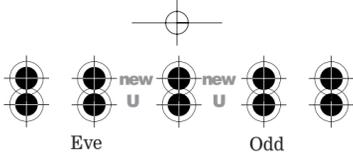


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Honoring The Fallen

Madison County Sheriff Ben Stewart looks on as Capt. Mark Joost (left) and Sgt. Dennis Pitts (right) fold the flag that was flown at the Courthouse at half-mast in memory of the death of Deputy Steve Agner who was lost in the line of duty on July 26, 1999. Family, friends and fellow officers mourned and remembered their fallen comrade.

Please see Friday's Enterprise-Recorder for full story.

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School District Receives \$2,917,388 Grant \$729,347 per year for four years

By Michael Curtis
Greene Publishing, Inc.

In this challenging economy, virtually every decision regarding programs and staffing for the Madison County School District is greatly dependent upon funding, as budget cutbacks underscore this harsh reality. Recently, however, a very significant financial resource was added to the county, amounting to almost \$3 million over a four-year period.

During the school board meeting of July 21, Dr. Cheryl James, School Improvement/grants Management Coordinator, was pleased to announce the "Project SAFE ZONE" grant had been awarded to the district.

"Madison County School District was one of 29 federal grants awarded throughout the United States out of 422 applications reviewed. Out of the 29 grants awarded, Madison County School District was the only one awarded in the State of Florida," James noted. "The grant is intended to provide students, schools, and communities the benefit of enhanced comprehensive educational, mental health, social services, law enforcement, and as appropriate, juvenile justice system services that can promote healthy children development and prevent violence and alcohol and other drug abuse."

The program will create internal and external positions supporting five key elements:

- Safe School Environment and Violence Prevention Activities
 - Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs Prevention
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The superintendent and board celebrated the official award of the Project SAFE ZONE grant during the Madison County School Board meeting of July 21. Pictured left to right: Bart Alford, Lou Miller, Cheryl James, VeEtta Hagan, Kenny Hall, Susie Williamson and Clyde Alexander.

SRWMD Approves Tentative Budget

The Suwannee River Water Management District (District) Governing Board approved a tentative budget of \$56 million for Fiscal Year 2009-10 at a meeting July 14. By comparison, last year's budget was set at \$70 million. The board also approved a proposed ad valorem millage of 0.4399.

For the 20th consecutive year.
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A Few New Laws Took Effect July 1

The Florida Legislature passed new legislation this session, which took effect on Wednesday, July 1:

SB360 - Growth Management: The legislation removes some state government tools to manage growth, require road improvements and prevent.

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Public Reviews Local Mitigation Strategy

Next public review scheduled for August 19 following the county commission meeting



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Matthew Preston (left) and Director Vicki Brown assist visitors during the Local Mitigation Strategy meeting. Tony Sessions and Renee Demps (right) were among them.

By Michael Curtis
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Over a decade ago, a Local Mitigation Strategy work group was formed - consisting of a few dozen local representatives from various professional backgrounds, including public safety, government, civic and business leadership - to review emergency management planning for Madison County. In subsequent meetings, the group identified priorities, which were then recorded and later referenced as funding opportunities arose. One notable example of this process is the recent construction of the Emergency Operations Center on Harvey Greene Drive in Madison.

On July 23, Emergency Management Director Vicki Brown hosted one of several public review sessions scheduled this year. After reading the LMS workbook, visiting residents were encouraged to provide his or her feedback. As the gathering concluded, there was a distinct consensus with the project priorities.

In addition to Brown's oversight, the effort benefited greatly from the assistance of Matthew Preston, a visiting intern from the Master's program in Urban and Regional Planning at Florida State University. Since arriving, the LMS plan update has been his primary focus, which Brown acknowledged as essential.

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Madison County Citizens Are Calling 2-1-1

Madison County residents are part of a national trend to call the easy 3-digit 2-1-1 telephone number offered by 2-1-1 Centers throughout the nation for information and referral. In 2008, the number of Madison County citizens calling 2-1-1 increased by 92 percent over the prior year. Residents of Madison County call 2-1-1 to reach the 24-hour crisis and information hotline, Helpline 2-1-1, operated by 2-1-1 Big Bend. During the past 12 months, callers using their home phones, business phones, pay phones and cell phones have called the hotline to access hotline counseling, crisis intervention,

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International Space Station Flies Over Madison County



Photo by Pat Lightcap

The International Space Station (ISS) and the docked Space Shuttle flew over Madison County, Sunday, July 26, right on time from 9:27 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. local time. The array came in from the North Northwest and exited viewing in the East Northeast. The photos were taken with a 15 second exposure at f2.8 at an ISO of 100. A Canon A95 digital point-and-shoot camera was used on a tripod mount. It is amazing to think that the point of light has the largest crew aboard in the history of the project.

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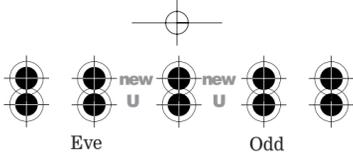
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VIEWPOINTS & OPINIONS

The World, And Especially His Listeners, Will Greatly Miss Walter Cronkite

"To everything, there is a season," are the beginning words of one of my favorite Bible verses.

Those were the words that first came to my mind when I heard that Walter Cronkite had passed away.

Walter Leland Cronkite, Jr. passed away July 17, 2009. Cronkite was an American broadcast journalist, best known as the anchorman for the *CBS Evening News*, for 19 years, (1962 - 81). He was a little too liberal for The Husband and my conservative manner, but none-the-less, he was one of the most memorable newscasters that have been on CBS over the years.

The Husband and I got married in 1962, and we had a very small TV at the time, since we lived in a small apartment. (Our "first" home was on the top floor of the Crandall's Apartments, which is still standing, on Livingston Street.) I was teaching seventh, eighth, and ninth grade English at Madison High School at the time, as well as a class in "Speech," and "The Husband" was farming and planting pine trees on his family's Greene Farm, south of Madison.

I remember hearing Cronkite bring the news to us every evening, and we listened to him on our little TV. During the heyday of CBS news in the 1960's and 1970's, he was often cited in the viewer opinion polls as "the most trusted man in America," because of his professional experience and kindly demeanor.

Although Cronkite reported many events from 1937 to 1981, which included such stories as the bombing in World War II, the Nuremberg trials, the combat in the Vietnam War, the death of President John F. Kennedy, Watergate, and the Iran Hostage Crisis, he was probably best known for his extensive TV coverage of the U. S. Space program. From Project Mercury to the Moon landings, (which he shared with co-host Wally Shirra), to the Space Shuttle, Cronkite was the only non-NASA recipient of a Moon "rock award."

Why, even The Beatles' first American TV broadcast was with Walter Cronkite.

Just a little history about Cronkite is that he was born November 4, 1916, in Saint Joseph, Missouri, the son of Helen Lena (nee Fritsche) and Dr. Walter Leland Cronkite, a dentist. He had remote Dutch ancestry on his father's side, the family surname originally being Krankhuyt.

Walter lived in Kansas City, Missouri until he was ten years old, when his family then moved to Houston, Texas. Cronkite attended junior high school at Lanier Junior High School (now Lanier Middle School), and then high school at San Jacinto High School, where he edited the high school newspaper. This is the way many journalists started their careers. I, too, was introduced to journalism at Madison High School, where I worked on the school newspaper under Mrs. Alice Brown.

Cronkite was a member of the Boy Scouts, a group I have high regard for, and which our two sons enjoyed for many years. Harvey and William both became Eagle Scouts, the highest honor a Scout can attain, and both have many great memories of their scout trips with



Wandering With The Publisher
Mary Ellen Greene
Columnist

Scoutmasters, Howell Edwards, and Leland Moore, and with other scouts, as I know Walter Cronkite had as well.

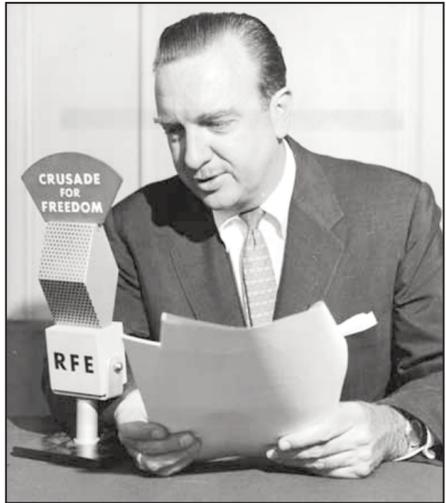
Scouting is, to me, one of the most prestigious of all groups young men can become a part of. Why, our grandson Daniel, who is serving in the Marines today overseas (please keep him and all our troops in your prayers), was told when he joined the Marines, and they found out he had been a Boy Scout, advanced immediately up the scale of the normal advancement, to the top. They asked him how far he had gotten in scouting, and he told them

covering battles in North Africa, and Europe.

Cronkite was one of eight journalists selected by the United States Army Air Forces to fly bombing raids over Germany in a B-17 Flying Fortress. He also landed in a glider with the 101st Airborne in Operation Market-Garden and covered the Battle of the Bulge.

After the war, Cronkite covered the Nuremberg trials and served as the United Press main reporter in Moscow for two years.

It was in 1950 that Cronkite joined CBS News in its young and growing division recruited by Ed-



ward R. Murrow, who had previously tried to hire Cronkite from UP during the war: He began working at WTOP-TV, the CBS affiliate in Washington D. C. He originally served as anchor of the network's 15-minute late-Sunday-evening newscast *Up To The Minute*, which followed "What's My Line," at 11:00 p.m. ET from 1951 to 1962.

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utive year, the District has not raised the millage rate. Under a 0.4399 rate — 43.99 cents for every \$1,000 of assessed property value — the owner of a home assessed at \$100,000, claiming \$50,000 homestead exemption, would pay \$22 in property taxes to the District.

Taxes fund numerous public services, including access to public lands, springs protection, water monitoring programs and water supply planning.

The District will hold its first public hearing on the proposed budget Sept. 8 at 5:30 p.m. The public hearing will immediately follow the governing board's regular monthly meeting, which will be held in September at a special time, beginning at 3 p.m.

A final public hearing will be held Sept. 22 at 5:30 p.m. Both meetings will take place at the District's Headquarters at the corner of US 90 and CR 49, just east of Live Oak. For more information call 800-226-1066 or 386-362-1001.

(the year The Husband and I graduated from Madison High School) that Cronkite hosted the CBS program "You Are There," which reenacted historical events, using the format of a news report. His famous last line for these programs was: "What sort of day was it? A day like all days, filled with those events that alter and illuminate our times....and, you were there." How profound that has become in all of our lives.

In 1971, the show was revived and redesigned to attract an audience of teenagers and young adults on Saturday mornings. He also hosted *The Twentieth Century*, a documentary series about important historical events of the century comprised almost exclusively of newsreel footage and interviews. It became a long-running hit. Cronkite also hosted *It's News to Me*, a game show based on news events.

One story that touched me, an English teacher, was that Cronkite once angered the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, the show's sponsor, by grammatically correcting its advertising slogan. Instead of saying "Winston tastes good like a cigarette should," verbatim, he substituted "as" for "like."

Another feather in Cronkite's life was that he was the lead broadcaster of the network's coverage of the 1960 Winter Olympics, the first-ever time such an event to be televised in the United States. He replaced Jim McKay, who had suffered a mental breakdown.

I could go on, and on, about other highlights in Cronkite's life, but there is never enough space to tell about the life of a man so well known for his journalistic abilities. But, I can still hear him ending his evening broadcasts with the phrase....."And, that's the way it is," followed by the date.

I also remember listening to him as he took off his eyeglasses, looked over the bulletin given him, and saying: "From Dallas, Texas, the flash apparently official is that President Kennedy died at 1 p.m. Central Standard Time."

Yes, we will all miss Cronkite. Like many others we have known in our lifetime that have gone on before us, they will all live in our hearts and minds forever.

There were values that Cronkite embodied that more people need to have — excellence, integrity, accuracy, fairness, objectivity, and decency. We should all try to instill these values in our children and students today, and every day.

And, That's The Way It Is! Today, July 29, 2009.

'Nuff said....Bye for now... See 'ya.

Madison County CRIME BEAT

ALL SUSPECTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY IN A COURT OF LAW

Madison Woman Arrested For Drug Possession



Kimberly Suzette Howell

A Madison woman was arrested for possession of marijuana, less than 20 grams on Wednesday, July 22.

According to a Madison Police Department report, Sgt. Chris Cooks conducted a traffic stop on a Chevrolet pickup.

A search of the vehicle found a marijuana cigarette. Cooks placed Kimberly Suzette Howell, 39, under arrest for possession of marijuana less than 20 grams of marijuana.

Opinion

Empty Promises VS. Real Solutions

By Congressman Ander Crenshaw

America has the highest quality health care of any country in the world, but when millions of Americans can't afford it and are left on the outside looking in, we've got a crisis. If cost and access are the two roots of the crisis, proposed reform must speak to both.



Ander Crenshaw

I've been listening to Floridians. All raise concerns about how proposed

reforms will impact them. Will I get to choose my health plan or doctor? Will health care cost more? Will the government take over health care?

Now, I want to clearly respond to what is being proposed in Washington and how it will affect every American. On the table: the Democrats' proposal for government-run health care versus the Republican alternative that offers more choices at less cost.

For a crisis characterized by high cost and lack of access, the Democrat plan is befuddling. First, with a price tag of \$1.2 trillion over the next 10 years, the plan actually increases health care costs. Doug Elmendorf, the Director of the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, commented: "The way I would put it is that the [cost] curve is being raised." That's right, Democrats actually want to increase the cost of health care, expanding the deficit by \$239 billion over 10 years.

As if that was not enough, Democrats are increasing the deficit on the backs of the very Americans who are key to our economic recovery: small business owners. Since the mid-1990s, small businesses have created 60 to 80 percent of the net new jobs. But small businesses often operate at the slimmest of profit margins—a third of all small businesses go out of business within the first two years. Nevertheless, House Democrats propose that if small businesses can't afford to offer insurance, they must pay a penalty of an 8 percent payroll tax.

Instead of crushing small business with a burden they can't bear, Republicans take the cost-effective approach of proposing that small businesses, the self-employed, and others band together and purchase health insurance at lower costs resulting in coverage for more people. And no insurance plan can reject a consumer because of a pre-existing condition. Moreover, Republicans would attack high costs by implementing comprehensive medical liability reform. The practice of defensive medicine costs an estimated \$100 billion-plus each year, according to the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. We must eliminate costly, unnecessary defensive medicine being practiced by doctors trying to protect themselves. In the end, lower cost equals more access.

Democrats promise more access by introducing a government-run health care plan that will 'keep private companies honest,' but it's an empty promise. Any government plan subsidized by taxpayers inevitably means it can control prices and undercut private plans, running them out of business. With price controls and a monopoly, Americans will end up with one choice: the government which is really no choice at all. Why don't you hear this from Democrats? Because they don't want you to know.

Republicans offer true choice by allowing individuals and families to choose their own doctor and get the treatment they need when they need it. If we really want to 'keep private companies honest,' let's increase transparency in the health care system so consumers know what they are getting.

Plans that provide quality care for a fair price will survive and thrive, while plans that demand hefty premiums with little benefits will fall by the wayside. This is a formula imbedded in the fabric of America: choice breeds competition which spurs innovation and value. And it does not raise taxes or the deficit by a single cent.

There are clear problems with the system the way it is—health care in this country is on an unsustainable fiscal path. But any change is not necessarily good change—certainly not change that increases cost, hurts small businesses, and decreases access. With a plan that will affect every American, rich or poor, Congress needs to take the time to get it right. Only the Republican plan gets to the heart of the health care crisis by slashing costs through competition and increasing access through choice and transparency.

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Happy Campers And Boiled Peanuts



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Bethany Phillips gave a short, yet powerful testimony while telling about what happened at church camp in Live Oak. The others also shared their experiences at the camp. Pictured left to right: Bethany Phillips, Tiffany Phillips, Forest Greene and Erika Hodge.

The teens returned to Midway Church of God this past week, excited after a week at church camp in Live Oak. Next week, the juniors will enjoy camp. Three of the teens who went to the camp and one who went to the evening services at Live Oak Church of God spoke about their experience at the camp. You can see the four videos featured on www.greenepublishing.com.

Midway Church of God will host its 25th annual peanut boil on Saturday, August 1, beginning at 6 p.m. The Reflectsons, from Trenton, will be the special musical guests. Everyone is welcome to go out and enjoy delicious boiled peanuts, desserts and soft drinks, provided by Elvoye and Betty Thomas and their crew. Everything, as always, is free. A love offering will be received for the Reflectsons.

Happy birthday wishes are extended to Vernelle Allen, this Friday, July 31, and Samantha Phillips, this Saturday, August 1.

Please remember Jimmy Phillips and Willie Carter in your prayers. Jimmy is recovering from a bout with pancreatitis and is still in a great deal of pain. Willie is recovering from a wreck in Jacksonville and is undergoing therapy at home. They are both unable to work at this time and they need our prayers and support.

That's all the news for this week! Have a great week and a beautiful forever! May God bless each and every one of you!

Civil News

May L. Choice vs. Dallas R. Choice - domestic injunction

John Alexander vs. Wilhemina Pride - domestic injunction

Lisa C. Roland vs. Leon Roland - domestic injunction

Kevin James Odom vs. Monica L. Lookabill - other domestic

Chatell Mansfield vs. Daniel Wells Jennings - domestic injunction

William Turner III vs. Peter C. Bucher, et al - other civil

Maria C. Lewis vs. Greenville Partnership - other civil

Green Tree Services vs. Oscar A. Henderson, et al - other civil

Tonji Crumity vs. Twin Oaks Juvenile Development, Inc. - other civil

Walter Mortgage Company, LLC vs. Emma Lee Whittle - mortgage foreclosure



Pictures from the PAST



James and Sharon Cressley, members of the Tri-County Cooperative member group, enjoyed the annual meeting before heading to the annual Jesse James Days at Fort Mack, where they were members of the cast.

Public Option

National Security
Joe Boyles
Guest Columnist



The number one topic on Capitol Hill this week is Health Care Reform. The President and Liberal Democrats are trying to ram through a reform bill that will fundamentally change our health care system, possibly forever. And they are trying to do this in record time before they lose political momentum. Let's examine some of the key issues in this legislative battle.

The central focus of the liberal statist is a public or government option. This will bring on "socialized medicine" typical of many western European countries and closer to home, Canada. It won't happen overnight, but it will be the inevitable result of this bill. Democrats love this idea; Republicans hate it.

The President says that the public option is necessary to "introduce competition" but don't you believe it. There are nearly 1300 insurance companies that currently provide health insurance for Americans. Do you really believe that when you add an elephant (government) into the room with the cats, dogs and mice (private insurance), you have competition? Closer to home, Florida run property insurance is running private insurers like State Farm out of our state. If we get hit with a big storm this hurricane season, we're gonna find out first hand how dumb this public option really is. Government is a monopoly by definition.

The President says that the public option is necessary to "bring down costs." Don't make me laugh. When has government ever reduced costs? When Medicare was enacted in 1965, the advocates said that the total cost in 25 years would be \$9 billion. The true cost by 1990 was \$66 billion. The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) released a report and testified last week that Obama's Health Care Reform would not only NOT reduce health care costs, it would add

to the burgeoning deficit.

Do you really believe that when you look at the costs and quality of care of Medicare, Medicaid, and the Veterans Administration, that it is a good idea to put the government in charge of more of our nation's health care? Isn't Medicare on track to be bankrupt by 2017?

The President says that "if you are satisfied with your doctor and your health insurance, you can keep them." That is a classic half-truth. Sure you can keep your doctor and health insurance ... as long as they are still available. A public option will end most of the private insurance industry within five years and gobble up more than 100 million Americans who currently have private insurance.

The idea behind "public option" is to cover some if not all 47 million who are currently not insured. Who are these people? Well, about ten million are illegal aliens. Do you really want to pony-up your tax dollars to pay for non-Americans to get health insurance? How many more will that bring from south of the border? When Republicans tried to amend the bill in committee to exclude non-Americans, Democrats defeated the amendment.

The uninsured are not poor people because they are covered by state-run Medicaid. In fact, most of the uninsured are healthy young people with higher priorities than buying a health insurance policy, like beginning their career, paying off student loans, buying their first car, etc.

Liberals see Health Care Reform as an opportunity to push their agenda, such as abortion. Nothing would

cause more glee among Liberal politicians with dollar signs in their eyes. Republicans tried to exclude tax payer abortion funding from the bill and were beaten back by Liberal Democrats. The President told the Pope that he wanted to see abortions decline, but it is more important to watch what he does rather than what he says. Tax payer funded abortions is an important part of his agenda.

If the President was truly interested in bipartisanship rather than merely paying lip-service to the idea, he could have a bill completed quickly which would receive support from both democrats and republicans. It would focus on proven ideas that reduce health care costs like market competition, liability reform, health savings accounts, etc. With lower health care costs, more people could afford insurance coverage and the bill for existing policy holders would go down.

This whole business is really misnamed. What we are talking about is actually "medical care." Health Care in more than 95 percent of the cases is a matter of personal choice and individual responsibility. If you live a healthy, safe lifestyle, you are taking care of your health. Most of your health care costs will be back-end loaded to your final, declining years. This is where rationing like we hear of in England and Canada comes into play. The 90 year old patient isn't going to get a pacemaker. Oh, they'll have insurance, but a lot of good that will do them. Instead, they'll be put on an endless waiting list and sent home. When they stop calling in, their name will be scratched from the list. Welcome to Obama-care!

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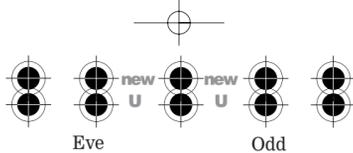
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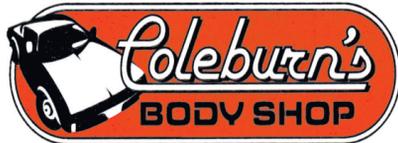


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suicide prevention and information about community human services. This free, easy to remember number is answered by trained counselors who quickly assess the needs of callers and refer them to the help they seek.

In 2008, 2-1-1 services in the United States answered more than 14 million calls. 2-1-1 services over 240 million Americans (more than 80 percent of the entire population) covering all or part of 46 states (including 33 states with 90-plus percent coverage) plus Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico. In Florida, the 2-1-1 Network is a collaboration of the 16 active 2-1-1 Network Centers that currently service all cell phone users and 88 percent of land line users. All 67 counties have cell phone access and 50 counties have landline access. During the 2008 calendar year, 1,077,344 calls were handled by the 16 Florida 2-1-1 Network Centers.

During the past month, the primary needs expressed by callers to 2-1-1 were Utility Assistance, Rent/Housing Assistance, Health/Medical Needs, Relationship Concerns, Stress/Depression/Loneliness, Food Assistance, Emergency Shelter, Other Basic Financial Needs, Legal Assistance, Job Assistance and Substance Abuse.

2-1-1 Big Bend partners with the American Red Cross and the Madison County Emergency Management System. 2-1-1 counselors and staff are prepared to provide

mental health support and help, and inform the public about emergency services and shelters during a disaster such as a hurricane or flooding. When there is a hurricane, people are frequently evacuating to this part of the state and using their cell phones to seek information. The cell phone access to 2-1-1 will be essential in these instances because of the mobility of the callers. 2-1-1 Big Bend is a United Way agency and receives support from the United Way of the Big Bend and the Madison County United Way team. For hotline assistance, dial 2-1-1, or go to www.211bigbend.org to search for local services through the agency's free online directory.

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Human beings are really up there and we can see the light reflected off their craft as they fly over Earth.

Another flyover was scheduled for Monday night (July 27) beginning at 9:53 p.m. at about 32 degrees above the horizon and track it through a maximum elevation of 69 degrees and it will disappear in the SSE at about 51 degrees. Good luck in spotting! It should be visible for about two minutes.

New Laws

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overdevelopment. According to some reports, the state may no longer mandate that most local governments require developers to pay for road improvements needed to handle traffic their projects generate. And among other changes, very large developments may no longer be subjected to broad studies of their effect on neighboring communities.

SB344 - Seat Belts: The Dori Slosberg and Katie Marchetti Safety Belt Law will allow police officers to pull drivers over for not wearing their seat belts and is predicted to save hundreds of Floridians' lives. The new law makes it a primary charge not to be using a seat belt while driving. Previously, a motorist could only be issued a ticket for that offense if they had been stopped for a separate moving violation. A ticket will be \$93. Child restraint fines now start at \$143.

SB762 - University Tuition and Fees: The bill authorizes all 11 state universities to charge a tuition differential, subject to approval by the Board of Governors.

Seventy percent of the tuition differential must be used to enhance undergraduate education and 30 percent, or the equivalent amount from private sources, must be used to provide financial aid to undergraduate students with

financial need. The bill allows for an increase in tuition each year until Florida's fees reach the national average. The bill is designed to help Florida's higher education system counteract cuts that have reduced course offerings, increased class sizes and resulted in more classes taught by graduate assistants instead of professors.

Florida's undergraduate tuition is among the lowest in the country. Nevertheless, the higher cost will not be covered by Bright Futures Scholarships. Opponents to the bill said this is not the time to raise tuition because of the strain students and families already face due to the national recession. Furthermore, many opponents say this change will make college unaffordable for many middle-class and poor people. Supporters of the legislation said it is impossible to maintain a quality higher education system with budget cuts strangling programs and chasing away faculty.

SB2108 - Court Fees: Among the bevy of fee increases the Legislature approved this year to fill budget gaps are increases in court filing fees. Over the past two years, the Florida court system budget has been cut by about 10 percent and had nearly 300 jobs eliminated. The budget for the past year was \$433 million,

compared to \$491 million the prior year. The court fee changes approved include a \$505 increase in graduated filing fees for civil and family cases involving sums between \$50,000 and \$250,000. It will increase by \$1,505 for sums in excess of \$250,000. There also is a \$115 increase in probate filing fees, and a \$100 increase in filing fees for non-family civil cases.

SB 462: Prescription Drugs: The bill authorizes the creation of a prescription drug monitoring system in the Florida Department of Health. Representative Kelly Skidmore, D-Boca Raton, a sponsor of the legislation, said, "It will help end the prescription drug abuse epidemic that has devastated many Florida families and given our state a reputation as the nation's pill mill."

SB1840 - Tobacco Surcharge: After a three-year effort by Representative Jim Waldman, D-Coconut Creek, and others, the Legislature agreed to raise the fee on cigarettes by \$1 per pack. Florida presently spends over \$1.25 billion on tobacco related illnesses. This fee will raise nearly one billion dollars in new revenue, which will be matched by \$2 billion from the federal government and will be used for Medicaid programs. Statistics show that for every 10 percent increase in the price of cigarettes there are an estimated seven percent fewer youth who will begin smoking. Less youth smoking may mean lower Medicaid costs due to a decrease in tobacco related illnesses in the future.

Mitigation

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pecially helpful.

"The Local Mitigation Strategy is a very important part of our planning process and having Matt here has been a tremendous help. Besides the planning benefits, those items that are included on the list of LMS projects receive more favorable treatment for funding, particularly grant finding. I can't thank him enough for his valuable contribution.

The LMS plan addresses eight public safety hazards: tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, wildfires, winter storms/freezes, drought, sinkholes and earthquake. The planning essentially sets initiatives that would lead to solutions that better deal with, or preferably eliminate, the bigger threats.

The water system serving I-10 and State Road 53, a Lee VFD Pumper Truck, Greenville emergency generators and more fire hydrants around the county are among

completed projects on the LMS list dating back to May 1999. On the other end of the spectrum, the Town of Lee wastewater project will likely be added to the list, as it serves emergency goals, as well economic objectives.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) - which is now headed up by Craig Fugate who made numerous visits to Madison County - requires the Committee Projects List be updated formally every five years. The extensive documentation that is generated is then compiled into a notebook format and made available to the public for review. The next LMS public review meeting is scheduled for August 19 at the Courthouse Annex at 5:30 p.m., following the board of county commissioners meeting that kicks off at 4 p.m.

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School

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Activities

- Student Behavioral, Social, and Emotional Supports
- Mental Health Services
- Early Childhood Social and Emotional Learning Programs

Oversight will be provided by the Project SAFE ZONE Core Management Team, which will consist of Lou Miller, Madison County School District Superintendent; Ben Stewart, Madison County Sheriff; Rick Davis, City of Madison Police Chief; Sharon Neelands, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer; 3rd Judicial Circuit; Barbara Herring, Apalachee Center, Inc.; and Kim Barnhill, Madison County Health Department.

The combination of personnel and targeted programs will provide vital support that translates into a better environment for teaching and learning.

"To achieve and maintain progress in school, students must have an environment free from influences that destroy their ability and desire to learn. The Project SAFE ZONE grant is an invaluable resource to achieve that goal and build on the progress we have already recognized. I want to complement Cheryl and all the leadership that brought this wonderful tool to the district." Superintendent Lou Miller said.

The board was exceptionally pleased and eager to implement the program, particularly in light of noted budget cutbacks.

This reporter was also appreciative of the thanks he received for editing the grant proposal prior to final review - demonstrating something James has noted on numerous occasions - in the end, teamwork is the recipe for success.

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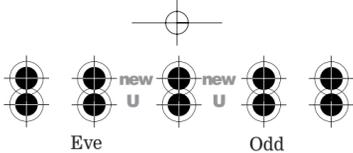
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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July 29-August 2
The LATMA Christian Center and the Overcoming Saints of God invite you to Campmeeting 2009! Join us Monday night, July 27, through Sunday afternoon, August 2. Services begin at 7:30 p.m. on Monday night and continue all day and night through the August 2. Nightly services begin at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. All services will be held at LATMA Christian Center-491 SW Captain Brown Road/Madison. Prophets: Emily Spencer; pastor: The week's activities include: Vacation Bible School, Adult and Youth Work-

shops, nightly services, and prayer around the clock! Baptism on Sunday. Apostle A.T. Mobley is the Pastor and Founder of the Overcoming Saints of God! For more information, call 973-2359.

July 31-August 2
The Mosley/Hodge Family Reunion II will be held in Madison, July 31-Aug. 2, at the United Methodist Church recreation center. All descendants and relatives of Tom Mosley and Rosa Hodge (of West Farm) are invited to this event. Contact John E. Turner (301) 808-2693 for more information.

August 2-8
Camp Weed Summer Camp for Rising 7th, 8th and 9th graders will take place Aug. 2-8. Visit www.campweed.net for a brochure, registration and scholarship forms. Join in the Fun in the Sunshine at our 85th consecutive summer camp. A ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Florida for children and young people of any (or no) denomination. For more information, call 888-763-2602, Ext. 16.

August 3
Open House - Hosted by State Representative Leonard Bemby of the Florida House of Representatives - All invited - 4-7 p.m. - Madison District Office - Hors D' Oeuvres and Refreshments will be served - 304 NW Crane Avenue (Near NFCC) Madison - 850-973-563.

August 15
Excellence Dance Studio, Inc. presents

King of the Grill show-down and *Art on Wheel Exhibition*, Aug. 15, noon-4 p.m., Madison County Recreation Center, Hwy. 360A. For more information, call (850) 322-7673.

August 29
The Florida DEP's Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park will host a Container Gardening Workshop on Saturday, Aug. 29. Participants will learn how to avoid many of the pests and diseases associated with summertime gardening in containers and explore warm weather flower and vegetable gardening. The class will cover proper grouping of plants, choosing the right container, selecting the right plants to grow for each season and touch on annuals, perennials and ferns. Bring your pruners and take home some cuttings. This is a hands-on workshop and fees are \$5 per workshop, including park admission. For additional information or to register for the workshops, please call (386) 397-1920 or visit www.stephenfosterCSO.org.

Thursdays
Redemptive Recovery Classes/Support Group is held every Thursday in the old First Baptist Church sanctuary, and is for addicts and the family of addicts who are seeking to recover and need help. The class is free, and starts at 7 p.m. For more information, please call (850) 464-9022.

Thursdays-Mondays

The Florida DEP's Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park will host an ongoing wood carving workshop on Thursdays through Mondays, from noon until 4 p.m. Participants can create figure carvings, wood spirals, spoons, bowls, relief carvings and more during this four-hour class. Workshop fees are \$15 per session and include park admission. For additional information or to register for the workshops, please call (386) 397-1920 or visit www.stephenfosterCSO.org.

Each Weekday Except Tuesday
The Senior Citizens Center offers computer classes to seniors 60 and older each weekday except Tuesday. For more information or to sign up, please call (850) 973-4241. A regular instructor is needed to teach these classes. Interested individuals should ask to speak with Sharon concerning the opening at the number above.

Every Tuesday-Saturday
The Diamonds in the Ruff Adoption Program at the Suwannee Valley Humane Society is open every Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is located on 1156 SE Bisbee Loop, Madison, FL 32340. For more information, or directions, call (866) 236-7812 or (850) 971-9904.

Second and Fourth Saturday of Each Month
The Madison Church of God hosts a free

soup kitchen the second and fourth Saturday of each month at the Greenville Senior Citizens Center. Lunch is served from noon to 1 p.m.

Third Tuesday of Each Month
The Greater Greenville Area Diabetes Support Group is a free educational service and support for diabetics and those wanting to prevent diabetes. The group meets the third Tuesday of each month at the Greenville Public Library Conference Room at 312 SW Church St., Greenville, 11-11:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

Every Wednesday and Friday
The Senior Citizens Center's sewing club for seniors 60 and older meets every Wednesday and Friday. For more information or to sign up, please call (850) 973-4241.

Third Wednesday of Each Month
The Madison County Health Education Club is holding a free educational service and support group for people interested in preventing or controlling diabetes, high blood pressure, elevated cholesterol levels, obesity and other chronic health conditions. The club meets the third Wednesday of each month at the Madison Public Library Conference Room at 378 NW College Loop, Madison, 12:15-12:45 p.m. Everyone is welcome to bring their own lunch.

Obituary

Margie Wooten Waldrep

Mrs. Margie Wooten Waldrep, age 64, died Friday, July 24, 2009, in Valdosta, Ga.

Graveside funeral services were held Sunday, July 26, 2009, at Concord Cemetery, Greenville. Visitation was held Saturday, July 25, from 6-8 p.m. at Beggs Funeral Home, Madison Chapel.

Donations may be made to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32308 or the Shriners Children's Hospital, Marzani Shrine Center, P.O. Box 37130, Tallahassee, FL 32315.

Margie was born in Ashburn, Ga. Margie was a member of Concord Baptist Church. She was also the secretary for Florida-Georgia Wholesale Tire Co. in Cherry Lake.

She is survived by her husband, Donnie Waldrep; three sons: Anthony Gaskins and (Lori) of Valdosta, Ga.; Donnie Waldrep, Jr. and (Brandi) of St. Augustine; and Barrett Waldrep and (Ashley) of Lincoln, Neb.; and three grandchildren: Courtney Gaskins, Ryleigh Waldrep and Payton Waldrep.

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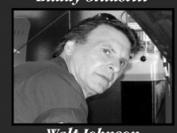
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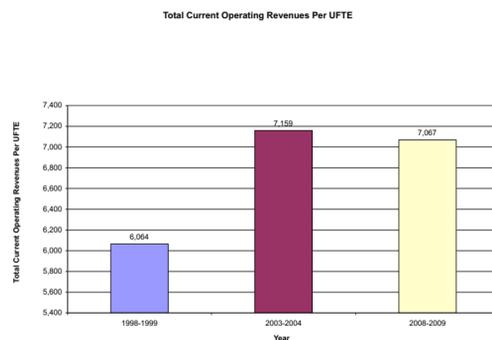
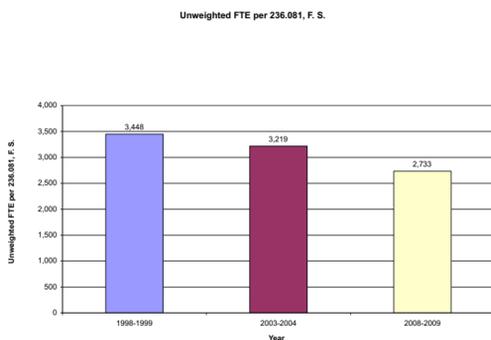
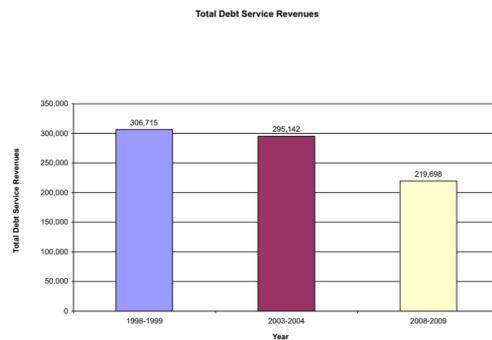
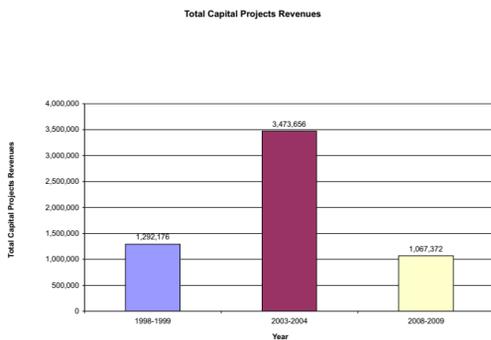
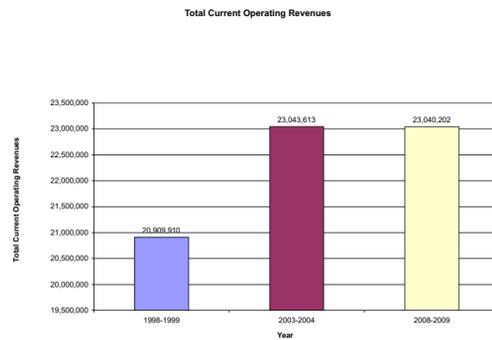
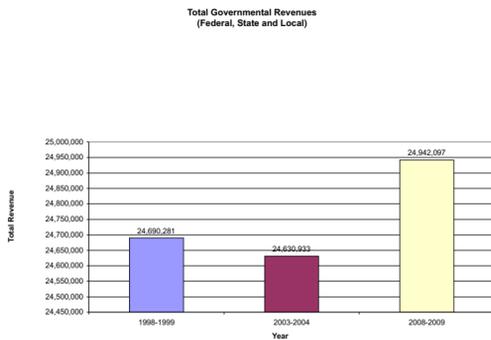
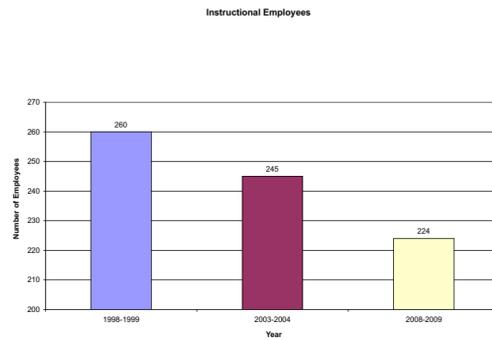
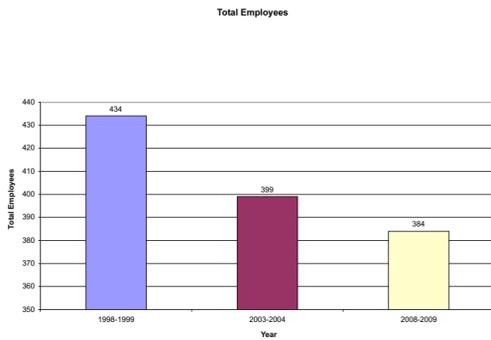
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BUDGET SUMMARY					
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY					
THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY ARE 7.5 PERCENT LESS THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES.					
PROPOSED MILLAGE LEVY		Fiscal Year 2009-2010			
OPERATING					
LOCAL EFFORT		5,4470			
DISCRETIONARY		0,7480			
Critical Operating Needs Millage Levy		0,2500			
DEBT SERVICE					
CAPITAL OUTLAY		1,5000			
TOTAL		7,9450			
BUDGET					
REVENUES	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	DEBT SERVICE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
Federal	50,000	3,312,847			3,362,847
State Sources	13,494,441	25,800	246,000	37,032	13,803,273
Local Sources	4,671,132	284,200	2,400	1,010,582	5,968,314
TOTAL REVENUE	18,215,573	3,622,847	248,400	1,047,614	23,134,434
Transfers In	297,000	32,305			329,305
Nonrevenue Sources					
FUND BALANCE - July 1, 2009	2,524,600	-	213,205	681,302	3,419,107
TOTAL REVENUES AND BALANCES	21,037,174	3,655,152	461,605	1,728,916	26,882,846
EXPENDITURES					
Instruction	10,379,895	1,247,069			11,626,964
Pupil Personnel Services	552,567	172,771			725,338
Instructional Media Services	228,967	170,850			399,817
Instructional & Curriculum Services	806,251	242,241			1,048,492
Instructional Staff Training	161,954	443,459			605,413
Instruction Related Technology	172,948	13,663			186,611
Board of Education	257,825				257,825
General Administration	973,136	120,799			1,093,935
School Administration	1,476,468	857			1,477,325
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	12,322	9,950		332,445	354,718
Fiscal Services	355,665				355,665
Food Services	17,008	1,220,615			1,237,623
Central Services	342,832	12,877			355,709
Pupil Transportation Services	1,635,717			676,371	2,312,088
Operation of Plant	2,209,058				2,209,058
Maintenance of Plant	291,724				291,724
Administrative Technology	204,580				204,580
Community Services	-				0
Debt Service			230,000		230,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	20,078,918	3,655,152	230,000	1,008,816	24,972,887
Transfers Out	32,305			297,000	329,305
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30, 2009	925,950	-	231,605	423,099	1,580,655
TOTAL EXPENDITURES TRANSFERS AND BALANCES	21,037,174	3,655,152	461,605	1,728,916	26,882,846

THE TENTATIVE, ADOPTED, AND/OR FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TAXING AUTHORITY AS A PUBLIC RECORD.



NOTICE OF TAX FOR SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY

The Madison County School Board will soon consider a measure to impose a 1.5 mill property tax for the capital outlay projects listed herein.

This tax is in addition to the school board's proposed tax of 6.445 mills for operating expenses and is proposed solely at the discretion of the school board.

THE PROPOSED COMBINED SCHOOL BOARD TAX INCREASE FOR BOTH OPERATING EXPENSE AND CAPITAL OUTLAY IS SHOWN IN THE ADJACENT NOTICE.

The Capital Outlay tax will generate approximately \$1,010,582 to be used for the following projects:

MAINTENANCE, RENOVATIONS AND REPAIR

- Safety Corrections
- District Wide Renovations and Repairs
- High School Renovations and Repairs

Motor Vehicle Purchases:

- Purchase of Three (3) School Bus

New and Replacement Equipment:

- Purchase of Security Equipment
- Purchase of Food Service Equipment
- Purchase of School Wide Equipment
- Furniture and Equipment
- School Technology

Payment of Premiums for Property and Casualty Insurance Necessary to Insure the Educational and Ancillary Plants of the School Districts

All concerned citizens are invited to a public hearing to be held on

**August 3, 2009, at 6:00 p.m.
at
The Madison County School Board Office
210 N.E. Duval Ave.
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A DECISION on the proposed CAPITAL OUTLAY TAXES will be made at this hearing.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

The Madison County School District will soon consider a measure to increase its property tax levy.

Last year's Property tax levy

A. Initially proposed tax levy.....\$5,420,756

B. Less tax reductions

due to Value Adjustment Board and other assessment changes.....\$ 17,352

C. Actual property tax levy.....\$ 5,403,404

This year's proposed tax levy.....\$ 5,634,436

A portion of the tax levy is required under state law in order for the school board to receive \$12,057,657 in state education grants. The required portion has decreased by 4.14 percent, and represents approximately 7 tenths of the total proposed taxes.

The remainder of the taxes is proposed solely at the discretion of the school board.

All concerned citizens are invited to a public hearing on the tax increase to be held on Monday, August 3, 2009, at 6:00 P.M., at the Madison County School Board Office 210 N.E. Madison, Florida.

A DECISION on the proposed tax increase and the budget will be made at this hearing.

AROUND MADISON COUNTY

Covenant Bible College & Seminary To Begin Fourth Year

The Madison Campus of Covenant Bible College & Seminary is planning for an exciting fourth year as they begin classes on Tuesday, Aug. 11, at 7 p.m. at New Life Christian Church International located on US 90 West in Madison. Student Orientation will be held at New Life on Tuesday, August 4, at 7 p.m.

Covenant Bible College and Seminary (CBCS) was founded in 1998 by Dr. William C. Morris. CBCS is actively training leaders across the nation to impact the world for Christ. Designed to help individuals find and discover their spiritual gifts, prepare them for their future, and equip them to walk into their destiny. CBCS offers a variety of courses and educational opportunities. Through the inspiring teaching of seasoned and anointed professors, students will embark on a journey that will change their life forever.

CBCS 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 degree, a Bachelor degree, a Master's degree, a Doctor of Ministry degree, and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in either Biblical Studies, Theology, Pastoral, or Counseling. The affordable, pay-as-you-go program offers nine one-month long courses plus Ministry Practicum per

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well as many Bible Schools and Bible Institutes. CBCS also offers advanced academic standing based on prior formal ministry experience. High school seniors are also eligible for dual enrollment with CBCS.

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John Peterson, left, Connie Peterson, center, Directors of the college, and William C. Morris, right, Chancellor of Covenant Bible College and Seminary, invite students to register for the fall term.

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Daniel Godwin (left) and Cyrus Bachari, of the Madison Water Department, work on the grounds at Four Freedoms Park, where more spigots are being installed for future events.

Turning On The Spigot Of Opportunity

Four Freedoms Receives Water System Upgrade

By Michael Curtis
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Madison County has a rich history of festivals and gatherings at Four Freedoms Park, and although these events typically attract lots of visitors, there was a feature that was lacking. That missing feature was water spigots. Consequently, the City of Madison, in a project that involves minimal expense, is installing spigots throughout the park with help from the Roads and Water Departments.

On an everyday basis, just a few spigots were sufficient, being located in the corners of the park. During festivals, however, food and beverage vendors requiring water were limited to those spaces, making it impossible to spread things out as desired. The new configuration will therefore allow much better use of the park during these events and

also promote more vendor participation.

Over the past year, the number of actual and proposed events in the park has increased significantly. The addition of the Farmers and Friends Festivals, as well as other popular venues, economically justifies the improvement. The Madison County Chamber of Commerce and Tourism continues to promote new activities as well, as do local churches and service agencies.

Officials and planners are pleased that the bottom line may now be improved by the new water line. In the end, each organization has the common goal of creating a more prosperous and stronger county, where opportunities and fun events may flow as easily as turning on a spigot.

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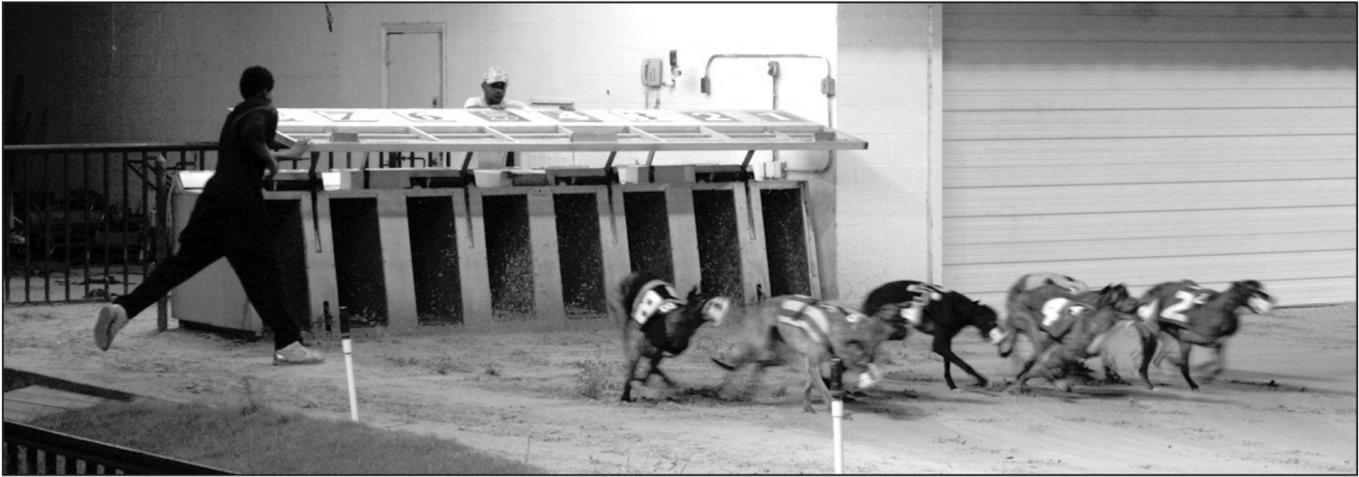


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AND THEY'RE OFF! Greyhounds at Jefferson County Kennel Club race to the finish with races nightly.

By Amber Acree Treadwell
Special from the Monticello News

Built in 1958, the Jefferson County Kennel Club held its inaugural meeting in June of 1959, making JCKC one of the longest running dog tracks in the State of Florida. Located in northern Jefferson County, just minutes from the Georgia state line, JCKC attracts patrons from all over North Florida and South Georgia. JCKC operates year round and has a maximum occupancy of 4,200.

General admission to JCKC is \$1. The JCKC track provides entertainment for all ages, and the dogs race rain or shine. In addition to greyhound racing, JCKC has the famous Poker Room, as well as fine dining in the world renowned Turf Club. This is what makes JCKC a fun place for the whole family.

JCKC is a major economic stimulus, employing a large number of people and attracting many visitors. Owner Steve Andris has been a strong corporate citizen of Jefferson County for all these years.

Many of the staff have worked there for years, and most are close like family. For visitors, they appreciate the closeness and "true southern hospitality" JCKC brings. Minors are allowed when accompanied by a parent or legal guardian and families are always welcomed. By state law, minors are not allowed near betting windows.

Staffers always have a smiling face and work hard to make sure visitors feel comfortable. Many winners have come and gone, but the look on their faces says it all. This is the winningest place to be.

The biggest attractions at JCKC are, of course, the greyhounds. The dogs chase a lure (traditionally an artificial hare or rabbit) on the track until they arrive at the finish line. The one that arrives first is the winner. If a visitor bets to win, a payoff is collected only if their selection finishes first. The same applies to other races

and make wonderful pets for the entire family. Greyhounds are always available for adoption at JCKC. For additional information on greyhound adoption, contact the JCKC racing office at (850) 997-2421.

While viewing the races, stop at the concession stand between bets or soft drinks, hamburgers, chips, pizza, wings, candy and so much more. Beer and cocktails are also available for persons 21 years of age and older: Kids love to visit the races, see the dogs race and eat a chili dog or nachos with cheese. This is a great place for a family outing with good food and great people.

The latest edition to JCKC is The Poker Room. The Poker Room opened its doors in May of 2004 with an overwhelming response. Patrons can play Texas Hold'em, Omaha and 7-Card Stud. All games are table stakes. Cash does not play and all players must be at least 18 years of age to enter the room. An ATM machine is located on the ground floor and in the Poker Room. Cash advances are welcomed by going to the information window to obtain cash with a Visa, Mastercard, Discover or ATM card. Offered while playing poker, are beverages and concession items for the convenience of the players.

The Poker Room is open Monday through Saturday from noon until midnight. Texas Hold'em tournaments are every Friday and Saturday starting at 7:30 p.m. Registration for tournaments must be in person only, Monday for the upcoming week. Tournament entry fee is \$50. The



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Hiriam Brown, employee of 12 years, is pictured with Betty Conner, employee of 42 years.

if betting for the second or third place. This wager is available in all races and there are many different selections for betting. Greyhound racing is conducted for enjoyment and the dogs are cared for with the utmost compassion. They come in a variety of sizes and colors,

starting at noon on Monday for the upcoming week. The Texas Hold'em Tournament entry fee is \$50. The stakes can get high, and so can the excitement. JCKC's restaurant,



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Wanda Byington, cashier at the Turf Club is pictured with Steve Andris, Owner/CEO.

the Turf Club, is a fine dining facility with a full menu and a wide variety of beverages. The Turf Club has great food ranging from filet mignon and shrimp, to spaghetti with meat sauce. Gourmet meals include crab, steak, and scallops with fresh green salads and homemade desserts. All tables have a front row view of the races. Just the ticket for a night of great entertainment.

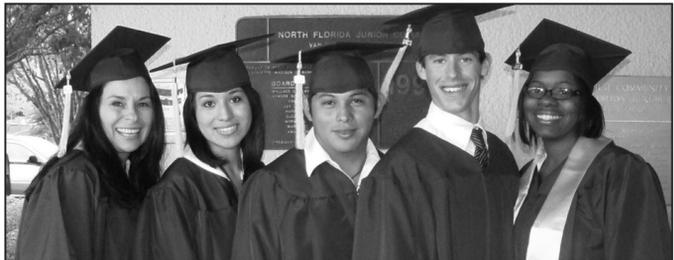
There is a \$5 per person food or beverage minimum. To make reservations in the Turf Club, call (850) 997-2561 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Give the exact number of persons in the party and management will leave a pass for free admission. The Turf Club opens at 7 p.m. and patrons must be in the club room by 7:30 p.m. The food alone is worth the visit to JCKC, and the Turf Club is just the place for a romantic date, or dinner with the family.

The Jefferson County Kennel Club is open Monday through Saturday.

On Tuesdays the Turf Club is closed and there are no live races. The gates open at 7 p.m. JCKC is located at 3079 North Jefferson Street. From Tallahassee: Take I-10 East to Exit #225, turn left on US 19 N. JCKC is eight miles north on US 19. JCKC will be on your left. From Thomasville: Go 15 miles south on US 19. JCKC will be on your right.

For information on one of these exciting features that the Jefferson County Kennel Club offers, call 850-997-2561 for more information.

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Children's Choice School Of The Arts Opening In Madison

Beginning this year with 4K-Kindergarten

By Michael Curtis
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Already well known for their exceptional restaurant, The Wild Plum, owners Kevin O'Malley and Marina Greenwood have added a new item to their community menu: a new school. Opening this August to coincide with the public school year, the Children's Choice School of the Arts will initially serve younger students — grades 4K and Kindergarten — with the anticipation of expanding the school through grade 2 the following year, further if possible.

"We are opening this school as a way to support the arts in our community. We also believe there is a need for a school in the area that has a focus on the arts in addition to academics," O'Malley noted. "Our goal is to continue expanding the school through grade 12 as a preparatory school, while retaining our focus on the Arts, and make this a standard for educational excellence in the area at minimum."

O'Malley conveyed that he and Marina always had a personal interest in the arts, having been ex-

posed to them throughout childhood via parents and school. They further noted that those experiences made a constructive and lasting impact on both of them. Validated through research, children exposed to the arts at an early age have the opportunity to develop better cognitive skills at an earlier age.

The school is being set up as a non-profit corporation to facilitate growth through grants, gifts and sponsorships, including the hope of servicing those who might otherwise have no access to the arts, although a premium will be placed on college preparation as well.

"One of the other gifts we want to offer the community with the school, is to offer academic and needs based scholarships in the future. We think there are plenty of children in the area that would benefit from this type of educational experience that may not have the means to get it, hence the charitable aspects of the organization," O'Malley added.

The school's Mission Statement is: We exist to give children the opportunity to learn, explore and grow through academic enrichment and artistic expression.

"We also realize that learning can and should be fun. By setting the example for children through a curriculum that sparks their imaginations, allows them to think rather than digest and recite, and teaches them individuality and respectful cooperation with others, we intend to build an environment that sets up a lifelong desire to learn and excel," he went on to say.

The central theme of the school will be to present each of the academic lessons through activities that rely on one or more of the arts in their presentation. Counting and doing math can be achieved with the aid of music or visual art. For example, since association has been acknowledged as one of the best ways to remember things, why not learn math with a song or by counting butterflies on a mobile?

Beyond the introduction of art with

each subject, there will be hours and/or classes devoted to art and music appreciation, with actual drama, music and art classes each week during both regular school hours and during after school care.

Other features of the school include:

- The same calendar year as the public schools in Madison County
- Hot lunches provided daily. Snacks too! (Prepared daily by Wild Plum)
- Accreditation as soon as the law allows
- Safe learning environment with Accredited and FDLE screened staff members
- Full academic course curriculum (more than the 3R's)
- Single fee per month per child tuition base (no additional charges other than the initial application fee)
- After school classes weekly in dance, drama, music (collective and individual) & the visual arts
- Fun, fun, fun for everyone involved.

The school may be reached by email at childrenschoice-soa@gmail.com and the phone number is (850) 973-6781. For information regarding enrollment, employment, volunteering or contributions, simply call and leave a voicemail. Currently, contact by phone is via voicemail only, although all inquiries will be responded to ASAP.

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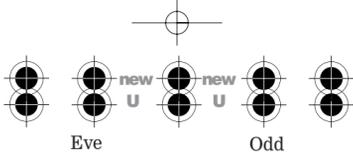
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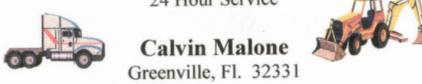


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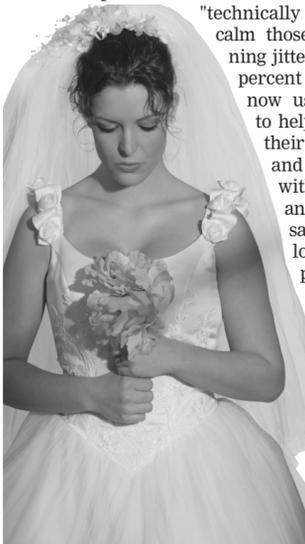
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Brides Are Using New Tech Tools To Plan Great Weddings

"Will you marry me?" After those four magical words and the subsequent "yes!" comes the task of planning the big day. For a bride-to-be, this phase leading up to one of the most important and dreamiest days of her life can become overwhelming. But a bride all "wired up" with nerves can distress by becoming



"technically wired" to help calm those wedding planning jitters. "Eighty-three percent of brides are now using technology to help them organize their wedding details and communicate with their vendors and their groom," says Sharon Naylor, wedding expert and author of 35 wedding books. When a bride has to think about the reception site, flowers, invitations, the photographer, guest list and more, she should start by

getting the tools that will help her reduce the number of things she has to worry about. Technology can help the bride (and her fiancé) get organized, stay connected to family and friends during the planning phase and, of course, keep expenses under control.

Take a look at the free technology that can make wedding planning feel like a skip down the aisle:

- **Bring the Web to your wedding. Create a wedding Web site, for free.** Your guests will need to know all sorts of information, such as directions to the reception and where you're registered. Make it easy on yourself and put all the wedding FAQs on your Web site, so you can easily share the URL with family and friends and not have to take hundreds of calls when you are so busy. You can even send out a save the date card with the Web address on it. There are many free services out there, such as Microsoft Office Live (www.officelive.com), that enable you to do many things very quickly and easily.

- **Get "social" before the big day.** It's also important for brides to connect with one another to share advice and get support and ideas during the planning phase. Brides have so many decisions to make, such as the dress style for the bridesmaids, decorations for the reception and even the flavor of icing for the wedding cake. According to TheWeddingReport.com, in December 2008, 59 percent of brides said that getting help and feedback from others is an important wedding planning activity. Social media makes it a snap for brides to connect these days: You can start a blog and not only keep your family, wedding party and friends in the loop, you can invite other brides to view it and share their own experiences and stories.

- **Save dollars on "save the dates."** Speaking of save the date cards, why buy them when you can use free templates instead? Microsoft Office Online has plenty of free, easy-to-download templates that let you express your creativity without having to start from scratch, at <http://www.office.microsoft.com>.

- **Let technology be your virtual wedding planner.** Use a free online storage and sharing site to create a workspace to connect with your countless wedding vendors. Upload your flower budget to share with your florist, or upload a list of your favorite songs to share

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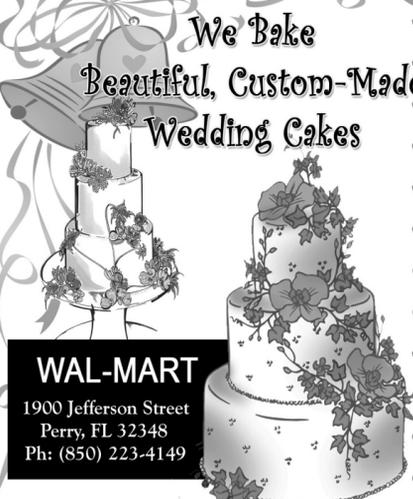
- **Focus on the three-carat diamond, not the three-ring binder.** Ditch the three-ring binder—it's so 1998. Online services, such as Office Live Workspace (<http://www.officelive.com>) allow you to store all your important wedding documents online and access them from the Web at virtually any computer. Let's say you get a frantic call from Mom in the middle of your workday, asking if you remembered to add your second cousin, Maggie, to the guest list. No sweat; just get on the Internet from your work computer and access your guest list. Now Mom is happy.

- **Put those nerves to rest.** Let technology help brides "wire up" instead, allowing them to get organized, save money and save their sanity.

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CARS Program Launched

Cash For Clunkers Program Hoped To Spark Economy

By Michael Curtis
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The CAR Allowance Rebate System (CARS) is a \$1 billion government program that helps consumers buy or lease a more environmentally friendly vehicle from a participating dealer when they trade in a less fuel-efficient car or truck. The program is designed to energize the economy, boost auto sales and put safer, cleaner and more fuel-efficient vehicles on the nation's roadways.

Consumers will be able to take advantage of this program and receive a \$3,500 or \$4,500 discount from the car dealer when they trade in their old vehicle and purchase or lease a new one. To safeguard fraud, the National Highway

Traffic Safety Administration established a toll-free 24-hour hotline at 1-800-424-9071.

The eligibility requirements for the Car Allowance Rebate System (CARS) are as follows:

Qualified consumers may participate in the CARS Program between July and Nov. 2009 until authorized funds are no longer available.

Qualified consumers will receive a credit of \$3,500 or \$4,500 for an eligible trade-in toward the purchase of lease of an approved vehicle under CARS Program.

Qualified consumers will receive the \$3,500 or \$4,500 credit at the time they purchase their new vehicle.

Dealers must provide consumers with any other advertised rebates or discounts in addition to the credit they receive through the CARS Program.

Consumers should expect to conduct their deals at their dealership of choice, not on the Internet.

Consumers should expect the dealers to provide their best estimate of the scrap value for their eligible trade-in vehicle. Dealers are allowed to deduct \$50 from this value for their administrative costs.

Consumers should expect that all information collected through the CARS Program would be kept confidential. Social Security numbers are not required for a CARS transaction.

What to bring to the Dealer to qualify:

- One year Proof of Insurance. If insurance card does not cover the entire year preceding the trade in, one will need other proof of insurance. Simply have insurance company provide evidence of one year's worth of insurance. The form must include, at a minimum, the insurance company, policy number, VIN, and start and end date of insurance (showing at least one year).

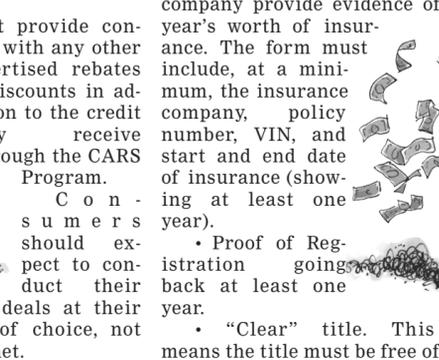
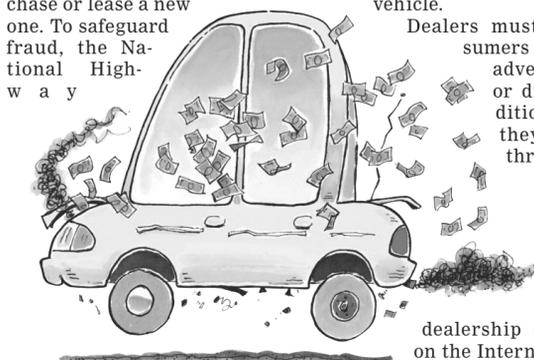
- Proof of Registration going back at least one year.
- "Clear" title. This means the title must be free of

any liens or other encumbrances. If liens exist, they must be cleared prior to going to the dealer. This may include evidence on the face of the title showing no lien; that the title has been cleared (signed and stamped accordingly), or with an attached lien release from the lien holder.

- The vehicle manufacturer date found on the driver's door or doorjamb is less than 25 years old when trade it in occurs.

For more information, one may visit www.cars.gov online, or phone 1-866-CAR-7891.

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Dow Climbing Back

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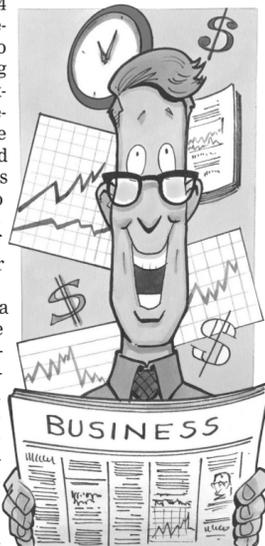
Last Thursday, July 23, The Dow Jones Industrial Average – the most popular stock market indicator – closed above 9,000 for the first time since January. Paving the way for the rally were better-than-expected earnings from Dow giants like Ford Motors, AT&T, eBay and 3M. A report of new home sales rising for the third straight month motivated buying as well.

The Nasdaq – which measures a larger number of stocks trading on the NADAQ exchange – has also performed well in July, achieving 11 consecutive winning sessions. A Standard and Poor's technical analyst noted that the index has achieved that feat only 10 other times in the past 50 years. Many Wall Street watchers believe that a higher stock market could lift consumer confidence and help the economy get back on its feet.

The Wall Street Journal reports Ford Motor

Co. returned to profitability in its second quarter and slowed its cash burn amid speculation that it may issue more equity to reduce its debt. The automaker reported a net income of \$2.3 billion or 69 cents a share compared with a loss of \$8.67 billion, or \$3.89 a share for the same period a year earlier. Ford's profit came largely from a \$3.4 billion gain it received related to debt-restructuring actions in April. Excluding the one-time gains, the company would have narrowed its quarterly loss to \$424 million compared with a loss of \$1.03 billion a year earlier.

There was also a political influence in this rally, as President Obama signaled support for a proposal to impose fees on some of the nation's largest financial firms to cover losses from risky transactions and avert another



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Wealth News

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Information from Madison County Community Bank and SPF* to help keep your financial life in balance

Consumer Sense

Rethinking Retirement

You did everything right. You planned for your retirement by properly diversifying your investment portfolio, and even scrimped in order to maximize contributions to your retirement plans. However, after a year of some of the biggest stock losses since the Great Depression, you might be wondering whether your shrunken nest egg will be enough to carry you through retirement. Before drawing any premature conclusions, it's important that you first take charge of your situation by asking and answering these four critical questions.

Where do I currently stand?

Take inventory of where your retirement accounts are held and how they're invested. These would include IRA's, employer sponsored accounts (401k's, etc.) and other accounts earmarked for retirement. Although it might be disconcerting, gather up your latest statements from these accounts and total how much they're worth. The losses may seem astonishing but do not let that discourage you. Understanding where things stand

Source: www.ssa.gov

Have You Read...

The Wall Street Journal, Complete Retirement Guidebook: How to Plan It, Live It and Enjoy It by Glenn Ruffenach, Kelly Greene. As you think about retirement, you've got facts to face, planning to do, decisions to make and numbers to crunch. With the experts at The Wall Street Journal to guide you, you'll learn how to tailor a financial plan for the lifestyle you want.

today will help you determine how much you will need to save for your future.

Can I get help with understanding my situation?

With all of the economic tumult of the past year, a thorough review of your financial plan should be considered mandatory. Whether with the advisor who helped you put together your plan prior to the market downturn or another advisor who might be a better fit, it's important to tap into the knowledge and experience of a financial professional who will take the time to understand your goals and speak to you directly and realistically about where you stand and what you should expect going forward. He or she may be able to help you in simplifying your financial life without reducing your retirement goals.

Should I plan on receiving Social Security benefits?

If you have not already done so, you

may want to become familiar with your Social Security benefits options as part of your overall income strategy. In order to help maximize your social security income, pay special attention to the date when you begin withdrawing Social Security benefits. According to the Social Security Administration, lifetime income benefits will generally be higher the longer you wait to take your first withdrawal. For more information on your benefits as well as information on income planning tools, visit the Social Security website (<http://www.ssa.gov>).

Get Help from our financial professionals

Our financial professionals can help you determine the financial path to follow in pursuit of your near- and long-term financial goals. He will work with you to identify and understand your investment goals and then develop a well structured investment plan.

Interested in Learning More?

I specialize in helping people maintain a healthy financial balance and discover smart money strategies. Call me to set an appointment to review your investment objectives, and to discuss any questions you might have. I look forward to speaking with you!

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Financial Focus...

Own a Business? Put Retirement Plan in Place

Provided by Brad Bashaw, Edward Jones

If you own a small business, you have a lot to think about: sales, expenses, marketing, cash flow, competition — the list goes on and on. However, by spending so much time on the issues of today, you may overlook the concerns of tomorrow. That's why, if you haven't already done so, you need to choose a retirement plan for your business.

Which plan is right for you? It depends on different factors, such as how many employees you have and how much you can afford to contribute each year. Let's take a look at some popular retirement plans for small businesses:

* **Owner-only 401(k)** — Also known as an individual 401(k), an owner-only 401(k) offers you many of the same advantages of a traditional 401(k): a range of investment options, tax-deductible contributions and tax-deferred earnings growth. You may even be able to choose a Roth option for your 401(k), which allows you to make after-tax contributions that can grow tax free. In 2009, you can contribute up to \$49,000 to your owner-only 401(k) or \$54,500 if you're 50 or older. (To make deductible contributions for the 2009 tax year, you'll need to set up your plan by Dec. 31, 2009.)

* **Solo defined benefit plan** — You may have thought you had to work for a big company to participate in a traditional pension plan, also known as a defined benefit plan, but you can set one up for yourself if you're self-employed or own your own business. This plan has high contribution limits, which are determined by an actuarial calculation, and your contributions are typically tax-deductible.

* **SEP IRA** — If you have just a few employees or are self-employed with no employees, and you're looking for a low-cost, low-maintenance retirement plan, you may want to consider a SEP IRA. You'll fund the plan with tax-deductible contributions, and you must cover all eligible employees. (Employees themselves cannot contribute.) You can contribute up to 25 percent of compensation (if you're an employee of your own corporation) or 20 percent of income if you're self-employed, up to \$49,000 annually. And you can fund your SEP IRA with virtually any type of investment you choose.

* **SIMPLE IRA** — As its name suggests, a SIMPLE IRA is quite easy to set up and maintain, and it can be a good plan if your business has fewer than 10 employees. As the business owner, you must contribute in one of two ways: a dollar-for-dollar match of up to 3 percent of salary or a contribution of 2 percent of employees' salaries (up to \$4,900 per year). Employee contributions are tax-deductible, and your matching contributions are generally deductible as a business expense. Still, while a SIMPLE IRA may be advantageous for your employees, it's less generous to you, as far as allowable contributions, than an owner-only 401(k), a defined benefit plan or a SEP IRA. For 2009, your annual contributions are generally limited to \$11,500, or \$14,000 if you're 50 or older by the end of the year. You can also make a matching contribution of up to 3 percent to yourself.

To determine which plan is best for you, consult with your tax advisor and a financial advisor who has experience with small businesses. But don't wait too long to get started — you're moving closer to retirement all the time.

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HEALTH & NUTRITION

The High Cost Of Cheap Food

Obesity and diabetes threaten children, particularly in minority communities

By Michael Curtis
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Madison County is among the worst counties in Florida in its instance of diabetes. Type 2 diabetes was virtually unheard of in children a generation ago, but now many young people are newly diagnosed with type 2 diabetes each year — a diagnosis much more common among Hispanic and African American children.

At current rates, it is estimated that one in three children born in the year 2000 will eventually develop diabetes. And it's not just the diabetes — cardiovascular disease, kidney and eye damage, and other complications can follow uncontrolled diabetes. And parents unintentionally make the problem worse.

While more than half of the children diagnosed were overweight, it's interesting that only 10 percent of parents reported that they thought their children were overweight, perhaps because many of the parents are overweight themselves. So, is this merely a case of children inheriting

bad genes? No.

As part of screening, health providers ask parents about the factors causing children to gain weight. The data that has been accumulated is startling:

- About 31 percent of the children consume fast food more than twice a week.
- 86 percent watch more than two hours of television.
- Among the obese and overweight children, television watching was more than three hours a day.

The parents themselves reported being too busy with work to prepare home-cooked meals.

Of course, parents also eat unhealthy foods, and the children follow their parents, but the good news is that when adults are asked to change their lifestyle, they're more likely to be receptive if it involves helping their children.

Is Your Child At Risk For Diabetes?

- Is your children African-American or Hispanic?
- Does your child have a sister or brother with diabetes?

- Does your child have a parent or grandparent with diabetes?
- Has a health care provider told you your child is overweight or do you feel your child is overweight?
- Does your child (between ages 10 and 19) get little or no exercise?
- Does your child have a dark skin patch around the neck or in the armpits?
- Has a doctor said your child has high blood pressure?
- Has a doctor said your child has high cholesterol?
- Has your daughter had irregular periods, excess facial hair or unusual weight gain?

If you answered yes to two or more questions, your child may be at risk for having or developing diabetes. You should talk to a health care provider. In Madison County, concerned parents may contact the Health Department at (850) 973-5000 for more information.

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Ten Ways For Small Business Owners To Save On Health Insurance

By W. Adam Clatsoff

The cost of employee health insurance is one of, if not the largest expenditure a small businessperson faces. Most small business owners buy health insurance poorly. Luckily, the situation can be improved 70-80% of the time. By purchasing health insurance properly, it is possible to drive thousands, even tens of thousands of dollars to the bottom line. Imagine how many pizzas cooked, lawns cut, or cars washed a small business would have to deliver to put \$10,000 on the bottom line. Here are 10 health insurance savings tips for the small business owner with 1 to 10 employees.

1. Purchase Health Insurance Properly. It is not the responsibility of insurance agents to teach their clients how to buy health insurance properly. It is not the responsibility of accountants to advise their employers. This is a task for the business owner and the business owner alone. A business owner should invest the time to consider all options.

2. Think Individual Health Plans

For small business owners, group insurance will always end up being far more expensive than individual health insurance will ever be. Avoid group insurance and purchase a rate-regulated individual medical underwritten policy. Consider buying individual health insurance yourself, and if applicable, give your employees money toward the purchase of their individual policies. If you buy medically underwritten policies for your employees, you cannot deduct the premiums as a business expense and will have to include it in the employees' income. You could, however, set up a health reimbursement plan.

3. Avoid First Dollar Plans & Co-Pays The original purpose of health insurance is to pay for the more catastrophic (and expensive) care that most consumers can not afford. Why focus on physician co-pays? Insurance purchasers think they are getting a good deal with \$10 or \$15 co-pays, yet consider that the insurer may overcharge on the insurance premium to pay all of those small claims based on the low co-pays. If you avoid co-pays and take care of your smaller healthcare bills yourself, your health insurance plan can be structured to pay for the major medical issues when you really need them.

4. Beware of the Lowest Cost Plan

You get what you pay for. Some plans, called out-of-state or association plans, are able to sidestep Florida state regulations, charge a low price to attract you, do very little underwriting up front, and then at the time of claim, underwrite with an eye toward denying the policy and/or raising premium rates through the roof in the future when their low rates can't hold up.

5. Judge the Insurer Carefully
Beware of illegitimate programs targeted to small businesses that offer low premiums and easy enrollment that are marketed through a professional organization or association that does not answer to state regulations. Be sure the company is recognized by the State of Florida. You can verify an insurer's license by calling (800) 342-2762.

6. Know the Difference between a Policy & Certificate

Take a look at the document you receive when you have been approved for coverage. A Policy is a unilateral contract between you and the insurance company. It outlines the binding promises that the insurance company makes to you as the policy owner. A Certificate is nothing more than a description of a master policy that exists between a third party and the insurance company, and is not a contract.

7. Consider a Consumer Driven Health Plan

The program consists of a qualifying high deductible health insurance policy with a minimum \$1,150 deductible for an individual (\$2,300 for a family) and a maximum out-of-pocket spending cap of \$5,800 for an individual and \$11,600 for a family, as well as a separate health savings account limited to maximum contributions of the lesser of the policy deductible above or \$3,000 for an individual and \$5,900 for a family.

8. Choose your Deductible Wisely

Self insure from the routine, non-threatening expenditures, and save the insurance for major medical issues. Determine what deductible is right for you. Estimate how much you spent last year in all categories of care including prescriptions, dental and vision. Subtract that from the savings in premium for a high deductible health policy. See how much you overpaid for your low deductible health insurance. Is this money better in your pocket or the carrier's?

9. Understand Each Insurer's Practices

Be careful to understand in network vs. out of network terms. Does out of network coverage mean a percentage of what the physician charges or of what the insurer says the service is worth? Also, compare PPO (Preferred Provider Organizations) discounts. It is not the higher discount that is as important as what is eventually paid on your behalf when you have a claim.

10. Don't Buy Health Insurance on the Internet

You will almost always buy absolutely the wrong coverage. Health insurance rates are regulated. The rate is the same wherever you buy it. Educate yourself and purchase it from a live person.

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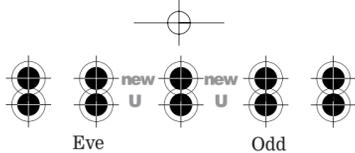
The Madison County Board of County Commissioners seeks new volunteer members to serve on the Madison County Tourist Development Council. Openings exist in two categories: A) Individuals involved in the tourist industry and subject to the tax (collects the tax), and B) individuals involved in the tourist industry and not subject to the tax. This Board is also looking for individuals to serve as alternate members. The Board usually meets once a month on the first Thursday at 4:00 PM at the Madison County Courthouse Annex.

Responsibilities include board decisions on requests for Tourist Development Grants, advertising on behalf of Madison County, and recommendations for promoting Madison County to visitors from outside Madison County.

Interested parties should send their name and contact information, along with a brief resume to Mr. Allen Cherry, Madison County Coordinator, PO Box 539, Madison, FL 32341 or email to madisonbocc@embarqmail.com. Deadline for applications is July 30, 2009 at 4:00 PM.

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Are You Predisposed To Cancer?

Many Americans are turning to new technologies to learn if they are at risk for cancer, as medical researchers have concluded that the risk of developing certain types of cancer runs in families.

New types of genetic tests that simply require a blood or urine sample can help determine if you are predisposed to such cancers as breast cancer, leukemia, lymphoma, bladder cancer, prostate cancer and others.

Once armed with the knowledge of whether or not you are predisposed to certain cancers, you can work closely with your doctor to plan for regular screenings and to lower risks by modifying diet or behavior.

"Some kinds of cancer run in families, in genes that are the blueprints of our bodies. Genetic tests look for inherited alterations in genes that may increase your risk for a certain cancer," says Robert Gasparini, President and Chief Scientific Officer of NeoGenomics Laboratories which specializes in cancer genetics testing.

In the case of breast cancer, for instance, up to 10 percent of all breast cancer sufferers have an inherited form of the disease, according to the National Cancer Institute.

"But having an inherited mutation in a gene that predisposes you to a cancer doesn't necessarily mean you will develop that cancer," stresses Gasparini.

Indeed, a number of medical experts believe many cancers require patients to have a predisposition -- such as an inherited genetic mutation -- and then a trigger mechanism must come into play for cancer to develop. Triggers can include poor diet, smoking, drinking in excess, or even such factors as where you live, with some research indicating that living in polluted areas, near high power lines or radiation can trigger cancer.

Learning if you are predisposed to certain types of cancer can help you and your doctor plan for how often you should be screened, what lifestyle modifications you should make, and even can provide you with information about cancer risk for other family members and your children.

"Of course, accurate testing is even more important when a patient already has developed suspicious symptoms. And once symptoms have appeared, speed is critical," says Gasparini.

Nearly everyone has had this experience: The doctor spots something suspicious and orders additional tests. Now comes the hard part: waiting days or weeks for results that can bring a sigh of relief or massive life upheavals. Each day lost waiting can make a difference in treatment effectiveness and outcome.

Put simply: for many cancers, the faster you



If you are predisposed to cancer, your doctor can schedule regular screenings and help reduce risks.

are diagnosed and begin treatment the better chance of survival.

This is why you should make sure your doctor is sending your tests to labs with both accurate and fast turnarounds. With this in mind, NeoGenomics has initiated diagnostic services that cut test result turnaround time in half. The company's labs specialize in genetic and molecular testing that combines advanced equipment with innovative analytic algorithms that return test results to the doctor faster.

"Quality is expected in a high-complexity cancer-testing laboratory. Turnaround time becomes the single most important factor when a doctor orders a test for a patient who has a symptom of cancer," Gasparini emphasizes.

For more information on cancer and testing, visit the National Cancer Institute at www.cancer.gov.

Food Scares Multiply: How To Choose Safe Food For Kids

From cookie dough to peanut butter to vegetables, food scares continue to abound. It sometimes seems you can't go a week without hearing about another tainted food being recalled or another harmful chemical in packaging.

Many parents these days are closely considering a number of factors when shopping for their children's food.

"When feeding their families, health and wellness are top of mind for all parents," says Carl Rooth, food and beverage category director for O-I, the world's largest glass packaging manufacturer. "With so many concerns about contamination and chemicals in our food, we found that parents often pay attention to a food's packaging and the brand, as well as what's inside the jar or bottle."

New research from Ipsos, a global research firm, shows the majority of parents choose food based on:

* **Brand Name:** Parents believe that reputable brands will provide high-quality, safe foods for their children.

* **Freshness:** Food freshness is of vital importance to all parents. For instance, glass keeps products fresh and safe while preventing bacteria growth and allows parents to easily see the fresh food inside. * **Health and Wellness:** Parents gravitate toward products they believe provide health and wellness benefits to their babies and contain added nutrients, such as DHA (which can help with eye and brain development).

* **Price:** Parents are willing to pay more for brand-name, healthy and fresh baby foods.

Even with all of these considerations, you may still wonder which food to choose. Here are a few tips to consider before going to the store:

* **Know Your Source:** Buy only from stores and brands you trust. Know where your food was grown, manufactured and packaged. Trustworthy stores will remove food from shelves should there be safety alerts or recalls. You can review food recalls yourself at www.recalls.gov.

* **Packaging Matters:** Many parents are rightly concerned about harmful chemicals such as bisphenol-A (BPA) leeching from plastics. Glass bottles and jars are recognized by the FDA as being safe, and the transparency of glass allows parents to view the freshness of the product inside. They also are perfect for resealing and storing unused portions. This way parents don't waste food and keep it fresh from bacteria.

* **Condition Is Critical:** Don't purchase cans

that are dented or bulging. Pay close attention to the vacuum-sealed lids on glass jars and consider avoiding plastic containers with dented bottoms. Choose containers with clean labels.

* **Go Green:** Whenever possible choose food in recyclable packaging. Glass packaging is particularly environmentally-friendly, as it is 100 percent and endlessly recyclable. Also, jars and bottles can easily be washed out and re-used. Don't purchase foods with extraneous packaging if you have other choices.

* **Check Expiration Dates:** Be sure to check dates before purchasing. Also, check how long a bottle or jar of food can be stored after opening. Write the date you opened it directly on it to keep track. Make life easier by purchasing foods with long shelf lives, such as dried fruits or bottled sauces, especially when you know your kids like them.

* **Store Food Correctly:** Keep food at the proper temperature at home. After opening a jar of baby food, it should be refrigerated as soon as possible after use. Glass jars can be re-used after they are washed out.

"From baby food to after-school snacks, you can't be too careful about your child's food and the containers in which it is packaged," stresses Rooth.

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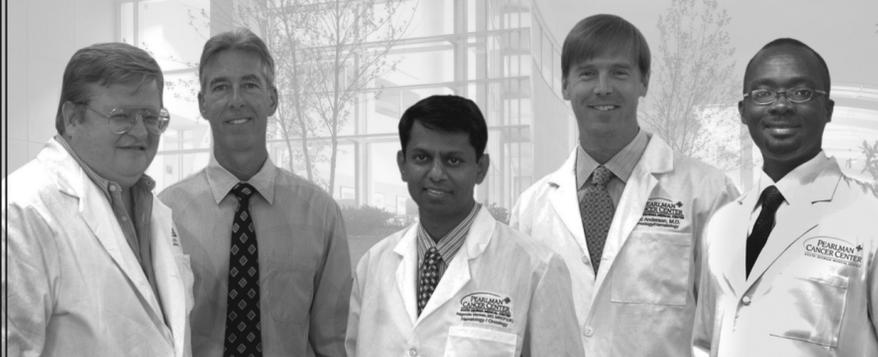
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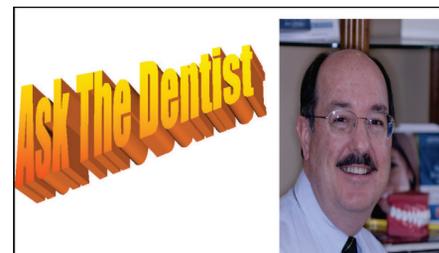
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Question: Is it true that toothaches hurt worse in airplanes.

Answer: I have heard patients talk about toothaches in airplanes and scuba diving. I wouldn't advise either. The idea with scuba diving is that diving down to greater depth and pressure can actually relieve the pressure within a toothache and make it feel better. That works fine until you run out of air and it is time to come to the surface. Wow, then the pain will come back with a vengeance.

Airplanes are the opposite. Toothaches will suddenly start as the planes climbs and the pressure drops. Talk about making for a long miserable trip. I had one patient that had a toothache and he was piloting his own plane. Toothaches and airplanes are a bad combination. For that matter, toothaches with anything is a bad combination.

If you like to scuba dive, get a check up. If you travel in airplanes regularly, get a checkup.

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The Board of County Commissioners of Madison County, Florida is accepting applications for

Emergency Management Program Coordinator

High School Diploma or equivalent GED required. Bachelors Degree preferred, but may be substituted by equivalent experience

The Emergency Management Program Coordinator shall possess a minimum of four (4) years administrative experience, preferably in business, government, or emergency services. Must be proficient in computer skills, in use in use of spread sheets, Word documents and e-mail communication. Must be skilled in planning, research and have the ability to prepare and present technical reports.

The Emergency Management Program Coordinator will assist the EM Director in coordinating preparation for, response to, and recovery from any natural technological or civil disasters in Madison County. The Program Coordinator will be "on-call" 24 hours/7days, and will assist the Director in emergency response efforts. In addition, the EM Program Coordinator will: assist in the development and implementation of required State and Local Emergency Response Plans; be responsible for the timely submission of financial reports and requests for grant funds; assist in the development and implementation of programs to increase public awareness of emergency preparedness.

Applications and job description may be picked up from the Madison County Coordinators Office located in the Courthouse Annex, 229 SW Pinckney Street, Room 219, or at the Madison County Emergency Operations Center, 1083 SW Harvey Greene Drive in Madison, Florida.

Application deadline is Friday, August 7, 2009 at 5:00 pm. For further questions please contact Vicki Brown, Emergency Management Director at 850-973-3698.

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for the Jefferson County Road Dept. Must have gas and diesel, light and heavy equipment experience. A high school diploma or GED, Clean Florida driver's license of Class A or B preferred. Apply at the dept. or pick up an application at the Human Resource office in the Clerk's office. Deadline for applications are July 31, 2009. Call 997-2036 for information.

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Madison County, Florida bids for the following:

Furnishing all necessary materials, equipment, labor and supervision to construct the Boundary Bend Boat Launch Facility improvements as shown in the construction plans prepared for Madison County and designated as Boundary Bend Boat Launch Facility Construction Plans, dated May, 2008 and known as Project # FY 2009 - 04; and furnishing all necessary materials, equipment, labor and supervision to construct the Cherry Lake Boat Launch Facility improvements as shown in the construction plans prepared for Madison County and designated as Cherry Lake Boat Launch Facility Construction Plans, dated May, 2008 and known as Project # FY 2009 - 05.

Bids may be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners by depositing same at the Board office located in the Madison County Courthouse Annex, Room 219, 112 East Pinckney Street, Madison, Florida 32340, or Post Office Box 539, Madison, Florida 32341 anytime prior to 5:00 PM on Monday, August 17, 2009. ANY BIDS RECEIVED AFTER SUCH DATE AND TIME WILL NOT BE OPENED AND/OR CONSIDERED. Bids must be clearly marked with the project numbers printed on the outside of the front of the bid envelope as follows: Boundary Bend Boat Launch Facility, Project # FY 2009 - 04 and Cherry Lake Boat Launch Facility, Project # FY 2009 - 05. Bidders may bid one or both projects.

BID MUST CONTAIN A COPY OF THE VENDOR'S MADISON COUNTY OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE WHERE APPLICABLE, OR CERTIFIED STATE CONTRACTOR NUMBER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR AWARD.

Bid Specifications and Construction Plans, as well as other pertinent bid documents, may be obtained from the Madison County Public Works/Road Department office located at 2060 NE Rocky Ford Road (C-591), 2 miles north of Madison, telephone # 850-973-2156, beginning July 22, 2009. Each contractor interested in bidding these projects is strongly urged to obtain copies of the bid packages immediately in order to have time to review them and visit the project locations prior to the pre-bid conference referenced below.

Please be advised that a pre-bid conference will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2009 at 2:00 pm in the County Commission Meeting Room located in the Madison County Courthouse Annex Building, 112 E. Pinckney Street in Madison, Florida. Madison County reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all bids.

Bids will be opened at 9:00 am on Tuesday, August 18, 2009 after which all bids will be available for public inspection. Award by the Board of County Commissioners is scheduled for Wednesday, September 2, 2009, and all bidders will be notified in writing of the successful bidder.

Please Note: Bid award shall be made to the lowest responsible bidder meeting bid requirements and project specifications, and who possesses the experience required for this type of construction.

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TOWN OF LEE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Town of Lee is considering applying to the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) of up to \$600,000.00. These funds must be used for one of the following purposes:

- To benefit low and moderate income persons; or
- To aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; or
- To meet other community development needs of serious origin having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

The categories of activities for which these funds may be used are in the areas of housing, neighborhood revitalization, commercial revitalization, or economic development and include such improvement activities as acquisition of real property, loans to private-for-profit business, purchase of machinery and equipment, construction of infrastructure, rehabilitation of houses and commercial buildings, and energy conservation. Additional information regarding the range of activities that may be undertaken will be provided at the public hearing.

For each activity that is proposed, at least 51% of the funds must benefit low and moderate income persons.

In developing an application for submission to DCA, the Town of Lee must plan to minimize displacement of persons as a result of planned CDBG activities. In addition, the Town of Lee is required to develop a plan to assist displaced persons.

The public hearing to receive citizen views concerning the community's economic and community development needs will be held at Town Hall, 226 NE County Road 255, Lee, FL, on Tuesday, August 4, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. For information concerning the public hearing contact Cheryl Archambault, Town Manager, 226 NE County Road 255, Lee, FL, 32059 (850) 971-5867.

The public hearing is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Any handicapped person requiring an interpreter for the hearing impaired or the visually impaired should contact Cheryl Archambault at least five calendar days prior to the meeting and an interpreter will be provided. Any non-English speaking person wishing to attend the public hearing should contact Cheryl Archambault at least five calendar days prior to the meeting and a language interpreter will be provided. To access a Telecommunication Device for Deaf Persons (TDD) please call (800) 955-8771. Any handicapped person requiring special accommodation at this meeting should contact Cheryl Archambault at least five calendar days prior to the meeting.

A Fair Housing Workshop will be conducted immediately after the public hearing on the same date and at the same location.

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PUBLIC NOTICE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

The Chairman, the Honorable Roy W. Vickers, of the Board of County Commissioners of Madison County, Florida, and members of said Board, will hold a Special Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on Thursday, July 30, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. in the County Commissioners' Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, Madison, Florida.

The purpose of this meeting is Budget Workshop for FY 2009-2010.

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, ANY PERSON REQUIRING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ABOVE MEETING IS ASKED TO ADVISE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AT LEAST 48 HOURS BEFORE THE MEETING BY CONTACTING ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE MANAGER SHERILYN PICKLES AT (850) 973-3179. IF YOU ARE HEARING OR SPEECH IMPAIRED, PLEASE CONTACT THE BOARD BY CALLING 1-800-955-8771.

ANY PERSON WHO DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE BOARD WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT SUCH MEETING WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND THAT, FOR SUCH PURPOSE, HE OR SHE MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.

The public is invited to attend. Dated and posted this 27th day of July, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

Tim Sanders, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Madison County, Florida

7/29

MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Notice of Public Hearing

The Madison County Board of County Commissioners is applying to the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for a grant under the Florida Emergency Set-Aside Disaster Relief Program in the estimated amount of \$750,000. For each activity that is proposed, at least 70% of the funds must benefit low and moderate-income persons. The activities, dollar amounts and estimated percentage benefit to low and moderate-income persons for which the County is applying are as follows:

Activity	Estimated Cost	% LMI
Housing Revitalization	632,100	100%
Temporary Relocation	5,400	100%
Administration	112,500	N/A
Total Estimated Project Cost	\$750,000	

The proposed project is to provide assistance to those qualified homeowners residing within the unincorporated area of Madison County who suffered serious property damage as a result of flooding which occurred in March 2009, and as covered in Executive Order Number 09-81, State of Florida, Office of the Governor. Under the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, each assisted household must meet income and other related requirements, as established by the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) low and moderate income (LMI) limits.

The percentage benefit to low and moderate-income persons from the proposed project activities will be in excess of 70%.

The Madison County Board of County Commissioners plans to minimize displacement of persons as a result of planned CDBG funded activities in accordance with the adopted Madison County Anti-Displacement Policy that provides for procedures concerning potential displaced persons. No permanent voluntary or involuntary displacement is anticipated for this project.

A public hearing to provide citizens an opportunity to comment on the application will be held on Wednesday, August 5, 2009, at 9:00 a.m., or as soon as possible thereafter, in the County Commission Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 229 SW Pinckney Street, Madison, Florida. A draft copy of the application will be available for review at that time. A final copy of the application is anticipated to be submitted to DCA on or before August 7, 2009, and a copy of the final application will be available in the Madison County Coordinator's Office, 2nd Floor, Courthouse Annex, 229 SW Pinckney Street, Madison, Florida, on Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. after the anticipated August 7 submittal date. To obtain additional information concerning the application and the public hearing contact Mr. Allen Cherry, Madison County Coordinator, at 850-973-3179.

The public hearing is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Any handicapped person requiring special accommodation at this meeting should contact Mr. Cherry at least three (3) calendar days prior to the meeting. Any handicapped person requiring an interpreter for the hearing impaired or the visually impaired should contact Mr. Cherry at least three (3) calendar days prior to the meeting and an interpreter will be provided. Any non-English speaking person wishing to attend the public hearing should contact Mr. Cherry at least three (3) calendar days prior to the meeting and a language interpreter will be provided. To access a Telecommunication Device for Deaf Persons (TDD) please call 850-973-3698.

Pursuant to Section 102 of the HUD Reform Act of 1989, the following disclosures will be submitted to DCA with the application. The disclosures will be made available by Madison County and DCA for public inspection upon request. These disclosures will be available on and after the date of submission of the application and shall continue to be available for a minimum period of six years.

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- The identities and pecuniary interests of any other persons with a pecuniary interest in the project that can reasonably be expected to exceed \$50,000 or 10% of the grant request (whichever is lower);
- For those developers, contractors, consultants, property owners, or others listed in two (2) or three (3) above which are corporations, or other entities, the identification and pecuniary interests by corporation or entity of each officer, director, principal stockholder, or other official of the entity;
- The expected sources of all funds to be provided to the project by each of the providers of those funds and the amount provided; and
- The expected uses of all funds by activity and amount.

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NOTICE OF ACTION

BY THE CITY OF MADISON, FLORIDA

Notice is given that the city of Madison is conducting a program to remove dilapidated structures causing a public nuisance within the city. With permission and release of liability granted by owners of unoccupied dilapidated structures, the city may remove the structure and clear the property. The program is limited to available funds, therefore interested owners/parties should not delay inquiries.

For more information regarding this program call, Charles Hitchcock, City Building Official, Madison City Hall (850) 973-5081

7/29

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that proposed Ordinance No. 2009-2, bearing title as follows, will be considered Tuesday, August 11, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, Madison, Florida.

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-2

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MADISON CREATING THE CITY OF MADISON CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD PURSUANT TO SECTION 162.01-162.13, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE "LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD ACT"; PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT OF HEARINGS BEFORE THE BOARD AND RELATED MATTERS DEALING WITH THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE CITY'S CODES AND ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

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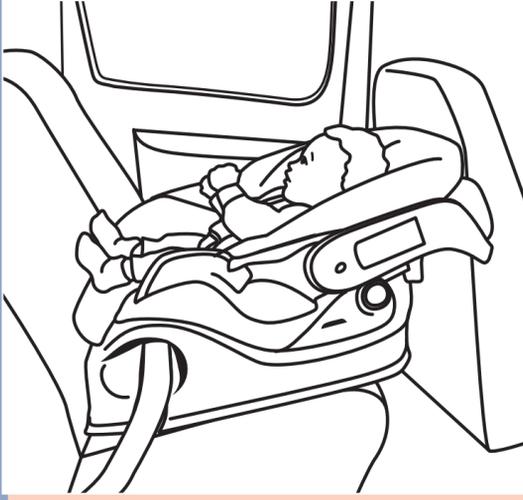
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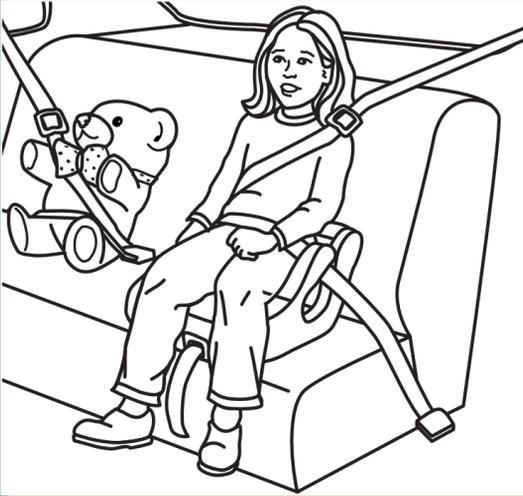


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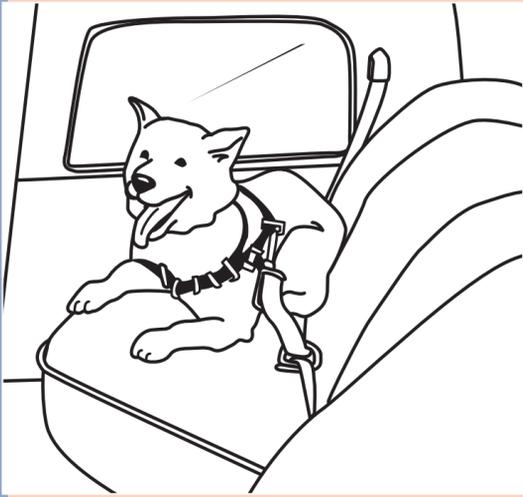
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