



North Florida Community College Fall Schedule

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Wed. July 17, 2013

City Sets Tentative Millage



Tim Bennett

By Jacob Bemby Greene Publishing, Inc.

The Madison City Commission set the tentative millage rate for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 at seven mills at their Monday, July 15, meeting.

City Manager Tim Bennett briefly discussed the budget with the commissioners and explained that the city would work with the higher number of seven mills. He expects the rolled back millage rate to be set at 6.1715.

Based on the city's rolled back millage rate, they will be able to generate the same collection of ad taxes they sought in 2012-2013. Those numbers were \$530,182.

If the city used the same millage rate they used last year, they would generate more than \$10,500 less. Last year's millage rate was 6.0484.

The motion to set the tentative rate was passed unanimously.

The board also scheduled the first public hearing on the millage rate for Sept. 10.

Budget Preparation Scheduled On County Commission Agenda

By Jacob Bemby Greene Publishing, Inc.

Budget preparation will be the main thing on the agenda for the Wednesday, July 17, meeting of the Madison County Commission.

Other items on the agenda include:

•Acceptance of a maintenance map for SW Canal Point Trail.

•Discussion regarding a right-of-way for SE Balboa Drive.

•A public hearing to consider proposed amendments to the Madison County Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map, scheduled for 4 p.m.

Items on the consent agenda include:

•Approval of a resolution for a Small County Outreach Program agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

•Approval of Sheriff's Department Confiscated Currency Expenditure in the Amount of \$1,405.00.



DRUG TASK FORCE CONDUCTS ROUND-UPS



Madison County Sheriff Ben Stewart reports that Investigator assigned to the Madison County Drug Task Force have initiated a series of "Round-Ups" beginning in July 2013. These investigators have conducted numerous covert controlled drug buy investigations identifying persons participating in the illegal activity.

The Task Force is now executing warrants for the arrest of these persons as the investigations continue. On Wednesday the 3rd day of July 2013 the following have been arrested and charged:

Clifford Edgar Marshall, 27, of Madison was charged



Clifford Edgar Marshall

with the sale of a Schedule II controlled substance (Methadone), sale of cocaine and possession of cocaine.

Douglas Duane Doty, 38, of Madison, was charged with two counts of possession of marijuana with intent to sell, three counts of selling marijuana and sale of a controlled



Douglas Duane Doty

substance (oxycodone). Jennifer D. Johnson, 23, of Lee, was charged with possession of marijuana with intent to sell and sale of marijuana.

Justin M. Bennett, 22, of Lee, was charged with possession of marijuana with intent to sell and sale of marijuana.



Jennifer D. Johnson



Justin M. Bennett

STARZ 10U Team Holding Fundraiser Friday



By Jacob Bemby Greene Publishing, Inc.

Headed to the Cal Ripken SE Regional Baseball Tournament in Charleston, S.C., the Madison STARZ 10U team will be holding a fundraiser this Friday, July 19, on the Courthouse lawn.

Chicken and rice dinners will be available for \$5

a plate, as well as Boston butts for \$30, which can be picked up at the Courthouse lawn on the same Friday.

The team also appreciates any donations that anyone feels they can give.

Contact any team member or coach, or call Billy Tolar at (850) 673-7979.



Doug Brown

School District Reorganizes Alternative School

The Madison County School District is resuming operation and administration of the alternative education program formerly known as the BEAR Center. The alternative school will operate under the new name of Madison County Excel Alternative Education Center beginning with the 2013-14 school year. The mission of the school is to provide all students with an education in a safe learning environment that

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Florida's Jobless Rate Continues To Decline

(Rates In Madison, Jefferson Up Slightly)

By Lazaro Aleman Greene Publishing, Inc.

Florida's jobless rate dropped again in May, down to 7.1 percent, 0.1 percentage point lower than April's 7.2 percent and the lowest it's been since September 2008, when it was 7.0 percent.

For the third consecutive month also, the state's rate was lower than the national rate, which was 7.6 percent.

Jefferson and Madison counties, however, saw their rates increase slightly, from 5.2 and 8.4 percents in April to 5.4 and 8.5 percents in May respectively.

So indicate the latest figures from Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (FDEO), released last Friday, June 21.

The improving unemployment situation statewide gave the Governor Rick Scott cause to celebrate his policies.

"Each month we continue to distance ourselves from the national unemployment rate," Scott said. "It's clear we are succeeding in growing opportunities for Florida families to pursue the American Dream. While Florida communities have experienced some incredible successes, we'll continue working tirelessly to provide jobs to families across the Sunshine State."

Statewide, the 7.1 percent represents 671,000 jobless Floridians out of a labor force of 9,427,000 — not counting individuals who have given up the search for work or who are underemployed or employed part time.

The FDEO reports Florida's seasonally adjusted total nonagricultural employment was 7,511,200 in May, a decrease of 6,200 jobs over the month. Seasonally adjusted means the numbers have been purged of seasonal and other factors that could skew the results.

"The number of jobs in the state was up 122,500 in May from a year ago, an increase of 1.7," the FDEO states. "Nationally, the number of jobs was up 1.6 percent over the year."

May was the 34th consecutive month showing positive annual job growth after the state lost jobs for more than three straight years,

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Three Injured In Rollover

By Jacob Bemby Greene Publishing, Inc.

Three people were injured in a two-vehicle accident one-half mile east of County Road 255 on Wednesday evening, July 3, at approximately 10 p.m.

According to a Florida Highway Patrol report, Ariel Hill, 22, of Port Orange, was headed east in the left travel lane of I-10 in a 2001 Infiniti SUV. At the same time, David Riddle, 55, of Grand Prairie, Tex., was also headed east in a 2012 Volkswagen Golf.

Hill accelerated towards Riddle's Volkswagen, then traveled into the right travel lane.

The left side of Hill's SUV sideswiped the right side of the Volkswagen.

Hill's Infiniti traveled onto the south shoulder, where it subsequently overturned and came to a final rest on its roof, facing west.

Riddle's Volkswagen traveled onto the south shoulder and rotated clockwise, coming to a final rest, facing west.

The Madison County Sheriff's Office and local rescue personnel assisted FHP on the scene.

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# VIEWPOINTS & OPINIONS

## National Security

### TRIAL BY JURY



**Joe Boyles**  
Guest Columnist

man, in a 21st Century way.

Then the politicians got involved, starting at the top with the president. I will guarantee you that nothing good comes from political interference in a criminal case. We didn't elect them for that purpose and they need to stay out of the way and let the criminal justice system work as it is designed to work.

One of the reasons I don't get invested with these sensational cases (Jody Arias, Casey Anthony, etc.) is that it isn't any of my business. It only really matters to the court officers, and ultimately, the judgment of the jury. I don't waste my time following the proceedings. I've got better things to do. Maybe if I was in law enforcement or a lawyer, I would feel differently, but I'm not, so I don't.

It was all well and fine for the media to "convict" George Zimmerman; to manipulate tapes to inflame public opinion; or to withhold evidence, but in the end, it didn't really matter. In the end, it came down to what was allowed in that courtroom. There are rules for evidence. A jury was impaneled. They listened to the evidence and sworn testimony. The prosecutors realized they had lost their murder case and asked after-the-fact for manslaughter which the judge permitted. Even that wasn't enough to convict George Zimmerman. He walked.

I learned this lesson in the O.J. Simpson criminal trial twenty years ago in Southern California. Based on the evidence, I thought O.J. was guilty, but it didn't matter what I thought. It only mattered to the jury and they acquitted him. Case closed.

Many of us disagree with the verdict ... but it doesn't matter whether we disagree or not. Only what went on in the courtroom mattered. Read the Constitution: those protections afforded George Zimmerman protect you and me as well.

The case isn't over. The Justice Department is considering a civil rights case; I predict they will pass on it, no matter how partisan Eric Holder is. Lawsuits are being filed. I don't think Zimmerman will be tried for wrongful death, because he doesn't have any money for the law sharks to circle. The insurance companies will pay, and maybe even eventually, NBC for doctoring the 9-1-1 tapes.

George Zimmerman is a marked man, so in that sense, he isn't free. He felt he needed a firearm for self-protection before Trayvon Martin was fatally shot. He probably needs one today, more than before. He had better move to some place where he can "get lost." Eventually, the heat of passion will die down and we will move on, hopefully sooner than later.

In the Bill of Rights, those first ten amendments to the Constitution introduced by our namesake James Madison in the first Congress (1789), there are a number of legal protections afforded all Americans. They are contained primarily in three amendments, 5 through 7. Among these protections are indictment by Grand Jury; double jeopardy; self-incrimination; due process; trial by an impartial jury; confront accusers; legal representation; and protection for local courts.

These are centuries-old common law (applicable to all) protections that really began with the Magna Carta in 1215. Over centuries of trial and error, English law evolved and became the great standard for America's rule of law. It is a model for the world.

Before this, law was absolute and arbitrary. In the Book of Esther, we learn that King Xerxes was an absolute monarch. To approach the king without his concurrence was a capital offense, punishable by death. That's pretty extreme by 21st Century standards. Thank goodness those days are behind us.

The idea here is that in the courtroom, justice is blind; there are no favorites; the factual evidence following a set of established standards will lead a jury of our peers to render a judgment of guilt or innocence. This is very much different than the "court of public opinion" where there are literally no rules.

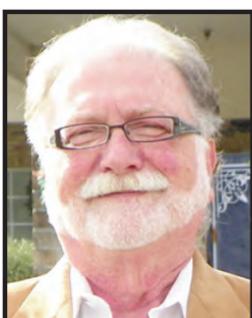
You know, if you stop and think about it, a lynch mob was an early manifestation of the court-of-public-opinion. On the spur of a moment, a bunch of citizens gathered, often fortified by strong drink, and decided on the guilt or innocence of someone based on passion and hearsay. The event frequently ended with a rope over a tree limb and the accused dead.

Isn't that what happened at Rosewood in what, 1923? A mob of angry (drunk?) white men, acting on rumor and innuendo, destroyed a town of Black folks ... killing how many?

One of the saddest things about the Martin-Zimmerman affair in Central Florida is that George Zimmerman was convicted in the court-of-public-opinion long before he went to trial. He was convicted by the media led by race-baiters. They essentially "lynched" Zimmer-

## Health & Wellness Tips

### Did You Know...



**Frank Nathan**  
Executive Director  
Lake Park of Madison

We have discussed why it is important to consume adequate water, how much to drink each day, and how to improve the quality of the water we drink, but we haven't yet discussed when to drink water, and why this matters.

Drink a big glass of room-temperature water about half-an-hour before meals, earlier if you insist on ice-cold water, and if you have digestive difficulties or heartburn, try adding a capful of raw apple cider vinegar or the juice of some lemon to that water. Try not to drink water with meals, as this dilutes the digestive juices too much making it harder for them to do their job. Then drink more water a couple of hours after eating. In summary, drink between meals rather than with meals.

Water is best at

room temperature rather than ice cold, as our bodies have to warm up cold water before it can be used. Although some say that cold water requires more calories to heat up so it may be more helpful in weight loss. But if you drink a large amount of cold water, and then jiggle your belly around, you will hear and feel the water sloshing around, whereas if you drink a large amount of room temperature water it is immediately assimilated into the body and you won't get that sloshing sound. Hot water in the form of herbal (non-caffeinated) teas are also fine.

Remember that caffeinated beverages and alcohol do not count as water as they are dehydrating. Quality milk, bone broths and fresh-squeezed juice may be healthy, but they won't rehydrate you either, so only count water in your hydration efforts!

I personally find that I get a headache when I am dehydrated, so when I get that feeling at the temples of my head where my headaches start, I drink lots of water, and the headache goes away. We need to be proactive and drink water regularly between meals.

## Searching For Ambrosia

### Finding Love In A Tomato Tart



**Rose Klein**  
Columnist

Tomatoes, tomatoes everywhere!

At least that's what I want when I plant my tomato garden every year. This year I planted new varieties that I have not grown before and some I had never heard of until this spring: Paul Robeson, Purple Cherokee, Costoluto Genovese and Juliet to name a few. My tomato garden is, by far, the biggest garden I plant, and the one with the most variety. The first reason is that not much tastes better to me than a home-grown tomato, plucked from a plant in my own

backyard and it's absolutely essential for my annual (okay, sometimes bi-annual) BLT. Another reason is because I absolutely love tasting new varieties; will they be sweet, acidic, tart? However, probably the largest reason of all I grow so many tomatoes, are for their versatility in cooking. You can use them fresh in salads or slice them up for the table. You can cook them down into sauce and make pizza, spaghetti, chili, or casseroles. You can broil tomatoes whole, or chop them up and add them to baked recipes; Not to mention canning, where you can preserve them whole, juiced, sauced, or even made into a jam (which is, by the way, absolutely stunning if you use yellow tomatoes). And what tomato lover could let summer pass without a plate of fried green tomatoes?

Obviously I could go on and on about tomatoes, but I will stop so that I can share a tomato recipe with you that I made and fell head-over-heels in love with. The recipe is for a Tomato Tart. I have eaten this before as 'Tomato Pie' where it was prepared with a custard base and a heavy layer of mayonnaise, but I really fell in love with this version because instead of using the mayonnaise or cream and eggs, it was simply tomatoes and herbs in pastry and the freshness of the tomatoes really came through. It makes a great 'light' supper with a glass of iced tea. Enjoy the tomato season while it lasts!

### TOMATO TART

I made this in a nine inch tart pan with a removable bottom, but there's no need to buy a special pan, simply use a nine-inch pie pan.

#### Tart Dough

- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 9 TB butter, chilled and cubed
- 1 egg, beaten
- 2 to 3 TB cold water

Preheat oven to 425 degrees.

In a medium bowl, mix the flour and salt together (omit the salt if you're using salted butter). Using a pastry blender, cut butter into the flour until the mixture is crumbly. In a small bowl, combine egg and 2 TB of the cold water. Stir the egg mixture into the flour mixture; stir until the dough holds together. If the dough seems dry, add the additional TB of water.

Roll the dough on a lightly floured surface



so that it is large enough to cover the bottom and up the sides of the pan you're using.

(An easy way to know how big to roll your dough is to place your pan upside down on dough and make sure you have 2-inches of dough all around the pan). Gently press the dough into the pan and allow it to rest for 10 to 15 minutes.

#### Tart Filling

- 2 to 3 TB Dijon mustard
- 2 to 3 large tomatoes
- 2 TB olive oil
- chopped fresh herbs (basil, oregano, dill, parsley, chives, etc.)
- salt and pepper to taste
- optional: fresh mozzarella or goat cheese

Spread the mustard in an even layer on the crust and allow it to sit for a few minutes to dry out. (Hopefully you're reading ahead because I spread my mustard on before allowing my dough to rest, so both my waiting periods are combined). Slice tomatoes and place them over the mustard in a single layer. Drizzle olive oil over the top of tomatoes. Sprinkle the amount of herbs, salt, and pepper you want on top. Add cheese if using and bake about 30 minutes or until the dough is nicely browned and the tomatoes are tender. If using cheese, make sure it is nicely browned as well.

Allow to cool about five minutes before eating...if you can! I like it at room temperature as well. But if there are leftovers (really?) be sure to refrigerate because of the cheese.

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## Alternative School

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facilitates citizenship and readiness for college and careers.

The plan for the Excel School was developed by a leadership team comprised of educators and community members. The team leader, Sam Stalnaker, praised the team members for their quick and effective work. Team members include Maurice Alexander, Sim Alexander, Gladney Cherry, Paula Ginn, Octavious Tookes, Jada Woods - Williams, Rod Williams, and Willie Williams. Charged by Superintendent Doug Brown to reorganize the 45-student program into a sustainable system that delivers effective academic instruction, the school will also emphasize positive behaviors and character education. Serving students in grades 6 through 12, the team is focusing efforts on maintaining connection and creating continuity with Madison County Central School and Madison County High School. Students will complete individualized plans to facilitate and encourage return to their respective schools.

The planning team considered each element that impacts program success. These factors include staffing, quality of instruction, discipline, budget, technology, and a strong transition plan. To facilitate success, staffing will include on full-time teacher and on paraprofessional for every fifteen students, as well as a lead teacher responsible for oversight and instruction. The school will remain in its current location behind and adjacent to MCHS.

For more information regarding Madison County Excel Alternative Education Center, please contact Sam Stalnaker at (850) 973-5061 or by email at [sam.stalnaker@madisonmail.us](mailto:sam.stalnaker@madisonmail.us).

## Rollover

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Hill and her passenger, Aaron Boutin, 29, of Lafayette, La., sustained minor injuries in the crash. They were each taken to South Georgia Medical Center.

Kay Riddle, a passenger in the Volkswagen, suffered minor injuries and was taken to Madison County Memorial Hospital.

Two juvenile passengers in the Volkswagen were not injured.

FHP Trooper Mark Boatwright was the investigating officer.

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## Jobless Rates

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according to the FDEO.

For Jefferson County, the 5.4 percent rate translates into 348 jobless persons out of a labor force of 6,406, compared with 341 jobless persons out of a labor force of 6,504 in April, when the rate was 5.2 percent.

In May 2012, the comparable figures were 467 jobless persons out of a workforce of 6,381 when the unemployment rate was 7.3 percent.

For Madison County, the 8.5 percent translates into 608 jobless persons out of a labor force of 7,180, compared with 597 jobless persons out of a labor force of 7,116 in April, when the rate was 8.4 percent.

In May 2012, the comparable figures were 722 jobless persons out of a labor force of 7,328, when the unemployment rate was 9.9 percent.

The FDEO report indicates that the industry gaining the most jobs continues to be trade, transportation and utilities, up 39,300 jobs; followed by leisure and hospitality, up 31,300 jobs; private education and health services, up 22,200 jobs; construction, up 9,600 jobs; other services, up 4,200 jobs; financial activities, up 2,600 jobs; and information, up 1,300 jobs.

The industries losing jobs over the year continue to be government, down 7,700 jobs, and manufacturing, down 3,400 jobs.

"These industry job losses were partially due to declines in state government and computer and electronic parts manufacturing," the report states.

Monroe County continues to have the state's lowest unemployment rate at 4.0 percent, followed by Walton County at 4.1 percent; Okaloosa County at 4.8 percent; Franklin County at 5.3.

Hendry County continues to have the state's highest unemployment rate at 11.1 percent, followed by Flagler at 9.5 percent; St. Lucie County at 9.3 percent; Putnam County at 9.2 percent; and Dixie and Miami-Dade counties at 8.7 percent each.

The FDEO reports that Hendry County was the only county with a double-digit unemployment figure in May.



World News  
By Rose Klein

## Flaming Diapers And Bottle Rockets On July 4

In the US, Ernie Orsborn from Arkansas began making 311 calls around 8:30 p.m. to report firework violators, and continued calling until 1:00 a.m. Ms. Orsborn became angry because the violation wasn't addressed and also because her two young twins were trying to sleep. Ms. Orsborn decided to take matters into her own hands after calling 311 for the last time. Witnesses report that she stepped outside with a diaper pail in one hand and a lighter in the other. She called to the firework offenders saying, "You want to see fireworks, here you go!" She then began pulling soiled diapers from the pail, set them on fire, and hurled them at the group of men who were drunk and shooting bottle rockets at each other. No injuries were sustained, although several men were reported to have fecal matter on their faces. No charges were pressed.

## Man Attacked By Fox While On Toilet

In London, a 49-year old man was attacked in his home as he was sitting on the toilet. Anthony Schofield claims a fox burst into his bathroom and chased him into the living room. He said, "I didn't even have time to wipe myself." The fox embedded its teeth into Mr. Schofield's arm and attacked his cat as well. Mr. Schofield then dragged the fox outside and was able to finally free himself. He was later treated at a hospital for cuts and bruises. His cat survived as well, but now refuses to enter the living room.

## New Television Channel For Man's Best Friend

In the US, satellite TV provider, DirecTV will soon be carrying the first 24-hour channel geared towards dogs. The channel, DogTV, is already showing in San Diego through Cox Communications and online through Roku devices. PTV Media, the creator of DogTV, spent hours developing and testing programming strictly designed for dogs. The program will show three to six minute clips that will fall into three categories: relaxation, stimulation and exposure. The clips are supposed to acclimate dogs to experiences such as riding in cars with toddlers. PTV stated, "The dog-approved programming content was created to entertain, relax and stimulate stay-at-home dogs, so owners don't come home to ripped-up couches, shredded magazines or a favorite pair of heels chewed to bits." The new channel will be available on DirecTV starting August 1.

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# ACA JV Football Schedule

By Fran Hunt

Special to Greene Publishing, Inc.

Aucilla Christian Academy had released the JV football schedule for the 2013 season.

Gridiron action begins on August 29, against Sherwood Christian, at 6 p.m., away; and continues against FAMU on September 5 at 6 p.m., home; North Florida Christian on September 12 at 6 p.m., away; Sherwood Christian on September 19 at 6 p.m., home; Governors Charter on September 26 at 6 p.m., home; and wrapping up the season is Governors Charter on October 3 at 6 p.m., home.

Coaching the JV Warriors is Daryl Adams.

## County Commission: Next FY Budget Faces Nearly \$840,000 Shortfall

By Lynette Norris  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Saying that the changes to the Florida Retirement System in the last fiscal quarter had been a "kick in the pants" for Madison County's FY 2012-2013 budget, Madison County Court Clerk Tim Sanders matter-of-factly delivered even graver news for Madison's 2013-2014 FY Budget: a projected shortfall of over \$860,000.

Citing it as another example of unfunded state mandates that plague small counties, Sanders and the commissioners wondered aloud whether there was anything elected representatives in Tallahassee could do for the county; one commissioner noted that Madison's State Representative, Halsey Beshears, had already told him that there was "nothing he could do about it." Another added, "That's the same thing he said when we lost our MCI inmate labor: he just said, 'Deal with it.'"

Commissioners pondered other sources that might be able to intervene on behalf of not only Madison, but also other small, rural counties with cash-strapped budgets. What about the Florida Association of Counties? What about the Small County Association? What about meeting with individual legislators to let them know how hard this was hitting the small rural counties?

"It may not change things right now, but it'll send a message for next fiscal year," said Sanders.

Commissioner Ronnie Moore agreed, adding, "We need to go beyond our legislators. We need to let everyone know how this is affecting small counties."

At the heart of the county's budget woes for the next fiscal year is a state-legislated increase in the amount that counties and other state or local government entities must pay into the Florida Retirement System for all of

their employees. The new FRS requirements took effect July 1, 2013.

While larger counties with larger tax bases and bigger reserve funds could absorb the blow much better, small rural counties like Madison, with budgets balanced on the head of a pin, strained reserve funds already drawn down by other crises, a significant portion of its population base living close to or under the poverty line and an unemployment rate that is higher than state average, are left scraping for ways to cope.

The board discussed ways to raise revenue and asked if the county had ever had ever used the maximum millage rate of 10 mills.

"We were at 10 mills forever," Sanders replied. "Until property values skyrocketed 2006 and 2007, then we adjusted down." After the housing bubble burst and the recession hit in 2008, the millage rate began gradually creeping back up toward 10 mills. However, even if the county were to go back up to 10 mills for the next fiscal year, it would still face a shortfall of about \$600,000.

"And that's assuming that insurance doesn't go up," said Commissioner Justin Hamrick.

Since the new requirements kicked in July 1, the county is already looking at a shortfall for the final quarter of FY 2012-2013. The county can draw in some revenue some its small reserves, but Sanders warned that it was just enough to get through October, November, and December.

After much subdued discussion of the situation, the board agreed to hold a budget workshop July 17-18 to see what could be done. "Hopefully by the next meeting, we'll have some recommendations for the insurance committee," said Sanders.

"It all looks like gloom and doom," he added. "But we'll get through this. We do it every year."

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# AROUND MADISON COUNTY

## Announcements

### Yeomans-Thigpen To Wed



Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Yeomans would like to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Stephanie Yeomans to Bryant Thigpen, the son of Tommy and Marie Thigpen. The ceremony will take place on Saturday, August 10, 2013, at Pine Grove Baptist Church in Madison, at 2 p.m. Reception will be held following the ceremony. All family and friends are invited.

### Griffin-Day Announce Engagement



Mr. and Mrs. James Ray Griffin of Madison proudly announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Caitlin Brooke Griffin, to Mr. Christopher Matthew Day, also of Madison. The bride-elect graduated from Madison County High School and received her Associate of Arts degree from North Florida Community College. She attended Florida State University and is currently enrolled in the R.N. program at North Florida. She is the granddaughter of Mary Elizabeth "Billie" Griffin of Madison and the late Louis C. "Pete" Griffin of Monticello. She is also the granddaughter of the late Frances Mickler Sanders and the late Emmett Plant "Mit" Sanders, both of Madison.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Ms. Carol Howard Day of Madison and Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Day of Greenville. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. James Frederick "Freddie" Howard and the great-grandson of Ms. Kathleen Higley, all of Madison. He is also the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alvin M. Day of Greenville. Christopher graduated from Madison County High School and is currently attending North Florida Community College. He plans to enter the United States Air Force. He is employed by Johnson and Johnson, Incorporated.

The wedding will be at 7:30 in the evening on August 17 on the property of Susan and Arthur Maultsby, 6482 NW Little Cat Road, Madison. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held at the First United Methodist Church, Madison. A reception will follow at the new Senior Citizens Center Banquet Hall at the intersection of SR 6 and Harvey Greene Drive, Madison. No local invitations are being sent, but all friends and relatives are invited to attend.

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## Obituaries

### Erma Jean Hisler

Erma Jean Hisler, 78, passed away June 8, 2013, in Naples.

Born Erma Jean Norris in Madison County on January 1, 1935, to the late Luther and Bessie (McGill) Norris, she married John R. Hisler in 1953 and they moved to Naples where they resided for 43 years and raised their four children. They relocated back to Madison County in 1996.

A loving wife, mother and homemaker, Erma Jean was predeceased by her husband, John R. Hisler, in 1998 and grandson, Lee Hisler Tye in 2004.

Erma Jean is survived by her children: John D. (Patty) Hisler, Deborah J. (Lane) Temple, Matthew W. (Sherry) Hisler; and Pamela I. (Bill) Denney; 15 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and brothers, James T. Norris, Edmond Norris and sister, Eurlene Norris, all of Madison County.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 20, 2013, at St. Johns Missionary Baptist Church, 5095 NW Lovett Road, Greenville, where she was a charter member.

Flowers or contributions can be made in Erma Jean's memory to St. Johns Missionary Baptist Church, 5095 NW Lovett Road, Greenville 32331.

### Frances Alvalean Arnold Johns Wade

Mrs. Frances Alvalean Arnold Johns Wade, born February 28, 1931, passed away Friday, July 12, 2013 in the Madison County Memorial Hospital.

Graveside funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Monday, July 15, 2013, at Mt. Horeb Cemetery in Pinetta with Rev. Elbert Cox presiding. The family received friends on Sunday from 6-8 p.m. at T. J. Beggs, Jr. & Sons Funeral Home in Madison (850) 973-2258.

Born in Pinetta, she had lived most of her life in Madison County except for a short time she lived in Hamilton County. She worked for Owens-Illinois Bag Plant and also managed Wade's Beach at Cherry Lake for many years. She loved to be outdoors farming and raising livestock, many times taking in sick calves and nursing them back to health. Known as "Ladybug," she had a family of friends at O'Neal's Country Buffet in Madison. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and had attended Pinetta Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by husbands, Edwin (Buddy) Johns and Pierce H. Wade, and a brother, Jimmy Arnold.

She is survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Linda Johns Bland and Jerry Bland of Pinetta; four sisters, Joyce Keene, Geraldine Killingsworth, and Jean Hart (Billy) all of Madison, June Champy (Harry) of Dalzell S.C.; and many nieces and nephews.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- July 19** The Madison STARZ 10U baseball team will hold be selling chicken and rice dinners for \$5 a plate and Boston butts for \$30 each to raise money to go to the Southeast Regionals in Charleston, S.C. They will be selling them on the Courthouse lawn this Friday.
- July 21** Jeslamb A.M.E. Church will be celebrating Family and Friends Day on Sunday, July 21, beginning at 11 a.m. The speaker will be Rev. Dr. Ervin Donaldson, Sr., of Lake City.
- July 21** LifeSong will appear in concert Sunday, July 21, at 11 a.m. at Bible Deliverance Church's Family and Friends Day.
- July 21-26** Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church, Madison, "Colossal Coaster World," begins at 5:30 p.m. each afternoon.
- July 21-26** Vacation Bible School at Cherry Lake Baptist Church, "Jungle Jaunt," from 6-9 p.m.
- July 28** LifeSong will sing at 10 a.m. at Sirmans Baptist Church and Troy Pickles will share his testimony that morning.
- August 3** Midway Church of God will host a peanut boil and a gospel sing featuring the Singing Reflectors, beginning at 6 p.m.
- August 9-10** Madison High School Red Devil Reunion. All Red Devils welcome. August 9, Red Devil BBQ. Social, 5 p.m., dinner, 7 p.m. Dancing, 8 p.m. Jellystone Park, with Tom and the Cats, \$30 per person. August 10, Golf Tournament, 8 a.m., \$37 per person. Lunch included. All Red Devil Reunion Celebration. Social, 5 p.m. Dinner, 7 p.m. Dancing, 8 p.m. Jellystone Park, with band, Daddy's Money. \$30 per person. For more information, call Martha at (850) 545-6274 or Liz (404) 926-4273.

## Letter To The Editor

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

### Fundraiser

Dear Editor,  
Madison County residents did themselves proud on Saturday, July 13, at the fundraiser for the new children's home chapel. The co-op center was crowded with hungry people enjoying dinner, buying baked goods, and preparing to bid at the auction. We had a terrific day.

The four churches want to thank those who helped us to a successful and profitable event. Donations for the auction came from the Pine Tree Quilters, Studstill's, Hilda and Jimmy Dixon, The Coffee Corner, The Madison Florist, Handyman Hardware, Farmer's Furniture, the Madison Vet Clinic grooming department, Hickory Grove United Methodist Church, and various ladies who baked luscious-looking cakes for bid. Auctioneer Ab Townsend kept the crowd's attention and garnered great benefit for the chapel.

Donations for the dinner included tomatoes from Tuten Farms, delicious desserts from the church ladies, chicken pilaf prepared by Elwyn McLeod and his crew, and a truckload of watermelons. Yum!

We appreciate Mike and Ruth Moore of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home being present to answer questions and provide information about progress at the facility site near Pinetta.

We especially appreciate the assistance of Deborah Brown, director of the Center, for her patience in our preparations and the event itself.

Special thanks to our entertainers: Tim McCray of Mt. Zion A.M.E., Jan and Sam Agner and the Williams Sisters. Their music helped keep the atmosphere bright and friendly.

We truly appreciate the assistance of the newspaper staff in getting our publicity straight and making it effective.

Very special thanks to all who came and participated in our efforts to build a chapel for the children. You made our day.

Thanks to our Lord, who blessed us with pleasant weather, amazing miracles, and the love that bound us together in this act of praise.

In God's love,  
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## Benches And Tree Pay Homage To Late Bernard And Betty Wilson

By Jacob Bembrly  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

On the west side of Four Freedoms Park stands a tree and a bench, which honor a former resident of Madison.

Bernard Wilson was not just any resident of the fair city. Originally from Bainbridge, Ga., he came to Madison from Wakulla County to serve as the manager for Florida Power. He also served as a Madison city commissioner, as the local civil defense director and as Veterans Service officer. He was also chosen as Madison County's Citizen of the Year.

In his role as the Veterans Service officer, Wilson shined. A World War II veteran who was on a bomber plane in the South Pacific near the close of the war, he made sure that every patriotic holiday was observed and became a shining example for Veterans Service officers that followed in his place.

Each year, Wilson would make sure that the flags of all 50 states, as well as the American flag, were on prominent display at the Courthouse. He made sure that several monuments were erected in the city, noting the service of men and women in different wars.

When Bernard and Betty Wilson began having health problems, their son, David, then the head football coach at Lincoln High School, found many of the columns that his father had written over the years. Bernard had written a column on military and veterans affairs. From time to time, he would highlight a different veteran from Madison County who had done something significant in the battle to keep the United States free.

On occasion, David and Bernard would come to the office, so David could look through the bound copies for his father's stories.

David began looking for information on the Bicentennial Tree that his father had planted in 1976. He went to the park to see the tree and discovered that it was not marked anywhere in the park. His father's memory was failing at the time so he could not tell him where it was.

David found the photo of the tree being planted in an old newspaper. Looking at the background of the photo, he was able to pinpoint the tree and its location in the park.

David was able to erect two benches in honor of his late parents and a marker, which notes the location of the Bicentennial Tree, planted in Jan. 1976.

The bench honoring both his parents is inscribed with 1 Corinthians 16:13-14, which reads: "Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love." (New King James Version) Betty Wilson stood by Bernard for over 50 years, brave and strong and loving him.

The bench which was placed in honor of Bernard reads: "Family, Faith, Community, Country," which were all near and dear to Bernard's heart.



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A marker notes that the Bicentennial Tree was planted in the Four Freedoms Park in Jan. 1976.



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A bench honors Bernard Wilson, inscribed with the words "Family, Faith, Community, Country."



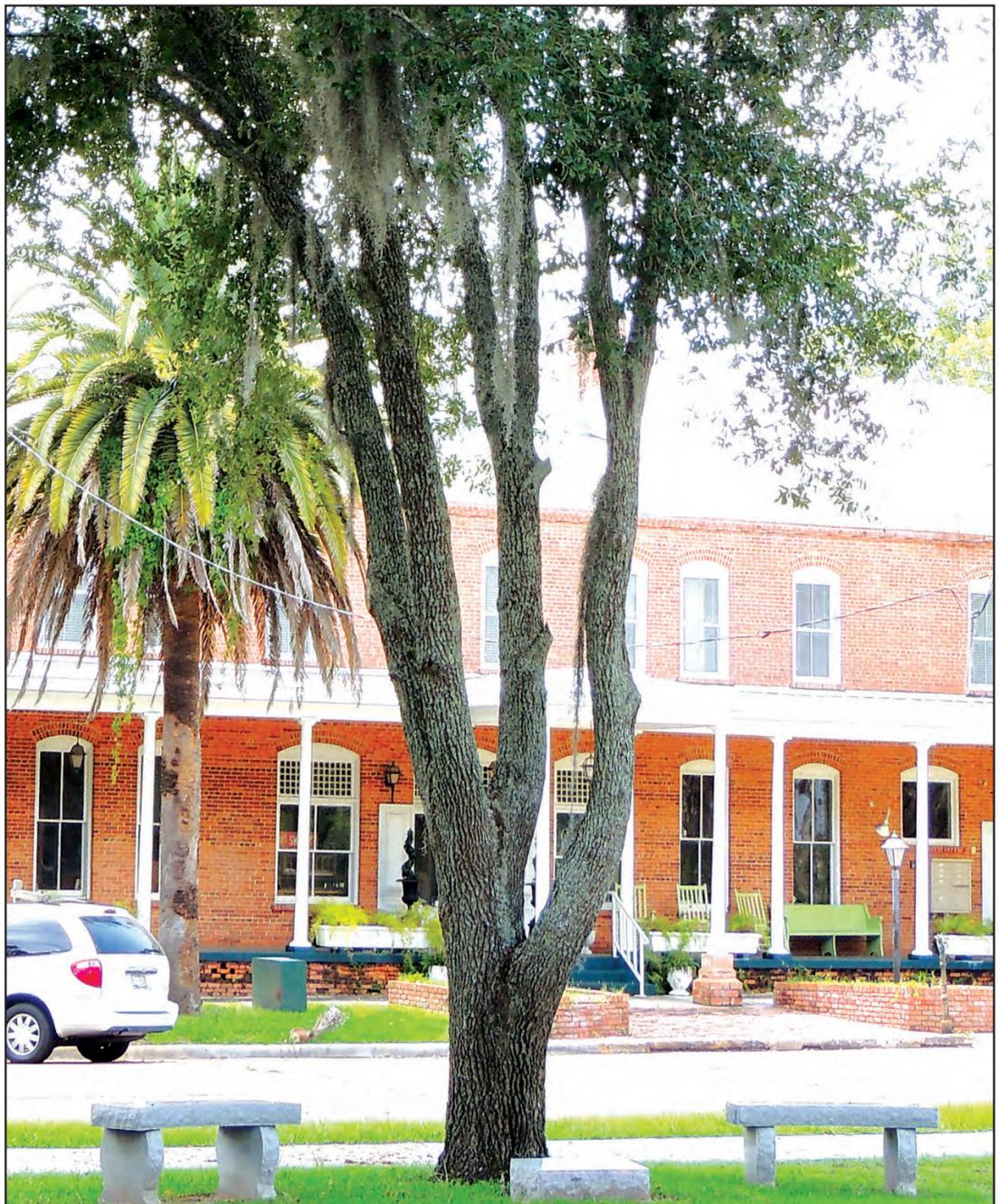
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A bench honors Bernard Wilson and his wife, Betty. It bears the inscriptions 1 Corinthians 16:13-14.

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The Bicentennial Tree, planted by Bernard Wilson, reaches its limbs heavenward.

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## Madison County High FCCLA Brings Home Gold

This past week, July 7-11, the Madison County High School FCCLA attended the National FCCLA Convention in Nashville, Tennessee. Students were chosen at the previous state conference to represent Florida at the convention in the following competitive events: Chapter Service Project, Focus on Children, and Illustrated Public Speaking. Chapter Service Project is a competitive event based in which students complete a community service project that is present to the judges through a ten-minute live presentation and a display board, complete with budget, proof of activities, planning process, and evidence of public relations. The students in this event were Lacey Clayton, Ali Patron, and Ryan Floyd. They received a gold medal and had the second highest score in the Southern Region. Focus on Children is a competitive event in which students complete a community service project that affects children, which is present to the judges through a ten-minute live presentation and a display board, complete with a planning process, proof of activities and knowledge of child development and evidence of public relations. The students in this event were Ashley Arnold, Amelia Blanton, and Courtney Strickland. They received a gold medal and were ranked in the top three teams in the Southern Region Illustrated Public speaking is a competitive event in which a student or team of students write and present a speech based on a Family and Consumer Science topic. The student is required to select a topic, prepare their speech with visuals to be used in the speech, and speak for up to ten minutes on this topic using various props and visuals. They must present the speech to at least three groups prior to competition. The student in this event was Sarah Baltzell. She received a gold medal in her event and received the highest score in the Southern Region. The students and their advisor, Robin Smith, would like to thank Madison County for its continued support this year with the various projects and activities of the chapter. They also are very grateful for the financial support from the community that made this trip possible. They would like to publicly thank the following business-

es and organizations for their support: Madison County Superintendent of Schools; Madison County School Board; Madison County faculty and staff; Madison County Kiwanis; Burnette Plumbing; Busy Bee; Day-



Photo Submitted

Members of the FCCLA who made the trek to nationals include: Front Row, left to right: Lacey Clayton and Ali Patron. Back Row: Ashley Arnold, Sarah Baltzell, Amelia Blanton, Courtney Strickland and Ryan Floyd.

light Salon and Spa; Farm Bureau; Farmer's Cooperative; Gordon Tractor; INDEPENDENT Green Technologies; Luci Strickland, ARNP; Madison Antiques; Madison Marble Works; Madison Veterinary

Clinic; Milliron Realty; North Florida Pharmacy; Stewart's Auto Service Center; Sunshine State Insurance; Tim Sanders; Tommy Hardee; TruSeal, LLC; Uphold's Feed and Seed; Vann Insurance.

## Review: Haunted Big Bend Florida

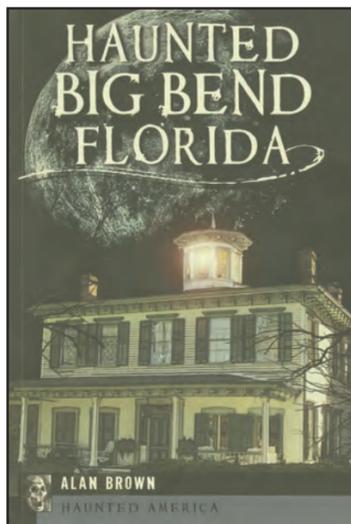
By Jacob Bemby  
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With its history filled with stories of ghosts at such locations as Stonewall Cemetery in Lee, the Drew Mansion in Ellaville and the Wardlaw-Smith-Goza house in Madison, the first thing that a Madison Countian may notice when picking up *Haunted Big Bend Florida* is that Madison County didn't make it in the book. The next thing one may notice, however is that plenty of counties around Madison did, including neighboring Madison County.

A good portion of the book is dedicated to the places that are alleged to be haunted in Jefferson County. Author Alan Brown takes the readers on a tour of the town, which was dubbed by ABC News as

"The Most Haunted Small Town in America" and by PBS as "The South's Most Haunted Small Town."

History is woven into the stories that Brown tells of East Dogwood Street, the Monticello Opera House, the John Denham Bed and Breakfast House (which is featured prominently on its cover with a full moon hanging over its cupola), the Avera-Clark House, the Old Jefferson County Jail, the



Old Jefferson County High School, the Meeting Oak, the Daffodale House and the Palmer House. Along with histories of each location, which is all too brief for my tastes, are the tales of ghastrly ghosts and friendly spirits, such as John H. Perkins, who built the Opera House.

This writer must admit that he doesn't believe the stories of ghosts that Brown relates throughout the book, but he does

find them entertaining and amusing. The book is light and breezy and easy to read.

In addition to the tales of Monticello, Brown also writes about sites in Tallahassee (such as the Velda Mounds and Florida State University) being haunted, along with sites from Apalachicola, Chipley, Franklin County, Gadsden County, Port St. Joe, Quincy, Sumatra, Washington County and Wewahitchka.

The book is available in paperback at local bookstores for \$19.99 or is available online at [www.history-press.net](http://www.history-press.net).

*Haunted Big Bend Florida* also retails as an e-book through Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Apple's iBookstore, Google's e-bookstore and Overdrive.

## A Tree Grows in Madison...Again

By Lynette Norris  
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Actually, it's a century plant, but it's easily as tall as any trees in the vicinity. Owner Carl Dean reckons that it is probably about 35 feet tall at this point.

This makes a total of two known century plants in bloom in Madison County. The other one is located at the Days Inn on South SR 53 near I-10, and was featured in the Wednesday, June 26 edition of the *Madison County Carrier*.

The plant in Dean's backyard is one he transplanted from Cherry Lake about 20 years ago. At the time, it was a small thing, only about a foot high.

Now, the leaves at the base reach almost five feet in height and are about five feet across. The central stalk began growing out of the center about two months ago, and after it reached its maximum height, it began

blooming.

Once a century plant blooms and disperses its seeds, its life cycle is complete. The central "mother plant" begins dying off, but often there are several "pups" sprouting up around the mother plant that will live on, grow to maturity, and when they sense that conditions are right for optimal seed dispersal, they too will send up stalks and bloom.

This is the case with Dean's plant. The big leaves around the base of the stalk are already beginning to turn yellow and brown in places, but there are several new shoots sprouting up around the central mother plant. After they reach ten years old, they will begin their wait. No one knows how many years that will be, but when the conditions are just right, they too will send up the giant stalks, bloom, disperse their seeds and die.

And so, the cycle begins anew.



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A closer view, looking up through the top, gives a better idea of what the blooming branches look like.



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Carl Dean stands at the base of the century plant in his backyard.

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## BUDDY Camp Held For Special Needs Children



Photo submitted by Leslie McLeod

Seven children on the autism spectrum blended in with eight neuro-typical children. Parents also went along for the BUDDY Camp.



Photo submitted by Leslie McLeod

Three of the buddies at BUDDY Camp help each other as they walk along.

By Jacob Bemby  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

A special camp was recently held called "BUDDY Camp." BUDDY stands for Building Understanding of Diversity with Dynamic Youth.

Seven of the children who attended the camp have autism. They blended in with eight other children. None of the families who are touched by autism had to pay for the camp because of the Artists Touched by Autism Event at North Florida Community College, the walk held in April and generous donations from the community.

The camp was a typical overnight camp which targeted skill sets for autistic and special needs youth. Be-

cause of the circumstances, parents had to attend the camp as well.

Leslie McLeod, who helped get the camp started, said, "I would like to say 'thank you' to all the community for their support. This could not have been possible without them. This made a huge impact on our children's lives. They built lifelong friendships. They were able to have the same opportunity as other children."

McLeod said that the walk and the art exhibit will be annual events, so that the Autism Support Kids (ASK) group can raise funds to send children to camp every year.

## Three Master Masons Receive Lambskin Aprons



Photo submitted

Three men received their lambskin aprons at the regular monthly meeting of the Masons at Madison Lodge Number 11 on Monday, July 8. Shown left to right are Tommy Hardee, James Bennett and Jay Lee after being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. On July 22, three more men will receive their aprons after being raised to Master Mason. There will be a covered dish dinner at 6 p.m., with the degree to follow. All Masons are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

## Madison Country Club Offers Five New Membership Options

The Board of Directors of the Madison Country Club recently unanimously approved five new membership packages at their recent Annual Meeting.

"I could not be more pleased with the new membership offerings now available at the

club," said Ted Ensminger, Director of Sales and Event Development at MCC. "We now have a membership package for just about everyone. For those who do not play golf, for those who are looking for an excellent social atmosphere, for those who enjoy tennis, even

for our young people who are just getting exposed to golf,"

Equity Golf Membership - The highest level of participation at Madison Country Club is called an Equity Golf Membership. It includes ownership of the club, full access and privileges, as well as the opportunity for the member to be involved in voting on club issues or the opportunity of serving on the board of directors. The initiation fee for this membership is \$500 until July 31, 2013. Beginning August 1, 2013, the initiation fee will increase to \$1,000 until the club reaches 100 Equity Golf Members. The initiation fee will then increase \$250 for every 25 equity members until 200 Equity Golf Memberships are reached. Monthly dues, plus tax, are required.

Family Golf Membership - The Family Golf Membership offers all of the privileges of the Equity Golf Membership with the exception of ownership, voting rights, and serving on the board. Family Golf Members enjoy full access to the country club, plus discounts on golf and building rentals. The Family Golf Membership is just a \$100 Initiation Fee plus monthly dues of \$70 plus tax.

Social Membership - This membership is for that person who wants a place to unwind after work or perhaps would like to enjoy the pool at the club. Social Members have access to the 19th Hole Lounge but this membership does not include tennis access or ownership or voting privileges. Social Membership is now

available for just a \$50 Initiation Fee plus \$50 dues per month plus tax.

Tennis Membership - This membership reflects the same benefits and cost as the Social Membership. This membership is currently available. However, all monies collected will be held in escrow until the renovation of the tennis courts is completed.

Junior Membership - Junior Memberships are now available for young people between the ages of 16 and 25 (Those under the age of 18 require parental approval). Junior Members pay just \$25 initiation fee and monthly dues of just \$25 plus tax. This membership offers juniors the same discount on golf that Equity Members receive, but does not offer access to other areas of the club.

Business Membership - This new membership will save money for those businesses who support golf in our community and who can take advantage of the Madison Country Club's banquet and meeting facilities. Membership is just \$500 annually.

All new members must be approved by the Madison Country Club Board of Directors and must agree to abide by the clubs Code of Conduct. Members are also responsible for the conduct of guests while at MCC.

For complete information about Madison Country Clubs new membership opportunities, or for answers to any questions, please contact Ted Ensminger at 850-973-6701 or email [yourplacetoplay32340@gmail.com](mailto:yourplacetoplay32340@gmail.com).

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## MCI K-9 Corps Finds Suspects And Missing People

By Jacob Bemby  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

If a prisoner has escaped or if a child or senior has gone missing, the Madison Correctional Institution K-9 team can help. With a total of nine bloodhounds housed at the prison, the dogs are raised from puppies and trained by Canine Sgt. Todd Richardson and his staff of Officers Darren Rye, Donnie Bass, Ben Pike, Jonathan Richardson and Justin Surles.

The dogs are trained to sniff out who they are looking for using various methods including:

- Scent identification, where there is a garment the person they are seeking wore.
- Casting, where they pick up the freshest scent.
- A known scent trail, where the person was spotted going in.

The dogs are trained in both rural and urban tracking.

The canines recently helped capture someone who fled Madison County Sheriff's deputies in the woods near Midway Baptist Church. They also were able to track and locate three suspects who robbed a store in Monticello.

The team is dispatched to locations in Madison County whenever the Madison County Sheriff's Office or Madison Police Department needs, as well as to law enforcement requests in surrounding counties and municipalities. Whenever they are called in by law enforcement, they are ready to go.



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Jacob Bemby, July 12, 2013

The Madison Correctional Institution K-9 team is ready to look for escaped inmates or respond to anything the local Sheriff's Office needs or any surrounding county or municipality. Pictured left to right are: Canine Officer Jonathan Richardson, Canine Sgt. Todd Richardson, Canine Sgt. Ben Pike, Canine Officer Donnie Bass, and Canine Officer Darren Rye. The K-9s with them are Nikki, left, and Duke.

## Back-To-School Shopping Getting In Full Swing

By Jacob Bemby  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

With students set to return to school on Aug. 19, back-to-school shopping is already getting in full swing. Some parents have set aside the Tax Free Weekend (the first weekend in August) to buy clothing and other items for their children.

According to a recent survey by [www.offers.com](http://www.offers.com), spending habits for parents will fall into the following categories:

- 21% will spend \$1-\$100
- 22% will spend \$101-\$200
- 21% will spend \$201-\$300
- 8% will spend \$301-\$400
- 16% will spend more than \$400
- 4% won't spend anything

• 8% are not sure what they are spending  
Eighty-five percent of the parents will be looking for deals on clothing, while 80 percent will be looking for deals on shoes.

Sixty percent of the parents will be looking for deals on school supplies, such as paper, pens and notebooks.

Fifty-seven percent of the parents will be looking for good bargains on backpacks.

Twenty-one percent will be looking for lower-priced computers and tablets, such as iPads and Kindle Fires.

Three percent will not be looking for bargains at all.

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## 14U Babe Ruth League All-Stars Finish Fourth In State

By Jacob Bemby  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The 14U Babe Ruth League All-Stars softball team had an awesome year, finishing second in District and fourth in State. During the district tournament held in Live Oak, the girls received a bye when Taylor County, who did not attend, had to forfeit. The team lost to Ft. White 5-2 in the next game, before beating Waldo 18-7 in a game called because of the mercy rule. The team lost 10-4 to Ft. White in the championship game.

At the state championship tournament in Ocala July 3-7, the team lost their opener against South Orlando by a score of 9-3 before drubbing Ocala in the next game by a score of 29-11.

The next game the girls played was against Wesconnett, out of Jacksonville. In a game that went into extra innings, the Madison team pulled out a 13-12 victory. The Madison girls had revenge on their mind in the next game and they got it against Ft. White, beating them by a score of 11-7.

The Cowgirls lost their second game of the tournament to Winter Park and were eliminated from the tournament, but finished fourth overall.

Greg Jennings, who coached the 14U All-Stars, said, "We would like to thank all of our sponsors and the community for their support and the help they gave us, as we were going down the tournament trail."



Photo Submitted

The Madison County 14U Girls Softball All-Stars who finished fourth in the state and their coaches were: Front Row, left to right: Caroline Jennings, Kenya Davis, Imani Boldin, Hannah Cooper, Haily Deihl, McKenzie Miller, and Iesha Aikens. Middle row, left to right: Shelbi Cooper, Camryn Strickland, Desirea Alexander, Haley Rogers, and Kelsey Odom. Back row, coaches, left to right: Kenny Davis, Mike Cooper, and Greg Jennings

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# AROUND MADISON COUNTY

## Madison Rotary Club Installs New Officers For Coming Year



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Outgoing Assistant District Governor Myra Regan of Live Oak, who assisted with the installation of Incoming President Wayne Conger, offers a few closing remarks, saying of that her term of service that, "It has been a privilege in getting to know so many people in clubs just like this one."



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President Wayne Conger(left) presents a plaque of appreciation to Outgoing President Scot Copeland(right) on behalf of the Madison Rotary Club.



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Morris Steen(left), the new board member in charge of the Rotary Foundation, is congratulated by President Wayne Conger(right).



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Jennifer Johnson(left), the new board member in charge of membership, is welcomed by President Wayne Conger(right).



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Newly installed Rotary President Wayne Conger(left) and President Elect Pete Bucher(right) share some light-hearted thoughts with fellow Rotarians.

By Lynette Norris

Greene Publishing, Inc.

The Rotary Club's final meeting for the month of June was also its final meeting for the year 2012-2013. Outgoing President Scot Copeland welcomed the large crowd, which included many members' spouses and friends invited for the occasion of Installation of



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President Wayne Conger(left) welcomes Darlene Hagan(right) as the new board member in charge of Club Service.

Officers, as well as two special guests, outgoing Assistant District Governor Myra Regan of the Live Oak Rotary Club, and incoming Assistant District Governor Mark Viola of the Perry Rotary Club.

In an interesting turn of history, it was the Perry Rotary Club that sponsored the Madison Rotary Club at its beginning, Nov. 18, 1948. The bell that the Madison Rotary uses to call its meetings to order is inscribed with the date and was presented to Madison Rotary by the Perry Rotary Club.

Several other officers and board members were continuing in their roles for another term, including Jim Catron as Secretary, Joe Boyles as the Sergeant-at-Arms, Rick Davis as Treasurer, Sean Alderman, board member in charge of Community Service, Mark Buescher, board member in charge of Vocational Service, and Janna Barrs, board member in charge of New Generations.

The Madison Rotary also thanked Past President and outgoing board member Brian O'Connell, who had served on the board as overseer of the Rotary Foundation.

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