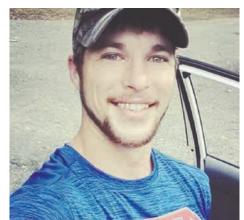
LOCAL MAN DROWNS

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A local Lee man is dead after an assumed drowning took place in Anderson Springs in Suwannee County, near the eastern border of Madison County.

According to a report by the Suwannee County Sheriff's Office (SCSO), Joshua Wayne Odom, 31, of Lee, went to Anderson Springs, in Suwannee County, on Monday, Oct. 8, with his girlfriend (name withheld from report). After leaving their phones, drinks and extra clothes on dry



Joshua Wayne Odom

land, the couple decided to swim across the lake into Madison County. While swimming, it is reported that

both Odom and his girlfriend became

According to the girlfriend, Odom gave her a shove in an effort to get her to shore more quickly. She turned around and saw Odom going under a couple of times and then did not come back up. The girlfriend then exited the water and trekked through the woods, to Interstate 10, where she successfully flagged down a ride to the inspection station where Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) was notified. FHP then notified the SCSO of the incident, who picked up Odom's girlfriend and went to

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Founder's Day this weekend

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This weekend, Hickory Grove United Methodist Church will be celebrating the 28th Annual Founder's Day. The celebration will be held on Saturday, Oct. 20, beginning at 8 a.m. with festivities, fun and fellowship.

As usual, there will be plenty of food, gospel singing, syrup-making and fun. The festivities begin at approximately 8 a.m., lasting until about 3 p.m. The last event on the agenda will be the Circuit Rider Preacher's arrival for his annual message. As in past years, a message will be given by Hickory Grove's own minister, Steve McHargue, at 12 p.m. on the signing stage.

During this year's Founder's Day, the official program is being dedicated to Bobby Joe Buchanan, who grew up in the Hickory Grove Methodist Church. Bobby Joe passed away this summer, and he is missed by everyone who attends the small country church.

A highlight of Hickory Grove's Founder's Day is being present for breakfast, cooked on old wood-burning stoves. Cousin Mary Lou's Breakfast Booth will be open by 8 a.m., with hot biscuits stuffed with ham or sausage. You can also split the biscuit open and pour real cane syrup over the biscuits. Additionally, there will be butter churning, boiled corn-on-the-cob and barbecue pulled pork sandwiches available for enjoyment.

Additional events taking place at 11 a.m. will be the hog-calling contest and the dill pickle-spitting contest, back by popular demand. "Diggin' for Gold" will also return as participants sit and hear about Jesus while digging in sand for quarters, dimes and nickels.

"Twenty-eight years ago, a group of people got together and started Founder's Day so the old ways of our founders would not be forgotten," said Pastor Steve McHargue. "Older men and women volunteered to take charge of each area to teach others about cane grinding, quilt making, biscuit baking, etc. so we wouldn't forget who our founders were and what they taught us. Now, we are aware that you can't learn all those lessons one day a year. In order to learn all that, you would need to have Founder's Day every day."

This year, participants will ride in a wagon that will take you to the church. Parking is limited but thanks to the Williams family, who are planning to attend Founder's Day will park in their

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Rep. Beshears visits Madison



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by John Willoughby, October 4, 2018

Florida Representative Halsey Beshears visited with local leaders in Madison County on Thursday, Oct. 4, while enjoying light refreshments at Norris Cafe. Discussed topics included bringing more jobs to Madison County, the Withlacoochee River pollution and other topics regarding the Madison Correctional Institution. Pictured, from left to right, are: Cary Hardee, local attorney; Halsey Beshears, Florida Representative; Tommy Hardee, Supervisor of Elections; Ronnie Moore, District 3 County Commissioner; Opie Peavy, Madison Correctional Institution; Sim Alexander, Pastor; and Warden Darryl Collins, Madison Correctional Institution.

City denies local church's expansion

John Willoughby: Greene Publishing, Inc.

During the regularly scheduled Madison City Commission meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 9, at 5:30 p.m., Tim

Sanders, a member of First United Methodist Church, returned before the board, as a representative of the church, to

request the

purchase of city right-of-way. However, the church's request was denied after completing an appraisal for the portion of land they were requesting.

In July, Sanders, former Clerk of Court, and Lamar Albritton, Pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Madison (FUMC), came before the board for the first time,

on behalf of the church, to request the opportunity for FUMC to purchase an 11 foot by 100 foot strip of Washington Ave. city right-of-way along the west boundary of Lot 166, in order to make renovations and

expansions to their fellowship hall and Sunday school We spent \$375 for a certified appraiser to come wing. According to up with a value to purchase the property. If y'all Sanders, the were not going to sell the property, I don't know proposed extension why we would have done the appraisal. would peak into the -Tim Sanders 100-foot city rightof-way by 10 feet,

> however, the finished product would still be 26 feet from the edge of the road's pavement. The Commission agreed to address the issue once more information was gathered and brought before them. Some individuals wanted the chance to view the area in person.

During the meeting on

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Local opportunities to assist hurricane victims

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In the wake of Hurricane Michael, there are still thousands in need of assistance. Many communities across Florida's panhandle are still without electricity and necessary supplies. There are several groups gearing up to travel to distressed areas and provide assistance. If you would like to donate to disaster relief operations, listed are some local opportunities.

The Young Adult Sunday School Class at

Hickory Grove United Methodist Church will have a collection booth set up in front of the church on Friday, Oct. 19, and Saturday, Oct. 20, during the Founder's Day Celebration beginning at 8 a.m. Hickory Grove is located at 1218 NE Hickory Grove Rd, in Pinetta. Contact Dan Buchanan at (850) 464-8710 for more details.

Midway Baptist Church has provided a semitruck to be loaded with supplies for disaster relief. All donations must be made no later than Saturday, Oct. 20. Midway Baptist Church is located at 338 SE Midway Church Rd, in Lee.

Fellowship Baptist Church will be making a trip to supply affected areas near Marianna and outskirt cities of Panama City Beach on Saturday, Oct. 20. These areas are not receiving the resources larger areas are, however the need is just as great. If you would like to donate, drop off supplies at Fellowship Baptist Church, located at 1997 NE Colin Kelly Hwy, in Madison. See "Disaster relief" on page 3



Emerald's Gem Box: We all survived (once again)

September 2016 saw Hurricane Hermine make landfall in Florida's panhandle, cross right over us and on to the Carolina's and up to Massachusetts. In our area, we saw a lot of downed trees and a lot of homes with damage.

EMERALD G. PARSONS

In September 2017, we were greeted by Hurricane Irma. Irma hit the Keys and then came onshore around Marco Island/Naples. From there, it moved up the state of Florida with the eye passing directly over Madison County. Irma didn't hurt us, in this area, as much as Hermine did. But, yet the entire state of Florida

(almost) was affected and so our power outages were

But, no matter how bad we thought those two were, or how blessed we felt because we knew it could have been worse ... nothing prepared us for this year's Hurricane Michael.

Michael came upon us in a matter of a few days. Many people didn't have time to prepare or evacuate because of the uncertainty of its path. Originally, Michael was supposed to make landfall, over Panama City and then take a hard veer to the east and pass back over Tallahassee. However, around noontime on Wednesday, Oct. 10, that track changed and instead of veering east it was predicted that Michael would head north-northeast and move on into Georgia. That was good news to us in Madison and Jefferson Counties; but not-so-good news to our friends and neighbors in Marianna and up into Bainbridge, Ga., and the surrounding areas.

As a county, we saw downed power lines, downed trees, a few trees on houses, and a lot of debris left lying in our yards. But we saw no major injuries, no major flooding, and no deaths. For all of that, we should be thankful!

We should be forever grateful for all the "behind the scenes" emergency personnel in our county. The Emergency Management staff, sheriff's department, police department, EMS, firefighters, city and county employees, and volunteers. These men and women worked hours/days of overtime to ensure all of our safety. Hours upon hours of strategic planning took place, all unbeknownst to most of us.

Through all this destruction, it is heartwarming at the generosity that is coming forward; the donations that are piling in. We have a story, on the front page, with a list of needed/suggested items and several donation locations where you may drop items off. Please look deep into your hearts ... and hear the cries of those less fortunate than us, at this moment. The cities of Panama City, Port St. Joe, Mexico Beach, Apalachicola, Marianna, Altha, Greenwood, and Bainbridge, Ga. have thousands of citizens living day-to-day needing food, water, toiletry items, blankets and baby items.

And please, let's not forget to extend our support to the electric personnel and linemen. As inconvenient as it is being without power, please always try to remember that it was not/is not as inconvenient as working as much as a 15-hour day, climbing a pole, and doing dangerous work for seven days straight! And many of our electrical workers come from out-of-state and are away from their families for weeks at a time! All of these men deserve a huge "Thank You!"

So, I end this column this week with a big thank you to God for keeping all of my family and friends safe during this storm. I also give a huge "shout-out" to the men and women of Madison County who gave of themselves unselfishly in order to keep my family and friends safe and to restore our electricity in due time! And I send prayers up for all the families, throughout Florida and Georgia, that weren't as lucky as we were.

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." - Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV)

Learning As I Go: Do Something

I experienced so many emotions this week. Hurricane Michael formed quickly and appeared to be coming straight for us. With each new tropical update, Michael strengthened and my fear rose higher and higher. As the final path was plotted, I



CHRISTY BASS
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r. As the final path was plotted, I let out a deep sigh of relief. We were spared.

Fast forward to Saturday. My husband and I drove over to Marianna to help some friends. Acres of full-grown pines were snapped off with none left

standing. Billboards and road

signs were no longer there.
Businesses, houses, schools and churches were severely damaged by wind and trees. There wasn't a neighborhood in town without

some sort of damage. 50 miles from the coast, and yet this little town was not spared.

As we drove through neighborhoods, tears fell from my eyes. Power poles broken in two, lines hanging, blocking the road, and so many trees down that some areas were completely impassable. Lovely old neighborhoods that were once filled with bikes, cars, and children now lay in ruin. Beautiful

old pines and oaks that proudly stood to offer shelter and shade now laid awkwardly on top of houses, sheds, and porches; some even blocking entrances, trapping the owners inside.

Chainsaws, generators, heavy equipment and sirens were the music that I heard as we wove our truck through tiny trails between fallen trees and hazardous debris. The sun was shining, the temperature was perfect, and there wasn't a cloud in the sky. How could such a perfect day exist when this community was facing such destruction and loss?

Questions rose from people that we encountered and no one knew the answers. When would the power be restored? When was school starting back? Where could I buy gas? Were there any restaurants open that were serving hot meals? When will I be able to return to work? What do I do now? Where do I even start? When will life be back to normal? I had no answers as each person asked the same things. I felt absolutely helpless. How does a whole community just start over?

The drive home was quiet as my mind replayed conversations and images. I searched for a lesson or direction, anything to take away from the experiences of the day. I kept coming back to the

phrase that motivated us to go over there in the first place: Do Something. It does not have to be extravagant or impressive, it just needs to happen. All of us are able to do something, no matter where we find ourselves in this cycle of life. Cut a tree, move a limb, make a call, feed a family, open a door, pack a box, meet a stranger, chase a cow, pass out water, sharpen a saw, fix a fence, wash some clothes, share your stuff, open your home, write a letter, buy some gas, hold a hand, hug a neck, cry some tears, pray for relief, rescue an animal, donate your money, donate your time, donate your talents. Just do something.

As we stand face to face with this tragedy that is right next door, let us do everything we can to help our neighbors. From Panama City Beach all the way up through South Georgia, our neighbors need our helping hands. So yes, let's feel sad and mourn the loss for a moment. But we can't stay in that helpless daze, we need to jump right in and make a difference. We must be the change. Be the difference. Be the light. Bring some hope. Do something.

For more inspiration from Christy, visit her blog at christybassadams.com or send comments to *christyadams008@gmail.com*.

Letter To The Editor: Please Vote Your Values

I had always been a registered democrat, yet never politically involved. Prior to the 2016 primary presidential election, I changed my party affiliation to republican, to vote for "my" candidate. For several years leading up to the 2016 primary, I listened to radio hosts, watched debates, read books and articles; I learned to sort out the truth (facts) from the lies (myths)—and question things I'd always accepted as fact.

My presidential candidate wasn't the nomination. In the general election, I voted against Hillary Clinton, rather than voting for Donald Trump. Since then, the main stream media continues to ignore the facts and others have refused to accept the election. I now realize...I must do my part to help educate others who are ill-informed and just believe what they've always been told (as I had!).

In the past 2 years, I've grown to "overlook" President Trump's personality quirks and focus on what he is doing as our president. I now support him. I'm well aware of the corruption running rampant among our elected officials in Washington, within the City of Tallahassee (Gillum directly involved!), the government insiders, and those

making money off the system.

Each passing month, the democrats become more determined to mislead the public and their own constituents, blatantly lying about conservatives and spewing their vitriol (cruel and bitter criticism) at anyone who voices a different opinion from theirs. This includes paid protesters (i.e. Kavanaugh's nomination hearings) and inciting other individuals and groups to do their dirty work (i.e. accosting conservatives in public places).

Bullying is in our schools and other areas of our lives, yet how can young people learn the harm and damage it causes to another when leaders in colleges, communities and government are publicly displaying this tactic. Most legislative hearings taking place today, televised for all to see, show such disrespect for others and utter abuse of power. Elected officials are encouraging violent action with their rhetoric toward those who think differently than they.

Democrats categorize and label groups in society, such as women, African Americans, Hispanics, non-heterosexuals (all initials this group encompasses, which I can't even keep up with!),

pitting one against another, causing many to feel attacked and dependent on the democrat party and government. They've been convinced they can't make it in the world otherwise. This too is a lie!

Honestly, do democrats think the rest of us are just ignorant--that we can't see through the double standards and hypocrisy they daily display and the main stream media spreads? When's the last time you've heard the media report anything positive about President Trump? Ever? They are so immersed in the liberal agenda they can't. This is the most disgusting thing to me and damaging to our republic.

Had I not already left the democrat party (#walkaway), I would run now. Recently, a friend asked me if I would be switching back. Absolutely not! The leaders in the democrat party have hijacked the party. If a Christian or someone who cares about others, how can you condone their behavior? And just because you've always been a democrat, does that justify you stay one?

Please vote your values! Lynn Stafford



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Local man

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SCSO requested assistance from the Florida Wildlife Commission (FWC) and their dive team. The

Anderson Springs.

FWC dive team used sonar equipment and began their search late Monday night. The SCSO then requested assistance from the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office dive team, who responded on Tuesday morning, Oct. 9. Both dive teams began searching and Odom's body was recovered on Tuesday, at approximately 1 p.m.

Drowning is assumed to be the cause of death, however, an official cause of death will not be released until the autopsy is

Odom received a degree in horticulture and was a welder for the last 10 years. Josh was employed by Global Thermal Solutions. In his free time, he enjoyed hunting, riding horses and being outdoors.

Josh is preceded in death by his mother, Carol Ellen Odom Phillips. He is survived by his siblings: Bethany Phillips, Michelle Perrault, Ethan Phillips and Robbie Phillips; his aunt, Belinda Odom; his nieces: Nevaeh and Charlotte; and his nephews: Carter and Benton, who he loved so much.

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pasture. The tractor and wagons will start running at 7:30 a.m. and they will be in operation until everyone is returned to their vehicles.

Everyone is welcome to enjoy a great day at the church during the festivities. The festivities will take place on Saturday, Oct. 20, at Hickory Grove Methodist Church, located at 1218 NE Hickory Grove Rd.,

in Pinetta. Look for the signs so you will not get lost. For more information, call Dan Buchanan at (850) 464-8710.

City denies Cont. from page 1

Tuesday, Oct. 9, Sanders and Albritton brought before the board a copy of an appraisal completed by Jim Marsh of Marsh Appraisal

Services, in Tallahassee. According to Marsh, the opinion of value of the portion of land FUMC was requesting was appraised at \$700, which is approximately \$0.65 per sq. ft., whereas the City has sold right-of-way in the past at \$0.35 per sq. ft. to those who've had properties with structures already in the right-of-way.

Commissioner Judy Townsend had City Clerk Lee Anne Hall pull the minutes from the April Commission meeting when Tallahassee Dermatology Associates wanted to purchase a portion of city right-of-way to construct parking for their business. The purchase was not authorized, however, a permit was given to construct parking. During that time, Townsend stated it was decided that the city right-of-way would not be sold unless it was to a home or a due to a quiet title.

Town Attorney Clay Schnitker stated that a permit could be granted but should the permit be revoked, the structure needs to be removed from obstructing the city right-of-way. "You can go either way," said Schnitker. "It's just the consequences of each."

According to Commissioner Rayne Cooks, the Commission has set a precedence in one situation. "Do we go back every time someone comes before us and change that precedence? Once we set a precedence, we need to stick by what we set."

"We're charged with looking after the interest of the people in the community entirely," said Commissioner Jim Catron, who made a motion that the request to purchase the city right-of-way at a cost of \$700 be granted by the Commission. The gavel was passed to Commissioner and Pro-tem Mayor Townsend. "Dermatology Associates [is] here right now. I doubt seriously if

the church will be moving anytime quickly." The motion was seconded by Mayor Ina Thompson.

Commissioner Terry Johnson stated that making the decision whether to sell or not to a church is difficult, however, he commented on the fact of having to abide by the rules. Before the vote proceeded, Sanders added that the appraisal was done in light of what the Commission had previously asked. "We spent \$375 for a certified appraiser to come up with a value to purchase the property," said Sanders. "If y'all were not going to sell the property, I don't know why we would have done the appraisal. We went out and did what you asked us to do thinking y'all were held up in your decision making because of the value of the property. I just hope you'll be fair."

Thompson announced her agreement with Sanders, however, Cooks informed Sanders that just because an appraisal was completed, it did not mean the purchase would have been granted. Commissioner Catron informed the Commissioner that the City is allowed to sell the portion of the city right-of-way, according to land and development regulations (LDR). "In this instance, there is no real reason, other than a precedence, not to sell," said Catron.

Commissioner Terry Johnson asked if there was any real problem with the portion of city right-of-way being sold. Commissioner Cooks stated that if the City of Madison expanded in the future and parking was needed, that strip of land would not be available.

The motion that was voted on and failed 3-2, with Commissioners Townsend, Cooks and Johnson casting the dissenting votes. The next regularly scheduled meeting will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 13, at 5:30 p.m. Madison City Hall is located at 321 SW Rutledge St., in Madison.

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Elementary School (LES) and Pinetta

Lee

Elementary School (PES) are "adopting" Blountstown Elementary School (BES). Their building is a total loss. LES and PES will be collecting book bags and school supplies for 600 students. The teachers at BES have also lost their classroom libraries, so the schools will be collecting children's books, as well. If you would like to donate any of these items, you may drop them off at LES, located at 7731 E Hwy 90, in Lee, or PES, located at 135 N.E. Empress Tree Avenue, in Pinetta.

MCHS Head Coach Mike Coe has organized a disaster relief drive for the schools impacted by Hurricane Michael. Supplies of all sorts will be accepted at the Fields of Faith event on Wednesday, Oct. 17, at the Madison County High School (MCHS) Football Field (Boot Hill), beginning at 7 p.m.

Other sites accepting disaster relief donations are Madison Church of God, located at 771 NE Colin Kelly Hwy, in Madison; Norris Cafe, located at 140 Range St, in Madison; Odiorne Insurance, located at 498 E Base St #B, in Madison;

and Southern Grace Gifts, located at 224 SW Range Ave, in Madison.

The Florida Baptist Convention (FBC) is also hard at work assisting those affected by the hurricane. FBC is currently sending volunteers, supplies and providing food through mobile kitchens that are set up in different locations where needs are high. If you wish to contribute to their efforts by making a monetary donation, you may mail your contribution to the Middle Florida Baptist Association (MFBA), addressed to P.O. Box 702 Madison, Fla. 32341, with the memo: disaster relief. You may also donate directly to FBC, sending your payment to 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, Fla. 32216, with memo: disaster relief.

If you know of a local disaster relief opportunity not listed above, please contact our office at (850) 973-4141, or email editor@greenepublishing.com. The following is a list of suggested donation items you may drop off at one of the locations listed above:

- water
- · toothbrushes
- toothpaste
- non-perishable foods

- · deodorant

body wash

• shampoo

- feminine products
- cleaning supplies hand sanitizer
- clothes (new socks and underwear)
- diapers
- baby wipes
- formula baby bottles
- paper towels
- bleach wipes
- cleaning cloths
- Gojo heavy duty hand soap · rubbing alcohol
- first aid kits
- latex gloves
- · work gloves
- safety glasses
- hard hats box fans
- coolers
- 12 volt car batteries sunscreen
- batteries of all sizes
- tire plug kits
- flashlights
- · generators
- gas cans
- fuel

Gov. Scott redirects \$58 Million unused funding to school security around state

Story Submitted

At Governor Scott's direction, the Florida Department of Education submitted a proposal on Tuesday, Aug. 21 to the Florida Legislature to redirect \$58 million of unused funding from the Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program to school districts for additional school security.

The Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program is 100 percent voluntary for school

Earlier this year, it was decided that the Madison County School District would utilize School Resource Officers provided by the Madison County Sheriff's Office. Additionally, the two charter schools: Madison Creative Arts Academy and James Madison Preparatory High School, decided to use the guardianship program.

Of the \$67 million appropriated for this

program, \$9 million was utilized by local law enforcement to establish guardian programs with agreements from local school districts. The redirection of the remaining \$58 million to school districts will now go before the Legislative Budget Commission for approval.

"Immediately following the tragedy in Parkland this year, we took emergency action to make our schools safer," said Gov. Scott. While I am proud of the major legislation we passed this spring, I was clear that we would need to continue to work together to keep our students safe.

That's why I outlined this plan to Legislative leadership in March, and today am living up to my commitment to urge them to redirect unused money from the voluntary guardian program back into our schools for more security. I am confident that the Legislature will take the

appropriate actions to ensure that this funding can be used this school year. Every student and parent in Florida deserve to know that our schools are safe and our kids are protected."

The \$58 million will be redirected to school districts for the specific purpose of enhancing school safety. Under the Department of Education's proposal, once redirected, the \$58 million will be disbursed to Florida school districts based on their student population.

This funding can then be used to partner with local law enforcement to hire additional school officers. This year, school districts were provided \$162 million specifically for school safety. Under Governor Scott's leadership, per-pupil funding in Florida is at an all-time high, and since 2011, Florida schools have seen an increase of \$4.5 billion in funding.



OBITUARIES



Pearl Elizabeth Brooke Raines

Pearl Elizabeth Brooke Raines, 95, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 13, 2018, in Andalusia, Ala., surrounded by her family. She was born Feb. 11, 1923, in New Smyrna, Fla. to Cortez Rudell Brooke and Margaret Mae Jones Brooke. She had one brother, Raymond Cortez Brooke. She is preceded in death by her parents, brother and husband of 44 years, William Blalock Raines.

Pearl is survived by her daughter, Sandra Raines Davis and her husband, Joe William Davis, of Andalusia, who both lovingly cared for her. She was the grandmother of two granddaughters: Beverly Davis Bruorton and her husband, Mike, of Homerville, Ga. and Linda Davis McMillan and her husband, Dave, of Hendersonville, Tenn. She had three greatgrandchildren: Davis Bruorton and his wife, Alexa, of Colquitt, Ga.; Meagan Bruorton and her fiancé, Paul Webb, of Beaufort, S.C.; and Mary Mikelyn Bruorton, of Homerville, Ga. She also leaves behind a niece, nephews and other dear family and friends.

Pearl was a homemaker throughout her life, working hand-in-hand with her husband on their farm and in their home. She loved gardening, sewing, reading and serving faithfully in her church, First Baptist Church of Madison, where she was a longtime member. She was president of the Friendship Sunday School class for over twenty years.

Graveside services will be held at Oak Ridge Cemetery, in Madison, on Friday, Oct. 19, at 10 a.m. Visitation will occur at the graveside after the service. Burial arrangements are by T.J. Beggs, Jr. and Sons, of Madison.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the 1898 Sanctuary Fund at First Baptist Church of Madison, or a charity of your choice.

Annual Jake Sullivan golf tournament this weekend

John Willoughby: Greene Publishing, Inc.

The annual Jake Sullivan Golf Tournament is this weekend and spots to compete are filling up fast! Featuring good competition and friendly fellowship for all ages, this is a three-day golf tournament you do not want to miss.

Taking place at the Madison Golf and Country Club, the format for the weekend will be Best Ball (skins game) on Saturday, Oct. 20, and Superball on Sunday, Oct. 21. Friday, Oct. 19, is to be utilized as a practice day for a \$10 fee. A ribs and chicken lunch will be served on Saturday.

The entry fee for a two-man team is \$125 per competitor and tee-off times are 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Cash prizes will be given for "longest putt no. 3 and no. 12" and "closest to the pin no. 9 and no. 18."

For more information and/or to sign up, call the Madison Golf and County Club at (850) 973-6701 or Kayla Meador at (850) 464-6299. The club is located at 445 SW Country Club Rd., in Madison.

Advent Christian Village has immediate openings: LPNS & RNS at Good Samaritan Center skilled nursing facility.



Valid FL nursing license required.

To apply: Visit **www.acvillage.net/jobs** to download an application or visit the Personnel Office at 10680 Dowling Park Drive in Dowling Park to fill out an application. Call (386) 658-5592 to inquire about the application process.



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Joshua Wayne Odom

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Graveside Services will be held on Saturday, Oct. 20, at 11 a.m., at Corinth Cemetery, in Lee. All arrangements are under the direction of Burns Funeral Home of Madison.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

If you would like to have anything added to the community calendar, please email Rick Patrick at *rick@greenepublishing.com* or give us a call at (850) 973-4141.

October 18

On Thursday, Oct. 18, the Madison County Supervisor of Elections Office will sponsor a presentation by local attorney Tommy Reeves on the constitutional amendments appearing on the general election ballot on Tuesday, Nov. 6. The presentation will take place at 5:30 p.m. in the Madison County Courthouse Annex, located at 229 SW Pinckney St., in Madison.

October 31

The residents of Lake Park of Madison will be hosting a Disney-themed Villain's Haunted Mansion, on the night of Halloween, Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, call Lake Park of Madison at (850) 973-8277. Lake Park of Madison is located at 259 SW Captain Brown Rd., in Madison.

November 2

Madison Creative Arts Academy (MCAA) will host a Fall Festival on Friday, Nov. 2, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. You are invited to the Madison Recreational Park, located at 753 SW Anastasia Way, in Madison, for an evening of unforgettable fun, delicious food and great games. For more information, call MCAA at (850) 973-2529.

November 3

St. Mary's Episcopal Church will hold its bazaar raffle drawing on Saturday, Nov. 3, at 12 p.m. Tickets are available for donations of five dollars each or three for \$10. The drawings are for a 32-inch Toshiba LED TV or for one of two Winn Dixie gift cards. Proceeds will go toward St. Mary's Episcopal Church's local ministry projects. You do not have to be present to win. St. Mary's Episcopal Church is located at 140 NE Horry Ave., in Madison.



Madison Kiwanis Club holds banquet

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The Madison Kiwanis Club recently held their annual banquet and installation of new officers at Divine Events, on Thursday, Sept. 27. In addition to enjoying a meal of fried chicken, mashed potatoes, salad and dessert, the members had a time of

The panhandle needs you

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As I was driving to work in the early morning



JOHN WILLOUGHBY

hours of Thursday, Oct. 11, I looked to my east and saw the sun shining its beautiful face through the clouds that represented the tail end of Hurricane Michael, the storm that battered Panama City Beach, St. George Island, Mexico Beach and other coastal areas along the Florida

Panhandle. I stayed in my home during the storm as I watched on television the disastrous destruction of these towns: homes that were leveled, restaurants that had their roof ripped off, even a high school gym which had nothing left but it's roof that was barely hanging by a couple pieces of injured and weakened

A majority of these images came in the middle of clear daylight, which was given through the 20-plus mile wide eye of Hurricane Michael, which had become well-defined just hours before rearing its ugly head on the helpless coast of Florida.

In literal and figurative storms like Hurricane Michael, we lose faith in who gives us our very breath; I'm no exception as I'm guilty of doing the same. Some lose their homes, their vehicles or something of extreme value or importance and think to themselves, "Why me, God?" I can't help but know this is what's going through the minds of those who are now displaced.

Here in North Florida, we can all agree we were lucky to have been spared from such a monstrous whirlwind of a storm. Only a couple of us experienced short spurts of power outages; some had a tree that had been standing for years finally collapse to the ground.

So, what can we do for the victims of Hurricane Michael? By providing your time, you can make a huge difference.

According to the volunteerflorida.org, the Florida Disaster Fund is the State of Florida's official private fund established to assist Florida's communities as they respond to and recover during times of emergency or disaster. In partnership with the public sector, private sector and other nongovernmental organizations, the Florida Disaster Fund support response and recovery activities.

Guided by a bi-partisan board of commissioners, who are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Florida Senate, Volunteer Florida is the lead agency for volunteers and donations before, during and after disasters. In partnership with the Florida Division of Emergency Management, Volunteer Florida mobilizes and deploys resources to assist communities responding to and recovering from disaster, as well as provides staffing during activation of the State Emergency Operations Center, among other things.

To make a one-time donation of \$10 or \$25, text the word DISASTER to 20222 and a one-time donation of the amount you donated will be added to your mobile phone bill or deducted from your prepaid balance. All donors must be 18 years or older.

To donate by check, make your check out to the Volunteer Florida Foundation and mail to ATTN: Florida Disaster Fund, 3800 Esplanade Way – Suite 180, Tallahassee, Fl. 32311. Please include "Florida Disaster Fund" in the memo line.

Donations to the Florida Disaster Fund are made to the Volunteer Florida Foundation, a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization, and are tax deductible. Funds are distributed to service organizations that will serve individuals within their communities with disaster response and recovery.

Additionally, as weeks and months of clean-up are ahead for the Florida panhandle, volunteer opportunities will become available and organizations will need the help of those who are willing. You may log onto volunteerflorida.org to sign up to volunteer.

If you have additional questions about the Florida Disaster Fund, contact info@volunteerflorida.org or call (850) 414-7400. fellowship with other Kiwanis members.

The guest speaker was Division Three Lt. Governor Gavin Boone, who congratulated the club for their accomplishments over the previous year and challenged club members to continue their work, especially for the youth of Madison County. Boone emphasized the need to bring younger members into the club.

The club also honored outgoing President Jo Willis with a \$250 donation in her name to the Madison County Foundation for Excellence in Education and the Take Stock in Children scholarship and mentoring program. Take Stock in Children is a program that provides mentors to deserving young people, along with college

scholarships to those young people who successfully complete the program. For more information on the Take Stock in Children program, visit www.takestockinchildren.org.

The club also installed a new slate of officers for the 2018-2019 year. The new officers are: Darren Webb, President; Kim Scarboro, First Vice-President; Deena Hames, Secretary; Mary Ann Sanders, Treasurer; Jo Willis, Immediate Past President and Jerome Wyche, President-Elect. Linda Hesketh and Roy Ellis will serve as directors for the club this

The Madison Kiwanis Club meets each Thursday at 12 p.m. in the Madison County Extension Office, located at 184 College Loop, in Madison.



The Madison Kiwanis Club recently installed new officers for the 2018-19 year. Pictured, from left to right, are: President Darren Webb, Division Three Lt. Governor Gavin Boone, Immediate Past President Jo Willis, Treasurer Mary Ann Sanders and Secretary Deena Hames. Not pictured is First Vice-President Kim Scarboro and President-Elect Jerome Wyche.

Rohlinger speaks at NFCC

John Willoughby: Greene Publishing, Inc.

Florida State University professor, Dr. Deana Rohlinger, visited North Florida Community College (NFCC) on Wednesday, Oct. 3, to speak to a room full of people on "Democracy in the Digital Age."

According to NFCC, the discussion covered topics such as the issue of partisanship and social media's influence on it. Dr. Rohlinger, a professor of sociology, also focused on the importance of educating oneself about political issues and how engaging one another in civil conversation is a powerful communication tool.



Dr. Deana Rohlinger, a Florida State University professor of sociology, spoke to a full room of North Florida Community College students and community members alike about the importance of engaging in civil conversa-

Dr. Rohlinger's presentation was the first session of Sentinel Talk, NFCC's version of TED Talks. Sentinel Talk was, in turn, a part of Sentinel Hour. The next Sentinel Hour event will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 23 and 24, featuring a ping-pong tournament. For more information, contact Denise



wintown Business Spotlight: A Main Street Realty

Greene Publishing, Inc. believes in the importance of shopping local. We strive to advocate for downtown businesses in Madison, as they are the backbone of our community. Every week in the Downtown Business Spotlight, we will showcase a small business that plays a vital role in the Madison neighborhood. Keep an eye out for this section to learn about interesting local businesses you can support by shopping local!



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Jessica Webb's A Main Street Realty is located in the heart of Downtown Madison, at 186 SW Range Ave. If you ever take a stroll through beautiful downtown Madison, you are encouraged to stop by and meet Jessica Webb



Jessica Webb

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and her team.

If there's anyone involved in wanting to see Madison succeed, it's most definitely Jessica Webb, owner of A Main Street Realty. Since September of 2013, Webb, with family and former clients working as agents, has wished to bring more people to beautiful Madison County and that hope remains strong

Born in Ocala and raised mostly all over Florida, Webb moved to Madison in 1975. Receiving a doctorate in education in 2005 from Valdosta State University, Webb's past experience includes a tenure of more than 15 years at North Florida Community College. In 2007, Webb's career in real estate began. "Once I got into real estate and started, I realized I loved the profession," said Webb. "I love working with people and helping people."

Today, Main Street, located at 186 SW Range Ave., in Madison, is proud to be the source for real estate across North Florida. Thriving on customer service, A Main Street Realty specializes in residential and commercial properties, but isn't limited to just one area of real estate. Most recently, A Main Street Realty sold the former Country Kitchen building to Magnalux, a new industrial business locating to the Town of Lee.

Webb encourages new real estate entrepreneurs to set goals and stay focused. "You get out of real estate what you put in it," said Webb. "If you work three days a week, then your business is going to reflect that." She also states that her business' team approach to helping people has contributed to A Main Street Realty's success, allowing each other to lift up and support each other. "Sometimes in companies, you have internal struggles," said Webb. "We're not competitive within our office."

In addition to Webb, A Main Street Realty's employees include Justin Webb, Jessica's son, who has been with the company since the beginning; Leslie Webb, who is Jessica's daughter-in-law, is the office manager and recently received her real estate license; Dean Webb and Troy Stallings, who are also agents and have law enforcement experience; Bridget Swarbrick and Michelle Mejia, former clients of A Main Street Realty. Additionally, Fain Poppell is an agent and is a local surveyor as well.

For more information about A Main Street Realty, log onto jessicawebb1.point2agent.com or call (850) 973-2221.



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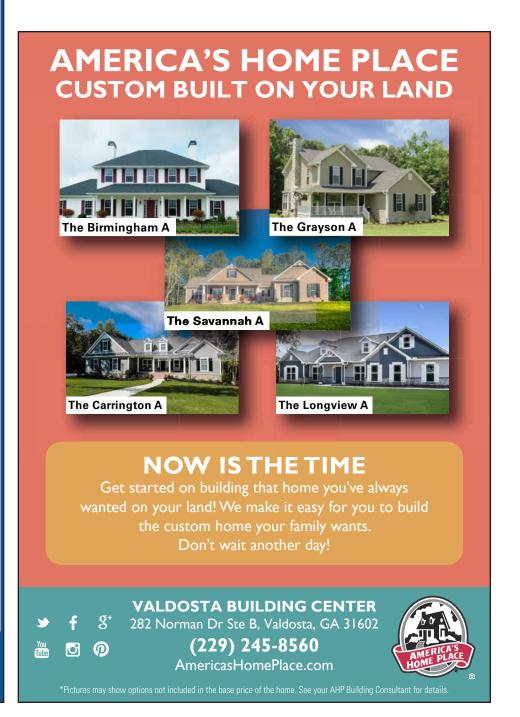
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Inspire hope for Big Bend Hospice patients and families

Advisory Council volunteers needed in Madison County

Kimberly Everett: Big Bend Hospice Community Relations Coordinator

Big Bend Hospice (BBH) has inspired hope for patients and families for more than 35 years, but the compassionate care we provide is only possible through strong community support.

BBH employees, volunteers and donors work together every day in Madison County to provide excellent care and support to families experiencing serious illness and grief. These dedicated individuals are your friends and neighbors living in Madison and the surrounding communities. People like Linda O'Brian, your local Registered Nurse; Kathy Bass, your local medical marketer; John Peterson, your local social worker; and Latrice Wilkins, your local hospice aide.

As your hometown hospice, we are asking for your help in making an even greater impact in Madison County. We are currently accepting applications for our Madison County Advisory Council.

Advisory Council Volunteers serve as community champions of Big Bend Hospice. Members of the Council share their gifts in service to our mission by providing our organization with their professional expertise; their diverse knowledge of constituent perspectives; their connections to local resources; and their philanthropic support or other forms of needed assistance. The Advisory Council has no governing function within the organization.

Their primary role is to assist in increasing community awareness of BBH care and services; assist in partnering with faith-based organizations to promote BBH services/programs; assist in identifying and recruiting potential

individuals in their community to become trained BBH, Transitions, and/or AmeriCorps volunteers; assist in identifying and strengthening BBH's relationships with Veteran-centric organizations/individuals in their communities to be part of BBH Valor's Program; assist in identifying and strengthening relationships with pet organizations and individuals in their communities to become part of the Pet Peace of Mind program; and assist with fundraising and special events through the BBH Foundation

Most importantly, they play a critical role in bringing hope to patients and families in their darkest hours

This is an exciting time to get involved as we're celebrating 35 years of service. Care to guess how many patients BBH has served during that time? More than 32,000! Each patient received excellent medical care and so much more, thanks to people like you.

I have learned so much about Madison County and its people since becoming Community Relations Coordinator. BBH is honored to be part of this community. Join us in the important mission of bringing hope to families when they need us most.

If you'd like to join the Madison County Advisory Council, please contact me today to fill out an application.

Kimberly Everett is the Community Relations Coordinator for Big Bend Hospice. For more information, contact her at (850) 878-5310 or

Kimberlyce@bigbendhospice.org. For more information about Big Bend Hospice, including Hospice services, visit bigbendhospice.org or call (800) 772-5862 to speak to a representative 24 hour a day.

Adoptables: Tyler and Mr. Snuggles



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Tyler is a recent intake at the Suwannee Valley Humane Society and is unique for his excited attitude. Very playful and loving, Tyler, only one year old, is the perfect dog for anyone who loves to be outdoors. Could you be Tyler's next loved human? You are encouraged to go meet Tyler soon!

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Tyler and Mr. Snuggles are up for adoption at the Suwannee Valley Humane Society and you could be their next forever family. Are you interested in meeting them? The Suwannee Valley Humane Society is a no-kill, not-for-profit facility that provides a safe place for the animals of Madison County to live until they find their forever homes.

The center, located at 1156 SE Bisbee Loop, in Lee, can be reached at (850) 971-9904. The Humane Society is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday through

Saturday. You can also make adoption appointments outside of normal business hours by calling the number listed above. For more information on adoptions, volunteering opportunities or current donation needs, log onto *suwanneevalleyhumanesociety.us*. You can also visit the Suwannee Valley Humane Society on Facebook.

Call the Suwannee Valley
Humane Society today to set up
an appointment to meet and play
with these two animals who are
eager to be loved. Adoption fees
are \$100 each, which includes
feline leukemia test,
spay/neutering, booster shots,
deworming and microchiping
when they are adopted.



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Mr. Snuggles is a one-year-old domestic short hair cat and has been at the shelter since January. Extremely playful, curious and friendly, Mr. Snuggles is good with other cats, as well as women, men and children and has a one-of-a-kind personality

DO YOU KNOW GOD'S JOB DESCRIPTION OF LEADERS HE APPOINTS?

If a leader is not fulfilling their job description, were they appointed by God?

"And [His gifts to the church were varied and] He Himself appointed some as apostles [special messengers, representatives], some as prophets [who speak a new message from God to the people], some as evangelists [who spread the good news of salvation], and some as pastors and teachers [to shepherd and guide and instruct],

12 [and He did this] to fully equip and perfect the saints (God's people) for works of service, to build up the body of Christ [the church];

13 until we all reach oneness in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God, [growing spiritually] to become a mature believer, reaching to the measure of the fullness of Christ [manifesting His spiritual completeness and exercising our

spiritual gifts in unity].

14 So that we are no longer children [spiritually immature], tossed back and forth [like ships on a stormy sea] and carried about by every wind of [shifting] doctrine, by the cunning and trickery of [unscrupulous] men, by the deceitful scheming of people ready to do anything [for personal profit].

15 But speaking the truth in love [in all things—both our speech and our lives expressing His truth], let us grow up in all things into Him [following His example] who is the Head—Christ.

16 From Him the whole body [the church, in all its various parts], joined and knitted firmly together by what every joint supplies, when each part is working properly,

causes the body to grow and mature, building itself up in [unselfish] love." (Ephesians 4:11-16) Also read verses 17-32; Jesus gave us the example of a Christian leader. He concentrated on training twelve disciples to become like Him, doing the things He did.

Specific qualification of a Christian by Jesus, especially leaders:

"I assure you and most solemnly say to you, anyone who believes in Me [as

Savior] will also do the things that I do; and he will do even greater things than these [in extent and outreach]," (John 14:12).

There is a spiritual war going on to defeat Satan and his demonic forces and bring God's kingdom to earth as it is in heaven. The Unpardonable Sin, "He who is not with Me [once and for all on My side] is against Me; and he who does not

[unequivocally] gather with Me scatters," (Matthew 12:30).

And, "Because you are lukewarm (spiritually useless), and neither hot nor cold, I will vomit you out of My mouth [rejecting you with

disgust]," (Revelation 3:16).

"The one who endures and bears up [under suffering] to the end will be saved," (Matthew 24:13).

Do you believe God is telling you to support and finance leaders that were not appointed by Jesus and meeting His qualifications?

-Billy Burnette *Please take this to your spiritual leader and have them confirm or deny this message.

How to help

Advisory Council Volunteers must be at least 18 years old and live or work in Madison County. They provide professional expertise and knowledge of the community. They are champions for the Big Bend Hospice mission and provide input on how best to serve community members in need of Hospice care.

For more information, contact Kimberly Everett at 850-878-5310 or *Kimberlyce@bigbendhospice.org*.



"Death and Taxes"

at the Main Street Playhouse

Rick Patrick: Greene Publishing, Inc.

"Death and Taxes," the latest production for the Rural Area Theatre Troupe (RATT) Pact on Main is set to open on Thursday, Oct. 25, with performances continuing on Friday, Oct. 26, and Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Main Street Playhouse and Event Center, located at 172 SW Range Ave., in Madison. The Thursday, Oct. 25, performance will include dessert and the Friday, Oct. 26, and Saturday, Oct. 27, performances will include dinner, catered by Grumpy's Diner on Main.

Life in the small town of Hendricks is pretty quiet until a stranger comes into town and suddenly dies on the couch of Mattie and Carl Johansen, played by Jessica Webb and Patrick Loveless. When it is discovered that the stranger isn't who he

Senior center hosts indoor garage sale



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Eula Donaldson, Madison County resident and proud consultant with Paparazzi Accessories, was set up at the Senior Citizens Council of Madison County during the Indoor Garage Sale, which took place on Friday, Oct. 12, and Saturday, Oct. 13. The Indoor Garage Sale event lasted two days and catered to many senior citizens of Madison County. To stay up to date on current events at the senior center, call (850) 973-4241.

CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN IN LEE



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As Halloween gets closer, decorations and scarecrows signifying the triumphant return of fall and spooky season are going up all around Madison County. From Sunday, Oct. 21 to Halloween on Wednesday, Oct. 31, you and your family can enjoy a kid-friendly Halloween display in Lee, presented by the Dye family.

From 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. only, you can drive through an approximate 10-minute display of lights and decoration to get into the Halloween spirit. There is no charge, however, donations are accepted. All donations are to support the Suwannee Valley Humane Society, the local non-profit animal shelter in Lee, near Interstate 10.

The Halloween display will take place on Donaldson Rd., in Lee. You are asked to follow the signs all the way to the place of the event. For more information, call the Suwannee Valley Humane Society at (850) 971-9904.

claims to be and he may have been the victim of foul play, Mayor Kathleen Lyles, played by Mary Jane Simone, decides to hold a further investigation; over the objections of Sheriff Wesley Thorne, played by Jonathan Cooks. Attempting to help run the impromptu meeting of the Hendricks City Council is the Mayor's secretary, Miss Kleft, played by Elizabeth King. Newspaper editor Eddie King, played by Rick Patrick, is on hand looking for a better front-page story than the story about a two-headed calf. Miss Martindale, the flamboyant high school drama teacher, and veteran of many murder mystery productions, played by Kiley Thompson, steps in to help lead the investigation. The lovable, nosy neighbor, Cora, played by Dawn Renner, and the country doctor, Dr. Efrem Bishop, played by Justin Webb, round out the cast of colorful characters. As the fun and hilarity unfolds, secrets are revealed, and the audience is invited to figure out "whodunnit."

Dinner on Friday and Saturday consists of baked ziti, salad and garlic bread. Reservations are required and can be made by visiting www.mainstreetmadisonfl.com, by calling (850) 464-4010, or by stopping by A Main Street Realty, 186 SW Range Ave., in Madison. Desert will be served on Thursday, Oct. 25, starting at 7 p.m. Tickets for Thursday evening are \$16 each. Dinner on Friday and Saturday evenings will be served at 6:30 p.m. Tickets for dinner and the show are \$26.



Photo Submitted

The cast of the upcoming RATT Pact theatre production "Death and Taxes" rehearse a scene. The show opens Thursday, Oct. 25, at the Main Street Playhouse and Event Center. Pictured, from left to right, are: Justin Webb, Kiley Thompson, Jonathan Cooks, Elizabeth King, Mary Jane Simone, Dawn Renner, Rick Patrick and Patrick Loveless.

Nissan models recalled due to fire risk

Ashley Hunter: Greene Publishing, Inc.

Automobile manufacturer, Nissan Motor Company Ltd. is recalling over 200,000 vehicles after discovering that the vehicles

were experiencing a heightened fire risk.

The recalled models apparently were

experiencing a leak in the anti-lock brake system that may drip brake fluid onto a circuit board. The leak causes an electrical short and increased risk of catching fire.

If Nissan drivers see the anti-lock brake warning lamp lit for longer than 10 seconds after starting the engine, Nissan urges the drivers not to drive the vehicle and to park it outdoors, away from structures or other vehicles.

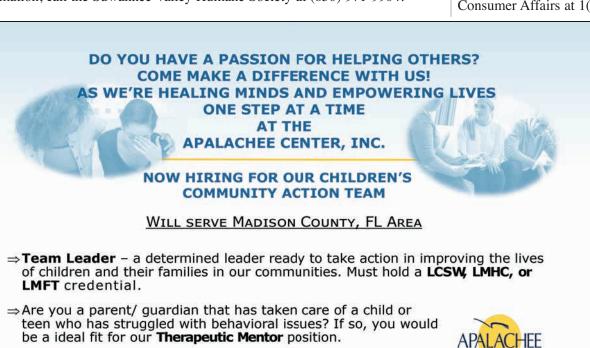
The recall covers certain 2015-2017 Nissan Muranos (which were recalled for the same problem in 2016), 2016-2017 Nissan Maximas, 2017-2018 Nissan Pathfinders and 2017 Infiniti QX60 vehicles.

Nissan estimates that 56 percent of the listed models are experiencing the problem and most of the recalled vehicles were distributed to dealerships in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

If your vehicle falls under one of the recalled models or is experiencing any of the warning signs, Nissan recommends that drivers cease to operate their vehicle and call Nissan Roadside Assistance to arrange towing the vehicle to a Nissan dealership at no cost to the owner/driver.

Nissan also advises that owners/drivers of a recalled Nissan should arrange an appointment to have their vehicle remedied; the nearest Nissan dealership can be located through their dealer locator service at: nissanusa.com/nissandealers/locate.

If you have questions regarding the safety recall, you may contact Nissan Consumer Affairs at 1(800)NISSAN1 (1-800-647-7261).



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Founder's Day holds timeless memories

Story Submitted

Memories are perhaps the most important things we humans possess. We try to forget the bad memories, but hang on to the good ones for a lifetime. Many remember their very first Christmas, a really special birthday or, for older folks, the date they got married to their spouse. In Madison County, many have fond memories of Hickory Grove's Founder's

Hickory Grove United Methodist Church's Founder's Day has been going on for nearly 30 years, and we all have some really great memories of when it all started in October of 1991. That is correct; the very first Founder's Day was on Oct. 12, 1991. Hickory Grove United Methodist Church's Pastor for the first Founder's Day was Kevin McLaughlin, who had moved down from the northern part of the United States, as a Methodist minister. The church learned just a few short months ago that Brother Kevin passed away.

Kevin and wife, Bea, had one son named Chris, who was born with Down Syndrome, and he was perhaps the most loving child Dan Buchanan, church member, had ever met. "My father, Joe Buchanan, really took up a lot of time with Chris and they were really great buddies when Chris was about five or six years old," said Buchanan. "May God rest your soul Brother Kevin, because you were a really great human being and preacher."

At Hickory Grove United Methodist Church, some fondly remember the "Hog Calling Contest." "I remember Cousin Mary Lou Buchanan won this contest for three or four years in a row," said Buchanan. "Our Country Kitchen is named after this delightful lady, and boy could she call hogs. Mary Lou and her husband, Belton, were hog farmers, and I am sure she got plenty of practice on the farm."

Another great thing about Founder's Day is watching families work together for a great cause at church. Attendees enjoy watching Elwyn and Martha McLeod work with all their kids at the syrup/cane grinding mill. Now that they have grandchildren, it is also nice to see the grandkids work alongside their

parents and grandparents.

Of course, church members have great memories of mothers and daughters like Sandra Ulm, who worked for the past 27 years alongside her mother, Mrs. Ruby Ulm, at the quilt ticket booth. "What a really great asset both of these ladies were and are today. We miss Mrs. Ruby tremendously," said Buchanan.

Another great contest was the Cow Milking Contest and, surely, everyone remembers Mrs. Verna Lee Williams taking home first prize. Anyone can milk a cow, but the container you use is a small-mouth Coca-Cola bottle. Hitting the hole with the milk is really hard to do, but Verna Lee was a real champion at this contest.

Founder's Day would not have been successful had it not been for Julian Andrews, who had a vision that people would love to come to Hickory Grove for a fun day of eating great food and having a wonderful time. "One thing that Julian made sure of was to provide some baby pigs, about two weeks old, so the kids could pet the little cute piglets in the pen," said Buchanan. "Julian really enjoyed the kids going back home with their parents, smelling like a real pig pen!"

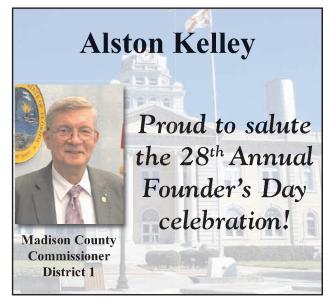
Ever since Hickory Grove United Methodist Church first started Founder's Day, the Country Store has remained an integral part of the celebration. The idea of the store came from Betty Sue Buchanan, Randall Buchanan's wife, and also the mother of Randy and his sister, Beth Moore. In fact, the store is named after Betty Sue today.

The Country Store is filled with homemade arts and crafts, jams and jellies, pepper sauce for greens and peas, candies, cookies and more. It is a real adventure to cruise through the Country Store and purchase Christmas presents and all kinds of locally-

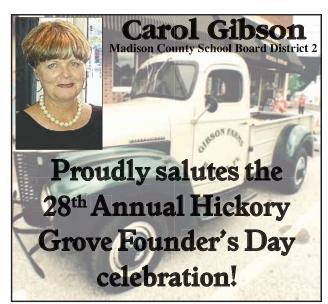
"I could go on and on with memories of Founder's Day, but highly encourage you to visit our little country church on Saturday, Oct. 20 and make some memories with your kids that you will treasure for decades to come," said Buchanan.

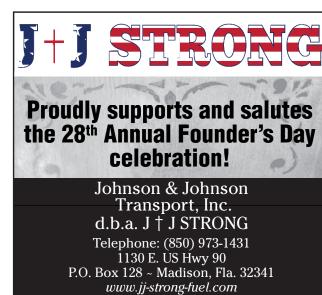
Everyone is invited to come, visit, eat a great

place on Saturday, Oct. 20, at Hickory Grove Methodist Church, located at 1218 NE Hickory Grove Rd., in Pinetta. Look for the signs so you will not get lost. For more information, call Dan Buchanan at (850) 464-8710.













meal and have some fun. The festivities will take **Hickory Grove accepting donations**

Story Submitted

Last week was a historic week for the panhandle of Florida. From Apalachicola to Panama City and on up through Georgia, residents were hit hard by Hurricane Michael. Hickory Grove United Methodist Church will be delivering supplies to the affected areas the week following Founder's Day, which will take place on Saturday, Oct. 20.

There will be a special booth set up in front of the church where donations can be dropped off. The lead group of this hurricane effort is the young adult Sunday school class at Hickory Grove United Methodist Church. Items will be accepted on Friday, Oct. 19, by 9 a.m., as well as Saturday, Oct. 20, during Founder's Day.

A suggested list of items needed include diapers, cleaning buckets, baby wipes, baby bottles, paper plates, paper towels, cleaning supplies, work gloves,

deodorant, shampoo, body wash and soap. Many are still without power, so residents are in need of flashlights and batteries as well. This is not a limited list, and should you think of other items victims might need, you are invited to donate.

toothpaste, toothbrushes, cleaning rubber gloves,

"Several folks in our church have loved ones and great friends that live in West Florida, and these folks are suffering perhaps the greatest challenge of their lives," said church member, Dan Buchanan. "Anything you donate will be much appreciated."

Hickory Grove Methodist Church is located at 1218 NE Hickory Grove Rd., in Pinetta. For more information, call Dan Buchanan at (850) 464-8710.



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Madison County Superintendent of Schools

Tennessee Quartet coming to Madison



Photo Submitted

The Hymnsmen Quartet, hailing from Cleveland, Tenn., will be stopping at Mt. Olive Baptist Church on Saturday, Oct. 28, with services beginning at 6 p.m.

John Willoughby: Greene Publishing, Inc.

Coming from Cleveland, Tenn., the group known as the Hymnsmen Quartet will be stopping at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, in Madison, on Saturday, Oct. 27,

Middle Florida Baptist Association holds annual session

Mickey Starling: Greene Publishing, Inc.

The Middle Florida Baptist Association held its 119th annual session at Bethel Creek Baptist Church, in Mayo, on Tuesday, Oct. 9. The purpose of the meeting is to update the churches about missions and other activities in the area and to encourage the association as it moves forward.

Session one was opened by Bethel Creek Baptist Church Pastor Jim Whitaker, followed by a doctrinal message by Rev. Chris Roth, from Concord Baptist Church. Bethel Creek also provided the meal for the evening.

Session two was opened by Rev. Tom Studstill, from Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church, who served as the moderator for the event. This was primarily a business meeting that included reports from Treasurer Charlotte Hammond, missions reports from Director of Missions Rev. Robert Dixon, Florida Baptist Convention reports and the election of new officers. The service was highlighted by a message given by Rev. Matt Thompson, from Midway Baptist Church.

with services beginning at 6 p.m.

With over 50 years in ministry, the Hymnsmen Quartet enjoys spreading the good news through music. Originally organized in 1952, the quartet has changed over the years but their message and heart for ministry has remained the same. The group has toured and performed with several gospel acts, such as the Blue Ridge Quartet, the Statesmen and others.

For more information, call (912) 614-5292. Mt. Olive Baptist Church is located at 5022 South State Road 53, in Madison.

Operation Christmas Child collection week slated for Nov. 12-19

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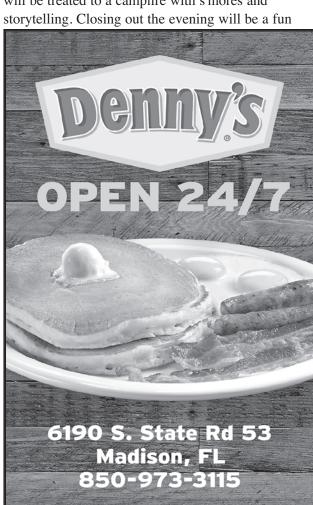
Collection week for Operation Christmas Child is drawing near. Use the rest of this month to pack a shoebox (or several) for kids in need around the globe. Boxes can be dropped off at the Middle Florida Baptist Association office, located at 349 SW Captain Brown Rd., in Madison. The collection site will be open from Nov. 12 until Nov. 19, Monday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m., and on Sunday, from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. Visit *samaritanspurse.org* for information on how to pack a box, types of items to include and how to properly label your box. Labels are available to print directly from the website. For the past 25 years, Samaritan's Purse has been collecting shoeboxes filled with gifts and delivering them to children in need around the world. Each box serves as an opportunity for a child to experience God's love and hear the Gospel. Don't miss this awesome opportunity!



Cherry Lake church to host fall festival

John Willoughby: Greene Publishing, Inc.

On Saturday, Oct. 27, children, youth and adults alike are all invited to Cherry Lake United Methodist Church's fall festival, taking place from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. During the festival, participants can enjoy great fellowship and fun games such as a relay race that will take place during the event. All in attendance will receive a hot dog supper and afterward, guests will be treated to a campfire with s'mores and



trunk-or-treat where children and youth can walk from the vehicle trunk to vehicle trunk for delicious candy.

All events are free of charge and all Madison County residents are invited to attend. For more information, call Darlene Reaves at (850) 929-2159. Cherry Lake United Methodist Church is located at 260 NW Settlement Rd., in Cherry Lake.

Choirs on Parade on Oct. 21

John Willoughby: Greene Publishing, Inc.

On Sunday, Oct. 21, all choir singers and soloists are invited to attend New Generation Missionary Baptist Church's Choirs on Parade. If you are interested in helping lift up the name of Jesus Christ, call Pastor Oliver Bradley at (850) 464-1191. New Generation Missionary Baptist Church is located at 457 SW Range Ave., in Madison.



Church World Rews

Southern Baptists slated to provide disaster relief serve more than 200,000 meals per day if needed.

Southern Baptists are ready to respond after Hurricane Michael made landfall with sustained wind speeds just two miles per hour short of a Category 5 storm on Wednesday, Oct. 10. Potential locations that will host feeding and recovery teams in Florida include Tallahassee, Lynn Haven, Perry, Crawfordville and Spring Hill. In Alabama and Georgia, around 150,000 residents are without power. Southern Baptist Disaster Relief (SBDR) teams in those states have identified potential locations in Dothan, Ala., Bainbridge, Ga., Donalsonville, Ga., and Albany, Ga. American Red Cross has asked SBDR to prepare to serve up to 30,000 meals a day. SBDR teams reported more than 2,000 volunteers are ready to go and serve with recovery and feeding units. Sixteen SBDR kitchens from 11 different baptist state disaster relief teams are available. Those kitchens have the capacity to

United Methodists fight illiteracy in Africa

The United Methodist Church in Angola is continuing its efforts to fight illiteracy in the country, partnering with the government on a new initiative that will turn its chapels into education centers to teach reading and writing. The "We Can" partnership was introduced by representatives of United Methodism's Western Angola Conference and senior officials from the country's Ministry of Education. Together, they plan to offer literacy classes in churches in the Western Angola Conference, which covers 12 of the country's 18

17 people sentenced to death over church bombings in Egypt

An Egyptian military court sentenced 17 people to death on Thursday, Oct. 4, over their involvement in the 2016 and 2017 bombings of three churches

and a police checkpoint that killed more than 80 people. Nineteen others were sentenced to life in prison for the attacks, according to Ahram, an English-language Egyptian news site. ISIS claimed responsibility for the April 2017 bombing of two Coptic Christian churches in the cities of Tanta and Alexandria. At least 45 people were killed in the strikes, which targeted the minority group on the first day of the faith's Holy Week leading up to Easter, according to CNN. In December 2016, another attack at a Coptic church in Cairo killed 25 people. ISIS claimed responsibility for that attack, as well. Coptic Christians have been facing elevated persecution and discrimination since the destruction of Hosni Mubarak's regime in 2011. Coptic churches and homes have been set on fire, Coptic Christians have been physically attacked and their property has been looted, according to CNN, in reference to an article by Amnesty International.

Global minister to speak at homecoming

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On Sunday, Oct. 28, beginning at 10:15 a.m., Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church will be holding their annual homecoming services, featuring special music and a message from Tennessee native Dr. Randy Ray, former pastor of North Florida Baptist Church, of Tallahassee. All members, former members and the community are invited to attend this momentous occasion.

Born in Gallatin, Tenn., Dr. Randy Ray is a graduate of Middle Tennessee State University with a Bachelor's degree in business administration. In 1975, Ray received his Master of Religious **Education from Temple Baptist Seminary** in Chattanooga, Tenn. Dr. Ray then received a Doctorate of Divinity degree from Pensacola Christian College, in Pensacola, Fla. Additional accolades

include his tenure as Chairman of the Board of Directors for Tennessee Temple University(TTU), in Chattanooga, Tenn., as well as his recognition from TTU, who awarded him with the Prestigious Trustee Award. Dr. Ray was also the president of the North Florida Christian School, which was founded in 1966.

In 1976, Dr. Ray started the Metro Baptist Church and Christian School in Goodlettsville, Tenn., where he served as pastor until 1992, when he moved to Tallahassee to become pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, now known as North Florida Baptist Church. In May of 2017, Dr. Ray retired from his role as pastor to begin a domestic and international ministry of teaching and preaching.

Dr. Ray is married to his wife of 40 years, Janice Dozier, of Nashville, Tenn. Together, they have three children and four Rd., in Madison.

grandchildren.

Beginning at 10:15 a.m., Perfect Grace, a gospel group from Clyattville, Ga., will take the stage to proclaim the gospel with music. Further special music will be provided by Stacey Poppell, April Lundell and Melissa Lundell. Dr. Ray is expected to take the pulpit at 11:30 a.m. After the service, lunch will be served. There will be nursery care available during the services and there will be no Sunday school services beforehand.

On Sunday evening, revival begins at 6 p.m., with Reverend Austin Deloach preaching. Music will be led by Butch and Pat Williams, who will lead all revival services, which will continue until Wednesday, Oct. 31.

For more information, call (850) 973-8418. Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church is located at 4084 NE Rocky Ford



Photo Submitted

Dr. Randy Ray, former pastor of North Florida Baptist Church, of Tallahassee, will be bringing the Word of God during homecoming services at Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church, in Madison, on Sunday, Oct. 28



If your church is having an event, please let us know, and we'll tell everyone else. Please e-mail your church announcements to reporter3@greenepublishing.com or call (850) 973-4141.

October 17

Fields of Faith is coming to the Madison County High School (MCHS) football field on Wednesday, Oct. 17, at 7 p.m. All area students and youth leaders are encouraged to attend. There will be numerous testimonies from students and other powerful presentations of the Gospel.

October 20

A Fall homecoming service will be held this year at the Ebenezer Methodist Church, in Hamburg. In preparation for this event, there will be a church workday on Saturday, Oct. 20, beginning a 8:30 a.m. On Saturday, Oct. 27, a meeting is scheduled at 6 p.m. to allow anyone to bring to the attention of the board members any grievances or concerns with the Cemetery Corporation. The Oct. 27 evening will continue with a song service beginning at 6:30 p.m., followed by the homecoming service at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 28. There will be a covered dish meal after the service.

October 29

The nursing home ministry of Madison First Baptist Church will be administering the Lord's

Supper and singing favorite hymns to the residents of Southern Living for Seniors, in Madison. Anyone interested in participating should be at the church by 9:30 a.m. in order to travel together to the assisted living facility.

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Sometimes a nap is your best defense

Mickey Starling: Greene Publishing, Inc.

Hurricane Michael had me thinking about storms, which brought back to mind the story in Mark 4, when Jesus asks His disciples to join him as He crosses the Red Sea.

You would think that Jesus would make a plan that was relatively free of waves or difficulty, but this trip would prove to be anything but smooth. Of course, Jesus wasn't caught by surprise in the coming storm. He never is. He had no intention of calming this one, either.

It struck me that Jesus desired to demonstrate His supremacy over circumstances with nothing more than His intentions. For that reason, Jesus confronted the waves that began to flood His vessel with a nice power nap in the bottom of the boat. He knew that His statement, "Let us go over to the other side," (verse 35) was enough to make for safe passage.

However, the disciples needed to learn how to rest in the face of adversity, which can only be accomplished in the midst of trouble. Jesus seems to have hoped that His nap would be a

sign to His followers that everything was under control. Furthermore, there's a good chance He was teaching them to expect trouble when they were on a mission to bring freedom to others in

I came to this conclusion by looking at the beginning of chapter five. The purpose of crossing to the other side was to set a demon-possessed man free. The overall message of the story seems fitting for our storms as well. As long as our goals are in line with God's purposes, we can expect both trouble and triumph.

The key seems to be in knowing when to rest easy in the promises of God, regardless of how many issues are flooding our boat. Nothing about that is easy, but the results are worth the trouble. Not only will you grow in your faith, you never know who is on the other side, waiting for the freedom you are preparing to bring.



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Story Submitted: October "Outta" the Woods" By Tony Young

"There are many reasons to muzzleloader and

hunt the muzzleloading gun season," said Clint Peters, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) wildlife biologist. "But the biggest reason for me is it extends your hunting season and allows access to some smaller wildlife management areas with good deer populations, many of which have muzzleloader seasons that coincide with the rut."

Using a muzzleloader is not as complicated as some might think.

"They operate on the same basic principles as modern firearms," said Peters. "Taking a Florida hunter safety course is a good way to learn how to safely use muzzleloading guns. There's also instructional information available on hunter safety and other hunting-related websites."

"It's especially important to understand the effective range of a muzzleloading gun," said Peters. "There are two classes of muzzleloaders historic and modern. Historic types, like what our forefathers used, are mostly effective out to about 65 yards. Modern inline muzzleloaders, though loaded through the muzzle of the barrel, perform more like modern rifles. They can be fitted with scopes and function reliably out to 150 yards or more." If you're interested in using a muzzleloader, Peters recommends finding a muzzleloading gun enthusiast to help you get started.

"Invite them to a shooting range and ask them to walk you through the whole process of loading, shooting and clearing one," said Peters.

Muzzleloading gun season

The beginning of muzzleloading gun season immediately follows the close of crossbow season in each zone annually. Season dates run Nov. 17 through Nov.

30 in Zone B, Oct. 20 through Nov. 2 in Zone C and Dec. 1 through Dec. 7 in

During muzzleloader season, bows and crossbows are legal methods of taking game on private lands. On WMAs though, only muzzleloaders may be used, and not every muzzleloader is legal to use during muzzleloading gun season. Only muzzleloaders fired by wheel lock, flintlock, percussion cap or centerfire primer (including 209 primers) are legal during muzzleloading gun season. Firearms that can be loaded from the breech are not legal during muzzleloading gun season.

Deer and wild hogs are the most common species to take during muzzleloader season. For hunting deer, muzzleloaders firing single bullets must be at least .40-caliber. Guns firing two or more balls must be 20-gauge or larger. Only legal bucks, according to the deer management unit in which you're hunting, may be taken, and the daily bag limit for deer is two.

On private land with landowner permission, you may hunt wild hogs year-round with no bag or size limits. On WMAs, bag limits for hogs and deer and antler point regulations may differ, so check the area's regulations brochure before you hunt there.

In addition to big game, it's also legal to shoot gobblers and bearded turkeys on private property and on a handful of WMAs during muzzleloading gun season. You may take up to two per day on private lands (one a day on WMAs), but there's still the two-bird combined fall-season limit. You may not shoot turkeys while they're on the roost, when you're within 100 yards of a gamefeeding station when feed is present or with the aid of recorded electronic turkey calls. It's also against the law to hunt turkeys in Holmes County during the fall.

WMAs that don't require a quota permit

Florida's WMAs offer a wide range of hunting opportunities from quota/limited entry hunts, specialopportunity hunts and public hunting

areas where hunters can walk on to hunt. There are 38 WMAs where hunters don't need a quota permit to hunt some or all of the muzzleloading gun season. So, if you didn't apply or get drawn for a quota hunt, don't worry, there's plenty of opportunity spread throughout the state. You can find those WMAs not requiring a quota permit at

MyFWC.com/WMAbrochures by clicking on "No Quota Permit Hunting."

Dove season

The first phase of the mourning and white-winged dove season started on Sept. 22 and ran through Oct. 14. New this year, shooting hours during this first phase on private lands only have been expanded to a half-hour before sunrise to sunset, and the daily bag limit is 15 birds. On most wildlife management areas, shooting hours during phase I remain from noon to sunset.

Good dove hunting opportunities can be found near agricultural lands where birds feed on crops and seed. Doves concentrate on areas with bare ground where they can find an easy meal, primarily because they have weak feet and cannot scratch through heavy vegetation for seed. They also seek out sources of water and grit, and the most successful dove hunts often occur when large numbers of doves migrate into Florida with seasonal cold fronts.

You may hunt doves over an agricultural field, as long as the crop has been planted as part of regular agricultural practices, and doves prefer areas where the soil has been disked (turned over). That way they can land and readily pick up seed. However, it's against the law to scatter agricultural products over an area for the purpose of baiting. For more information, go to *MyFWC.com/Dove* and click "Dove Hunting and Baiting in Florida."

The only firearm with which you're allowed to hunt doves is a shotgun, and it must be plugged to a three-shell capacity (magazine and chamber combined), but you may not use one larger than a 10gauge. Most hunters prefer to use a 12gauge, although some prefer a 20-gauge. Shot sizes normally range from seven and a half to No. 9. Retrievers or bird dogs are allowed, and they can be an asset when trying to locate hard-to-find

If you happen to shoot any dove with a metal band around its leg, report it at ReportBand.gov. This band-recovery data is critical for good dove management and

a better understanding of migration patterns. By reporting this information, you'll be able to find out when and where your bird was banded.

License and permit requirements

Whether you participate in one or more of these hunting opportunities, you'll need a Florida hunting license. If you're a resident, this will cost \$17. Nonresidents have the choice of paying \$46.50 for a 10-day license or \$151.50 for an annual license.

If you plan to hunt during muzzleloader season, you'll need a \$5 muzzleloading gun permit, even if you use a bow or crossbow on private lands. If you hunt on one of Florida's many WMAs, you must purchase a management area permit for \$26.50. To hunt deer, you need a \$5 deer permit, and if you'd like to take a fall turkey, you'll need a \$10 (\$125 for non-residents) turkey permit. Also, a no-cost migratory bird permit is required if you plan on hunting doves or any other migratory game birds.

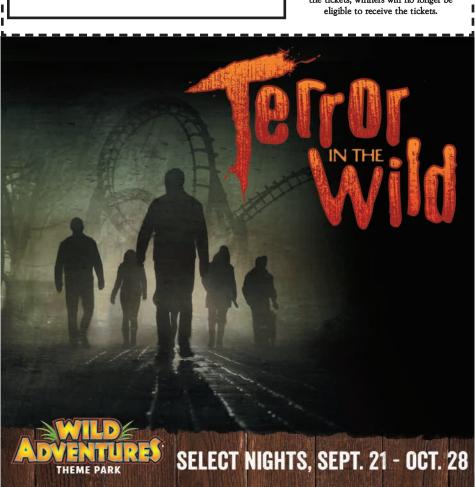
Season dates, bag limits and restrictions differ greatly on each WMA, so before heading afield this season, I recommend you print the WMA regulations brochures and maps for the specific WMAs you plan to hunt. Or you can download them to a mobile device, so that they can be accessed without an internet connection. Beginning this year, WMA regulations brochures are available only at MyFWC.com/WMAbrochures and through the FishlHunt FL app. They are no longer being printed. All of the hunting licenses and permits you'll need are available at your local county tax collector's office, any retail outlets that sell hunting and fishing supplies, by calling (888) HUNT-FLORIDA or going to GoOutdoorsFlorida.com.

Be safe and have fun!

So whether you're going after that buck you've been hunting during the muzzleloading gun season or hunting small game with friends and family, here's wishing you luck while enjoying Florida's great outdoors.

Remember to take a kid hunting or introduce someone new to our great hunting tradition when possible. Like and subscribe to "HuntFlorida" at Facebook.com/HGM.FWC and YouTube.com/HuntFloridaTV, and sign up to receive the monthly Hunting Hot Sheet. As always, have fun, hunt safely and ethically, and we'll see you in the







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Cheerleader spotlight

Ashley Cantey



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Ashley Cantey, 16, is the daughter of Steve and Kathryn Hart. This is her third year of cheering. Stunting and making friendships are the aspects she enjoys most about being a cheerleader. She says this year's Fellowship of Christian Athletes cheer camp has been her most memorable experience so far.

Lady Broncos serve sandwiches to raise funds



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Rick Patrick, October 5, 2018

Coaches and players from the Madison County Central School Lady Broncos basketball team were at the courthouse selling barbeque sandwiches on Friday, Oct. 5. They were raising funds to help buy uniforms and equipment for the Lady Broncos as they prepare for another basketball season. A total of \$1,122 was raised through ticket sales, walk-up customers, donations and sponsorships. A very special "thank you" goes out to David Harper and to K-Ci Beauty Supply for their generous sponsorships. Pictured, from left to right, are: Head Coach Lashon Arnold, Assistant Coach Renee Demps, Jaquis Jones, Ke'Niya Arnold and Tsadi Irvine.





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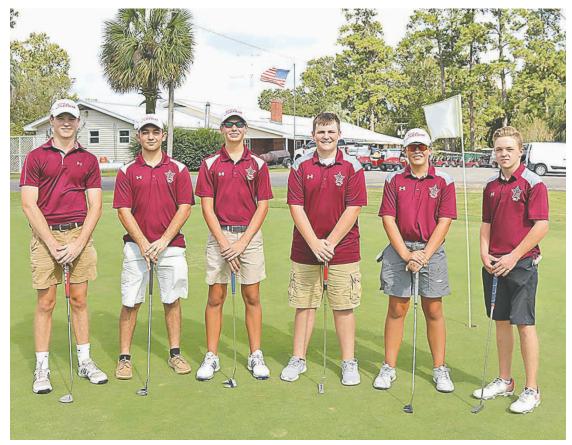
Golf team has successful season

Rick Patrick: Greene Publishing, Inc.

For the young Madison County High School (MCHS) Cowboys golf team, this has been a season of improvement and getting better. The team recently finished their season with a respectable 7-4 record. Considering the team is comprised of all underclassmen, the future looks bright for the golf program at MCHS.

Junior Payton Davis led the team as the season's scoring leader with a season average of 42.4. According to Head Golf Coach Jayson Fletcher, in the team's first match of the season, the Cowboys shot a 207 team score. A month later, the Cowboys shot their best match of the season with a team score of 185, shaving 22 strokes off that previous score. "The Cowboys did a great job of getting better every single day," said Coach Fletcher. "They put in a lot of work on the range and around the greens to get themselves in a position to be successful. The improvement was noticeable."

"The golf team would also like to thank Justin Davis for all his help with the team this year; he has been there daily helping the players get better," added Coach Fletcher.



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Rick Patrick, September 27, 2018

The Madison County High School golf team recently completed their 2018 season with a 7-4 record. Pictured, from left to right, are: Jayce Scott, Jake Driggers, Payton Davis, Ashton Carroll, Kiellor Davis and Zachary Townsend.

Rick's picks: Week eight

game shouts "trap game for the Bayou Bengals" to me. Coming off a big, emotional upset win over Georgia could leave the Tigers set for a let-down. I think this game could be closer than some think, but in the end, I think LSU will be on top. Rick's Pick: LSU

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Gosh, what a strange couple of weeks it has been. I'm beginning to think my crystal ball has developed a permanent haze. There were some upsets that I certainly did not see coming. A couple of upsets every week can be somewhat expected, but the last couple of weeks have been nothing less than strange. My record took another big hit this week, coming in at just 5-4. Good thing I didn't go to Vegas with that kind of record. I do hope it will improve this week.

Tennessee vs. Alabama

I think one of the biggest shockers of the entire weekend was Tennessee's upset win over Auburn. Who honestly saw that one coming? I do think this week will be another story as the Alabama Crimson Tide rolls up to Rocky Top. One interesting stat for the Tide is that they have scored touchdowns on each of their opening drives this year. If the Tide can keep that stat going this week, then the echoes of "Rocky Top" will be shortlived. Look for the Tide to keep rolling on.

Rick's Pick: Alabama

Florida State vs. Wake Forest

The Seminoles put a scare into the Miami Hurricanes a couple of weeks ago, almost pulling off the big upset. I keep expecting the 'Noles to improve and show some life, especially on offense. This week could be the week in which they do just that against a Demon Deacon team that

has had its own struggles this season. Look for the 'Noles to win ugly at home.

Rick's Pick: Florida

State

LSU vs. Mississippi State Everything about this Kentucky vs. Vanderbilt
In the past, this game

would normally be
considered a "yawn-fest." This year is
different. Both teams are showing
improvement this year. The
Commodores nearly picked off the
Gators at home and Kentucky has been
giving everyone a challenge. I look for
the Wildcats to win a good, close game.
Rick's Pick: Kentucky

Auburn vs. Ole Miss.

This is another game that could prove to be difficult to get a handle on. The Auburn Tigers were upset by Tennessee and just how they respond could be anyone's guess. On paper, the Tigers should be favored, but they don't play the games on paper. However, I am writing this on paper, so I'll trust the paper on this one.

Rick's Picks: Auburn

Clemson vs. North Carolina State

This should be one of the best games of the weekend. The results of this game could very well determine who will be playing in the ACC championship. Clemson still has their eyes set on a playoff berth, but to get there, they will have to get past the Wolfpack this weekend. I think they will get that accomplished.

Rick's Pick: Clemson

USF vs. UConn

The Bulls are continuing to have another successful season. They had a bit of a scare from Tulsa this past Friday in a very good game. This game should be a bit easier, although past weeks prove that nothing can be taken

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Aucilla vs. Academy for Classical Education

This is Homecoming Week for the Warriors. The Warriors are in good shape to make the playoffs and they should continue to be in great shape after they face the Gryphons. Look for the Warriors to please the homecoming crowd with a big win.

Rick's Pick: Aucilla

Madison vs. University Christian

After the Cowboys enjoyed a much deserved week off to heal before making a final push for the playoffs,

the Cowboys head to Jacksonville to face the Christians of University Christian. This could be a challenge for the Cowboys, but I think Coach Coe's guys will get the job done on the road. Rick's Pick: Madison

Rick's Extra Points: Here are some other games I'm paying attention to this week. UCF over East Carolina, Michigan State in an upset over Michigan, Penn. State over Indiana, Oklahoma over TCU, Iowa over Maryland and Wisconsin over Illinois.

So that's my prediction for this week. Be sure to enter our Pigskin Picks contest this week for your chance to win



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plants and thereby reduce

the exposure to cuts and

scrapes caused by the

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of light Public Works vehicles and equipment. The individual must possess a high school diploma or equivalency. Must pass full background check and drug testing. Must have a valid Florida CDL license and acceptable driving record. Salary negotiable. 40 hours per week. Apply at City Hall 154 SW Old Mission Avenue, Greenville, FL. Position open until closed. The Town of Greenville is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Housing/Section 504

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Help Wanted! CDL & Hazmat are required, must be 21 years

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old. Experience is not required but is a plus. Apply in person at Owens Propane, Inc. 208 West Screven St Quitman, Ga 31643

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LEGALS

CONCURRENT NOTICE NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

October 17, 2018 City of Madison 321 Southwest Rutledge Street

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Madison.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about November 6, 2018, the City of Madison will submit a request to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project to install 2,600 linear feet of replacement sanitary sewer lines to serve homes on Arnold, Hall, Hudson and or replacement sanitary sewer lines to serve nomes on Arnold, Hall, Hudson and Walton Streets; provide sewer hookups for 28 low- and moderate-income households on the same four streets; repace Arnold, Hall, Hudson and Walton Streets; replace the Railroad Lift Station on Happy Street and 3,000 linear feet of force main; and install 3,200 linear feet of sanitary sewer line along Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive from Arnold Street to Southwest Bum Gardener Drive. Construction costs include \$644,000 Community Development Block Grant funds and \$50,000 City Wastewater Enterprise Funds. City Wastewater Enterprise Funds

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Madison has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record on file at City Hall, 321 Southwest Rutledge Street, and may be examined or copied week-days 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the Environmental Review Record to City Hall. All comments must be received within 15 days following the publication date of this notice by November 5, 2018. Comments will be considered prior to the City of Madison requesting a release of funds. Comments should specify which notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Madison certifies to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that Ina Thompson in her capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The State's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under National Environmental Policy Act and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Madison to tal Policy Act and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Madison to use the Community Development Block Grant funds.

ORIECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Madison certification for a period of 15 days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Madison; (b) the City of Madison has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations at 24 Code of Federal Regulations part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 Code of Federal Regulations Part 58 before annoyal of a renot authorized by 24 Code of Federal Regulations Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the State; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures at 24 Code of Federal Regulations Part 58, Sec. 58.76 and shall be addressed to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Community Development Block Grant Program, Mail Station 400, 107 East Madison Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-6508. Potential objectors should contact the City of Madison to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

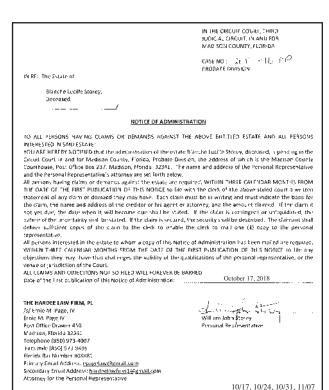
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