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Special Budget Meeting
 Madison City Commission
“Praying For Rain”



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City Manager Tim Bennett (far right) prepares to deliver his presentation to the Board of City Commissioners as City Clerk Lee Ann Hall passes out charts, spreadsheets and other information. (Left to right) Commissioners Judy Townsend, Ina Thompson and Jim Stanley, all seated; Hall, standing behind a chair, and Bennett at the end of the table. Not pictured: Commissioner Rayne Cooks, just outside the left of the photo, and Commissioner Jim Catron, who attended via speakerphone.

By Lynette Norris
 Greene Publishing, Inc.
 “We’re kind of like farmers praying for rain,” City Commissioner Jim Stanley observed at one point, after a presentation that painted a rather gloomy picture for the city’s budget for FY 2013-2014.

City Manager Tim Bennett had called the special budget meeting to show the commission precisely where the city stood financially at the present, pulling up records of where it had been six years ago just before the recession hit, tracking the progress of an ever-growing short-fall year-by-year as Madison has struggled to balance its budget since then, and trying to project what might happen in the future if various scenarios played out.

The only item on the agenda was Bennett’s request that the commission consider raising the tentative millage rate (7 mils) that it had voted on

two weeks earlier – it would give him some breathing room in preparing budget options – but if not, he would prepare a budget draft dealing with the hand the commissioners gave him. He asked the board to keep an open mind as he walked them through a lot of detail about the city’s current financial situation, and proposed several ideas for dealing with both short-term and long-term budget challenges, while he prepared to “throw those ideas up against the wall to see if they stick.”

Facing a \$754,000 shortfall, Bennett had already prepared a “draft budget” based on the rolled-back millage rate of 6.1715 mils, that did not dip into the city’s

savings account (AKA the Water/Wastewater Contingency Fund), because the fund had already been drawn down in previous years from \$2.1 million to \$1.5 million. He also built into that budget draft an expected 15 percent hike in health care/insurance costs for city employees.

Theoretically, the savings account/contingency fund is there for emergencies only, but in past years, the city has had to hit on it to offset numerous unexpected expenses, like the Firefighter Pension Fund shortfalls for 2009 (\$42,300), 2010 (\$80,100) and 2011 (\$23,000), as well as the Police Department Pension shortfall in 2011 (\$17,100).

Additionally, there is the nearly \$40,000 sec-

ond floor renovation of the police department building that should be reimbursable from grant money, along with \$13,500 for Quickbooks hardware and software, replacing the city’s older, outdated finance/accounting software that was described as “a band-aid that kept falling off.”

There were also two large FY 2012-2013 transfers from the savings account (\$188,000 to the water/wastewater department and \$119,000 to the General Fund Budget).

“We’ve tapped the savings account just to make this year’s budget work,” said Bennett, explaining why he didn’t want to dip any further into the city’s savings. The best city management practices call for enough money in a contingency fund to cover three months’ operation. For Madison, that is about \$1.8 million, but the fund is already **Please See Rain On Page 3A**

County Commission Approves Tentative Millage Rate

By Lynette Norris
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 At the special budget meeting Friday, Aug 2, the Madison County Commission tentatively approved the millage rate for FY 2013-2014 at ten mils.

The new millage rate was due primarily to the Florida Legislature’s passing of new employer contribution rates to the Florida Retirement System, resulting in an additional \$268,000 the county must pay into the system for all its employees.

“They really just popped us with that this year,” said Clerk of the

Court Tim Sanders afterward. Passed on the last day of the legislative session, the hit was totally unexpected. There was no warning, or notification of any county officials that this was coming down the line.

“This will make an impact on counties large and small,” Sanders added, emphasizing that the new tentatively approved rate was due primarily in response to this “unfunded mandate.”

The first public hearing on the matter is Wednesday, Sept. 4, at 5 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex.

Counterfeit Money In Madison

By Jacob Bemby
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A Madison man ended up out ten dollars when he was reportedly handed a counterfeit \$10 bill for change at a local grocery store.

According to a Madison Police Department report, the victim said that he had gone to the grocery store and made a purchase with a \$20 bill. His change included a \$10 bill, which he was informed was counterfeit while he tried to buy gas at a convenience store.

The victim left the convenience store and returned to the grocery store, where he told them what had happened and asked them what they were going to do about it. **Please See Counterfeit On Page 3A**

Wallet And Pistol Stolen

By Jacob Bemby
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A man had his wallet and a pistol stolen when his car was broken into on Saturday, July 27.

According to a Madison Police Department report, Cpl. Eric Gilbert was dispatched to a residence on NE Shelby Extension regarding a vehicle burglary. When he arrived, he made contact with the victim who told him that his car had been broken into and that his wallet, as well as a .40 caliber Springfield pistol had been taken.

Sgt. Chris Cooks had earlier given Gilbert part of a wallet with the victim’s driver’s license inside earlier that day. He returned it to the victim when the call came in.

The victim said that he had left the passenger side door open and there was no damage done to the vehicle. The glove compartment had been gone through but there was nothing inside that was taken.

If you have any information on this crime, please call the Madison Police Department at (850) 973-5077.

Bus Struck

By Jacob Bemby
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While getting a tire changed at the 248-mile marker on Interstate 10, an unloaded passenger bus was struck by another vehicle.

According to a Florida Highway Patrol, Di-

anne Carrie Grinder, 61, of Robertsdale, Ala., was traveling west in the outside lane of the west-bound lanes of Interstate 10 at mile marker 248. At the same time, the bus was parked on the north shoulder of I-10.

Grinder’s 2011 Chevrolet CRZ drifted onto the north shoulder

where the bus was parked and the right side of it collided with the bus.

Grinder pulled onto the north shoulder 200 feet west of the collision.

No one was injured in the mishap.

FHP Trooper Nathan K. Stidham was the investigating officer.

Sheriff Wants to Revisit Interlocal Agreement

By Lynette Norris
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Madison County Sheriff Ben Stewart proposed that the County Commissioners form a committee to revisit and review the interlocal agreement that has the Sheriff’s communications office handling all the calls for both the Sheriff’s office and the Madison Police Department.

“There’s an issue here,” he told

the Board of County Commissioners. He was dealing with a communications center that was dealing with a very high volume of calls, as many as 150 a day, and up to sixty thousand 911 calls in a year.

“We need help,” he told the Commission. “The little room is buzzing all the time.”

Stewart has already met with City Manager Tim Bennett and Chief of **Please See Revisit On Page 3A**

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Local Weather

Wed 8/7 89/72 Scattered thunderstorms possible.	Thu 8/8 89/72 A few thunderstorms possible.	Fri 8/9 89/71 Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 70s.	Sat 8/10 90/73 Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.
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VIEWPOINTS & OPINIONS

National Security

RETURN TO THE PAST



Joe Boyles Guest Columnist

Last weekend in West Florida, an American hero died. His name was George Everett Day, but he was better known by his nickname "Bud." I don't know if he was the most decorated man from the Vietnam War, but he was certainly the most decorated airman - Medal of Honor, Air Force Cross, Silver Star ... really, too many (something like 70 awards and decorations) to mention in this brief column. In the world of fighter pilots, which is not a shy fraternity, Bud stood out above the rest in a quiet, confident way. He didn't have to tell anyone he was good; everybody knew it.

The story of Bud Day began in 1925 in Iowa. At 17 in the early days of World War II, he dropped out of school to join the Marine Corps as an enlisted man. Following the war and using the GI Bill as a member of the National Guard, he pursued the education he had earlier missed, earning a law degree. Now commissioned, Bud attended pilot training and became a fighter pilot, completing two combat tours in the skies over Korea.

Now he was at a crossroads - "do I continue to fly fighters for the Air Force or open a law office?" Flying won out and he became an early F-100 Super Sabre pilot. Actually over the next 15 years, he flew nearly all the "Century series" fighters, accumulating thousands of flying hours in single engine jets.

In 1967, Major Day went to Vietnam to fight in his third war before a planned retirement the following year. He was tasked to form a "Fast FAC (forward air controller)" program. Over South Vietnam, FACs flew slow propeller-driven aircraft to direct air support for ground units, but they couldn't survive against heavier air defenses in North Vietnamese airspace. The Misty FACs that Bud Day organized flew two-seat F-100F aircraft above 450 knots to direct attacking fighters against enemy targets.

In late August, while checking out a new pilot, Day's jet was shot from the sky not far from the demilitarized zone between the two countries. He was terribly injured, captured, then escaped, and nearly made it to safety after more than two weeks of escape and evasion. When he was recaptured, he underwent severe torture and imprisonment under inhumane conditions. Several months later, he arrived at a North Viet-

namese prison camp near death. Retirement would have to wait.

First his roommate Norris Overly began to nurse him back to health and then they were joined by a third prisoner in even worse shape. That man was Lt Cmdr John S. McCain III. Overly and Day began to treat their new addition, bringing him back from the brink of death. John McCain of future political fame would say that he learned indomitable will to overcome any adversity from Bud Day.

Bud Day endured more than five years of imprisonment as a POW. As an older man in his mid-40s, he was revered by his mostly younger contemporaries - "if Major Day can put up with this, I surely can." When he was repatriated in early 1973 to his beloved family and nation, he was repeatedly recognized, not only for his individual acts of heroism, but for his steadfast leadership under the most grueling circumstances.

Now, not only a free man but a senior colonel, it took Bud a year of surgeries and physical rehabilitation to return to flight status, this time as an F-15 pilot and vice commander of the 33rd Fighter Wing "Nomads" at Eglin AFB. You can't keep a good man down, especially if his name is Bud Day.

In 1977, Bud hung up his spurs with more than thirty years of service and retired to become a small town lawyer. One interesting case he took on became quite big. In the 1990s, the Department of Defense was planning to dump military retirees from their promised lifetime medical insurance into Medicare. Bud sued in federal court as a class action. Eventually the suit was dismissed but Bud had fought so tenaciously that public opinion forced Congress to address the situation with new legislation. The result was a secondary insurance program that retirees like myself enjoy to this day. Thanks Bud.

I last saw Bud in the summer of 1996 at Eglin during a presidential visit. Linda and I were seated just in front of him. I recognized him immediately and introduced my wife to him. He was gracious and humble, a great gentleman. I was star-struck - we both may have been colonels, but he was "the man."

Bud wasn't a big fellow in stature, but he was all heart. The warrior spirit coursed through his veins. A code of the Old West called for the hero to gallop toward the sound of gunfire. That was Bud Day. Whether it was an air battle, a prison cell, or a courtroom, Bud Day never backed down from a good fight. But even the greatest warrior finally wears down. Last week, Bud Day ended his fight and moved to higher ground. As Matthew records in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, "well done good and faithful servant."

Health & Wellness Tips

Did You Know...



Frank Nathan Executive Director Lake Park of Madison

The following is a list of the healthiest foods that you can eat. This food list will help you have an idea as to what foods are the best for your body.

Fruits

Apricots - Apricots contain Beta-carotene which helps to prevent radical damage and also helps to protect the eyes. A single apricot contains 17 calories, 0 fat, and one gram of fiber. You can eat them dried or soft.

Mango - A medium sized mango packs 57 MG of vitamin C, which is nearly your entire daily dose. This antioxidant will help prevent arthritis and also boost your immune system.

Cantaloupe

A cantaloupe contains 117 GG of vitamin C, which is about double the recommended dose. Half a melon contains 853 MG of potassium, which is nearly twice as much as a banana, which helps to lower blood pressure. Half a melon contains 97 calories, 1 gram of fat, and 2 grams of fiber.

Tomato - A tomato can help cut the risk of bladder, stomach, and colon cancers in half if you eat one daily. A tomato contains 26 calories, 0 fat, and 1 gram of fiber.

Vegetables

Onions - An onion can help to protect against cancer. A cup of onions offers 61 calories, 0 fat, and 3

grams of fiber.

Broccoli - Broccoli can help protect against breast cancer, and it also contains a lot of vitamin C and beta-carotene. One cup of chopped broccoli contains 25 calories, 0 fat, and 3 grams of fiber.

Spinach - Spinach contains carotenoids that can help fend off macular degeneration, which is a major cause of blindness in older people. One cup contains 7 calories, 0 fat, and 1 gram of fiber.

Grains, beans, and nuts

Peanuts and other nuts - can lower your risk of heart disease by 20 percent. One ounce contains 166 calories, 14 grams of fat, and over 2 grams of fiber.

Pinto beans - A half cup of pinto beans offers more than 25 percent of your daily foliate requirement, which protects you against heart disease. Half a cup contains 103 calories, 1 gram of fat, and 6 grams of fiber.

Skim milk - offers vitamin B2, which is important for good vision and along with Vitamin A could improve allergies. You also get calcium and vitamin D as well. One cup contains 86 calories, fat, and 0 fiber.

Seafood

Salmon - all cold water fish such as salmon, mackerel, and tuna are excellent sources of omega 3 fatty acids, which help to reduce the risk of cardiac disease. A 3 ounce portion of salmon contains 127 calories, 4 grams of fat, and 0 fiber.

Crab - is a great source of vitamin B12 and immunity boosting zinc. A 3 ounce serving of crab offers just 84 calories, 1 gram of fat, and 0 fiber.

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Searching For Ambrosia

Jamming It Up With Chicken



Rose Klein Columnist

For as much as I love to cook, many nights after coming home from work, I find myself with a bowl of cereal in front of me. Don't get me wrong, I actually adore my cereal for a quick evening meal, it's not too heavy on my nighttime tummy and I really do love how it tastes. Sometimes I even get creative and add several fruits or mix several cereals to design my "own" flavors, and hey, that's cooking on some level, right?

There are those evenings however; that I really want to taste a different food on my palate. I also have a strong desire to invest more creativity into my cooking than opening up a box. These are the times that cooking does more for me than simply feeding my hunger. When I have the time to experiment with food, I find that I can lose track of time. I become an experimental cook "in the zone." Cooking like this connects my past to my present. I take foods from my past (recipes or memories) and connect them with my current food loves and/or methods which then makes my cooking feel like an active experiment that satisfies not only my appetite, but satisfies my need to create and my need to nurture. These are the times where cooking satisfies my soul.

So, after working all day and coming home with a belly growling so loud it makes your dogs leave the room (yes, this has actually happened), who has time for those warm fuzzy feelings connected with that type of cooking? This is the jam that I found myself in last night. Thankfully I had the foresight to thaw chicken out the night before, so I had a main ingredient. A quick flip through my notebook of recipes and I pulled one out that I had tried before, but knew I wanted to change. The recipe was a jam-glazed chicken. I had already listed what I didn't like about it and went about trying to figure out how I wanted it changed. After a look around the spices and in the fridge, I had it. I seasoned the chicken breasts with salt, pepper and garlic. I placed the chicken in a hot cast iron skillet that I had put about 3 TB of ghee into. While the chicken was browning, I opened up a jar of peach and bourbon preserves that I had just made a few weeks ago and stirred in a few pinches of crushed red pepper. After both sides of the chicken were browned, I spread a thick coating of the preserves on top of the chicken and put the skillet into a 400-degree oven. It baked

about 30 minutes because my chicken pieces were medium size, but the 165 degree reading on my thermometer was my signal for doneness. The flavor? Fantastic! My passion, creativity and appetite were all satisfied, and in a fairly short amount of time. I'm going to share my "recipe" with you, but it won't look like a traditional recipe with set amounts and ingredients. I want you to have the joy of creating your own passionate food experience. Let me know how it turns



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Spicy Bourbon-Peach Chicken.

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Create-Your-Own Chicken with Jam

Chicken pieces (your favorite) or possibly even another meat

Bone-in or boneless (I used breast meat, but use pieces you prefer)

Spices (use one or several)

Salt, pepper, garlic, dill, rosemary, allspice, sage, cinnamon, tarragon, etc.

Fat (your choice)

Ghee, butter and veg. oil mix (butter by itself will burn), olive oil, bacon grease

Jam or Preserves (those listed go well, but try whatever you like)

Peach, cranberry, lemon, grapefruit, orange, apricot

Jam Mix-ins (spices, fresh herbs, fresh garlic, wine, liqueurs, bourbon) - optional

Season chicken with spices (I used about 2 teaspoons for 3 pieces chicken)

Place seasoned chicken into a heated cast iron skillet or oven-proof casserole that has about 1 TB of fat per piece of meat (you can use less if you're using a non-stick skillet).

Brown chicken on both sides. When chicken is browned, spread jam on top.

Bake uncovered until chicken registers 165 degrees with a thermometer. Eat with abandon.

Note: If you've never used Ghee, it's great to fry with because it has a high smoke point, meaning it breaks down slower and takes more heat before it will begin to smoke. Ghee is clarified butter that has been heated and simmered until the water and milk fat separate. This creates a buttery oil that has the quality above, yet still gives the buttery flavor.

Note of Admission: one bowl of cereal was consumed while deciding what to cook. (optional)

To contact me about recipes or to let me know about your food experiments, you can email me at rose@greenepublishing.com.

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below that level, with more hits expected.

In the face of slow or flat economic growth, Madison has seen a fall in revenue in several areas, including a fall in revenue for natural gas, as fewer and fewer customers use it. People cut back in other areas as well, which have had an effect on city revenues, but expenses have gotten bigger. One of the biggest chunks of rising expenses is the city's aging infrastructure; whenever city crews have to tear up a street to repair broken pipelines, for instance, there is not only the pipeline repair cost, but also the additional expense to patch up the street afterwards.

Another major budget crunch area is the 24/7 fire and police protection for a small town like Madison, which has a larger than average police force (15 officers) when compared to towns of similar size. For instance, the slightly larger towns of Umatilla, Port St. Joe and Chipley have eight, seven and 11 officers respectively, and not as many police vehicles.

The ideas "bounced off the wall" included reducing the number of personnel in the police department by two (\$110,000 savings) the water department by one (\$36,000) and public works department by one (\$36,000). For the second floor police building renovations, ideas included the delay of furniture, upfitting and utilities for one FY (\$21,500). Other savings for the Madison P.D. included delaying the lease of a new police chief vehicle for one fiscal year.

Other ideas: have firefighters and police officers assume a greater share of payment into their retirement funds; sell the Woman's Club Building to the Woman's Club for \$1, eliminating the need to install a \$15,000 sewer connection; reduce leave buy-back to 50 percent of leave available; reducing overtime by one-third; reducing allocations to the Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Council and Senior Citizen's Center by half, raising fees charged for city services, refinancing wastewater bonds, competitive

bidding for things like pest control and banking services, and outsourcing of others.

"These ideas are all painful," he acknowledged. "Some less painful than others."

In the meantime, he also wanted to look for ways to reduce spending in any of a myriad of small ways that might come up in the day-to-day operations, perhaps by having all expenditures over \$500 come through him. "It might be that we can save a penny here and a penny there," he said. "After a while, those pennies mount up."

In summing up the presentation, Bennett presented a chart showing the additional revenues that would be brought in, and what that would mean to individual homeowners if city's tax rate were higher; say, 7.5 mills, or even the uncharted territory or 8 or 8.5 mills.

The City Commission discussed the options, but ultimately felt that a time of no economic growth was not a good time to raise taxes on peo-

ple; the tentative millage rate would remain at seven mills.

Nor was the commission willing to actually lay off anyone, preferring to reduce the number of personnel a little more painlessly, by attrition. The next time someone retires or leaves the city's employ, they agreed to look long and hard at the position being vacated to see if the city could manage without it for a while.

Bennett said he would then prepare the draft budget based on seven mills, but reminded everyone that rate hikes, tax hikes or other hard choices would be inevitable sooner or later, simply because the current imbalance between revenue and expenditures could not be sustained indefinitely.

It was a gloomy budget outlook overall, but not without a moment or two of levity. In reference to Commissioner Stanley's earlier remark about praying for rain, he deadpanned, to a round of chuckles, that, "Maybe that's not such a bad idea, so that crop of money trees will come in."

Counterfeit

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The manager of the store explained to Officer Reggie Alexander that there are always people going into the store and saying they have bogus bills from the store, but the store is not able to swap a good bill for a bad one.

Alexander informed the victim that this was a civil issue and to contact the store's headquarters.

The counterfeit \$10 was collected to be turned over to the Secret Service.

Revisit

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Police Gary Calhoun, and said that although he realized that there might not be anything anyone could do be cause of regulations and so forth, he at least wanted to issue looked at and addressed somehow. He now has numbers and data on the amount of calls coming in, and "I want people to see that."

Commissioner Ronnie Moore said that he was open to reviewing the interlocal agreement. Interlocal agreements were meant to be reviewed and revisited from time to time, he believed, "because times change."

Stewart agreed that times did indeed change. When he signed off on the agreement in 2009, it was a workable agreement, with nowhere near the volume of calls that were coming in at the present time.

County Commission Okays Cattle Battle Venue

By Lynette Norris
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The Third Annual Cattle Battle is slated for October 23-26 this year, and Opie Peavy told the County Commission that already there was significant interest in the show, with people from all over the state, and Georgia as well, making inquiries.

Since it's never too early to start making plans, Peavy was addressing the Commission to requesting their permission to allow the show to once again use the "cattle barn" at the Ag Center.

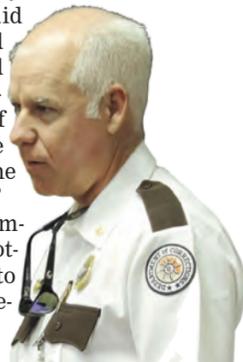
"Last year, 64 cows came to the show, and only about 10 of those were local," said Peavy. "The show brings in a lot of out-of-town folks."

The cattle themselves are all 4H and FFA projects, so Madison County not only brings in many out-of-town visitors with the show, it also supports

youth programs and young people involved in agriculture.

"We need y'all's support," said Peavy. "And we need y'all's blessing for use of the cattle barn for the Cattle Battle."

The Commissioners voted 5-0 to approve the request.



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Opie Peavy addresses the County Commission about using the cattle barn for the Third Annual Cattle Battle. The Commission unanimously approved Peavy's request.

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World News
By Rose Klein

Grandmother Elephant Takes Over Nursing Mother's Newborn

In Ramat Gan, Israel, A grandmother elephant of 25, La Petite, is nursing her daughter's newborn. Zoo officials are concerned that the bonding between the seven-year old mother, La Belle, and baby may be affected and that La Petite may be overstepping her boundaries. Officials are reluctant, however to intervene because La Petite is pregnant and they are afraid that interference could endanger her pregnancy. Officials also think that La Belle could be feeling overwhelmed, being that this is her first live baby. Her previous pregnancy ended with a miscarriage. This makes officials believe that the grandmother may actually be helping her daughter, instead of interfering.

Laboratory Grown Hamburger Cooked and Eaten On Television

In London, a five-year science experiment ended with a "hamburger" being cooked and eaten on television. The beef patty was grown in vitro from cattle stem cells. John Schonwald, a known food writer, said the patty had an "animal protein cake-like quality" and "lacked fat." The Dutch scientist who created the cultured beef said, "It's a pretty good start." His aim is to show that future meat will not necessarily have to come from the costly rearing and slaughtering of millions of animals, and will help with increasing meat production demands and the environment. The burger was created by knitting together 20,000 strands of laboratory-grown protein that was combined with ingredients normally associated with burgers, such as bread crumbs, egg powder and salt with red beet juice and saffron for color.

Colony Of Baboons Suffer From Unknown Depression

A Netherlands zoo has reported that a colony of 112 baboons appear to have simultaneously developed depression. They are refusing food and unwilling to groom. The officials are stumped as to why the baboons are now, for most of their day, sitting motionless with their backs towards the zoo visitors. A further mystery is that it's the fourth time this has happened in the zoo. Wjlbren Landman, zoo biologist, said the baboons were in the same state in 1994, 1997 and 2007. This hasn't happened at other zoos, but it has been seen in the wild where baboons will become upset after being challenged by a predator. Landman claims there are no predators on the baboon island. He did say that some recovery appears to have slowly begun among the baboons.

Woman And Son Removed From Bus For Lack Of Exact Change

In Montreal, a 24-year old woman and her son were kicked off a bus and given a \$219 fine for not having the exact change for their bus fare. The woman, Pauline Tantost, said she tried to pay the \$3 fare with a \$5 bill. The bus driver refused the bill and warned her she could be fined if she remained on board without a bus ticket. Tantost refused to leave because she said she was trying to get home with her son, who had just had a lengthy stay in Montreal Children's Hospital. Shortly after, inspectors met and boarded the bus, and asked for her ticket. Mother and son were escorted to the sidewalk and left with the \$219 citation. Tantost has filed a formal complaint over the incident.

AROUND MADISON COUNTY

Obituaries

Gloria G. Zollner



Gloria G. Zollner, beloved wife, mother and grandmother age 76, passed away Thursday, August 1, 2013, at Madison County Memorial Hospital.

She was born in Queens, N.Y., and was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, John Zollner; her children, Robert, Denice, Ruthann, Sherrie, and Gloria. She also had 17 loving grandchildren and 8 loving great grandchildren.

We love you and miss you, but as you would say, "Take Care."

Beggs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangement. 850-973-2258.

MMA Action And The Stars Of Swamp People Invade Live Oak!



XSE Live is excited to announce the return of Jay Paul and RJ Molinere from History's hit TV show The Swamp People - for a very special meet and greet as part of MMA Unleashed taking place August 9th in Live Oak at the Suwannee County Coliseum.

Jay Paul & RJ were part of the hugely successful (and sold-out) kickoff of MMA Unleashed in June - Check out exclusive highlights from the Punta Gorda debut event right here - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1pBX3Zt2Jjs>.

Here's more about the Father-Son team of RJ and Jay Paul Molinere, who between them have over 50 years of experience of hunting one scariest killing machines in the whole world.

RJ is a Houma Native American and a strong competitor at whatever he does. He is regarded as the world's best alligator hunter at 154 lbs. He is a 4-time World Champion arm wrestler, and a 2-time Arnold Classic Arm wrestling Champion. RJ has lived most of his life off of the lands

resources trapping, shrimping, crabbing, and alligator hunting. He is a devoted husband, father, son, brother, grandfather and uncle to many special people.

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Where: Suwannee County Coliseum
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August 13 One night revival, Lee Worship Center, begins at 7 p.m. Lee Worship Center is located at 471 SE Magnolia Drive in Lee.

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.

August 15 Madison County Central School will hold an open house on Thursday, Aug. 15, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for grades Pre-K through eighth.

November 1 Members of the Madison High School Class of 1973 are planning a class reunion to be held December 27-29, 2013. The committee is asking that all class members please contact one of the persons listed below to express your interest in participating in the reunion and receive further information. The registration deadline is November 1, 2013. To register, or for more information, please contact: Mary Frances Mauldin, mauldinm73@gmail.com; Sharon James Postell, goldenlife59@gmail.com, (850) 973-6200; Renetta Warren Parrish, renetta.parrish@yahoo.com, (850) 464-0610; Jerome Wyche at (850) 464-0196. Bruce Smith at (850) 464-0196. Bruce Mack, fwormack@yahoo.com.

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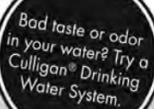
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AROUND MADISON COUNTY

Saint Leo University's Elementary Education Program

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing, Inc.

With a two-year community college in Madison County, there was also a need in the community for some educational entity that would provide four-year programs for its graduates. When Saint Leo University opened its Madison Education Center on the NFCC campus, it offered the community college graduates a chance to complete four-year degrees and prepare for a career, or for further education elsewhere. Students who could not afford to live away from home and pay for an education too, or who, because of family or other obligations could not leave their home communities, were now afforded an opportunity they would not otherwise have had.

Dr. Brian O'Connell, Assistant Professor of Education at Saint Leo's Madison Center, and a recipient of the CITE Award (April 2013) for excellence in online instruction and administration, spoke to the Madison Rotary Club about the impact Saint Leo's has had on the community of Madison through just one of its programs: elementary education.

Saint Leo's Elementary Education program is a state-approved Teacher Education program, and when students finish, they are immediately qualified for Florida certification in grades K-6, including the ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) endorsement and Reading endorsement. The ESOL consists of two semesters of courses and a comprehensive in-class exam, and the Reading endorsement requires three semesters of reading instruction courses and completion of a Reading Impact project.

Graduates have also spent three semesters in practicum placements in local schools and have completed a 16-week full time assignment in a student teaching internship. They must pass a general knowledge test of math, reading, English, and essay, a subject area exam in K-6. They must also attend one professional education conference.

In terms of preparedness, Saint Leo graduates have spent two years in the elementary education environment in the county where they live, whether that is Madison County or any of the other five surrounding counties served by NFCC/Saint Leo.

In terms of benefit to the community, "We

harvest folks from local communities and provide home-grown teachers," said O'Connell. "Homegrown teachers tend to stay. They have continuity with the community. People will stay in a community they care about."

"For many of the students, were it not for the possibility of getting their degree in Madison, they would not be teachers," he added. "It's a degree that cannot be gotten online."

It is a course of intense work and study, and after the first semester, some students will decide that it is not for them. But of the Education Majors who begin their second semester of coursework at the Madison Center, 90 percent complete the degree. For the last three years, graduates have found 100 percent employment, and since 2007, the Madison Center has produced 111 certified teachers.

For more information about the Madison Center and the programs it offers, visit the website at www.saintleo.edu/education-centers/locations/madison-education-center.aspx or call the Madison Center at (850) 973-3356. The Madison Center is also on Facebook.



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Dr. Brian O'Connell of Saint Leo University's Madison Center talks about the center's Elementary Education program, one of several four-year degrees offered.

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Auto Parts Building Becomes American Legion Post

By Jacob Bemby
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Outside the building, one can see the faded NAPA sign, but walking through the building in Greenville, there is little left to remind one that the building once housed car parts. There are some pegboards left on the walls, which once held fan belts and hoses or screws and bolts, but not much else.

When one walks through the doors, one can look to his immediate right and see the area where Preston Gainey holds his smoking cessation lessons every Tuesday evening. The area also holds the place where Veterans Service officer Oliver Bradley meets with veterans who need to discuss concerns or benefits with him every Thursday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Right behind this area is the office space, rented by Southern Habitats, owned by Joe and Kathy Reams, which is a reforestation program, which helps replant wetland plants disrupted by any state construction program.

On the right is the room, where the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary hosts their

meetings. They had been meeting in the homes of different ladies in the auxiliary. They now have a central meeting place.

Standing in the building's foyer, if one walks straight ahead, they walk into the American Legion Hall. It replaces the space in the Scott Realty Office, which had served as the Post's hall.

To the immediate left when one walks into the hall, they can turn and walk into the office of Post Commander Roy Scott.

On the far left walls in the hall, there are two restrooms, one a women's restroom, the other a men's restroom.

The whole building is furnished throughout with furniture that came from Florida State University, which Scott explains that he purchased at auctions, which are held on even months on the Tallahassee campus.

Scott also points out that the paint that was used is recycled paint that the Post got from Leon County. Every Thursday, Leon County offers recycled paint to anyone who wants it. According to demand, they can get either one or two five-gallon buckets of the paint.



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American Legion Post Commander Roy Scott sits in his office at the newly renovated American Legion Hall, which was formerly NAPA Auto Parts in Greenville.

The appliances in the kitchen part of the post have all been donated, as has much of the labor.

Scott said that soon there would be floor covering in the building and that Joe Reams will do some landscaping. Already Scott has planted some hardy lantana flowers right outside the building.

The American Legion Post, a few paid part-time workers and many volunteers have transformed the former NAPA Auto Parts into a great place for the Post to meet.



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A pegboard inside is one of the few reminders that the building once was used for an auto parts business.



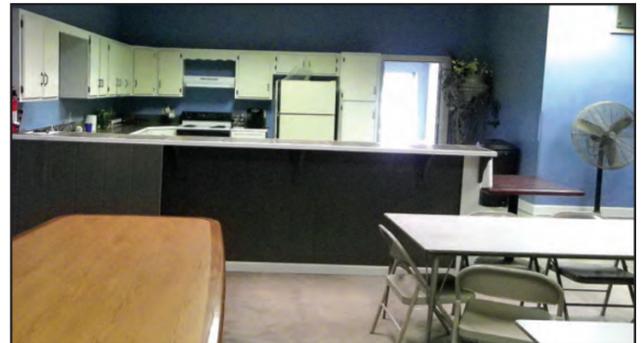
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The faded sign outside shows that the building once housed NAPA Auto Parts.



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The desk for the head of the Ladies Auxiliary in the American Legion meeting hall.



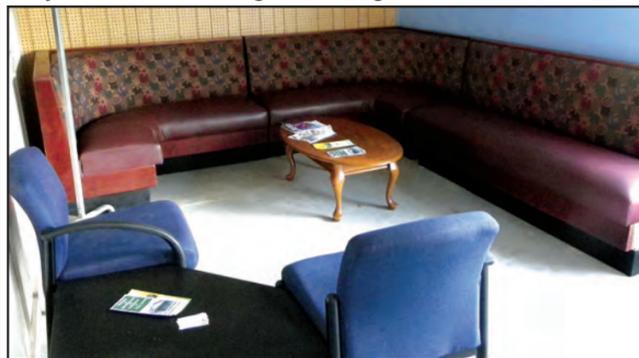
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The kitchen in the American Legion meeting hall.

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The foyer inside the American Legion Hall. Preston Mathews teaches smoking cessation meetings there on Tuesday evenings and Veterans Service Director Oliver Bradley meets with Greenville-area veterans on Thursday mornings.



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The Ladies Auxiliary for the Greenville American Legion now have their own meeting room. Previously, they had alternated between different homes of the ladies.

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AROUND MADISON COUNTY

Dog Days Of Summer

By Rose Klein
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Summer is here and with it, lots of opportunities for you and your pet to be outdoors. Time off from work may mean vacation or more walks and playtime outside for you and your pet. But, just like you, your dog or cat may need a little downtime after too much fun in the sun. Dr. John Lewis at the Madison Veterinary Clinic offers these tips in caring for your animals during the summer.

Heat Stroke – Make sure your pet has plenty of shade if they are outside and that they have plenty of fresh drinking water to prevent hydration. A doghouse is not suitable shade because the inside of a house will actually trap any cool air available and can cause the dog to overheat. If possible, a shady spot where a dog can dig is ideal. Monitor your dog if you take them for a walk or go hiking. Avoid times during the middle of the day that is the hottest. If you see your dog drooling or weaving, stop and cool them down immediately, these are signs of heat stroke. A side note to walking: avoid asphalt and concrete as it can burn your dogs paw pads. Lastly, special care should be given to short-muzzled dogs, such as pugs and Boston terriers or cats such as Persians.

Car Rides – Taking your dog with you on short rides or errands is great for the dog, but not when it comes to leaving them in a parked car. Even with the windows down, the temperature inside a car can reach up to 100 degrees in a matter of minutes. After 30 minutes, the temperature can be over 120 degrees, and can cause irreversible organ damage and death. Never leave your animal in a parked car, even for a few minutes.

Snake Bites – Keep your dog safe on walks by keeping them on a leash. Allowing your dog or cat to roam freely puts them at risk for snakebite. Rattlesnakes and cottonmouths are prevalent in Northern Florida, so be on guard any time you're out for a walk, especially near ponds. If your dog or cat is bitten, get them to a vet immediately. Your veterinarian can administer anti-venom if necessary, but for it to be the most effective, your pet should have the anti-venom one to four hours after the snakebite.

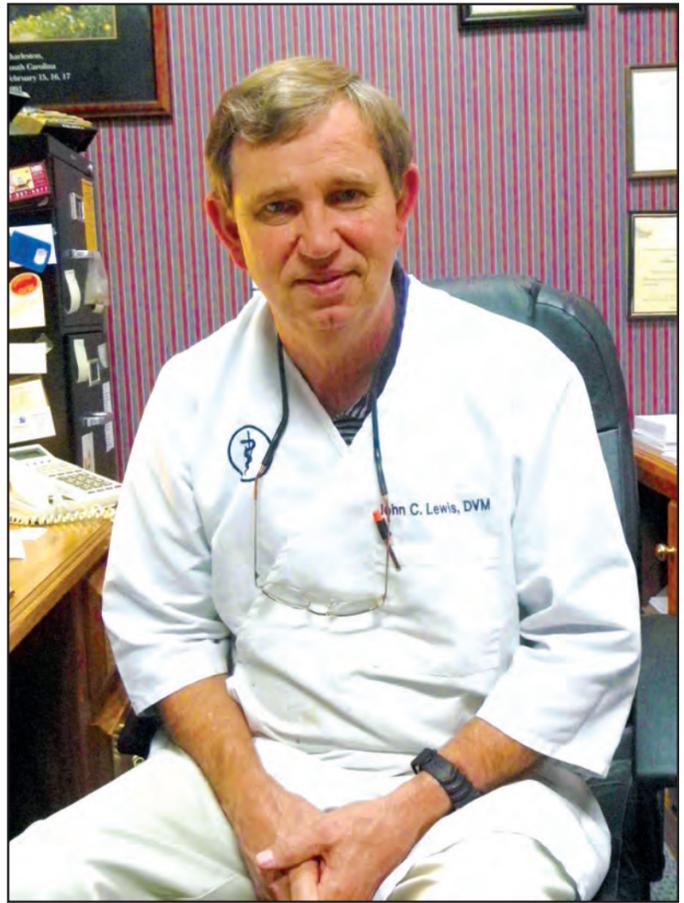
Insect Bites/Stings – Bees, wasps and yellow jackets cause an increase in bites and stings for pets during the summer. The severity of symptoms from a sting depends on the response from the animal and number of bites they take. If there were multiple stings, it could cause your pet to have respiratory

problems, from mild to severe. Insect bites and stings are typically treated with antihistamines.

Fleas and Ticks – Keeping your pet free from fleas and ticks during the summer can be a full-time job. Flea problems can be the most aggravating and hardest to control for pet owners. A common thought is that cold weather will "kill off" fleas, but this unfortunately is not the case. Flea eggs can remain dormant up to one year. When the increased temperatures and humidity of summer comes, those dormant eggs will hatch. Dr. Lewis says that fleas may seem to prefer one pet to another, however all pets in the household should be treated, as well as the entire environment. When treating your pets for fleas, he says what appears to be most effective right now for dogs is Comfortis and Trifexis. In treating ticks, the Preventix collar has had good results. For cats, he really likes Revolution, not only for its effectiveness but also because it is topical. He goes on to say that Comfortis is good too, but only if your cat is good at taking pills.

Summertime Travel – Carsickness is the most common complaint when pet owners take their pets with them on vacation. Dr. Lewis says this can be caused by motion sickness or from anxiety. Motion sickness can be treated with medications that you can get from your veterinarian. If your pet has anxiety from being in the car, medication can help this as well, but for a long-term solution, behavior modification is required. Gradually increasing your pet's time in your vehicle can help them adjust or you might even consider seeing an animal behaviorist for further help if necessary.

Thunderstorm Phobia – Summer in Florida brings summer rain and with that, thunder. Many pets are fearful of thunder and if not addressed, can result in damage to the house, or injury to themselves, when left alone. There are several possibilities when treating thunderstorm phobia. Tranquilizers and anti-anxiety medications that



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Dr. John Lewis at Madison Veterinary Clinic helps owners with summer time pet issues.

you obtain from your veterinarian, can be given for a short-term solution, but will not solve the overall issue. Products that you can purchase, such as a "Thunder Shirt" that is purported to comfort your dog or cat during the storm or sprays and plug-ins that emit pheromones that soothes your pet, are a possibility, but have mixed results. A more permanent solution is behavioral modification, gradually exposing your pet to thunderstorm noise that could allow them to adapt overtime.

Armed with these tips from Dr. Lewis, and a little help from your veterinarian, you and your pet can safely and happily enjoy summer.

Sheriff's Office To Offer Concealed Carry Weapons Class This Saturday

Submitted by Inv. Mark Joost

The Madison County Sheriff's Office will be offering an Intermediate Pistol Course for citizens from 2 p.m. until approximately 8:30 on Saturday, Aug. 10. This six-and-a-half course is designed to build a winning foundation for basic concealed carry weapon courses. It will also benefit anyone who desires to increase their knowledge, confidence and ability to prevail in a violent confrontation. There are many fine N.R.A. instructors facilitating concealed carry weapon classes locally and throughout our nation. Many of us take it serious to prepare law abiding citizens for the dynamics of armed confrontations. I consider this a team effort with all of my fellow N.R.A. instructors. My concern remains with the brief gun show type courses. Although many of these instructors may be presenting their material in a professional manner, and may meet the state requirement within a few hours, citizens often leave these gun show type courses more confused than before they started or they are completely unaware of very important issues. Our courses are attempting to offer instruction in areas that statistics show to be extremely important. We want to assist good people in be-

coming aware and prepared. It is up to individuals to make the choices that are best for them. Our concealed carry weapon course helps you establish a winning foundation. This intermediate course will provide additional skills we consider a necessity to win mentally, physically and spiritually. Some of the skills we will cover in this course include:

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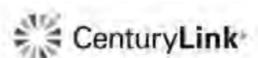
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
Plaintiff,
vs.
DERRICK WEST, et al.,
Defendant(s).

CASE NO.: 40-2010-CA-000452
DIVISION:

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated July 23, 2013 and entered in Case No. 40-2010-CA-000452 of the Circuit Court of the THIRD Judicial Circuit in and for MADISON County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA is the Plaintiff and DERRICK WEST; LISA BROWN; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at West Door of the MADISON COUNTY COURTHOUSE 125 SW RANGE AVENUE at 11:00AM, on the 25 day of Sept., 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

A PORTION OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT A REBAR MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SOUTHWEST 1/4; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 11 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SOUTHWEST 1/4 A DISTANCE OF 366.86 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER AND POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PARCEL; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 192.41 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 22 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 85.22 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 09 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 193.72 FEET TO SAID NORTH LINE; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 11 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 85.21 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH:

LOT 12 - A PORTION OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT A REBAR MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SW 1/4; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 11 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SOUTHWEST 1/4 A DISTANCE OF 281.66 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER AND POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PARCEL; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 191.10 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 22 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 85.22 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 09 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 193.72 FEET TO SAID NORTH LINE; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 11 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID NORTH LINE A DISTANCE OF 85.21 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

LESS AND EXCEPT: A PORTION OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

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ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS ONE PARCEL.

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TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON AS A FIXTURE AND APPURTENANCE THERETO: 2006 GENERAL MANUFACTURED HOME, VIN# GMHGA40633756A & GMHGA40633756B.

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Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on 7-24-2013.

Tim Sanders
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Roman Dickson
Deputy Clerk

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

CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
JOHN W. SULLIVAN, et al.,
Defendant(s).

CASE NO.: 40-2009-CA-000381
DIVISION:

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated July 23, 2013 and entered in Case No. 40-2009-CA-000381 of the Circuit Court of the THIRD Judicial Circuit in and for MADISON County, Florida wherein FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, is the Plaintiff and JOHN W. SULLIVAN; KATHERINE SULLIVAN; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 125 SW RANGE AVENUE, MADISON, FL West Door of the MADISON COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 28 day of August, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 6 EAST, MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA AND RUNNING WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHEAST BOUNDARY OF COUNTY ROAD NO. 150, THENCE RUNNING SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG THE SOUTHEAST BOUNDARY OF COUNTY ROAD NO. 150 IN ARE CONCAVE TO THE SOUTH TO A POINT ON THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF COUNTY ROAD NO. 150 WHERE A CERTAIN PRIVATE ROAD RUNNING TO THE SOUTHEAST BEGINS; THENCE RUNNING PARALLEL ALONG A 60 FOOT EASEMENT ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE PRIVATE ROAD TO A POINT, THENCE FOLLOWING A LINE PARALLEL TO THE MEANDER OF SAID PRIVATE ROAD CONCAVE TO THE NORTH, THENCE TO THE CENTERLINE OF SAID PRIVATE ROAD AND RUNNING SOUTHWEST TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 6 EAST, THENCE NORTH ALONG THE WEST, BOUNDARY OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND ALL LYING IN, AND BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 6 EAST, MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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Clerk of the Circuit Court

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

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
CHARLES P. RICHTER; HEATHER R. RICHTER; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS

CASE NO.: 40-2012-CA-000246
SEC.:

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated 7-23-13, entered in Civil Case No. 40-2012-CA-000246 of the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit in and for Madison County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on 22 day of August, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. at the Front door of the Madison County Courthouse, 125 SW Range Avenue, Madison, Florida 32340, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to wit:

A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN LOT 105, CHERRY LAKE FARMS, SUBDIVISION NO. 2, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE C, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 105, SAID POINT LYING ON THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY OF STATE ROAD NO. 53, AND RUN NORTH 16 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST ALONG RIGHT OF WAY, A DISTANCE OF 209.49 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING; CONTINUE NORTH 16 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY, A DISTANCE OF 150.81 FEET TO THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY OF POST ROAD, THENCE NORTH 72 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 56 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY, A DISTANCE OF 210.00 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY, RUN SOUTH 16 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 03 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 150.55 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 72 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 210.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.73 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

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MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA

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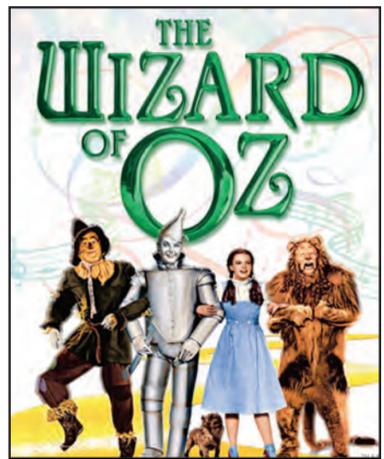
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For more information about the production, contact Denise Bell at (850) 973-9481 or belld@nfcc.edu. *The Wizard of Oz* tickets are on sale now in the NFCC College Advancement Office (Bldg. 32, NFCC campus). For more information or to purchase tickets call (850) 973-1653 or email news@nfcc.edu.



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world of dance for the first time to the seasoned performer there is sure to be a class for everyone.

Becky Robinson, the owner and Director of Becky's Dance Steps Studio, is a member of Dance Masters of America. She and her staff are excited about the prospects of a new school year offering the latest in dance to the youth and community of Madison and the surrounding areas. Returning students can also look forward to having Scott Benson, renowned dancer, choreographer and guest teacher at Becky's Dance Steps Studio teaching weekly classes in Jazz, Hip Hop, Lyrical and Contemporary. For more registration information, call 973-4828 or 973-4444 or visit us on the web at www.beckys-dancesteps.com. Returning students can also download the registration forms from the website to register by mail.

**Madison County Central School
 Creating A Magical Transformation**



Central School's transformation begins taking shape

"fresh" and "new," she described the positive atmosphere among the school staff and said, "The focus is all about moving forward."

Another obvious and very visible change you will see is the new artwork on the front of the school, in the cafeteria and on a wall where parents will be sure to notice when picking up their elementary aged children. The eye-catching murals are the artwork of Stacy Ridgeway and his son, Stace, who make up the business "Mural Mural on the Wall." Stacy is a former art teacher who moved from New York (where he held his teaching certificate) to Atlanta, Ga. After failing the certification test in Atlanta, a coach at the school asked him to paint a mural on the gym floor and a business was created. Stacy has no qualms sharing his story because he thinks it's important for people, especially kids, to understand that by not achieving one thing, it could actually lead to better things you might never consider or think possible. After Stacy's son, Stace



Stacy and Stace Ridgeway help schools attain visual appeal

By Rose Klein
 Greene Publishing, Inc.

The staff at Madison County Central School (MCCS) is energized about current and future changes planned for the upcoming school year. The changes being implemented are to create a new beginning for MCCS. One obvious change is new principal, Dr. Willie Miles, who will be instrumental in helping the school to achieve four new goals the school has set for themselves. The new goals that they feel will be necessary for change are to: Implement standard based instruction; Create a safe and orderly school with a positive school climate; Increase parent engagement; and Integrate instructional technology. All of these changes are being made so that students will excel academically in a safe and happy environment. Lynne Brown, the school guidance counselor, is excited about the transformations taking place. Using words like

(who is based in New York) joined him in the business; they began traveling and painting murals all across the nation. They will return to Central later in the year where Stacy will talk to the kids and teach about art. Stacy was smiling when he said, "I'm doing what I love. I'm not only doing art work, but I'm back in the schools, teaching."

Brown presented the template they used last year to paint smiley faces around the school and said that one small change was received so positively among the students, that it became the catalyst for the murals, and the future beautification changes planned. It was reminiscent of Stacy's story in how his change started by what seemed to be a failure, but sparked and snowballed into a thriving and successful business. This type of success is exactly what the Central staff is working diligently on to accomplish for the school. MCCS staff really is striving to be "A Magical Place Creating A New Tomorrow" for its students.



BACK TO SCHOOL

Greenville Elementary School

729 SW Overstreet Ave. Greenville, FL 32331
 Ph: 850-973-5033 Fax: 850-973-5040
 Principal: Valencia Barnes

August 5, 2013

Dear Parents and Students:

Welcome to the 2013 - 2014 school year. I hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer and are ready to return to another exciting year at Greenville Elementary School. I look forward to the challenge of another year and the opportunity to work together with each of you.

Greenville Elementary has the state of the art technology available to the students and teachers. We have SMARTBOARDS in every classroom and students will have access to Kindles to help boost our reading scores. We will continue with Positive Behavior Support (PBS) to reward students for their outstanding behavior. Our fifth grade students will also have the opportunity to participate in our school Safety Patrol. These are just a few changes on our campus. The Greenville Elementary Faculty and Staff are committed to helping Greenville Elementary School succeed.

We will have Open House on Thursday, August 15, 2013, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. This will be a wonderful opportunity for your child to meet their teacher and take a tour of the school.

The first day of school is Monday, August 19, 2013. Supervision is available from 7:40 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Students should arrive to school no later 7:45 a.m. Our school day will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 3:15 p.m.

I look forward to working with you and your child during the upcoming school year. Please feel free to contact me any time if you have questions or concerns. This will help me to develop a positive working relationship between the home and school to provide your child with the best opportunity to be a successful student at Greenville Elementary School. Thanks for your support.

Sincerely,

Valencia T. Barnes
 Proud Principal

Madison County Central School

On behalf of teachers, staff, and the administration of Madison County Central School, welcome to a great year of learning and excitement. We have many challenging and exciting things planned.

This year, we have four major goals we will achieve this year.

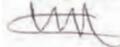
- (1) Implement Standard-based classrooms with a focus on Response To Intervention
- (2) Create a safe, orderly school with a positive school climate with Learning to Learn Strategies
- (3) Community/Parental Engagement
- (4) Integration of Instructional Technology

During this academic school year, students will be asked to read for knowledge, complete on-going mini-assessments, and maintain student portfolios. In addition to student recognition activities, such as, I. M. A. G. E. Celebrations, will be scheduled every nine weeks for students.

I. M. A. G. E. is our school motto which stands for "I must achieve greatness everyday". Positive Action is a part of our safe school initiative. All students will receive positive action lessons weekly. These lessons will discuss such item as integrity, trustworthiness, and other positive traits for students to demonstrate throughout the school year.

As principal of Madison County Central School, looking forward to a GREAT year.

Willie Miles



Madison County High School

Dear Parents and Students of MCHS,

I would like to welcome you on behalf of the faculty and staff at Madison County High School. We encourage you to visit your child's school throughout the entire school year. When you come out we ask that you go by the main office to sign in and we will assist you with your needs or concerns at that time.

Our faculty and staff are extremely dedicated to our students and their parents. If we can be of assistance to you please call and we will try to help. We are focused on school improvement and ask for your help and input as we go through this year together.

You should be aware that there were changes in Florida's education laws that affect your student's requirements for graduation. Passing the end of course exams in biology, algebra 2, chemistry or American history is not a requirement, though those tests will count as 30% of your student's final grade. Passing FCAT reading and algebra are still required for graduation, however.

You should also be aware that your Madison County High School received an "A" in December for our school grade. Much of that success comes from the number of students receiving industry certifications and college credits. Our students earned over 250 hours of credit from North Florida Community College. Further, our student earned over 100 industry certifications, last year. The high school also received the Southern Regional Education Board's 2013 Outstanding High Schools That Work Award. Please note that only 19 high schools nationwide received this award and we are the only high school in the State to be so recognized.

As you know, our school excels not only in academics but in sports. The Cowboys received 4A Public Overall Award from the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA). The Florida Athletic Coaches Association awarded the high school its Class 4A Athletic Program of the Year.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and support of our faculty and staff at Madison County High School with the policies and procedures. I am always here with an open mind about any concerns you may have. To ensure the best education for your child, we must have the parent, child, and school working together. Together we can achieve our goal of being "Focused on Success". Our open-house will be on August 13th from 5:30pm til 7:30pm at MCHS and our back to school Explosion will be on August 10th at NFCC. Ninth grade orientation will start at 5:00 PM on August 13th, immediately before the open house. We look forward to working with you and your student during this upcoming school year.

Sincerely,
 Ben F. Killingsworth
 Principal MCHS

Madison County Excel Alternative School

Madison County Excel Alternative Education Center (MCEAEC)

Welcome back to school. MCEAEC, otherwise known as Madison Excel, has returned to being fully operated by Madison County School District. Madison Excel has undergone a complete reorganization with a new and stronger staff whose goal is to provide the best education possible for its students. MCEAEC will begin the new school year with Mrs. Jada Williams assigned as the Dean of Students/Lead Teacher. Jada will be the "go between" person for MCEAEC and district Coordinator of Career, Technical and Alternative Education, Sam Stalnakier. Together, they will ensure a smaller teacher to student ratio, while mandating student success through a more interactive approach to teaching and learning. Students will receive both "face to face" and computer-based instruction while the staff works to confirm all educational needs are met within the confines of an alternative school setting.

The MCEAEC staff is excited to

welcome all parents, students and community stakeholders to our facility. We are looking forward to developing a strong partnership between the school, parents and student. This partnership will ensure that all stakeholders share the responsibility of student success. Through shared responsibility, MCEAEC staff wants you to know that we will strive to do our very best to fulfill our responsibility to fully educate your child. We, at MCEAEC, offer an open invitation for parents and our community to become involved in the education of our students.

MCEAEC will be holding its annual Open House Thursday, August 15th from 5-6 pm. MCEAEC will operate using a traditional school day beginning at 8:00am and ending at 2:55 pm. All students shall arrive at and depart from school either by district school bus or by parental transportation. NO students shall be permitted to drive to MCEAEC. Again, we welcome all students, parents and students back to school at MCEAEC for an exciting and prosperous year.

Madison Academy

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Dear Madison Academy Parents,
 I hope that this letter finds you and your children enjoying the summer break. The Madison Academy campus has been buzzing with activity all summer long! I am very excited to have this opportunity to share just a few of the highlights of our summer with you.

As many of you are aware, the classroom flooring has been in desperate need of replacement for quite some time. Thanks to the assistance of our Grandparents' Club and other donors, we were able to complete phase I of this project over the summer. Phase I was the replacement of the tile and base in our two oldest buildings- the middle grade building and the administrative building. In addition to the new flooring, the majority of the walls received a fresh coat of paint and the toilets were all removed, scrubbed, and replaced. The new tile is beautiful and the classrooms look and feel fresh and clean! Phase II of this particular project, flooring in our K-Wing and Media Center, will begin in June of next year.

We also spent time over the summer addressing some of the erosion issues on our playground areas. Obviously we cannot stop all of the erosion due to the fact that we reside on the slope of a hill, but we have made efforts to minimize it. Dirt was trucked in, sod was put in place, and then the good Lord watered it for us daily. We couldn't have asked for better conditions for our sod to take hold! In addition, we removed some trees and limbs that were unsafe, and we are currently in the process of putting down fresh mulch in our play areas. Shiny new floors, green grass, and mulch are very nice, but we know that

the reason you entrust your children to Madison Academy is for the education that they receive. In efforts to maintain academic rigor and develop each individual student to their fullest potential, you may see some realignment of teaching responsibilities this year. Mrs. Jessica Webb will be moving down a grade to receive upcoming fourth grade students, and Mrs. Kelli Thurman will take over the helm in fifth grade. Kelli and her husband have relocated to the Lee area from Walton County. She comes to us with seven years of teaching experience and glowing recommendations from her past administrators. She has accepted the challenge to preparing our students for a smooth transition to middle grades, and I am convinced she will deliver just that! In addition to the changes in fourth and fifth grade responsibilities, Mrs. Leigh Ann Browning has agreed to teach sixth through eighth grade Language Arts, and Mr. Scot Bunch will pick up the seventh grade Science.

In our lower grade division, Mrs. Vickie Sherrard has decided to retire but not leave us completely. We are pleased that Caroline Blair has agreed to take over the first grade teaching position, and Vickie has agreed to assist her whenever needed. Caroline is a Madison Academy alumni and a graduate of Flagler College. We are very proud of her hard work and dedication and pleased that she has chosen to return to us on a permanent basis.

Please plan to attend Open House on Thursday, August 8th, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. We will meet in the activity building briefly for introductions before touring the school. I hope that you enjoy the final days of summer break, and I am looking forward to seeing you on August 8th!

Sincerely,
 Janna Barrs
 Head of School

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August 2, 2013,

The 2013-14 school year is quickly approaching. The Lee Elementary School teachers and staff are busily working like Santa's elves right before Christmas. Bulletin boards are being decorated. Floors are being buffed. There's an air of excitement as we prepare for our students to return.

At Lee Elementary, we believe that ALL students can learn and WILL learn if they are inspired to give their best effort in the process. We encourage parents to get involved by reading daily with their children, making sure their children complete their daily review work, and by volunteering at the school. All you have to do is fill out the school board volunteer form, and we will have lots of opportunities for you to be part of your child's activities at school.

Joining our staff this year are Heather Douglas as a Pre-K teacher, Rebecca Gonzalez as a support facilitation teacher, and Sarah Sellers in first grade teacher.

Some important dates to jot down are:

August 16th - Open House

August 19th - First Day of School

September 2nd - Labor Day Holiday

Open House will be from 5:30 to 7:00. We are asking parents to drop their students off at their classrooms and then join me in the cafeteria for a short parent information meeting. While we review a few school policies and procedures, the teachers will have a few minutes to introduce themselves to their new students. After our short meeting, parents will then be able to visit with their children's teachers and get specific class information.

We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Sincerely,

Robin B. Hill

Principal

Pinetta Elementary School

Dear PES Family and Friends,
We are ready to begin a new year with new goals, challenges, and expectations. We will have a few new faces at school this year. We will have a new ESE support facilitation teacher Mrs. Paula Kauffman and a new head custodian Mr. Jermaine Johnson. We are very excited to have them join our family.

Again this year PES students will be adhering to the Madison County dress code with a few color changes. Shirts now may be royal blue, navy blue, or grey. Students can wear Pinetta logo t-shirts (navy, royal or grey) or regular pull over shirts with a collar. Pants or shorts can be khaki, navy blue, or black. All shoes must be closed toed and attached to your foot (no flip-flops). If you have

any questions please give us a call at school.

You are invited to this year's back to school open house on Thursday, August 15th 5:00-7:00. Come meet your child's teacher and hear a little of what will be expected of you and your child. I would also like to invite you to get involved with your school. There are so many ways you can volunteer at a school, so get involved today! Also be on the lookout for upcoming family nights for each grade level.

Our school day begins promptly at 7:50 and ends at 3:15. We look forward to another spectacular year at Pinetta Elementary School!

Sincerely,

Beth Moore

Principal

Aucilla Christian Academy

Dear Friends,
What an exciting school year we have ahead of us at Aucilla Christian Academy! We are so proud of all that has been accomplished and look forward to what's to come. In May, 74 percent of our graduating seniors received offers of merit-based financial aid for college, totaling well over \$700,000 for an average of over \$37,000 in offers per qualifying student! Our athletic teams continue to be very successful and have worked hard this summer to improve their skills as we prepare for the upcoming sports seasons.

Significant progress has been made in our facilities improvements and increasing the principal in our endowment fund to over \$800,000. Most importantly, we continue to see our students taking advantage of opportunities to strengthen their relationship with Jesus Christ as they strive to live the life that He calls them to live. Whether in an elementary chapel, a Godly attitude in competition, a musical, or performing in our Living Waters praise team at our annual auction, I am blessed regularly when I see so many of our students representing Christ in such a positive way

and impacting many lives for Him in the process.

While all these blessings are reason enough to celebrate, they also serve as vivid reminders of what a wise investment an Aucilla Christian Academy education offers. Thank you for the faith and support that you continue to place in our school. We assure you we will continue to do everything required to meet the needs of all our students so they will be able to thrive both now and in the future. We consider it an honor and a privilege to assist you in preparing your children for their future academically and spiritually.

In an effort to be better stewards and to, hopefully, make information more conveniently accessible for you, we have posted our back to school information on our website at www.aucilla.org. As always, please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have.

May God bless you and your family for the remainder of your summer. We look forward to seeing soon and serving you this school year.

In Christ,

Richard Finlayson

Principal

Open House Schedule

August 13

Madison County High School - 5-5:30 - 9th grade students & parents (meet in lunchroom); 5:30-7:30, Open House for all grades

August 15

Greenville Elementary School, 4-6 p.m.

August 15

Pinetta Elementary School, 5-7

August 15

Madison County Excel Alternative School, 5-6

August 15

Madison County Central School, 6:30-8:30

August 16

Lee Elementary School, 5:30-7

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BACK TO SCHOOL

August 19 Begins New School Year

By Doug Brown, School Superintendent
The Madison County School District will begin the 2013-2014 school year on August 19. Superintendent Doug Brown is optimistic that this year will be a banner year in the history of Madison County's schools. "I believe the hard work our teachers, administrators, and district employees have put in will pay off this year in higher levels of student achievement and teaching excellence."

The new year will be marked by further implementation of the Common Core State Standards. The standards adopted by the great majority of states across the country are designed to increase levels of reading comprehension, critical thinking, scientific and mathematical reasoning, and problem solving. The District strategic plan complements the Common Core Standard by calling for higher levels of student achievement in reading and mathematics. Many Madison County teachers and administrators spent portions of the summer with colleagues from around

the state in Common Core training events. Parents can learn more about the Common Core State Standards by visiting www.corestandards.org.

A mix of familiar and new faces will greet students as they begin classes. A number of new teachers, along with veteran teachers new to Madison County, will join the teaching corps. Principals Valencia Barnes (Greenville Elementary), Robin Hill (Lee Elementary), Ben Killingsworth (Madison County High School), and Beth Moore (Pinetta Elementary) will continue in leading their prospective schools. Dr. Willie Miles will take over the reins at Madison County Central School.

Superintendent Brown indicated that the District will insist upon higher levels of rigor in the classroom. "We are asking our teachers to challenge and engage students in ways that will lead to greater understanding of the curriculum. For our district to move to what we are capable of achieving, we cannot take a path of least resistance. We must insist upon

outstanding teaching and expect students to achieve at high levels."

Parents and students can get a jump start on the school year by attending the 'Back to School Explosion' slated for Saturday, August 10th, at North Florida Community College's Colin Kelly Fitness Center and Gymnasium. School supplies will be distributed at the event.

Each school in the District has also scheduled an open house. Parents and other family members are encouraged to attend the open house sessions to learn more about the schools and teachers their students will enjoy this year.

Brown encourages parents to be involved in all aspects of education. "Research is clear on this point: When parents are engaged in the education of their children, those children achieve at much higher levels than children with disengaged parents. Great teaching, parent engagement, and community involvement are the building blocks of great school systems."



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Madison County Central School
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K-2 GRADES
2013-2014 SUGGESTED SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

- 2 - Primary K-1 Writing Tablets
- 5 -Plastic Three-Prong & 2 Pocket Folders
- 4 packs Ticonderoga Beginner Pencils
- Plastic Pencil Box
- 2 Packs Glue Sticks (no liquid glue)
- 2 Packs of 8 pack Crayons
- Highlighters
- 2 Composition Books and (or) Spiral Notebooks
- 3 Ring Binder (1 inch)
- 2 Packs Erasers
- Child Safety Scissors
- 1 Box Ziploc Bags (quart or gallon)
- 1 Pack Page Protectors (50 or more)
- 2 Packs of Paper Towels
- Change of clothes recommended for kindergarten students
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- Backpack
- Wide-Ruled Notebook Paper
- 5 Three-Prong Folders
- 3-Ring Plastic View Binder Notebook
- Pencils with Erasers
- Glue Sticks
- Crayons or Colored Pencils
- 1 Ruler
- Highlighters
- 5 Composition Books
- 5 Spiral Writing Notebooks
- 1 Pair of Student Scissors
- 2 Black Sharpie Ultra Fine Point Markers
- Index Cards (small and large size packs)
- Pencil Box
- Blue and Black Pens

This is a suggested list for purchasing school supplies.

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MADISON COUNTY CENTRAL SCHOOL
6th, 7th, 8th GRADES
2013-2014 SUGGESTED SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

- **BACKPACKS MUST FIT INTO LOCKERS****
- 1 Three-Ring Binder for Each Subject
 - Tab Dividers
 - Loose Leaf Wide Ruled Notebook Paper
 - 5 Seventy-Count Spiral Composition Notebooks
 - 4 Composition Books Without Spiral Wire
 - 5 Pocket Folders with Pockets and Prongs
 - Plenty of #2 Pencils and Pencil Pouch
 - 3 x 5 Index Cards
 - 2 or 3 Blue or Black Pens
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Wishing The Students, Faculty & Staff A Great New School Year!!



Kenny Hall
School Board Member
District 2

Doug Brown,
Madison County Superintendent of Schools



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Karen Pickles
School Board Member, District 4



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