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Greenville FMB Closes Monday September 30



On a gray, rainy Monday morning, the Greenville branch of Farmers and Merchants Bank enters its final week of service. FMB has several regional locations in North Florida, but on Monday, September 30, 2013, it will close the Greenville branch's doors for the last time. Greenville's City Commissioners have pondered the question of how to deal without a banking facility in town, considering such options as driving to Madison everyday to make their required deposits or asking Madison banks if they would be interested in opening a branch in Greenville.

FRAUD ALERT

A woman reported a fraud to the Madison Police Department on Friday, Sept. 20. Sgt. Chris Cooks reported that he made contact with the victim, who stated that on Thursday, Sept. 19, at approximately 6:36 p.m., \$28.00 had been taken out of her account. The woman reported that a company called Playspan Ultimatep had taken the money. She also provided Cooks with an email address (singh_melba@yahoo.com). The woman reported that Capital City Bank had replaced the money for her in the account already.



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Man Seriously Injured In Tractor Accident

By Jacob Bemby
Greene Publishing, Inc.

A tractor vs. pickup truck accident on Monday, Sept. 23, left one person in serious condition. According to friends and family members, Steven McGuire was riding on the back of a tractor when he was knocked off the tractor by a pickup truck, driven by Forrest Kauffman. The tractor was driven by Starr McGuire. McGuire's leg was reportedly caught up in the harrow. He was taken to South Georgia Medical Center where he underwent surgery. We will have more details as soon as we receive a press release from the Florida Highway Patrol.

Bay County Supervisor Of Elections Visits Madison Elections Office



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Madison County Supervisor of Elections Tommy Hardee hosts the Bay County Supervisor of Elections Mark Andersen at the Madison Elections Office, Thursday, Sept. 19. Bay County is currently the only Elections office in the nation to achieve an ISO (International Standards of Organization) rating, and Hardee would like to see Madison County become the second. Meeting ISO standards takes a lot of doing, but Hardee stated that the ISO rating denotes a guaranteed level of security, quality and service that any office needs to have. Andersen, on hand to advise Hardee and his staff in their endeavor, was quite impressed with the level of quality the office has already achieved. "Madison County is fortunate to have such an aggressive Supervisor of Elections," he said, adding that the office was already "over and above" the usual standards of quality it was required to meet. Standing, left to right, are Tommy Hardee and Thien Cao. Seated, left to right, are Ludie Porter and Mark Andersen.

Ray Charles Stamp Unveiling Draws A Crowd

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Gloomy skies and a few raindrops weren't enough to keep Greenville friends, neighbors and elected officials away from the Greenville Post Office Monday morning. Inside, the smiling crowd filled the lobby for the unveiling of the Ray Charles Commemorative Stamp's first issue, September 23, 2013, a date that would have also been the late musician's



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Lynette Norris, September 23, 2013

Friends and neighbors gather to celebrate the Ray Charles Stamp unveiling. Left to right: Justina Cone, Dianne Carroll, Mack Primm, Juanita Cone, Myra Valentine, Teenie Cave and VeEtta Hagan.

83rd birthday. People lined up to buy the stamps and took pictures of each other holding their souvenir sheets of stamps. Elesta Pritchett, former Mayor of Greenville and childhood friend of Charles, thanked everyone for coming, with special thanks to the Greenville Heritage Committee who put everything together "to help us celebrate such a special event...I didn't

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Myra Valentine buys her commemorative stamps from Postmaster Vicki Rentz.



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Carolyn Livingston, Jenice Burch and Edgar Burch also bought their stamps at the unveiling.



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John Pritchett and his mother Elesta Pritchett display the commemorative stamp packet.

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Wed 9/25	84/69		Rain showers in the morning with scattered thunderstorms arriving in the af.
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Fri 9/27	85/65		Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 60s.
Sat 9/28	85/61		Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 60s.

VIEWPOINTS & OPINIONS

National Security

SECURITY



Joe Boyles
Guest Columnist

Last week, a gunman entered the Washington Navy Yard and opened fire, killing a dozen civilian workers and wounding 13 others before being shot and killed by responding security forces. The incident took place within a couple of miles of our nation's capital and, like every mass shooting, generated a lot of publicity, much of it erroneous.

Now, the Navy will pick up the pieces to determine exactly what happened and what mistakes occurred, in an effort to prevent recurrence. That is the point of incident and accident investigation learn from previous mistakes.

One would think that an incident like this would be least likely to occur on a military installation (Fort Hood notwithstanding) which involves security clearances and armed checkpoints for entry. Somehow, gunman Aaron Alexis slipped through the cracks of security and did a lot of damage before he could be stopped. That's not a good sign. How many other places of mass gathering (schools, churches, theaters, courthouses, stadiums, etc.) are equally or even more vulnerable?

Alexis had been a sailor from 2007-11. He had a security clearance from that period of time that enabled him, after receiving an honorable discharge, to work for a military contractor as an information technology specialist. His clearance was updated not long ago and passed through the system. Good so far, but there were many warning signals that he was mentally unstable that were missed or overlooked.

Two possible reasons why these warnings (arrests; law enforcement intervention; claim of voices; excessive debt; violent video game addiction; insomnia; medications) were ignored: the tendency for people to not want to get involved or assuming someone else will; and communication breakdown from one agency to another. A thorough investigation will reveal the root cause of the problem.

Another factor which will be addressed is the fact that the security clearance was handled through a contractor rather than through the Navy. In fact, the contractor (working under guidance from OPM Office of Personnel Management) not only renewed the clearance for Alexis, but also the clearance for NSA leaker Edward Snowden.

In Snowden's case, the issue was a matter of trust. In Alexis case, the issue is one of psychotic behavior. These are two different security matters. I'm willing to bet that the system is designed to watch for a Snowden case and miss an Alexis. Hopefully, this incident will focus on psychotic behavior and catch future cases of a similar nature.

It is possible that the contractor made a mistake and will be held accountable, but my experience with government contractors tells me that the more likely scenario is that the contractor was following the letter of the law according to the contract. More often than not, these A-76 contracts are poorly written and the fault lies with the government which designed and let the contract. Of course, the contract may be well written, but we'll know more as a result of the investigation of this deadly incident.

There used to be an organization called the Defense Investigation Service (DIS) that accomplished background checks like this. I had a number of dealings with them in my military career. But they were done away with in an effort to become more efficient and reduce costs and much of their work was contracted out. DIS could very well have missed the warning signs in Alexis case too, but I wonder. Again, the contractor is only as good as the contract.

I mentioned that the initial news reports were erroneous. One of the false reports that was spread for a full day across the media was that Alexis used an AR-15 (so-called) assault rifle to create his mayhem. The AR-15 is the nom de guerre for the gun control crowd, and their accomplices in the media are quick to jump to that conclusion. As it was later revealed by the DC Police commissioner, the shooter never possessed an AR-15. Instead, he entered the installation with a shotgun and subsequently used the automatic pistol from the first security guard he brought down. Don't believe everything you first hear -- a healthy dose of skepticism is always warranted.

I would not be surprised if more than a few lawsuits are led. There are some real damages in this case and there is accountability to be placed on responsible parties. The victims had every real expectation that they were protected in a secure facility like the Navy Yard. Generally I'm against lawsuits, but one potential advantage with torts is that they might uncover more facts and lead to better accountability.

We are not invulnerable to mass shootings like this, or for that matter, an incident like the Boston Marathon bombing earlier this year. We must be vigilant, watch for warning signs, and learn from history.

Health & Wellness Tips

Did You Know...



Frank Nathan
Executive Director
Lake Park of Madison

High blood pressure and high cholesterol can damage your heart and blood vessels. But without testing for them, you probably won't know whether you have these conditions. Regular screening can tell you what your numbers are and whether you need to take action.

Blood pressure. Regular blood pressure screenings start in childhood. Adults should have their blood pressure checked at least every two years. You may need more frequent checks if your numbers aren't ideal or if you have other risk factors for

heart disease. Optimal blood pressure is less than 120/80 millimeters of mercury.

Cholesterol levels. Adults should have their cholesterol measured at least once every five years starting at age 20. You may need more frequent testing if your numbers aren't optimal or if you have other risk factors for heart disease. Some children may need their blood cholesterol tested if they have a strong family history of heart disease.

Diabetes screening. Since diabetes is a risk factor for developing heart disease, you may want to consider being screened for diabetes. Talk to your health care provider about when you should have a fasting blood sugar test to check for diabetes. Depending on your risk factors, such as being overweight or a family history of diabetes, your health care provider may recommend first testing you for diabetes sometime between ages 30 and 45, and then retesting every three to five years.

Searching For Ambrosia

Baking With An Old Friend



Rose Klein
Columnist

My friend Trea came for dinner one evening and brought me a gift, a jar of off-white, bubbly goo that was 40 years old and came with instructions for me to feed every so often so it would stay alive. No, it wasn't some version of a B rated horror movie, but a jar of sourdough starter that is a form of leavening and has been giving rise to baked goods since Ancient Egyptian times, somewhere around 1500 BC. Most Americans no longer use starter when baking bread due to commercially cultured yeast, but the popularity in starters never left European baking and with the rise of artisan breads in the U.S., starters are once again becoming popular.

I remember my mother using a sourdough starter that she named "Herman" to make rolls and a delicious coffee cake. I don't remember where Herman originated from, but one day he appeared on the kitchen counter, bubbling inside a glass crock, and I remember thinking it was the grossest thing I'd ever seen or smelled and wanted no part of it. I do remember the rolls and cake that Herman helped make were wonderful and I was actually sad the day my Mother got tired of Herman and poured him in the trash. I somehow managed to move on after Herman's death and completely put starters out of my mind, until a few weeks ago, when Trea brought the little glass jar containing my new friend.

I had tasted bread Trea made using this starter and loved it, but for my first project I decided to try something different and made cinnamon rolls; large, buttery and dripping with icing, they were among the best I have ever eaten. When I asked Trea how to start the starter, she look surprised and said, "I don't know, we would have to go back 40 years. Knowing that I wanted to share this with you, I searched on the Internet and learned a thing or two about starters. There are Italian, French, Yemen, Ethiopian, Azerbaijan, Flemish, German, Swedish, So-

malian and Amish starters. I discovered the starter I have is a variation of the Amish starter, where modern bakers use potato flakes to feed the gooey leavening. The site also gave first time starter directions that I am passing on to you, so you can create your own friend to bake with. You might even name your new friend like my Mother did, but if you do I hope you keep them around. I haven't settled on a name yet, but I know that any living thing that stays in my house and that I feed should be named after a name, I'm working on that, but for now I'll just call it tasty.

Potato Flake Sourdough Starter
1 cup warm water (I recommend 100 to 110 degrees)
½ cup sugar
1 package yeast
3 TB instant potato flakes

Mix all ingredients together in a glass or ceramic jar. (A canning jar with lid works great). Sit on counter for two days to ferment. (This is a good thing!)

After two days, feed your starter.

Starter Food
1 cup warm water
½ cup sugar
3 TB potato flakes

Combine all ingredients and add to starter; allow to sit on counter for eight hours. Refrigerate for three to five days before making bread.

Sourdough Bread
Remove one cup of starter from jar and return the rest to the refrigerator. Leave the one cup on the counter overnight (or about eight hours).

1 cup starter
6 cups bread flour
1 TB salt
½ cup sugar
½ cup vegetable or olive oil
1¼ cups warm water

Combine all ingredients and mix well. Place dough into a greased bowl and allow to rise in a warm place overnight (or about eight hours).

Punch dough down and shape into loaves, rolls or make some super yummy cinnamon rolls. Bake at 350 degrees until lightly browned. Brush tops of bread or rolls with butter or make an icing from powdered sugar, vanilla and a little milk for cinnamon rolls.

After three to five more days, or whenever you're ready to make bread again, use the starter food to feed and follow the same process as above.

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Yummy cinnamon rolls made with sourdough starter.

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Ray Charles

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want to come down here and purchase the stamps with no one to share it with...to honor the person that I knew personally."

County Commissioner Ronnie Moore, whose district includes Greenville, said that Ray Charles had overcome a lot of adversity in his life, "But what I admire about him most of all is that he overcame his disability. His parents sent him to the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind, where he learned Braille. And I'm sure that learning Braille enabled him to go on and be the person he was."

Moore also mentioned a recent visit to the State Capitol in Tallahassee and the Historical State Presentation Grant Fund, which had Charles' childhood home in Greenville high on its list of funding projects.

Pritchett added that they were working diligently with the Greenville Heritage Committee to get the Ray Charles Museum up to par. The Heritage Committee is a core group of Greenville residents, including Elesta Pritchett, Lucile Day, Jim Parrish, Patricia Hinton, George Pridgeon, Debe Scott, Ronnie Moore and many family members and friends who help out with special projects related to the history and heritage of the town.

"We need your dollars and cents," she said. "The Heritage Committee is grateful to all of you. Thank you for your support."

Burglary Unsuccessful

By Jacob Bemby
Greene Publishing, Inc.

An attempted burglary proved unsuccessful on Saturday, Sept. 21.

According to a report filed by Madison Police Sgt. Chris Cooks, he was dispatched to a residence in reference to a burglary.

When Cooks arrived, he made contact with the complainant, who said that at approximately 9 a.m., he left the home. At 11:45 a.m., he received a call from ADT Home Security,

who told him that his alarm had been activated.

The complainant said that when he arrived home, he noticed that one of the windows had been cut.

Cooks checked the area for footprints but could not find any. He also noticed that two screws had been removed from bars on the windows.

No entry was made to the home. Damage was estimated at approximately \$60.

Woman Arrested For Shoplifting

By Jacob Bemby
Greene Publishing, Inc.

A woman was arrested for shoplifting on Friday, Sept. 20, at Beall's Outlet in Madison.

According to a Madison Police Department report, Alicia Shanita Harris, 26, of Perry, entered the store where she concealed five articles of clothing in a bag and walked past the register without attempt-

ing to pay for the merchandise.

A loss prevention officer confronted Harris and called the police.

Officer Brandon Abbott showed up at the store and received a copy of a videotape and a sworn statement from the loss prevention officer.

Abbott arrested Harris and transported her to the Madison County Jail.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

{September 27}
There will be a fundraiser for Brad Beggs, who needs a reversal for a medical procedure and doesn't have insurance or funds to pay for it on Friday, Sept. 27, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Madison County Courthouse. For a \$5 donation, you can buy a pork sandwich, chips, pickles, drink and dessert. For more information, call Paige Kelley at (850) 545-3605.

{September 28}
Peanut boil and ice cream social at Midway Baptist Church, beginning at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

{September 28}
If you are related to Dixons, Hamiltons, or Washingtons, you are invited to attend the annual family reunion. The whole clan -- all kinfolk and friends are invited. Come to Brewer Lake Baptist Church in Day on Saturday, September 28, at 10:30 a.m. This will be a covered dish dinner. Bring your favorite dishes, pictures or memorabilia to share about your ancestors and current family. It will be a fun, interesting and informative day. For more information, please call Louise 386-294-4131 or Helen 386-776-1126.

{October 4-6}
Genesis Missionary Baptist Church will be hosting Haiti Missionaries Oct 4-6, 2013.

{October 5}
The McCormick Family will celebrate their 31st gospel music anniversary on Oct. 5 at 6 p.m. at Lee Worship Center, 471 SE Magnolia Drive in Lee. There will be a potluck supper. The McCormicks will sing the first part of the sing and then it will be an open microphone sing the rest of the evening. For more information, call (850) 869-9976.

{October 12}
The Madison County High School class of 1983 is planning their 30 year reunion for Saturday night, Oct. 12. Everyone is encouraged to meet at the Madison Country Club for hors d'oeuvres and

dancing at 7 p.m. The cost for reunion is \$25.00 per person.

Please mail your checks to: MCHS Class of 1983 c/o Sheri Ragans P.O. Box 131, Madison, FL 32341

If anyone is interested in playing golf that Saturday morning please contact Sheri at (850)973-2008 for Tee Time, or for other information.

{October 20}
Midway Church of God will hold its homecoming service beginning at 10 a.m. Bishop Ivester, the state overseer for the Church of God, will be the guest speaker and LifeSong will be the musical guests. Dinner on the grounds will follow morning worship and there will be special afternoon music. Everyone is invited to attend.

{November 1}
Members of the Madison High School Class of 1973 are planning a class reunion to be held December 27-29, 2013.

Dec. 27, meet and greet; Dec. 28, dinner and a dance; Dec. 29, worship brunch. Reunion activities are \$60 for the weekend or \$25 for the dinner and dance. 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 Nov. 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; or Fagarie Wormack, fwormack@yahoo.com. Please make checks or money orders payable to: Madison County High School Class of 1973 and mail to: Renetta Warren Parrish, 423 SW Alderene Parkway, Madison, FL 32340, Demetria Moore Phillips, 146 S Brookwood Ave, Madison, Florida 32340 or Sharon James Postell, 111 SW Smith Street, Madison, FL 32340.



Maid Left Tied To Chair Wearing A Diaper

In Hong Kong, TaiChi-Wai and his wife Catherine AuYuk-Shan received jail time after being found guilty of eight charges of assault and wounding with intent. Over a two-year period the couple repeatedly assaulted and tortured their maid, Kartika Puspitasari until she was able to escape. She had been beaten with a bicycle chain and her face and arms were scalded with a hot iron. Puspitasari said she had also been tied to a chair, wearing nothing but a diaper and left for five days without food and water while her employers left for vacation with their children. The Mission for Migrant Workers said that a survey of more than 3,000 women in Hong Kong found 58 percent had faced verbal abuse, 18 percent physical abuse and six percent sexual abuse.

Philosophical Discussion Leads To Shooting

In Rostov-On-Don, Russia, two men waiting in line to buy beer at a store were discussing ideas about Immanuel Kant's philosophies and ended up engaging in an argument. The disagreement turned into a fistfight but ended when one of the men drew a gun and shot the other, wounding him in the head. The shooter fled the scene but was later arrested with the weapon and charged with intentional infliction of serious bodily harm. The victim was hospitalized with non-life-threatening injuries.

Crocodile Found Under Hotel Bed

In Humani, Zimbabwe, Guy Whittall, director at the Humani Lodge hotel said he was eating breakfast when he heard the maid screaming from his room. Upon cleaning the room, she discovered a 330-pound crocodile hiding under his bed. "The really disconcerting thing is that I was sitting on the edge of the bed, barefoot and just centimeters away from the croc," Whittall said. "Crocodiles are experts at hiding, that's why they have survived on Earth for so long and why they are the ultimate killers in water. They know how to keep quiet and go unnoticed, it's in their nature." Whittall said he and some of the workers freed the croc in the nearby Turgwe River.

"Miss Uzbekistan" Lies About Winning Crown

In Tashkent, Uzbekistan, a wannabe beauty queen falsely applied as a contestant for the Miss World contest. Rakhima Ganieva, 18, entered to compete in this month's Miss World in Indonesia, claiming in a video that she was crowned Miss Uzbekistan in a July 20 competition. Officials with the Uzbek Culture and Sports Ministry and the national committee on women said that was not true. A representative of the Pro Models modeling agency, which used to represent Ganieva, said she was "choosing to build a career on lies." "Rakhima Ganieva never passed through any special selection process in Uzbekistan," said Zhavlon Komolov of Pro models. "If there had been a process to choose a young lady for this competition, I can assure you that a much more beautiful model would have been chosen." Ganieva could not be reached for comment.



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AROUND MADISON COUNTY

Obituaries

George Glover Mays



Col. (Ret) George Glover Mays, 87, passed away on Saturday, September 21, 2013 at home with his family.

George was born in Monticello in April of 1926. He served in the Marine Corps during World War II. During this time, George was part of the 6th Marine Division serving in the Pacific Theater and was present in Landing Day on the island of Okinawa. He later served in the US Army, after graduating from Tulane University in New Orleans, La. There, he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and Army ROTC. George obtained the rank of Colonel during his Army career. He also served two tours in Vietnam.

George is survived by his wife of 65 years, Mateel Prince Mays, formerly of Greenville; daughter, Melissa Trebuchon and her husband Matt of Harmony, formerly of Peachtree City, Ga.; son, Richard Mays of Peachtree City, Ga.; sisters, Christine Millinor of Madison and Louise Searcy of Tallahassee; grandchildren, Rachel and Daniel Stone, both of Peachtree City, Ga., and

Matthew Trebuchon; and two great-grandchildren.

His parents, Darnitte Hill Mays and Francis Lavonia Garwood Mays, of Monticello, preceded George in death.

The family received visitors at Carl J Mowell & Son in Peachtree City on Monday, September 23, 2013 from 5-7 p.m., and will receive visitors at Beggs Funeral Home in Monticello on Thursday, September 26, 2013 at 11 a.m.

There was a memorial service on Tuesday, September 24, 2013, at St Andrew's Episcopal Church in Peachtree City, Ga., at 11 a.m. There will be an additional memorial service following the visitation on Thursday, September 26, 2013 at 2 p.m. at the graveside, Evergreen Cemetery in Greenville.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Fayette County, Ga., Humane Society (www.fayettehumane.org) or the Georgia Chapter Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org/georgia). A special thank you to Gentiva Hospice and Senior Helpers.

Joy Ann Fennell

Joy Ann Fennell, 47, of Pinetta, passed away after a brief illness at South Georgia Medical Center on Thursday Sept.19, 2013.

She was born in Jacksonville on Sept. 11, 1966, the daughter of Linda Fennell of Crescent City and the late Quitman Fennell.

Survivors include long time companion, Bill Andrews, also of Pinetta; sister, Linda (Greg) Fordham of Middleburg; brothers, Tim-

my Lee Fennell, of Jacksonville and Ricky (Darlene) Jackson, also of Jacksonville; sister-in-law, Tracey Fennell of Jacksonville; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Darrell Fennell

Services will be held on Saturday Sept. 28, 2013 at Beggs Chapel in Madison with visitation at 10 a.m., followed by services at 11:00 a.m.

Rev. Dean Spivey will officiate.

Burial will be at Mt. Horeb Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery.

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Ain't Too Shabby Grand Opening September 28th



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This set is Ryshouwer and Willis' pride and joy—a bedroom set by renowned American furniture maker J.K. Rishel of Williamsport, Pa. Rishel was so popular in the 1960's that President John F. Kennedy had him make the desk that the President used in his office.



Photo Submitted

Pam Willis and Linda Ryshouwer pose in front of their storefront, which they have recently decorated for fall.



Photo Submitted

The store is full of gifts, accessories, and shabby chic furniture at affordable prices. Ryshouwer's polite, neighborly manner and eye for set-up lends to the coziness and comfort of the store.

By Amber Houston
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Walking in to the store, it becomes clear that the name "Ain't Too Shabby" is quite an understatement, however rich in wordplay. The furniture, gifts, accessories, and household items that owners Pamela "Pam" Willis and Linda Ryshouwer offer are far superior to the quality that their name suggests.

With gifts of every variety; handmade burlap pillows; home décor big and small; and all manner of jewelry, purses, and more, the shop has a lot to offer. Ryshouwer explained that they are constantly looking for items to add to the shop, from all over America and abroad, including upscale Atlanta gift markets, Europe, New York City, and Wyoming. They

also offer completely one-of-a-kind items, especially jewelry that their vendor, PAT, hand-creates, from boot charms to cuff bracelets to necklaces.

Furniture is lovingly redecorated and revitalized into the style that is called "Shabby Chic." Furniture pieces that the two women have revitalized have style and personality, and seem better suited for Southern Living Magazine or Better Homes and Gardens than a small town shop.

The store originally opened on June 15. Ryshouwer confessed, "At first all we were worried about was our utilities and rent." Anything over that went straight into buying more items to stock the store, she said. Now they move inventory at such a quick pace, that the priority of keeping stock is still

number one.

All over the store, furniture pieces are marked as "Sold." So many are that half of the furniture inventory will have to be replaced within the next couple of weeks as customers pick up the dressers, chests, tables, and chairs. "And we can't keep chandeliers in stock," Ryshouwer said.

Ryshouwer has an excellent eye for displays (which must have something to do with her past as a floral arranger) and though the shop is very full, it does not feel cluttered. In fact, the atmosphere of the store is warm and inviting, in part because of Ryshouwer's friendliness. Though she did not expect to be in the shop full time, she is. "So much for retirement," she laughed.

In addition to their own store items and

furniture, Ain't Too Shabby has a few vendors that set up in their shop. From wood-working to jewelry making, many crafts and vintage items can be found, and all for a reasonable price. The two women can also revitalize furniture for their customers. Bring them a piece and a vision, and they can make that vision come to life. No particular vision? Their eye for design and furniture "personality" will never cease to amaze.

Not only do they have a spacious storefront and boundless talent, Willis and Ryshouwer keep a workshop in the back of their shop for the many projects that they always have going. "It can be difficult, though," Ryshouwer admits, "trying to work the storefront and painting or sanding or reupholstering." She laughed.

One day that she definitely will not get a chance to set foot in her workshop is this coming Saturday, when Ain't Too Shabby will host their Grand Opening. Linda Lingo will cater the event, special pricing will be available, and the day will prove to be one of excellent social fun and buying opportunities—not to mention great food.

The grand opening will be Saturday, September 28 and will last the entirety of regular store hours, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Ryshouwer encourages you to drop by, say hi, look around, grab a bite to eat, and sign their guestbook.

Their regular store hours are 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and Friday through Saturday. They invite you to "like" their Facebook page, called Ain't Too Shabby.

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AROUND MADISON COUNTY

Project Wildflower Presented At Madison Garden Club

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing, Inc.

People laugh about wildflower tourism," said Jeff Caster, State Transportation Landscape Architect for the Florida Department of Transportation. "But several years ago, somebody probably laughed about fall color tourism in the Northeast. Now an entire industry has grown up around it."

Today, throughout the northeastern part of the U.S. and even down into Tennessee and the northernmost part of Georgia, fall foliage tourism is viable attraction; in some areas, towns hold festivals for the tourists who arrive to see the turning foliage at its peak season. Google searches bring up maps that are color-coded according to expected peak dates. The weather channel sometimes features these maps in their forecasts during the autumn months. There are even websites where people can plan their own fall foliage vacations.

Not bad, for something that once seemed like a silly idea.

So why not wildflower tourism here, Caster asked the Madison Garden Club.

Caster was the guest speaker at the Madison Garden Club's September meeting to discuss the DOT's ongoing highway beautification/wildflower project, and the possibility that masses of wildflowers might be a way to draw more tourism to places like North Florida. It's not as "out there" as it might sound; after all,

there are areas of North Florida that have already met with some success in the eco-tourism department, marketing their region's biking/hiking trails, nature centers, abundant wildlife, rivers, lakes, and many other natural attractions. Even the local Madison Chamber of Commerce recognizes the importance of natural beauty, incorporating it into the chamber logo and the motto "Madison: Our Attraction Is Only Natural."

Also, the idea of wildflower tourism, although it might sound new to some, is not a johnny-come-lately idea, but a natural result of a project and a partnership going back decades.

Wildflowers are part of the state's natural and cultural history going back 500 years ago to Ponce de Leon's arrival in a place he would call "Pascua de la Florida," the Land of Flowers.

Shortly after the Civil War, when Florida wanted to rebuild its economic infrastructure, it created the Great Seal of Florida, still in use today, depicting a Native American woman standing among palm trees and scattering flowers by the shore of a river, where a steamship paddled by in the background. This was an image that went out on every single letter, package and crate that was shipped out of the state; in the days before the internet, television, or widespread literacy, the attractive image of native people and the native landscapes set against the backdrop of a modern (for that time) transportation system of rivers and steamships brought attention to Florida, portraying it as a beautiful and modern state with

strong possibilities for commerce and industry as well as beauty.

In 1926, Mary Frances Baker, author of "Florida Wild Flowers," stated that over 3,000 different species of Florida wildflowers had been identified at that time.

In the 1960s, people recognized the importance of Florida's natural beauty and put it in the State Constitution. Article II, Section 7(a) reads: "It shall be the policy of the state to conserve and protect its natural resources and scenic beauty." During that time, Ralph Carter, a state legislator, became a champion of wildflowers and natural beauty. Later, he worked with the State Road Department, promoting highway beautification, and eventually went into business raising wildflowers.

In 1990, the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs (FFGC) lobbied the state legislature to adopt a state wildflower, the coreopsis; soon afterward, the legislature would adopt a state wildflower license plate dedicated to the coreopsis.

In 2013, DOT Secretary Ananth Prasad announced support for wildflowers and highway beautification.

Today, over 100,000 vehicles are sporting the new license plate, generating funds for wildflower research and education. Farmers going into the wildflower business were now able to buy seeds from producers in Florida instead of Texas, and schoolchildren could learn more about Florida's incredible variety of wildflowers.

Madison itself lies to the east of a nationally recognized "biodiversity hot spot." St. Marks Refuge, near Tallahassee, is one of



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Standing between the incoming and outgoing Madison Garden Club Presidents, is Florida DOT Landscape Architect Jeff Caster, guest speaker for the September Garden Club Meeting. Left to right: Laura Coleman (incoming president), Caster, and Martha Beggs (outgoing president).

the most biologically diverse natural refuge areas in the whole country.

"We really do live in a remarkable state," said Caster. In a presentation he calls "Rediscover la Florida," he talks about the partnership between the DOT (formerly known as the State Road Department) and the FFGC that began some 90 years ago; ever since then, the State Road Department/DOT has made sure that it always acquired at least 100 feet of right-of-way along state roads to allow for highway beautification.

This has in turn made DOT one of the largest landowners and land managers in the state, holding one-half of one percent of all the land in Florida. If it were all gathered in one place, it would be about the size of a county.

Twice a year, in most places, Florida has masses of color along many of its state highways, and these come from seeds that

were planted decades ago.

There are several ways Madison County can help promote roadside wildflowers: one is by getting local governments to adopt a wildflower resolution similar to what 24 other counties have also adopted; another is by forming an alliance with neighboring counties, similar to the Panhandle Wildflower Alliance of Wakulla, Gadsden, Liberty and Jefferson Counties; still another is knowing whom to contact about delaying roadside mowing when roadsides are alive with masses of vibrant color.

When it comes to getting county road departments to alter their mowing schedules, having a resolution already adopted by the county government helps lend weight to the request, and knowing the name of the roadside and exactly where the section of roadside is located is also a big help. There are also definite eco-

economic advantages to less frequent mowing – it saves on fuel and produces less pollution.

People are drawn to places of natural beauty, Caster told the Garden Club, and there are also folks that are more drawn toward tidiness and neatness and order; there will always be some who will prefer neatly mown roadsides. Sometimes, it might take a little convincing, and being able to explain the benefits of natural scenic beauty can help.

In closing his presentation, Caster presented a slide of Ladybird Johnson, wife of former President Lyndon Johnson, in a field of wildflowers. She was also a great champion of beautification, and the kind of legacy humanity would leave to its children and their future.

"We probably wouldn't be having this meeting today," said Caster. "If it weren't for Ladybird Johnson."

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AROUND MADISON COUNTY

Local Firefighters Battle Blazes In California And Idaho



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Tanner Greene (third from the left) with some of his crew at the Beaver Creek fire.

By Rose Klein
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If you've been keeping up with national news you can't avoid knowing about the devastating fires in the western part of our nation. What you might not know is that two of Madison's locals helped in battling a few of those fires. Butch Galbraith and Tanner Greene, both from the Forestry Division here in Madison, traveled and joined other firefighters to help extinguish the massive flames.

The "American fire" in California is located near Forest Hill and involves Tahoe National Forest. The fire started on August 10

around 4:30 p.m. and although it is still under investigation, it is believed the fire was likely human caused. The most noted casualty of the fire were portions of the Western States Trail, much to the chagrin of hikers, runners, equestrians and historians. The historic trail hosts the annual 100-mile endurance run, The Tevis Cup horse race, the Way Too Cool 5K as well as being frequented by mountain bikers and hikers with their dogs. It was also the historic trail for the Paiute and Washoe Indians and the connecting path for the gold miner camps of California to the silver mines in Nevada.

Butch Galbraith

traveled to the American fire just days after it started and was assigned as division Supervisor over about 80 workers for a night crew. He said the night crew would work an average of 16 hours at a time, with some continuing to work a full 24-hours without stopping. He said they were fortunate with sleeping quarters as a local school had recently moved to a new building and they were housed in the old school building. Even so, sleep was hard due to the situation around them and the difficulty of sleeping during day hours. Galbraith said fighting the fire was a day-by-day job due to the fire landscape be-

ing a "tinderbox" and that the drought and wind conditions could change the severity of the fire quickly. Even so, he said everything was handled well and they were able to leave three days ahead of schedule because of the good containment of the fire in their division, making their night crew no longer necessary. Galbraith has traveled to other states over the years and feels it's important to volunteer outside of Madison County, to help out other firefighters and areas in need. With the help of outside crews, the American fire was 100 percent contained on August 29.

Before the American fire started, sometime around midnight on August 7, another fire began in central Idaho when lightning struck the Ketchum-Hailey-Sun Valley area that would be called the "Beaver Creek" fire. High temperatures, dry vegetation



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Butch Galbraith has returned home from battling the fires out west.

and wind gusts created a blaze that would give it the name of "The Beast." Beth Lund, the incident commander with the U.S. Forest Service team, who was managing the fire said, "Every fire has a personality and this fire has an angry personality." The Beaver Creek fire forced evacuations of around 2,250 homes, including the area coined as the "playground of the rich and famous" with residents such as Tom Hanks, Bruce Willis and Arnold Schwarzenegger. In the end only one home, along with several other buildings, were completely destroyed, but it did damage other homes and burned over 111,000 acres, including a popular hiking and biking trail on the western side of Ketchum.

Tanner Greene was the other Madison resident that volunteered his services in

fighting the western wild fires. He left for Idaho on August 15 and ended up being part of a 20-man handcrew that would fight the Beaver Creek fire. Handcrews are responsible for constructing a "fire line" around a wild fire by clearing the land of flammable materials and digging down to mineral soil using shovels, chainsaws and pulaskis (a hand tool resembling an axe). They may also search for "hotspots" in the fire area, an area that could potentially ignite and spread fire. One highlight of Greene's trip was a lunch that was catered by Bruce Willis. Greene said that everything went smoothly and the fire was "winding down" when he left on September 2. The Beaver Creek fire was considered 100 percent contained on September 3.

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Madison Rotary Welcomes Rotary District Governor



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Rotary's District Governor, Ted Kirchharr, speaks to the Madison Rotary Club on ways the club can grow and how it can affect and change lives.

By Rose Klein
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This past Wednesday on Sept. 11, the Madison Rotarians welcomed Rotary's District Governor, Ted Kirchharr, who came from Pensacola to speak under the heading, Engage Rotary-Change Lives. Wayne Conger, Madison Rotary's President, first asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of 9/11, its victims and its survivors. After Kirchharr

took the podium, he outlined his speech around the 2013-2014 International Focus for Rotary: The Rotary Family, Membership and The Rotary Foundation. He began by speaking on The Rotary Family and presented several clubs that might not be so well known. Rotaract, a club geared for professional adults ages 18 to 30 and Interact, a club for school-aged children ages 12 to 18. Both groups are avenues into The Rotary

Club itself and help develop leadership skills, create international networks and participate in service projects for their community.

Membership was next on the agenda and while acknowledging the consistent numbers that Rotary has year after year, Kirchharr encouraged present members to learn about future incoming members, why they joined and what their needs were so that their goals were achieved. He said that in this way, it would ensure that Rotary's membership would grow upwards instead of just being steady. He also added that in doing this, not only will fellow Rotarians benefit, but it would bring opportunities to the community as well.

Kirchharr ended his time at the podium driving his point home on how Rotary does make a difference in lives by using the example of Rotary's long-term goal to end polio. When Rotary began fighting to end the disease worldwide, there were 350,000 cases of known polio. The Rotary Foundation, the charitable arm of Rotary, has helped reduce the number to 250, reducing polio cases by less than 99% worldwide.

AROUND MADISON COUNTY

“It’s Not What My Community Can Do For Me, It’s What I Can Do For My Community” University of South Florida Sends Letter Of Support For Madison Community Leader

Story submitted

“**M**aking Proud Choices” is a curriculum that helps adolescents and young adults make healthy, responsible choices about their sexual and reproductive health, and the risks associated with unprotected sex. In the Madison County community, Merv Mattair has been conducting “Making Proud Choices”(MPC) classes for local adolescents in an effort to curb STD rates among Madison’s 15 to 19-year-old population; below is a letter from the University of South Florida, regarding the success rate of the MPC classes:

Madison County Florida ranked 2nd highest for chlamydia rates among youth ages 15-19 in the state in 2008. In 2010 the Uni-

versity of South Florida’s (USF) HIV/STD Prevention Education Project launched a pilot project in Madison County Florida in order to assist with lowering the STD rates of youth in the county. A key component of the STD prevention education project was the Making Proud Choices (MPC) youth sexual health education initiative. Mr. Merv Mattair, a resident of Madison County and a respected community leader, was hired by the USF Prevention Education Project to provide the curriculum and was trained as a MPC educator. Mr. Mattair worked hard to continually improve his teaching skills, and was highly successful as a sexual health educator. Below are comments from some youth who participated in the

MPC classes.

Mr. Mattair was very helpful and brought me to the understanding that this class would benefit me in the soon to come future.

This class was great. I really enjoyed myself. I have never met any teachers that are comfortable to talk about sex. Now I am very sure that until I’m married I will NOT have sex. NOT THIS ONE!

The teacher made learning about sex very clear and understanding. Also it kept my attention, I would not mind doing it again.

The class was great, fun and very educational. I learned stuff that some people wouldn’t be honest about. I also learned about how to be intellectually smart as well

as physically.

I think this was a good course because I learned a lot and Mr. Merv helped teach me a lot and I thank him for what he has done.

Mr. Mattair often taught classes alone, but he also welcomed the opportunity to partner with Ms. Tonya Bell, an educator from the Healthy Start Coalition of Jefferson, Madison and Taylor Counties, to provide MPC classes. The curriculum was delivered in churches, juvenile justice facilities, and a community center. A total of 114 youth in the county participated in MPC from 2011-2013.

The chlamydia rates among youth ages 15-19 in Madison County dropped to 11th highest in 2010 and to 40th in 2012 among the 67 counties in the state—



Photo submitted

Community leader Merv Mattair (left) conducts a Making Proud Choices class. To the right is his daughter Lyric, an assistant instructor.

showing sustained improvement. The work of Mr. Merv Mattair, an outstanding HIV/STD Prevention Education cadre member, has been a contributing factor in preventing many youth in Madison from becoming involved in sexual risk

behaviors, which puts them at risk for STD and teen pregnancies.

Ms. Ksena Zipperer; HIV/STD Prevention Education Coordinator USF Healthy Schools Project/Florida Department of Education

Kiwanis Meeting Informative And Emotional



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Jim Holben talks emotionally about the organization, Samaritan’s Purse, and his son, “Spence.”

By Rose Klein
Greene Publishing, Inc.

At the last Presidential meeting for Jerome Wyche, the Thursday lunch meeting for The Kiwanis Club of Madison was called to order. Reminders of developing projects, an upcoming banquet, a canned food

drive and membership recruiting with possible evening meetings were addressed before he would hand the platform over to the days speaker, Jim Holben and the presidential reigns, on the following meeting, to Diane Head.

Samaritan’s Purse was the subject of Jim Holben’s address and a subject close to his heart. Holben’s son Spencer is entrenched with the organization and Holben had stories to tell after visiting “Spence” in Alaska.

Samaritan’s Purse is best known for their project, “Operation Christmas Child” where shoe boxes are filled with toys, hygiene items and school supplies then delivered, along with the message of Jesus, to children around the

world. The project is extremely popular with those giving and those receiving. The Christmas boxes have been delivered for 20 years now and have reached over 100 million children.

Holben said he wanted to share other projects that Samaritan’s Purse, as well as Spence, were involved in and spoke of his son spending time in Haiti for two years where he worked on the demolition and reconstruction team after their massive earthquake. Holben said some of Spence’s projects was building temporary homes, digging wells, building common hygiene areas and housing and feeding people. Spence’s move to Alaska was to help with Samaritan’s Purse, “Operation Heal Our

Patriots.” This project is for military couples whose lives have been permanently altered by injuries or wounds from combat or combat-related activities since the attacks of 9/11. To help some of these 51,000 wounded soldiers, Samaritan’s Purse sends them and their spouses to Alaska for a wilderness retreat. While at the retreat, they not only have a physical respite, but receive counseling for their spirit as well as their marriage. Holben described how he personally saw couples affected by the project and the difference it seemed to make in their lives. He finished by speaking about how proud he was of his son Spence, how impressed he was of the work that Samaritan’s Purse was able to ac-



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Jerome Wyche, the outgoing President for the Madison Kiwanis, stands beside the Kiwanis banner.

complish and to let everyone know that, “It’s a lot more than Christmas boxes.”

The meeting concluded with a few ques-

tions for Holben, a final call for further information and the last ringing of the bell for adjournment by Wyche.

Madison County Seminole Club Holds Kick-Off Dinner

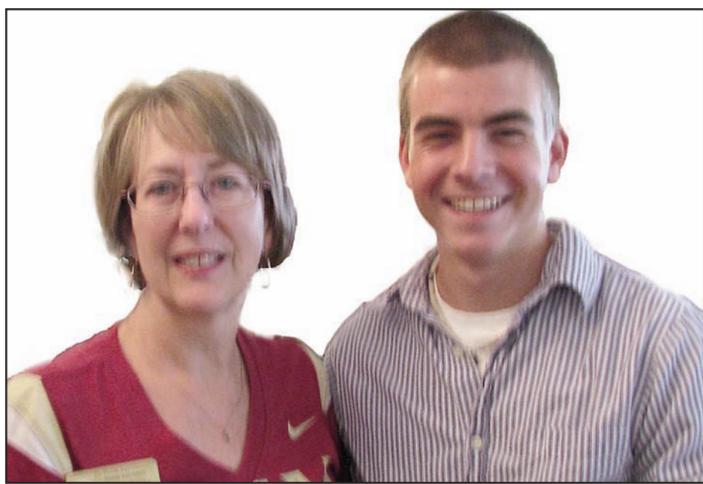


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Dianne Phillips, left, President of the Madison Seminole Club and Chad Oliver, right, one of its scholarship recipients, were two of the guests enjoying the evening’s festivities.

Story submitted

The Madison County Seminole Club held its annual Kick-off Dinner on Aug. 20 at Divine Events, where 85 ‘Nole fans gathered to hear former football coach Jim Gladden bring them up to date on the 2013 Seminole football team. Coach Gladden has been attending practices and closed scrimmages in preparation for the season and had many insights about the progress of the quarterbacks, defense, offense, and kicking game.

He also shared

stories about past and present players, speaking very highly of two former Madison County Cowboy players, Chris Thompson, who is now playing for the Washington Redskins, and Jacobbi McDaniel, who is playing both offense and defense for the Seminoles.

Other guests included Sue Fulford from the Florida State Alumni Association, Jamie Warren from the Seminole Boosters, and Jessica Comas, representing the College of Visual Arts, Theatre and Dance at FSU. Jessica brought Theda Pryor and her sister Erna as her guests to the event. Two other special guests at the dinner were Chad Oliver, who is the recipient of the MCSC Scholarship to FSU for 2013-14, and Mercedes Bell, who is a former Take Stock in

Children Scholarship recipient and who will be graduating from Florida State University with a degree in Fashion Design and Business in December of 2013.

Nancy Moss, a licensed vendor from Jacksonville, brought many Seminole items that attendees could purchase and there were door prizes and a silent auction, which raised money for the 2014-15 MCSC scholarship.

The Madison County Seminole Club would like to thank the following people and businesses for their support: Blanton’s Longleaf Container Nursery, Madison County Community Bank, Studstill Lumber Company of Madison, Garnet and Gold, Florida State Seminole Boosters, Jo Willis, Howard Phillips, and Ann and Sim Smith.

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SPORTS

Burrus Amazes As Warriors Trounce JPII 54-26, Improve To 3-1



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Timothy Kercher heads downfield.

By William Smith
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In a flash, it was over: the highlight play of the Aucilla season so far, a perfect fourth quarter exclamation point to a satisfying win over a rival. Junior cornerback Timothy Burrus leapt into the air, hung for a moment, then deftly snatched an errant pass one-handed from the night sky, cradled the ball into his forearm, and tight-roped down the sideline for the final nail in John Paul II's coffin in a hair-raising defensive touchdown built for the highlight

reel. Make no mistake: Burrus is not a shy playmaker. He has been all too willing to step into the spotlight when the Warriors have needed the big play, and Friday's 54-26 victory over the Panthers from Tallahassee marked just the latest chapter in Burrus' stellar 2013 campaign.

Through four games, Burrus has been responsible for eight Warrior touchdowns, including two interceptions returned for scores. Even more impressive is the real estate that accompanies the points: 730 combined rushing and receiving yards, or roughly 40% of Aucilla's offensive output this season. What may be most striking of all, however, is that Burrus is currently averaging a whopping 14 yards per rush, as well 17.5 yards per reception.

Burrus has turned the dial to eleven in the

past two weeks, with 511 yards and six scores of his total coming against St. Joseph (270 yards, two TDs) and John Paul (241 yards, four TDs). If the current trend continues, Aucilla's record book may need the assistance of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office to file assault charges.

Said head coach Colby Roberts, "There really isn't much that I can add to what Timmy has done so far this year. His numbers absolutely speak for themselves. He's been the heart of this team on offense, and has been in the position to make a crucial play on defense on several occasions."

Roberts continued, saying "By no means was this a one-man show, though. We played sloppy at times, but this was another gutsy win for our club that builds confidence going forward."

Burrus was not the

only offensive highlight shining that night though, as senior tailback Brandon Holm recorded another triple-digit rushing effort with a 17 carry, 104 yard game that now brings his season total to 335 yards on 54 carries, or a notable 6.2 yards per rush. Holm serves as the traditional I-back rushing backbone of the Warrior offense, while Burrus mostly functions from Wildcat and other more contemporary formations.

As a team, Aucilla relied on the running attack, rolling up 339 yards rushing as the passing game struggled to gain ground. Junior quarterback Austin Bishop had a mixed evening, with some brilliant timing routes for crucial first downs, but also some poor decisions that resulted in turnovers. Bishop finished at 8/23 for 204 yards, three TDs, and three interceptions.

Defensively, Aucilla performed well against the spread attack of John Paul II. The Panthers feature a deadly passing game that has the potential to gouge an opponent with long scoring plays, and the Warriors were mostly able to bottle up the opponent's explosive receivers.

Once again leading the charge for the Glass Eaters of the Warrior front seven was junior middle linebacker Cole Schwab, with 14 total tackles. Schwab continues to be the hammer in the middle, with a season tackle total of 57, or over 14 tackles per game. Other defensive standouts include Holm, who totaled 12 tackles and a fumble recovery from his linebacker position; Nick Roberts, who finished with nine tackles, including two TFLs and a sack; and sophomore cornerback Timothy Kercher, who had two

tackles and a drive-stopping interception in the second half.

Aucilla will take to the road again next week, facing winless St. Francis in Gainesville. The Wolves have lost by an average margin of 33 points in their four games so far this season, with an opponent's win/loss total of 8-6. St. Francis faced John Paul II two weeks ago, losing by a score of 48-13.

"We've done a great job of protecting our house during this three game home stand," Roberts reflected. "Now it's time to get a win on the road. We were so close against Branford, but this is a different team than when we finished that game a few weeks ago, a team with a clearer identity. Winners can take the show on the road. This team wants to be winners. I have confidence that we will cross the finish line this week, but only time will tell."

Varsity Cowboys Lose In Nail Biter, JV Tops Baker

By Jacob Bemby
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The Madison County High School Cowboys lost a nail biter this past Friday, Sept. 20, to the Trinity Christian Conquerors. The game remained scoreless until the fourth quarter. The Cowboys were able to get on the board when Zach Money booted a field goal.

Unfortunately, the Conquerors doubled the effort on the Cowboys and walked away with a 6-3 victory in the hard fought contest.

The Conquerors kept their record perfect with the 6-3 victory.

The Cowboys fell to 1-3 on the season. They will face the Pace Patriots from Pensacola at Boot Hill this Friday, Sept. 27. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

The Patriots also enter the contest, sporting a 1-3 record. This includes a recent 46-0 drubbing of Booker T. Washington High School in Pensacola.

Two of the three games the Cowboys have lost this year have been against private schools, which are allowed to recruit players. The other game was against Class 6A powerhouse, Gainesville High.

The Cowboys will begin district play on Oct. 4,

with a game against Taylor County High School.

The Junior Varsity Cowboys played Baker County on Thursday at Boot Hill and walked away with a 33-25 victory, improving their record to 1-1-1 on the season.

The JV Cowboys will play the Taylor County JV Bulldogs in Perry on Thursday, Oct. 3.

Go, Cowboys!



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MCHS Cowgirls Softball Golf Classic Set For Oct. 12

By Jacob Bemby
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The inaugural Madison County High School Cowgirls Softball Golf Classic 2013 will be played on Saturday, Oct. 12, at the Madison Country Club.

This is a four man super ball tournament and teams may sign up at the Madison Country Club, (850) 973-6701, or Madison Sporting Goods, (850) 973-2701. Cost is \$50 per player or \$200 per team. Mulligans cost \$5 each and are limited to four per team.

Tee times will be at 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., with shotgun starts.

The first place prize will be \$300, sec-

ond place, \$200 and third place, \$100. There will also be Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin and Longest Putt awards presented for each tee time.

At noon, golfers will eat lunch, which will feature barbecue sandwiches, chips and drinks.

Sponsors are being sought. Corporate sponsorships cost \$200 each, prize sponsorships are \$100 each and hole sponsors are \$50 each.

All funds raised will go to support the 2014 MCHS softball season.

If you have any questions, please call Tommy Garner at (850) 464-7221 or Rusty Smith at (850) 973-0425.

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Legals

NOTICE: The District School Board of Madison County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday November 5, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the School Board Meeting Room of the Superintendent's Office 210 N.E. Duval Avenue, Madison, FL.

Revision to:
Policy 5.29 Student Extra Curricular Random Drug Testing

The proposed document may be viewed at the School Board Office, 210 NE Duval Ave, Madison, Florida.
Statutory Authority: 120.54, 1001.43 F.S.
IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE BOARD, WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING OR HEARING, HE/SHE WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND FOR SUCH PURPOSE, HE/SHE MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **VERA J. HILL**, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property and name in which it is assessed is as follows:

CERTIFICATE NO: **11-991-TD**
YEAR OF ISSUANCE: **2011**
NAME IN, WHICH ASSESSED: **CARLETHA HAWKINS ET AL**
PARCEL ID: **28-1N-09-4939-000-000**

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOTS FIVE (5) AND SIX (6) OF BLOCK "C", HALSTOY SUBDIVISION TO THE TOWN OF MADISON, FLORIDA

All of said property being in the County of Madison, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to the law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the west front door at the Madison County Courthouse on the **14TH** day of **October 2013** at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 23rd day of August 2013.

TIM SANDERS
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
MADISON COUNTY
MADISON, FLORIDA

BY: *ls/ Renata Keeling*

Notice of Sale Pursuant to Chapter 83, Part IV

Under the Authority of the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Section 83.805 the described below has been seized for nonpayment of rent and other accrued expenses. The property consists primarily of household & personal goods in units rented by: **Terrisha Evans, Leroy James, Shaquitha Whitfield, Savilla Murphy and Victoria Solomon**. The property will be sold at auction to the highest bidder as provided by the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Section 83.806. The sale will be held Saturday October 5, 2013, at the Madison Mini Storage, 1098 E. U.S. Hwy 90, in Madison, Florida. For further information call 850-973-2008.

MADISON COUNTY ENTERPRISE ZONE #4001 BOUNDARY AMENDMENT REQUEST NOTICE

A resolution will be considered for a change in the boundary of the Madison County Enterprise Zone #4001 (EZ). The boundary amendment is a request to add an additional 3 square miles to the current Enterprise Zone. A public hearing will be held on the following day and time, by the below named entity:

November 6, 2013 at 9:00 a.m., Regular Meeting of the Madison County Board of County Commissioners, Room 107, first floor of the Courthouse Annex.

If adopted, this will result in a change to the boundary of the EZ for Madison County. If you have any questions regarding this boundary amendment request, or wish to view maps showing the proposed additions, please contact Sherilyn Pickels at 850-973-3179.

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

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
IVAN HOMER WALLACE, JR., a/k/a
IVAN HOMER WALLACE, a/k/a
IVAN H. WALLACE, JR., a/k/a
IVAN H. WALLACE, a/k/a
I. HOMER WALLACE,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of **IVAN HOMER WALLACE, JR., a/k/a IVAN HOMER WALLACE, a/k/a IVAN H. WALLACE, JR., a/k/a IVAN H. WALLACE, a/k/a I. HOMER WALLACE**, deceased, whose death was May 16, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Madison County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Madison County Clerk of Court, Probate Division, P. O. Box 237, Madison, Florida 32341. The name and address of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against Decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against Decedent's estate must file their claims with this Court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is September 25, 2013.

Attorney for Personal Representative: *Scott B. Copeland*
Personal Representative: *Myrtle M. Wallace*
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 3RD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 40-2008-CA-000441

GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC,
Plaintiff,
VS.
DENNIS E. DEHART, ET AL.,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated Aug 26, 2013 and entered in Case No. 40-2008-CA-000441 in the Circuit Court of the 3rd Judicial Circuit in and for Madison County, Florida wherein **GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC** was the Plaintiff and **DENNIS E. DEHART, ET AL.** the Defendant(s). I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the front door of the Madison County Courthouse, 125 SW Range Ave., Madison, FL 32340 on the 27 day of September, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOTS 10 AND 11 OF LAKESIDE TERRACE, A SUBDIVISION IN MADISON, MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS DESIGNATED ON A PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE "L" OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA. LESS AND EXCEPT THE SOUTH 2.00 FEET OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS OF 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.

Clive N. Morgan
Attorney for Plaintiff
Pendergast & Morgan, P.A.
6673 Corporate Center Pkwy, Ste 301
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,
Plaintiff,
VS.
BARBARA MICHELLE COLVIN, WALTER E. ODOM, JR., 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 AKA, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEE, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 17, 2013, entered in Civil Case No. 40-2012-CA-000305 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 30 day of September, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at the Front Door of the Madison County Courthouse, 125 SW Range Avenue, Madison, Florida 32340, in accordance with Chapter 45 Florida Statutes, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to wit:

NOTICE OF SALE

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Assistant District Governor Visits Rotary



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Assistant District Governor Mark Viola, of the Taylor County Rotary Club, talks to the Madison Club about the importance of club and district level involvement in service.

By Lynette Norris
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Assistant District Gov. Mark Viola visited the Madison Rotary Club recently to talk about what it was like for him to be a Rotarian. Viola, a newspaper journalist from Perry, is also a three-time president of the Taylor Rotary Club and a member of the board of directors, has plenty of experience as a Rotarian to draw from, and started off by saying that, compared to other civic organizations, he believed that Rotary was more "bottom-up" than "top-down," with most of the activity taking place at the individual club level. With more flexibility at the club and district level in everything from

fundraising to service, Viola said, "The clubs are left to do what they do best - promote 'Service Above Self.' Much of what Rotary international is known for today began first at the club level."

The first Rotary Club was founded in Chicago in 1908, and 18 years later, in 1926, there was a Rotary Club in Taylor County. Rotary Clubs were growing like wildfire, and soon discovered the advantage of partnering with nearby clubs for big local service projects.

This partnering of clubs soon spanned international borders, where in order to assure that any help or service they perform in other

countries receives proper follow-up, Rotary clubs at home partner with another Rotary club that is already there and established in that country, assuring that there are always Rotarians on the ground. Whether it's installing a new well in a village or some other service project that better the life of a community, partnering with the local club assures that there will be people left there on the ground who can maintain and repair the new well, pump, or generator and train others to do so long after the last visiting Rotarian has left. The major role of Rotary International is in facilitating the process of partnering, and most

of the global projects that Rotary International is known for today first began years ago at the club level.

Viola also discussed the 30,000 Peace Scholarships that Rotaries have awarded since 1948, and the 9,000 exchange students sponsored by Rotary Clubs (in 2011-2012 school year alone), as well as Rotary International's Polio Plus. A service project that first began in 1988, when polio was still endemic in 125 countries around the world, it had by 2012, reduced the number of polio-endemic countries to three.

"32,000 clubs together can do some great things," said Viola. "Giving and service is international."



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