

Closed for Memorial Day

In honor of Memorial Day, the offices of *Greene Publishing, Inc.* will be closed on Monday, May 28. The staff remembers all of the brave men and women who gave everything for our freedom and we are forever grateful. We will re-open on Tuesday, May 29, at 8 a.m.

# The Madison Enterprise-Recorder

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Trayvon Johnson

John Willoughby: *Greene Publishing, Inc.*

On Thursday, May 17, at approximately 5:20 a.m., two Jacksonville residents, who were traveling in a stolen vehicle, were involved in an accident on Interstate 10 that landed them in jail.

According to a report by the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), Trayvon Johnson, 20, and Zion Washington, 17, both of Jacksonville, were traveling eastbound on Interstate 10 in the left lane when they stopped the 2012 Ford Tucson in the road, and attempted to turn left at the paved median crossing.

Estelle Jones, 35, of Tallahassee, was traveling eastbound on Interstate 10 when the right front of her 2013 Ford Taurus struck the left side of Johnson's vehicle.

## Wreck uncovers stolen vehicle



The right front of Estelle Jones' 2013 Ford Taurus collided with the left side of the stolen vehicle that was driven by Trayvon Johnson. Both Johnson and Washington fled the scene but were later apprehended by Madison County Sheriff's Office deputies one mile from the scene of the crash.

After the crash, both Johnson and Washington fled the scene on foot, but were apprehended by the Madison County Sheriff's Office one mile from the scene on Interstate 10. The vehicle driven by Johnson was reported stolen by the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office.

Johnson and the minor passenger, Washington, were taken into custody and transported to Madison County Jail. Johnson was charged with unlawful median crossing, no driver license, leaving the scene of a crash, failure to report a crash, and larceny/grand theft of a motor vehicle. Washington was charged with grand larceny and failure to report a crash. Since the arrest, Johnson was released on his own recognizance and Washington was released to a parent, per FHP.



Zion Washington

## Man arrested

John Willoughby: *Greene Publishing, Inc.*

Major David Harper of the Madison County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) reports that on Monday, May 21, at approximately 1:53 pm, deputies responded to an address located on NE Bramble Trail, in Madison, in an attempt to locate and arrest Calvin Johnson, 41, of Madison, for an active bond revocation arrest warrant.

Upon arrival, deputies made contact with two juveniles who initially told the deputies that Johnson was not at the location. After further questioning regarding Johnson, the juveniles admitted to the deputies that Johnson had seen them coming and fled into the woods on foot prior to their arrival.

MCSO Sergeant Jarrod Lauth deployed K9 Miso to track Johnson, while other deputies

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Calvin Johnson

## 20<sup>th</sup> of May

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### Johnson crowned Miss 20<sup>th</sup> of May



Photo Courtesy of Shawnee Jones Photography

Kiara Johnson was crowned Miss 20<sup>th</sup> of May during the pageant that took place on Friday, May 18. Pictured in the back row, from left to right, are: Tamara Johnson, pageant coordinator; Kiara Johnson, Miss 20<sup>th</sup> of May; and Tarnisha Thompkins, pageant coordinator. Pictured in the front row, from left to right, are: Anaysia Bess, second runner-up; Simmora Loft, third runner-up; Dalasia Hampton, first runner-up; and Ny'Asia Allen, fourth runner-up.

## Hillsborough policies are affecting us

Rick Patrick: *Greene Publishing, Inc.*

During the meeting of the Madison County Board of County Commissioners on Wednesday, May 9, discussion ensued regarding grant monies being withheld from Madison County, due to Hillsborough County's status as a "sanctuary county." During the public comment portion of the meeting, Jim Catron, a member of the Madison City Commission, addressed the County Commissioners regarding the Edward Bryce Memorial Justice Assistance Grant. The funds from this grant, amounting to \$54,852, have been used to pay for a Communications Officer VII position with the Madison County Sheriff's Office (MCSO). According to a letter provided to the Commissioners by Catron, "On Tuesday, July 25,

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# Tropical storm possible Memorial Day weekend

Lazaro Aleman: *Greene Publishing, Inc.*

At the least, North Florida residents can expect a wet Memorial Day weekend. At worst, the area could be in for a tropical or subtropical storm, a befitting introduction to the Atlantic hurricane season, which officially begins next Friday.

On Wednesday, May 23, the National Hurricane Center (NHC) was keeping an eye on a broad surface low that was centered near the coast of Northeastern Belize and producing an expansive area of cloudiness and showers that extended from the Northwestern Caribbean Sea across Cuba and into the Florida Straits.

"Little development (of the system) is expected during the next couple of days, due to strong upper-level winds and proximity to the Yucatan Peninsula," the NHC reported on Wednesday, May 23. "However, environmental conditions are then forecast to become more conducive for development, and a subtropical or tropical depression could form this weekend over

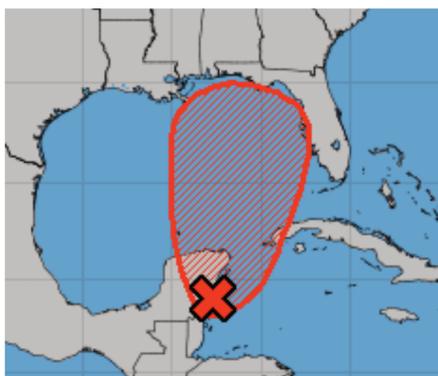


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the eastern or central Gulf of Mexico."

Regardless of the system's development, however, the NHC is predicting heavy rainfall over Florida and the northern Gulf Coast during the weekend, with a 60 percent probability that the system will turn into a depression over the next five days.

Meanwhile, based on last year's hurricane season and an analysis of the impact of the 22 most recent hurricanes, scientists with the National

Science Foundation (NSF) are saying that "bigger, stronger and wetter storms" may become the norm. They point to Hurricane Harvey as a possible harbinger. Harvey inundated and devastated a large part of Houston, Tx., last year.

The NSF's study was conducted under the directorship of Ed Bentsman, who is quoted saying that there is an indication that the number of strong hurricanes may be increasing "as a percent of the total hurricanes each year."

"With increasing development along coastlines, this has important implications for future storm damage," said Bentsman.

The 2017 hurricane season was the fifth most active in the U.S. since record keeping began in 1851, accounting for an estimated \$215 billion in property damage and hundreds of lives lost. So far, the 2018 season is shaping to be not much better, according to the Colorado State University (CSU) Tropical Meteorology Project, which released its first outlook of the 2018 season in April.

In its forecast, the CSU predicted 14 named storms this season

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## Head, Heart, Hands, & Health

In the last few months, we have celebrated the beautiful differences that make up our world. We've seen the impact differences can make and the figures that emerged as leaders during Black History month in February, Developmental Disabilities month in March, and by finishing April strong celebrating Autism Awareness month. In 4-H, we strive to be a welcoming place reaching into every community, population, nationality, creed, and all those nuances that make each of us unique.



Becky V. Rucki

We teach our youth to take pride in their differences and celebrate the differences of others. To stand up for those being taken advantage of, under-represented, and bullied. Our volunteers highlight important figures during our programs to show that even the unlikeliest of heroes can emerge in the most challenging times or in the day to day mundane routines that make up our lives. We celebrate the Rosa Parks and Temple Grandins as well as the mechanics, teachers, garbage technicians, and moms and dads. We teach them that each important figure was just a normal person until someone claimed them as important. We show them how everyday citizens who choose to be brave and take a chance on breaking a boundary they believe to be unjust all started where they are: as youth, looking for a voice, waiting for their opportunity...even if they didn't know it.

You see, teaching our youth to see the importance of the differences in everyone, teaches them to be impactful without being important. How will you help raise impactful youth of today so that they create a place for all tomorrow? Contact us today at (850) 973-4138 to see how you can volunteer with Madison County 4-H and create the change!

Becky V. Rucki

## Passing Parade: *The free press and its cost*

Nelson A. Pryor: *Guest Columnist*

Do you know anyone, perhaps, someone like yourself, who is unstoppable? Well, in the Spanish American War, 1898, President William McKinley needed to get a message through. History records that someone was "Rowan," who would get the presidential message to "Garcia." This 1899 write up was by Elbert Hubbard, under the above title.

### The Story

In all this Cuban business there is one man that stands out on the horizon of my memory like Mars at Perihelion.

When war broke out between Spain and the United States, it was very necessary to communicate quickly with the leader of the Insurgents. General Garcia was somewhere in the mountain vastnesses of Cuba-no one knew where. No mail or telegraph could reach him. The President must secure his co-operation, and quickly.

### What to do!

Someone said to the President, "There's a fellow by the name of Rowan will find Garcia for you, if anybody can."

Rowan was sent for and given a letter to be delivered to Garcia. How "the fellow by name of Rowan" took the letter, sealed it up in an oil-skin pouch, strapped it over his heart, in four days landed by night off the coast of Cuba from an open boat, disappeared into the jungle, and in three weeks came out on the other side of the island, having traversed a hostile country on foot, and having delivered his letter to Garcia, are things I have no special desire now to tell in detail. The point I wish to make is this: McKinley gave Rowan a letter to be delivered to Garcia; Rowan took the letter and did not ask, "Where is he at?"

By the Eternal! There is a man whose form should be cast in deathless bronze and the statue placed in every college in the land. It is not book-learning young men need, nor instruction about this or that, but a stiffening of the vertebrae which will cause them to be loyal to a trust, to act promptly, concentrate their energies; do the thing—"carry a message to Garcia!"

General Garcia is dead now, but there are other Garcias. No man who has endeavored to carry out an enterprise where many hands were needed, but has been well-nigh appalled at times by the imbecility of the average man—the inability or unwillingness to concentrate on a thing and do it.

Slipshod assistance, foolish inattention, dowdy indifference, and half-hearted work seem the rule;



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The Unstoppable: Virginia Fuller, of Tallahassee. The model for "The Get It Done Woman."

and no man succeeds, unless, by hook or crook, or threat, he forces or bribes other men to assist him; or mayhap, God in His goodness performs a miracle, and sends him an Angel of Light for an assistant.

You, reader, put this matter to a test: You are sitting now in your office-six clerks are within your call. Summon any one and make this request: "Please look in the encyclopedia and make a brief memorandum for me concerning the life of Correggio."

Will the clerk quietly say, "Yes, sir," and go do the task?

On your life, him or her will not. Your clerk will look at you out of a fishy eye, and ask one or more of the following questions:

- Who was he?
- Where is the encyclopedia?
- Was I hired for that?
- Don't you mean Bismarck?
- What's the matter with Charlie doing it?
- Is he dead?
- Is there any hurry?
- Shan't I bring you the book and let you look it up yourself?
- What do you want to know for?

And I will lay you ten to one that after you have answered the questions, and explained how to find the information, and why you want it, the clerk will go off and get one of the other clerks to help him find Garcia-and then come back and tell you there is no such man. Of course, I may lose my bet, but according to the Law of Average, I will not.

## From the sunny side... *Bias*



Rick Patrick

I hear a lot these days about "media bias." I am not about to be so naive as to think it doesn't exist. I see it on the television and hear it on the radio all the time. I do admit, I don't read a lot of other newspapers (I tend to get a lot of "newspaper reading" in as it is), but I'm sure I would see it there as well. I do admit, it can be a challenge to cover things and put all personal feelings aside. I feel like myself, and my colleagues, do a pretty good job of that here at *Greene Publishing, Inc.*

I have had some people in the community get upset because I didn't necessarily cover a story from the angle they wanted. Or, even worse, I have had

people get upset because I didn't cover a story based on their own innuendo and speculation and not facts. That is something I will not do, especially when covering a "hard news" story. I always have, and always will present the facts and let you, the reader, make up your own mind about what to think about it. I trust you to be smart enough to do that. After all, you are smart enough to read my column every week.

There is one exception to this. When I cover sports involving our local young people, I am completely, totally, 100 percent biased. I want our local kids to win every time. I sometimes feel that I wear my feelings on my sleeve when it comes to our local kids. I get teary-eyed when they hurt because of a big loss. I get teary-eyed when they win championships. I feel emotionally invested in these kids. Perhaps that goes against the "rules" of sports journalism, but that's the way I am.

I was reminded of this while I was covering the

softball championships in Vero Beach. It was all I could take to see the tears in the eyes of those young Cowgirls after they had lost a hard-fought contest. To a certain extent, I felt the same way after the Lady Warriors of Aucilla Christian Academy came up short in one of the most epic games I have ever seen. I know that these kids can't win every game. Deep down, I know that I don't really want them to. Let me explain that one. I know there are valuable lessons to be learned from the disappointments of losing the "big game." The coaches realize that as well. Still, it's hard to stand back and watch good kids have to learn those lessons.

So there you have it. You have my confession. When it comes to the School Board or County Commission, I will report the facts. I will tell you what was said and by whom. The decision making after that is your job. But when it comes to local sports, I just have one thing to say, "Go Cowboys!"

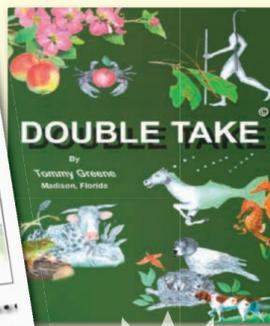
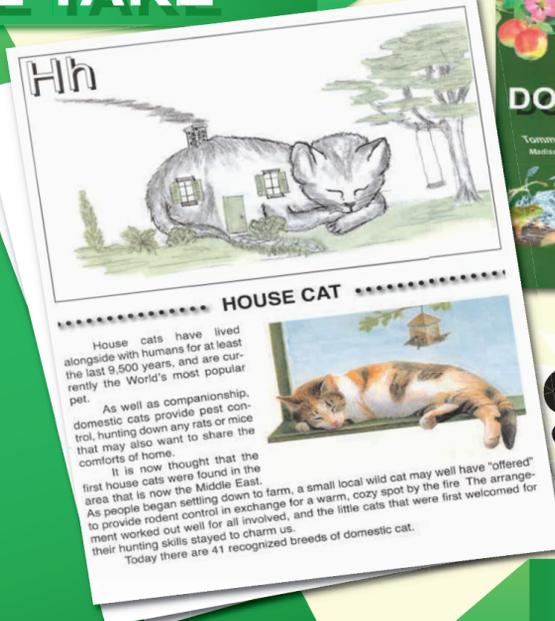
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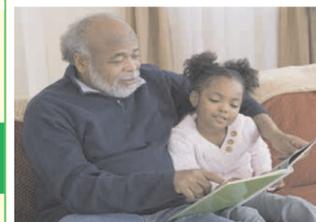
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**Policies**

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were notified of new conditions of their grants that will increase information sharing between federal, state and local law enforcement, ensuring that federal immigration authorities have the information they need to enforce immigration laws."

Although the Hillsborough County Commission has stopped short of officially declaring itself a "sanctuary county," Tampa Mayor, Bob Buckhorn, has stated a reluctance to assisting federal immigration officials. In a report by Mitch Perry on the website, *saintpetersblog.com*, Buckhorn did not call Tampa a "sanctuary city," because of "other impacts." Buckhorn did express his reluctance to take a hard stand on illegal immigration. "I'm not interested in disrupting families and breaking up families, purely because they are of an undocumented status," said Buckhorn. "We are not Customs; we are not I.C.E. [Immigration and Customs Enforcement]. We are not searching people who have chosen to live here and have not yet got citizenship," said Buckhorn. "That's not something that we believe in, and not something that I support."

"Since when do municipalities, counties and states get to choose which federal laws they will enforce?" asked Catron.

According to Madison County Undersheriff, Epp Richardson, Madison County operates in full cooperation with federal officials on immigration matters. However, because of the lack of cooperation with federal immigration officials by communities like Hillsborough County, federal funding from the Justice Assistance Grant program has been halted for the entire state, including Madison County. Madison County Commissioner Rick Davis requested the Commissioners to send letters to Madison's congressional delegation urging them to release federal funds to the communities, such as Madison County, that are cooperating

2017, [US] Attorney General Sessions announced immigration compliance requirements for Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant programs. Recipients for FY 2017

with federal officials. "Sixty-six counties shouldn't be punished because of the actions of Hillsborough County," said Commissioner Alston Kelley.

"We [Madison County] are being held hostage," added Commissioner Ronnie Moore. The Board voted unanimously to draft a letter to that end.

In other business, the Board held a public hearing on the consideration of Resolution 2018-05-09. This was a bond hearing for Springhill Apartments, L.L.C., also known as Madison Heights Apartments. Madison County would not be indebted as a result of the bond issuance. There was no public comment and the resolution was approved.

There was a presentation by Mr. Keith Bowers of the Small Business Development Center. The Center operates from Florida A & M University and is designed to assist small businesses and potential entrepreneurs in opening and operating a small business. The services offered by the Small Business Development Center are provided at no cost to the user. Bowers expressed an interest in opening a satellite office in Madison County. More information on the Small Business Development Center can be found at [www.sbdcfamu.org](http://www.sbdcfamu.org).

Madison County Property Appraiser, Leigh Barfield approached the Board requesting a new vehicle for the Property Appraiser's office. The current vehicle is "working, but limping." The request will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

There was discussion regarding a request to waive Recreation Park fees for a benefit baseball tournament for Steven Williams and his family, whose home was recently lost in a fire. No date has been set for the tournament, but event organizers wanted to get the fees waived now in order to avoid having to wait until the next Board meeting. The Board voted to waive the fees.

The next meeting of the Board of Madison County Commissioners was scheduled for Wednesday, June 13, at 9 p.m. The meeting took place in the Board Meeting Room in the Courthouse Annex, located at 229 SW Pinckney St., in Madison.

**Johnson**

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established a perimeter. K9 Miso quickly located the scent trail and began to track Johnson in the direction of a field.

As K9 Miso tracked closer to the field perimeter, deputies spotted Johnson running across the field. K9 Miso was released in an attempt to apprehend Johnson. However, Johnson climbed up a tree to avoid K9 Miso. Deputies were able to take Johnson into custody from the tree without further incident. Johnson was arrested for an active bond revocation warrant and resisting an officer without violence.

**Storm**

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-- seven of them hurricanes and three of them major hurricanes. The 2018 season, in fact, is expected to be 135 percent higher than the average, compared to the 2017 season, which was 245 percent higher than average, according to the CSU.

A major hurricane is defined as a Category 3 or stronger on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale, meaning that it packs winds of 111 to 129 mph and has the potential to cause significant loss of life and property damage.

The CSU put the probability of a major hurricane striking the Florida peninsula in the 2018 season at 39 percent. It put the probability of a major hurricane striking the Gulf Coast, or the region stretching from the Florida panhandle westward to Brownsville, Tx., at 38 percent.

The CSU forecast is traditionally one of the first outlooks on the Atlantic storm season each year. It is based on 30-plus years of statistical predictors, in combination with analyses of other seasons that exhibited similar features of sea-level pressure and sea-surface temperatures in the Atlantic and eastern Pacific oceans. Researchers will develop more detailed outlooks of the season once it begins.

The Atlantic hurricane season officially starts Friday, June 1, and runs through Nov. 30.

**Correction**

John Willoughby: *Greene Publishing, Inc.*

On the front page of the May 23 edition of the *Madison County Carrier*, in an article titled "House fire leaves family in need," we incorrectly identified Landon Odom as Landon Williams. We greatly apologize for this error and any inconvenience it may have caused.



**New York:** When it's time to go, it's time to go. A New York couple is so desperate to get their 30-year-old son out of their home that they've enlisted the court's help to evict him – and the man isn't going down without a fight. The eviction drama began on Friday, Feb. 2, when the parents left their first note. "Michael, after a discussion with your mother, we have decided you must leave this house immediately. You have 14 days to vacate," said the father. There's been no indication of the 30-year-old leaving and a hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, May 29.

**Pennsylvania:** A three-year-old Pennsylvania boy was rescued on Saturday, May 19, after plunging into a ten-foot manure pit that was described as "kind of like quicksand." Heavy rain bogged down rescue efforts. Two rescuers, wearing dry suits and rope harnesses, were sent down the pit with tag lines. "The entry team quickly reached the victim, removed him from the manure and placed him in a stokes basket. He was removed to the outside and decontaminated and assessed by waiting EMS," said Chester County Rescue Task Force. No injuries were reported.

**California:** Investigators in California were pointed in the right direction after a prosthetic arm that was reported stolen last week was spotted in

the alleged burglars' car, leading to arrests. Law enforcement officials uncovered the prosthetic limb – which the sheriff's office described in a Facebook post as "the exact arm that was stolen in the burglary." According to the sheriff's office, the prosthetic arm "was returned to a very appreciative owner."

**Maine:** When a group of high school students was reported to police in Maine for blocking a street to take prom photos, cops made their way to the scene and decided to get in on the fun. "What do you do when someone calls the cops about Hermon High School students blocking Bangor's Exchange Street for a prom photo?" the Bangor Police Department asked on Facebook. "Nothing." One officer wore a "classy gun belt and black prom gloves," while the other officer donned her "best ballistic vest."

**Illinois:** Call it a wild surprise. Police in Illinois shared a snap of a "puppy" on social media. "This cute puppy was brought to the Police Department after a concerned resident found it alone on the side of a busy road," Bartlett police wrote in a Thursday, May 17 tweet. "Actually, the puppy turned out to be a coyote." The female coyote pup was dehydrated, as reported by NBC Chicago, but is now recovering from its initial debilitation.

**Michigan:** Michigan deputies

responded to a semi-truck crash on a local interstate late Monday, May 14. When they arrived, they learned the truck was hauling a rather unusual shipment to New York: Bengal tigers. The semi-truck "hydroplaned and its driver lost control of the rig, causing it to leave the roadway, enter a grassy median and jackknife," Sheriff Troy R. Cunningham told *Michigan Live*. The tigers were not injured in the crash, nor was the driver.

**South Carolina:** A South Carolina sheriff's office received numerous calls of a kangaroo sighting on Tuesday, May 15, and responding deputies were astonished the far-fetched reports were true. "I thought dispatch was joking," a deputy from the sheriff's office commented on a social media post. The sheriff's office pointed out that kangaroos are not native in South Carolina, but a man living in the county has a license to own the animals.

**Massachusetts:** A suspect who allegedly broke into a home in Massachusetts, on Monday, May 7 was kind enough to make sure the family dog didn't get loose, after he realized a security camera was watching his every move. The unidentified man realized he was being recorded and covered his face before exiting the home. He realized the dog had left the house and called for the dog to come inside before he left the home.

# A Universal deal for Florida residents

John Willoughby:  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

If you're looking for a fantastic deal for you and the family this summer, look no further than Orlando, where you will find Universal Studios Resort.



From now until Thursday, June 28, you can purchase a ticket for one day and get the second-day ticket absolutely free. When you've got an opportunity to see Universal's newest attractions, this is one deal you can't pass up. The "buy a day, get a second-day free" promotion is valid on Florida resident two-park, one-day park-to-park ticket. This offer allows you to visit both Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure on the same day. You can even ride the Hogwarts Express between Hogsmeade Station and King's Cross Station with a park-to-park ticket.

To get the second day free, you must have a UPC code from a 12 ounce can of Sprite or Fanta Orange. Use any two days from now until June 28, with no blackout dates. Days can be non-consecutive.

Tickets are just \$170 per adult (\$165 per child) for this online-only offer. For more information on this deal, visit [universalorlando.com](http://universalorlando.com).

In Loving Memory

Sgt. Elmo (Ben) Copeland, rank E5. Combat Vietnam Army Veteran and skilled machinist.

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### Robert Brock Paulk

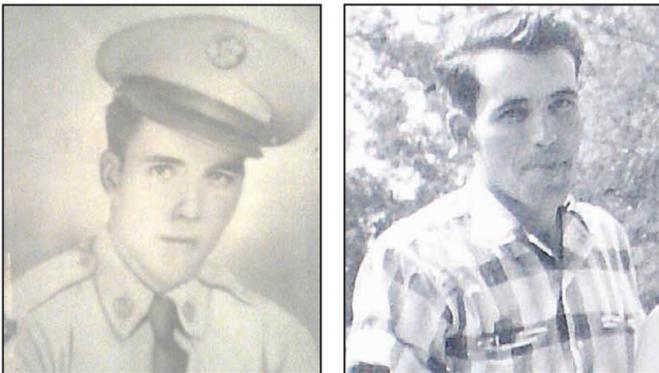
Robert Brock Paulk, 37, of Monticello, passed away Friday, May 18 as a result of a fall. His friends and family were by his side when he went to be with Jesus. He was born to David and Caroline Paulk, of Madison.

Robert loved his wife Jessica, and his children Corbyn and Annabelle fiercely. He shared his love for Jesus with so many he spent time with. He loved working cows with his dad and fishing and hunting with all of his very close family and friends. His godliness and kindness were spread across the county as he built many relationships while playing baseball for the Mets organization. His infectious smile and genuineness invited everyone he knew to like and love him. He would not want us to be sad.

Robert is survived by his wife, Jessica Louise Paulk; his two children: Corbyn and Annabelle; his parents, David and Caroline; and his brothers: David and Elias. He is also survived by his close family and a host of friends across the U.S.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Beggs Funeral Home in Madison. The funeral was held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23 at Fellowship Baptist Church, in Madison. Burial followed at Pine Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, in Madison.

## Earl C. Willoughby



**Feb. 24, 1930 – May 24, 1988**

**Served in the United States Army during the Korean War**

**We remember you this Memorial Day.  
We miss you and love you!**

**Love, John, Gail, Jim, Glenn, Judy, Darlene, your grandchildren and great-grandchildren**

## Community Calendar



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

### May 26

From 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., American Legion Post #131 will host a free breakfast and provide information regarding the benefits of membership for all eligible veterans and their spouses. Eligible veterans are those who served during World Wars I and II; the Korean War; the Vietnam War; the Gulf War and the continuing War on Terrorism. Service in any capacity or location satisfies the requirement (must have been honorably discharged or be still serving honorably). American Legion Post #131 is located at 133

Broad St., in Greenville. Please contact Post Adjutant Stuart MacIver at (850) 371-0042 for more information.

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## Hometown Hero Ashley Beggs



Around North Florida, Ashley Beggs has been known for helping run the business his grandfather, T.J. Beggs, Sr. began. What many may not know is that Ashley Beggs served a short, but honorable and proud time in the United States Air Force. In the Beggs family, Ashley joined a list of family members who served in the military: two brothers, and his father, T.J. Beggs, Jr., who served in World War I.

Ashley Beggs graduated from high school in 1951. Shortly after, Beggs enlisted into the USAF in 1953. Beggs was shipped to Lackland Air Force Base (AFB), in San Antonio, Tx., where he learned the basic fundamentals of the Air Force. Immediately after basic training, Beggs attended tech school at Amarillo AFB, in Amarillo, Tx., where he learned to become a jet

mechanic.

While Beggs served during a portion of the Korean Conflict, which has spanned from 1945 to present, Beggs was never sent to Korea. Beggs' first and only duty-station was at Hunter AFB, in Savannah, Ga. Beggs stated that when his father became sick with Polio, he decided to come home in 1954 and help run the business.

Since his return to Madison, Beggs has successfully run Madison's longest single-family operated funeral home. Beggs is married to Martha Beggs. They have four children: Ansley Beggs Rogers, Kyle, Brad, and Judson, and they lovingly remember the late Appie Beggs.

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# Most Wanted: Shamon Denise Moore



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**Shamon Denise Moore**

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## Jail Report May 16 - May 22

**May 16**

**Cortney Douglas** – Failure to appear

**Jason Hayling** – Kidnapping, capital sexual battery

**May 17**

**Prince Wynn** – Grand theft of a motor vehicle (2 cnts.), resisting an officer without violence, grand theft of a motor vehicle

**Trayvon Johnson** – Grand theft of a vehicle, leaving the scene of a crash involving damage of property, driving while license suspended

**Zion Washington** – Grand theft using vehicle to damage property

**May 18**

**Harold Scott** – Driving while license suspended with knowledge

**Leon McQuay** – Criminal registration

**Constance Hood** – Disorderly conduct, trespass on property other than a structure/conveyance, violation of probation/battery on a law enforcement officer, violation of probation/written threat to kill or injure

**Merritt Medders** – Criminal registration original charge of possession of a controlled substance

**May 19**

**Casey Wingate** – Violation of probation/burglary of a structure, violation of probation/burglary of a dwelling, violation of probation/credit card fraud unauthorized use

**Dayshon Cooley** – Criminal mischief, bond surrender/Paulk Bail Bonds.

**Tongee Robinson** – Reckless driving, no vehicle registration

**May 20**

**Troy Hawkins** – Out of county warrant (Jefferson County)

**Marcus Johnson** – No valid drivers license

**Angela Dixon** – Driving under the influence

**Sacario Diaz Perez** – No valid drivers license

**May 21**

**Christopher Soloman** – Driving while license suspended

**Rodney Richardson** – Criminal registration

**Calvin Johnson** – Violation of probation/possession of methamphetamine, resisting officer without violence

**Chuckie Arnold** – Criminal registration

**Nissa Linderman** – Out of county warrant (Polk County)

**May 22**

**Roosevelt Adams** – Synthetic cannabis less than three grams, possession of paraphernalia

**Shamon Moore** – Violation of probation/obtaining controlled substance by fraud or forgery

**Johnnie Milton** – Criminal registration

**Michelle Strickland** – Driving under the influence, refusal to submit

**Vincent Dimenna** – Out of county warrant (Alachua County)

# The Bush Wealth Advantage

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

## Unforgettable Birthdays



**Kent Patrick**

Birthdays may seem less important as you grow older. They may not offer the impact of watershed moments such as getting a driver's license at 16 and voting at 18. But beginning at age 50, there are several key birthdays that can affect your tax situation, health-care eligibility, and retirement benefits.

**50** – Taxable distributions from IRAs and qualified employer retirement plans before age 59½ are generally subject to a 10 percent early distribution penalty (25 percent for certain SIMPLE IRA plan distributions) on top of any federal income taxes due. But if you are a qualified public safety employee you can take penalty-free withdrawals from your qualified retirement plan after leaving your job if your employment ends during or after the year you reach age 50.

**55** – If you're not a qualified public safety

employee, you can take penalty-free withdrawals from your qualified retirement plan after leaving your job if your employment ends during or after the year you reach age 55.

**59½** – And all withdrawals from qualified retirement plans and IRAs are penalty-free after you reach age 59½, whether or not you're still employed.

**62** – You are eligible to start collecting Social Security benefits, although your benefit will be reduced by up to 30 percent. To receive full benefits, you must wait until "full retirement age," which ranges from 66 to 67 depending on the year you were born.

**65** – You are eligible to enroll in Medicare. Medicare Part A hospital insurance benefits are automatic for those eligible for Social Security. Part B medical insurance benefits are voluntary and have a monthly premium. To obtain coverage at the earliest possible date, you should generally enroll about two to three months before turning 65.

**70½** – You must start taking minimum distributions from most tax-deferred retirement plans or face a 50 percent penalty on the amount that should have been withdrawn. Annual required minimum distributions are calculated according to life expectancies determined by the federal government.

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## Killingsworth continues childhood passion

Mickey Starling: *Greene Publishing, Inc.*

Most of us were pushing matchcars or riding bicycles in the third grade, but Taylor Killingsworth, daughter of Ben Killingsworth and Christy Killingsworth, is not like most of us. Killingsworth grew up around horses and with a little nudge from her mother, Taylor found a hobby that has turned into a lifelong passion. Since taking up barrel racing, Killingsworth has placed first for the fastest horse in National Barrel Horse Association (NBHA) events on two occasions. Killingsworth modestly gives much of the credit for her racing success to Kuna, her favorite quarter horse.

Killingsworth races in the Florida 08 district of the NBHA and is fortunate that the events are held in the nearby towns of Live Oak, Monticello, Branford and Lake City. Killingsworth has an upcoming race in Live Oak on Saturday, May 26, at 1 p.m. This event will be held at the Live Oak Covered Arena.

Teaching and training horses is a lifestyle for Killingsworth. "You are always teaching a horse something when you are with them," said Killingsworth. Time around horses is second nature to Killingsworth, who is currently training two horses as well as teaching her 15<sup>th</sup> student the finer arts of riding or speed racing horses. She has been sharing her passion for these majestic animals with others for the past four years.

In July of 2017, Killingsworth was sidelined due to a four-wheeler accident that left her with four or five broken bones in her face, a concussion and a brain bleed. Killingsworth spent one week in Tallahassee Memorial Hospital and five weeks in rehab. "I could have continued rehab for a longer period, but I decided to stop," said Killingsworth, who was obviously ready to saddle up again. Shortly after returning home, Killingsworth was thrown from a horse, but she remained undaunted. "Nothing is gonna stop me from riding," said Killingsworth, who considers her accident a humbling experience. "One thing about the accident is that you learn to be grateful for being able to do your laundry or go to work, and not being able to do those things pushed me to want it even more," said Killingsworth. "To this day, I push myself to be better each day." Since the accident, Killingsworth has adopted an adage from Pastor Charles Swindoll to live by. His words, "Life is ten percent what happens to you and ninety percent how you react to it," are posted on her Facebook page and lived through her attitude and actions.

When Killingsworth is not in the saddle, she enjoys working as a teacher's aide and volleyball coach at Madison Creative Arts Academy.



Photo Submitted  
Taylor Killingsworth was getting her quarter horse up to full speed during a barrel racing event.

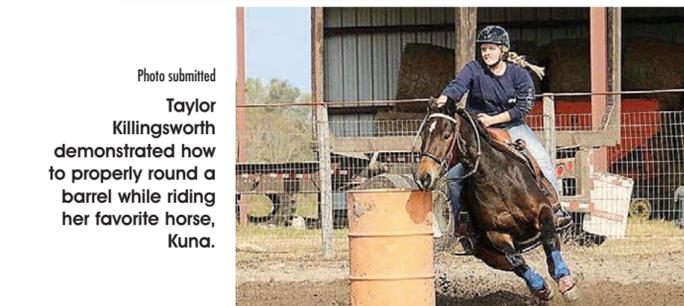


Photo submitted  
Taylor Killingsworth demonstrated how to properly round a barrel while riding her favorite horse, Kuna.

## Greenville American Legion recruiting drive

Story Submitted

American Legion Post #131, located in Greenville, is conducting a recruiting drive to locate new members and their spouses. The post was established in November of 1951 and has been in continued existence since that time.



Membership in the American Legion is open to all persons who have served during: World War I (April 6, 1917 to Nov. 11, 1919); World War II (Dec. 7, 1941 to Dec. 31, 1946); the Korean War (June 25, 1950 to Jan. 31, 1955); the Vietnam War (Feb. 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975); the Gulf War and the continuing War on Terrorism, (August 2, 1990 to date of cessation). Persons must have been honorably discharged or be still serving honorably.

The American Legion is an American veterans organization that was formed in March of 1919 by officers of the American Expeditionary Forces. The American Legion was chartered by the US Congress on Sept. 16, 1919. The Legion has had many great accomplishments during its history, but perhaps the most noteworthy accomplishment is their leading role in getting the G.I. bill enacted into law. The ideals of the American Legion are mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in local communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to their fellow service members and veterans.

Post #131 supports the policies, goals and ideals of the American Legion and is proud to have sponsored participants in the Boys State Program for many years. Current members would like to expand the Post's support for many other community activities and programs, but needs the help of new members.

Post #131 also has an active Auxiliary organization which consists of the spouses of the American Legion Members. The Auxiliary meets monthly at the same time as the Post. Post #131's Auxiliary has also supported a participant in Girls State for many years. The Auxiliary joins the Post in this recruiting drive and welcomes new membership.

Membership in the Post connects members to a network of veterans who can assist them with issues, connecting them with solutions, and providing them with meaningful fellowship with people of similar experience. Join American Legion Post #131 and help them build a strong Post to support the ideals of the American Legion.

In support of their recruiting effort, Post #131, in Greenville, will host a free breakfast for all persons who are eligible for American Legion membership, along with their spouses. The breakfast will be from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 26. At that time, you may enjoy a breakfast, gather information, and hopefully join the Post.

If you plan to attend, call Stuart MacIver, Post Adjutant, with an estimate of attendees. If you are unable to attend the breakfast, Post #131 still invites you to contact MacIver, who will provide you with information about joining the Post, as well as the activities of the Post.

Post #131 is located at 133 Broad St., in Greenville. The Post is in the blue building, directly East of Haffye Hays Park, right off US Hwy. 90.

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# Johnson crowned Miss 20<sup>th</sup> of May

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Five young women competed for the Miss 20<sup>th</sup> of May title Friday evening, May 18. The pageant began at 6 p.m. and was held at the Madison Recreation Center. The five contestants included: Ny'Asia Allen, Anaysia Bess, Kiara Johnson, Simmora Lott and Dalasia Hampton.

Each young lady competed in four categories. These four categories consisted of Introduction, where the young ladies introduced themselves to the audience; Pretty in Pink, contestants modeled a pink outfit of their choice and also sported an umbrella as an accessory; Professional Talent Attire, contestants modeled their professional outfit of choice and some also performed skits regarding their profession; and Evening Wear; contestants chose a beautiful dress of choice to model on stage.



Photo Courtesy of Shawnee Jones Photography

Dalasia Hampton smiles to the crowd while modeling her Introduction outfit.



Photo Courtesy of Shawnee Jones Photography

Kiara Johnson chose the Army for her Professional Talent Attire of choice.



Photo Courtesy of Shawnee Jones Photography

Kiara Johnson was crowned Miss 20<sup>th</sup> of May during the pageant that took place on Friday, May 18. Pictured in the back row, from left to right, are: Tamara Johnson, pageant coordinator; Kiara Johnson, Miss 20<sup>th</sup> of May; and Tarnisha Thompkins, pageant coordinator. Pictured in the front row, from left to right, are: Anaysia Bess, second runner-up; Simmora Lott, third runner-up; Dalasia Hampton, first runner-up; and Ny'Asia Allen, fourth runner-up.



Photo Courtesy of Shawnee Jones Photography

The 2017 Miss 20<sup>th</sup> of May Queens were on site to crown Kiara and her first runner-up, Dalasia. Pictured in the back row, from left to right, are: Sarah Jackson, 2017 Miss 20<sup>th</sup> of May Queen and Damesia McQuay, 2017 Jr. Miss 20<sup>th</sup> of May Queen. Pictured in the front row, from left to right, are: Kiara Johnson, 2018 Miss 20<sup>th</sup> of May Queen and Dalasia Hampton, 2018 Miss 20<sup>th</sup> of May first runner-up.



Photo Courtesy of Shawnee Jones Photography

Anaysia Bess demonstrates a skit during the Professional Talent Attire. Her attire represented an elementary school teacher.



Photo Courtesy of Shawnee Jones Photography

Simmora Lott looks elegant in her navy blue evening gown.



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Ny'Asia Allen sports her Pretty In Pink outfit on stage.

## Remembering Madison's Unsung Heroes

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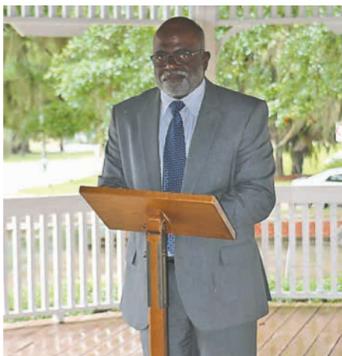
On Sunday, May 20, citizens gathered at Four Freedoms Park to honor Madison's Unsung Heroes. A wreath was laid in honor of the former slaves of Madison County and also of Mr. Howell Waring.

Waring was a Madison County man who asked God to forgive all mankind who participated in slavery. He knew, before God and man, that it was the right thing to do.

The service was beautiful and included songs, scripture and of course the laying of the wreath. Ronnie Moore, County Commissioner District 3, provided opening remarks and then led the service with a song, "Lift Every Voice and Sing." Alfred Martin,

County Commissioner District 4, then led the attendees in a prayer. Jaidyn Wesley, Miss Fashionetta 2018-2019, greeted the attendees; followed by a solo of "Amazing Grace" by Deborah Haynes with Genesis Missionary Baptist Church. Minister Annie Barfield with Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church then moved the crowd with a short sermon around the subject, "Flashback to Move Ahead." After the inspiring words from Minister Barfield, attendees sang "We Shall Overcome" and then laid the wreath honoring Madison's Unsung Heroes.

"I never, in my life, felt more certain that I am doing right, than I do in signing this paper. If my name ever goes in history, it will be for this act and my whole soul is in it," said Abraham Lincoln.



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Ronnie Moore, County Commissioner District 3, welcomes attendees to the 2018 wreath laying for Madison's Unsung Heroes.



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Alfred Martin, County Commissioner District 4, leads the crowd in prayer.



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"Flashback to Move Ahead," was the sermon Minister Annie Barfield preached on Sunday, May 20 during the wreath laying ceremony.



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Deborah Haynes with Genesis Missionary Baptist Church, moved the crowd while singing "Amazing Grace."



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Miss Fashionetta 2018-2019, Jaidyn Wesley, speaks during the wreath laying ceremony.



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Miss Fashionetta Jaidyn Wesley and Minister Annie Barfield had the honor of laying the wreath at Four Freedoms Park for Madison's Unsung Heroes. Pictured, from left to right, are: Ronnie Moore, County Commissioner District 3; Jaidyn Wesley, Miss Fashionetta 2018-2019; and Annie Barfield, Minister of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church.

# 20<sup>th</sup> of May Jubilee Celebration: Unity, Peace and Love

Cheltzie Holbrook: *Greene Publishing, Inc.*

The 20<sup>th</sup> of May Jubilee Celebration: Unity, Peace and Love was a three day event that took place starting on Friday, May 18 through Sunday, May 20.

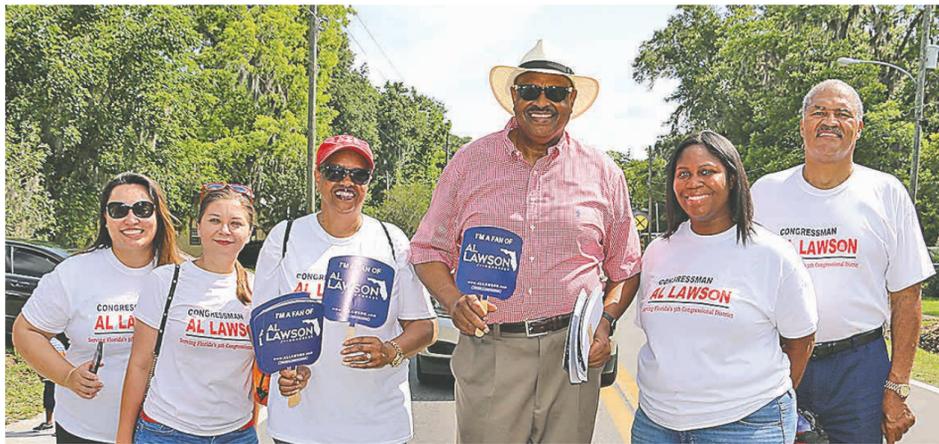
This annual celebration commemorated the Proclamation of Emancipation Day, which officially designated the end of slavery in Florida on May 20, 1865. This came two years after President Abraham Lincoln issued his Emancipation Proclamation. "This is a special, time honored tradition. We want to do all we can to continue to reflect on our past and enjoy our community and where we are today," said Ray Mobley, one of the event organizers.

The celebration kicked off on Friday night, May 18 with the 20<sup>th</sup> of May

pageant that took place at 6 p.m. at the Madison Recreation Center. Kiara Johnson was named Miss 20<sup>th</sup> of May and her court included: Dalasia Hampton, first runner-up; Anaysia Bess, second runner-up; Simmora Lott, third runner-up; and Ny'Asia Allen, fourth runner-up.

The festivities continued Saturday morning, May 19, with a parade down Martin Luther King Dr. After the parade, a car show, bike show, entertainment, a cake auction and a bounce house were set up at the Madison Recreation Center for attendees to enjoy. Churches and vendors were also on hand serving food, snow cones, funnel cakes, selling jewelry and more.

Sunday, May 20 was the wreath laying for Madison's Unsung Heroes. Citizens gathered at Four Freedoms Park to lay the wreath in honor of former slaves of Madison County, which wrapped up the 20<sup>th</sup> of May Jubilee Celebration.



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Special V.I.P. Recognition was given to Congressman Al Lawson (D), serving Madison in Florida's fifth district.



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Alfred Martin was given the honor of being named Grand Marshal of the 20<sup>th</sup> of May parade.



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Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church participated in the 20<sup>th</sup> of May parade.



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Ronnie Moore, County Commissioner District 3, waves to the crowd.



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The Boyz to Kings community group, led by Merv Mattair, is a group that teaches young men respectful morals, values and life lessons. The group smiles for the camera during the parade.



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The Madison County Cowboys show the 20<sup>th</sup> of May attendees they are the #1 State Champions.



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Kiara Johnson, Madison County's Miss 20<sup>th</sup> of May Queen, waves to the crowd as she represents her county.



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Dalasia Hampton was named first runner-up in the 20<sup>th</sup> of May pageant.



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Anaysia Bess was named second runner-up in the 20<sup>th</sup> of May pageant.



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Simmora Loft was named third runner-up in the 20<sup>th</sup> of May pageant.



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Ny'Asia Allen was named fourth runner-up in the 20<sup>th</sup> of May pageant.



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The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Miss Fashionetta 2018-2019 contestants Victoria Washington, Zakaria Scott and Allysia Manor, wave to the crowd.



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Jeslamb AME Church was on hand at the Madison Recreation Center serving up lunches. Pictured, from left to right, are: Eula Donaldson and Pastor Deborah Warner.



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Mount Zion AME Church had their booth set up selling lunches for the 20<sup>th</sup> of May attendees with all funds going towards their youth group. Pictured, from left to right, are: Daniel Graham, Makayla Mobley, Fagra Glee and Jaylon Reaves.



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Rev. Laverne Haynes (left) and Tereas Seay with High Antioch Church were busy serving lunches to the large crowd.



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Morningstar Missionary Baptist Church had a big group on hand to feed hungry attendees enjoying the 20<sup>th</sup> of May celebration. In the back row, pictured from left to right, are: Emma Dopson, Olisia Rowe, Tina Rowe, Aaliyah Rowe, Joe Rowe Sr., Joe Rowe Jr. and Terry Martin. Pictured in the front row, from left to right, are: Harmony Bollman, Brooklyn Rowe, Leah Rowe and Jovan Christian.



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The bounce house was the main attraction for the children at the celebration. Children bounced and played for hours!



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A car show was also apart of the celebration as a vast array of cars were set up at the Madison Recreation Center for people to see.



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Chester Speed, from Valdosta, Ga. is a Ford Mustang fanatic. Speed enjoys building Mustangs and brought four of his favorites with him to the car show. Speed is pictured with his 71 Mach 1 Mustang.



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The Madison Police Department was on hand protecting the citizens and enjoying the 20<sup>th</sup> of May celebration. Pictured, from left to right, are: Explorer Davey Wood, Captain Edwards, Officer Griffin and Lieutenant Cooks.

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## What is Memorial Day?

John Willoughby: Greene Publishing, Inc.

The late President Ronald Reagan once made this remark that encompasses the day of remembrance: "Words are even more feeble on this Memorial Day, for the sight before us is that of a strong and good nation that stands in silence and remembers those who were loved and who, in return, loved their countrymen enough to die for them."

Memorial Day is known as an annual federal holiday in the United States for remembering the people who died while serving in the country's armed forces. If you ever happened to drive into a cemetery on the weekend of Memorial Day, you saw an ancient custom: decorating graves of veterans with miniature American flags.

As ancient as it possibly is, some believe that decorating veteran grave sites began before the American Civil War (1861-1865), reflecting the origin of Memorial Day. According to a 1906 report by *Times-Dispatch* newspaper, from Richmond, Va., the first location to be decorated was a Civil War soldier's grave on June 3, 1861. One year later, a woman in Georgia decorated Confederate soldiers' graves with flags. Decoration was also recorded again in 1863, in Pennsylvania.

After the saddening assassination of President Abraham Lincoln, grave decoration and memorialization became an increasingly formal practice under the leadership of women during the war. In 1865, according to Wikipedia, the federal government began establishing national military cemeteries for the Union war soldiers who had died. In 1868, Decoration Day, a time for the nation to decorate graves of the Union war veterans with flowers, was established by General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of Union veterans.

The term Memorial Day did not become the more common name until after World War II. Memorial Day was not declared the official name by federal law until 1967.

As Veterans Day has always been held annually on Nov. 11, Memorial Day is now observed on the last Monday of the month of May. But like Veterans Day's observance was once altered for a brief period of time, Memorial Day's original observance was altered by a holiday act and has stayed that way.

The original Memorial Day observance was held on May 30 annually until June 28, 1968, when the Uniform Monday Holiday Act was passed by the US Congress. In a 2002 Memorial Day address, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Association stated: "Changing the date merely to create three-day weekends has undermined the very meaning of the day. No doubt, this has contributed a lot to the general public's nonchalant observance of Memorial Day." Few know that in 1987, World War II Veteran and Hawaii Senator Daniel Inouye began to introduce a measure to return Memorial Day to its original date. Inouye continued the initiative until his death in 2012.

Today, there are many traditions throughout America in remembrance of Memorial Day. The flag of the United States is traditionally raised to the top of the staff in the morning time, and then slowly lowered to half-staff position, where it remains until 12 p.m. The flag is then raised to full-staff for the rest of the afternoon. The half-mast position is symbolic of remembrance of more than one million men and women who gave their lives in service of the United States. At noon, their memory is raised by those who are still living, who resolve not to let their sacrifice be in vain, but to rise up in their honor and fight for liberty and justice for all.

A long-standing tradition is the running of the Indianapolis 500, which has been run in conjunction with Memorial Day since 1911. Also held on Memorial Day, since 1974, is the NASCAR Coca-Cola 600, in Charlotte, NC. In opening ceremonies, hundreds of service men and women in uniform march onto the race track and are honored. Invocations are also given beforehand, remembering those who gave their life in service to the United States.

In 2000, the United States Congress passed the National Moment of Remembrance Act, asking people to stop and remember the true cost of freedom at 3 p.m. on Memorial Day.

As this Memorial Day is celebrated, remember that the day is more than just an additional day off from work or a day to barbecue and have fun. Memorial Day is to remember and pay tribute to those who spent countless days in blistering heat, and sleepless nights on a hard, cold ground, while we slept in a soft, warm bed. Never forget that some men and women who boarded a plane, in uniform to go overseas, never got to come home under their own will power.

God bless our service men and women!

## Memorial Day celebration set at Four Freedoms Park

Story Submitted

On Monday, May 28, Madison County will join millions of other citizens around the world as they pay tribute to and honor military servicemen and women for the bravery and sacrifices that they have given to keep America free.

Because of their willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty, America is the benefactor of and enjoys freedom of speech and expression, freedom of worship, freedom from want and freedom from fear. The price that they have paid and are still paying should resonate with every citizen that freedom is truly not free.

A patriotic celebration in honor of Memorial Day will be held from 11 a.m. until 12 p.m. at the Four Freedoms Park, in Madison. Madison County Commissioner Ronnie Moore will be the guest speaker. At the event, there will be a special acknowledgment of a proclamation declaring Madison County as a Purple Heart County, which will be presented by Oliver Bradley, Madison County Veterans Service Officer. With the declaration of Madison County being a Purple Heart County, citizens are encouraged to show their appreciation for the sacrifices the Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedoms, and to acknowledge their courage, and to show them the honor and support they've earned.

In addition, Purple Heart recipient and Madison County resident, Sergeant First Class Alvin D. Swilley, will provide a special oratory presentation recognizing those that are missing in action.

Citizens are encouraged to attend this patriotic celebration to express their appreciation and gratitude to veterans all over the world, both active and inactive, for their sacrifices. Light refreshments will be served after the program. Four Freedoms Park is located at the corner of US Hwy. 90 and Range St., across the street from the Madison County Courthouse.

## Red, white and blue outside the courthouse

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Last year, flags adorned the courthouse lawn for the first time in years, in honor of the brave men and women who gave their all for our freedom. This came as a result of Clerk of Courts Billy Washington spotting a slew of yard flags in the courthouse basement. Today, those same flags stand tall and wave proud. The flags were displayed on Saturday, May 19.

Presented by the American Legion Post #224 in Cherry Lake, flags are flown in honor of businesses, friends, family members, and/or former or present service members. Funds from the flag display help the American Legion to continue supporting the needs of veterans, as well as providing education opportunities in the Madison County School District and other organizations.

The funds also help the American Legion to provide American flags to schools, civic organizations, recreation parks and field, and other places of interest.

On Saturday, May 26, Stuart Scott has approximately 1,200 American flags that he and other volunteers will display on all veterans grave sites at hopefully all cemeteries in Madison County. Ace Hardware of Madison will be assisting. Last year, only approximately 1,000 flags were displayed in cemeteries around the County.



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# Cowgirls fall to Trenton in softball semi-final

Rick Patrick: *Greene Publishing, Inc.*

It was a tearful end to an historic season for the Madison County High School (MCHS) Cowgirls softball team as they were defeated in the state semi-final game by the Trenton Lady Tigers. On Monday, May 21, the Cowgirls entered a rainy field at historic Dodgertown, in Vero Beach, for their first final four appearance since 2013. The road to Vero Beach had not been without some curves and bumps along the way. After falling to Lafayette County in the district title race, the Cowgirls were forced to play on the road. The Cowgirls rose to the challenge with impressive wins over defending State Champion Union County, and Hilliard, to claim the Region Championship.

After the games were delayed nearly a week due to rainy weather that has plagued South Florida for two weeks, the Cowgirls were more than ready to get the game underway. The game started as a defensive struggle with some great defensive catches by members of the Cowgirl infield. The Cowgirls were only able to keep the Lady Tigers at bay until the top of the third inning when Trenton scored two runs. The Lady Tigers put the Cowgirls in a deeper hole when they scored three more runs in the top of the fifth inning. By the bottom of the sixth inning, the Cowgirls found themselves facing a six-run deficit. The Cowgirls were not about to give up without a fight. In the bottom half of the sixth inning, Cowgirl Reese Rutherford hit a hard ground ball that rolled into center field for a base hit. Then Abi Annett was able to reach second base, thanks to a Lady Tiger error, allowing Rutherford to progress to third base. Cowgirl catcher Amber Reed reached first base on a walk, loading the bases. Halie Wetherington stepped

up to the plate and hit a ground ball toward second base. Although Wetherington was thrown out at first base, the play allowed Rutherford to come home for the Cowgirls' first run of the afternoon. Rutherford's run in the sixth inning was the only run for the Cowgirls in the sixth.

The Cowgirls were able to keep the Lady Tigers scoreless in the seventh inning, thanks in part to two strike-outs thrown by Rutherford. Going into the bottom of the seventh inning, the Cowgirls found themselves in need of a rally. In the bottom of the seventh inning, Cowgirl lead-off batter Kaylee Groover hit a line drive to center field for a single. With Groover still on base, Jocelyn Davis singled on a line drive to left field. Then Rutherford was at the plate. With two outs and two strikes, and runners on second and third, Rutherford hit a deep fly ball to center field that fell just short of the fence for a stand-up, two-RBI double. That was as far as the Cowgirl rally would take them.

At the plate, Rutherford went two-for-three with two RBIs. Wetherington had one hit in her three at-bats, with one RBI. Groover and Davis also had hits for the Cowgirls.

On the mound, Rutherford pitched all seven innings, giving up nine hits, four earned runs, and two walks while fanning five Trenton batters.

Despite coming up short of a state championship, the young Cowgirls team showed they are going to be a force to be reckoned with in Class 1A softball for the next couple of years. With only one member of the team graduating, the Cowgirls will certainly be back next season, better and more experienced, and with a clear goal on their minds. The rest of the state would be very wise to take notice.



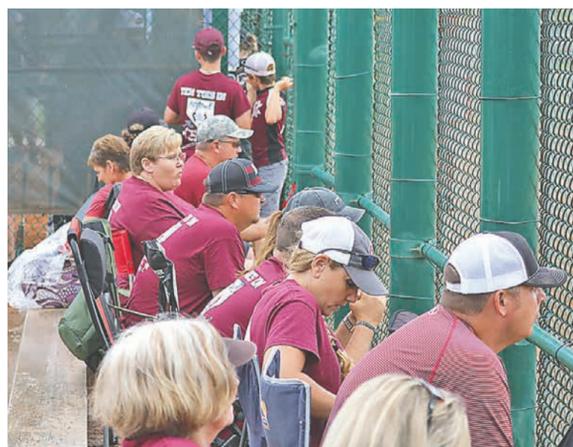
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In the front, Jocelyn Davis (left), Halie Wetherington (center) and Reese Rutherford (right) are all smiles as they make their entrance.



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Maj. David Harper from the Madison County Sheriff's Office was prepared for the rainy conditions with a lady bug umbrella, loaned by a Cowgirl fan. Maj. Harper provided security for the Cowgirls while in Vero Beach.



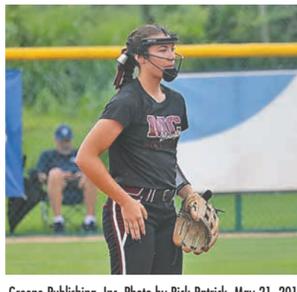
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A large contingent of Cowgirl fans made the trip to Vero Beach.



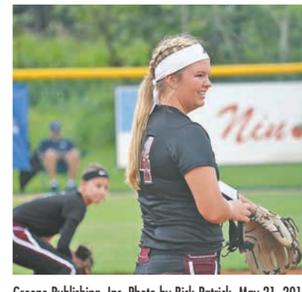
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Hope Underhill at first base.



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Halie "Halo" Wetherington covered second base for the Cowgirls.



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Cowgirl Abi Annett was ready for action at third base.

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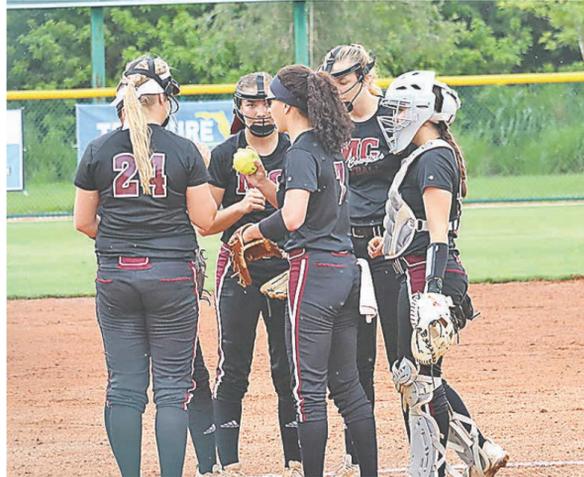
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A pre-game ritual for the Cowgirls has each infielder touch the game ball before the first pitch.



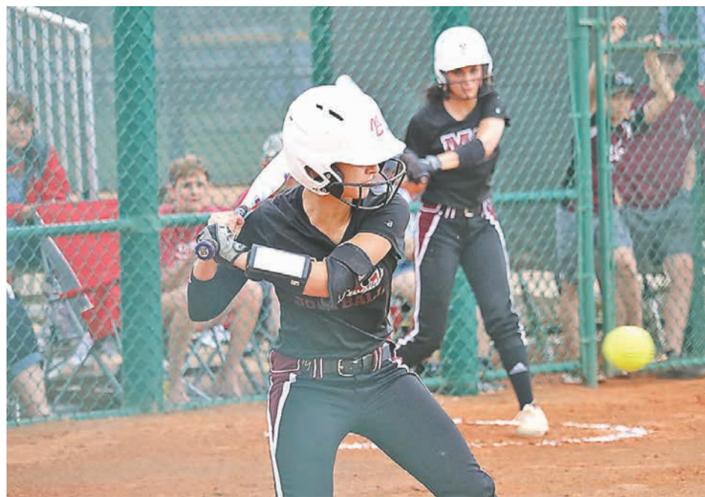
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Cowgirl pitcher, Reese Rutherford fought hard from the mound.



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Cowgirl short-stop Laila Dickey was primed for action in the state semi-final game.



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Laila Dickey eyes the ball at the plate.



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Amber Reed played her usual fine game from the catcher position.



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Reese Rutherford scores the first run of the afternoon for the Cowgirls.



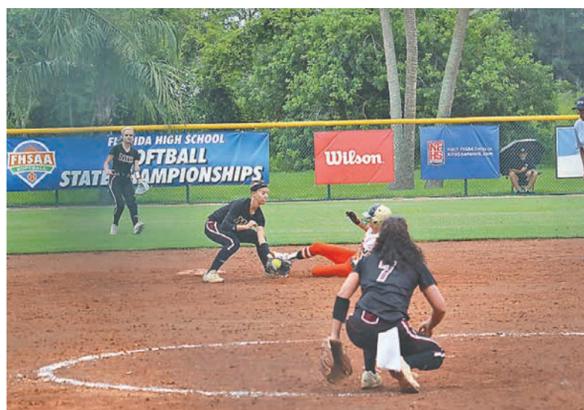
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Kaylee Groover at the plate for the Cowgirls.



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Jocelyn Davis' line drive base hit helped lead a Cowgirl seventh inning rally.



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Cowgirl short-stop Laila Dickey prepares to stop a potential Trenton base thief.



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MCHS Softball Coach Tommy Garner speaks to a tearful group of Cowgirls.

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# ACA Lady Warriors come up just short



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The Aucilla Christian Academy Lady Warriors are the Florida Class 2A State Runners-up. Pictured, back row, left to right, are: Assistant Coach Susan Morgan, Anna Lee Trest, Ashlyn Rogers, Carly Joiner, Kaylie Rogers, Abigail Morgan, Elizabeth Hightower, Asyria Shuler, Assistant Coach Ansley Rogers, and Coach Becky Brandies. Pictured on the front row, left to right, are: Ali Townsend, Lindsey Davis, Isabella Gray, Marilee Heaps, Albree Shiver, Kasey Chumura, and Lena Kimmell.

Rick Patrick: *Greene Publishing, Inc.*

Considering the fact that the Lady Warriors of Aucilla Christian Academy (ACA) have been in the state championship game in each of the past five seasons, one might think they need to make permanent reservations in Vero Beach every year. There is no doubt that the Lady Warriors softball team has established itself as one of the premier teams in Florida Class 2A and are well on their way to building a dynasty-like program. This year, just as in the past two years, the Lady Warriors would find themselves locked in a classic struggle for the state title.

In the state semi-final game on Monday, May 21, the Lady Warriors faced off against the Lady Patriots of Master's Academy from Vero Beach. The Lady Warriors scored early after lead-off batter Lindsey Davis hit a triple for the first of her three hits of the morning. Moments later, Davis crossed home plate for the first run of the contest. The Lady Warriors held a 1-0 lead at the end of the first inning. The Lady Warriors added three more runs in the third inning, then held on for the 4-0 victory, earning

another trip to the championship game.

Davis clearly had the hot bat for the Lady Warriors, going three-for-four. "I really didn't think too much. I just get up [to the plate] and trust my hands," said Davis after the contest.

Kaylie Rogers went one-for-three at the plate for the Lady Warriors, with two RBIs. Elizabeth Hightower had two hits in her four trips to the plate, with two RBIs.

Abigail Morgan and Hightower combined efforts on the mound for the Lady Warriors, giving up one hit, no earned runs, four walks and striking out 16 Lady Patriot batters.

On Tuesday, May 22, the Lady Warriors faced the Lady Wildcats of Academy at the Lakes, of Land O' Lakes. This contest will undoubtedly go down as one of the classic pitchers' duels in the history of the softball playoffs. The usually productive bats of ACA were held to a team batting average of just .108. On the other side, Elizabeth Hightower, who has signed to play for the University of Florida, pitched an amazing game in her final appearance as a Lady Warrior, holding the Lady Wildcats to a team batting average of .105. The

game was still scoreless throughout regulation and into extra innings.

At one point, during extra innings, the Lady Warriors had runners in scoring position when Morgan hit a hard line-drive toward left field. The Lady Wildcat shortstop raised her glove and made an incredible catch to ensure the game would go on for another inning. The deadlock was finally broken when the Wildcat pitcher and Alabama signee, Alexis Kilfoy, hit a one-RBI double in the top of the 11<sup>th</sup> inning. The Lady Warriors were unable to respond and the game ended with a 1-0 win for the Lady Wildcats.

Morgan, Davis, Ali Townsend and Kaylie Rogers had base hits for the Lady Warriors.

Hightower pitched 11 innings on the mound for the Lady Warrior, giving up four hits, no earned runs, and two walks, while striking out 15 batters.

"I am very proud of these girls," said ACA Head Coach Becky Brandies. Even though the Lady Warriors are losing four players to graduation, the Lady Warriors will be a force to be reckoned with for years to come. Dynasties are like that.



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Carly Joiner and Kaylie Rogers (#12) share a prayer before the state championship game.



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Anna Lee Trest takes a swing.



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Ashlyn Rogers eyes a pitch.



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Ashlyn Rogers eyes a fly ball for an out.

## Four Madison Creative Arts Academy students shine in Duke talent program



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Mickey Starling, May 13, 2018

The Duke University Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP) recognizes students with exceptional scoring on the A.C.T. or S.A.T. Four students from Madison Creative Arts Academy had exceptional scores on the A.C.T. Pictured, from left to right, are: Katie Poirrier, Riley Browning, Gabe Gamalero and Katherine Krell.

Mickey Starling;  
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The Duke University Talent Identification Program (TIP) found four worthy seventh-graders who demonstrated exceptional scoring on the A.C.T. or S.A.T. college entrance exams. Three Madison Creative Arts Academy (MCAA) students: Katie Poirrier, Gabe Gamalero, and Katherine Krell, scored well enough to receive state recognition for their efforts, while Riley Browning's score was deserving of grand recognition. Only 2,611 students received this high honor out of the 48,569 students who took the exams. Browning was recognized at the Grand Recognition Ceremony, held on Monday, May 21, at Duke University's Cameron Indoor Stadium. "I felt very accomplished and proud of how I

scored," said Browning.

To be eligible for recognition in the Duke TIP, all students must score at or above the 95 percentile on a grade-level standardized test, then score approximately equal to the 90 percentile among high school seniors taking their college entrance exams. MCAA is extremely proud of these students and their accomplishments in scoring at such a high level while only in the seventh grade.

Duke TIP is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving academically talented youth. As a global leader in gifted education, Duke TIP works with students, families and educators to identify and support gifted youth in reaching their highest potential. This experience is sure to be one these students never forget. "I am thankful for my family, friends and teachers and the opportunity to participate in the Duke Talent Program," said Krell. "My friends have pushed me to do my best and my parents have supported me all the way."

## Muffins for Moms at Pinetta Elementary School

Rick Patrick: Greene Publishing, Inc.

Friday, May 11 was a very special day at Pinetta Elementary School (PES) as they celebrated their annual Muffins for Moms Mother's Day event. Dozens of moms, grandmothers, cousins and even a father or two stopped by the PES gymnasium to enjoy a variety of muffins along with orange juice.

According to PES Principal Amy Kendrick, Muffins for Moms is an annual event for the school and is a way to say "thank you" to all the moms for everything they do to help their little ones learn and grow. "We do this every year around Mother's Day. We also have Doughnuts for Dads during the year," said Kendrick.



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Pinetta Elementary School teachers Bobbi Pinkard (left) and Ashley Tyler (right) serve muffins with a smile during the Muffins for Moms celebration on Friday, May 11.

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Emmanuel Rodriguez (left), a pre-K student at Pinetta Elementary School enjoyed having a muffin with his mom Donelle McQuay (right). Emmanuel said he was going to give his mom a present and pick her some flowers for Mother's Day.



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Satoria Wright (right) enjoyed having breakfast with her little cousin, Tahj Dobson (left), a fourth grade student at Pinetta Elementary School.



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Although Florida's boating season never really ends, the traditional start is marked by National Safe Boating Week – a time for boaters to focus on simple and effective steps that make boating safer. Leading the nation with nearly one million registered vessels across the state, Florida is the boating capital of the world and is world-renowned as a prime boating spot for residents and visitors. Each year, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) officers respond to far too many tragic and preventable boating accidents, so they want all boaters to remember to boat safely.

"Florida is an incredible boating destination," said Maj. Rob Rowe, leader of the FWC's Boating and Waterways Section. "The upcoming Memorial Day holiday and National Safe Boating Week, May 19-25, present an opportunity to emphasize the importance of remaining safe while boating."

"Our officers are committed to keeping people as safe as possible, but we need the public's help," said Rowe. "We want to reach as many boaters as we can to help them understand that most boating accidents are preventable."

Boaters can enjoy their time on the water even more by taking a few safety precautions such as wearing a life jacket, using an engine cut-off switch lanyard, designating a sober boat operator, paying attention and keeping a proper lookout, having an emergency locator beacon, filing a float plan, and taking a boating safety class.

The FWC's 2017 Boating Accident Statistical Report indicates there were 766 reportable boating accidents in Florida last year, resulting in 67 fatalities. This represents a seven percent increase in the number of accidents, but the same number of fatalities as compared to 2016. The leading cause attributed to boating accidents in 2017 was the operator's inattention or lack of a proper lookout (24 percent). Falls overboard has been the leading type of fatal accident since 2003, with drowning as the leading cause of death.

Accidents can often be prevented if boat operators pay attention to everything going on around their vessel, maintain a proper lookout and if everyone on board is wearing a life jacket. Fifty-two percent of boating-related deaths last year were attributed to drowning, which life jackets are designed to prevent.

"A lot of people say they don't wear life jackets because they are uncomfortable," said Rowe. "But with newer inflatable models that are belt packs or suspenders, you hardly know you're wearing one. FWC officers wear inflatable life jackets all the time while on the water."

The FWC has released compelling life jacket testimonials from three north Florida families whose lives have been changed by wearing – or not wearing – a life jacket when things went wrong on the water. These dramatic accounts provide vital information and a call to action for every boater to enjoy Florida's beautiful waters safely while wearing a life jacket.

An engine cut-off switch lanyard is a safety device that is attached from the boat operator to the ignition. If it is disconnected, the engine will shut down, potentially preventing a boater who has fallen overboard from being injured by the moving propeller of a runaway boat.

Boating education is critical. In 2017, 67 percent of boat operators involved in fatal accidents had no formal boater education. Florida's current boating safety education law applies to boaters born on or after Jan. 1, 1988, and who operate a vessel of 10 horsepower or greater.

"Safe boating is really the key to enjoying your time on the water, and education is a major component," said Rowe. "2018 marks the year that if a boater is age 30 or younger, they are required to have a boating safety education card in order to operate a vessel of 10 horsepower or greater."

FWC officers patrol our waterways in an effort to keep all boaters safe by checking that they have the required equipment and are operating safely. Ensure your encounters with FWC officers are positive ones by planning ahead and paying attention while on the water.

To report people who are operating boats dangerously, call (888) 404-FWCC (3922) or text [Tip@MyFWC.com](mailto:Tip@MyFWC.com). More information can be found by visiting [MyFWC.com/Boating](http://MyFWC.com/Boating). You can even search there for the Florida Public Boat Ramp Finder to help you find a great place to launch your boat.

## 2017 boating accident statistics provide an opportunity for boating safety reminders

Story Submitted

With the release of the 2017 Boating Accident Statistical Report, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) encourages boaters to focus on simple, effective steps that make boating safer.

"For 2017, the leading contributor to boating accidents was the operator's inattention or failure to maintain a proper lookout. It is critical for operators to be diligent in observing and being aware of what is going on around them," said Lt. Seth Wagner from the FWC's Boating and Waterways Section.

In 2017, 261 boating accidents involved collisions and 38 percent of all collisions were due to inattention or the operator failing to maintain a proper lookout.

"It's important that while out relaxing and enjoying Florida's beautiful waters, boaters remember to be safe," Wagner said.

Florida had 766 boating accidents in 2017, 52 more accidents than in 2016. However, there was no change in the number of fatalities. A total of 67 people lost their lives last year in boating accidents. Falls overboard have been the leading type of fatal accident since 2003, with drowning as the leading cause of death.

Eighty-one percent of these victims were not wearing a life jacket. Today's boaters can choose from several models of light and comfortable inflatable belt-pack or over-the-shoulder life jackets that can be worn while fishing or enjoying the sun. Boating accident statistics support an important message: "Life Jackets Save Lives."

The FWC is responsible for reviewing, analyzing and compiling boating accident data for the state. Its statistical report details boating accidents and their causes. The theme of accident-related messages from FWC staff is clear: Officers want to help keep Florida's beautiful waterways a safe place to boat.

For a copy of the 2017 Boating Accident Statistical Report, visit [MyFWC.com/Boating](http://MyFWC.com/Boating) and select "Safety & Education" and "Boating Accidents."

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**The Week Of May 25, 2018 - May 31, 2018**

	<b>Friday May 25</b>	<b>Saturday May 26</b>	<b>Sunday May 27</b>
	3:00 AM	3:40 AM	4:30 AM
	*9:10 AM	*9:45 AM	*10:30 AM
	3:20 PM	3:55 PM	4:40 PM
	*9:30 PM	*10:10 PM	*10:50 PM
<b>Last Quarter: May 8</b> <b>New Moon: May 15</b> <b>First Quarter: May 22</b> <b>Full Moon: May 29</b>	<b>Monday May 28</b>	<b>Tuesday May 29</b>	<b>Wednesday May 30</b>
	5:10 AM	5:50 AM	*12:20 AM
	*11:10 AM	*11:55 AM	6:35 AM
	5:20 PM	6:10 PM	*12:45 PM
	*11:35 PM	6:55 PM	7:55 PM
			<b>Thursday May 31</b>
			*1:20 AM
			7:30 AM
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60 YEARS ago

May 23, 1958

Kirk Pittman's Gulf Service, is holding its big formal opening May 23 and 24, with a big celebration, during which a portable television will be given away Saturday night. In addition, balloons and lollipops will be handed away to the children. Kirk will also give a set of four antique auto tumblers with each sale of seven or more gallons of Gulf Gas.

Debbie Wheeler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Graham Wheeler, celebrated her fifth birthday Friday afternoon with a lovely party. About fifty young guests enjoyed the afternoon with Debbie. The green and yellow birthday cake was topped with five yellow candles, Cupcakes, lemonade and ice cream were also served. Favors for the children were pinwheels. Mrs. James Page, of Thomasville, assisted Mrs. Wheeler in entertaining. Debbie received many attractive gifts.

The Student Council of Pinetta Junior High school has elected new officers for the school year, 1958-59 as follows: Ronald Bass, President; Bobby Joe Buchanan, Vice-President; Judy Littleton, Secretary and Treasurer; and Rebecca Buchanan, Reporter.

50 YEARS ago

May 24, 1968

Miss Sandra Tibbals, who will become the bride of James E. Everett on June 23, was complimented at a miscellaneous shower Tuesday evening by members of the Eastern Star. Arrangements of white and blue hydrangea enhanced the reception room at the Masonic hall where a large number of guests were entertained.

The Senior Class of 1968 held its annual Class Day Program Tuesday, May 22 at Madison High School auditorium. The program consisted of 18 skits portraying the first through the 12<sup>th</sup> grades. It was centered mostly on the activities of the senior year. The program was narrated by Dan Buchanan, a former speech student, and was written by Carson Cherry, a student in journalism. In conclusion the last will and testament of each senior was read.

Army Private First Class Barney Byington Jr, 22, whose parents live in Greenville, received a Parachutist Badge May 2, upon completion of the Infantry School's three-week airborne course at Ft. Benning, Ga.

40 YEARS ago

May 26, 1978

A formal ground-breaking ceremony for Madison Square Shopping Center will be held next Wednesday, May 31. The major tenants in Madison Square are Winn-Dixie, Eagle Family Discount Stores, TG & Y, Revco Drugs, and Ken's Barbecue.

Mr. and Mrs. John Austin Willyoung, of Jacksonville, announced the approaching marriage of their daughter, Janice Marie, to Berry Martin Reeves, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Marvin Reeves, of Madison. The wedding will be June 17 at 7 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church, North Range St, in Madison.

Mrs. Louvenia Hames was hostess at a full course rehearsal dinner the evening of May 11, honoring her son, Paul's marriage to Miss Deena Dietrich. The setting was the delightful home of Mrs. T.C. Coody. Beautiful floral arrangements were placed in advantageous points in the spacious rooms open to guests. Among the twenty four people attending were husbands and wives of the wedding party, close relatives of the bride and groom-elect and Rev. and Mrs. Charles Peck of the Rocky Springs Methodist Church.

30 YEARS ago

May 25, 1988

Sue Williams, an employee of Madison House for 28 years, has retired. A retirement party was held for her at Ken's Restaurant.

Official groundbreaking at the DeSoto Crossing Shopping Center on the north side of U.S. 90 near Madison Marble Works will be held Friday at 1 p.m. On hand will be people from the R.E. Jarett Co., the developers, officials from Food Lion, the discount grocery chain, Big B Drugs and Scottie's Hardware. City and county officers plus Chamber of Commerce officials will also be on hand.

20 YEARS ago

May 22, 1998

Michelle Peacock, Beta Club president, presented a check for \$400 to Monteen Cave, President of Madison County Foundation for the Dream and Succeed Scholarship program. The Beta Club plans to complete the purchase of a full scholarship in the future.

## Aboriginal History on this day in May

Story Submitted: By Snippets in Time

May 25, 1776

The Continental Congress resolved that it was "highly expedient to engage Indians in service of the United Colonies," and authorized recruiting 2,000 paid auxiliaries. The program was a dismal failure, as virtually every tribe refused to fight for the colonists.

May 26, 1540

The "Lady of Cofitachequi" has been taken with the de Soto expedition, against her will. With a large quantity of the pearls that de Soto's men took from her village, she escapes.

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# Madison County in the 1800's

John Willoughby: *Greene Publishing, Inc.*

You may cross into Taylor County on County Road 14 and you might cross into Lafayette County on State Road 53 once in a while. What you might not have known was that Taylor County, Lafayette County, and even Dixie County was once Madison County land.

In 1820, there were two territories known in Florida as West Florida and East Florida, under the Spanish rule. Florida was purchased under the Transcontinental Treaty, and by 1821, West Florida became known as Escambia County and East Florida was known as St. Johns County.

Madison County was constituted as the 14<sup>th</sup> county to be established in Florida on Dec. 26, 1827. Madison was known as Leon County territory since its formation in 1824. The county spanned from the mouth of the Aucilla River to the border of the Withlacoochee and Suwannee Rivers. The county also went as far down as where the Gulf of Mexico and Suwannee River met, with the southwest part of the county having the waves of the Gulf of Mexico tossing back and forth right off land. The County was long, rather than wide, but that all changed in the Winter of 1956.

According to a Taylor County history website, featuring the work of the late historian June Parker McLeod, after the Second Seminole War, the Seminoles were removed in 1842, and they traveled to Oklahoma, except for the ones who escaped into the Florida Everglades. With the Seminole conflict ending, there was an increase in migration of pioneers. The gradual southward movement brought English, Scottish and Irish descendants into the area with a speech and culture that remains part of the inheritance in the area. By 1855, there were settlements in the areas of Shady Grove, Pisgah, Lake Bird, and other parts of the present-day Taylor County.

Beginning the claim of territory, there was a bill in the Florida House of Representatives in November of 1855, to organize Taylor County. The bill failed for unknown reasons. James McQueen, a representative of Madison County, suggested a bill that would organize two new counties, out of Madison County, instead of one county. Florida Governor Broome signed the bill on Dec. 26, 1856, establishing Taylor and Lafayette Counties. On April 25, 1921, Dixie County, the 59<sup>th</sup> county of Florida, was made from the southern portion of land that was once known to be Lafayette County.

Taylor County flourishes under the county seat, the City of Perry. Taylor County's current population is approximately 22,493 citizens, and has multiple unincorporated communities, such as: Salem, Athena, Eridu, and Dekle Beach. Dixie County, as of 2015, has an approximate population of 16,203 citizens. Dixie's County seat is Cross City. Lafayette County, as of 2015, has a population of 8,663 citizens. Lafayette's County seat is Mayou.

The last county to be formed in Florida was Martin County, organized in 1925.



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# NEW MOVIES IN THEATERS

## DEADPOOL GIVES IT TO YA, AGAIN

BY PAUL HALL

The year was 2016. A labor of love, *Deadpool* arrived in theaters with an extraordinary show of force. The R-rated superhero film exploded for over \$360 million at the domestic box office and landed as the sixth highest-grossing film of the year. It tapped into an appetite for a real hero who talked the way many individuals thought and was destined to spawn a sequel. This is that sequel. This is a review of that sequel.

In an attempt to keep a connection with Wade Wilson (Ryan Reynolds) and the Deadpool character, I've decided to submit this review in crayon -- it just seemed like the right thing to do. Ok, maybe not. But I am totally onboard with the attitude of our hero.

In this episode, we get Wade as a man who is ready to say the dirty "F" word -- "family." But before he can make a baby with his lovely lady, the world collapses on this hero who prefers eliminating the bad guys instead of rehabilitating them. That raw approach is the main reason why he can't be an X-Man.

He does join forces with some X-Men. You'll get to see him battle Cable (Josh Brolin) and try to mentor a young, troubled boy. That, of course, is the heart and soul of the film -- Academy members, are you paying attention?

This is another irreverent effort that turns the genre upside down and snaps up the leftover money from Logan and the X-Men like Wade was stealing their lunch money. In fact, he just might have done that. It's raw, it's raunchy, it's violent and it's vulgar, but most of all -- it is FUNNY!

*Deadpool 2* returns to the ground that made the original work, and it has Brad Pitt, too. The storytelling is similar with crass jokes and enough material that you won't even catch it all. Sure, some of the visuals seemed lacking this time around, but I found myself laughing and really enjoying the ride.

Reynolds and T.J. Miller have solid banter, and the rest of the crew is a blast to see onscreen. Now if -- wait, spoiler alert, I can't write about that. Just see the movie -- that is, if you are over age 17, of course.

Oh, and yes, there are a number of sequences in the middle of the credits for you to enjoy. This one goes right up to the end with its high jinks. And during the credits, check out all the songs on this soundtrack. They are filled with lyrics that you would imagine coming straight from the crayon of Wade Wilson himself!



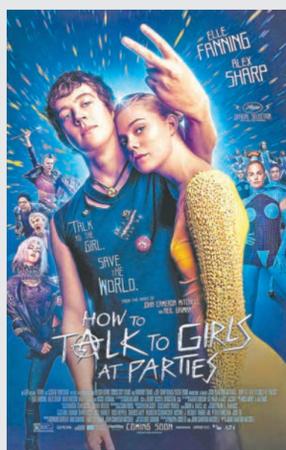
**Deadpool 2**  
**Rated R**  
**Stars: Ryan Reynolds, Josh Brolin, Morena Baccarin**  
**Director: David Leitch**

There is plenty of room in our movie universe for Deadpool and his adult-oriented crime-fighting tactics. It's a refreshing sequel for adults. Did I mention Brad Pitt is in here? When a sequel leaves me this satisfied and sporting an ear-to-ear grin, you know it must have delivered the goods. I really won't get that image of Reynolds with (text eliminated with a big red crayon X by proofreaders -- we won't let Paul spoil this part) out of my head forever. Deadpool "gon' give it to ya" again!

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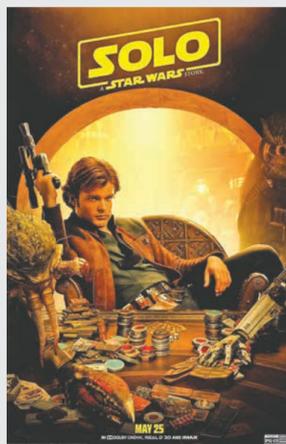
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**ASK MATT**  
 BY MATT ROUSH TV Guide Senior Critic

## ANY SPINOFF IN THE WORKS FOR THE AMERICANS ?

**Question:** I'm really going to miss *The Americans* big time. Any chance there will be a spinoff or continuation of the story with different characters? --Kenneth

**Matt Roush:** I haven't heard anything to suggest the franchise continuing or spinning off, and I tend to doubt it. *The Americans* is taking place at such a specific time, and while Russian-U.S. conflict remains a provocative subject--see the latest season of *Homeland*--I'd think when the story of the Jennings family ends, that will be it. It would also be quite a challenge for any Americans 2.0 version to live up to the original.

**Question:** *The Price Is Right* recently won the Daytime Emmy for Outstanding Game Show, but Drew Carey wasn't even nominated. I don't remember him ever being nominated in the 10 years that he's been hosting. Is there a specific reason for this yearly oversight? --Laura

**Matt Roush:** Hard to fathom, because it's obviously not easy wrangling the contestants on that show-- and Bob Barker earned a number of these awards during his long *Price* reign. (Maybe there was a sense early on that no one could fill Barker's shoes, but Drew Carey has settled in nicely over the years). Personally, I just can't believe these awards ever go to anything besides *Jeopardy!* and Alex Trebek.

To submit questions to TV Critic Matt Roush, go to: [tvinsider.com](http://tvinsider.com)

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VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC. CASE NO.: 180908JCAAXMX  
Plaintiff(s),

vs.

KRYSTAL DAWN HAIRE A/K/A KRYSTAL BURNETT; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KRYSTAL BURNETT A/K/A KRYSTAL BURNETT; Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to Plaintiff's Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on May 22, 2018, in the above-captioned action, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door of the Madison County Courthouse, 125 S.W. Range Avenue, Madison, Florida 32340 in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 28th day of June, 2018 at 11:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure or order, to wit:

Lot 4 Block "B" LENEYWOOD SUBDIVISION, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 10, Public Records of Madison County, Florida. Together with a 2803 Fleetwood Mobile Home, ID# GAFL35A88255 & GAFL35B88255. Commonly known as 187 NE Kel Lane, Lee, FL 32059

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

U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSP MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST Plaintiff,

vs.

JOSEPH R. WILLIS AKA JOSEPH RANDALL WILLIS, et al Defendants

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of foreclosure dated May 14, 2018 and entered in Case No. 170008JCAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit in and for Madison County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSP MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST is Plaintiff, and JOSEPH R. WILLIS AKA JOSEPH RANDALL WILLIS, et al are Defendants, the clerk, Billy Washington, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, beginning at 11:00 AM, 125 SW Range Avenue, Madison, FL 32340, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, on the 28th day of June, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

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