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Editorial

County Tries To Soften High Tax Notes By Soft Pedaling



Wayne Vickers Justin Hamrick Roy Ellis

On a grand piano, one can find the pedals at the bottom. Usually, the one at the far left is known as the soft pedal. It is called this because when pressed with the foot, hammers, which normally strike all three strings of a note strike only two of them. This softens the note. In light of a recent 3-2 vote to adopt a budget and raise tax millage to 9.5487 mills from last year's 9.39 mills, it appears that county officials are pressing the soft pedal.

One way that they are diminishing the harsh
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Sex Offender Charges Corrected

By Jacob Bemby
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Delma Blair, a sexual predator who had moved away from Madison County, has moved back and registered with a street address of 3921 SW Wonderwood Street in Greenville.

Blair is a 52-year-old white male, who stands 5'8" tall and weighs 170 pounds.

Blair is known as Delma Blair, Delma A. Blair, Delma McAnnally Blair, Delma M. Blair, Delma McNally Blair, Alan Blair, Allen Blair, Delma Allen Blair, Delma Mcanalley Blair, Delma Allan Blair and Delma Mcanelly Blair.

His qualifying offenses include 1998 convictions for lewd or lascivious battery on a victim between the ages of 12 and 15 and sexual battery and coercion of a child by an adult. This newspaper had previously published incorrect information on Blair that came off the Florida Department of Law Enforcement website. The FDLE has removed that information and this newspaper is correcting it. The 2010 charges listed in Friday's Madison Enterprise-Recorder were incorrect. Blair was in prison at the time.



Delma Blair

\$55,000, Lincoln Navigator, Weapon Seized

Madison County Sheriff Ben Stewart reports that on Thursday, Oct. 6, at 1:30 a.m., investigators for the Madison County Sheriff's Office Drug Task Force stopped a vehicle on Interstate 10 for a traffic infraction. The stop resulted in the seizure of \$55,000 in US currency, a .357 Magnum handgun and 2004 Lincoln Navigator that is now pending forfeiture proceedings.

The Drug Task Force investigators detected any knowledge of the currency and .357 Magnum signs of possible criminal activity and conducted a



Photo submitted

consent search. During the search, investigators located a concealed false compartment in the rear floor area of the 2004 Lincoln Navigator. The compartment contained the \$55,000.00 and a .357 Magnum handgun.

The currency was packaged in a manner that is indicative of a drug courier's fashion of transporting currency used for drug transactions. Both of the vehicle occupants denied having

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Deputy Kevin Odom Receives Commendation



Photo submitted

Madison County Sheriff Ben Stewart reports that it is with great pleasure to present Deputy Kevin Odom with a formal letter of commendation for his bravery and heroism he so demonstrated back during the early morning hours of Sunday, October 2.

Deputy Kevin Odom was dispatched to a structure fire at approximately 1:12 AM, located at 115 N.W. Reedbuck Loop Greenville, Florida (16 Quarters Area). Deputy Odom being assigned to the area of incident arrived on scene at approximately 1:13 AM. Being the 1st Responder to arrive on scene, Deputy Odom advised the Communications center that the

structure fire was fully involved and that there were two large residential propane tanks near the structure fire. Deputy Odom identified the residents of 115 N.W. Reedbuck Loop and questioned them concerning everyone being out of the residence.

The owners indicated that everyone was out of the home. Deputy Odom relocated the owners and family to a safe distance away and ensured they were all okay.

Deputy Odom noted a neighboring residence (129 N.W. Reedbuck Loop) approximately 15 feet to the north of the structure fire and a residential propane tank between the two resi-

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First Ever North Florida Cattle Battle Set For Saturday

By Kristin Finney
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The Madison County Cattleman's Association, along with Purina, will be sponsoring the North Florida Cattle Battle on Saturday, Oct. 15. This will be a steer and heifer show, and the entries will be shown by 4-H and FFA students.

Weigh-ins will begin at 7:30 a.m. and will last until 9:30 a.m. The show begins at 12:30 p.m. There is no cost for entry. The community is asked to come out and show their support for the 4-H and FFA members as they show their

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All Madison Schools Now Accredited

By Lynette Norris
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The rest of Madison County's public schools, including Lee Elementary, Pinetta Elementary, Greenville Elementary, Madison County Central, and Madison Excel School, joined Madison County High School as fully accredited schools in the Madison County School District.

The principal of each school was recognized at the Oct. 4 school board meeting as they were called forward one by one, where Madison County School Superin-

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County Commission Has New Chair; Welcomes New Library Director

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Commission Chair Renetta Parrish opened her final County Commission meeting Oct. 5, and immediately passed the gavel to Commissioner Roy Ellis, who will serve the next nine month rotation as Commission Chair.

One of his first duties after adopting the agenda and taking up the Commission's new business was that of welcoming the new Director of the Suwannee River Basin Regional Library Association, Betty Lawrence.

Danny Hales, the outgoing director, is retiring after 35 years with



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(Left to right) Outgoing library director Danny Hales and Clerk of the Court Tim Sanders welcome the new library director Betty Lawrence.

the library. In his enthusiastic introduction of his replacement, he described the long process of searching through applications from all over the country, and the lengthy interviews that followed. Although there were several outstanding candidates, when it came to Lawrence, "Betty just knocked our socks off," said Hales. She is an "engager," who would get folks more involved and interested in their community library, and a "gatherer" of knowledge, whose research skills were impressive. Lawrence had emerged as an early favorite in

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Local Weather

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VIEWPOINTS & OPINIONS

Green Giant is a brand name for canned and frozen vegetables. Many of us recall the animated commercials of the gentle but large green fellow making things grow in the magical valley.

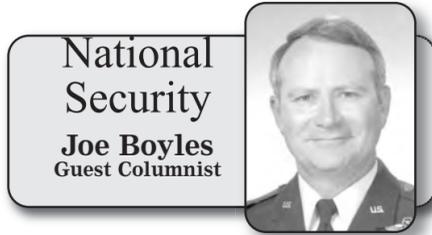
You can still find Green Giant on your grocery store shelves but no longer on television. Instead, the modern “green giant” is your friendly government promising to rewrite the laws of physics and chemistry with the green movement – non-carbon sources of energy.

Led by the Obama Administration, this popular revolution promises something-for-nothing, the oldest game of political charades. Using the mediums of solar and wind, and to a lesser extent, biofuels, but never nuclear, the “greenies” are promising us the moon — a new world powered by the forces of nature with zero emissions. Obama and his political allies promise us a new economy based on green technology with millions of new-age jobs.

The movement has captured the popular culture – it is an important advertising tool and our children are being bombarded with this information in the public schools. If you’re not green, then you’re square and sadly being left behind ... or so it goes.

There is only one vexing problem for the brave new world promised by the green movement – it violates scientific and economic principles. Not only that, it violates immutable laws that have been around for centuries and have been scientifically proven. That’s why we call them laws.

Let’s start with solar, the energy produced by our sun that can be captured and harnessed to produce electricity. But it is hugely, hugely inefficient. Solar collectors are expensive to produce, construct and maintain; they take up an enormous amount of space; and of course, they only work when the sun shines. An unknown is what unintended consequences will re-



National Security
Joe Boyles
Guest Columnist

Green Giant

sult when we intercept the sun’s power before it reaches the earth. Wind energy is another popular choice these days, but it too has drawbacks. You don’t see many of these modern windmills in the places like Florida because we don’t have much wind. On the other hand, windmills cover mountainsides in the southwest where winds are much more constant than here. On the downside, they chop up birds and the turbines are not only noisy, they tend to freeze up in the winter.

Because these low efficiency energy systems take up a lot of space, you’ll never see them in close proximity to population centers where the land is too valuable to waste. This brings up the subject of infrastructure, the expensive and often contentious transmission lines that are required to move the electricity from where it is produced to where it is needed.

Another issue with both solar and wind generated energy is that they are not “stand alone systems.” Rather, they need to be backed-up with redundant, traditional forms of energy for times when the “sun don’t shine and the wind don’t blow.” After a century of reliable power, we aren’t willing to black or even brown-out waiting for Mother Nature to get its act together.

Then there are even more distant green technologies such as biofuels, wave energy, geothermal, algae, etc. These ideas look very distant at best and are most probably very inefficient. And don’t forget that when you begin to use a food source as fuel, like corn-based ethanol, you’re play-

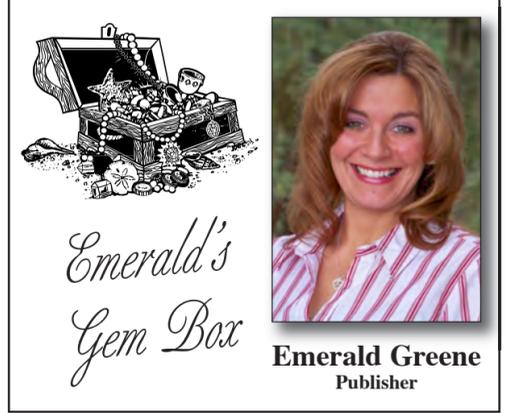
ing with fire. People and animals can always walk, but we have to eat in order to live.

The greenies like Energy Secretary Steven Chu argue that the thing holding back green energy is that carbon-based fossil fuel is still too cheap in order to allow green technology to flourish. “If only the price of fuel would increase,” they say, “then solar and wind powered energy could succeed.” Tell that to a trucker paying \$3.80 for diesel in this moribund economy! As presidential candidate Herman Cain so eloquently puts it, “that dog won’t hunt.”

So to give green technology entrepreneurs a boost, the Obamamites have decided to “put their finger on the scale,” funneling billions of taxpayer dollars to these start-up companies, not only to fund research which might be legitimate, but also to help them manufacture their product. This is bound to fail, not only because of undue political influence, but also because government bureaucrats know absolutely zero about venture capital, business plans, and balance sheets.

The latest poster-child of this debacle is California-based Solyndra, a solar panel manufacturer that received half a billion dollars of 2009 Stimulus funds in Federal loan guarantees. Since Solyndra is now bankrupt, closed its doors and laid off 1100 workers, the American taxpayer is on the hook for the bill. I predict more economic horror stories will follow Solyndra.

Never lose sight of this principle of government bureaucracy — it’s easier (and therefore more wasteful) to spend someone else’s money than it is your own. A corollary is: beware of the political con artist who promises something for nothing. In either case, you’re bound not only to be disappointed, but left holding the bag.



A Good Attitude Is Something That Can Be Managed And Learned

So many times in life, we take such small incidents and we blow them up into what we believe to be such huge life-altering incidents. There are so many things that happen to us, on a daily basis, that can either destroy us or make us stronger, depending on our attitude.

Our attitude is, honestly, over half the battle. My parents have always been such good teachers concerning that aspect of life. Optimism was/is a way of life – not a decision. I grew up learning that the glass is always half-full (not half-empty) and if it is half-full, then I should go ahead and fill it the rest of the way up.

I tried to always let my children know, while growing up, that it was okay to get their clothes dirty. “That’s why God made washing machines,” I would tell them. (So many parents stress over their children getting dirty and messing up their clothes. My goodness, they are children, and are going to outgrow those clothes anyway.)

I never did get mad over spilled milk, or juice, for it’s just a drink and it will wipe up.

However, it took me years to grasp the fact that the house didn’t have to be totally picked up and all dishes done before resting for the night. I remember going through the house in a rampage, fussing about dirty socks on the floor and food left on the counter. Chelstis and Brooke still tell some of their favorite “tales” of some of my temper tantrums, in my younger years, and I am truly embarrassed by my behavior back then — not to mention, it saddens me to think of the years I wasted fretting over such small details instead of looking at the bigger picture.

I have spent the last several years of my life truly working on my attitude and how I view the “bumps” of life’s highway. I know I haven’t gotten it down perfect, but thank God I’m not where I used to be.

One of my favorite quotes has become “Life is not what it’s supposed to be. It is what it is. The way you cope with it is what makes the difference.”

I can now smile through most adversity, and say, “This too shall pass.” Not to say I never get upset, but I have learned to not dwell on things I am not able to do anything about.

So many times, I see people rant and rave over (truly) something so small, in the realm of life; such as a car going “too slow,” or someone saying something negative about them. In all honesty, the car that is going “too slow” will not matter, nor be in your mind 24 hours later, so why get so upset over it? Why let it get you in a bad mood and spoil the time you are spending with a loved one in your car at the moment? No matter how much you rant and rave (or “flick them off”) that car is NOT going to speed up and move, just for you! So do yourself a favor and learn to calm down and just enjoy every minute of your life.

Things that seem so tragic at times are usually not as life-altering as we think. While you might be getting upset over a flat tire that is going to make you late to work, somewhere in the world there is a father getting word that his daughter has died in a car accident. While you might be getting upset over your five-year-old spilling red Kool-Aid on your carpet, there is a mother somewhere crying for her stillborn baby. While you might be getting mad at the coach for not letting your child play first-string, somewhere there are parents sitting in a cancer ward with their child who will never be able to play sports.

Life is short and we all need to learn that there are things that matter and things that don’t.

Things don’t matter; family and friends do matter. When you’re lying on your deathbed, you will not ask what your balance is, in your checkbook. When you’re dead and gone, your big house or new car will not miss you, but the memories you leave behind with your children and/or loved ones will be all that they have left of you.

When your loved one is no longer around, don’t wish you would have gone fishing with them more, or invited them to dinner more often, or called and talked on the phone one more time; learn that time is of the essence, now.

Things can be replaced; family cannot. Go make memories – and learn to let things roll off your back more easily. A happy life is just one good attitude away.

Be happy while you’re living, for you’re a long time dead. ~Scottish Proverb

Until then....see you around the town.

Letter To The Editor

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

Gas Tax Funds Pave 13 County Dump Driveways

County uses of gas tax monies by ordinance are: county debts, roads and bridges, traffic sign maintenance, school crossing safety and 50% of maintenance of railroad crossings. Last on the list is commissioners’ choice for other projects they consider necessary. (Madison County receives gas taxes collected state-wide, allocated by state formula to give counties a gas tax fund, primarily for reducing property taxes.)

A recent routine commission action on

debt was the resolution to pay no more than \$187,736.00 of Gas Tax Proceeds For Funding for Closure and Clean-up of the Closed Madison County land-fill. The commission action paid the annual debt settlement contracted with EPA and ITT (factory known as ‘the metal products plant’). Madison County suffers two major toxic waste sites, costly to clean up for decades ahead. The factory site is in the final clean-up phase but must be checked for 15 years. The EPA tests at the

closed dump recently showed a new toxic pollutant which current methods may not counter—no end in sight to clean up the dump.

We rightly pay the EPA settlement with gas tax money, but I question using gas tax money to pave at 13 county waste collection sites. (1) Paving at waste sites can be budgeted by the waste collection department, the funding gained through management decisions. (2) County gas tax funds shrink annually by paying clean-up costs into the unforeseeable future.

Further, gas tax income can vary according to state economic conditions.

Gas tax income is never enough for our transportation system maintenance, which deserves priority over waste collection sites. Paying the contracted clean-up debt is an ordinance-listed use. In contrast, using gas taxes to pave at waste collection sites is a county commission choice.

I challenge paving at dumps as a priority over maintenance of greater use roads.

Marianne Green



In The Act

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Be in the know. Read your two Madison County newspapers, **The Madison County Carrier** and **The Madison Enterprise-Recorder**. John Ovenden is shown perusing the news in **The Madison County Carrier**, during a break at a recent Madison County Commission meeting. Our photographers will be out and about and will be happy to snap anyone reading either of the two newspapers, which you can read to keep up with all the local news. You can pick up a copy at your local newsstand or subscribe today by mailing a check or credit card information to P.O. Drawer 772, Madison, FL 32341 or by calling (850) 973-4141. Better yet, come in and pay in person at our location at 1695 South Highway 53 in Madison.

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cattle. The Cattle Battle will be held at the old Ag. Center, located between the Extension Center and O'Neal's in Madison.

Deputy Odom

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dences. Deputy Odom feared that the fire might spread igniting the neighboring structure and/or the propane tank exploding.

Deputy Odom questioned everyone being out of the neighboring residence and was advised by a juvenile that one subject remained in the neighboring residence and was in a bedroom that had not caught on fire yet. Deputy Odom suddenly heard the pressure relief valve on the residential propane tank begin releasing pressure. Deputy Odom, being the only first responder on scene, ran into the residence and located the subject which appeared passed out on the bed. The subject appeared intoxicated and was very resistant to exit the residence. Deputy Odom extricated the subject from the residence and relocated him to the safe location.

Soon thereafter, the Greenville Volunteer Fire Department arrived on the scene, followed by Madison Fire Rescue and the Hamburg Volunteer Fire Department whom all began fighting the fire.

Deputy Odom's action's during a situation of duress emulates the integrity and professionalism we have within the Madison County Sheriff's Office. The unsolicited demeanor has distinguished Deputy Kevin Odom by heroism involving voluntary risk of life by taking immediate courageous action and humanitarian regard for your fellowman. This reflects great credit upon yourself and the Madison County Sheriff's Office.

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and voluntarily signed a disclaimer of ownership form for the currency and weapon.

The vehicle was driven by Jorge S. Arrendondo, 35, of Miami and occupied by one passenger, Walfrido Rodriguez Lopez, 37, of Mission, Texas.

Editorial

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notes and soft-pedaling their new tax tune is by saying that the taxes are set at the "rollback rate." The rollback rate allows the county to generate the same amount of money that they did last year; however, it does not guarantee that there will not be an increase on anyone's taxes. For instance, if a person's property maintains the same value as it did in the past, the taxes would go up with the new millage rate. If the property has increased in value, the tax bill will increase even if the millage had remained the same.

The commissioners who voted in favor of the increased millage hike are Roy Ellis, Justin Hamrick and Wayne Vickers. Voting against the millage hike were Alfred Martin and Renetta Parrish.

Our hats are off to Martin and Parrish who voted for the taxpayers (including businessmen and businesswomen and farmers) of Madison County. We applaud them. On the other hand, we are obligated to chastise Ellis, Hamrick and Vickers.

In today's economy, when everyone is cutting back, this newspaper feels that the county can do its part also.

Part of the belt-tightening should begin with the county commissioners' salaries. While the salaries are mandated by the state, based on population, the state cannot force the board to take the salaries. One former county commissioner, Roy Smith, owner of Madison Marble Works, refused a salary during his first term in office. What is there to prevent the commissioners from giving back 10 percent of their salaries to the county? They are currently making much more for a part-time job than many who are scrimping and scraping are from full-time jobs.

Another thing to consider is that in some counties, the commissioners' jobs are full-time. They have offices at the county building and maintain normal business hours. In Madison County, they do not do this. Alfred Martin serves as fire chief for the City of Madison; Justin Hamrick is employed by the Department of Agriculture; Wayne Vickers works in maintenance at North Florida Community College; Renetta Parrish is a businessperson, who owns a daycare and a taxi service; and Roy Ellis is retired from the Florida Power Corporation.

Perhaps constitutional officers (such as the property appraiser, etc.) could also reduce their salaries, giving 10 percent back to the taxpayer. This would put tens of thousands of dollars back into the county coffers.

Another area to look at is in job reduction. Are there any employees who will be retiring soon? Is it an absolute necessity that they be replaced or can their jobs be eliminated from the budget? Are there any jobs that can be handled by one supervisor instead of two supervisors?

One suggestion is to put the Solid Waste program under the supervision of the Public Works Department. This would save over \$50,000 a year.

Marianne Green points out one example of waste in a letter to the editor in this newspaper. She notes that the solid waste collection sites are being paved from gas tax money, which could have been used for county debt reduction or for paving county roads. Why put a ribbon on a pig to make it look nice? It will just go back and wallow in the mud and get dirty again.

Major landowners, such as timber farmers, row croppers, dairy farmers and ranchers who require ma-

Accredited

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tendent Lou Miller presented them with their certificates of accreditation from the state.

The accreditation came about as a result of a team of state officials that visited each school back in June, observed and inspected its programs and personnel, and worked with school officials to help them meet requirements for their applications. The applications were approved June 21, 2011, and the accreditation each school received is valid through June of 2016.

Then, because all of its public schools were now fully accredited, the school district itself was declared fully accredited as well. Shirley Joseph presented Superintendent Miller with a plaque on behalf of the State of Florida for the school district's accomplishment.

"We'll hang it in a prominent place on the wall in our boardroom," said Miller with a broad smile.

Commission

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the search, and the decision to hire her as Hales' replacement was unanimous.

A Suwannee County native, Lawrence grew up in O'Brien and became interested in library services in college. Her profession took her all over the country, from places like Denver, Colorado, where she ran one of the premier library systems in the country, to rural Georgia, where she oversaw a small regional library system, to a community college library system in Rochester, New York.

That wide variety of experience, some urban, some suburban, and some rural, made her the perfect choice for the Suwannee River Basin's three-county library system, with several libraries in each county (Madison, Suwannee, Hamilton) to keep track of - it is not uncommon for library systems in small, rural counties to band together and pool their resources, said Hale. In some circumstances, it also makes them eligible for more funds from the state.

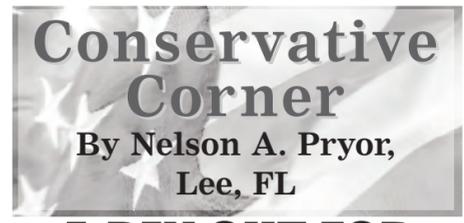
Lawrence then took the podium herself to say a few words, describing herself as a "North Florida home girl," who felt blessed to be back after so many years.

"It's a delight to return home," said Lawrence. "I'd been thinking about it for a long time."

Lawrence's first day on the job will be Halloween. "On Monday morning, October 31, I will hand the keys over to Betty," said Hales. "And I couldn't be more pleased."

major acreage (hundreds and thousands of acres) to do their jobs are feeling the brunt of the heavy tax burden more heavily than others who do not have to pay as much in taxes. Why penalize someone for owning more land when more land is a necessity? The last delinquent tax rolls shows one of these very businesses paying over \$50,000 in tax. With a worldwide recession, these three commissioners chose to push the "knife" in deeper and, once in, to twist it.

While nursing at the breast of government and drinking its milk until it is dry, all public officials need to look at the true source of their income. Their incomes come from taxpayers who are already burdened beyond belief and the real taxpayers are tired of supporting unnecessary spending.



A PAY CUT FOR CONGRESS?

Congress has not accepted a pay increase since 2008. But before you feel too badly for these, our civil servants, note that they still receive \$174,000 yearly, which is up considerably since back in the late fifties when they received \$25,000 a year.

With the economy stalled, the unemployment rate at about 16%, lawmakers probably wouldn't be too excited about making any announcement soon about a pay raise.

AUTOMATIC INCREASE

As the law reads now, pay increases are automatic, unless refused by a formal vote. On the other hand, if Congress does nothing, they get a pay increase. Isn't that situation interesting?

A PLAN OF ACTION

Representative Joe Wilson, of South Carolina, introduced HR 187, to eliminate automatic salary increases and requires an affirmative vote whenever Congress wanted to boost its pay.

On the other hand, Congressman Randy Hultgren, of Illinois, under his HR 1454, sees the problem a little bit differently. Under the law, Congress is supposed to have prepared a budget, by Oct. 1, for the following year. If the budget is not passed by that date, then Congressional inaction would cause the federal government to shut down.

How do you gage Congressional performance? By whether or not they will do the heavy lifting! And that's to pass a budget. If they can't do that - then what use are they?

So Hultgren's bill, HR 1454, mandates that Congressional pay be placed in escrow, until all appropriations bills are passed, by Oct. 1.

HR 187

Wilson's bill is in the Committee on House Administration. We have one Florida Congressman on that committee. He is Rep. Richard Nugent.

At the same time, it is also in front of the Oversight and Government Reform Committee. We have three Floridians on that committee. They are: Representatives John Mica, Winter Park; Connie Mack, Fort Myers and Dennis Ross, Bartow.

HR 1454

Hultgren's bill is also before the Oversight and Government Reform Committee, but has been referred to a subcommittee: Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy. The Subcommittee Chairman is Representative Dennis Ross of Bartow with member Connie Mack of Fort Myers.

112th CONGRESS

Do you consider these bills, of the 112th Congress, of merit? Contact our Congressman, Ander Crenshaw and say that you noticed that he had not co-sponsored the bills. Tell him why you think that Congress needs to be more responsive to the voters.

Although the bills have not been introduced into the U.S. Senate, yet, why not ask Bill Nelson and Marco Rubio to sponsor them?

You can write any congressman with the following address:

Congressman _____
House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

To write a senator, address:
Senator _____

Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Congressional action will only happen if you let your representatives know your views. If not now, when?

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AROUND MADISON COUNTY

Obituary

Troy O. Rhoades

Troy O. Rhoades, age 76, died Thursday, October 6, 2011 in Dunn, North Carolina.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 11, 2011, at Beggs Funeral Home with burial at Macedonia Cemetery. The family received friends from 6-8 p.m., Monday, October 10, 2011 at Beggs Funeral Home Madison Chapel.

Troy moved to Madison in 1964 coming from Jacksonville. He was a graduate of Arkansas State University and graduated from South Pemiscot High School in Steele, MO. He was a active member of Macedonia Baptist Church where he served in many capacities. His love was working in the church and his family.

Survivors include his loving wife, Alvera Rhoades of Lee; his mother, Agnes Rhoades of Lee; 10 children: Curtis Rhoades (Melissa) of Virginia Beach, Va., Frank Porter (Robbie Gail) of Lee, Fran Tuten (Dean) of Greenville, Traci Miller (Donnie) of Lee, Robby Beasley (Cindy) of Virginia Beach, Va., Pam Stopko of Lee, Danny Bish (Rebecca) of Tucson, Ariz., Dale Bish (Dot) of Greenville, Suzanne Browning of Tallahassee and Keith Bish of Tallahassee; two brothers, Andy Rhoades (Melissa) of Wetumpka, Ala. and Joe Rhoades (Tracy) of Warner Robins, Ga.; one sister, Sandy Rhoades of Quitman, Ga.; 22 grandchildren; and 12 great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his son, Guy Rhoades, and father, Marshall Rhoades.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Gideons International, PO Box 511, Lee, Florida 32059, or Macedonia Baptist Church Building Fund 5539 E Us Hwy 90, Lee, Florida 32059.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

October 12

Wednesday, October 12 - Fields of Faith - One Day - One Message - One Stand - 7 p.m. at Boot Hill. Nationwide event to reach 80% of the students that are not attending anybody's church. Our goal is for them to come to Christ and be plugged into local church youth groups the next Wednesday night. This event is open to any and all churches that wish to attend. Please join us in prayer as we attempt to reach our un-churched communities through Jesus Christ. For more information check out www.fieldsofffaith.com, or contact Steve McHargue, North Florida Area FCA Representative at (850) 464-0325, or e-mail smchargue@fca.org.

October 13

NFCC presents The Musical Tale of Peter Rabbit, Thursday, October 13 at Van H. Priest Auditorium. NFCC invites all schools in Madison and the surrounding areas. Reservations are required. Tickets are \$2 per person. To make reservations, contact the NFCC College Advancement Office at (850) 973-1653 or e-mail artistseries@nfcc.edu for more information.

October 15

Hickory Grove Founders Day. All day at Hickory Grove United Methodist Church.

October 18

Bob and Traci Laidlaw will host an informal meeting about an upcoming trip to the Holy Land on Tuesday, Oct. 18, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Madison. Everyone interested in going on the excursion with them is welcome to attend.

October 27

Infinite Possibilities Support Group

will meet at the Madison Public Library on Thursday, Oct. 27, at 6 p.m.

October 27

Mark your calendar for Thursday, October 27 for an exciting night of gospel music featuring one of southern gospel's newest groups, Wilburn & Wilburn, and LifeSong. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. at Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park in Madison. A \$7 donation is requested at the door, plus a free-will offering will be received.

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Consolidated Christian Ministries, located at 799-C SW Pinckney Street in Madison has changed their food distribution give-out days. Food will now be given out on the first and third Mondays of each month from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. to those who have signed up and qualified in accordance with USDA guidelines. Anyone can come in and see if they qualify and sign up on the following days: Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 9 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Weekdays

10 a.m. The Quilting & Sewing Group at the Madison County Senior Center welcomes anyone, ages 60 and up, to join this talented group to work on his/her projects. The Senior Center is located at 1161 SW Harvey Greene Drive, just off SR 14 South. Call (850) 973-4241 for information.

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Second Thursday of Each Month

Caregivers Group at First United Methodist Church in Madison, 10:30-11:30 a.m., in fellowship hall.

Second Saturday Each Month

Yogi Bear Opry, Yogi Bear Campground, 7 p.m.

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.

Third Tuesday of Each Month

The Greater Greenville Area Diabetes Support Group is a free educational service and support for diabetes 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.

Fourth Wednesday of Each Month

An informational meeting for those injured and needing help returning to work will be held the fourth Wednesday of each month from 12-3 p.m. at the Madison County Extension Office located at 184 College Loop, Madison. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, please call (850) 245-3489.



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Treasures of Madison History: Part 4

By Lynette Norris
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The Photographic Treasures of Madison County, on downtown Range Street next to the RATT PACT Theater, houses more than just photographs. For the next few weeks, this series will look briefly at some of the more unusual bits and pieces of history that have found a safe haven in the little museum, funded by donations (no admittance charge) and staffed entirely by volunteers from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon.



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Lynette Norris, October 5, 2011.

This high school band bass drum saw a lot of play during its time, judging from the scuffed face of the mascot logo in the center.

Madison's high school mascot has seen several incarnations in its colorful history. Before the MCHS Cowboys were the MCHS Cowboys, roping and riding their way to victory for the maroon and silver as they have been doing for the last three decades, they were the lean, mean Cougars, fighting for the blue and white.

Madison County's high school students had been the Cougars for three decades as well, when the new high school was built in its current location on west Highway 90 and opened its doors in 1980. A lot of changes were made, and it seemed as good a time as any for a new mascot. The Cougars then morphed into the Cowboys, possibly to distinguish themselves from the Godby High Cougars of Leon County, a team they

sometimes played against. Godby High had opened in 1966, so for 14 years, both teams were known as the Cougars.

Going back further in time – up until 1949, the Madison High School teams fought not for the blue and white, but for the red and white – as the Madison High School Red Devils.

This the era most prominently represented by the historic school items on display at Photographic Treasures Museum.

In the front window, a big bass drum, with the name Madison High School stenciled around the edge and the Red Devil mascot logo in the middle, calls up images of high school marching bands in the big, tall band

hats marching onto the field at halftime to the boom-boom-booming rhythm of the bass drum that echoed in the pit of the stomach, accompanied by the staccato rat-at-tat of the snare drums.

Maybe it was a crisp fall evening by then, with a hint of frost in the air; maybe it was early in the season, one of those warm, muggy nights for which North Florida is famous. Maybe the score was tied, or maybe it wasn't even close. Maybe you could smell the popcorn and the hotdogs from the concession stand, where you rushed to get your halftime snack so as not to miss any of the game.

Next to the bass drum is a Red Devils

sweatshirt and a Red Devils rain poncho for those evenings when the weather didn't cooperate with the game schedule. On an old 1960s school desk, there is a photo of two players in mid-tackle, a pair of framed ribbons from a game played against the Jefferson County Tigers, and a football program from a game played against Bristol High School, now known as Liberty County High School.

With such a distinctive mascot, it's hard to imagine that it could have been anything else before then, yet before they were the Red Devils, they were the Yellow Jackets.

But that's going waaaay back.

Gloria McCloud New AARP Representative for Madison: AARP to Offer Driving Classes For Seniors



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Lynette Norris, October 6, 2011

Gloria McCloud, new AARP representative for Madison County.

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing, Inc.

After several years of working for the Madison County School District, where she trained bus drivers for the school district and tested them for the state of Florida, as well as driving a school bus herself, Gloria McCloud retired earlier this year. She was honored along with several other retiring school employees at a banquet given by the school district as a gesture of appreciation and congratulations for its hard-working employees who were embarking on a new chapter in their lives.

For McCloud, that new chapter now finds her as the new AARP representative for Madison County, putting her driving experience to new use.

As the new representative, one of the things she will soon be doing is teaching driving classes to seniors; she is looking for a suitable venue for the classes that can accommodate several people and enable her to show driver-education videos.

The classes will meet during one day for six hours, with several breaks during that time. The payoff is a course-completion certificate that, when presented to one's auto insurance company, can translate into lowered premiums. The certificate is valid for three years.

Although anyone over 50 is eligible for the class, McCloud wants to place a special emphasis on senior veterans for her first class or two in mid-November. First, because November is a special month for veterans, and second, because veterans and their wives can take the course for free. For other seniors, there is a \$12 fee for AARP members and a \$14 fee for non-members.

Seniors, especially senior veterans who are interested in the course and would like more information, should contact McCloud at (850) 929-2438. The dates and times of the November classes will be determined when a venue is located. Also, anyone with information on a suitable venue that might be available can also contact McCloud at that number.

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Madison Genealogical Society: *Putting Family Histories Together*

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing, Inc.

After Ann McLeod retired from the military, she and her husband settled in Madison. It was here, while researching her husband's family history, finding out who was who, which cousin was which and what they were like – and locating the sources that provided this information – that she found a new passion.

"I found my new life "love," she said. "Genealogy."

It is not just looking up names and filling in family tree charts. For McLeod, and others who share her passion, it is more like putting together a jigsaw puzzle, but instead of having all the

pieces together in the box, it means hunting for the different pieces all over the place...birth records, marriage records, census records, military records, hospital records, school records, church records, court records, funeral home records, newspaper stories (including obituaries, birth and wedding announcements), voter registration records and even old tombstones...and then finding the pieces with the right color and the right shaped edges that fit together. Who was whose cousin, uncle, sister or brother? Is this John Smith the same as that John Smith, or is this a different family line of the same name? (In Madison, for example, there are two lines of Livingstons, one of which was involved in the Civil War). Where were they born? Where did they live? What did they do for a living? What were they like? If they were farmers, did they own their farmland or were they sharecroppers?

Were they known as generous souls or were they regarded as parsimonious and stingy? Upright citizens or reprobates? Preachers or horse thieves? Were they influential people, regarded as the "movers and shakers" of their day, or were they, at heart, just ordinary folks, much like most of us?

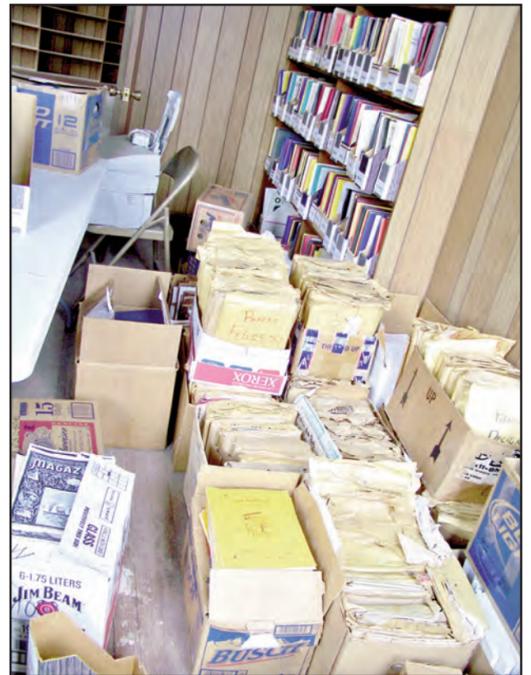
The Genealogical Society, under McLeod's

direction, has a new focus on people and their personal histories, rather than buildings or events, which are more the purview of historical societies. For example, sometimes after spending the morning researching old obituaries from a particular area such as Rocky Springs, she makes a list of all the other people who were mentioned casually or briefly in the text of the obituary, and then travels to Rocky Springs to see if there is anyone there who remembers these individuals and can tell her who they were and what they were like.

The Society's genealogical research and information is concentrated around Madison and the surrounding counties, although there is information from other counties and neighboring states available as well. The genealogical library, shelves and shelves of information organized by geographical location, occupies the small room at the back of the Photographic Treasures of Madison Museum. It can be reached by either going through the museum part of the building to find the library at the back, or by going around the corner to the Library's entrance at 296 SW Rutledge Street. The library is staffed 100 percent by McLeod, who is on hand from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, to greet visitors and let them

look around. She can also show them how to search through various sources and find the information they are looking for, whether it means searching through the materials on hand at the library, or explaining how to go over to the courthouse and "chase back" older records that predate the internet and especially, how to use online tools such as familytreemaker.com and ancestry.com.

The collection of papers and records in the library has grown, as older people have donated their family records for safekeeping, and McLeod has added research of her own. There are old newspapers, genealogical catalogues, newsletters from societies such as the DAR going back for decades, old records, typewritten accounts of individual and family histories, and spools of microfilm. She has also tried to "go digital" as much as possible, because of the space-saving reasons and its attractiveness to younger people. Google, especially, is a marvelous tool, she says, for those who know how to use the computer's capacity to access genealogical databases from other counties and states, and then sort through the multiple hits they get from typing in one name. For example, in order to find the one "William Jones" they're looking for, out of as many as 50 hits, they might need to know



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With numerous resources downstairs, the Genealogical Library still has a plethora of records stored in its attic space. It needs time and volunteers to sort through them all so the Society will have an index of all the information it has on hand and can offer to people who want to learn about their family histories.

or track down a middle name, a nickname, a suffix, or title. Sometimes, military titles are a good way to separate one individual out from the rest, since military personnel are frequently listed in records by their titles.

"We help them understand their family," said McLeod. "Where they came from, who was the horse thief, who was the achiever, who was the teacher, the college professor, who was the ordinary person ... the reality, whatever that may be." Every-

body wants heroes in their family, she said, but often, people are secretly proud of the rebellious ones, too.

Besides old records and family papers, tombstones and cemeteries are another good source of raw data that can be gathered and interpreted, especially in the older Please See Genealogy on Page 7A

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cemeteries where tombstones are larger, the engravings contain more information, and there is more of a tendency for families to be buried together in family plots. Raw data such as names and dates can be good places to start when looking for other records, and other records can be helpful when trying to interpret the information from the tombstones – beloved sister or brother of whom? Beloved son or daughter of whom? Obituaries corresponding to the tombstones are often a good source of expanded information, providing more data for further researching and interpreting, leading to other sources, more data.

It is hours and hours of reading and gathering data, hunting anything and everything.

McLeod spends a lot of time in old cemeteries, especially the smaller ones, the ones that have been abandoned and are in danger of being lost and forgotten ... even "buried."

She herself located one such cemetery that was once attached to Elam Baptist Church in Dixie County. The church had moved twice, but by searching through the woods at the original location, she located the small plot of ground with seven graves, all of them nearly overgrown, dating back to the Civil War.

She is now offering free genealogy classes to help people get started capturing their family history. Call 850-673-9572 to inquire about future classes.

One of the things she tries to emphasize is "don't trust...your job is to prove." That is the only way to separate the truth from the "tall tales" and "family legends."

Find the records that can corroborate or disprove; look for the records that can put people in a specific place at a specific time. Also, don't take a family history that a relative posts on the internet at face value until you can prove all those claims yourself; unless you know for a fact that your relative did all that research, don't assume he or she did. "Question everything," said McLeod.

In the future, she would like to try to get younger people interested in their family histories, and getting the word out about the digital resources is one way. Another project she envisions is having the Society host some sort of genealogy day camp for kids in the summer to get them interested in the subject and teach them how to use all the available tools to learn about their family histories.

Currently, the Genealogical Society has over 130 members, and would welcome more. Dues are \$25 a year. The Society is also looking for volunteers to help staff the library, and help sort through and catalogue the dozens and dozens of boxes of old newspapers, newsletters, history journals, as well as many other types of records that haven't been gone through yet; they are now stored upstairs in the attic space above the Genealogy Library.

To inquire about membership, Monday evening classes, or volunteer opportunities, contact the Society at 850-673-9572, email them at MCGenealogy@live.com or drop by the library at 296 SW Rutledge Street, Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

For more information, you can also visit their website at madisongenealogy.com.

Dr. Brian O'Connell And The Rotary Foundation

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing, Inc.

"We are this close...this close...this close...."

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The theme of being so very close to these goals echoed throughout the presentation at the Rotary Club's Sept. 28 meeting.

As the Rotary finished up the month of September, guest speaker Dr. Brian O'Connell of St. Leo University gave an overview of the Rotary Foundation. Accompanied by compelling slides and videos, it summarized how the money raised and contributed by Rotary Clubs all over the world is spent, and how Rotarian volunteers worldwide are making a difference.

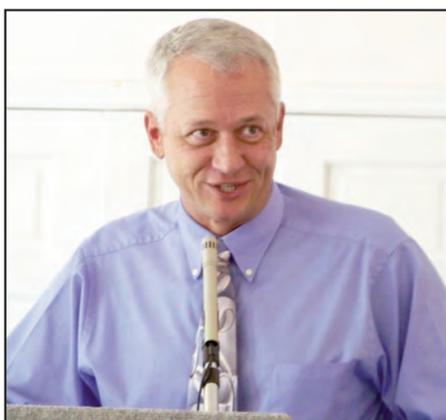
32,000 Rotary Clubs throughout the world, with 1.2 million volunteers, provide medicine for the sick and food for the hungry, teach reading and promote literacy, provide shelter for families and work toward global peace.

Additionally, the Club is working toward meeting the challenge from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, pledging a matching grant of \$355 million, if the U.S. Rotary Foundation can raise \$200 million by 2012.

"It's getting close," said O'Connell. O'Connell's presentation told of the Rotarian Foundation's work in several major areas, the first and foremost being "Polio Plus" – the eradication of polio from the face of the planet – an effort that counts for 63 percent of the Foundation's spending.

"We can't stop now," said O'Connell, because until every child is immunized, the virus could simply come back again, stronger and more immune to the vaccines.

Already, in the Uttar Pradesh region of India, some children have to be given the vaccine multiple times before they are effectively immunized. Since 1980, over two billion children have been immunized worldwide.



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Dr. Brian O'Connell, of St. Leo University, addresses the Rotary Club.

"Health, Hunger, Humanity" is the second largest area of charitable spending. It includes basic health and food programs, new community wells, water purification projects and disaster relief.

Education is another big area, recognizing the importance of literacy in people's ability to pull themselves out of poverty. Often, said O'Connell, a village's very survival depends on its children leaving for college, and then bringing their knowledge back home to help. But first, the children need a solid education at home. The Rotary Foundation funds this basic education, including schools, school supplies and teachers.

The Foundation also works toward world peace through Peace Fellowships and Ambassadorial Scholarships.

"We are this close...." O'Connell encouraged the members to give whatever they could as he read from Proverbs 19:17 – He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward him for what he has done.



Suwannee Valley Humane Society Pet Show Slated

By Kristin Finney
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Calling all dogs and cats, get ready to show off your talents during the Suwannee Valley Humane Society Pet Show. This will mark the 26th year that this Pet Show has been hosted. Everyone in the community, with or without pets, is invited to attend this event.

The show will be held at the Suwannee County Coliseum on Saturday, Oct. 22. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. and the contest will start at 11 a.m.

Dogs and cats that

are entered in the contest will be eligible to win ribbons and trophies. Trophies will be awarded to those pets that are considered "Best in Show." There will be many fun contests to compete in for only \$1 each. There will also be Super raffles for prizes as well as a 50/50 drawing. Refreshments

and baked goods will also be for sale.

For more information or to become a Pet Show Sponsor please call the Suwannee Valley Humane Society toll free at (866) 236-7812 or local at (850) 971-9904. You can also email them your questions at suwanneevalley@embarqmail.com.



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53rd Annual Gramling Reunion Held

By Jacob Bemby
Greene Publishing, Inc.

It was a grand old time as descendants of the Gramlings held their 53rd annual Florida reunion on Sunday, Oct. 9, at Shiloh Southern Methodist Church.

Rev. John Gramling founded the church in 1846. It is located in the Hamburg region of Madison County.



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The Johnson family is pictured at the Grambling reunion. Left to right: Sandy and Lilla Howerton, Will Wilson, Mary Bess Wilson, Kin Johnson, Jacob Johnson, Beven Wilson (two years old), Jackie Johnson, Jay and Annette Johnson, Sikes Wilson, Jarod Johnson, Josh Jordan Waring, Elizabeth Waring, Lucas Waring and John Luke Waring.



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Guests take a group shot at the 53rd annual Gramling reunion.



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Marilyn and Wetzel Blair pause a moment for a photo at the Gramling reunion.



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Johnnie and Glenda Conley, Denise Ellis, Fay Dietzel and Tom Ray Kelly were enjoying the Gramling reunion.



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Paul and Pat Brooks are enjoying getting their food at the Gramling reunion.



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Suzanne and Larry Katz from Gainesville are shown with twins Rose and Roni, who were born on Aug. 8, 2008.

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MCHS Class Of '91 Enjoys 20-Year Reunion



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The Madison County High School Class of 1991 enjoyed a weekend of reuniting with old classmates and enjoying each other's company.

Pictured are: (front row, left to right:) Kim M. Bass, Rhonda Hart Hutto, Stephanie Seaborn Henningson, Kimberlee Kemp Burrows, Gwenesia Smith Collins, Sonya Brown Peeler, Mijanvo Michelle Bell, LaGretta Barfield Woods, Pamela Moore, Tameka Nicholson Fudge, Leslie Morgan Hughes, Natarsha Brown Peacock, and Beth Gordie Hooker

(Back row, left to right:) Stacy Parsons Pryer, Renee Roebuck Rawlings, Wendy Pearce Miller, Kelvin Glee, Cecil (Chip) Pittman, Terrance Knight, Marc Webb, Paul Kirkland, Keith Bochnia, Kevin Payne, Seth Harper, Scott Phillips, Patrick Hodge, Hillary Stick, Thomas Dennis, Nancy Wiggins Toralbas, Jeremy Kinsey, Heather Driggers Davis, Brent Sims Sr, Rulanda Jackson Sims, Yvonne Gruzca Tapio, and Wanda Young Zediker

(Not pictured:) Shawn Braswell, Mamie Cooks Roundtree, Lawanda Lott Gibson, Frankie Wilkins Jr, Roderick Williams, Richard Welsh, Lenny Galbraith, Teresa Andrews Galbraith, William (Billy) Henderson, Leigh Ann Greiner, Jennifer Cruce Browning, Brian Bibb, David Jarvis, Chris Cooks, Donna Williamson Mauldin, Nichole Williamson Underwood, and Jason Phillips.



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Enjoying catching up on "days gone by" during their recent class reunion were class president Kimberlee (Kemp) Burrow, left, and Rulanda (Jackson) Sims, right.

The Madison County High School Class of 1991 held its 20-year class reunion the weekend of September 30 and October 1. The reunion was held in conjunction with this year's MCHS Cowboys homecoming game.

On Friday morning, classmates gathered to watch the annual homecoming parade. That evening, they enjoyed watching the homecoming game and then enjoyed a "post-game welcome happy hour" at Divine Events.

The "post-game" gathering included a warm welcome by the class president, Kimberlee Kemp Burrows; lighting of memorial candles for two deceased classmates, Amy Adams and Patrick Hagan; and the invocation was given by Kim M. Bass. The classmates then enjoyed appetizers as they mingled as spoke of "days-gone-by."

On Saturday, October 1, some of the 1991 classmates gathered to play golf and enjoy a family picnic lunch at Cherry Lake. That evening found them back at Divine Events for their final gathering of the weekend. The night began with the welcome given by Jeremy Kinsey; the invocation being given by Terrance Knight; the lighting of the memorial candles; dinner (which consisted of a house salad, fried chicken, roast beef/gravy, rice pilaf, French green beans, rolls and assorted desserts); the MCHS Trivia Contest (which was won by Pamela Moore); awards and recognition were given; and then the group enjoyed dancing for the rest of the evening.



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Pamela Moore won the special award for answering the most trivia questions, during the recent 1991 MCHS Class Reunion. The trivia questions were facts associated with the class' high school years.



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Tameka Nicholson Fudge won the award for the classmate with the most grandchildren. Tameka has three grandchildren.



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Stacy Parsons Pryer and husband Tony won the award for being the most recently married, March 5.



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Yvonne Gruzca Tapio won the award for the 1991 classmate that has been married the longest. She had been married 20 years and 5 days, as of when the reunion was held on October 1.



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Class reunions are a time of good food, good fellowship and good company. Enjoying their time together during dinner at Divine Events are, pictured left to right: Marc and Candice Webb, Roland and Beth Hooker, and Keith and Krystal Bochnia.



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"Old" Classmates from the MCHS 1991 graduating class posed together for a quick snapshot during their recent reunion. Pictured left to right: Stephanie (Seaborn) Henningson, Jeremy Kinsey, Kim Bass, and Scott Phillips.

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SPORTS

Cowboys Manhandle Team From The Panhandle



Tommie Young



Ira Denson

By Jacob Bemby
Greene Publishing, Inc.
The Madison County High School Cowboys proved that their dominance spreads through the entire northern part of the state as they manhandled Pine Forest High School out of Pensacola on Friday, Oct. 7.

Tommie Young was the leading rusher for the Cowboys as they dominated the team from the tip of the Panhandle by a score of 42-21.

The pound and ground attack of Young netted 172 yards and three touchdowns on 18 carries.

Deonshay Wells rushed the ball 11 times, picking up 106 yards and scoring a touchdown.

Tevin Roundtree rushed the ball once for two yards but picked up a touchdown on the lone carry.

Deontaye Oliver picked up 18 yards on one carry.

Keon Bruton had one carry for 11 yards.

Shedrick Williams took the hand-off twice and picked up 36 yards.

Troymond Alexander picked up four yards on one carry.

D.J. McKnight threw the ball three times, completing one pass to Deonshay Wells for a 57-yard touchdown.

Ira Denson was named Offensive Player of the Week for his dominating play on the line.

He graded out at 88 percent and had three pin blocks.

Chris O'Hara had seven tackles, including one for a loss and was named Defensive Player of the Week. He graded out at 87 percent.

Kicker Zack Money converted six of six extra points and averaged the 12-yard line on his kickoffs. He was named Special Teams Player of the Week.

The Cowboys have a week off before tangling with Pensacola Catholic at home on October 21.

Go, Cowboys!

Aucilla Loses To Archrival Munroe, Falls To 4-2

By William Smith
Special to Greene Publishing, Inc.

The Aucilla Christian Academy football team suffered a stinging defeat Friday evening against bitter rival Robert F. Munroe by a score of 32-20, in what proved to be a fiercely fought battle of attrition that saw numerous lead changes and spectacular plays for both squads.

It is an annual matchup of nearly mirror-image schools that have been insufferable rivals for decades, culminating each year in a physical battle with 365 days worth of bragging rights on the line.

This year was no different, as Aucilla entered the contest riding a three game winning streak made possible by a greedy defensive unit that made its living by forcing turnovers and pressuring the quarterback, as well as a strong running attack that slowly chipped away at an opponent's morale.

Neither calling card was present in the desperately desired matchup against the Bobcats of Munroe. The Warriors rushed for a total of 33 yards and fumbled twice, as well as displaying uncharacteristically poor defense that failed to hold perimeter gap integrity and suffered costly breakdowns in coverage.

This collapse in what has been a solid defensive unit throughout the season led to the second highest point total scored against the Warriors this year, and left a bitter taste in the mouths of Aucilla defenders and coaches.

Head coach Colby Roberts summed up his team's performance by saying, "The defense was not the dominant force that we have seen

in the past. We forgot the fundamentals of football that have defined our success this far into the season, and that is a recipe for disaster. But, this was not only the defense's fault.

The offense committed way too many turnovers and costly penalties that really kept us from winning."

Even though the offense made a common practice of halting itself on several crucial drives throughout the game by committing devastating turnovers and penalties, the outcome of the contest was intensely close until midway through the fourth quarter. A promising Aucilla drive destined to lock the score at 26-26, was cut short by an interception that led to an emotionally deflating scoring drive by Munroe, which bled precious time from the clock and sealed the score at 32-20.

Senior quarterback Trent Roberts played well, despite the mistakes of the offense, throwing for 221 yards and two touchdowns, as well as rushing for a third. Junior wide receiver Jared Jackson continued to be Roberts' favorite target, hauling in two brilliant break-away catches for 153 yards and two scores.

The duo has been the Warrior's most potent and electrifying

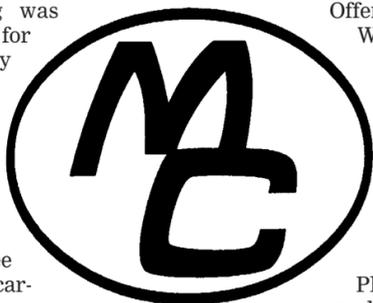
connection throughout the season and served as the brightest points for an otherwise mistake-prone Aucilla offense which could only muster 254 total yards.

Despite the struggles of the Warrior defense overall, there were moments when the talented and opportunistic group showed flashes of the power that had held the previous three opponents to a total of 25 points. The unit forced three important turnovers that gained valuable momentum, including a pair of interceptions by junior Jared Jackson and senior Tyler Jackson, and a forced fumble that was recovered by Roberts.

Aucilla will now look to bounce back against conference opponent Seacoast Christian (0-5), who has struggled so far this season and has been outscored by a margin of 215-26.

The game will be Aucilla's homecoming, so look for a determined Warrior squad which will seek to recover the swagger that was lost in its defeat against the Bobcats of Munroe.

The game will begin at 7:00 Friday evening following a week-long celebration that includes the annual Fall Festival on the afternoon prior to the contest.





Spotlight



**Varsity Cheerleader
Ashley Killingsworth**

Grade: 11th
Age: 17
Favorite Cheer: "Madison Cowboys Are Back For The Win"
Favorite Class: American History at NFCC
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Favorite Season: Fall



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Favorite Season: Winter

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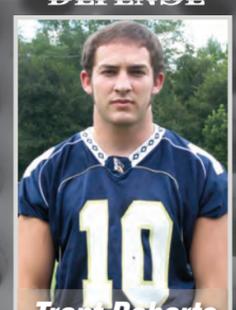


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WARRIORS CELEBRATE HOMECOMING WEEK

By Fran Hunt

Special from ECB Publishing, Inc.

The Warriors are celebrating their Homecoming week festivities this week and the Warriors are geared up for the showdown against Seacoast Christian at 7 p.m. Friday during the big homecoming game.

Monday was Pajama Day with students dressed in their favorite nighttime attire; Tuesday was Rat Day; Wednesday is Hippie Day; and Thursday is Twin Day with FCA Field Day beginning at 11:35 and at 1:35; everyone's favorite, the Scavenger Hunt

in the gymnasium.

Friday is Spirit and Class Shirt Day. From 10:18 am - 12:12 p.m. is float construction for grades 9-12. Grades 6-8 will attend the sixth period class from 10:30 until 11:15 a.m., which will be followed by the Middle School Student Council chosen activity and Freeze Tag on the JV practice field from 11:15 until 12:12.

At 1 p.m. begins the parade lineup, followed by the parade at 1:15 p.m. The Pep Rally will be conducted in the gym from 1:45-2:30 p.m. to ready the

Warriors for the big homecoming game.

This year's Homecoming Court includes: Freshmen Zach Holley and Kelsi Reams, Sophomores Josh Hicks and Kayla Fulford; and Juniors Hans Sorensen and Sarah Boland.

The Senior representatives, include Sunnie Sorensen, Tori Self, Keli Dollar, Tyler Jackson, Marcus Evans and Matt Swindle. From the senior class representatives the Homecoming King and Queen will be chosen and announced during halftime at the game on Friday night.

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Submitted by Dan Buchanan

Founder's Day for 2011 is just around the corner, and just coincidentally, the weather has changed and it is much cooler. Hopefully, this brisk cool weather will still be with us on October 15th. The great-tasting venison chili will be smoking, ready to eat, thanks to Gale and son Brad Buchanan. Gale has finally retired and will definitely be on hand to help dip the delicious home-made venison chili.

Founder's Day would not be the same without a home-made biscuit cooked in a real, old-fashioned wood burning stove. Unfortunately, the stoves we used last year are no longer useable, so thanks to Mr. Durwood Sapp and son Jimmy, they went half-way to New Orleans, found one, and brought it back to Hickory Grove so we would have a "New Wood Stove" to cook the biscuits. Thanks Mr. Durwood. By the way, take a look in the official program and you can see a picture of Mr. Durwood, as he is one of the 80 Plus year olds the program is dedicated to this year.

Be sure to go and see this new wood stove at the Cousin Mary Lou's Country Kitchen. This booth is named for one of our angels at Hickory Grove, Mary Lou Buchanan. She cooked the very first biscuit for Founder's Day some 21 years ago, and now her son Glenn carries on the tradition. Fortunately, other ladies in the kitchen will be making the biscuits up and all Glenn has to do is not to burn them!

When you think of Founder's Day, you also think of Big John Hudson, and his brothers helping with the grilled Smoked Sausage, Onion and Bell Pepper dogs. Last year, Big John said they sold well over 500 of the delicious "Sausage Dogs." Just to smell the onions, peppers and dogs cooking on the griddle makes you want to eat three or four of the Sausage Dogs. Be sure to see the Hudson's when you make it to Founder's Day this year.

The ladies from church and the local community are busy finishing the home-made quilt that will be raffled away on Founder's Day. Mrs. Hudson and other ladies will have a booth selling raffle tickets on the beautiful quilt.

The ladies, and even some men, have been busy making their best cakes for the "Cake Sale," which will be located in the fellowship hall of the church. There will be pecan pies, chocolate layer cakes, pound cakes, and even some apple cakes that you just might want to purchase for your family. Sybil Williams is always in charge of this "Cake Sale," so be sure to see Sybil in the fellowship hall.

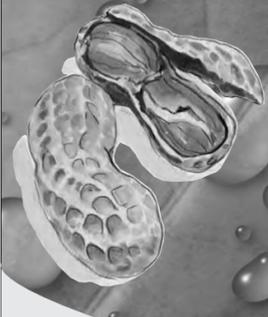
There are many reasons to visit Hickory Grove's Founder's Day. For one thing, there is all the great tasting food. You can decide on Chicken Pileau, Sausage Dogs with peppers and onions, or Pulled Pork Bar B Que, or corn on the cob, boiled in the shuck, or boiled peanuts, or collard greens and hoe cakes, or venison chili. All the food will be a great experience. You just might want to eat some of all of it!

But the best thing about Founder's Day is to just visit. That is right, just visit. You can also sit in an old church pew and listen to gospel singing. We will have about 4 to 5 groups singing from about 9 a.m. till the worship service starts at 2 p.m. But whatever you do, take a short ride down to the Church Cemetery and see just how beautiful this little cemetery is. Thanks to Arden and Dorothy Brown and her workers, the Cemetery is fabulously beautiful. There is not a Cemetery within 3,000 miles as pretty as the Hickory Grove Cemetery.

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Denture adhesive is sort of like talking about gas mileage. You may need some to go from here to there and 25 miles per gallon is OK. But when you gas mileage goes to 3 gallons per mile it is time to start thinking about overdue maintenance or even a new car. The ADA reports “four case histories of patients who reportedly developed neurological problems, presumably from excessive ingestion of certain denture creams containing zinc. The authors noted that these individuals used excessive amounts of denture creams containing zinc (two or more tubes of denture cream per week for years, when one tube would normally last for 3-10 weeks) and suggested that these individuals might have swallowed large amounts of denture cream over a prolonged period.”

Denture maintenance such as refitting the denture with a realign is often helpful and should be done every few years or when the denture gets loose. If that has been done and there is still an issue, it could be time for a new set. For other patients the jaw has resorbed and the dentures will never be tight. For those patients, it is time to look into implants. Placement of two lower implants can turn a denture into what is called an over denture which will snap onto the implants which greatly improves retention. So if you are using a tube a day, it is time to see your dentist.

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By Lynette Norris
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The child who cannot eat lunch in the school cafeteria without looking over his shoulder. The child who takes the long way around from one class to another in order to avoid certain people. The child for whom the locker room or playground is a war zone. The child who dreads checking email or Facebook, not knowing what he or she will find there.

“When one child is hurt, we are all hurt,” said Octavious Tookes, Safe Schools Coordinator for Madison County, adding that he was calling on the Safe School Zones planning committee to help deal with the problem of bullying in Madison’s schools. “We want to shine a spotlight on the problem, and keep that spotlight on it.”

October is Anti-Bullying Awareness Month, and the Safe Schools Committee, consisting of approximately 20 members “and growing,” said Tookes, has already held kickoff events at Madison County High School, Madison County Central School and Pinetta Elementary. With the slogan, “Orange You Glad You’re Not a Bully,” the theme color is, of course, orange, and the accompanying tee shirts are bright orange, with the anti-bullying message in black print.

The committee has been meeting every week on Tuesday mornings to plan their awareness event for the Saturday morning before Halloween. At their Oct. 4 meeting, they already had several ideas for “Walk, Run, Roll Against Bullying,” to be held Oct. 29 from 10 a.m. until noon at Lake Frances.

Whether the people come to participate in the “fun-run” races (walking, running and bicycling laps around the lake), or just want to watch and cheer other people on, the committee wanted to make sure that there would be something for everyone and that the anti-bullying message reached their audience.

So far, there have been discussions of bounce houses, funnel cakes and face-painting for the little ones, as well as help from student volunteer groups, including skits from school drama clubs. Committee members have also been talking to several vendors for food and entertainment.

There were also several ideas for flyers and other ways of publicizing the event and getting parents and townspeople out to Lake Frances on that Saturday morning before Halloween.

So far, two people have agreed to be the main speakers for the event: David Jonas and Alan An-

erson, two of the people featured in Merv Mattair’s book, “Word From My Kings and Queens: Overcoming Seemingly Insurmountable Odds.” The two men have personal experience with bullying, from opposite sides of the issue, and will briefly share some of their insights.

On Wednesday, Oct. 12, many Madison students will wear their bright orange anti-bullying tee shirts to school to show support and call attention to the “Walk, Run, Roll Against Bullying” event at the lake.

“Every place I have ever been, bullying has been a problem,” said Tookes. “Every place I’ve ever been, parents have wanted to talk to me about it.”

For more information, or to volunteer your time and talent to help make the event a success, contact Denise Robinson, (850) 973-5192 ext. 201.

Are You Sure You’re Getting Enough Water?

By Susanne Myers

You probably already know that it’s important to drink enough water. A minimum of eight glasses of water a day is recommended. You should aim for more if it is really hot, or you are working out and sweating a lot. According to WEBMD, the early signs of dehydration are increased thirst, dry mouth, sticky saliva and reduced urine output with dark yellow urine. You may also experience a lack of energy and a headache.

None of these sound very fun. I know it is hard sometimes to drink that much water; especially when sodas and coffee tempt us. However, to stay healthy and feel great, we should strive to drink those eight glasses of water a day.

Here are a few tips to help you remember to drink the water, and to make it a little more pleasant or interesting.

1. Keep a Log
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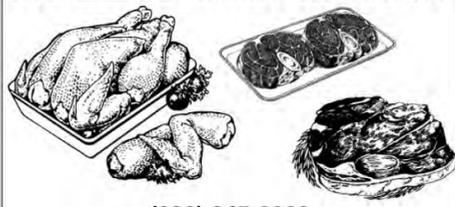


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