significant part of the estate could go directly to a previous spouse, with no legal recourse. If you and your spouse have living wills, healthcare powers of attorney, or medical directives (and you should), review them with your attorney to make sure that these documents reflect your current wishes. If you don't currently have an attorney, I can introduce you to one from my professional network.

Think about how remarriage affects your retirement planning. Some divorce settlements require retirement benefits to be split with an ex-spouse, which could reduce your income in retirement. In the event of your death, your current spouse might have to split survivor benefits with your ex-partner. Social Security benefits can also be affected. For example, if you are entitled to spousal or survivor's Social Security benefits from a previous marriage, getting remarried might affect how much you are entitled to

collect. Discuss these issues with your spouse and financial representative to make sure that your retirement takes into consideration your change in financial circumstances.

Consider drafting a prenuptial (or postnuptial) agreement. While most Americans get married without a prenup, I believe that they are essential in a remarriage situation. In many cases, one or both spouses will have children from a previous marriage or have significant debts and assets. When developed by an experienced attorney, a financial agreement can help you protect yourselves and your heirs from the financial fallout of a divorce.

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Remarrying later in life is wonderful, but a new marriage can introduce many complex financial considerations. I strongly recommend discussing these issues with your spouse as early as possible to ensure that your financial health is protected and to help lay the groundwork for future conversations about money

Stacy Bush has practiced independent financial advising in the Valdosta area for 14 years. Growing up on a farm in Donalsonville, Georgia, he is keen to the financial needs of South Georgia and North Florida families. Stacy and his wife, Carla, live in Valdosta with their four children. You can submit questions about this article to askstacybush@ipl.com

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ATTENTION RUNNERS: START TRAINING NOW FOR THE LIONS CLUB'S FIRST EVER TURKEY TROT

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Due to the success of the Fourth of July 5K Run and Fun Run, the Madison Lions Club plans to hold its first-ever "Turkey Trot" during the month of November. Serious runners may want to start training now. Lions Club President Tim



Dunn stated that pre-registration was highly recommended if the runners wanted to be assured of getting a T-shirt, and while the date and time hasn't been set yet, the Turkey Trot already has sponsors lined up, so club members just need to work out the details. Keep those running shoes on "GO" and stay tuned for more information.

Kiwanis Diaper Drive Still Going; Several Other Projects Ongoing As Well

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing, Inc.

For the next week or so, Kiwanis Club members will be bringing in packages of diapers for their Diaper Drive, which will be winding down soon.

Over the last few months, the club has collected and delivered thousands of diapers to service agencies such as the Women's Health Clinic of Madison County Health Department, A Woman's Pregnancy Center of Madison and the Early Learning Coalition of Greenville, all serving low-income women in Madison County.

So far, in Florida Kiwanis District Three (which includes several larger clubs in Leon County) the Kiwanis Club of Madison is leading the pack in number of diapers collected and delivered by a wide margin. At last count, they had exceeded the 5000 mark.

Besides the Diaper Drive, the club has been involved in several other service projects and fundraisers, something Marian Sanders said she likes about being a Kiwanian.

"I'm proud of all the things we do for the community," she said. "It's all about the youth."

George Willis was a member of a Kiwanis Club in Sanford for 37 years. "We did a lot of things for the community," he said. "It got a hold of me. It was a strong club. Everybody worked."

Since then, Willis has been a member of the Madison Kiwanis Club for 27 years and has attended most of the Kiwanis International conventions.

Preston Matthews remarked that next year is the 100th Anniversary of Kiwanis. "I'm looking forward to it," he said.

The Madison Kiwanis Club will be busy for most of the month of August. On Saturday, Aug. 9, you can see club members volunteering at the annual "Back to School - Stay in School Explosion," at the NFCC Fitness Center, sponsored each year by the Madison Prevention Coalition in partnership with the Madison County Health Department, Tobacco Free Madison and several other community orga-

Diaper Drive



nizations. The event runs from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., and there is still room for volunteers at this point. Members of the community who would like to help out are encouraged to contact Jerome Wyche at (850) 464-0196, or Lamar Tookes at (850) 673-9116. You do not have to be a member of a civic club to volunteer, and it is a great way to help the community.

Also during August, the Kiwanis Club's biggest fundraiser will be selling tickets for Boston butts - smoked, cooked and prepared to perfection by Food Giant, which will provide the meat at a discount to the club, to help with its fundraising. The roasts will be ready for Kiwanis Club members to pass out to ticket holders the Friday before Labor Day, Aug. 29. Tickets are \$25, and can be bought from any Kiwanis Club member. The cutoff date for buying tickets as well as the hours for picking up the Boston butts on the 29th will be announced within the next few days.



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Around Madison County

Renovations On City Of Madison Police Department Building Complete

By Jessie R. Box
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The City of Madison Police Department held an open house for completion of renovation at the police department building on Wednesday, July 30. Mayor Judy Townsend started the event by welcoming everyone who attended.

The renovation has been through two city managers and two police chiefs before it reached completion. Former Police Chief Rick Davis began the project, and after four years with Chief Gary Calhoun the project has reached completion.

Chief Calhoun recalled how unusable the second floor was when he arrived. Now the second floor contains office spaces, a training room, storage space, a lab where fingerprints can be processed and a gym for the officers to exercise. There is also an interview room on the first floor. There was previously no space for an interview room and they were usually conducted in the kitchen.



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Will Rutherford, of CRA Architects, discussed what went into renovation at the City of Madison Police Department.



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City of Madison Police Chief Gary Calhoun (left) and Rick Davis, former Chief of Police, are shown at the Open House of the finished police building.



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Jessica Norfleet, Outreach Representative for Congressman Ted Yoho, and Richard Macheck, USDA, Rural Development State Director came to the Open House for the City of Madison Police Department building.



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The City of Madison Police Department now has a gym on site for the officers to stay in shape.



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From left to right, Sergeant Investigator James Roebuck, Chief Gary Calhoun, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Keith Willmer, of the FDLE and Special Agent in Charge Mark Perez, of the FDLE discuss the new lab that the City of Madison Police Department now has on their newly renovated second floor.



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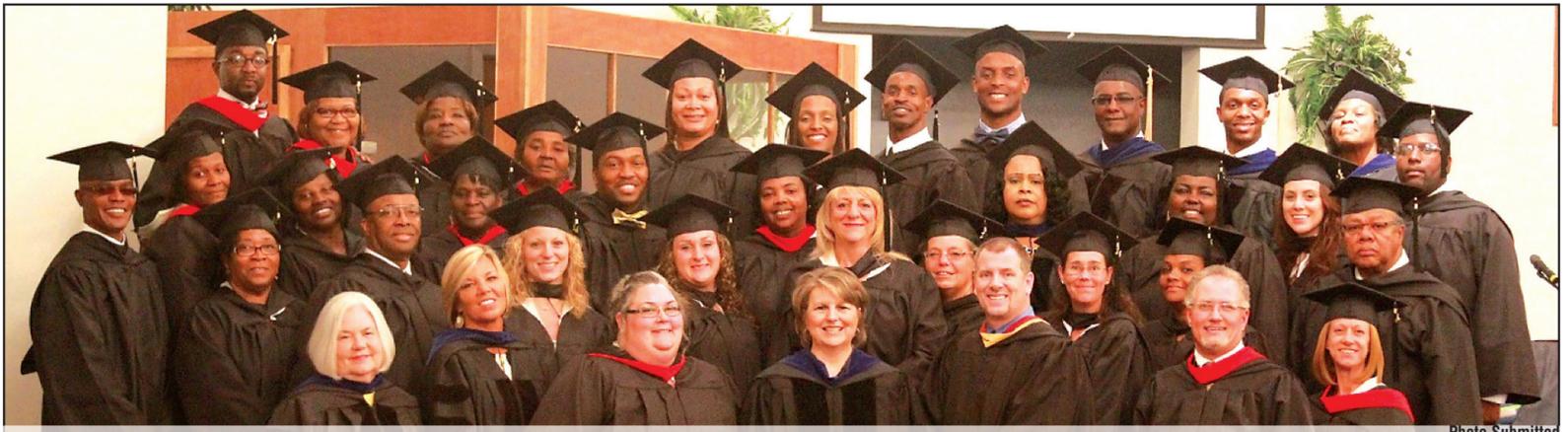
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Covenant Bible College And Seminary: Preparing Individuals And Fulfilling Dreams



2014 Covenant Bible College Graduates

Photo Submitted

Submitted By Covenant Bible College And Seminary

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

Dr. Connie Peterson, CBCS Academic Dean and Madison Campus Director/Instructor, opened the Commencement Ceremony with a welcome and an exhortation to the Body of Christ to fulfill the plans and purposes of their Divine calling. Peter Harvey, Madison Campus Assistant Director/Instructor, shared a powerful Scripture with the honorees and the congregation. Dr. Katherine Harris, also an anointed Instructor/Minister gave the invocation and lifted up praise and thanksgiving to God for all He is doing in each of our lives, our nation and Covenant Bible College and

Seminary. Life-transforming worship that was centered at the Throne of God was lead by Rev. John L. Peterson, pastor of New Life Christian Church International in Madison.

Dr. Dawn Knighton, CBCS Campus Director/Instructor of the Daytona, Fl., graduates, shared her awesome testimony and how Covenant Bible College & Seminary prepared her for ministry. A beautiful medley of praise and worship was sung by Tharron Robinson, who was one of the 2014 graduates.

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

Diploma of Theology:

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

Associate of Science in Theology:

- Catherine Alexander
- Carl Leon Miller, Jr.
- Allison Davis

- Sabrina L. Powell
- David L. Ellison
- David Prince III
- Loretta M. Ellison
- Tharron B. Robinson
- Arthur Jerome Lovett
- Melanie Wilson

Advanced Associate of Science in Theology:

- Gabrielle Cunningham
- Louella Demps
- Floyd W. Demps

Bachelor of Science in Theology:

- Hollie Bargerstock
- Phillip Maurice Jackson
- Delores T. Bell
- Edith D. Page
- Barbara E. Brown
- Joyce A. Taylor
- Josie Mae Graham

Master of Science in Theology

- Catherine J. Murphy
- Takisha Washington Richardson

Doctor of Philosophy in Theology

- Ava Davis Curry
- Rickey L. Curry, Sr.
- Eric Lamar Swanigan
- Inez Levingston Williams

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

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

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

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

CLASSES WILL BEGIN ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13 AT 7 P.M.

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Because there is no deadline for registration, a student may enroll and start classes at the beginning of any month. Those who are interested in enrolling or would like more information about the college are encouraged to contact Dr. Connie Peterson at (850) 973-7330 or email at cbcstoday@gmail.com to receive a student registration packet and information.

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Plaintiff,
vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, ANY AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST PURSUANT TO THE ESTATES OF GORDON MARVIN HAGEN, DECEASED, ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN TENANT #1 IN POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY; UNKNOWN TENANT #2 IN POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY;
Defendants

AMENDED NOTICE OF ACTION

To the following Defendant(s):

UNKNOWN HEIRS BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, ANY AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST PURSUANT TO THE ESTATES OF GORDON MARVIN HAGEN, DECEASED
Last Known Address UNKNOWN

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

COMMENCE AT AN OLD IRON PIPE MARKING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND RUN THENCE SOUTH 00° 17' WEST 103.95 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF A 30 FOOT GRADED ROAD (DUNCAN SMITH ROAD), THENCE SOUTH 69° 42' 24" EAST ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF 163.30 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 51° 58' 54" EAST 22.87 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE THENCE SOUTH 51° 58' 54" EAST ALONG WEST ALONG SAID CENTERLINE 249.80 FEET, THENCE LEAVING SAID CENTERLINE, RUN NORTH 89° 43' WEST 399.05 FEET, THENCE NORTH 09° 37' 34" EAST 497.80 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

ALSO,
COMMENCE AT AN OLD IRON PIPE MARKING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, AND RUN SOUTH 0° 17' WEST 103.95 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF A GRADED ROAD (DUNCAN SMITH ROAD) SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING, FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE SOUTH 69° 42' 24" EAST 163.30 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 51° 58' 54" EAST 22.87 FEET, THENCE LEAVING SAID CENTERLINE RUN SOUTH 09° 37' 34" WEST 497.80 FEET, THENCE NORTH 89° 43' WEST 399.05 FEET, THENCE NORTH 09° 37' 34" EAST 497.80 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SAID LAND LYING AND BEING IN MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA.

LESS AND EXCEPT,

A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING A PORTION OF A PARCEL DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 149, PAGE 472 AND OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 151, PAGE 223, PUBLIC RECORDS OF MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT AN IRON PIPE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 5 AND RUN SOUTH 09° 17' WEST ALONG THE FORTY LINE 104.00 FEET TO THE MIDDLE OF A COUNTY ROAD AND THE NORTHWEST CORNER AND POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED PARCEL, THENCE SOUTH 69° 42' 24" EAST ALONG MIDDLE OF SAID ROAD 163.30 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 51° 58' 54" EAST (BASE BEARING) ALONG MIDDLE OF SAID ROAD 22.87 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 08° 20' 33" WEST LEAVING SAID ROAD 131.51 FEET, THENCE NORTH 75° 04' 03" WEST 200.00 FEET, THENCE NORTH 69° 50' 45" WEST 159.90 FEET TO WILLIAMS AND DAVIS (OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 119, PAGE 406); THENCE NORTH 19° 59' 20" EAST ALONG WILLIAMS AND DAVIS 241.03 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

ALSO LESS AND EXCEPT,

A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 5 AND RUN SOUTH 09° 17' WEST 103.95 FEET TO THE CENTER OF A COUNTY GRADED ROAD, THENCE LEAVING SAID ROAD RUN SOUTH 20° 23' 11" WEST 241.03 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN SOUTH 69° 42' 24" EAST 200.00 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 11° 08' 33" WEST TO THE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SCHMIDT, THENCE NORTH 89° 43' WEST ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF SCHMIDT TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF GORDON HAGEN AND THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED PARCEL, THENCE NORTH 20° 23' 11" EAST 379.92 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2.065.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, 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. Persons with a disability who need any accommodation to participate should call the ADA Coordinator, Jacquetta Bradley, P.O. Box 1569, Lake City, FL 32956, 386-719-7428, within five (5) working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired call (800) 955-8771; if you are voice impaired call (800) 955-8770.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 22 day of July, 2014.

TIM SANDERS
As Clerk of the Court
By Janessa Robinson
As Deputy Clerk

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7/30, 8/1

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7/30, 8/1

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2014-65-CP
IN RE: ESTATE OF
VERA H. CONE
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of VERA H. CONE, deceased, whose date of death was June 21, 2014; is pending in the Circuit Court for Madison County, Florida, Probate Division; File Number 2014-65-CP; the names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representatives' attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons, who have claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unsecured, contingent or unliquidated claims, and who have been served a copy of this notice, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
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ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIMS FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE IS August 1, 2014.
Attorney for Personal Representative: Personal Representatives:
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