

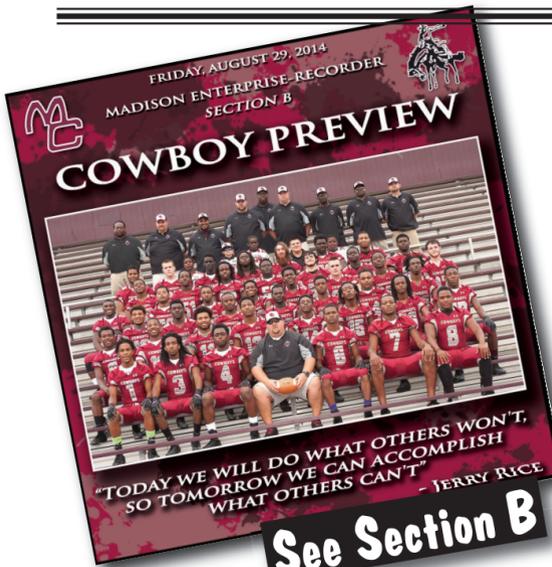
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Election Results Are In

By Jessie R. Box
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Madison County has 11,527 registered voters and 2,977 ballots were cast in the Primary Elections. In the election, votes were cast for School Board District 1 and 3, County Commissioner District 4, Governor, Attorney General and U.S. Representative in Congress District 3.

For School Board District 1, there will be a run-off in the General Elections between Terrence Lamont Boatman and Susie Bishop Williamson, who both did not receive the required 50 percent for a winner to be declared.

Ve'Etta L. Hagan won the election for School



Terrence Boatman



Susie Bishop Williamson



Ve'Etta Hagan



Alfred Martin

Board District 3, with 55.3 percent of the votes over Surretta Lee Bell, who received 44.7 percent.

Alfred Martin won the County Commissioner District 4 with 64.06 percent of the votes over opponent Howard B. Pickels, who received 35.94 percent.

Rick Scott won the Governor's seat in the Republican Primary and will face Charlie Crist, who won for the Democ-See Election On Page 3A

School Board Meeting Hears Updates

By Lynette Norris
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With the first two weeks of school behind them, the Madison County School Board received updates on two of their facilities.

Sam Stalnaker told the board that the first two days at the Madison Excel School had been relatively uneventful; the school had 45 students enrolled; 34 had shown up on the first day of school and 31 on the second day of school. Since the school is an alternative to student expulsion from the school system, the

most pressing issues for staff at the moment were calling parents to make sure the rest of the students start showing up, and meeting with each student individually to make sure they understood what was required of him or her in order to transition back to regular school.

As he was reviewing the transition plan, school board member Ve'Etta Hagan questioned why a school resource officer was a member of the placement committee for students. After much discussion, that was changed so that the re-See Updates On Page 3A

SOUTHERN PRIDE SOFTBALL TEAM ARE 9TH IN US



Photo Submitted

The Southern Pride Softball team members are pictured left to right. In the front row are: Chloe Culp, of Tallahassee and Sophie Sumner, of Valdosta.

In the middle row: Dara Garland, of Lake City; Maddie Wilkes, of Orange Park, Fl.; Taylor Macera, of Valdosta; and Rylin Hedgecock, of Hahira, Ga.

In the back row: Jacie Johns, of Hahira, Ga.; Regan Hermeling, of Tallahassee; Ashlyn Rogers, of Lee; Ragen Lasseter, of Sycamore, Ga.; and Laila Dickey, of Lee.

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The Southern Pride softball team, of Valdosta, represented Madison in the ASA National Tournament in Bloomington, Indiana and the team came back 9th in the U.S. The team decided to represent Madison, despite being located in Valdosta, because they have several team members and a coach from Madison. The team was in Indiana from Sunday, July 26 to Sunday, Aug. 3. The Southern Pride team is for girls age 12 and under.

According to the team's coach, Thomas Macera, who is also the Girl's Softball Coach for Valdosta State University, the team must win one of the qualifying tournaments to be eligible for the National Tournament and they actually won several tournaments.

Since the team has been together for three years, this is the first time they made it into the National Tournament. Macera said that he enjoys working with the children and watching them grow in their softball skills in the past few years.

At the National Tournament, there were 73 teams that qualified, including Southern Pride and the team tied ninth in the United States with three other teams in the 12 and under category.

"These young ladies work hard at their craft," See Softball On Page 3A

Vehicle Registration Fee Reduction Takes Effect Monday

By Jessie R. Box
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The reductions in Florida's motor vehicle registration fees will take effect on Monday, Sept. 1. Floridian drivers will save approximately \$17 to \$25 when renewing their registrations. The fee reductions were proposed by Gov. Rick Scott earlier this year as part of the It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget, and were approved by the Florida Legislature during the 2014 legislative session.

"This fee cut will result in an annual savings of about \$25 per typical motor vehicle," said Gov. Scott. "Families deserve to keep more of their hard earned money, and we will now be able to save Floridians \$400 million, because it's their money!" See Fee On Page 3A

Fire Board Will Hold Sept. 4 Meeting

By Lynette Norris
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The Madison County Fire Board will hold a special meeting Thursday, Sept. 4 at 6 p.m., at the Emergency Operations Center, 1083 SW Harvey Green Drive, near the Senior Citizen's Center.

The board will be dealing with issues affecting the quality of the county's fire departments. The Greenville Town Council had also wanted to set up a special public meeting between themselves and the fire board, but de-

ecided to wait and see what would come out of the Sept. 4 meeting, which is mainly to get information out to the county's volunteer firefighters about what is expected of them. Greenville Town consultant Jim Parrish said that after a brief discussion with the fire board chair, that the second meeting with Greenville "is not being pursued at this time."

The meeting is open to the public, and interested citizens are encouraged to come and observe the proceedings.

Vehicle Hits Tree



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo By Rose Klein Aug. 21, 2014

No injuries were reported after Kelsey McGriff, 23, of Tallahassee struck a tree on Thursday, Aug. 21.

By Jessie R. Box
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A vehicle struck a tree when the driver lost control on CR 360 on Thursday, Aug. 21 at 4:36 p.m.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol, Kelsey McGriff, 23, of Tallahassee, was traveling south on CR 360,

south of Jim Clark Road. McGriff failed to maintain control and swerved onto the west shoulder. McGriff's 2007 Honda Civic began to rotate clockwise and then overturned. The left side of the vehicle struck a tree. The vehicle came to a final rest facing north on the west shoulder. No injuries were reported. No charges were issued.

Driver Charged With Careless Driving

By Jessie R. Box
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A vehicle struck a tree after the driver became distracted on Monday, Aug. 25 at 4:45 p.m., on SW Farm Road.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol, Jorge Lopez, 43, of Lee was traveling westbound on SW Farm Road. Lopez became distracted due to an event from inside the

See Careless Driving On Page 3A

Madison Fire Rescue Will Hold Boot Drive Next Three Fridays

By Jessie R. Box
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More than 10 members of the Madison Fire Rescue Department will fan out across the city with boots in hand for this year's drive on Friday, Aug. 29 at Base Street and Duval Avenue from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m.

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Dave Galbraith Football Registration Starts This Weekend

By Jessie R. Box
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The 2014 Dave Galbraith Football registration will be held Saturday, Aug. 30 and Saturday, Sept. 6 from 9

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Local Weather

Fri 8/29 93/73
Partly cloudy early with thunderstorms becoming likely during the afternoon.

Sat 8/30 94/72
Thunderstorms developing in the afternoon.

Sun 8/31 94/73
Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.

Mon 9/1 94/73
Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.

Viewpoints & Opinions

Letters 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 -

Madison County Animal Control Slaughters Beloved Family Pets in Violation of the Law

To the editor:
It was with great sadness, disgust, and anger that I learned a co-worker's 2 sweet, gentle, innocent lab puppies, Sammy and Albert, were picked up by Madison County Animal Control last Wednesday, August 20, 2014 after they wandered off the rural, 200 acre property in which they live. The dogs were euthanized Thursday afternoon, August 21, 2014 at 4:30 pm after being at the shelter for just 24 hours, despite a county ordinance that requires animals be kept for 3 days prior to being euthanized.

The shelter is apparently closed on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. If it is the practice and policy of Madison County Animal Control to systematically slaughter every animal in their custody every Thursday afternoon, this story is even more appalling than I originally thought. Please join me in demanding a complete and comprehensive audit of the practices and procedures of Madison County Animal Control by contacting the county coordinator, Allen Cherry, at mccoord@madison-countyfl.com and the

county commissioners at commissionerd1@madisonfl.com, commissionerd2@madisonfl.com, commissionerd3@madisonfl.com, commissionerd4@madisonfl.com, commissionerd5@madisonfl.com to ensure that Madison County Animal Control never inflicts such needless pain, suffering, and heartache on another pet owner again. This wanton, willful, and reckless disregard for the law and now distraught FORMER pet owners is unconscionable and must be stopped immediately!
Sincerely,
Dave Rothamer

Yard Sale Items Needed For The ARC Big Bend

The Arc Big Bend is participating in Flea Across Florida the second week of September. All proceeds go to provide supplies for our Life Skills Development Program. We are currently accepting donations for our big yard sale to take place September

11 and 12 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donations may be dropped off at 727 SW Range Avenue, Madison, FL 32340 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. or call our office at (850) 973-4614, ext. 301 to arrange for pickup. Please mark your

calendar to visit our yard sale and prepare to take home some wonderful treasures! Thank you in advance for your support.
Sincerely,
Paula Arnold
Community Development Consultant
The Arc Big Bend

Fire Safety Tips By Fire Chief Bruce Jordan

City Of Madison Fire Rescue Services



The City of Madison Fire Rescue has many capabilities and can provide many services that the average citizen of Madison or Madison County may not be aware of that include:
Almost all members of the fire department are Dual Certified Firefighter - EMT's.
Madison Fire Rescue currently has a Class 5 ISO rating in the city and a Class 5X rating in our response area in the county.

stallation of smoke alarms if the homeowner purchases them and will provide a home fire safety survey upon request. We provide fire safety education for Madison area schools and childcare facilities of all types when requested including fire station tours. We have the ability to provide fire safety education to businesses or community groups if or when requested and could also include first aid, CPR or fire extinguisher training.

Green=1000 to 1500 gallons per minute - 70 percent of our hydrants.
Orange=500 to 1000 gallons per minute - 20 percent of our hydrants.
Red=up to 500 gallons per minute - 10 percent of our hydrants.
• Where can I buy a fire extinguisher or get a fire extinguisher refilled or retagged?
There are two fire extinguisher service companies that service this area, Bennett's Fire Protection Systems and Automatic Fire Systems, Inc. Either of these companies can sell or service fire extinguishers.
• What type or kind of smoke alarm should I have? How many?
The easy answer is that any smoke alarm would be better than having none at all.
Like other things that you buy you get what you pay for, if you buy a cheaper smoke alarm it may not be as sensitive and take longer to alert you or it may be too sensitive and alert when there is no fire. We cannot recommend specific brands but you should try to purchase the best alarm you can afford. You should have one alarm per bedroom and at least one per floor.
• When do I need a (CO) Carbon Monoxide Alarm?
You should have a CO Alarm installed if you have any appliances in your house that uses fuel. This includes Natural Gas, LP Gas, and Kerosene, Wood-burning stoves or fire places, any appliance that is in the house. Carbon Monoxide is a colorless and odorless gas, you cannot smell a CO leak, this is why you need a CO Alarm to alert you if CO is present in your house.

On Wednesday 8-20-14 afternoon about 3:00-3:30pm Animal control responded to the residence and picked up 2 black lab juvenile dogs. We kenneled the dogs and fed them.

On Thursday afternoon at approx. 4:30pm the 2 dogs were euthanized and buried at our facility.

6.0 REDEMPTION

Stray animals which are not suffering from illness or injury, or are not suspected of having an infectious disease, shall be held for not less than three working days not counting day of capture nor day of disposition unless sooner redeemed by the owner. Ill or injured animals may be euthanized prior to the expiration of the three-day holding period in accordance with Section 828.05, FS. In instances when the owner of an impounded animal can be determined, animal services shall make a reasonable attempt to contact the owner before disposing of the animal. A reasonable attempt to contact the owner shall be satisfied by a telephone call to the owner, and should the telephone method fail, by placing a notice in a conspicuous place on the owner's premises.

Conservative Corner By Nelson A. Pryor, Lee, Fl.

Kashkari Wasn't The First!

If your running for governor, in California, against a popular governor, Jerry Brown, how do you get media attention? You pull a stunt like our "Walking Lawton" did! You remember first hearing of Lawton Childes, from his 1972, walk from Pensacola to Key West. It worked! From then on, Gov. Childes had his way here in Florida.
Control the Controller!
With \$40 in his pockets, a duct-taped backpack and a cameraman following discretely, Neel Kashkari, the multimillionaire Republican candidate for governor of California, spent a week posing as a homeless man looking for a job, he recently revealed, releasing a 10-minute video on his website about the event.
With no prospects for a job after five days on the streets of Fresno, in the agriculture center of California, Mr. Kashkari, appearing scruffy and bereft, looked into the camera and said: "The solution is simple-it's jobs. It's not more welfare. It's not more food stamps. Its jobs. And we know how to do this."
"We know how to rein in regulations so our businesses can grow and thrive and

hire." The New York Times of August 1, reports, that: "Until now, his efforts to hammer away at Mr. Brown's rosy message about the California economy have made seemingly little impact."
"There's a sense of resignation in California that the middle class is just doomed," Mr. Kashkari said. "Jerry Brown doesn't want to talk about these issues, but that's just bunk-we cannot just hide from reality."
Jobs! Jobs! Jobs!
In the inland areas of California, outside the larger cities, unemployment is in double digits. California's poverty rate is the highest in the country, after accounting for the cost of living.
"Everything starts with education and jobs," Mr. Kashkari said. "We talk about temporary help, but if the bridge is a bridge to nowhere, what does it matter? There has to be land, and that land has to be a job."
No Recovery Here
There is seemingly a lot of money being spent to help get people jobs. But, regulations, red tape, zoning,

and government instituted stops, just get in the way of actual job creations by the private sector.
To awake the sleeping giant, the controller must be controlled! Our Governor, Rick Scott, sees the same problem. Getting the economy turned around. With no help from Osama's "recovery," he has had to be creative.
Neel Kashkari, like "Walking Lawton," found a gimmick for the press. Gov. Scott is serious about jobs! It seems that today, with campaigns for office requiring so much money, the best approach means getting free publicity. So how does he proceed to get that free publicity? We need your help - readers of Conservative Corner might like to write letters to this newspaper telling what the governor can do to generate free publicity to note his job creation efforts. First the idea, then the follow through!
Gov. Scott needs a "golden shovel" idea to show he's on the job getting jobs for Florida.

We respond to all reported types of fires in the city and into the county as per the Interlocal Agreement guidelines.
We respond to Hazardous Materials (Haz-Mat) incidents in our area and the rest of the county when requested or needed. We will soon receive Hazardous Materials Operations Level training in the near future.
We have also developed relationships with some of the surrounding counties that have Haz-Mat Teams that can be called upon for assistance when needed.
We respond to all reported vehicle accidents (other than in a parking lot, unless there are injuries) in the city and into the county according to the Interlocal Agreement and county.
Our personnel respond to Medical Calls in the city and into the county when dispatched or requested by Madison County EMS; we assist EMS if or when needed but we do not transport patients.
We can provide free Blood Pressure checks at the fire station when personnel are available during the daytime.
We provide free in-

The Republican Club of Madison County meets Sept 8, 2014 at 12:00 noon at Shelby's Restaurant. EVERYONE WELCOME
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Election

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atic Party, in the General Elections in November. Scott received 87.65 percent of the votes while opponents Elizabeth Cuevas-Neunder and Yinka Abosede Adeshina received 10.58 and 1.78 percent, respectively. Crist received 74.37 percent of the Democratic votes, while his opponent, Nan H. Rich received 25.63 percent. At the Madison County elections Scott and Crist were the winners.

George Sheldon won the election for Attorney General in the Democratic Primary with 60.66 percent of the votes against Perry Thurston, who received 39.33 percent. Sheldon will now face incumbent Pam Bondi in the General Elections. Bondi ran unopposed for the Republican Party. At the Madison County elections Sheldon was the winner.

Ted Yoho won the election for the Republican Primary against Jake Rush with 79.38 percent of the votes over 20.62 percent. Yoho will face Democratic candidate Marihelen Wheeler and Howard Lawson, who is running with no party affiliation, in the General Election. At the Madison County elections, Yoho was the winner.

Updates

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source officer was not a part of the committee, but could give advice if the committee solicited it.

As for the high school, all the portable classrooms are in place, and the teachers are pleased with the condition of the buildings – especially the fact that they have windows. Demolition work is scheduled to start on the school's north wing by October, and the new scoreboard has arrived; it will be up and running for tonight's game, Aug. 29, when the Cow-

boys face Tampa Catholic.

The board approved a contract with a locally run virtual school to pay \$75 per half credit hour received by each student. The local virtual school recoups FTEs for the district by enrolling those students who would normally be home-schooled or enrolled in Florida Virtual School.

The district will also advertise for a new paraprofessional position at Greenville Elementary School.

Listen To The Older Generation

By Jackie Johnson
Volunteer Activities Director at Senior Citizen's Council of Madison

There are senior centers in many towns and communities all over this country. They are, or should be, a great asset to all who live there.

Listen to the older generation; this may be some of what you hear:

*All my life I've been young.
Able to make all my own choices and decisions in life.*

I've had many dreams and wonderful experiences.

*It seems like all of a sudden things changed.
Now they tell me I'm old!*

To be honest, I still feel young, but this body tells me different!

I'm more forgetful, and it takes a little longer to understand.

*I'm not senile or unable to function, just slower.
I have much experience under my belt.*

*I could show you a few things, if you'll let me!
I'll also tell you of many of the lessons I've learned and the wisdom I've gathered on this journey.*

*If you'll listen!
I am still me inside of this older shell.*

When you see me, don't judge me by my outward appearance.

I may look a little rough, but that's because, I've weathered the storms of life!

I've made it this far, so please don't ignore me, throw me away or feel sorry for me.

Instead appreciate the fact that I have lived this long and maybe I could actually teach you a thing or two!

*Life has definitely changed for me.
I'm no longer a child, adolescent, teenager or young adult.*

I'm no longer in grade school, high school or college.

Yet, I've been well educated by the school of "hard knocks!"

I'm no longer active in the work force and sometimes feel unneeded.

My children are grow , my spouse is dead or going through the same changes I am.

I now have health issues I never had to deal with before.

I have become lonely, yet often don't wish to admit that to you or myself.

I occasionally need help and need to be around others with like maturity.

I'm capable of tending to and caring for my own daily needs.

*I don't need (or even want) a nursing home.
I had been leery of visiting or even joining a senior center.*

*Am I really that old?
Now that I've gotten out of my comfort zone and tried the senior center, I am really enjoying myself again!*

I have opportunities to volunteer and share my knowledge, wisdom and talents with others.

I can play! Card games, puzzles, computer games and even pool!

I can eat with others and obtain a good healthy balanced meal in the company of others going through similar situations like mine.

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The following are examples of the savings on vehicle registration fees as a result of the reductions that will take place on Monday:

Type of Vehicle	Reduction
Motorcycles.....	\$17.05
Autos and Trucks under 2,500 lbs.....	\$18.55
Autos and Trucks between 2,500-3,500 lbs....	\$21.55
Autos and Trucks more than 3,500 lbs.....	\$25.05

Softball

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said Macera. "They put a lot of time in and this is a well earned accomplishment."

The team members are Chloe Culp, of Tallahassee; Sophie Sumner, of Valdosta; Dara Garland, of Lake City; Maddie Wilkes, of Orange Park, Fl.; Taylor Macera, of Valdosta; Rylin Hedgecock, of Hahira, Ga.; Jacie Johns, of Hahira, Ga.; Regan Hermeling, of Tallahassee; Ashlyn Rogers, of Lee; Ragen Lasseter, of Sycamore, Ga.; and Laila Dickey, of Lee.

The coaches for the team are Thomas Macera, of Valdosta; Russ Hedgecock, of Hahira, Ga.; Stacy Lasseter, of Sycamore, Ga.; and Chuck Dickey, of Lee.

Boot Drive

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This event was originally scheduled for Friday, Aug. 22 but was cancelled due to the extreme heat. The Boot Drive is also scheduled for Friday, Sept. 5. and Friday, Sept. 12.

Funds raised through 2014 Madison Fire Department Fill the Boot event will help support MDA's programs of worldwide research, specialized health care services, and day-to-day support – which includes sending children affected by muscular dystrophy and related diseases to a weeklong, barrier-free MDA summer camp at Dowling Park in Madison.

Careless Driving

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vehicle. There was one passenger, Mary Lopez, 41, of Lee. Lopez over-steered his 2007 Ford 4DR to the right causing the vehicle to travel onto the north shoulder of the roadway. After leaving the roadway, the vehicle's front struck a tree and came to final rest on the north shoulder facing northwest.

Mary Lopez was transported to the Madison County Memorial Hospital for minor injuries. Jorge Lopez was charged with careless driving.

The Florida Highway Patrol was assisted by the Madison County Sheriff's Office and Madison County E.M.S.

Galbraith

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a.m. – 12 p.m., at the Madison County Courthouse. Registration will also be held Tuesday, Sept. 2 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., at the Madison County Recreational Park. The tackle football teams are separated into three different age groups. The Mighty Mites are six and seven-year-olds. The Junior Midgets are for children eight, nine and 10-year-olds. The Midgets are for ages 10-13. Where the 10-year-olds are placed depends upon weight. The registration fee this year will be \$60 per player. There will be no gate fees. Each player must provide their own helmet and shoulder pads. Items needed at registration are a birth certificate, proof of insurance and a parent or guardian. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer as a coach or assistant coach, please contact Billy Tolar (850) 673-7979 or Sean Herring (850) 843-2900.

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Around Madison County

WAY BACK WHEN

August 26, 1949

R L Treadway suffered a broken leg in an accident at the Cherry Lake sawmill about 1:30 p.m., Tuesday. The injury was a break in the big bone of the left leg between the ankle and knee. A cast was applied at the local hospital.

Madison Boy Scouts are enjoying a week's camping at Blue Springs. They left Monday morning under the chaperonage of Garland Wheeler.

A jet plane from the Naval Auxiliary Air Station at Whiting Field, Milton, Fla., crashed and burned in a dense thicket fourteen miles southwest of Madison, on the old Ashley place, near Sundown Creek, about noon Tuesday.

Miss Connie Pepera, eight-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanton Pepera, celebrated her birthday with a party Wednesday afternoon, August 3rd, at her home with fourteen friends enjoying the affair with her.

August 25, 1950

A C Coody of Pinetta left last week for Harrow, Ontario (Canada) where he will work for six week in tobacco.

There will be a revival at the Lee Baptist Church beginning the first Sunday in September. Rev. I T Carter is pastor of the church and Rev. Dave Alderman will be the preacher. All are cordially invited to attend.

Mr. Crawford Corbett of Pinetta brought a green and yellow horned worm into the E-R office a few days

ago. He had little horns up and down his back. Nobody seemed to know exactly what kind of a critter he was.

Mrs. A F Harrison entertained her bridge club and a table of visitors at her Lakeside home Tuesday afternoon. Visitors playing were Mrs. A S Wing, of Lake Wales, Mrs. T F Livingston, Mrs. T C Merchant, Jr., and Mrs. T M Howerton.

August 24, 1951

For exceeding their G-E sales quota in a recent promotional campaign, H T Holton, Phil Howard, and Cleo McClamma are enjoying a vacation in Puerto Rico, courtesy of G-E Appliances, Inc., of Jacksonville. They left Miami by plane and will spend a few days in the tropics before returning by plane to Miami.

Charles Gaskins, age six years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bullock Gaskins of Madison, was painfully and probably seriously injured when he exploded a dynamite cap in his hands about 4:30 p.m. Tuesday. The incident occurred at his home.

A large plant owned by Synthetic Rosins, Inc., was destroyed Wednesday afternoon in Valdosta in a spectacular fire which broke out about 5:30 o'clock during an electrical storm. Loss was estimated around a quarter of a million dollars, believed covered by insurance.

The Fireman's Dance Tuesday night at the Woman's Club, given for the benefit of the purchase price of a resuscitator to be used by the department, was a huge success. 75 couples attended.

Community Calendar

August 31

Sunday, Aug. 31, from 4 - 7 p.m., the Madison Church of God is hosting a Labor Day Picnic on the church grounds at 771 NE Colin Kelly Highway, with free food, plenty of rides and carnival games - all free. The only thing requiring any money is the dunk tank, where you can buy chances to dunk a town or county official or other notable local person in the water. Rev. Jason Justus of the Madison Church of God invites everyone to come out, enjoy the food, fun and fellowship, and be a part of their family for a few hours on Aug. 31, from 4 - 7 p.m. For more information, contact the Madison Church of God at (850) 973-3339.

August 31

Reverend Charles W. Evans, Sr., Pastor at Mount Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church in Madison, will be begin serving his 16th consecutive year at the church, located at 576 SW Dade St. A celebration will be held in his honor on Sunday, Aug. 31, at Mt. Zion, from 3 - 5 p.m. The public is invited to attend, as he will be recognized for his religious and community services and as the church's longest sitting Pastor. A healthy menu of food will be served immediately after the program. If there is anything special community members would like to declare, please contact Jerome Wyche at 464-0196.

September 5, 6

The Senior Center at 1161 SW Harvey Greene Drive in Madison is holding an indoor yard sale, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 5 and 6. Come out and browse the vendor's tables while helping the center reach their goal of buying a piano for their dining hall. Tables can be rented for \$25 for the weekend, if paid in advance. For more information, call Phillip Combs at 973-2686 or 673-5555.

September 9

The Sparkleberry Chapter of Florida Native Plant Society will

meet Tuesday, Sept. 9, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Hatch Park Community Center, 403 SE Craven St. in Branford. The program will be on Native Bees, presented by Corey Stanley-Stahr, PhD., discussing native bees and the Integrated Crop Pollination Project (ICP) currently going on nationwide. The discussion will include identifying and encouraging the use of native bees for crop pollination instead of relying totally on the honeybee. This meeting is open to the public. For more information, please contact Betsy Martin at betsymartin@windstream.net or (386) 719-0467.

September 10

The seniors who attend the Senior Citizen Center are planning their Oct. 9 trip to the Holy Land Experience in Orlando and invite all seniors to go. Tickets to get in the Experience are \$35 and cost for the bus ride is \$52 per person. If you are interested in this trip and would like to sign up, or if you have any questions, come by the Senior Center, located at 1161 SW Harvey Greene Drive in Madison. Money for tickets and bus ride must be collected by September 10.

September 15

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is offering a free hunter safety course in Madison starting Monday, Sept. 15 through Wednesday, Sept. 17, from 7 until 10 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 20, from 2 p.m. until completed. Students must attend all sessions to receive their certificate. Location for the class will be given to those who register in advance by calling the regional office at (386) 758-0525 or by going to MyFWC.com/HunterSafety. If interested in future hunter safety courses, you can use the same contact information. All firearms, ammunition and materials are provided free of charge. Students should bring a pen or pencil and paper. An adult must accompany children younger than 16 at all times.



RECALL UPDATE

Vornado Air Recalls Electric Space Heaters Due To Fire And Burn Hazards

The Vornado VH110 Whole Room Vortex electric space heater is sold in two colors, black and white. The compact little heaters measure about 10.5 inches high, 9 inches deep and 10.5 inches at the base growing narrower at the top. The on/off switch and the high/low heat settings are located on top of the unit and the Vornado logo appears with a gray "V" on the front of the unit. Recalled heaters have the numbers one and three as the fourth and fifth digits of the serial number. The model and serial numbers appear on a silver decal located on the bottom of the unit. These units were sold at Bed Bath & Beyond, Home Depot, Menards, Orchard Supply and Target as well as online at Vornado.com and Amazon.com from June 2013 through May 2014 for about \$60.

The heater can overheat and cause the units to melt, catch fire and ignite nearby

items, posing a fire and burn hazard to consumers. Vornado has received 29 reports of units overheating and melting, including seven reports of heaters catching fire, resulting in one report of smoke inhalation and one report of property damage caused by soot and smoke.

If consumers purchased Vornado space heaters in the past few months, they should not use them until they check out the serial number; then contact Vornado for instructions on how to receive a free replacement unit, including free shipping. Contact Vornado toll-free at (844) 205-7978 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday or online at www.vornado.com and click on the recall graphic in the lower right corner of the homepage for more information.

The units were manufactured in China. **Hewlett-Packard Recalls Notebook Computer AC Power Cords Due to Fire and Burn Hazards**

If you use your lap-

top a lot, you probably have a power cord for it; just make sure it isn't one that has been recalled.

This recall involves Hewlett-Packard's LS-15 AC power cord. The power cords were distributed as accessories with HP and Compaq notebook and mini notebook computers and with AC adapter-powered accessories such as docking stations, at computer and electronics stores, authorized dealers and online at www.hp.com worldwide from September 2010 through June 2012 for about \$500 to \$1500. The power cords are black in color and have an "LS-15" molded mark on the AC adapter end of the power cord. About 5,577,000 of these cords were distributed in the U.S. and another 446,700 in Canada. HP has received 29 reports of power cords overheating and melting or charring resulting in two claims of minor burns and 13 claims of minor property damage. Customers should immediately stop using them; unplug the recalled power cords and contact Hewlett-Packard to order a free replacement. Continue to use the computer on battery power in the meantime.

Contact Hewlett-Packard toll-free at (877) 219-6676 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. MT Monday through Friday or online at www.hp.com and select "Recalls" at the bottom of the page, then select Power Cord Recall.

The cords were manufactured in China.

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.

August 21

Kenneth Calvin Robinson - Domestic aggravated battery, domestic aggravated assault and criminal mischief.

Domonic Cave Solomon - Resisting arrest without violence and disorderly intoxication.

Crystal Collette Fisher - Out of county warrant.

Marzette Mellesha Rumph - Out of state fugitive warrant.

William Franklin Lamb - Weekender.

August 22

Jessica Latisha Graham - Robbery with a deadly weapon and theft.

Terrence Vashon Brown - Three charges of possession with intent to sell a controlled substance and three charges of sell of a controlled substance (marijuana).

Matthew Blake Vickers - Violation of parole (circuit).

James Earl Hampton - Weekender.

Delma McNally Blair - Violation of parole.

Alisha Janae Robinson - Disorderly conduct.

August 23

Vincent Lee Sanders - Writ of bodily attachment.

Linda Unice Jones - Welfare fraud.

August 25

Terrence Vashon Brown - Possession of

a controlled substance under 20 grams, beverages sold without license, possession of firearm or ammunition by a convicted felon, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession with intent to sell a controlled substance and possession of more than 20 grams.

Bernard Leon Frazier - Controlled substance possession/sell/manufacture, two charges of possession of a con-

trolled substance (crack cocaine) and two charges of sell of a controlled substance (crack cocaine).

Anthony Sharrod Simpo - Violation of parole (county).

Holly Renee Land - Theft.

August 26

Shannon Wyenette Warren - Out of county warrant.

Michael Deangelo Fiffia - Two charges of violation of parole.



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Around Madison County

Going Back In Time At The Beggs Museum



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My, how times have changed. Merchandise from the store's earlier years attest to how long it was in business.



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When the doors opened, those waiting outside came eagerly flooding in.



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(Left to right) Pete Bucher and Tommy Beggs chat with Mary Beggs and Jere Bucher in the middle of the museum displays.



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A collection of carousel horses from circa 1918 reflects Tommy's fascination with horses.



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Dale Stone checks out the old-fashioned account ledgers and adding machine.



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Yes, there is a hearse right in the middle of things. It was one of the first motorized hearses in the state of Florida. Note the wooden side panels around the windows, carved into the shape of curtains. According to longtime employee Jim Stanley, the hearse still has its original muffler and tailpipe, and the motor still runs.



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Tommy's ten-year-old granddaughter, Elena, stands amid the collection of antique dolls, many of whom she has named.



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For a dime, you can ride. Jere and Pete Bucher watch Tommy Beggs' seven-year-old grandson, John Beggs, as he demonstrates the mechanical horse "Sandy."



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Near the old hearse is an old-fashioned child-sized coffin, with the swing-away wooden flap exposing the viewing window underneath.

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing, Inc.

At one point, Jim Stanley was one of the busiest men in town...and helping host the tour of the T.J. Beggs and Company Museum for his fellow Rotarians brought back memories of working there for 35 years when it was an active mercantile store. While he was also putting in time as a trooper, then a dispatcher for the Florida Highway Patrol station. Also, from 1990 until 2009, he worked for Emergency Management Services.

His bosses at T.J. Beggs and Company were very understanding about his other obligations.

"I might be selling a pair of pants one minute and out fighting a tornado the next," he said. "Every day was an adventure. If you've got the support of people around you, you can do anything. If you don't have that support, forget it."

The store is a collection of memorabilia going back decades, as far back as the store has been in existence. A sign in the store commemorates T.J. Beggs and Company's founding year: 1886, the same year that Coca-Cola and Sears got their start, and the same year that the Statue of Liberty was unveiled in New York Harbor.

In addition to the usual examples of

fashions and merchandise, including bridal registries for china, all from years gone by, the store also contains artifacts from the T.J. Beggs and Company's other enterprise, as a funeral business. The T.J. Beggs and Company could take care of anyone's needs from birth to burial.

In the middle of the ground floor sits the old-fashioned hearse that used to carry the deceased to his or her final resting place. Nearby, are examples of old-fashioned wooden caskets that T.J. Beggs employees made by hand.

A collection of wooden carousel horses and another of old-fashioned dolls add a touch of nostalgic whimsy. Upstairs on the third floor is a collection of paintings displaying the talents of local artists.

Tommy Beggs is in charge of the museum and opens it by appointment for tours. Already, he has taken several class reunion and family reunion groups through there, and says that people seem to really enjoy it. Many of the Rotary Club visitors, arriving about half-past noon, stayed until nearly 2:30 p.m., just looking at everything.

If any group would like to schedule an appointment for a tour, the best way to contact Tommy Beggs is (850) 973-6114. If he is not available, leave your message and phone number on the answering machine.

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Around Madison County

FROM A.R.C. TO ARC - THE ARC OF BIG BEND, 40 YEARS LATER

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Founded in 1974, ARC, or the Association for Retarded Citizens (as it used to be known) for Madison-Jefferson, was and still is the local chapter of the National ARC, which had its beginning in 1950, in Columbus, Ohio. The group began as the National Association of Parents and Friends of Mentally Retarded Children, and the impetus seems to have been the widespread exclusion of mentally disabled children from public schools as well as an acute lack of community services for these same children and their families. There were long waiting lists for residential facilities, but there was also profound parental dissatisfaction with these facilities.

The organization eventually became known as the Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC), which in turn underwent another minor but significant name change two

years ago, when the word "retarded" was officially deleted from the title. The acronym "ARC" became simply the name, "Arc," and the local organization became "The Arc of Big Bend."

Paula Arnold, the guest speaker at the Kiwanis Club of Madison, explained that while the word itself merely means "slow," the negative connotation of the "r-word" led to the decision to take it out of the title, because hurtful terminology like the r-word was not in keeping with the organization's goals of serving people with developmental and intellectual disabilities and helping them reach their full potential - as well as helping other people see them, not as people who are the "r-word," but as human beings who are differently abled.

If one looks at it that way, "we all have something we struggle with or wish we could do better," she said. Everyone has some level of disability.

The Arc of Big Bend is affiliated with National Arc, but different in that it serves people with all types of disabilities, physical as well as intellectual. Arc of Big Bend is also active in The Arc Florida.

In Madison, a rural area, Arc reaches out to all disabilities, serving some 30-40 citizens daily, with the goal of helping them reach their full potential. Even if it something as small as learning to comb their hair or brush their teeth, it is something they can now do for themselves, something for which they will not have to depend on from someone else.

The services offered to clients in Arc's Life Skills Center on SW Range Avenue include basic adult education, technology skills, nutrition, personal hygiene, gardening, social interaction, arts and crafts, local outings and field trips.

Also, through a contract with the Department of Transportation and Respect of Florida, Arc has about 40 people employed in rest area management at rest stops in Madison, Taylor and Jefferson Counties, at the Madison Weigh-in/Motion Station, and in litter control along I-10 and state roads in Jefferson County. Clients may also work as attendants in local parks.

Arc also offers employment service for disabled people throughout the region, from Leon to Lafayette County. Some of the ways it helps clients secure employment is through job development, job placement, job coaching, employment training and supported employment. In addition to Respect of Florida, Arc partners with several other organizations including State Vocation Rehabilitation and Agency for Persons With Disabilities.

Even if the clients cannot function highly enough for paid labor, Arc still benefits the client's family and the county as a whole economically. Many times, if Arc were not in the picture, the task of caregiving would fall to a family member, and often the family member must quit his or her job, or is unable to work outside the home because of the responsibility of caring for another person. Depending on how strained the family's finances are as a result, they might need financial assistance from social/government agencies.

With Arc, the family member can continue working, but Arnold emphasized that the agency was not simply a babysitting service. While the client is in their care, the staff will provide a stimulating environment and work with the person to reach his or her highest level of functioning. In con-



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo By Lynette Norris, August 14, 2014

Paula Arnold visited the Kiwanis Club of Madison to talk about Arc of Big Bend and the services it offers not only to clients, but also to their families, as well as the community as a whole. Shown from left to right are Kiwanis member Lucile Day, who arranged for Arnold to speak to the club, Arnold, and Kiwanis President Diane Head, presenting Arnold with a certificate of thanks for her presentation.

trast, a caregiver at home may often be overwhelmed by having to run a household in addition to taking care of another individual, and that individual may end up watching a lot of television, or may just not get the opportunity to learn beyond his or her present state.

However, even those homebound caregivers with boundless energy, time and the best of support systems need a break once in a while, and the client benefits from the chance to get out of the house and interact with other people.

When Arc works with an individual with intellectual disability, an IQ test helps determine the level of functioning and how well the person may be able to understand and learn adaptive behaviors. These include the concept of time and ability to judge how much time is passing, or how long a task will take; the use and understanding of language and words; the ability to read and comprehend; the concept and use of money and the ability to self-direct - to work toward a goal or plan one's activities. Social skills include interpersonal behavior, self-esteem and confidence.

Then, there are the practical skills like health and personal care - things that were mentioned earlier, such as brushing their own teeth or combing their own hair, or get-

ting dressed in the morning.

Practical skills also include traveling. Can they learn/understand time and location well enough to know when and where to catch the bus? Can they learn/understand the use of money well enough to pay the bus fare with the correct change? Can they recognize when someone is trying to short-change them?

Another practical skill is understanding safety issues, like knowing when it is safe to cross the street, how to avoid dangerous situations or how to seek help in an emergency.

Finally, there are the occupational skills that may help them find employment, if possible.

Arc also works with developmental disabilities and these can include intellectual disabilities as well, such as individuals born with Down Syndrome or Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. Physical examples include cerebral palsy and epilepsy.

It is important to understand that disabilities affect people of all ages, in all walks of life. They also come in varying degrees - some disabilities can be corrected with simple tools such as eyeglasses or hearing aids, while others require special attention from someone trained to help. Some are easily identified, others are not. Whatever the

disability and however significant it is, the Arc staff can work with their clients to see what they can achieve and how far they can go.

Staff members include life skills development coaches, employment specialists, landscape and maintenance personnel and administrative and professional employees. All have passed Level II background screening and must be trained in HIV and blood-borne pathogens, first aid, Core Competency, HIP-PA and Zero Tolerance. They must also be able to adapt to the different characteristics and abilities of the clients they work with and serve.

The result of their work may be someone learning the skills needed to become a productive citizen, able to hold a paid job, or it may just be that someone's quality of life can be improved with things that can't be measured, like having a fun day at the Arc Center, seeing friends and learning something new, and a family that can see the difference in their loved one.

It was part of the reason Arnold said she was at the Kiwanis meeting, to talk about what Arc offers.

"A lot of people may not even know we're in the community," she said. "I'm here to tell people that this is who we are and this is what we do."



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ACTIVITIES AT THE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL OF MADISON COUNTY

By Jessie R. Box
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Senior Citizens Council of Madison County, Inc. hosts numerous activities for the residents of Madison to enjoy. The Senior Citizens Council of Madison County is located at 1162 SW Harvey Greene Drive, Madison, Fl. 32340 and is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The fitness room, computer lab and arts and crafts are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday.

On Tuesday, Sept. 2, the Senior Citizens Council of Madison County will have Songs of Praise with Johnny Gaston at 10 a.m., Bible Study from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and Computer Class with Gianni at 12:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, Sept. 3, the Senior Citizens Council of Madison County will have Your Health with Chelsea at 10:30 a.m.

On Thursday, Sept. 4, the Senior Citizens Council of Madison County will have Songs of Praise with Johnny Gaston at 10 a.m., Bible Study from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and Canasta from 1 to 5 p.m.

On Friday, Sept. 5,

the Senior Citizens Council of Madison County will have Bingo with Leroy at 10:30 a.m. and an indoor yard sale from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.

On Saturday, Sept. 6, the Senior Citizens Council of Madison County will have an indoor yard sale from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

On Monday, Sept. 8, the Senior Citizens Council of Madison County will have Internal Art with Bob Downey from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

On Tuesday, Sept. 9, the Senior Citizens Council of Madison County will have Podiatrist Dr. Vincent Crump at 8 a.m., by appointment only, Songs of Praise with Johnny Gaston at 10 a.m., Bible Study from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and Computer Class with Gianni at 12:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, Sept. 10, the Senior Citizens Council of Madison County will have Podiatrist Dr. Vincent Crump at 8 a.m., by appointment only, and Myths About Hospice with Lori Fitzpatrick from Covenant Hospice at 10:30 a.m.

On Thursday, Sept. 11, the Senior Citizens Council of Madison County will have Songs of Praise with Johnny Gaston

at 10 a.m., Bible Study from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Caregivers Support Group at 1:30 p.m. and Canasta from 1 to 5 p.m.

On Monday, Sept. 15, the Senior Citizens Council of Madison County will have Internal Art with Bob Downey from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

On Tuesday, Sept. 16, the Senior Citizens Council of Madison County will have Songs of Praise with Johnny Gaston at 10 a.m., Bible Study from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and Computer Class with Gianni at 12:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, Sept. 17, the Senior Citizens Council of Madison County will have Your Health with Chelsea and Ken Methvin at 10:30 a.m. and Material Aid Distribution at 12:30 p.m.

On Thursday, Sept. 18, the Senior Citizens Council of Madison County will have Nutrition with Theresa at 10 a.m., Bible Study from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and Painting with Laura Coleman at 1 p.m.

On Friday, Sept. 19, the Senior Citizens Council of Madison County will have Bingo with Leroy at 10:30 a.m.

On Monday, Sept. 22, the Senior Citizens Council of Madison County will have

Internal Art with Bob Downey from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

On Tuesday, Sept. 23, the Senior Citizens Council of Madison County will have Songs of Praise with Johnny Gaston at 10 a.m., Bible Study from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and Computer Class with Gianni at 12:30 p.m.

On Thursday, Sept. 24, the Senior Citizens Council of Madison County will have Songs of Praise with Johnny Gaston at 10 a.m., Bible Study from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Caregivers Support Group at 1:30 p.m. and Canasta from 1 to 5 p.m.

On Friday, Sept. 25, the Senior Citizens Council of Madison County will show the movie, Son of God and snacks will be provided at 10 a.m.

On Monday, Sept. 29, the Senior Citizens Council of Madison County will have Internal Art with Bob Downey from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

On Tuesday, Sept. 30, the Senior Citizens Council of Madison County will have Songs of Praise with Johnny Gaston at 10 a.m., Bible Study from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and Computer Class with Gianni at 12:30 p.m.

Renewed Life Outreach Center Event Postponed

It was announced in the Wednesday, Aug. 20 edition of the *Madison County Carrier* that the Renewed Life Outreach Center would be showing the movie, *God's Not Dead* at Tracey Stephens Recreation Park on Saturday, August 30. This event is being postponed until further notice.

This Fall...Win A Frozen Turkey And Be In Shape To Eat It!

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The Lions Club of Madison has moved their annual turkey shoot to October this year, so as not to conflict with hunting season in November. That's great news for hunters, who can now get in a few rounds of competitive target shooting before the month ends. The turkey shoot is on Saturday, Nov. 22, get out into the woods after that deer training!

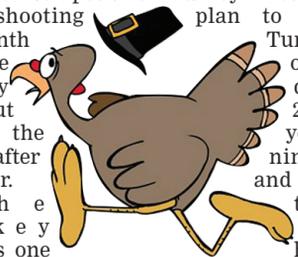
If you happen to be lucky enough to win a turkey in October, and then win the Turkey Trot in November, just think what great shape you'll be in to sit down to that Thanksgiving Dinner a few days later and indulge. Stay tuned for more details as the dates get closer. Happy shooting and happy trotting!

lishing, just off South SR 53. Win your shooting round and you win a frozen turkey (or a gift card for a frozen turkey), all in plenty of time for Thanksgiving.

But don't think the fun is over yet, because in November, it's ready...set...gobble-gobble-GO for the club's first ever Turkey Trot. If you plan to run the Turkey Trot on Saturday, Nov. 22, get out into your running shoes and start training!

If you happen to be lucky enough to win a turkey in October, and then win the Turkey Trot in November, just think what great shape you'll be in to sit down to that Thanksgiving Dinner a few days later and indulge. Stay tuned for more details as the dates get closer.

Happy shooting and happy trotting!



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- Huge Indoor Yard Sale - September 5 & 6 Senior Center Still Needs Vendors

By Rose Klein
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The Senior Citizens Council of Madison County, Inc. will be holding their indoor yard sale next Friday, Sept. 5, from 1-5 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 6, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. The sale will be held at the center and will include tables from outside vendors to display their wares, but will also have items on sale, made by seniors who use the center.

Some of the items for sale will be collectibles, household items, women's jewelry

and pint jars of pickles made by the seniors, described as "the best pickles on the planet." Cute and crafty yarn dogs, that can be customized with your favorite team's colors or personalized however you wish, will also be for sale.

If all the shopping makes you hungry, there won't be any need to "shop 'til you drop" as there will be great food and homemade lemonade available to sustain you. If you are interested in being a vendor at the sale, there is still time to be part of this big event.

Tables are available for \$35 and will cover both days of the sale. Proceeds from table rentals will go towards the purchase of a piano for the center's dining hall.

If you are interested in renting a table, call Phillip Combs at 973-2686 or 673-5555. You can also call the Senior Center at (850) 973-4241. For those interested in shopping the indoor yard sale, mark your calendars for Sept. 5 and 6 and come ready to shop at the Senior Center, located at 1161 SW Harvey Greene Drive.

School

Cutting Edge Weather Technology Blows Into Madison County Schools



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The vegetable garden at Pinetta Elementary now has a soil moisture probe, part of the WeatherSTEM setup, that will measure the soil's liquid content and temperature, giving students data to use for activities in the classroom and in the garden.

By Rose Klein
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Edward Mansouri would say he is not a brilliant man, but after being walked through his brainchild, WeatherSTEM, and exploring the ins-and-outs of this technology-based platform, his knowledge of meteorology and the development of his education-based software, this reporter disagrees, Ed Mansouri, is by all standards, brilliant.

Mansouri is the creator of WeatherSTEM, a weather-based web portal using live information (rain, for example) to create data (inches of rain and rain

strength) taken from agricultural probes and Web cameras connected to an outside transmitter, that can be used to develop curriculum-based activities in schools. An example of an interactive activity, continuing with the rain scenario, would be for students to analyze the rain data and then build a garden (real or on the computer) using plants appropriate for their area's soil and rain pattern.

Sam Stalnaker, the District Coordinator for Career, Technical and Alternative Education in Madison County, said he worked with Mansouri endlessly over a

four-month period to install weather collection stations at all five Madison County schools. He believes the WeatherSTEM program will "optimize instruction and create a solid partnership with the community." Schools that now carry the technology are Greenville Elementary, Lee Elementary, Madison Central School, Madison High School and Pinetta Elementary. The community partnership referred by Stalnaker includes five farms in the Madison County community, who also received Mansouri's weather stations. Agner, Cone,



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The probe in the Pinetta Elementary pond (attached on bridge, upper left corner) will measure the pond's water temperature, allowing students to make water and air observations using math and science concepts, part of STEM's core curriculum.

Hamrick, Page and Terry Farms will benefit from the weather technology, creating a partnership between school and farm that can generate increased learning for both entities.

The 11th and final weather station in Madison County is at Mansouri's Cherry Lake home and, just like the schools and farms, measures rainfall, windspeed, temperature, humidity, solar radiation (skin-damaging ultra-violet rays), dewpoint and heat index. Other features on the web portal includes a Cloud Camera, an all-weather camera that captures live pictures of the sky every minute of the day, that can later be viewed as a rolling 24-hour video or studied in graph form to measure factors, like rainfall and temperature, for any given day. A 'Zap Map,' a map of North America that detects lightning strikes, is another feature, made even cooler because of the "zapping" sound produced every time a lightning strike is shown.

"I've always been passionate about weather," says Mansouri. "I wanted to be a weather man since I was six years old." He obtained his degree in Meteorology at Penn State and attended FSU for his Masters. When working towards his PhD, Mansouri developed software for the weather program, but instead of finishing school, Mansouri ended up in the business world with WeatherSTEM. He says his idea for the program began with his son, whom he walked to school every day. The desire to dress his son properly for weather conditions ended up being the catalyst for Mansouri's now rapidly growing software program. He says there are no regrets for his change of course adding, "I'm passionate about this and I love what I do."

Passion is what drives Mansouri to build his program, but it takes funds to implement that passion. To see his vision come to life, Mansouri is funding the WeatherSTEM project (software, instruction for educators, equipment and its installation) for Florida schools, giving students and educators in the state, all the benefits of his program without any of the cost. He says his initiative is "for students to appreciate and gain an aptitude for STEM subjects," and his concept for the weather program is for students to observe and

study weather using real world activity. He feels that learning from the world around us, instead of from a textbook, will enhance student's engagement in the classroom and result in increased learning. He compared it to watching a football game. "Would you rather be sitting on your couch watching a previously recorded game or be in the stands, cheering for your team, experiencing everything as it happens?"

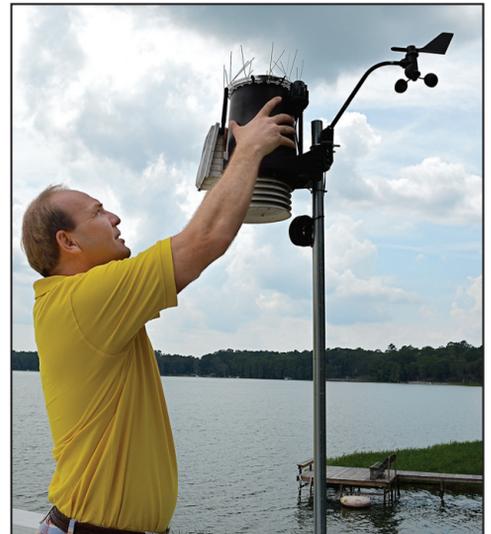
Bringing WeatherSTEM to Madison County was a focal point for Mansouri. "A lot of resources has gone into Madison County, it is a huge focus, and one I'm very excited about." In working with Stalnaker and principals in the county, Mansouri was complimentary saying, "They are great administrators, great thinkers and really hard workers." Last fall, Leon County received the weather program and Mansouri's goal is for every county in Florida to have at least one station in their schools by the year 2015.

Some of the interesting things students and farmers can use WeatherSTEM for is soil moisture and temperature, leaf wetness and water temperature in ponds (such as Pinetta's pond at the elementary school). This data can be used to show what days are best for planting, for tracking erosion and measuring the heat retention of soil. Dewpoint on plant surfaces can reveal when dew first shows up on plants, temperature and humidity in greenhouses (such as the high school has in Madison) can be pulled from the WeatherSTEM

site and analyzed. Students can learn to build a webpage, complete with links containing live data, and will be accessible to age groups as early as 3rd grade. Real, hands-on agriculture will also be part of the program, allowing students to help farmers with crops, using some of the technology mentioned above, all while students employ STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering and math) during use of the program.

To ensure educators are getting the most from their weather stations, Mansouri developed professional development courses and curriculum for educators so their students will gain the most benefit from his program.

Anyone, any place in the world, can log onto Madison County's WeatherSTEM site, and you don't need to be a student to gain some benefits. If you want to visit Cherry Lake for a swim, but think the temperature might be too cold, choose the Cherry Lake icon on the county map and check it out before driving to the lake. Want to see if there is lightning in the area too? Click on over to the 'Zap Map' and check that out as well. Madison County Schools can be found by clicking on the county school logo and farms can be identified and observed by clicking on the green tractors. It's a user-friendly site and well worth seeing. You can log onto WeatherSTEM at Madison.weatherstem.com. If you would like to learn more about Edward Mansouri, his company and his software, visit his business website at Ucompass.com.



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Ed Mansouri stands beside the ISS (Integrated Sensor Suite) that he calls the "meat and potatoes" of the weather station, installed at schools and farms and designed to transmit live weather readings into classrooms, measuring rainfall, wind speed, radiation, temperature and humidity levels.

The Bush Wealth Advantage

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What's So Great About a Rollover



Stacy Bush, President
Bush Wealth Management

Changing jobs can be a tumultuous experience. Even under the best of circumstances, making a career move requires a series of tough decisions, not the least of which is what to do with the funds in your old employer-sponsored retirement plan.

Some people choose to roll over these funds into an Individual Retirement Account, and for good reason. More than 25% of all retirement assets in the U.S. are held in IRAs, and more than 50% of traditional IRA owners funded all or part of their IRAs with a rollover.

Generally, you have three choices when it comes to handling the money in a former employer's retirement account.

First, you can cash out of the account. However, if you choose to cash out, you will be required to pay ordinary income tax on the balance plus a 10% early withdrawal penalty if you are under age 59½.

Second, you may be able to leave the funds in your old plan. But some plans have rules and restrictions regarding the money in the account.

Or third, you can roll the money into an IRA. Why do so many people choose an IRA rollover? Here are a few of the major benefits:

Rollovers may preserve the tax-favored status of your retirement money. As long as your money is moved through a direct "trustee-to-trustee" transfer, you can avoid a taxable event. In a

traditional IRA, your retirement savings will have the opportunity to grow tax-deferred until you begin taking distributions in retirement.

An IRA rollover may open up your investment choices. When you stick with your former employer's retirement plan, you are typically limited to the investments offered by the plan. With an IRA, you may have a much broader range of choices, giving you greater control over how your assets are allocated.

Rollovers can make it easier to stay organized and maintain control. Some people change jobs several times during the course of their careers, leaving a trail of employer-sponsored retirement plans in their wake. By rolling these various accounts into a single IRA, you might make the process of managing the funds, rebalancing your portfolio, and adjusting your asset allocation easier.

An IRA rollover may make sense whether you're leaving one job for another or retiring altogether. But how your assets should be allocated within the IRA will depend on your time horizon, risk tolerance and financial goals.

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Aucilla Football Spotlight



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Aucilla Christian Academy varsity football team and cheerleaders.

2014 ACA Varsity Football Schedule

- 8/22 Jamboree at Sneads High 8 p.m.
- 8/29 Branford 7 p.m.
- 9/5 @ Oak Hall 7 p.m.
- 9/12 @ St. Josephs 7 p.m.
- 9/19 @ John Paul II 7 p.m.
- 9/26 Franklin County 7 p.m.
- 10/3 Robert F. Munroe 7 p.m.
- 10/10 OPEN
- 10/17 Bishop Snyder 7 p.m.
- 10/24 Georgia Christian 7 p.m.
- 10/31 @ Rocky Bayou Christian 8 p.m.
- 11/7 Beacon Of Hope 7 p.m.

ACA Varsity Football Roster

By Fran Hunt
Greene Publishing, Inc.
Aucilla Christian Academy Head Football Coach Colby Roberts has released the roster for the 2014 varsity Warriors football team. Warriors include seniors: Wes Smyrnios, Eric Hutsell, Winston Lee, Cole Schwab, Zack Arceneaux, Nick

Roberts, Austin Bishop, Timmy Burrus, and Shawn Blue; juniors: Kyle Rogers, Trevor Schwab, T.J. Swords, Christopher Fitch, Tyler Pentz and Timothy Kercher; sophomores: Hank Wirick, P'Cole Harrell, Daulton Browning, Joe Hannon, Logan Register, and Joshua Greene; and freshman: Kameron Burns.



Kelsi Reams: ACA Senior Cheerleader



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Kelsi Reams has been cheering for the ACA varsity squad for three years. She serves this year as the Co-Captain. She was also on the ACA junior varsity squad for two years. After graduation, she plans to attend Florida State University or Flagler College and study journalism. She wishes to cover world events and aspires to one day be the next Dan Rather. Kelsi is the daughter of Joe and Kathy Reams of Greenville.

2014 ACA JV Football Schedule

- 8/28 @ Georgia Christian at 6 p.m.
- 9/4 Georgia Christian at 6 p.m.
- 9/11 @ Florida High at 6 p.m.
- 9/18 Sherwood Christian at 6 p.m.
- 9/25 @ Munroe at 6 p.m.
- 10/2 @ Sherwood Christian at 6 p.m.

ACA JV Football Roster

By Fran Hunt
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Aucilla Christian Academy Junior Varsity Head Football Coach Daryl Adams has released the roster for the 2014 JV Warriors.

Playing for Aucilla this year are: Joe Walton, Logan Boyer, Jake Pridgeon, Hunter Key,

Phillip Williams, Kurt Lane, Jacob Dukes, Ayush Patel, Ian Hutsell, Evan Courtney, Andrew Burrus, Brandon Hannon, Joshua Eades, Austin Hebert, Dylan Stowers, Krishan Patel, Will Sullivan, Jared Grant, Nathan Dukes, Nathan Green, Carl Hall, Brandon Slaughter and Ryals Lee.

Letter From ACA Head Football Coach

Warrior fans, Aucilla Christian Academy's 2014 football season is quickly approaching. Our boys have been working hard since May. We had the highest turnout for summer workouts since I was hired four years ago and have competed against several teams this summer in seven-on-seven and linemen challenge competitions. We have roughly 23 players coming into the season with 10 seniors on the roster. We opened the season on August 22 in Jackson County with a jamboree against Sneads. We will once again be running

our pro-style offense and four-man front defense and will be competing in the North Florida Football Conference. In closing, I would like to thank all of our parents, boosters, athletic committee, school staff, coaching staff and players for their hard work and commitment to the ACA football program. I ask that you pray for the ACA football program to be a light for Christ and that the players will be dedicated to giving their best.

Sincerely,
Colby Roberts
Coach Colby Roberts
Head Coach



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Aucilla Christian Academy junior varsity football team and cheerleaders.

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ENMIENDAS CONSTITUCIONALES PROPUESTAS SOBRE LAS QUE SE VOTARÁ EL 4 DE NOVIEMBRE DEL 2014 AVISO DE ELECCIÓN

Yo, Ken Detzner, Secretario de Estado del Estado de la Florida, por el presente notifico que se llevarán a cabo elecciones en cada condado de la Florida, el 4 de noviembre del 2014, para la aprobación o el rechazo de una propuesta de modificación de la constitución del Estado de la Florida.

No. 1 ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL ARTICULO X, SECCIÓN 28 (Iniciativa)

Título de la boleta:
 Conservación de aguas y tierras; dedicar fondos para adquirir y restaurar tierras objeto de conservación y recreación en el Estado de Florida

Resumen de la boleta:
 Provee fondos para el Fondo Fiduciario de Adquisición de Tierras con el fin de adquirir, restaurar, mejorar y administrar tierras objeto de conservación, entre ellas pantanos y bosques; el hábitat de peces y vida silvestre; tierras que protegen los recursos hídricos y las fuentes de agua potable, incluidos los Everglades, y la calidad del agua en ríos, lagos y arroyos; playas y costas; tierras de recreación al aire libre; establecimientos agrícolas y ganaderos en actividad, y emplazamientos históricos o geológicos. Para ello se dedicará el 33% de los ingresos netos obtenidos del impuesto especial existente sobre documentos durante 20 años.

Declaración sobre impacto financiero:

Esta enmienda no incrementa ni reduce los ingresos estatales. El ingreso estatal limitado para los propósitos específicos en la enmienda se estima en \$648 millones para el año fiscal 2015-16 y aumenta a \$1.268 mil millones hacia el vigésimo año. Si se traera como consecuencia gastos estatales adicionales depende de futuras acciones legislativas y no puede determinarse. De la misma manera, tampoco puede determinarse el impacto sobre los ingresos de gobiernos locales, si los hubiera. No se prevén costos de gobiernos locales.

Texto completo:

ARTÍCULO X VARIOS SECCIÓN 28. Fondo Fiduciario de Adquisición de Tierras.— a) Con vigencia el 1º de julio del año posterior a la aprobación de esta enmienda por parte de los votantes y durante un período de 20 años a partir de esa fecha de entrada en vigor, el Fondo Fiduciario de Adquisición de Tierras recibirá no menos del 33% de los ingresos netos derivados del impuesto especial existente sobre documentos, tal como se define en los estatutos vigentes al 1º de enero de 2012, enmendados de tanto en tanto, o de cualquier impuesto sucesor o de reemplazo, después de que el Departamento de Hacienda deduzca primero un cargo de servicio con el fin de pagar los costos de recopilación y aplicación del impuesto especial sobre documentos. b) El dinero del Fondo Fiduciario de Adquisición de Tierras se empleará únicamente con los siguientes propósitos: 1) Como lo establece la ley, para financiar o refinanciar, la adquisición o mejora de tierras, áreas de agua y derechos inmobiliarios relacionados, entre ellos las servidumbres de conservación y los recursos para tierras objeto de conservación, como, por ejemplo, pantanos, bosques y hábitat de peces y vida silvestre; áreas de administración de vida silvestre; tierras que protegen los recursos hídricos y las fuentes de agua potable, entre ellos las tierras que protegen la calidad y cantidad del agua en ríos, lagos, arroyos, manantiales, y tierras que brindan recarga de agua subterránea y sistemas acuíferos; tierras en el Área agrícola de los Everglades y el Área de protección de los Everglades, como están definidas en el Artículo II, Sección 7(b); playas y costas; tierras de recreación al aire libre, incluidos senderos recreativos, parques y espacios abiertos urbanos; paisajes rurales; establecimientos agrícolas y ganaderos en actividad, emplazamientos históricos o geológicos; junto con la administración, restauración de sistemas naturales y mejoramiento del acceso público o disfrute recreativo de las tierras objeto de conservación. 2) Para el pago del servicio de la deuda sobre los bonos emitidos conforme al Artículo VII, Sección 11(e). c) El dinero depositado en el Fondo Fiduciario de Adquisición de Tierras, tal como se define en los estatutos vigentes al 1º de enero de 2012, no estará mezclado ni se mezclará con el Fondo de Ingresos Generales del Estado.

No. 2 ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL ARTICULO X, SECCIÓN 29 (Iniciativa)

Título de la boleta:
 Uso de marihuana para algunas enfermedades

Resumen de la boleta:
 Permite el uso médico de la marihuana a las personas con enfermedades debilitantes, según lo determine un médico autorizado por el Estado de Florida. Permite a los cuidadores asistir a los pacientes en el uso médico de marihuana. El Departamento de Salud deberá inscribir y regular los centros que producen y distribuyen marihuana con fines médicos y deberán extender tarjetas de identificación a pacientes y cuidadores. Se aplica únicamente a las leyes del Estado de Florida. No autoriza infracciones de la ley federal ni ningún uso, posesión o producción de marihuana con fines que no sean médicos.

Declaración sobre impacto financiero:

El aumento de costos generado por esta enmienda para el gobierno estatal y los gobiernos locales no puede determinarse. Habrá actividades adicionales de regulación y aplicación asociadas a la producción y venta de marihuana con fines médicos. Las tarifas compensarán al menos en parte los costos de regu-

lación. Si bien el impuesto sobre la venta se aplica a las compras, los cambios fiscales no pueden determinarse de manera razonable, dado que, si no existe una acción legislativa o administrativa estatal, no está claro en qué medida la marihuana con fines médicos estará exenta de impuestos.

Texto completo:
 ARTICULO X VARIOS SECCIÓN 29. Producción, posesión y uso de marihuana con fines médicos.— (a) POLÍTICA PÚBLICA.

- (1) El uso médico de marihuana por parte de un paciente calificado o un cuidador personal no está sujeto a responsabilidad ni a sanciones penales o civiles conforme a las leyes del Estado de Florida, excepto según se indica en esta sección.
- (2) Un médico autorizado por el Estado de Florida no estará sujeto a responsabilidad penal o civil ni a sanciones, conforme a las leyes del Estado de Florida, por extender un certificado médico a una persona diagnosticada con una enfermedad debilitante de conformidad con esta sección.
- (3) Las acciones y el comportamiento de un centro de tratamiento de marihuana con fines médicos inscrito ante el Departamento, o sus empleados, según se contempla en esta sección y en cumplimiento de las reglamentaciones del Departamento, no estarán sujetos a responsabilidad ni a sanciones penales o civiles conforme a las leyes del Estado de Florida, excepto según se indica en esta sección.
- (b) DEFINICIONES. A los fines de esta sección, las siguientes palabras y términos tendrán los siguientes significados: (1) «Enfermedad debilitante» significa cáncer, glaucoma, estado positivo del virus de inmunodeficiencia humana (VIH), síndrome de inmunodeficiencia adquirida (SIDA), hepatitis C, esclerosis lateral amiotrófica (ELA), enfermedad de Crohn, enfermedad de Parkinson, esclerosis múltiple u otras enfermedades para las cuales, a criterio del médico, los beneficios del uso médico de la marihuana probablemente serían superiores a los riesgos potenciales para la salud de un paciente.
- (2) «Departamento» significa el Departamento de Salud o su agencia sucesora.
- (3) «Tarjeta de identificación» significa un documento emitido por el Departamento que identifica a una persona que tiene un certificado médico o a un cuidador personal de por lo menos veintidós (22) años de edad que ha aceptado asistir a un paciente calificado en el uso médico de marihuana.
- (4) «Marihuana» tiene el significado otorgado al cannabis en la Sección 893.02(3) de los Estatutos de Florida (2013).
- (5) «Centro de tratamiento de marihuana con fines médicos» significa una entidad que adquiere, cultiva, posee, procesa (incluido el desarrollo de productos relacionados tales como alimentos, tinturas, aerosoles, aceites o ungüentos), transfiere, transporta, vende, distribuye, despacha o administra marihuana, productos que contienen marihuana, suministros relacionados o material educativo a pacientes calificados o a sus cuidadores personales y que está inscrito ante el Departamento.
- (6) «Uso médico» significa la adquisición, posesión, uso, entrega, transferencia o administración de marihuana o suministros relacionados por parte de un paciente calificado o un cuidador personal para ser usados por un paciente calificado para el tratamiento de una enfermedad debilitante.
- (7) «Cuidador personal» significa una persona de por lo menos veintidós (22) años de edad que ha aceptado asistir a un paciente calificado en el uso médico de marihuana y tiene una tarjeta de identificación de cuidador emitida por el Departamento. Un cuidador personal no puede asistir a más de cinco (5) pacientes por vez. Un empleado de un proveedor de cuidados paliativos o de un centro médico o de un hogar de ancianos puede actuar como cuidador personal para más de cinco (5) pacientes calificados, según lo permite el Departamento. Está prohibido para los cuidadores personales consumir marihuana obtenida para el uso personal y médico del paciente calificado.
- (8) «Médico» significa un médico autorizado por el Estado de Florida.
- (9) «Certificado médico» significa un documento por escrito firmado por un médico, en el que se indica que, en la opinión profesional del médico, el paciente sufre de una enfermedad debilitante, que los beneficios potenciales del uso médico de la marihuana probablemente sean superiores a los riesgos para la salud del paciente, y se indica durante cuánto tiempo el médico recomienda el uso médico de marihuana para el paciente. Un certificado médico sólo puede extenderse después de que el médico haya realizado un examen físico del paciente y una evaluación completa del historial médico del paciente.
- (10) «Paciente calificado» significa una persona a la que se le ha diagnosticado una enfermedad debilitante, que tiene un certificado válido y una tarjeta de identificación válida de paciente calificado. Si el Departamento no comienza a emitir tarjetas de identificación dentro de los nueve (9) meses posteriores a la fecha de entrada en vigor de esta sección, un certificado médico válido servirá como tarjeta de identificación de paciente para permitir que una persona se convierta en «paciente calificado» hasta tanto el Departamento comience a emitir tarjetas de identificación.
- (c) LIMITACIONES. (1) Nada de lo contenido en esta sección afectará a las leyes referidas al uso no médico, posesión, producción o venta de marihuana. (2) Nada de lo contenido en esta sección autoriza el uso de marihuana con fines médicos a cualquier persona que no sea un paciente calificado. (3) Nada de lo contenido en esta sección permite la operación de un vehículo de motor, embarcación o aeronave mientras se está bajo la influencia de la marihuana. (4) Nada de lo contenido en esta sección requiere que se infrinjan las leyes federales o pretenda otorgar inmunidad conforme a las leyes federales. (5) Nada de lo contenido en esta sección requerirá adaptación alguna para el uso

médico de marihuana en ningún lugar de educación o trabajo, ni para fumar marihuana con fines médicos en ningún sitio público. (6) Nada de lo contenido en esta sección requerirá que ningún proveedor de seguros de salud u organismo o autoridad del gobierno reembolse a ninguna persona por los gastos relacionados con el uso médico de marihuana. (d) OBLIGACIONES DEL DEPARTAMENTO. El Departamento deberá emitir reglamentaciones razonables y necesarias para la implementación y aplicación de esta sección. El propósito de las reglamentaciones es garantizar la disponibilidad y el uso seguro de marihuana con fines médicos por parte de los pacientes calificados. Es obligación del Departamento promulgar reglamentaciones de manera oportuna. (1) Implementación de reglamentaciones. Con el objeto de otorgarle al Departamento tiempo suficiente después de la aprobación de esta sección, las siguientes reglamentaciones deberán promulgarse a más tardar seis (6) meses después de la fecha de entrada en vigor de esta sección: a. Procedimientos para la emisión de tarjetas de identificación de paciente calificado a las personas portadoras de certificados médicos, y estándares para la renovación de dichas tarjetas de identificación. b. Procedimientos para la emisión de tarjetas de identificación de cuidador personal a personas calificadas para asistir a un paciente calificado en el uso médico de marihuana, y estándares para la renovación de dichas tarjetas de identificación. c. Procedimientos para la inscripción de Centros de Tratamiento de Marihuana Con Fines Médicos, que incluyan procedimientos para la emisión, renovación, suspensión y revocación de inscripciones, y estándares para garantizar la seguridad informática, el mantenimiento de registros, análisis, etiquetado, inspección y seguridad. d. Una reglamentación que defina la cantidad de marihuana que podrá considerarse un suministro adecuado y razonable para el uso médico de los pacientes calificados, sobre la base de las mejores pruebas disponibles. Esta presunción referida a la cantidad puede contrarrestarse con pruebas del uso médico apropiado por parte de un paciente calificado en particular. (2) Emisión de tarjetas de identificación e inscripciones. El Departamento comenzará a emitir tarjetas de identificación de paciente calificado y cuidador personal, y también iniciará la inscripción de Centros de Tratamiento de Marihuana Con Fines Médicos a más tardar nueve (9) meses después de la fecha de entrada en vigor de esta sección. (3) Si el Departamento no emite las reglamentaciones, o si el Departamento no comienza a emitir tarjetas de identificación y a inscribir a Centros de Tratamiento de Marihuana Con Fines Médicos dentro de los plazos establecidos en esta sección, cualquier ciudadano del Estado de Florida tendrá derecho a valerse de recursos judiciales para obligar al cumplimiento de las obligaciones constitucionales del Departamento. (4) El Departamento deberá proteger la confidencialidad de todos los pacientes calificados. Todos los registros que contengan la identidad de los pacientes calificados deberán ser confidenciales y estar exentos de divulgación pública excepto con fines médicos o referidos al cumplimiento de la ley válidos. (e) LEGISLACIÓN. Nada de lo contenido en esta sección limitará a la legislación para promulgar leyes coherentes con esta disposición. (f) DIVISIBILIDAD. Las disposiciones contenidas en esta sección son divisibles, y si cualquier tribunal competente declara la invalidez de cualquier cláusula, oración, párrafo o sección de esta medida, o su aplicación, las demás disposiciones continuarán vigentes en la mayor medida posible.

No. 3 ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL ARTICULO V, SECCIONES 10, 11 (Asamblea Legislativa)

Título de la boleta:
 Nombramiento Eventual para Ciertos Cargos Judiciales Vacantes

Resumen de la boleta:
 Proponer una enmienda a la Constitución del Estado en la que se establezca que el Gobernador debe cubrir las vacantes eventuales en los cargos judiciales que estén sujetos a elecciones de retención cuando los jueces o magistrados se encuentren por cumplir la edad legal para jubilarse o en el supuesto de que no califiquen para la elección de retención; y permitir los nombramientos eventuales si un juez o magistrado no se retiene en su cargo en una elección de retención. En la actualidad, el Gobernador no puede cubrir una vacante prevista hasta que termine el mandato del juez o magistrado actual.

Texto completo:

ARTÍCULO V PODER JUDICIAL

SECCIÓN 10. Retención; elección y mandatos.—

(a) Cualquier juez o magistrado puede calificar para la retención, la cual se produce mediante el voto de los electores en la próxima elección general que sea anterior a la conclusión del mandato del juez o magistrado por las causas establecidas por ley. Cuando Si un juez o magistrado no esté habilitado para ser retenido o no cumple con los requisitos para la retención, se producirá una vacante eventual al finalizar el período de calificación de retención a fin de nombrar un juez o magistrado sucesor, y se producirá una vacante en ese cargo judicial a la finalización del mandato cumplido por el juez o magistrado. Cuando un juez o magistrado califique como tal para la retención, en la boleta se deberá leer claramente lo siguiente: “;Deberá el Magistrado (o Juez) ... (nombre del juez o magistrado) ... de la... (nombre de la corte)..., ser retenido en el cargo judicial?” Si la mayoría de los electores calificados que votan dentro de la jurisdicción territorial de la corte eligen retenerlo, entonces, el juez

o magistrado continuará ejerciendo sus funciones durante un período de seis años. Este mandato del juez o magistrado que ha sido retenido comenzará el primer martes luego del primer lunes de enero siguiente a la elección general. Si la mayoría de los electores calificados que votan dentro de la jurisdicción territorial de la corte eligen no retenerlo, una vacante eventual se producirá inmediatamente luego de la elección general con la finalidad de nombrar a un juez o magistrado sucesor, y se producirá una vacante en ese cargo judicial a la finalización del mandato cumplido por el juez o magistrado. (b)(1) Se deberá mantener el método de elección de jueces de circuito sin perjuicio de las disposiciones de la sub-sección (a), excepto que la mayoría de los votantes en la jurisdicción de dicho condado aprueben la opción local de elegir a los jueces de circuito mediante el sistema de selección por mérito y elecciones de retención en lugar de mediante una elección. La elección de jueces de circuito deberá realizarse mediante el voto de electores calificados dentro de la jurisdicción territorial de la corte. (2) Se deberá mantener el método de elección de los jueces de la corte del condado, sin perjuicio de las disposiciones de la sub-sección (a), excepto que la mayoría de los votantes en la jurisdicción de dicho condado aprueben la opción local de elegir a los jueces del condado mediante el sistema de selección por mérito y elecciones de retención en lugar de mediante una elección. La elección de los jueces del Condado deberá realizarse mediante el voto de electores calificados dentro de la jurisdicción territorial de la corte. (3a) En la elección general del año 2000 se deberá votar en cada jurisdicción territorial de circuito y de condado para decidir si el modo de elegir a los jueces de circuito y a los jueces del condado será mediante el sistema de selección por mérito y elecciones de retención en lugar de mediante una elección. Si los electores votan por no ejercer esta opción local, esta opción no podrá someterse a votación de los electores en esa jurisdicción hasta que hayan transcurrido al menos dos años. B. A partir del año 2000, cada circuito puede presentar la opción local de elección por mérito y elecciones de retención o de la elección de jueces de circuito, según corresponda, al presentar una solicitud ante el encargado de los registros estatales. Dicha solicitud deberá estar firmada por un número de electores igual a por lo menos el diez por ciento de los votos emitidos en la jurisdicción de ese circuito en la última elección presidencial efectuada. c. A partir del año 2000, cada condado puede presentar la opción local de elección por mérito y elecciones de retención o la elección de los jueces del condado, según corresponda, al presentar una solicitud ante el supervisor de las elecciones. Dicha solicitud deberá estar firmada por un número de electores igual a por lo menos el diez por ciento de los votos emitidos en el condado en la última elección presidencial efectuada. Los mandatos de los jueces de circuito y los jueces de condado serán de seis años. SECCIÓN 11. Vacantes.— (a)(1) Siempre que se produzca una vacante en un cargo judicial sujeto a la elección de retención, el gobernador deberá cubrir la vacante mediante el nombramiento de una persona entre al menos tres y no más de seis personas nominadas por la comisión judicial de nombramientos correspondiente, por un período que finalizará el primer martes luego del primer lunes de enero del año siguiente a las próximas elecciones generales que se efectúen al menos un año después de la fecha del nombramiento. (2) Siempre que se produzca una vacante eventual en un cargo judicial sujeto a la elección de retención, el gobernador deberá cubrir esa vacante eventual mediante el nombramiento de un juez o un magistrado de entre al menos tres personas y no más de seis personas nominadas por la comisión judicial de nombramientos correspondiente. El plazo del nombramiento comienza cuando finaliza el plazo del cargo que quedó vacante y concluye el primer martes luego del primer lunes de enero del año siguiente a la próxima elección general. (b) El gobernador deberá cubrir cada vacante de una corte de circuito o de una corte de condado, en donde los jueces sean elegidos por mayoría de votos de los electores, al nombrar a una persona entre no menos de tres y no más de seis personas nominadas por la comisión judicial de nombramientos correspondiente, por un período que concluye el primer martes luego del primer lunes de enero del año que sigue a elección primaria y general que se efectúe por lo menos un año después de la fecha del nombramiento. Se deberá realizar una elección para cubrir ese cargo judicial por el período del cargo que comienza al finalizar el período del cargo por nombramiento. (c) Los nombramientos se deberán realizar dentro de los treinta días desde que se ha producido la vacante o vacante eventual, excepto que el gobernador extienda el período por un lapso que no podrá exceder los treinta días. El gobernador deberá realizar el nombramiento dentro de los sesenta días desde que los nombramientos hayan sido certificados ante el gobernador. (d) Tal como lo establece la legislación general, deberán existir diferentes comisiones judiciales de nombramientos para el Tribunal Supremo, para cada tribunal de apelación de distrito, y para cada circuito judicial en todos los juzgados de primera instancia del circuito. Las comisiones judiciales de nombramientos deberán establecer reglamentos de procedimiento uniformes en cada nivel del sistema judicial. Tales reglamentos, o cualquier parte de ellos, podrán ser derogados por las leyes generales promulgadas con la mayoría de votos de cada cámara de la Asamblea Legislativa, o por el Tribunal Supremo de Justicia con el voto concurrente de cinco magistrados. A excepción de las deliberaciones realizadas por las comisiones judiciales de nombramientos, los procedimientos de las comisiones y sus registros deberán estar abiertos al público.

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Notice of Unit Sale

Under the Authority of the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Section 83.805 the described below has been seized for nonpayment of rent and other accrued expenses. The property consists primarily of households and furniture in the unit rented by: Lakendra Baynard Unit #1. If not paid IN FULL at 8:00 a.m. on date stated below, the property will be sold at auction as provided by the Self-Service Facility Act, Section 83.806 on Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. Check-in for the auction is 9:45 a.m. at Greene Publishing, Inc. located at 1695 SR 53 South. Fort Madison reserves the right to reject any bids. For further information call (850) 973-4004.

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NOTICE OF CHANGE OF REGULAR MEETING DATE
CITY COMMISSION
MADISON, FLORIDA

The regular scheduled Commission meeting for the City of Madison has been changed and will be held Monday September 8, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the Commission Room at City Hall, Madison, Florida.

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

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
CITY COMMISSION
MADISON, FLORIDA

A special meeting of the City Commission, Madison, Florida will be held Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. The purpose of the meeting is:

Appeals Hearing for City Employee

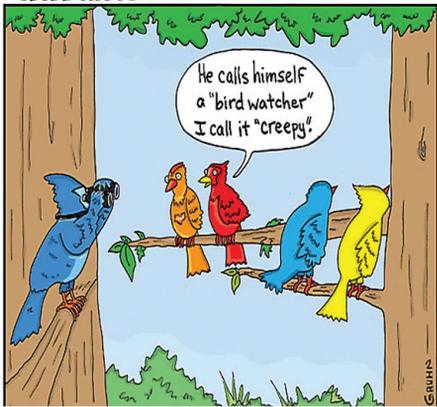
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**PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
TO BE VOTED ON NOVEMBER 4, 2014**

NOTICE OF ELECTION

I, Ken 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 4, 2014, for the ratification or rejection of a proposed revision to the constitution of the State of Florida.

**No. 1
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE X, SECTION 28
(Initiative)**

Ballot Title:

Water and Land Conservation - Dedicates funds to acquire and restore Florida conservation and recreation lands

Ballot Summary:

Funds the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to acquire, restore, improve, and manage conservation lands including wetlands and forests; fish and wildlife habitat; lands protecting water resources and drinking water sources, including the Everglades, and the water quality of rivers, lakes, and streams; beaches and shores; outdoor recreational lands; working farms and ranches; and historic or geologic sites, by dedicating 33 percent of net revenues from the existing excise tax on documents for 20 years.

Financial Impact Statement:

This amendment does not increase or decrease state revenues. The state revenue restricted to the purposes specified in the amendment is estimated to be \$648 million in Fiscal Year 2015-16 and grows to \$1.268 billion by the twentieth year. Whether this results in any additional state expenditures depends upon future legislative actions and cannot be determined. Similarly, the impact on local government revenues, if any, cannot be determined. No additional local government costs are expected.

Full Text:

ARTICLE X
MISCELLANEOUS
SECTION 28. Land Acquisition Trust Fund.—

a) Effective on July 1 of the year following passage of this amendment by the voters, and for a period of 20 years after that effective date, the Land Acquisition Trust Fund shall receive no less than 33 percent of net revenues derived from the existing excise tax on documents, as defined in the statutes in effect on January 1, 2012, as amended from time to time, or any successor or replacement tax, after the Department of Revenue first deducts a service charge to pay the costs of the collection and enforcement of the excise tax on documents.

b) Funds in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund shall be expended only for the following purposes:

1) As provided by law, to finance or refinance; the acquisition and improvement of land, water areas, and related property interests, including conservation easements, and resources for conservation lands including wetlands, forests, and fish and wildlife habitat; wildlife management areas; lands that protect water resources and drinking water sources, including lands protecting the water quality and quantity of rivers, lakes, streams, springsheds, and lands providing recharge for groundwater and aquifer systems; lands in the Everglades Agricultural Area and the Everglades Protection Area, as defined in Article II, Section 7(b); beaches and shores; outdoor recreation lands, including recreational trails, parks, and urban open space; rural landscapes; working farms and ranches; historic or geologic sites; together with management, restoration of natural systems, and the enhancement of public access or recreational enjoyment of conservation lands.

2) To pay the debt service on bonds issued pursuant to Article VII, Section 11(c).

c) The moneys deposited into the Land Acquisition Trust Fund, as defined by the statutes in effect on January 1, 2012, shall not be or become commingled with the General Revenue Fund of the state.

**No. 2
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE X, SECTION 29
(Initiative)**

Ballot Title:

Use of Marijuana for Certain Medical Conditions

Ballot Summary:

Allows the medical use of marijuana for individuals with debilitating diseases as determined by a licensed Florida physician. Allows caregivers to assist patients' medical use of marijuana. The Department of Health shall register and regulate centers that produce and distribute marijuana for medical purposes and shall issue identification cards to patients and caregivers. Applies only to Florida law. Does not authorize violations of federal law or any non-medical use, possession or production of marijuana.

Financial Impact Statement:

Increased costs from this amendment to state and local governments cannot be determined. There will be additional regulatory and enforcement activities associated with the production and sale of medical marijuana. Fees will offset at least a portion of the regulatory costs.

While sales tax may apply to purchases, changes in revenue cannot reasonably be determined since the extent to which medical marijuana will be exempt from taxation is unclear without legislative or state administrative action.

Full Text:
ARTICLE X
MISCELLANEOUS
SECTION 29. Medical marijuana production, possession and use.—

(a) PUBLIC POLICY.

(1) The medical use of marijuana by a qualifying patient or personal caregiver is not subject to criminal or civil liability or sanctions under Florida law except as provided in this section.

(2) A physician licensed in Florida shall not be subject to criminal or civil liability or sanctions under Florida law for issuing a physician certification to a person diagnosed with a debilitating medical condition in a manner consistent with this section.

(3) Actions and conduct by a medical marijuana treatment center registered with the Department, or its employees, as permitted by this section and in compliance with Department regulations, shall not be subject to criminal or civil liability or sanctions under Florida law except as provided in this section.

(b) DEFINITIONS. For purposes of this section, the following words and terms shall have the following meanings:

(1) "Debilitating Medical Condition" means cancer, glaucoma, positive status for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), hepatitis C, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), Crohn's disease, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis or other conditions for which a physician believes that the medical use of marijuana would likely outweigh the potential health risks for a patient.

(2) "Department" means the Department of Health or its successor agency.

(3) "Identification card" means a document issued by the Department that identifies a person who has a physician certification or a personal caregiver who is at least twenty-one (21) years old and has agreed to assist with a qualifying patient's medical use of marijuana.

(4) "Marijuana" has the meaning given cannabis in Section 893.02(3), Florida Statutes (2013).

(5) "Medical Marijuana Treatment Center" means an entity that acquires, cultivates, possesses, processes (including development of related products such as food, tinctures, aerosols, oils, or ointments), transfers, transports, sells, distributes, dispenses, or administers marijuana, products containing marijuana, related supplies, or educational materials to qualifying patients or their personal caregivers and is registered by the Department.

(6) "Medical use" means the acquisition, possession, use, delivery, transfer, or administration of marijuana or related supplies by a qualifying patient or personal caregiver for use by a qualifying patient for the treatment of a debilitating medical condition.

(7) "Personal caregiver" means a person who is at least twenty-one (21) years old who has agreed to assist with a qualifying patient's medical use of marijuana and has a caregiver identification card issued by the Department. A personal caregiver may assist no more than five (5) qualifying patients at one time. An employee of a hospice provider, nursing, or medical facility may serve as a personal caregiver to more than five (5) qualifying patients as permitted by the Department. Personal caregivers are prohibited from consuming marijuana obtained for the personal, medical use by the qualifying patient.

(8) "Physician" means a physician who is licensed in Florida.

(9) "Physician certification" means a written document signed by a physician, stating that in the physician's professional opinion, the patient suffers from a debilitating medical condition, that the potential benefits of the medical use of marijuana would likely outweigh the health risks for the patient, and for how long the physician recommends the medical use of marijuana for the patient. A physician certification may only be provided after the physician has conducted a physical examination of the patient and a full assessment of the patient's medical history.

(10) "Qualifying patient" means a person who has been diagnosed to have a debilitating medical condition, who has a physician certification and a valid qualifying patient identification card. If the Department does not begin issuing identification cards within nine (9) months after the effective date of this section, then a valid physician certification will serve as a patient identification card in order to allow a person to become a "qualifying patient" until the Department begins issuing identification cards.

(c) LIMITATIONS.

(1) Nothing in this section shall affect laws relating to non-medical use, possession, production or sale of marijuana.

(2) Nothing in this section authorizes the use of medical marijuana by anyone other than a qualifying patient.

(3) Nothing in this section allows the operation of a motor vehicle, boat, or aircraft while under the influence of marijuana.

(4) Nothing in this law section requires the violation of federal law or purports to give immunity under federal law.

(5) Nothing in this section shall require

any accommodation of any on-site medical use of marijuana in any place of education or employment, or of smoking medical marijuana in any public place.

(6) Nothing in this section shall require any health insurance provider or any government agency or authority to reimburse any person for expenses related to the medical use of marijuana.

(d) DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT. The Department shall issue reasonable regulations necessary for the implementation and enforcement of this section. The purpose of the regulations is to ensure the availability and safe use of medical marijuana by qualifying patients. It is the duty of the Department to promulgate regulations in a timely fashion.

(1) Implementing Regulations. In order to allow the Department sufficient time after passage of this section, the following regulations shall be promulgated no later than six (6) months after the effective date of this section:

a. Procedures for the issuance of qualifying patient identification cards to people with physician certifications, and standards for the renewal of such identification cards.

b. Procedures for the issuance of personal caregiver identification cards to persons qualified to assist with a qualifying patient's medical use of marijuana, and standards for the renewal of such identification cards.

c. Procedures for the registration of Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers that include procedures for the issuance, renewal, suspension, and revocation of registration, and standards to ensure security, record keeping, testing, labeling, inspection, and safety.

d. A regulation that defines the amount of marijuana that could reasonably be presumed to be an adequate supply for qualifying patients' medical use, based on the best available evidence. This presumption as to quantity may be overcome with evidence of a particular qualifying patient's appropriate medical use.

(2) Issuance of identification cards and registrations. The Department shall begin issuing qualifying patient and personal caregiver identification cards, as well as begin registering Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers no later than nine months (9) after the effective date of this section.

(3) If the Department does not issue regulations, or if the Department does not begin issuing identification cards and registering Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers within the time limits set in this section, any Florida citizen shall have standing to seek judicial relief to compel compliance with the Department's constitutional duties.

(4) The Department shall protect the confidentiality of all qualifying patients. All records containing the identity of qualifying patients shall be confidential and kept from public disclosure other than for valid medical or law enforcement purposes.

(e) LEGISLATION. Nothing in this section shall limit the legislature from enacting laws consistent with this provision.

(f) SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this section are severable and if any clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this measure, or an application thereof, is adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction other provisions shall continue to be in effect to the fullest extent possible.

**No. 3
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE V, SECTIONS 10, 11
(Legislature)**

Ballot Title:

Prospective Appointment of Certain Judicial Vacancies

Ballot Summary:

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution requiring the Governor to prospectively fill vacancies in a judicial office to which election for retention applies resulting from the justice's or judge's reaching the mandatory retirement age or failure to qualify for a retention election; and allowing prospective appointments if a justice or judge is not retained at an election. Currently, the Governor may not fill an expected vacancy until the current justice's or judge's term expires.

Full Text:

ARTICLE V
JUDICIARY

SECTION 10. Retention; election and terms.—

(a) Any justice or judge may qualify for retention by a vote of the electors in the general election next preceding the expiration of the justice's or judge's term in the manner prescribed by law. When a justice or judge is ineligible for retention or fails to qualify for retention, a prospective vacancy is deemed to occur at the conclusion of the qualifying period for retention for the purpose of appointing a successor justice or judge, and a vacancy shall exist in that office upon the expiration of the term being served by the justice or judge. When a justice or judge so qualifies, the ballot shall read substantially as follows: "Shall Justice (or Judge)...(name of justice or judge)... of the... (name of justice or judge)... be retained in office?" If a majority of the qualified electors voting within the territorial jurisdiction of the court vote to retain, the justice or judge shall be retained for a term of six years. The term of the justice or judge retained shall commence on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January following the general election. If a majority of the qualified electors voting within the territorial jurisdiction of the court vote to not retain, a prospective vacancy is deemed to occur immediately following the general election for the purpose of appointing a successor justice or judge, and a vacancy shall exist in that office upon the expiration of the term being served by the justice or judge.

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(b)(1) The election of circuit judges shall be preserved notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) unless a majority of those voting in the jurisdiction of that circuit approves a local option to select circuit judges by merit selection and retention rather than by election. The election of circuit judges shall be by a vote of the qualified electors within the territorial jurisdiction of the court.

(2) The election of county court judges shall be preserved notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) unless a majority of those voting in the jurisdiction of that county approves a local option to select county judges by merit selection and retention rather than by election. The election of county court judges shall be by a vote of the qualified electors within the territorial jurisdiction of the court.

(3)a. A vote to exercise a local option to select circuit court judges and county court judges by merit selection and retention rather than by election shall be held in each circuit and county at the general election in the year 2000. If a vote to exercise this local option fails in a vote of the electors, such option shall not again be put to a vote of the electors of that jurisdiction until the expiration of at least two years.

b. After the year 2000, a circuit may initiate the local option for merit selection and retention or the election of circuit judges, whichever is applicable, by filing with the custodian of state records a petition signed by the number of electors equal to at least ten percent of the votes cast in the circuit in the last preceding election in which presidential electors were chosen.

c. After the year 2000, a county may initiate the local option for merit selection and retention or the election of county court judges, whichever is applicable, by filing with the supervisor of elections a petition signed by the number of electors equal to at least ten percent of the votes cast in the county in the last preceding election in which presidential electors were chosen. The terms of circuit judges and judges of county courts shall be for six years.

SECTION 11. Vacancies.—

(a)(1) 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.

(2) Whenever a prospective vacancy occurs in a judicial office for which election for retention applies, the governor shall fill the prospective vacancy by appointing a justice or judge from among at least three persons but not more than six persons nominated by the appropriate judicial nominating commission. The term of the appointment commences upon the expiration of the term of the office being vacated and ends on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January of the year following the next general election.

(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 or prospective 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) There shall be a separate judicial nominating commission as provided by general law for the supreme court, each district court of appeal, and 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.

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