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## Is a community center coming to Greenville?



Photo couresey of Hoy Stark Hgana Aarhiect
The approximate 3,000 square foot building will consist of a senior center and a youth center. "We think this is a great project, not just for the seniors and not just Patrick Hoy, Principal of Hoy Stark Hagan Architects.
John Willoughby: Greene Publishing, Inc

In the anticipated project that will bring a new building containing a senior and youth center to Greenville, the architects over the project presented new drawings to the Town Council and citizens of


Photo coutesy of Hoy Stark Hagna Acritiects
In between the youth and senior centers will be an open community breezeway. When the building is being monitored, the doors will be opened, made to look like columns. However, when the building is closed and not being monitored, those large doors will fold, close and lock from the inside.
that took place on Monday, July 9. At the regularly scheduled meeting on Monday May 14, Greenville Town Manager Edward Dean announced plans for a new community youth and senior center. The center will include a conference and banquet room in the senior center and a computer
center Dean stated he planned to move forward with rying to get a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of $\$ 600,000$, with a percentage of between 8.2 and 9.6 entitled to engineers/architects. During a special meeting on Monday, June 4, Dean stated that the committee to rank proposals wa recommending Hoy See "Architects" on pase

## Wyche aims for safety

"Even as we speak and especially you, the Commissioners, are in a position to be in harm's way."
Savannah Reams:
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The Madison City Commission met for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 10 , at 5:30 p.m. After consenting the agenda, the City Commission was addressed by Tim Sanders, former Clerk of Court, and a current member of First United Methodist Church (FUMC) of Madison. On behalf of the church, Sanders requested the opportunity for FUMC to purchase an 11-foot strip of Washington Ave. city right-of-way ang the West boundary of Lot 166 , order to make renovations and expansions to their fellowship hall an Sunday school wing
"After architectural review, the most feasible approach of increasing the kitchen area is by way of extending the kitchen exterior wall and roofline westward a distance of 14 feet," said Sanders. This proposed wall extension would encroach into city right-of-way by 10 feet. However, the finished wall extension would still be 26 feet from the edge of the road's pavement. The City Commission agreed to address th issue once more information was gathered and presented and individual

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willie Carter, of Lee, brought a 200-pound warermelon to his front porch on Saturday, July 14. He doesn't plan to eat the watermelon, but does plan to begin growing more sometime next year

## The walemmeolinuigills how muchi?

John Willoughby:
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Coming into Lee, you'll find the home where Willie Carter once grew an 18 -foot-tall corn stalk, with corn the length of his arm. Maybe it's just luck, maybe it's magic.

On Saturday, July 14, Carter
walked outside to find a watermelon that was bigger than any other fruit out in the vines. Trying to pick it up nd realizing it was way too heavy, he olled the monster to his porch with wagon. Carter had his wife get the bathroom scale and the watermelon was weighed at approximately 200 pounds.

Know before you vote: Amendment Seven

Rick Patrick:
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This is the seventh in a series of articles that will appear in The Madison Enterprise-Recorder. Each article will examine one of the 13 proposed constitutional amendments that will be appearing on the Florida elections ballot on Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018. This week's article takes a look at nendment Seven.
The seventh amendment Florida voters will decide upon in November is dubbed the First Responders and Military Member Survivor Benefits, Supermajority Board Votes for College Fees, and State College System Amendment. As its lengthy title suggests; the amendment, if it passes, would make three changes to the Florida Constitution
First of all, the amendment would equire employers to provide death benefits, as the state legislature defines to the surviving spouses of first responders who are killed while engaged in official duties. It would also require the state to provide death benefits, as the state legislature defines, to the surviving spouses of active-duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces who are accidentally or unlawfully and intentionally killed. In addition, the mendment

## Achieving home ownership is possible



Funding for the State Housing Initiative Program, better known as SHIP, is available for Madison County residents; funds help with down payment and closing costs on the purchase of a home. Prospective homeowners must secure a mortgage from a lender before the down payment and closing money is allocated for payment at the official closing on the home purchase. It is an on-going program providing a boost to achieve homeownership that many people overlook.

Over the years, SHIP has helped many families and individuals in Madison County achieve home ownership. The program wa established on the idea that many people could make a house payment, but often lacked the substantial amount for down payment and closing costs associated with a home purchase. SHIP money can be used for the purchase of an existing home or the construction of a new one. This program targets moderate and low-income families. Assistance is based on household income and family size. Individuals can earn up to $\$ 40,680$ and a family of four can earn an income up to $\$ 58,080$ to qualify for assistance. Residents in the moderateincome range can get up to $\$ 15,000$ applied at closing with a two percent contribution toward purchase. Low income residents qualify for an amount up to $\$ 25,000$ with a one percent contribution toward purchase. The assistance comes in the form of a grant that is paid to the lender at closing and is forgiven after 10 years of ownership. A 10 year lien is placed on the home; each year 10 percent of the money is forgiven, so if the home is sold before 10 years, a portion of the grant money will be paid back to SHIP from the sale of the home

Before a home can be purchased potential homebuyers must attend an eight hour class series held at the Madison County Extension Service on a quarterly basis. Participants learn about the requirements for SHIP funding, steps in the home buying process, how to establish a family spending plan to ensure timely payments and home maintenance for increased value over time

Currently, a home buying series will be held at the Madison County Extension Office beginning July 23 at 6 p.m. County residents interested in getting assistance must complete the eight-hour class to be eligible for assistance. To register for the home buyer class, call (850) 973-4138.

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## Passing Parade: Senate deadline-October 1

## Nelson A. Pryor: Guest Columnist

For such a time as this: we need heroes. On of a very few, known to history, as the "Fighting Parson," is one John Muhlenberg, a Revolutionary War general.

John Peter Gabriel Muhlenberg (1746-1807) was a Lutheran pastor who is most famous for the dramatic way in which he announced that he had decided to fight the British with more than just scripture. From the pulpit of his church in Woodstock, Va., Muhlenberg ended his final sermon with these words: "In the language of Holy Writ ,there is a time for all things...there is a time to pray and a time to fight...and that time has now come.

As David Barton, of the Wallbuilders, says: Then came the big reveal. Muhlenberg opened his clerical robe. Underneath was his army uniform. The agony of tyranny called him from the altar with a voice that touched every chord of his soul. After descending from the pulpit, Muhlenberg instructed that drums be struck to summon recruits for Virginia. Some 300 parishioners enlisted

That Battle Continues
On Monday, July 9, the President entered the East Room of the White House and described th selection made to round out the U.S. Supreme Court for its Fall, Oct. 1, schedule. That selection was Brett M. Kavanaugh of Maryland, now a judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Something Is Happening
The June 29, 2018, issue of the New York Times, 18a, ran the following story: "For Conservatives, fight for court is on their turf and in their DNA."

For years, conservatives and constitutionalist had been seeing their country upended by radical court decisions that rendered the Constitution, the founding document agreed to and ratified by the States, as just a piece of paper.

This nomination of Judge Kavanaugh has united the coalitions of evangelicals, social and small government conservatives, libertarians, First and Second Amendment enthusiasts, Ninth and Tenth Amendment and pro-business Republicans.

Judicial Crisis Network
In less than 24 hours after Justice Anthony

## From the sunny side... One percent



Rick Patrick

I have been told on more than one occasion that I have a rather warped or twisted sense of humor. Not in the sense that I take great pleasure in "dead cat" jokes, although I have heard some that made me laugh (I can just see the "Letters to the Editor" now! No, I am NOT advocating being mean to cats, be they alive or deceased). I mean in the sense that many people simply do not "get my humor. I often find myself explaining to my dear co-workers my jokes or something I've written with the purpose of eliciting a chuckle or two.

There have been times when I have had to explain a joke and I think to myself, because I


Virginia Fuller, of Tallahassee, talk over the need for Judge Brett Kavanaugh's confirmation to the U. S. Supreme Court, with Governor Rick Scott.
M. Kennedy announced his retirement, scores of conservative leaders and grass-roots strategists dialed into a conference call to gear up for their most significant Supreme Court nomination battle in decades.
"There are so many issues conservatives care about what they feel the courts have taken away from the American people," said Carrie Severino, the chief counsel and policy director of the Judicial Crisis Network, who organized the conference call, and who has been working for he past 18 months on a campaign anticipating he Kennedy vacancy. Check "Another Great Justice.

Russell Moore, president of the public policy arm of the Southern Baptist Convention, recognizes the importance of this nomination, and of the need for a nine-member court for the Oct. 1 convening of the next court.

The Family Research Council has started a hree-year, $\$ 22$ million plan several months ago to engage pastors and voters through the 2020 election, and has eight mobilization events planned with pastors in midterm battleground States this summer.

Florida's Bill Nelson suggested last week he expected to vote against any Trump nominee, as he did against Justice Neil Gorsuch, although after the nomination, Nelson now says "he looks forward to talking with Judge Kavanaugh.

Remember, Oct. 1 is when the new Supreme Court session begins, and it's supposed to have nine members.
find it difficult to think to another person (see what I mean?), "If I have to explain it, perhaps no one else will understand it either." At that point, one might be tempted to do away with the humor attempt. But I usually decide against that, for a good reason

I fully understand that there are times when 99 percent of the people reading something won't "get it." But there is always that one percent who do, and I feel strongly that they deserve their fai share of chuckles. The way I see it, if I can get a laugh out of just one person in one hundred; that person's laugh is worth that small amount of ink

So to my "one percent" folks out there, thank you for your faithful readership. I will continue to do my best to give you an occasional "guffaw" or two. For those who don't "get it," don't worry; you can rest assured in the knowledge that you can consider yourself to be among the vast majority


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## Architects

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Stark Hagan, Architects Principals Patrick Hoy, James Stark III and Erika Hagan were in attendance at the meeting on Monday, June 11. Hoy Stark Hagan Architects, a firm out of Tallahassee, has been involved with projects such as the Capitol Memorial Park, Killearn Lakes Elementary, City Church, Theatre Tallahassee, Ocala Facade and a renovation of the Godby High School Gym, all of Tallahassee. As stated on their website, Hoy Stark Hagan Architects believe that architecture is the highest art form and clients are both desiring and deserving of it. The firm also holds a belief that design is a verb, an action and an effort. To Hoy Stark Hagan Architects, design has a value, design is a service and Stark Hagan Architects, design has
something everyone can appreciate

During the meeting on Monday, July 9, Hoy, Stark and Hagan themselves were available to present to the Council the recent drawings and documents of what the proposed 3,000 square foot center will look like. "This is an interesting project for us," said Hoy "We know that it's a grant project so we're very excited about this for a whole lot of reasons. We think that this is a great project, not just for the seniors and not just for the youth, but for the potential of what this offers for the community."

An employee with Hoy Stark Hagan Architects came with a drone to get a bigger picture of what the area looks like. Footage from the drone was shown to help better describe what the architects hope to provide.

Next, Hoy presented the design of what the building and all of its aspects will look like. In the center will be a public area, known as the community breezeway. When the building is not being monitored, however, there are large doors that are otherwise open and look like columns. "When the building's closed, they all fold back in and they're locked all on the inside," said Hoy. "The building's very secure, can't be broken into and there are no windows for anybody to get inside the building."

In the center, dividing the senior and youth centers from the

## Vote Cont. from page 1

requires the state to waive certain educational expenses, as defined in statute, for the surviving spouse or children of the deceased first responder or military member in order
to obtain a career certificate, an undergraduate education or a post-graduate education. For the purposes of this amendment, first responders are defined as firefighters, paramedics, emergency medical technicians (EMTs), law enforcement officers, correctional officers, correctional probation officers and members of the Florida National Guard. Currently, death benefits are provided by state statute for law enforcement, correctional and correctional probation officers, firefighters and members of the Florida National Guard. The current statutes require employers of first responders to pay death benefits to survivors. Death benefits range from $\$ 50,000$ to $\$ 150,000$; depending on the circumstances of death.

The remaining two aspects of Amendment Seven deals with the state's colleges and universities. Amendment Seven would require a nine-member vote of a university's 13 -member board of trustees and a 12 -member vote of the 17 -member state board of governors in order to increase college fees. Currently, it only requires a simple majority vote in order to increase fees.

If passed, the amendment would also add the structure of the state college system to the state constitution. It would not change the current structure. The system that would be added to the state

## Wyche

commissioners had a chance to view the area in person.

Afterward, the City Commission unanimously approved the 2018-2019 Health, Dental and Vision Rate proposed by Robin Riley of Brown and Brown Public Risk Insurance Agency. Next, City Manager Jerome Wyche proposed the current millage rate stay at seven percent, and not be increas for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year. The Commission passed this unanimously.

In addition, the Commission approved and authorized the Mayor to execute the Community Facilities Grant Emergency Response Extrication and related equipment purchase documents. The City of Madison will receive a total of no more than $\$ 54,900$ from the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Housing

"For a while, I've been wanting to grow a gigantic watermelon," said Carter. Well, now he has that dream fulfilled. The watermelon process began in early spring but what made it
ow so big wasn't just the amount of time it took. "I used

inside community breezeway is transparent glass windows and doors. Specifically unique about the building, there will be a type of glass above the entrances of the community breezeway. It is a system that will allow natural light to come into the area. The finishes will be durable, though not very expensive. "It's a simple idea," said Hoy. The roof will be metal, which can last for a tremendously long time. "Once it's there, that's it," said Hoy. "You don't have to worry about it anymore.

In concern to accessibility, all walkways will be made ADA accessible. There are no ramps, only slopes. "We've tried to make provisions to make sure that it's easy for all the citizens to get into this building whether you are with a cane, whether you are a kid or in a wheelchair, we've given consideration to all of them," said Hoy. "All of the bathrooms are ADA compliant with federal government standards." Another firm employee ensured that there will be a handicap parking spot with an "extremely reasonable amount of distance" within the entrance of the building.

Finishing up, the building itself will not need much
maintenance: no repainting, the roof will last and the inside will be concrete. The grass that will be used will be heat and drought tolerant. The roof will be insulated and according to Hoy, the insulation will greatly reduce what can enter and what can leave the building. The design developments that were shown were made to present the real idea of the project; what it will look like and how it will sit on the proposed property. On Tuesday, Aug. 7, the construction documents, showing specifications, will be submitted in time for the CDBG deadline which is Monday, Aug. 13. Schematic designs, a part of the engineering process, were made ready on Monday, June 18.

According to Dean, groundbreaking is slated for early June 2019 and construction will be completed approximately 120 days afterward.

The next regular scheduled meeting will take place on Monday, Aug. 13, at City Hall, beginning at 6 p.m. City Hall is located at 154 SW Old Mission Ave., in Greenville

## constitution requires:

- there be a single state college system comprised of all public community and state colleges
- a local board of trustees shall govern each institution - members of a board of trustees must be a resident of the college's service delivery area
- members of a board of trustees are appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by the state Senate, to four-year terms - the state board of education shall supervise the state college system

It should be noted that North Florida Community College (NFCC) currently has a nine-member board of trustees, appointed by the governor. There are three members from Madison County, two from Suwannee County and one each from Taylor, Lafayette, Jefferson and Hamilton Counties.

According to NFCC President John Grosskopf, the effect on NFCC would be minimal if the amendment passes. This is because NFCC already enjoys a great deal of local control. "[One of] our strengths has always been in our local control. I don't see this [amendment] changing any of that," said Grosskopf.

To date, there are no organized groups either supporting or
opposing the passing of Amendment Seven.
In order to become law, this proposed amendment will have to pass with at least 60 percent of the vote in the November election. As with any proposed legislation, one should carefully weigh both sides of the argument and then make the wisest choice.

Service. As part of the agreement, the City of Madison is required to contribute a total of $\$ 18,400$ to be used first. A total of $\$ 73,300$ will be available to purchase fire extrication equipment for emergency response

Of other interest, during the City Manager Report, City Manager Jerome Wyche informed the Commission he is in discussion with Chief of Police Reggie Alexander to explore ways to secure the board meeting area during the session. "Even as we speak and especially you, the Commissioners, are in a position to be in harm's way," said Wyche. In addition, Wyche informed all present that he was researching ways to possibly install a glass barrier at the payment counter, in addition to a silent duress system to protect employees in the event of a robbery.

The next regularly scheduled City Commission meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of the month, Aug. 14, at 5:30 p.m.

Greene Publishing, Inc.'s John Willoughby broke out the measuring tape to verify the size of the watermelon. According to Willoughby, the monster watermelon, laying on its side, was found to be 20 and a half inches long, 12 and a half inches wide and approximately one foot tall.

Carter doesn't plan to cut the watermelon open, but has plans

## Compunitut Calender JULY

If you would like to have anything added to the community calendar, please email Rick Patrick at rick@greenepublishing.com or give us a call at (850) 9734141.

Second Monday of every month
Tobacco Free Florida offers "Quit Your Way" classes the second Monday of every month at 5:30 p.m. at the Madison County Memorial Hospital, located at 224 NW Crane Ave., in Madison. To register or for more information, call 1 (877) 8486696.

First and Third Mondays
Lee Library is hosting Senior Game Day, every first and third Monday, beginning at 2 p.m. The Senior Game Day will include board games, bingo, checkers, card games and more. Come have fun and make new friends. You can call Lee Library at (850) 971-5665 to sign up. Lee Library is located 7783 US Hwy. 90 , in Lee, next to Lee Elementary School.

Second and fourth Monday of every month
Consolidated Christian Ministries holds their food distribution the second and fourth Monday of every month from $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. until 2:30 p.m. To receive the food, one must be a resident of Madison County and meet certain guidelines. Application are taken every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. Consolidated Christian Ministries is located at 799C SW Pinckney St., in Madison.

## Second Tuesday of every month

The Lee Community Volunteer Fire Department holds their meetings the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. The meetings are open to the public and anyone else who would like to become a member of the department. The meetings are held at the Lee Public Safety Building, located at 317 NE County Road 255 , in Lee. The department also gets together each Tuesday evening between 6:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. to hold training and work around the station.

## First Wednesday of every month

The Republican Club of Madison County holds their monthly meeting the first Wednesday of every month. It is held at Cucinella's Brick Oven Pizzeria in "The Meeting Place." Join them at 11:30 a.m. to order lunch, and the meeting will begin at 12 p.m.

## Second and fourth Friday of every month

Mad Talkers Toastmasters Club meets every second and fourth Friday of the month from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. at Cucinella's Brick Oven Pizzeria in "The Meeting Place." The meeting is open to everyone interested in developing their public speaking and leadership skills.

## July 24

Madison County Memorial Hospital (MCMH) will host the OneBlood bloodmobile for a blood drive on Tuesday, July 24, from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. All donors will receive a OneBlood beach towel and a wellness checkup which includes a blood pressure check, temperature, iron count, pulse and a cholesterol screening. For more information or to make an appointment please contact Kathy Greathouse at (850) 973-2271 or Diane Avrett (850) 491-1225, or by email at kgreathouse@mcmh.us. MCMH is located at 224 NW Crane Ave., in Madison.

## July 28

The First Annual Cowgirls Alumni Basketball Shootout will take place on Saturday, July 28, at 3:30 p.m. in the Madison County High School (MCHS) gymnasium. Doors will open at 3 p.m. This game will feature over 50 former Cowgirls as they take to the hardwoods once again in competition. Admission is $\$ 5$ and all proceeds will go to benefit the MCHS Girls' Basketball program. Food and drinks will also be available

## We need a laugh!

Savannah Reams: Greene Publishing, Inc
You know that story you share every year at Thanksgiving dinner? Remember the joke you pull from your schmooze vault when you need to mpress your colleagues? We want you to submit it! Greene Publishing, In is launching our newest addition to the Madison County Carrier and The Madison Enterprise-Recorder. Every week, we will publish our favorite joke submissions from our readers and subscribers of all ages

We will be accepting entries for the following categories: knock-knock, corny, riddles, funny stories and comic strips (cartoons). All submissions may be dropped off at our location, 1695 S State Rd. 53, mailed to P.O Drawer 772, Madison Fl. 32341, or emailed to editor@greenepublishing.com.

Each submission must include your name, hometown and age. We reserve the right to refuse any submission deemed offensive or inappropriate by our staff.

## Health foir of Greenille Senior Center

## John Willoughby: Greene Publishing, Inc

On Friday, July 27, you are invited to attend the community health fair at the Greenville Senior Center, hosted by the Senior Citizens Council. Beginning at 10 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., you can have fun, socialize and learn about fantastic opportunities provided by many healthcare providers, professionals and care facilities

While at the health fair, you can interact and learn about opportunities from employees representing Madison Health and Rehabilitation, Big Bend Cares, Covenant Care, Madison County Memorial Hospital and so much more. Attending the health fair will also be your opportunity to win a door prize.

A light lunch will be provided at 11:30 a.m. For more information about this event, you may call the Senior Citizens Council at (850) 973-4241. Th Greenville Senior is located at 166 SW Oslo Trail, in Greenville

## Foundation now accepting applications

The North Florida Community College (NFCC) Foundation is now accepting scholarship applications for students planning to enroll for the 2018 Fall Term at NFCC

NFCC awards a variety of individual and organizational scholarships each term to eligible students as supplemental funds to help cover the cost f tuition, books and fees. The scholarships require that all applicants must of tuition, books and fees. The scholarships require that all applicants m
have a 2.0 GPA to be considered for any Foundation scholarship. Some scholarships require a higher GPA
The deadline for entry is Wednesday, Aug. 1. NFCC scholarships may be applied for through the NFCC Foundation, Inc., located on the NFCC campus, building \#35 (Developmental and External Affairs/NFCC Foundation Office). Scholarship applicants may stop by the Foundation

Office, call (850) 973-


##  Capt. Lucas Williams <br> Hometown Hero

Born and raised in Madison,
ucas Williams is currently serving Lucas Williams is currently serving eserves, Williams is a Force graduate of Madison County High School. In 2010, Williams became Registered Nurse ater graduating Regist Nus Univerity from Thomas

In 2013, Williams joined the Air
rce and became a commissioned rain. In 2014, he attended officer Base in Montgomery, Al. For tech ase, in Willims was station For tech
 city of Warner Robins, Ga. Though he has not been deployed overseas, Williams has worked at a naval hospital in San Diego, Ca. as a physiology.
physiology.
Currently, Williams is still missioned as a captain. Today, he works for Down Home Medical as a Nurse Practitioner. Beforehand, he EMS EMS since 2005 and om 2015 to 201
Williams is married to Jordan
, Wirm From all ogether, they have one
Sam Houston, in San Antonio, Tx for air medical staging.
first duty station was at Robins Air Williams has been a part of in the Air Force, he Williams has been a part of in the Air Force, he states hat working with all diffrent types of people from various countries has enlarged his perspective.
you would like to nominate someone to be honored in our Hometown Hero spotight, call John at (850) 973-4141

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July 10
Lawrence Barron - Possession less than 20, possession of drug equipment

Briana Jemison - Evidence of theft or dealing in stolen property

## July 11

Deontay Jones - Writ of bodily attachment
Jacky Hill - Writ of bodily attachment
July 12
Vincent Sanders - Criminal registration
Michael Brydges - Sex predator registration

Chandra Das - Assault or battery (battery 65 or older), resisting officer without violence

## July 15

Tavares Sanders - Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intention to kill, carrying concealed weapon, improper exhibition of a weapon, resisting officer without violence, disorderly intoxication

Anthony Jannicelli - Petit theft
July 16
Charles Medders - Writ of bodily attachment (2 counts)
Roy Register - Possession/sell of synthetic marijuana, disorderly intoxication, possession of drug paraphernalia/equipment

Aaron King - Violation of probation (Madison, Fl. circuit)
Tommy Bailey - Out of county warrant (Calhoun County)
Racandra Smith - No drivers license

July 17
Dayshon Cooley - Battery (domestic violence)
Mark Metz - Out of county warrant (Camden, Ga.)

## Ski-masked thiei tries to rob bank

A man in a ski mask was arrested Saturday after trying to rob a Broward bank, according to FBI officials. But the thief didn't cash out as planned. In fact, he didn't make it further than the door.

Police say footage shows a flannel-wearing man trying to open the front doors of Mercantil
 Bank off University Drive, in Parkland, Fl

To his dismay, the doors were locked. Investigators believe the robbery was thwarted because of extra-vigilant bank employees
"If you see someone on a balmy summer day trying to enter a bank in flannel and wearing a ski mask, you should call 911 from a safe distance," said FBI Special Agent Michael Leverock.


The Bush Wealith Advantage

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

## Good Retirement Savings Habits Before Age 40

Some early financial behaviors that may promote a comfortable future. You know you should start saving for retirement before you tur 40. What can you start doing today to make that effort more productive, to improve your chances of ending up with more retirement money, rather than less?

Structure your
budget with the future in mind. Live within your means and assign a portion of what you earn to retirement savings. How much? Well, an percentage is better than nothing - but, han ny you -but, ideally, you pour 10 percent or more of what you earn into your retirement fund If that seems excessive, consider this: you are at risk of living 25-30 percent of your lifetime with no paycheck except for Social Security. (That is, assuming Social Security is stil? around when you retire). Saving and investing 10-15 percent of what you earn for retirement can really make an impact over time. For example, say you set aside $\$ 4,000$ for retirement in your thirtieth year, in an investment account that earns a consistent (albeit hypothetical) six percent a year. Even if you never made a contribution to that retirement account again, that $\$ 4,000$ would grow to $\$ 30,744$ by age 65 . If you supplant that initial $\$ 4,000$ with monthly contribution of $\$ 400$, that retirement fund mushrooms to $\$ 565,631$ at 65 .

Avoid cashing out workplace retirement plan accounts. Learn from the terrible retirement saving mistake too many baby boomers an "Gen Xers" have made. It may be tempting to just take the cash when you leave a job, especially when the account balance is small. Resist the emptation. One recent study (conducted by behavioral finance analytics firm Boston Research Technologies) found that 53 percent of baby boomers who had drained a workplace retirement plan account regretted their decision. So did 46 percent of the "Gen Xers" who had cashed out

Instead, arrange a rollover of that money to an IRA, or to your new employer's retirement plan if that employer allows. That way, the money can stay invested and retain the opportunity for growth. If the
money loses that opportunity, you will pay an opportunity cost when it comes to retirement savings. As an mple say you cash out a $\$ 5,000$ balance in a retirement plan when you are 25. If that $\$ 5,000$ stays invested and yields five percent interest a year, it becomes $\$ 35,200$ some 40 years later. $\square \quad$ So today's $\$ 5,000$ retirement account drawdown could amount to robbing yourself of $\$ 35,000$ (or more) for retirement. Save enough to get a match. Some employers will match your retirement contributions to some degree. You may have to work at least two to three years for an employer for this to apply, but the match may be offered to you sooner than that. The match is often 50 cents for every dollar the employee puts into the account, up to six percent of his or her salary. With the exception of an inheritance, an employer match is the closest thing to free money you will ever see as you save for the future. That is why you should strive to save at a level to get it, if at all possible.

Saving enough to get the match in your workplace retirement plan may make your overall retirement savings effort a bit easier. Say your goal is to save 10 percent of your income for retirement. If the employer match is 50 cents to the dollar and you direct six percent of your income into that savings plan, your employer contributes the equivalent of three percent of your income. You are almost to that 10 percent goal right there.

Set it and forget it. Saving consistently becomes easier whe you have an automated direct deposit or salary deferral arrangement set up for you. You can gradually increase the monthly amount that goes into your accounts with time, as you earn more.

Invest for growth. Much wealth has been built through long-term investment in equities. Wall Street has good years and bad years, but early investment in equities may assist your retirement savings effort Time is of the essence. Start saving and investing for retirement today, and you may find yourself way ahead of your peers financially by the time you reach 40 or 50 .

## NFCC wraps up health camp

John Willoughby: Greene Publishing, Inc.
Nursing students with North Florida Community College (NFCC) had the chance to interact with local youth and participate in NFCC's three-day health scholars camp from June 26-28. During the camp, students were able to explore healthcare topics and careers, nursing, science, fitness and nutrition in engaging, fun and educational ways.

Throughout the week, campers enjoyed games, team building exercises, gues speakers and fields trips to local healthcare facilities. With the help of Madison Fire Rescue, campers toured of the Madison Fire Department and were able to experience a fir
ruck first-hand and how fire hydrants are pu o use in an emergency. Not many people can say they've operated official fire department equipment, but these campers were also able to operate a water hose as well.

During the camp, the Madison Police Department (MPD) welcomed the campers and NFCC nursing students and staff to their ustairs conference room. MPD K9 Bolt and Officer Bill Walker welcomed the campers and were able to interact with all in attendance.

Among the fun, there were wheelchai races and a staged emergency incident wher campers experienced what would take place campers experienced what
in the case of an emergency.

Madison Fire Rescue (MFR) Madison Fire Rescue (MFR) fire department during NFCC's health scholars camp. Not man people can say they've operated official fire department equip ment, but these campers were
also able to operate a water ho which is used to put out fires of vehicles, homes and other incivenicles, homes and other ids
dents to which MFR responds


Toward the end of the camp, all campers were able to experience realistically-staged in dents involving all nursing students and Madison County EMS. First-hand, the campers saw who would actually take place in the event an actual incident occurs.

## Thompson delights in making a difiference

Mickey Starling: Greene Publishing, Inc
There are some people who view working with children all day as being about as pleasant as having a root canal without painkiller. Others, like
Madison native Darby Madison native Darby
Thompson, can't wait to spend most of their day spend most of thein
sharing life with children facing difficult children facing
circumstances

Having been raised in a good home Thompson appreciates the love she received from her parents, Tim and Debbie Thompson. Knowing the benefits of a secure family helped to inspire Thompson to give back to those who haven't had it so well. After graduating from North Florida Community College in 2015, Thompson headed to Graceville Fl., where she graduated from the


Madison native Darby Thompson proudly displays her diploma from the Florida Baptist College, in Graceville, FI. Thompson now works with foster children in Dothan, Alabama.

## Florida in 2017.

During her time in Graceville, Thompson was given the opportunity to volunteer with the Alabama Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries, in Dothan, Al. Thompson was hooked. She was excited to have the chance to work full-time with the ministry and has been there ever since.

Thompson divides her busy days between two positions within the organization: working as a social worker aid and a relief house parent. Both positions give Thompson the ability to minister to the basic needs and the spiritual void that many the foster children face. All of the children who come to the Alabama Baptist Children's Home have been referred by the

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## We're off to Wild Adventures



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Kelbi Peck (left) and McKinley Peck (right) pose for ets, won by their grandfather, Morgan Sprott


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Ticket winner, Elizabeth Aguilar, stands with he Wild Adventures Family Four-Pack.

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Congratulations to our subscribers for winning a Family Four-Pack of Daily Admission tickets to Wild Adventures Theme Park! With this ticket voucher, winners were able to enjoy an entire day of fun at Wild Adventures, including Splash Island Waterpark. Winners also had the opportunity to attend Light up the Sky in July Fireworks on July 14, and La Fiesta on July 14-15

## Flea Across Floridas slated for Sept. 14 and 15



Story Submitted
The $16^{\mathrm{th}}$ Flea Across Florida (FAF) is just two months away. So, now is the time to start planning your sale.
FAF is a great way for your club or organization to raise money. People from all over the Southeast come to find their treasures. It is a unique opportunity to showcase your community, club and organizations. There is no fee to participate, all it requires is a legal place to have your sale. Thousands of people travel across US Hwy. 90 hunting for those hidden treasures.

Your sale location can be listed on the interactive Google Map at drive.google.com/open?id=1gLN-hRUFmjjTm-0Y16cobLo9O4BUyTZI\&usp=sharing To be on the map, message the Facebook page "Flea Across Florida." All listings are free.

For nine years, FAF has brought thousands of visitors to small communities across the state on US Hwy. 90 , filling up motels, restaurants and small local businesses. FAF has also helped fund many non-profits, allowing them to continue their business of helping people. It is the perfect time to cleanse your garage and home of unwanted items. FAF is a fantastic mixture of individual yard sales and businesses offering specials. Make it a family and friend affair as you visit many communities you may not have visited before

FAF is put on by people across the state simply to help communities that have been left behind by the interstate system. Thousands of individual sales are dotted along the highway, making it a treasure hunt for the thousands of people looking for great bargains and hidden treasures.
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## ITICC recogunized for work/liie balance, job satisiaction

North Florida Community College (NFCC) is one of the best colleges in the nation to work for, according to a new survey released by The Chronicle of Higher Education. This is the third consecutive year NFCC has been recognized as a "Great College to Work For" and received the Honor Roll designation for creating an exceptional work environment for its faculty and staff.

As stated by The Chronicle of Higher Education, NFCC is ranked second in the small two-year institution category above Panola College, of Carthage, Tx., in third; and Western Dakota Technical Institute, of Rapid City, S.D., in fourth. Ranked first for confidence in senior leadership and teaching environment is Arkansas State University Mid-South, of West Memphis, Ar

The Chronicle's "Great Colleges to Work For" survey is the largest and most comprehensive workplace study in higher education. Now in its eleventh year, it recognizes the colleges that get top ratings from their employees on workforce practices and policies. The 2018 results, released in The Chronicle's eleventh annual report on The Academic Workplace, are based on a survey of 253 colleges and institutions. NFCC is one of only 84 inack from tho achieve the 2018 "Great College to 84 institution Gle the 2018 "Great College to Work For recognition and one of only four two-year colleges with 2,999 students or less to make the Honor Roll. Receiving this honor for the third consecutive year is a validation of our collective efforts at NFCC, said Mike Williams, NFCC District Board of Trustees

Chair. "The Board of Trustees strives to provide our faculty and staff with the tools and resources they need to achieve mission success. Our President and his management team have set a great vision for our college and communicate it well to all involved, resulting in a strong commitment to that vision. think that opens lines of communication and the recognition of each person's contribution to fulfilling our mission will continue to make NFCC a great place to work."

NFCC landed a spot on the Honor Roll for achieving high marks in nine categories that reflect best practices and policies of great colleges. The college was specifically recognized for achievement in the following categories:

- Collaborative Governance
- Compensation and Benefit
- Facilities, Workspace and Security
- Job Satisfaction

- Professional/Career Development Programs
- Respect and Appreciation
- Supervisor/Department Chair Relationship
- Teaching Environment (faculty only)
- Work/Life Balance
"North Florida Community College employees are about the work they do, the people they work with and the integrity of the institution as a whole," aid NFCC President John Grosskopf. "This said NFCC President John Grosskopf. This
recognition speaks volumes about our campus employees and the extraordinary work environment hat we enjoy here at NFCC."

The survey results are based on a two-par assessment process: an institutional audit that captured demographics and workplace policies and survey administered to faculty, administrators and professional support staff. The primary factor in deciding whether an institution received recognition was the employee feedback
'The Great Colleges to Work For' distinction is well-known by academic jobseekers as a sign that an institution's employees are valued and given opportunities for growth even when they face financial constraints," said Liz McMillen, editor of The Chronicle. "Any college or university that's on he list is showing that they emphasize one of their most valuable assets: their faculty and staff,
For more information and to view all the result of the survey, visit The Chronicle's website at www.chroniclegreatcolleges.com. The "Great Colleges to Work For" 2018 Honor Roll, with recognition categories, can be viewed at
wn.chronicle.com/interactives/greatcolleges18/hon orroll.

## Covenant Bible College and Seminary. Preparing ministers and fulfilling dreams

## Story Submitted

On Tuesday, June 12, the Covenant Bible College and Seminary (CBCS) Commencement Ceremony was filled with family members and friends who came from as far as Daytona Beach, Fl. and the great state of Texas to applaud the graduating class of 2018. The atmosphere in the church was charged with excite as the graduates-in their caps, gowns, hoods and tassels-marched down the aisle in a procession as the honorees of the evening

Dr. Connie Peterson, Dean of Covenant Bible college and Seminary, opened the Commencement Ceremony with a welcome and an exhortation to the Body of Christ to fulfill the plans and purposes of their divine calling. Peterson also shared a powerfu scripture and gave the invocation lifting up praise and thanksgiving to God for all He is doing in each of their lives, the nation and Covenant Bible College and Seminary

Life-transforming worship that was centered at the Throne of God was led by Pastor John Peterson, Senior Pastor of New Life Christian Church International, in Madison. Kathleen Harvey, CBCS Instructor, shared the history, current developments and vision of CBCS with the honorees and the congregation. Special music that ushered in the presence of God was sung by 2018 CBCS Graduate LaTronza Sanford

Peter Harvey, CBCS assistant director and instructor at the Madison campus, gave a wonderful introduction of the evening's guest speaker, Pastor

John Peterson. After Pastor Peterson's powerfully anointed commencement address, CBCS Registrar, Kenya Dennis conferred on the graduates their degrees:

Diploma of Theology: Sharon J. Horton and Michelle B. Kalar, Associate of Science in Theology Alannah M. Hargis; Advanced Associate of Science in Theology: Steve Patton; Bachelor of Science in Biblical Counseling: LaTronza Sanford; Bachelor of Science in Theology: Haylee Chester; Master of Science in Biblical Counseling: Gianni Phillipian Jackson and Tommie L. Jefferson; Master of Science in Theology: Alex Fountain, Belinda M. Kitchens, Charles Pate III, Teresa Patton and Leavon Robinson.

After the Conferring of Degrees, Dr. Connie Peterson awarded Community Service Chaplaincy Certificates, prophesied over the students, then offered her heart-felt love and appreciation to the students, instructors, students' families and the wonderful hostchurch family at the Madison Church of God. D Peterson then presented the 2018 Graduating Class of Covenant Bible College and Seminary to those in attendance

A lovely reception followed and was beautifully catered in the Fellowship Hall by Ann Nash and Zackery Peterson.

All new and returning students are asked to attend the orientation and information meeting. If you are unable to attend, CDs of the meeting will be available for your convenience.

The orientation and information meeting for the 2018-2019 academic year will be held on Tuesday, uly 24, at 7 p.m. at New Life Christian Church International, located a 05 SW Old US 90, in Madison. Classes are slated to begin on Tuesday, Aug. 14, at p.m., taking place at Ne Life Christian Church International.
This year marks two decades the college has been making great strides not only in this country, but also across the world. Founded in 1998 by Dr. William Morris, Covenan Bible College and Seminary began as an internet college, formerly nown as Covenan Christian University
based in Ohio. The based in Ohio. The college began to grow an currently has campuses across the nation and into three foreign countries.


The Class of 2018 had a mix of graduates from Madison and Daytona, all graduating with different degrees. Pictured in the front row, from left to right, are: Kathleen Harvey, Kenya Dennis, Dr. Connie Peterson, Pastor John Peterson and Peter Harvey. Pictured in
the middle row, from left to right, are: Teresa Patton, the middle row, from left to right, are: Teresa Patton, Pictured in the back row, from left to right, are: Charles Pate, Steve Patton, Leavon Robinson, Tommy Jefferson and Gianni Jackson.
Covenant Bible College and Seminary offers a Bible-based education for individuals of every level through both audit and degree-based programs of study. One could earn a Diploma, an Associate Degree, an Advanced Associate's Degree, a Bachelor's Degree and a Master's Degree in either Biblical Studies, Theology or Biblical Counseling. A Doctor of Ministry Degree or a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Theology may also be attained. The affordable, pay-as-you-go program offers nine, one-month long courses, plus Ministry Practicum per academic year. Ministry Practicum is a volunteer ministry in any area of church work in which students are required to give an average f two hours per week, or a minimum of 72 hours per cademic year of volunteer service to their home church or local ministry as a graduation requirement.
CBCS accepts certain transfer credits from other Cleges and universities, as well as many Bibl schools and Bible institutes. CBCS also offers advanced academic standing based on prior forma ministry experience. High school students are also eligible for dual enrollment with CBCS

Covenant Bible College and Seminary is accredited with Transworld Accrediting Commission International (TACI), the world's largest independent, non-governmental accrediting agency. For a list of CBCS accredited campuses, please visit Transworld' website at $w w w$. .transworldaccrediting.com.

Because a student may enroll and start classes at the beginning of any month, there is no deadline for registration. Those who are interested in enrolling or would like more information about the college may would like more is their website at wor me mate Conni Petersa at (850) $973-7330$ or arail cbcstoday@gmail.com.

## Ways to redince honselnold trash

Story Submitted
Homeowners may feel like they're always taking out the trash. Active families tend to generate a lot of garbage, and it's not uncommon to find the kitchen trash pail overflowing each day.

A report from SaveOnEnergy found that garbage production numbers are staggering. The average American produces 4.4 pounds of trash each day. That means the average family of four can generate 17.6 pounds of trash a day. Every year, Americans produce 254 million tons of trash. The Conference Board of Canada found Canadians produce more garbage per capita than any other country.

Thanks to modern sanitation systems, which remove garbage in a timely

manner, it's difficult to get a good handle on just how much trash families generate. But one look at the statistics - and the size of landfills - clearly illustrates that garbage is a concern. Thankfully, there are ways to cut down on personal waste.

- Recycle as much as you can. Post a list of all items that can be recycled where you live. Make sure to separate these items from the regular trash. Seek out facilities that will recycle items that are not collected in curbside pickup.
- Avoid buying disposable products. Reusing items over and over saves money and resources. Many disposable products are packaged in plastic, which may be produced with toxic substances that can leach into the environment.
- Use old rags for cleaning. When scouring the house, opt for old rags made from towels and T-shirts that are past their prime. These rags can be washed and reused again and again.
- Mend broken items if possible. Before tossing something into the trash, figure out if it can be repaired. A simple fix may breathe a few more years of utility into the product
- Cook only what you can eat. The UN Environmental Program estimates that one-third of the food produced for human consumption across the globe is wasted. Store and use leftovers efficiently. Stick to portion sizes when cooking, and find uses for foods (farms may take food scraps for pigs) before tossing them in the trash.
- Compost usable items. Another way to repurpose certain food items is
turn them into fertilizer. Ego shells, fruit to turn them into fertilizer. Egg shells, fruit rinds, coffee grounds, and more can be placed in a compost heap instead of the garbage.
- Donate used items. Books, magazines toys, clothin
$\bullet$ Donate used items. Books, magazines, toys, clothing, household items
all of these things can be donated or traded.
- Use reusable tote bags when shopping. Keep plastic shopping bags out of landfills by recycling them or bringing along your own cloth bags to the stores.
- Stop junk mail. Contact companies to remove your name from lists of junk mail. Invest in a shredder and turn junk mail into packing materials or bedding for pet cages.

Reducing trash generated at home can greatly benefit the environment.

## Reducing, reusing, recycling, oh my!

John Willoughby: Greene Publishing, Inc.
When you hear the word "recycle," what do you think about? Do you think about making sure to make the most of what you use instead of letting it go to waste? Reducing and reusing materials are great ways of saving the earth's natural resources.
Annie Leonard, an American proponent of sustainability, once said: "Recycling is what we do when we're out of options to avoid, repair or reuse the product first. Firstly: reduce; don't buy what we don't need. Repair: fix stuff that still has life in it. Reuse: share. Then, only when you've exhausted those option, recycle."

According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the most effective way to reduce waste is to not create it in the first place. Making a product requires a lot of materials and energy, which is extracted from the earth for manufacturing. Sustaining the Earth's environment is crucial and future generations depend on what should be our habit of recycling plastics, paper, glass and othe resourceful items.

Recycling not only provides benefits to the Earth; the EPA reports that after a National Recycling Economic Information study in 2016, over 757,000 jobs were created, generating $\$ 6.7$ billion in tax revenue and $\$ 36.6$ billion in wages. For a full report, log onto epa.gov

The EPA has provided tips on how to recycle certain items to prevent, save and reuse.
Paper: Paper makes up nearly 30 percent of municipal solid waste (trash) generated each year, more than any other material. Americans recycled approximately 65 percent of paper they used in 2014 Here at Greene Publishing, Inc., we make sure to recycle every bit of paper that we can salvage. It in turn decreases spending and we get the most out of what we have.

Batteries: It's normal to throw away batteries when they don't work anymore. However, most don't know that lithium batteries that get put in the garbage bin can be recharged. Dry-cell batteries include carbon zinc ( 9 -volt, D, C, AA and AAA), mercuric oxide (button, cylindrical and rectangular), silveroxide and zinc-air (button), and lithium (9-volt, C, AA, coin, button and rechargeable). Look for in-store recycling bins or community collection events to dispose of these batteries.

Plastics: Only 9.5 percent of plastics were recycled in 2013. There are certain types of plastic and some are recycled more than others. Most community programs accept some, not all, types of plastics. To learn more about plastic labeling, log onto epa.gov.

Glass: Making new glass from recycled glass is typically cheaper than using raw materials. Most recycling programs accept different glass colors and types mixed together, and then glass is sorted at the recovery facility. Call the Madison County Solid Waste and Recycling Department at (850) 973-2611 to see if you need to separate your glass or if it can

Madison County Recycling


The Madison County Solid Waste and Recycling Department urge citizens to help protect our environment and enhance the clean surroundings that our county enjoys. Our collection sites are strategically located throughout Madison County, with manicured appearances and staffed with employees that take great pride in managing and maintaining their sites. Please visit our collection sites and dispose of your recyclable materials. We extend you the opportunity and offer to help us keep Madison County clean.

> Madison County Solid Waste \& Recycling Department SITE OPERATION HOURS be mixed.

MADISON COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 96-73, establishes the Madison County Clean Community Ordinance. MADISON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 96-76, created and established the Madison County Solid Waste Municipal Service Benefit Unit.

MADISON COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. $99-98$ (amending ORDINANCE NO. 96-73) prohibits out-of-county residents and commercial establishments, as well as in-county commercial establishments from disposing of refuse in community green boxes.

## Cowboys honored at baseball banquet


 in the state championship game. Pictured, from left to right, are: Drew Annett, Brinson Rye, Dustin Bass, Dylan Bass, Charlie Blanton, Drew Herring, Jay Mitchell and Ahmod Powell. Not pictured are: Tre Adams, Ta'Ronn Johnson and Trey Killingsworth
Rick Patrick: Greene Publishing, Inc.
On Friday, July 13, the Madison County High School (MCHS) baseball program celebrated the accomplishments of the year during their annual baseball banquet. The players and guests enjoyed a meal of lasagna, bread, salad and pizza at the Madison meal of lasagna, bread, salad and pizza at the Madison
Church of God. There was also a decorated cake for everyone to enjoy for desert.

MCHS Varsity Head Baseball Coach Jason Fletcher recapped a momentous year in which the Cowboys survived several ups and downs and found themselves in the state championship game for the second year in a row. Fletcher challenged the younger players who are planning to return next season to build on the momentum they have begun. Fletcher's wife and "head team mom," Leslie, had a special and heart-warming message for the recent graduates on the team. "Success is not about money. Money is nice to have and it's good not about money. Money is nice to have and its Success comes when you find what makes you happy ,d "" small container of dirt from various fields on which they have played. She even included dirt from the baseball field at Flagler College, in St. Augustine, where Cowboy Drew Annett will be playing next year and from St. Andrews University, in Laurinburg, S.C., where Cowboy Jay Mitchell will be playing next year. MCHS Junior Varsity Head Baseball Coach Bill Hightower recognized the members of the junior varsity baseball team as well

Individual players were also recognized for achievement. Zane Herring was recognized as the Junior Varsity Offensive Player of the Year. The Junior Varsity Defensive Player of the Year was Kyler Howell. The Junior Varsity Coach's Award went to San Odiorne. The Junior Varsity Academic Award went to RJ Williams. Dustin Bass was named the Varsity Offensive Player of the Year. Dilan Lawson was named the Varsity Defensive Player of the Year. The Varsity Coach's Award went to Charlie Blanton. The Varsity Academic Awards went to Dilan Lawson and Drew Herring.

Continuing a tradition, each departing senior playe was presented a framed jersey as a keepsake of their year with the Cowboys


Cowboy Ahmod Powell (leff) presented a poster to his mom, Kimberly Glee. These posters en to their moms.
 Madison County High School Head Baseball Coach Jason Fletcher speaks to players and
guests during their annual baseball banquet on guests during the
Friday, July 13 .


Drew Herring and Dilan Lawson won the Academic Awards during the MCHS baseball banquet. Pictured, from left to right, are: Head Coach Jason Fletcher, Herring, Lawson and Assistant Coach Brian Annett.


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Dustin Bass was named the Varsity Offensive Player of the Year. Pictured from eft to right, are: Head Coach Jason Fletcher, Bass and Assistant Coach Brian Annett.


Charlie Blanton received the Varsity Coart Award Pictued from teft to right are: Head Coach Jason Fletcher, Blanton and Assistant Coach Brian Annett.


Dilan Lawson was recognized as the Varsity Defensive Player of the Year. Picfured, from left to right, are: Head Coach Jason Fletcher, Lawson and Assistant Coach Brian Annett.

## Madison Summer League basketball underway

Rick Patrick: Greene Publishing Inc.

It was an idea Madison County High School (MCHS) basketball coach Alle Demps had a couple of years ago to put together a summer basketball league for the youth of Madison. Demps readily admits that one big reason was selfserving. "If we can teach the fundamentals at an early age, that will improve the [high school] team in the long run," said Demps. What started out with about 30 kids has grown to nearly 100 young basketball players from the third grade up to


Greene Publising. Inc. Phoot by Rick Patrick, July 10,2018 Demps gives an encouraging word to the youngsters participating in the Madison Summer League basketball program


Former Cowboy Christopher Fead talks to some of the youngsters during prac ice. Fead now plays basketball for Warner University and is using his summer break to help the younger athletes.


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he ninth grade. These kids are divided into 10 teams and play games at the MCHS gym on Saturdays.
During practices and games, these youngsters are taught the basics and fundamentals of the game by Demps and other volunteer coaches. The coache are also careful to teach valuable lessons in sportsmanship as an important aspect of the game.

From the smiles on the faces of these young athletes, it is obvious that
Madison County basketball has a very bright future


Young players and their coaches hudde up at the end of practice during the Madison Summer league basketball program.
 Coach Jerry Alexander talks to some younger ath letes about the fundamentals of defensive play on the court.


Jaidyn Wesley moves the ball down the court during a recent game
basketball program.


## Cowboy cards now on sale

## Rick Patrick: Greene Publishing, Inc.

The Madison County High School (MCHS) Cowboys football team are once ain selling "Cowboy cards" in order to raise funds for the football program These cards, which cost $\$ 10$, each have a convenient football schedule on the front and valuable savings on the back. With discounts from places such as Ace Hardware, Subway, Norris Cafe, Hungry Howies, Studstill Lumber and many more. The card can easily pay for Norris Cafe, Hungry Howies, Studstill Lumber and many more. The card can
itself within just a few weeks. The discount card is good until August of 2019 .
To purchase a Cowboy card, see any Cowboy football player or member of the coaching staff


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If you've traveled to or from Perry on US Hwy. 221 South, you may have seen the light wooden sign that signifies that you're passing Donna's Herb Shed, an herb farm owned and operated by Greenville resident Donna MacIver. What you may not see, however, is the work and dedication that goes into making tinctures, teas and all else that herbs can provide.

MacIver, with her husband Stuart, moved to Greenville in 2010. MacIver stated she always had a passion for plants and growing things and she was always interested in growing herbs. "I knew that they help your health, so I said 'I need some education,"" said MacIver. She then traveled to Central Florida once a month to attend a year-long herbalist class, developed by premier herbalist Rosemary Gladstar.
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savory or aromatic properties that are used in medicine, as fragrances or in flavoring or garnishment while cooking. The use of herbs dates as far back as 5,000 B.C.E. According to the Herbal Academy, ancient Egyptians wrote the Ebers Papyrus, which listed over 850 herbal medicines. Beginning her herb business, she knew she didn't want to have to go mobile, toting around materials for fairs and festivals, so MacIver "bought one of these little portable buildings and here we are," said MacIver.

Herbs can be used in many forms. In the case of Donna's herb shed, she either tinctures - which is the extraction of nutrients from an herb, forms pills or makes tea. A majority of the work is not done in the small building she sells from, however Throughout the MacIver's front and back yard is a variety of bushes, flowers and plants that mysteriously put off natural aromas that some think can only be encountered through candles or essential oils in stores.
In the front lawn, the purple coneflower (Echinacea purpurea) can be found, which is known to be a medicinal herb, used as a painkiller and to treat colds and sore throats, among other things. MacIver has tinctures of Echinacea which is used to reduce severity and duration of a cold.


Greene Pullishing, Inc. Phoot by John willogghby, July 16,2018 In the front lawn of Donna Maclver's home grows the purple coneflower. The coneflower is known to b a medicinal herb, used to treat colds, among othe
things.

Among the many plants on MacIver's lawn i Tulsi Basil. The Tulsi Basil is known as an adaptogenic herb, according to MacIver. As stated by Organic India, adaptogens have been shown to support the body's healthy reactions to stress.

Lemon Balm is also a herb that grows on MacIver's lawn. Lemon Balm is made into a tincture as well, used as a calming substance.

Lemon Balm, as one may guess, gives off a mild lemon scent from its leaves. The plant can also be used in herbal teas. "I try to grow different things and I try new things all he time," said MacIver. As far as tinctures goes, MacIver has multipl inctures vailable. Tinctures ncluding relaxing, building which she works out of. sleep aid, saw palmetto tinctures, antiseptic, vitamin and mineral formulas and pain relie tinctures

Using herbal teas is also a part of the herbalistic lifestyle. MacIver takes leaves, dried or fresh and puts them into a cup. Next, she boils water, pours the water on top of the leaves and then drains the water and drinks the tea, which brings the nutrients out of the herb leaves

Making tinctures, MacIver uses fresh or dried herbs, putting them into a jar. Next, MacIver uses alcohol, preferably vodka and lets the contents sit for 30 days. The jar is shaken once a day to maximize extraction until the tincture is ready to be drained and bottled. As a substitute for alcohol, MacIver sometimes uses apple cider vinegar or a vegetable glycerin.
"Herbs don't have just one thing they do for you. They can help in a lot of different ways," said MacIver. "Taking herbs is a lifestyle. You don't just take herbs in place of a pharmaceutical [drug], you live the lifestyle of an herbalist." Though MacIver isn't a doctor or clinical herbalist, she does try her best to guide someone who is looking to get into using herbs.

Donna's Herb Shed is located at 4096 SW US Hwy. 221, just south of Interstate 10 , in Greenville. For more information about herbs and products that MacIver sells, call MacIver at (850) 371-0013

## Beneficial bats help Florida agriculture

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They are a common sight, especially in the dusk hours. Bats can often be seen circling around as they begin their nocturnal feeding on insects. Many of those insects on a bat's buffet are harmful to farmers Consequently, the sight of bats flitting around a farmer's field should be seen as a welcome sight. In an April, 2011 article in the publication, "Science," the writers estimate that the "loss of bats in North America could lead to agricultural losses estimated at more than $\$ 3.7$ billion per year." According to some estimates, the economic value of bats could be as high as $\$ 53$ billion every year.
Of the species of bats usually found on the mainland of Florida, all six are insectivores. The common Evening Bat, found throughout Florida, except for the Keys, feeds on insects such as beetles, moths planthoppers and more; including mosquitoes and termites, which could be beneficial to homeowners, as well as farmers. Many of these insects damage crops by eating vegetation. In fact, a single bat can eat as many as 3,000 insects in a single evening Some bats even eat their own weight in insects every night. Even those bats that aren't insectivores and solely eat fruits or feed on nectar can be very beneficial pollinators. There is a species of fruit bat that has been sighted in the Florida Keys.
As beneficial as bats can be, they are in danger. Some of that danger stems from a public notion that bats are dangerous or harmful. This could not be further from the truth. Another myth is that bats are blind. Bats actually have the same five senses that humans have. Some bats have very finely-tuned hearing and sonar capabilities, which they put to good use in finding insects with "echolocation." It's very unlikely that a bat can get tangled in your hair. Bats are generally very timid and avoid humans as much as possible. To dispel another myth, not all bats are rabid. Studies have shown that less than one
percent of bats ever contract rabies and of those that do, most die within a couple of days. As with any wild animal, a bat should be left alone. If threatened, a bat might attempt to bite as a form of defense; just as any wild animal would do.

There are several ways to help Florida's native bat populations:
Provide a water source

- Establish hedgerows of native vegetation to provide habitat
- Consider installing bat houses to provide shelter. Locally, bat houses can be found at Ace

Hardware for $\$ 24.99$
Maintain potential roost trees (snags)

- Help protect local roosts
- Maintain/enhance habitat at local bridges
- Allow some old, dead trees to remain standing
- Some native bats roost in hanging Spanish moss, so leaving some Spanish moss in trees can help provide habitat.
More information about bats and how to help them can be found at www.floridabats.org. Specific More information about bats and how to help the
questions can be directed to info@floridabats.com.



## Local teen assists Valdosta production



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Anyone who makes the trip to Valdosta to see Theatre Guild Valdosta's (TGV) upcoming production of "Gypsy" may not see Allie Wilkerson on stage, but they will certainly see the fruits of Wilkerson's efforts. The 13 -year-old Madison resident is currently serving as the assistant dance captain for the musical production, which kicks off TGV's $30^{\text {th }}$ season next week.

Working with musicals is nothing new for Wilkerson. She previously worked with the local Upstage Players' productions of "The Lion King," "Shrek" and "Beauty and the Beast." Wilkerson says she enjoys her role as the assistant dance captain for "Gypsy." "The director (Andrea Thom) actually choreographs the dance numbers and I watch and learn the steps and then help to rehearse the numbers," said Wilkerson. "I also came for the auditions and helped with those. I taught a simple dance combination to the people
auditioning for the show."
Wilkerson has been studying dance with Becky Robinson (also no stranger to big musical theatre productions) at Becky's Dance Steps for 10 years Competition Dance Team, where Wilkerson has won Platinum and Gold Awards in competition. Wilkerson dreams of being a "Rockette" at Radio City Music Hall, in New York City, one day. She will be going into the ninth grade at James Madison Preparatory High School in the fall

Wilkerson is the daughter of Philip and Maggie Wilkerson, of Madison. Wikerson is the daughter of Philip and Maggie Wilkerson, of Madison,
The TGV production of "Gypsy" opens on Thursday, July 26, and runs The TGV production of "Gypsy" opens on Thursday, July 26, and runs 7:30 p.m. each evening. There will be a matinee performance on Saturday, July 28, at 2 p.m. "Gypsy" is presented by special arrangement with Tams-Whitmark Music Library. For more information, please visit www.theatreguildvaldosta.com.


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Allie Wilkerson (front), assistant dance captain for the Theatre Guild Valdosta production of "Gypsy" rehearses a dance number from the show. Pictured in the back, from left to right, are: Isaiah Alexander and Alijah Patterson.

## Join Lee Public Library's Book Club


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## "Before We Were Yours"

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The Lee Public Library is inviting you to their monthly book club meeting on Wednesday, July 25 beginning at 6 p.m.

This month's feature is the New York Times Bestseller, "Before We Were Yours," authored by Lisa Wingate. The book tells the story of the life of twelve-year-old Rill Foss and her four younger siblings when their father rushed their mother to the hospital one stormy night and Rill is left in charge until the unspeakable happened.

Snatched from their homes and thrown into an orphanage, the Foss children are lead to believe they will soon be returned to their parents - but they will soon be returned to their parents - but they
quickly realize what's true is far from what they quickly realize what's true is far from what they
thought. Based on a true story, Wingate's suspenseful and gut-wrenching tale reminds us how the heart never forgets where we belong.
You don't want to miss this suspenseful evening with your neighbors at Lee Public Library. The Library is located at 7883 E US Hwy. 90 , in Lee

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## RELL MY POPCORN, BLRASE By Paul Hall

## Summer movie season is in full

 swing and we have really been salivating for a big action disaster film. Never fear, fans of beating the heat in your local multiplex, "Skyscraper" is here to give you an action fix.This movie starts fast and refuses to tap the brakes throughout. Will Sawyer (Dwayne Johnson) runs his own security firm. A friend put in a good word and Sawyer is soon investigating a new building in Hong Kong, the world's largest. If they get his seal of approval on the various fire and security systems, they'll be able to open the rest of the building to the public. But sinister forces are at work behind the scenes.

Sawyer has one last area to check before he signs off on the project, but that gets compromised and fire breaks out in the building.

The fire was intentionally set, but our bad guy didn't count on Sawyer's wife Sarah (Neve
Campbell) and children still being in the building
Nothing can compare to a parent's motivation to protect their family. Sawyer works to get back into the building while Sarah ferociously protects the kids while inside. It will take all the ingenuity the pair have to save both children and themselves

I need to say this up front -- this movie is crazy ridiculous, but I still dug it. OK, so let me explain

Plot points and even some dialogue are laughable. Johnson plays a character who feels like MacGyver with muscles (and duct tape). An he continuously does the unthinkable. Interactions bring about a chuckle and will make you wonder what you are watching.

That said, I found myself smiling, in a good

way. Because of Johnson and Campbell's personalities along with some wild action sequences, I really enjoyed the film. I don't believe a bit of what went on, but for a check-your-mind-at-the-door, devour-a-giant-bucket-ofpopcorn summer movie, it works.
"Skyscraper" begs to be seen on the biggest creen possible , if just to see how big Johnso's muscles look The setting is enors of the best parts of the film enormous and some creen is filled with explosions, gunfire or raging flames.

We haven't seen a full-scale disaster film in this setting in quite some time. Perhaps with some of the unrealistic action in the film, it keeps from being too close to home for those who have suffered through some of the tragedy in the world. The lightness of dialogue keeps the film from ever feeling too serious.

Despite much of a lack of realism, "Skyscraper" does one thing very well: It entertains. With the charismatic Johnson, the effervescent Campbell and explosive action, "Skyscraper" is a welcome addition to the summer movie season. It may not be realistic, but it does entertain. Now if someone could just deliver my refill on the popcorn bucket to my seat, I'll keep munching away here with a smile on my face.

## Paul's Grade: B-

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The Equalizer 2 Rated $R$ Stars: Denzel Washington, Pedro Pascal, Bill Pullman Director: Antoine Fuqua
Robert McCall is back, and he is Robert McCall is back, and he is
dishing out his unique brand of justice for the exploited and oppressed. His advocacy for those less fortunate is unmatched but what extremes will he go to when someone he love
impacted?


## DARKWEB

Unfriended: Dark Web Rated $R$ Stars: Colin Woodell, Betty Director: Stephen Susco After a teen comes into possession of a new laptop, he quickly finds that the owner is
watching him and all his friends watching him and all his friends
and will stop at nothing to get it

Mamma Mia!
Here We Go Again Rated PG-13 Stars: Lily James, Amanda Seyyriea, Meryl Streep Travel back to when it all began as the story of Donna meeting Harry, Sam of Bill is told flashback and, of course, song back.

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## The 1960s: Reforming the norm



Pictured is the bridge over the Withlacoochee River a
lue Springs in 1960


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The 1960s live on as a revolutionary time-period in American history. The social and political climate of the decade is best described as complex. From the Vietnam War, to the assassination of John F. Kennedy, politics were intense. At the time, many believed the decade brought about moral decay and corruption, due to the sudden relaxation and revolution of social norms about clothing, drugs, music and sexuality. This was the era of peace, love and rock-n-roll-- it was the era of to by many as secondwave feminism. This new fight involved


Newt Sands is shown driving a Waring and Son Foremost milk delivery truck in Madison in 1960. This was the last milk delivery in Madison Countr, when milk used to be delivered to customers' doorsteps. challenging social norms and inequalities involving women. During the time, women were still viewed as best-suited for the home Due to this notion, they were often excluded from many jobs and opportunities. Once people began questioning these social structures, change began to occur. One of the biggest changes to stem from this movement was the Equal Pay Act of 1963.

While political and social norms were being challenged across the board, the biggest revolution of the time was the Civil Rights Movement, which had already begun in the late forties, carried on throughout the fifties and came to a climax in the sixties. As Neil Armstrong stated as he walked across the moon in July of 1969 , it was "one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." While Armstrong was referring to the first time a human stepped foot on the moon, his famous words ring true for many
accomplishments throughout this decade. Civil rights didn't come easy, nor did they come free. Many lost their lives fighting for this cause, including Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who was ruthlessly assassinated in 1968 after challenging racial inequality for many years.

## A timeline of the Civil Rights Movement

July 26, 1948:
President Harry Truman issues Executive Order 9981 oo end segregation in the Armed Services.

May 17, 1954: Brown v. Board of Education ends racial segregation in public schools.
December 1, 1955: Rosa Parks refuses to give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery, Al. bus. Her actions start the Montgomery bus boycott

September 4, 1957: Nine black students known as the "Little Rock Nine," are blocked from integrating into Central High School in Little Rock, Ar. President Dwight D. Eisenhower eventually sends federal troops to escort the students, however, they
to to harassed September 9, 1957: Rights Act of 1957 into law help protect voter rights. The law allows federal prosecution of those who suppress another's right to vote.

February 1, 1960: Four college students in Greensboro, N.C. refuse to leave a Woolworth's "whites only" lunch counter without being served. Their nonviolent demonstration sparks similar "sit-ins" throughout the city and in other states.

June 11, 1963: Governor George C. Wallace stands in a doorway at the University of Alabama to block two black students from
registering. The standoff continues until President John F. Kennedy sends the National Guard to the campus. August 28, 1963: Approximately 250,000 people take part in The March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. Martin Luther King gives the closing address in front of the Lincoln Memorial and states, "I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be selfevident: that all men are created equal.'
September 15, 1963: A bomb at $16^{\text {th }}$ Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Al. kills four young girls and injures several other people prior to Sunday ser

July 2, 1964: President Lyndon B. Johnson signs the Civil Rights Act of 1964 into law, preventing employment discrimination due to race, color, sex, religion or national origin. March 7, 1965: In the Selma to Montgomery March, around 600 civil rights marchers walk to Selma, Al. to Montgomery - the state's capital -in protest of black voter suppression. Local police block and brutally attack them. After successfully fighting in court for their right to march, Martin Luther King and other civil rights leaders lead two more marches and finally reach Montgomery on March

## August 6, 1965:

 President Johnson signs the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to prevent the use of literacy tests as a voting requirement It also allowed federal examiners to review vote qualifications and federal observers to monitor polling places.April 4, 1968: Martin Luther King, Jr. is assassinated on the balcony of his hotel room in Memphis, Tn. James Earl Ray is convicted of the murder in 1969.

April 11, 1968:
President Johnson signs the Civil Rights Act of 1968, also known as the Fair Housing Act, providing equal housing opportunity regardless of race religion or national origin

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July 18, 1958
Richard Williams had the misfortune of falling out of a tree at the home of Mrs. Alice Hinton and reaking his arm. He was rushed to Valdosta to have it set and is convalescing nicely. He is the son of Mr . and Mrs. George Williams Mr. and Mrs. Henry Paul Graves are announcing the birth of an 8 lb . 9-ounce boy born July 12. They have a daughter Sabrina. July 19, 1968
President Robinson of Hardee Motor
congratulates star salesman. Mr. Webb won a trip for two to the Virgin Islands ale, " but decided to take two Ford-Philco aplo instead.

Miss Elinor Matters was entertained at a miscellaneou shower Tuesday evening in
the Florida Power Corp. lounge. Hostesses were Mrs. Ed Bland, Mrs. Harry Blount, Mrs. Gerald

Bland, and Mrs. Robert Smith. The refreshmen table held an arrangement of pretty blue hydrangeas. Miss Matters was presented with lovely gifts by the guests. The hostesses served punch, cake and nuts to twenty-five guests. July 21, 1978
Marine Lance Corporal James F. Rutherford, son of David Rutherford of Lee, has been promoted to his present rank while serving at the Marine Corps


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aqO Air station in, Cherry Point N.C. He joined the Marine Corps in July 1977

Captain Clifford Ayer is the second Air Force office to join the E-2C- E-3A
officer exchange program Norfolk and is slated to complete training by November 1978. He will then join a fleet squadron a Naval Flight Officer The son of Mrs. Claudi Ayer of Madison, Capt. Ayer graduted frow University of the South and commissioned throug the AFROTC program

July 20, 1988
A fire early Tuesday morning damaged

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