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Man Arrested For Aggravated Battery With A Deadly Weapon



Haywood Moore, Jr.

By Jacob Bemby
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A Madison man was arrested for aggravated battery with a deadly weapon on Thursday, Feb. 20.

According to a Madison Police Department report, Cpl. Reggie Alexander made contact with the victim of the incident at the Madison County Memorial Hospital emergency room. Upon his arrival, he learned that the victim had been cut in the back of his head.

After the doctor had finished with the victim, Alexander took a statement on what happened.

The victim said that he and a family member, Haywood

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Gas And Pump Stolen Off Bed Of Pickup

By Jacob Bemby
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A gallon of gas and a high flow pump were among items stolen sometime on Valentine's Day weekend on SW Pinckney Street in Madison.

According to a Madison Police Department report, Officer Andrew Brooks was dispatched to a theft. Upon his arrival, he made contact with the victim who said that be-

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School Board Approves Extra Hours

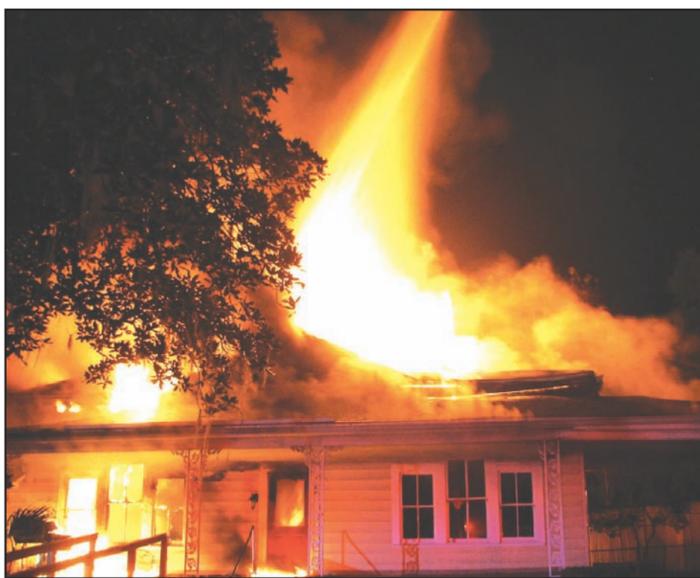
By Lynette Norris
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At the end of the school year, there are streams of data to collate and lots of loose ends to tie up to finish off one school year and get ready for the next one, and that usually means a few school staff members need to stay on for a few extra days to do all that.

At a previous school board meeting on Feb. 4, the school board was faced with a tight budget and the question of the most cost-efficient means of paying for the extra hours. Would it be bet-

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Suspicious Fire Still Under Investigation



By Jacob Bemby
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The investigation into a suspicious fire on South Range Street in Madison is continuing.

The house, located at 422 South Range Street, which had been the former location of Roebuck Barber and Beauty Shop, became engulfed in flames shortly before 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 1.

Madison Fire & Rescue responded to the blaze and the New Home, Greenville, Lee and Cherry Lake Volunteer Fire Departments rendered mutual aid.

The building was

vacant at the time of the blaze.

The State Fire Marshal was called to investigate the blaze. According to Madison Fire Chief Bruce Jordan, he has not received any information on what might have caused the fire.

A member of the family, who owned the building, told this writer that the insurance investigator spent hours at the site of the fire and thinks it was caused by arson.

If you have any information on how the blaze may have started, please call the Madison Police Department at (850) 973-5077.

School District Seeking Community Input



Doug Brown

The Madison County School District is seeking com-

munity input into the design and development of a three (3) year Title I School Improvement Grant (SIG), with a due date of April 4. The grant process is extremely competitive. The demonstrated participation of the community in the process is a requirement for successful proposals.

Superintendent of Schools Doug Brown invites interested county residents to

participate in a Community Assessment Team (CAT). This team of community and parent volunteers will be instrumental in identifying interventions and strategies to implement over the next three years as we improve the schools in Madison County. The CAT will monitor the progress of the grant over the duration of the grant.

The first meeting is scheduled for Thursday morning, February 27 in the School Board Office at 8:30 a.m. We will have a flexible schedule to accommodate those who wish to participate. Below is a list of meeting dates and times for those who wish to participate.

Schedule of initial meetings:
Thursday, Feb. 27,

8:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 6, 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Thursday, March 13, 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 20, 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Persons interested in providing input through service on the CAT committee should contact Dr. Cheryl S. James at 973-1533. Everyone is welcome to attend any and all meetings.

Greenville's Maddie Norris Wins Suwannee River Jam Audition

Only one more audition to go at Jacksonville Landing on March 22! Plan now to attend this audition and to be at the SOSMP on April 18 for the final audition where winners will be chosen to play at the Jam! It will be a great evening filled with spectacular talent!

A Greenville girl was among the

three winners chosen Feb. 15 at the Fiddler Crab Festival in Steinhatchee in the annual Suwannee River Jam (SRJ) Auditions. Greenville's Maddie Norris, Starke's Britney Hall, and Steinhatchee's Josh Hage walked away with the honors!

These three will move on to the SRJ final audition April 18 at The Spirit of the

Suwannee Music Park (SOSMP) in Live Oak, where more than a dozen finalists will audition one last time hoping to be chosen to perform at the SRJ April 30-May 3.

Crews'n Myles Band of Lake Butler won the band contest at Steinhatchee and will move straight to the SRJ to perform without further competition.

Other contestants signed up to compete were John Hindman, Abigail Carpenter, Cassidy Lee, Kenny Shutter, Caleb Hage, Shauna Clark, Heather Dockery, "Blind" Dillon Forbes, Jenna Shea Markham, Willow Veda and Ricky Tanner. Other bands signed up to compete were Wreckless with Steffanie Renae, Ciara



Maddie Norris

Rae Band, Keith Taylor
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Shooting Sports And Chicken Pilau Set For Saturday

There will be a shooting sports

event and chicken pilau, cooked by Dan Buchanan, and hosted by a number of churches and the kindness of individuals, on land belonging to Wally and Vonnie

Davis, at 5757 NE Rocky Ford Road, on Saturday, March 1, from 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Funds raised at the event (by donation only) will go to benefit and execute next year's Community Day at the Davis land.



Community Baseball League Welcoming New Players And Hosting Youth Baseball Camp

The Community Baseball League is welcoming new players, teams, coaches and sponsors, ages 17-55 (Ladies and Gentlemen) and holding a North Florida Youth Baseball Camp.

Community Baseball League, a national MSBL affiliate, is a wood bat baseball league played in Madison against cities throughout South Georgia and North Florida. Baseball games are only played on the weekends excluding any holiday weekends. Welcoming all skill levels. Player cost is \$75 and includes medical coverage. There will be a new players meeting in Madison on March 1 at 4 p.m. to establish the

roster which will be released March 22. Check us out online at www.CommunityBaseballLeague.org or visit www.MSBLnational.com.

The North Florida Youth Baseball Camp will be held at Madison Recreation Park, March 2 at 1 p.m. Boys and girls are welcome to attend the preseason training camp for \$20 per player. Camp instructors will teach basic fundamentals of hitting, catching and learning the game with great attitude. Players will need to be in uniform and on the field no later than 1:30 p.m. Come early to get signed up. Children of ages 7-15 years old are welcome.

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JMPHS will accept applications for the 2014-15 school year February 1 - March 1 for an anticipated 10 seats for 10th grade and 50 seats for 9th grade. If more applications are received than seats available, a random drawing will be held to determine enrollment. Applications are available at www.jmphs.org and at the JMPHS Office at 176 NW Crane Ave. Please visit our website or contact us at (850) 253-2173.

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Fri 2/28	59/32		Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 40s.
Sat 3/1	65/41		Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 40s.

VIEWPOINTS & OPINIONS

National Security

Stray Vectors



Joe Boyles
Guest Columnist

Editor's Note: "Stray vectors" is the author's byline for passing thoughts on the random scene.

Did you see that Toyota will not be building an electric car? They don't believe there is a viable economic market for such a vehicle. Pretty smart folks who have an unprecedented record of success. Makes you wonder, doesn't it? Apparently, they're concentrating R&D toward fuel cell technology.

Research has indicated that people who constantly text message experience more stress in relationships. Are you surprised? I'm not. There's nothing quite like looking someone in the eye and having an honest conversation.

A key reason why Gator basketball is so good this year is leadership — they have four seniors in the starting lineup. Kentucky probably has more talent in their starting five, but they're all freshmen.

Speaking of texting, the most common abbreviation is OMG ... and you know what that stands for: A lot of us are concerned about young people falling away from church, but there is some comfort in knowing that God's name is invoked when they are surprised or elated. Call it a shred of hope.

This transgender business is going way too far — unisex bathrooms and cross gender sports. Gimme a break. This is social engineering run amuck. That's the problem when you try to undo God's plan.

It seems like every time a story appears that we're running out of oil and gas, a new discovery is announced that is larger than any other. I'm not saying that the supply is limitless, but any information on petroleum supplies that is more than a year old is out of date.

Do you want to know why employers bail out and take their businesses elsewhere? Here's a new wrinkle. Illinois has a new rule just approved by the governor that prohibits employers from asking prospective employees about any felonies they might have committed. Are you kidding me?

In the wake of the disastrous rollout of Obamacare, many are calling for "the head" of HHS Secretary Kathleen Sibelius. While I'm not a fan of Sibelius, I have a different take on the matter — I'm not sure anyone could have done any better. I believe the law is so fundamentally flawed and so pervasive that it is beyond human capacity to properly or smoothly implement. Give the lady a break.

Many are concerned that the popularity of salsa over ketchup/catsup is another sign that illegal immigration is out of control. That may be ... but I love salsa, especially the fresh variety. Yum.

Remember Obama's

2008 campaign promise, "under my plan, if you like your health insurance, you can keep it." Do you see how many people have lost their health coverage in the last six months? Not only did the man fail to deliver his promise, he lied. Wait a minute, Joe, politicians don't lie; they mis-spoke.

Speaking of Obamacare, where is the Republican plan to fix this mess? Is "repeal" the best they've got? I don't think this monster can be slain, but we've got to find some way to fix it. The chaos in the health insurance market is growing by the day.

It seems that many of the states are turning against electric cars. Apparently, the reduction in gasoline taxes for road needs is too much to bear. Ah ... unintended consequences.

An icebreaker, carrying eco-tourists and scientists to Antarctica to study the effects of global warming on the icepack, got stuck in ice and required a difficult multi-national rescue. Folks, you just can't make up stories like this.

The US Chamber of Commerce is strongly supporting immigration reform. Is there a conservative approach to immigration reform? Good question.

Urban communities are facing an exploding deer population, the so-called Bambi effect. Many are trying to control this with sterilization. Not a good idea, especially from the vantage point of expense. Bullets and arrows will do the job more effectively at far less expense.

I see that 87 year-old Congressman John Dingell of Michigan has announced his retirement at the end of this year. At 58 years and 29 terms, he's the longest serving congressman in our nation's history. Term limits anyone?

The California Central Valley is undergoing a massive drought that will severely affect food supply. Is it because of a lack of rainfall or the fact that water is being diverted away from agriculture to preserve an endangered species — the delta smelt? What's more important, a bait fish or farmers and food supply?

Savvy Senior

Tips And Support Services For Family Caregivers

Dear Savvy Senior,
What resources do you recommend that offer help to caregivers? I've been taking care of my 82-year-old mother, and it's wearing me to a frazzle.

Exhausted Daughter

Dear Exhausted,

Taking care of an elder loved one over a period of time can be incredibly taxing, both physically and mentally. Fortunately, there are a number of tips and services you can turn to that can help lighten the load. Here are several to consider:

Assemble a care team: A good first step is to put together a network of people (family, friends and even neighbors) that you can call on to help out when you can't be there or need a break.

Tap local services: Most communities offer a range of free or subsidized services that help seniors and caregivers by providing things like home delivered meals, transportation, senior companion services and more. Also, look into respite services (see respitelocator.org) that can provide short-term care to your mom so you can take some time off. Your Area Agency on Aging (call 800-677-1116 for contact information) can refer you to services available in your community.

Use financial aids: If you're handling your mom's financial chores, make things easier by arranging direct deposit for her income sources, and set up automatic payments for her utilities and other routine bills.

If you need help, hire a professional daily money manager (aadmm.com, 877-326-5991) who can come in once or twice a month to pay bills, make deposits, decipher health insurance statements and balance her checkbook. They charge \$25 to \$100 per hour. Or, if your mom is low-income, a similar service is offered by AARP (aarpmmp.org) in select communities for free.

Benefitscheckup.org is another excellent resource you should use to look for financial assistance programs for lower-income seniors.

Get insurance help: If you have questions about Medicare, Medicaid or long-term care, your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) is a great resource that provides free counseling on all

these issues. Call 800-633-4227 or visit shiptalk.org to locate a nearby counselor.

You can also get help online at medicare.gov/campaigns/caregiver/caregiver.html, and through the Medicare Rights Center, which staffs a hotline at 800-333-4114 to help answer questions.

Use technology: If your mom lives alone, consider renting her a medical alert device, which is a small pendant-style "SOS" button that she wears, that would allow her to call for help if she falls. These are available through companies like lifelinesys.com and lifefone.com for about \$1 per day. Or, check out home monitoring systems at mylively.com, beclose.com or grandcare.com.

There are also a number of great websites you can draw on for caregiving information and support like aarp.org/caregiving, caregiver.org and caring.com, along with alz.org/care, alzheimers.gov and thiscaringhome.org for caregivers of dementia patients. And, if you're sharing care responsibilities with others, sites like lotsahelpinghands.com, caresolver.com and caringbridge.org can help you coordinate together.

Hire help: Depending on your mom's needs and budget, you may want to hire a part-time "home-care aide" that can help with things like preparing meals, doing laundry, bathing or dressing, or if she needs health care services, a "home health aid." Costs can run anywhere from \$12 up to \$40 per hour depending on where you live and the qualification of the aide. To find someone, ask for referrals through friends, doctor's offices or hospital discharge planners, or visit medicare.gov/homehealthcompare.

If you need additional guidance, consider hiring a geriatric care manager (caremanager.org) who can help you manage and facilitate your mom's care. Care managers generally charge between \$100 and \$200 per hour.

Take care of yourself: Make your own health a priority. Being a caregiver is a big job that can cause emotional and physical stress and lead to illness and depression. The only way you can provide the care your mother needs is to make sure you stay healthy.

Searching For Ambrosia

Baking To Feel Better



Rose Klein
Columnist

Therapy comes in many forms and through the years, I have tried a few when things in my life are not as I think they should be. I have learned the more I ponder a situation, the more it clouds my thinking and when that happens, it's time to move. I don't mean Iocation necessarily; I mean action. It's time to get up from where I am and get busy. Last night was kind of like that. I fell asleep easily enough, but sleep wasn't staying with me very long. I had started some bread dough before going to bed and every time I woke, I would think I might as well get up and work the dough. I think one of my all-time favorite therapeutic activities is baking. I have done enough baking where I no longer have to agonize over every small detail and calculation, but with all the ingredients and flavors available, there still remains plenty of room for me to be creative.

Making bread is therapeutic because after mixing ingredients, you then get to knead your dough, using muscles in your hands, wrists, arms, and if you're like me, your legs. I don't know why I stand on my tiptoes to knead bread, I just always have. I feel I can get more leverage on the dough standing this way and my calves get a work out, which is

fine by me. Kneading dough allows you to clear your mind while giving you something to focus on. You have to make sure the dough is not too wet or doesn't get too stiff. You knead the dough, waiting for that smooth texture, where the dough no longer sticks to your hands, but isn't so dry that it flakes away on your board or in your bowl. You don't think about your problems or your circumstances, you just think about the dough, and when it's ready, you shape it and place it in the baking pans and let it be. At 4:30 in the morning, when you finally feel tired enough to go to sleep, you rest while it works. If you've done your job properly, several hours later, when you wake because you have to go to work, your dough will have risen and will be ready to bake. The therapy continues as the bread bakes because bread baking in the oven is an intoxicating smell, especially early in the morning while you're going about your morning routine, trying to get your dogs fed, showering and whatever other sundry tasks you must attend before leaving for the day. When it's time to pull the bread from the oven, you thump it to see if it sounds hollow and, if it does, you slather the top with butter and turn it out on a rack to cool and just when you thought the therapy couldn't get any better, you cut a slice to test your work, and after an audible, "Holy cow this is good!" you know your therapy has paid for itself. You gather your therapy, along with a stick of butter and homemade jam and present it to your coworkers, who enjoy it but are clueless about your therapy sessions...until now I suppose.



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Homemade bread right out of the oven makes even an experienced cook feel accomplished, and content.

Happy Birthday Emerald Greene!!



Happy birthday to the best mother, woman and boss lady that anyone could ever ask for. Thank you for everything you have done and will always do for us. Because of you, we have grown up to be the respectful young ladies we are today. You might not know it, but you have become such a huge role model in our lives. We have learned to work hard, never quit, love and appreciate everyone and to most of all put God and family first. We love you mom and just want to thank you for everything you have done for grandma and us! We hope you have a wonderful birthday and many great ones to come!!

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AROUND MADISON COUNTY



World News
By Rose Klein

Man Arrested

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Moore, Jr., were traveling around the lake en route to the victim's uncle's house at Drive-In Trailer Park. They began arguing in the car.

Moore told the victim to get out of the car.

The victim told Alexander that Moore started talking trash to him, so he started talking trash back.

The victim said that Moore then pulled a razor type knife and cut him in the head.

Alexander made contact with Moore and he said that he and the victim had gotten into an argument around the lake and he punched the victim

and the victim fell on the ground.

Moore said that he got back in the car and left the area and went home and told another relative what he had done to the victim. She left to check on him.

Moore said that he didn't cut the victim and said he does not know how the victim was cut.

The victim received a laceration, which took 16 staples to close.

Moore was arrested for aggravated battery with a deadly weapon due to him admitting an altercation and the victim's statement identifying him as the assailant.

Maddie Norris

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Band and Sabin Sharpe Band.

Maddie was also among those auditioning Feb. 8 who did not move on. Maddie didn't let that stop her. She signed up for Steinhatchee and came home a winner. Maddie, who started her singing career singing opera as a small child and then moved on to country, was a contestant last year in the Texaco Country Show-down at The SOSMP.

Brittney, a newcomer to competitions, was among the auditioners Feb. 8 at The SOSMP in her first big

stage event. Brittney didn't move forward, but she had the crowd on its feet, cheering her on in her last song that night. Now, she's made it to the finals with this win and is dreaming of being among the chosen April 18.

Josh Hage is the current Teen Talent 2013 Florida Male Solo Vocal and Percussion Champion who will compete in the Teen Talent Nationals in Tennessee in July. Josh is expected to bring a crowd to the finals April 18 as he works to perform at

The SRJ!

For more information about The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park or to find out more about the many exciting upcoming events at the park, call 386-364-1683, email spirit@musicliveshere.com or go to www.musicliveshere.com. The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park is located at 3076 95th Drive 4.5 miles north of Live Oak off US 129 at the famous Suwannee River. The park is 4.5 miles south of Interstate 75 and 4.5 miles north of Interstate 10 off US 129.

Pump Stolen

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tween Saturday night, Feb. 15, and Monday morning, Feb. 17, a Fimco 25-gallon high flow pump was taken from the bed of his pickup truck.

The victim also told Brooks that a one-gallon gas jug (filled with

mixed gas) was taken from the bed of the the pickup, which was parked in the driveway of his home.

Also reported stolen were a hose, 15 feet long and 3/8" in diameter and one gallon of chain saw engine oil.

Hours

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ter to pay an hourly rate, or simply extend the contracts for the staff members another month into the summer? It was hard to say without a cost analysis, so the board agreed to table the matter until the Feb. 18 meeting, when Chief Financial Officer Ray Griffin would have had time to prepare one.

At the Feb. 18 meeting, Griffin's cost analysis showed clearly that the best way was the hourly rate; even allowing for the district's required payroll taxes, retirement

contributions and other fees that would still have to be included, the hourly rate was less expensive by about \$10,000. The employees needed only 1060 extra hours to get the job done, and extending the contract would require them to put in 1500 hours in order to fulfill their contract. Once they finished their tasks, they would have to find other tasks to perform until their extended month was up.

The board approved the extra hours at the hourly rate.

Brick Thrown Through Window

By Jacob Bemby
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A brick was thrown through the window of a house on SW Lee Avenue on Thursday, Feb. 20. According to a Madison Police Department report, Cpl. Reggie Alexander was dispatched to the resident

at approximately 6:06 a.m.

the next morning, in reference to a suspicious person.

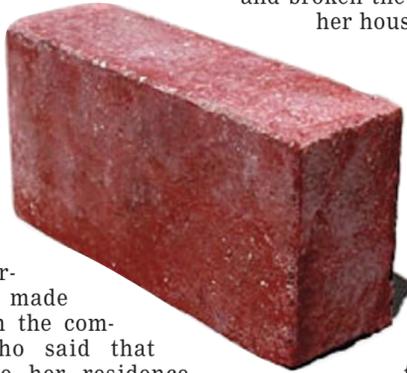
When Alexander arrived, he made contact with the complainant who said that while inside her residence, she heard what appeared to be a thud and footsteps running from her residence.

She requested the police to check the area and an exterior search was conducted and the suspicious person was not located.

Following the search, a

small piece of concrete was located that the complainant could not identify. There was no apparent damage to the residence. Alexander took information to complete a report and left the area.

At 6:33 a.m., the victim notified the police that the unknown suspect(s) had returned and broken the window out of her house.



Alexander returned to the victim's residence and discovered that the unknown suspect(s) had thrown half of a standard red brick through the south side living room window.

A canvass of the area was conducted once again and no suspects could be found.

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

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Plane Delayed Two Hours Over Arabic Writing

In Amsterdam, Netherlands, a plane scheduled to leave Amsterdam and headed to Newcastle, England, was delayed more than two hours after a group of school children reported a man to the crew, writing in Arabic. About 15 students were taken off the plane and put on a later flight because they were uncomfortable flying with the man. Adam Robson, the man sitting next to the Arabic writer said, "The guy had a notebook and people were looking over at it as it had both Arabic writing and English words...just as we're about to take off there was a kicking and banging on my seat from behind us and the student was having a panic attack. He went from the window seat into the aisle and ran to the back of the plane. The next thing we know, the pilot has come on and said for safety reasons we were going back to the terminal." While the children and their luggage were removed, the rest of the passengers remained on the plane. "It turns out he was an Iranian Masters student at Teesside University and the reason he was in Amsterdam was because his wife was studying there as she'd been unable to transfer to a north east university," Robson said. "He makes the trips regularly and he said he always carries his notebook, which he showed me." The Masters student was writing in Arabic to teach himself the language. "He was really genuine," Robson said. "Thankfully, he wasn't aware of it and he didn't understand what was going on."

Teacher Jailed For Making Student Clean Toilet With Hands

In Coral Springs, a third-grade teacher at Broward Community Charter School West was arrested on battery charges after she allegedly forced a 10-year-old boy to clean a dirty urinal she thought he had clogged, by using his bare hands. Jennifer Forshey allegedly instructed the student to unclog the urinal of pee-soaked paper towels and was given no gloves, and with no soap available in the bathroom for him to wash with after the job was finished. The police report reads, "Victim's hands were saturated in what smelled like urine from the urinal and the paper towel that was in the urinal." Forshey, 58, was booked into jail and released on a \$1,000 bond and says, "I did not do anything illegal." The police report states, "She only thinks what she did was wrong because she is in trouble for it. Otherwise, she does not see anything wrong with exposing a child to urine."

AROUND MADISON COUNTY

Obituaries

Joan Faglie

Joan Faglie passed away Monday, February 17, 2014, after battling lung cancer. She was 72.

She was born in Taunton, Mass., but lived most of her life in Florida. She loved to move around a lot but you could always spot her house because it was surrounded by beautiful flowers. She will be missed by many.

She is survived by her husband, Ned Faglie; two sisters, Linda Hammett and Joyce Liebold; daughters, Maggie



Perry, Trisha Hall and Chris Dasher; and son, Raymond Perry.

She was preceded in death by sisters, Terry Farthing and Lorraine Barrows; three sons, Joey Pelland, Jimmy Perry and Michael Perry.

She had 11 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses on Saturday, March 1, 2014, at 2 p.m.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

February 26
Sunday Drive, featuring Jeff Treece will be in concert on Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 7 p.m. at Midway Church of God. Jeff Treece and his brother, Duck, have performed with their former band, the Jeff Treece Band, on the Grand Ole Opry. Join Sunday Drive for a night of comedy, as well as sharing the Word of God, at Midway Church of God, located at 2849 SE Midway Church Road in Lee.

February 27
James Madison Preparatory High School, 176 SW Crane Ave., is having an Open House for interested, prospective students and their families from 6:30-8 p.m. JMPHS, a public chartered high school with a STEM-focused curriculum, has approximately ten open seats in its tenth grade class and 50 open seats for the incoming ninth grade class for the school year 2014-2015, and is accepting applications for those seats. The Open House includes a tour of the campus, and informational meeting and a question and answer session. Come by and see if JMPHS is the right place for your son or daughter.

March 1
There will be a shooting sports event and chicken pilau, cooked by Dan Buchanan, and hosted by a number of

churches and the kindness of individuals, on land belonging to Wally and Vonnie Davis, at 5757 NE Rocky Ford Road, on Saturday, March 1. Funds raised at the event (by donation only) will go to benefit and execute next year's Community Day at the Davis land.

March 1
Welcoming new players, teams, coaches and sponsors, ages 17-55 (Ladies and Gentlemen). Community Baseball League, a national MSBL affiliate, is a wood bat baseball league played in Madison against cities throughout South Georgia and North Florida. Baseball games are only played on the weekends excluding any holiday weekends. Welcoming all skill levels. Player cost is \$75 and includes medical coverage. There will be a new players meeting in Madison on March 1 at 4 p.m. to establish the roster, which will be released March 22. Check us out online at www.CommunityBaseballLeague.org or visit www.MSBLnational.com

March 2
NORTH FLORIDA YOUTH BASEBALL CAMP at Madison Recreation Park, March 2 at 1 p.m. Boys and girls are welcome to attend the pre-season training camp for \$20 per player. Camp instructors will teach basic fundamentals of hitting, catching and

learning the game with great attitude. Players will need to be in uniform and on the field no later than 1:30 p.m. Come early to get signed up. Children of ages 7-15 years old are welcome.

Any further questions call Greg Vickers (850) 253-5107.

March 2
The Salvation Army will hold a grand opening at 11 a.m. on Sunday, March 2, at 604 W. Julia Street in Perry as they dedicate and offer a tour of their new chapel. Free lunch will be provided for the kids and ribs and chicken dinners will be on sale as a fundraiser. There will be games and bounce house for the kids.

March 4
St. Mary's Episcopal Church is hosting its annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper in preparation for Lent. Delicious pancakes and sausage will be served in the Parish Hall from 5:30-7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4. There is no charge, however a love offering to the church will be graciously accepted.

March 5
On March 5, St. Mary's will conduct an Ash Wednesday service at 5:30 p.m. to mark the beginning of Lent. The public is cordially invited to participate in this traditional service to observe humility, repentance and fasting.

Thank You

The family of Bob Searcy wishes to thank each of you for loving and supporting us during his long cancer journey. Words cannot express our appreciation for all you have done.

Love and hugs,
Beanie Searcy

Thank You

The Tookes-Williams family would like to express their gratitude to the community of Madison for their outpouring of compassion as we celebrated the transition of our mother. Sometimes, words are not enough to express sincere gratitude but your presence, kind words, thoughts and prayers assisted us in paying homage to one we love dearly and will miss immensely. Thank you, dear friends and family!!!

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Gini West Of Big Bend Hospice: Don't Put Off End-Of-Life-Planning



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Gini West, RN, CHPN, Director of Business for Big Bend Hospice, speaks to the 55 Plus Club about the importance of the PEACE (Planning Early About Care at the End) project, something she was instrumental in bringing to this area.

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing, Inc.

End-of-life planning isn't just for the frail, the elderly or the terminally ill, Gini West of Big Bend Hospice told those gathered at the 55 Plus Club.

West, Director of Business Management for Big Bend Hospice, is a registered nurse as well as a Certified Hospice and Palliative Nurse (CHPN), and as guest speaker at the 55 Plus Club's February meeting, she was there to bring the message that early planning is often the best way to plan. As several tragic, high-profile cases have illustrated, even young people can find themselves in need of end-of-life care, or for someone to make deci-

sions on their behalf should they be incapacitated. If they have not had those important conversations with their loved ones already, or put any of their final wishes in writing, those they love will be left with enormous decisions to make, often in a very short amount of time, and their decisions may or may not be in accordance with those of the patient.

West was instrumental in bringing the PEACE (Planning Early About Care at the End) program to the eight-county area that includes Madison.

"Death is a fascinating topic," she told the audience. "We know that death will occur, but we spend our entire lives trying to avoid it and avoid talking about it." It's not unusual for patients to not want to fill out end-of-life documents even after they have come to hospice.

Everyday language is full of euphemisms for death, some poetic, some more mundane: passed away, gone to glory, gone home, bought the farm, kicked the bucket, checked out.

The PEACE Program brings those issues surrounding death back into the light. "For too long, we've backed off and let the medical community take over. The PEACE Program, Advance Directives and the Five Wishes will bring some of that control back to us."

The PEACE Program seeks to educate people about what their options are, and

explain what those options will include. Very often, medical professionals will simply ask loved ones to make decisions, without offering much guidance or information. They don't talk to patients and caregivers about options because they are often afraid of talking the patient or family into something they didn't want.

The other issue Big Bend Hospice is now addressing is that sometimes a patient's Advance Directives are not being honored because of disagreement among survivors about the interpretation. Advance Directives and Five Wishes documents were being distributed to people, but there wasn't enough solid education going along with those documents about what the choices were and the importance of sitting down with all friends and loved ones, and having those very important conversations, answering those questions and making sure that those wishes in the advance directives were clearly understood, by everyone who was likely to be involved in the end of one's life.

Loss of someone young or middle aged and healthy is often sudden and unexpected, and the pain of that situation can't be denied. Does your family know what you would want them to do on your behalf, or will they have to guess as they make those decisions quickly, without a clue, during a time of crisis, standing in a

hospital corridor or beside a stretcher as a doctor awaits their decision?

"Sit down and have those conversations," she said. "It's that simple."

Knowledge is power, and the more people know about death, the less they fear it. Know what the options are. Know what's possible and what's realistic. How do you feel about being on a ventilator for a long period of time? How do you feel about feeding tubes, if you're in an ICU with no realistic chance of recovery or going home? Feeding tubes initially were never designed to sustain life indefinitely, and ventilators were meant to keep people alive for a very short period of time while their bodies healed. These technologies were originally intended to buy doctors extra time they needed to save someone's life and send them home again.

Today, according to a recent study, 98 percent of patients in ICUs around the country have no realistic chance of ever recovering and going home. By becoming educated, people can feel more confident about discussing these subjects with their families and making sure their families will honor their wishes.

"A lot of conversation needs to take place," said West.

And it needs to take place early. West cites the example of a strong, perfectly healthy 33-year-old man who fell out of a deer stand and broke his neck. He never wanted to be on a ventilator, but he had never told anyone that. Fortunately, he was able to write a short note to that effect. Had he not been able to do that much, he would have been consigned to a fate he had never wanted.

In another case, family issues coming into play determined how one young woman spent her last days. She was dying of end-stage breast cancer, but she was estranged from her family because they disapproved of her partner, whom she had been with for eight years. During those eight years, she had never once spoken to her family, not even after being diagnosed with her illness. One night, while she was in terrible pain, she was transported to the hos-



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Michelle Brantley of Big Bend Hospice presents Peggy Wooten with a door prize from BBH. Left to right are Wooten and Brantley.

pital, but by the time she arrived she was terribly confused. The hospital staff, not knowing about the situation with her parents, notified them. They arrived before the young woman's partner and took over her health care decisions from there on out. Because the young woman had no advance directives about whom she wanted with her when she died, her partner was not allowed to see her again, and because she was incapacitated on pain medication, she could not countermand her parents' actions. Her partner, who had spent eight years with her, was not allowed to be at her bedside when she died.

West spoke of her own brother, lost very suddenly to an aneurysm 11 years ago. They all thought they knew him well, but in the time of crisis, they did not have the comfort of certainty about what he would have wanted, and they had a very short time in which to arrive at a decision. Even years later, they still don't know for sure.

Another important part of end-of-life decision-making is naming a health-care proxy to see that your wishes are carried out, and it is extremely important to make sure they would be willing to do so, even if they might disagree with your decisions. This is another very important conversation, because sometimes very close friends and family

may admit to being unwilling to go along with certain wishes, especially those involving termination of life support. Talk to the person and be clear about they do and don't want to be responsible for. Don't assume anything.

In Florida, if you don't have advance directives or a health care proxy you have designated to make decisions on your behalf, the state will appoint a proxy for you. First on the list would be a spouse. Second would be your oldest child, then your next oldest child, and on down the line. Next would be siblings.

"If we care about our loved ones, we can be there for them by providing all this ahead of time," said West. "And when the time comes, hospice will be there for you."

This is where the Five Wishes come in. How you want to be treated, how comfortable you want to be, how you would like to spend your last days.

"All those little things that make up your quality of life, all those little things that make you, you...they shouldn't disappear when death is near. Quality of death is at least as important as quality of life."

The document is not really needed, if all the family is in agreement with your wishes, but it assures that, in a very emotional time, your wishes are still honored. In that respect, it's like insurance.

For more information about Big Bend Hospice and the services it offers, contact the Madison office at (850) 973-8131, or the toll-free number at 1(800) 772-5862, or visit the website at <http://www.bigbendhospice.org/>.

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Lions Club Recognizes Vince Almond Of Harveys



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Vince Almond (left), manager of Harveys, receives a plaque of appreciation from Lions Club President Jay Lee (right).

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing, Inc.

When it comes to giving back to the community, Vince Almond, manager of Harveys, is a great example of what it's all about, and the Lions Club of Madison wanted to give him special recognition for all the help and support he has shown for their community service and

outreach projects.

Almond was a special guest at the club's Feb. 18 meeting, where President Jay Lee presented him with a plaque of appreciation for all that he has done for the club and for Madison as a whole.

"Without people like you and the things you do to help us out, we couldn't do a lot of the things we do in the community," said Lee.

LIONS CLUB RECOGNIZES UNOFFICIAL MEMBER



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Ronald Lee (left) receives a plaque of appreciation and thanks from Lions Club President Jay Lee (right).

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While not officially a member of the Lions Club of Madison, Ronald Lee faithfully attends meetings and does a lot of work helping the club with its community service and outreach projects, one of which included helping build the sleigh that the club now uses every Christmas in

Four Freedoms Park. At their Feb. 18 meeting, Lions Club president Jay Lee recognized the club's unofficial member and all the work he has done by presenting him with a special plaque of appreciation.

"We try to get a lot of things done with this club and it's not easy," he said. "So we appreciate folks like you who step up and help out."

TIME TO SIGN UP FOR FLORIDA SHERIFFS YOUTH RANCH SUMMER CAMP



Photo Submitted

Alex Teal and Brandon Bailey are two young people from Madison who spent time at the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch Summer Camp last year. The Madison County Sheriff's Office invites children from ages 10-15 to sign up for summer camp this year. Registration runs from March 1- May 15

By Lynette Norris
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The Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch Association runs a series of summer camps each year for boys and girls ages 10 to 15. Caruth Camp, located in Inglis/Yankeetown in Levy County, offers traditional outdoor summer camp recreation and the opportunity for children to learn teamwork and enjoy a positive summer camp experience.

The camp will accept children any time there is an opening, but Aug. 3-8 is set aside as "Madison Week."

Parents can begin signing their children up by March 1, either online at www.youthranches.org, or if they don't have Internet access, they can stop by the Madison County Sheriff's Office on W. Highway 90 and fill out the form there.

They can continue signing the children up until the May 15 deadline.

There are also a few counselor positions open for adults who would like to help. A thorough background check is required.

For questions or more information about the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch Summer Camp program, visit the website or contact Tammy Webb of the Madison County Sheriff's Office at (850) 973-4151.



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RATT Pact's "Always A Bridesmaid" Is A Hilarious Valentine Treat



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Take a bow, ladies: Because it was Valentine's Day, the cast and crew received red roses from either spouses or parents who were in the audience. Left to right are: Melana Webb (who assisted with props between scenes), Della Webb, Dawn Renner, Cynthia Ensminger, Jessica Webb, Cheryl Abercrombie, and Judie Baldwin (almost hidden behind the roses).

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Friday night at the Madison Country Club, tables set with red tablecloths and glittery heart-shaped decorations, was an ideal venue for a Valentine evening dinner theater presentation, with a sumptuous dinner of prime rib, a dessert of red velvet cake or cherry cobbler with champagne, and a newly completed deck where those so inclined could go outside for a few minutes to enjoy the full moon over Madison during intermission.

The main attraction, though, the one everybody had come to see, was the RATT Pact's production of *Always A Bridesmaid*, a hilarious compilation of the nuptial hijinks of four friends who have sworn to always be in each other's weddings

no matter what: no matter how many times the bridezilla-to-be has already said "I do," or the bridesmaid-to-be has had to wear a bridesmaid dress that either screams Cracker Barrel or looks like a polyester Christmas tree, because "27 years ago, holiday-themed weddings seemed like a good idea."

The four scenes take place over a period of about five or six years, connected by a bridal speech delivered in enthusiastic segments by Della Webb, as the increasingly inebriated bride and the daughter of one of the four main characters. She relates their stories in flashback as a brief introduction to each scene, filled with witty banter and such priceless pearls of nuptial wisdom as the gem about honeymoons being the place to try new

and wonderful things, "but not anything you'd be embarrassed to explain to the paramedics."

Dawn Renner as the straight-laced Judge Deedra proves she's a force to be reckoned with when her spouse most unwisely decides to cheat on her. When a brawl breaks over her at her second wedding, she finds the idea strangely exhilarating and vows to marry "the last man standing."

Cynthia Ensminger is a hoot as the off-married Monette tying the knot for the third time with a much younger hot stud, as is Cheryl Abercrombie as the unkempt, outdoorsy Charlie, a gardening enthusiast who wears Birkenstocks to weddings, much to Monette's distress. Jessica Webb rounds out the group of friends as the sweet, hopeless roman-

tic still madly in love with her wonderful husband (and vice versa), but who nevertheless appreciates a fine piece of male eye candy when she sees it bending over to pick up a set of keys.

Judie Baldwin shines as the axe-wielding wedding venue manager, who prides herself on never having had a runaway bride ("not on my watch") but is nevertheless outdone by Charlie, who gives

her the slip.

The other stars of the show are the costumes. When it comes to outrageous and ingenious bridesmaid dresses, costumer Dawn Renner has outdone herself, putting together costumes from local thrift shops with amazing results. A Marie Antoinette costume as a bridesmaid's dress...who'd a-thunk it? When Cynthia Ensminger as Monette sweeps onstage in full

French queen regalia, she nails the haughty, faux-royal presence with a flair that leaves the audience in spasms.

The RATT Pact gave three performances of *Always A Bridesmaid* over the Valentine weekend, and if audience reaction is any indication, fans are undoubtedly left with one question in mind: *When is the RATT Pact's next production, and how soon can I get tickets?*

Madison Health And Rehab Celebrates Valentine's Day In Style



Photo submitted

Jean McCormick was crowned queen of Valentine's Day.

Submitted by Diana Maurice, LPN, Admissions/PR

Madison Health and Rehab celebrated Valentine's Day on Friday, Feb. 14, in style with a fabulous party and crowning of the new King (Leo Holden) and Queen (Jean McCormick) for 2014.

Special guests arrived to cheer the resident's hearts as the "Surface Dance Ministry" team performed a beautiful dance routine to music. This awesome team, comprised of several young ladies from area churches, was such a blessing.

The tables were beautifully decorated and lights turned down low as Barry White sang "I Can't Get Enough of Your Love Baby" over surround sound.

What a sweet time it was with lots of flowers and balloons being delivered to loved ones. Thanks to all who helped to make this Valentine's Day so special.



Photo submitted

Leo Holden, Valentine's King, and Jean McCormick, Valentine's Queen, look regal as they watch over the festivities.



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The Surface Dance Ministry entertained the guests at the Valentine's Day party.



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Sarah Street (left), a resident at Madison Health and Rehab, was joined for the special day by her daughter, Connie Matthews (right).

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Making The Rounds: If It's Tuesday, This Must Be The Lions Club



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Eleventh grader Lane Peavy addresses the Lions Club about the 2014 North Florida Livestock Show and Sale as his younger brother J.D. (fifth grade) awaits his turn. Left to right are: Lane Peavy at the podium, Lions Club President Jay Lee, J.D. Peavy and Opie Peavy.

By Lynette Norris
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Or if it's Wednesday, it's the Rotary Club, or Thursday, it's Kiwanis. Opie Peavy and his sons Lane and J.D., along with some of their friends who were participating in the annual North Florida Livestock Show and Sale, visited several Madison civic clubs and organizations to gain a little experience in public speaking, promote the show, invite members to come out to that evening's event, and sell raffle tickets for a frozen hog or steer. Most of the kids participate in the show year after year

(Lane Peavy has been showing livestock since he was eight years old), mainly through 4H or FFA programs at their schools. Each day was a little different as the kids summed up what they had accomplished the previous evening, whether it was catching a pig or a calf in the livestock scramble, or having one of their animals win or place in the previous evening's judging. All of it was leading up to the big sale event Thursday evening, Feb. 20, something they were all looking forward to. Opie Peavy noted at the final stop that while Madison County

may not be the agricultural entity it used to be, agriculture was still important, and the young people participating in the Livestock Show today were an important part of Madison's agricultural future. It is a future that appears to be in good hands. Last year, Lane Peavy exhibited the 2013 Grand Champion Steer, Sunni Mays exhibited the 2013 Grand Champion Heifer and Katie Mays Exhibited the 2013 Reserve Champion Heifer. For full coverage of the 2014 North Florida Livestock Show and Sale, see the March 5 edition of the *Madison County Carrier*.



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It's Wednesday, so this is Rotary: Five Livestock Show participants stopped by the Rotary Club of Madison to talk about their part in the event. Left to right are Lane Peavy, Hunter Fletcher (ninth grade), Katie Mays (eighth grade), Sunni Mays (tenth grade) and J.D. Peavy.



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The final stop on the day of the big sale is the Kiwanis Club of Madison. Front row, left to right: Lane Peavy, William Terry, J.D. Peavy and Dallas Maguire. Standing in the back is Opie Peavy.

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SPORTS

JV COWBOYS DOWN JV BULLDOGS

By Jacob Bemby
Greene Publishing, Inc.
The Madison County High School Cowboys' junior varsity won a home game against the Suwannee County Bulldogs JV on Tuesday, Feb. 11.

The Cowboys won the game 8-4 under the strong pitching of Dillon Burns. Burns pitched six complete innings.

Burns threw 10 strikeouts and had 14 first pitch strikes.

Burns helped his cause at the plate as he

drove in three RBIs. James Edwards had two hits for the Cowboys and two RBIs.

Davarion Edwards and Jacob Johnson each got walked three times.

Johnson picked up his walks in three quality-at-bats.

Seth Ragans walked twice.

Gabe Miller had three RBIs in four quality-at-bats.

The win improved the JV Cowboys' record to 2-0 on the young season.

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Dates	Opponents	Place	Time	
February 11	Richardson	Away	6:00	Girls/Boys
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February 24	Governors Charter	Home	5:00	Girls/Boys
February 27	Hamilton	Home	5:00	Boys Only
March 3	Fla. High	Away	6:00	Boys Only
March 4	Aucilla	Home	5:00	Girls Only
March 4	Hamilton	Away	5:00	Boys Only
March 6	North Fla. Christian	Home	4:30	Girls Only
March 10	Lake City	Home	5:00	Girls/Boys
March 12	Maclay(Godby)	Away	7:00	Boys Only
March 13	Suwannee	Away	5:00	Girls/Boys
March 17	Madison Academy	Home	5:00	Boys Only
March 18	Richardson	Home	5:00	Girls/Boys
April 1	Lake City	Away	6:00	Girls/Boys
April 2	Trinity Catholic	Home	4:30	Girls Only
April 3	Taylor	Away	5:00	Girls/Boys
April 7	Fla. High	Home	6:00	Boys Only
April 7	Aucilla	Away	5:00	Girls Only

Lady Warriors Split Two In Pre-Season Tourney

By Fran Hunt
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Lady Warriors went into the Florida High Pre-Season Tournament on February 1 and split two games. The Lady Warriors faced off against the Madison County Cowgirls in the first game, and Aucilla overtook Madison for a 6-1 victory.

The Lady Warriors had 23 at-bats, six runs, six hits, five RBI's, five walks, and nine strikeouts. They also had one double, three reach on errors and one stolen base.

Ramsey Sullivan had four at-bats, one hit and two RBI's.

Elizabeth Hightower had two at-bats, two runs, two hits, one walk and one stolen base.

Abigail Morgan

had three at-bats, one hit, one RBI, two strikeouts and one double.

Natalie Sorensen had one at-bat, two runs, one hit and two walks.

Whitney Stevens had three at-bats, one run, one hit, one strikeout and two reach on errors.

Taylor Copeland had two at-bats, one run, one RBI, one walk, one strikeout and one reach on error.

Emma Witmer had two at-bats and two strikeouts.

Gaige Winchester had one at-bat and one strikeout.

Courtney Watts had two at-bats, one RBI, one walk and two strikeouts.

On the field, the Lady Warriors had 23 total chances, five assists, 18 putouts and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Stevens had three total chances, one assist, two putouts and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Sorensen had three total chances, two assists, one putout and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Sullivan had six total chances, one assist, five putouts and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Morgan had eight total chances, eight putouts and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Hightower had one total chance, one assist and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Copeland had one total chance, one putout and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Carly Joiner had one total chance, one putout and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

On the mound, Stevens pitched four innings, gave up two

hits, one run, struck out four batters, had 37 strikes on 53 pitches, four ground outs, three fly outs, 13 batters faced and 11 first pitch strikes. She was named the winning pitcher.

Hightower pitched two innings, gave up one walk, struck out two batters, had 20 strikes on 31 pitches, three ground outs, seven batters faced and three first pitch strikes.

In the second game of the day, the Lady Warriors hit the diamond against Florida High and the Lady Warriors were nipped for a squeaking 3-2 loss.

Aucilla had 22 at-bats, two runs, two hits, one RBI, two walks, eight strikeouts, one double, three reach on errors and one fielder's choice.

Sullivan had three at-bats, one run, one hit, one double and one reach on error.

Joiner had three at-bats, one hit, one RBI and one strikeout.

Hightower had

three at-bats, one strikeout and one reach on error.

Morgan had three at-bats, one strikeout and one fielder's choice.

Sorensen had two at-bats, one run, one walk and one strikeout.

Stevens had three at-bats and three strikeouts.

Copeland had two at-bats and one reach on error.

Witmer had two at-bats and one strikeout.

Watts had one at-bat and one walk.

On the field, the Lady Warriors had 24 total chances, six assists, 16 putouts, two errors and a fielding percentage of .917.

Stevens had three total chances, two assists, one error and a fielding percentage of .667.

Witmer had three total chances, two putouts, one error and a fielding percentage of .667.

Sorensen had one total chance, one putout and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Stevens had seven total chances, seven putouts and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Morgan had six total chances, six putouts and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Hightower had two total chances, two assists and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Joiner had two total chances, two assists and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

On the mound, Stevens pitched 1.2 innings, gave up one hit, two runs, none of which were earned, one walk, one strikeout, 12 strikes on 23 pitches, four ground outs, eight batters faced and three first pitch strikes.

Hightower pitched four innings, gave up five hits, one run, which was not earned, two walks, six strikeouts, 48 strikes on 79 pitches, two ground outs, three fly outs, 18 batters faced and 10 first pitch strikes. She was named the losing pitcher.

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Central School Students Shine In Science Fair Competition



Rowan Griffis, Zabdiel Reyes and Fredasha Marshall were proud to place in the science fair.



Katie Martinez, Van Shawn Lewis and Elizabeth Moore received honorable mentions.



Drew French and Eric Rykard show off their first place ribbons.

Submitted by Madison County School District

Students from Madison County Central School (MCCS) recently competed in the Suwannee Valley Regional Science Fair held in Lake City. The MCCS students excelled, bringing home two first and two second place awards along with one third place award, several

special recognitions and three honorable mentions. Eric Rykard and Drew French were first place winners. Taking home second place awards were Bailey McLellan for her behavioral sciences project and Rowan Griffis for her botany work. The third place winner was Fredasha Marshall with an earth science project.

Rykard's first place botany project also earned the Award of Merit for Agriscience Research. French received the Broadcom Masters Award and recognition for the Best Biological Science Project in the Junior Division. Zabdiel Reyes received the United States Metric Association award for his project. Katie Martinez, Van Shawn Lewis and Elizabeth Moore garnered Honorable Mention awards. Central School principal, Dr. Willie Miles praised the efforts of the students but said he was not surprised by the results. "We have great students at Central School. Our science teachers are dedicated and committed to leading students to high levels of

achievement. This is what happens when the focus is on student achievement." Science teacher Forrest Massey coordinated the MCCS student participation in the event. Superintendent of Schools, Doug Brown, also added his congratulations to the students and teachers. "Our schools are focused on providing a rigorous and engaging education. The Science Fair results are indicative of what happens when a solid STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) curriculum is implemented. With quality instruction and support from parents, students can achieve great things. We are really proud of these young scholars and their teachers."

Madison County High School FCCLA Members Focus On Autism Awareness

Submitted by Robin Smith

Victoria Todd and Sarah Baltzell, members of Madison County High School's Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) club, chose to team up with the Always Support our Kids (ASK) program for their state FCCLA project in order to work towards the goal of learning how Autism affects

children. These teens started by meeting with ASK parent meeting to determine the possible ways that FCCLA members could be a part of the ASK monthly meeting. During the meeting, the teens shared ideas they had for activities they would like to do with the children. In January, Victoria and Sarah joined the Madison County Junior Auxiliary to provide winter-

fun activities for the children. The children played with homemade snow, made snowflake rubbings and created bead necklaces. The teens plan to attend the February meeting, where the children will explore different painting techniques. Students from the Madison County High School Art Club will assist them. Additionally, FCCLA students promoted Autism awareness

during National FCCLA week by having members paint and wear Autism Awareness shirts on Feb. 7. The t-shirts were made at an FCCLA meeting after the girls did a presentation for all of the members in attendance. The students would like to thank ASK for this opportunity, along with the Junior Auxiliary and Art club for all their support.

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LEGAL NOTICE
The Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. Board of Directors will hold a Finance & Audit Committee Meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 10:15 A.M. at Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. Administration Office located at 1171 Nobles Ferry Road NW in Live Oak, Florida.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment dated Feb 11th, 2014 entered in Civil Case No. 40-2012-CA-00052, of the Circuit Court of the Third in and for Madison County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2006, GSAMP TRUST 2006-HE7, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-HE7 is Plaintiff, and ALICIA PEARSON GARNER A/K/A ALICIA S. GARNER and BENEFICIAL FLORIDA INC., are Defendants.

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, OF MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT AN IRON PIN FOUND AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHERN RIGHT OF WAY OF OLD COUNTY CAMP ROAD WITH THE WESTERN RIGHT OF WAY OF SOUTHEAST 24TH STREET, SAID POINT BEING THE *** POINT OF BEGINNING ***; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 35 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EASTERN RIGHT OF WAY OF SOUTHEAST 24TH STREET, A DISTANCE OF 84.6 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 41 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EASTERN RIGHT OF WAY OF SOUTHEAST 24TH STREET, A DISTANCE OF 87.26 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 43 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 164.0 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 11 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 84.7 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 08 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 85.4 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND ON THE SOUTHERN RIGHT OF WAY OF OLD COUNTY CAMP ROAD; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 54 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SOUTHERN RIGHT OF WAY OF OLD COUNTY CAMP ROAD, A DISTANCE OF 164.0 FEET BACK TO THE *** POINT OF BEGINNING ***.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Carrina Cooper, Court Administration, 173 NE Hernando Avenue, Room 408, Lake City, FL 32055, 386-758-2163, at least 7 working days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
DOROTHY J. MORRISON, a/k/a
DOROTHY P. MORRISON, a/k/a
DOROTHY MORRISON,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the Estate of DOROTHY J. MORRISON, a/k/a DOROTHY P. MORRISON, a/k/a DOROTHY MORRISON, deceased, whose death was December 28, 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 Joint Personal Representatives and their attorney are set forth below.

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 February 19, 2014.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
MARCUS DONALD MORRISON, a/k/a
MARCUS D. MORRISON, a/k/a
MARCUS MORRISON,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the Estate of MARCUS DONALD MORRISON, a/k/a MARCUS D. MORRISON, a/k/a MARCUS MORRISON, deceased, whose death was December 28, 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 Joint Personal Representatives and their attorney are set forth below.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 2012-000393-CA
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,
vs.
CURT KNIFFIN; MARY ANN KNIFFIN; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2, and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under any of the above-named Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Madison County, Florida, will on the 11th day of JUNE, 2014, at 11:00 A.M. at the At 101 S Range Street, Madison County Courthouse in Madison, Florida, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following-described property situate in Madison County, Florida:

ALL THAT PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 39, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST, THAT LIES SOUTH OF U.S. HIGHWAY 90 AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT:
BEGIN AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 39, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST, THENCE RUN EAST 614 FEET TO THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF U.S. HIGHWAY 90 RIGHT-OF-WAY, THENCE NORTH 61 DEGREES 30 MINUTES WEST, ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY 701 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 337 FEET TO THE STARTING POINT, BEING THE SAME LANDS AS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORD BOOK 423, PAGE 177, PUBLIC RECORDS OF MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that ARTHUR G. OR FLORIDA SMITH, 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: 09-789
YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2009
NAME IN, WHICH ASSESSED: DOUG BARNES AND LEAH C. BARNES
PARCEL ID: 22-IN-09-4006-001-000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SO MUCH OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW 1/4) OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, AS LIES WITHIN THE FOLLOWING BOUNDARY LINES: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF HERRY STREET AND LIVINGSTON STREET, IN THE TOWN OF MADISON, FLORIDA, AND RUN THENCE WEST 50 FEET, THENCE RUN WEST 205-1/3 FEET, THENCE NORTH 137 FEET TO THE LANDS TO BE CONVEYED; THENCE RUN NORTH 85 FEET, THENCE EAST 75 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 85 FEET, THENCE WEST 75 FEET TO THE SAID SOUTHWEST CORNER.
ALSO; A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW 1/4) OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF HERRY AND LIVINGSTON STREETS IN THE TOWN OF MADISON, FLORIDA, AND RUN THENCE WEST 50 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 96-4/5 YARDS, THENCE RUN WEST 205-1/3 FEET, THENCE NORTH 222 FEET, THENCE RUN WEST 89 FEET FOR POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE RUN WEST 80 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 12 DEGREES 36 MINUTES EAST 87.10 FEET, THENCE RUN EAST 61 FEET, THENCE NORTH 85 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, AND BEING PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SW 1/4) OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW 1/4), OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST.

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Area Farm Bureau Members Support Local Charity During Food Check-Out Week



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Farm Bureau women in 10 north central Florida counties recently delivered nearly 100 gallons of beverage pop-tops to the Ronald McDonald House in Tallahassee. Pictured left-right: Kathy Anderson, Extension Director at Ronald McDonald House; Brenda Gayle Land, Farm Bureau Women's Committee; the Farm Bureau Women's Committee: Sarah Carte, Ginny Paarlberg; and Mike Joyner, Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture.

Farm Bureau Women in 10 north central Florida counties recently delivered nearly 100 gallons of beverage pop-tops to the Ronald McDonald House in Tallahassee in conjunction with the 2014 Food Check-Out Week celebration. The donation

reflected a Farm Bureau tradition of community service throughout Florida. Local Farm Bureau Women's Committees from Hamilton, Suwannee, Lafayette, Taylor, Madison, Jefferson, Leon, Wakulla and Gadsden Counties have been collecting

the pop-top tabs since last September, and all were delivered to the Tallahassee charity. The tabs are used to help pay for the facility's monthly utility bills. Brenda Land, district Women's Chair, said the tabs provide needed dollars for charitable organizations.

According to Land, Food Check-Out Week is an event that promotes the wholesome, abundant and nutritious food supply we all enjoy in our nation. It takes nearly 45 days for the average U.S. family of four to work at jobs to

earn enough money to pay for the family's entire food bill for the year, added Land. This fact means that food is still a bargain in America.

Members of the Women's Committees and other volunteers also donated more than \$1,000 worth of Florida produced meats, fruits and vegetables to the Tallahassee charity. In addition, they provided \$300 in Publix gift certificates to purchase fresh milk and dairy products during the coming year. Beef, pork and chicken items included in

the donation filled two upright freezers at the Ronald McDonald house.

After the food was safely put in the freezers and food pantry, the Farm Bureau Women prepared a great "country style" meal of fried chicken, butter beans, turnip greens and cornbread for all who attended. Several legislative aides and members of the Ronald McDonald House board of direc-

tors were also on hand to enjoy the celebration and the noon luncheon. Farm Bureau volunteers have been sponsoring this event on behalf of the facility for more than 10 years.

County Farm Bureau members have already begun collecting for next year's Food Check-Out Week activity. Staff members and volunteers welcome donations of pull-tabs at any local Farm Bureau office.

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