Man Charged With Aggravated Battery With A Firearm

By Jacob Bembry
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A man was arrested for possession of a firearm on Sunday, Sept. 15.

According to a Madison County Sheriff’s Office report, Randy S. Jansch, of Madison, was traveling southeast on County Road 150 (Lovett Road) behind the tractor.

While in the store, Cimiotta posed a danger to the store clerk and notified police. The store was cleared and a 2004 Ford F-150 pickup collided with the tractor.

The McGuires were both taken to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital.

The object was a airway tube which was a three-foot-long plastic tube.

The event will be held on the lawn at the Madison County Court.

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Evan Boldt – VOP (circuits)

Jacob's Ladder

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A simple Thank you. Sometimes we forget how far a simple handshake and sincere “thank you for all that you do for our community” can mean to those of us who serve in the community and in day out day in and day out Becky V. Bennett

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Chlorine Spill

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Because of the volume of gas that had escaped, When men later that his
when Delmonie, could turn the gas off, both barked and men-
called Bruce Johnson (fire chief) on his cell phone.

Williamson determined during his investigation that the gas gauge on the chlorinator was not working at the time of the accident. He stated that this would give a false reading to how much gas was in the tank that needed to be changed out. Delmonie thought the tank was empty, when, in fact, there was plenty of gas still left in the chlorinator; which is attached to the tank. When he came back and began checking the tank, Delmonie thought the gas line had been actually still in the tank.

Williams recommended several changes the dealer needs to make such an incident from happening in the future.

- Tank change-out procedures need to be put in place in the area.
- Two personnel should be pres- ent at all times when changing out the tanks.
- A fire department should be notified immediately.
- Personnel who are performing the change-outs, should have an explanation on how to perform the task.
- Written and documented procedures of should be done monthly on how to change out the tanks and what to do in case of an emergency.

By Jacob Bembry

A woman reported a robbery at Madison County Fire Depart- ment Office Thursday, April 25. The complainant, whose name was withheld, stated she had a .40 caliber automatic in her car when she was robbed.

The complainant was at the fire department office at approximately 4 p.m. when she was approached by a man and then was forced to give her money and her purse.

The suspect was described as a white male

Financial Strategies Provide Education And Networking For Florida’s Agricultural Producers

The conference at which the resolutions can be presented is the 2013 Florida Agriculture Financial Management Conference, which will be held October 23-24 2013 at the Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate, Florida.

The conference will offer multiple educational programs tailored to the financial concerns of Florida’s farmers. Topics will include agricultural risk management, farm management, financial forecasting and success planning for the next generation. Owners and employees of agricultural businesses should attend, as well as anyone whose work supports the agricultural industry. www.fafmc.org.
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*9:55 PM  Monday 3:30 AM*

**Pet Of The Week**

*9:20 PM  Sunday 2:20 PM*

**DEPOSIT CHECKS WITH MOBILE DEPOSIT**

*10:40 PM  October 1 4:10 AM*

**COMING EVENTS**

*11:20 PM  October 2 5:10 PM*

**PETS OF THE WEEK**

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As one of the guests noted, enjoying the hors d’oeuvres in the dining hall during Lake Park of Madison’s Open House, many nursing homes aren’t the hospital-like places they used to be, with the smell of antiseptic permeating everything. Instead, places like Lake Park are warmer, more cheerful and more inviting, geared toward whole-patient wellbeing.

The more cheerful environment includes Parker the Therapy Dog, a specially trained animal who also lives there, roaming the halls and giving as much love as he gets from the residents.

The open house event invited members of the community to come in and look around a bit, with refreshments for all and door prize drawings for a few lucky winners.

Deejay Will Alphonso, of Big W Art and Entertainment, provided the music.
Inaugural Girls To Queens Banquet Is A Success, Thanks To Many

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By Rose Klein

Story submitted

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**School Event A Success**

Friday, September 27, 2013

Submitter: Jerome Wyche, Local Community Organizer

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- Executive Director HPPI, Bruce Smith, HPPI, Tentbuilders of Madison,
- City Commissioner’s Jim Catron and John Mooney, Leigh Bardin, Madison County Property Appraiser, Lisa Paton, Madison County Tax Collector Tommy Hardin, Madison County Supervisor of Elections, Julia Hackett, General Manager Julius Hackett and his team of CVS Drugstore, Harvey’s Grocery Store, and AARo’s for another $1,225.
- The NFCC Staff at the Kelly Fitness Center on campus, and Superintendent of Schools Doug Brown brought the multipurpose room.
- Tri-County Medical of Commerce newsletter, and Facebook alerts.
- WMAF Radio announcements, flyers, a Chamber of Commerce newsletter.
- Grosskopf of North Florida Community College awarded best show at Smith Northview Hospital and numerous portraits of Pinetta Elementary.
- In 2006, she painted a mural in the cafeteria with real animals and strategically painted them on a painted map of Florida.
- The portrait is on permanent display for the Arts in Valdosta, Ga. She was commissioned by the City of Madison, City of Madison Police Department, City of Madison Fire Department, Emergency Management Services, Madison County Health Department positioned and secured two of their mobile health vans on the South parking lot. To round things out, Department of Transportation sent in their Flow Mobile to assist citizens with new driver license applications, renewals, and vehicle registration.
- At 10 a.m., where the Madison Media Group provided tickets to all students and controlled the entry to the gymnasium seating area.
- The presentation concluded at 10:45 a.m.
- The 45 South parking lot, ready to provide services and final purchases of event items, as well as picking up donated hot dog buns from the locally owned Circle K.
- Several attendees declared, “This was one of the best events we have ever attended.”

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- City Commissioner’s Jim Catron and John Mooney, Leigh Bardin, Madison County Property Appraiser, Lisa Paton, Madison County Tax Collector Tommy Hardin, Madison County Supervisor of Elections, Julia Hackett, General Manager Julius Hackett and his team of CVS Drugstore, Harvey’s Grocery Store, and AARo’s for another $1,225.
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GED Program Continues Strong Tradition

We use modern, online technol- ogy as well as traditional one-on-one classroom settings. While students differ tremendously, but this is rare; most students re- quire at least six months or more of class time,” Curtis stated. “That’s a significant commitment, so we owe it to each of them to deliver on our expectations for those who are willing to do the work,” he added.

GED students share knowledge and a few laughs during a group discussion in the Madison County GED Program.

New Officers Project A Successful Year For MCCS PTO

Students of LATMA Christian Academy take their positions on the steps shortly before beginning their presentation. Front row, left to right: Ty-jay Robinson (with American flag), Nicole Vilches; Salome Vilches, Esther Walker, Heaven Vincent, Keirlyn Moore, Ke’mauri McNealy, Joy Williams, Faith Williams and Tijira Robinson (with Christian flag). Second row, left to right: Tykia Vincent (student body president), Tykira Vincent, Lydia Love, Jalexus Bryant and Taimya Williams.

Students of LATMA Christian Academy take positions on the courthouse steps for the performance of a skit on the Constitution, saluted the American and Christian flags both English and Swahili, recited the books of the Bible and sang songs of praise and patriotism, including with “This Land is Your Land.”

LATMA Christian Academy Celebrates National Constitution Week

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Madison Academy Volleyball: Panthers Claw Bulldogs

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The Madison Academy girls’ volleyball team put a whoopin’ on the Taylor County Lady Bulldogs in their Sept. 12 game, scoring 25-13 in the first match and 25-6 in the second.

In both matches, the Lady Panthers took the lead early and kept piling on, with coordinated spike efforts and agile hits that kept the ball flying back over the net into the opponent’s court. A few netballs and missed shots didn’t slow them down much and certainly didn’t stand in the way of a handy win at the end.

“They worked hard and really stepped up to the plate,” said volleyball coach Cathy Rogers afterwards. “They did great.”

High-flying volleyball action sent the Lady Panthers (behind the net) to victory in their match against the Lady Bulldogs (white shirt, foreground).

“Go, Cowboys!”

The Cowboys face the Sockers at Boot Hill on the Pensacola Pace Parade grounds.

Two carries for 21 yards

Two carries for three yards

for nine yards

and one pass reception

Six carries for 33 yards

for 40 yards

on 11 passing attempts

and five completions

nine carries rushing

Williams – 17 yards on two receptions for 10 yards on 15 carries and 11 passing attempts.

Plus Yard Game

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The History Of National Fishing And Hunting Day

On May 2, 1972, President Nixon signed the first proclamation of National Fishing and Hunting Day. It urges all citizens to take advantage of the great opportunity to experience, understand and appreciate outdoor sports.

National, regional, state and local organizations staged some 3,000 "open house" hunting and fishing events from coast to coast to promote the use and enjoyment of our natural resources, in an effort to help spotlight the conservation accomplishments of this nation's好似 fishing license.

Over the years, National Hunting and Fishing Day has been co-sponsored by various organizations, including the National Wildlife Federation, the National Rifle Association, the Wilderness Society and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, among others.

On National Fishing and Hunting Day this year, you can enjoy fishing or hunting, and you can also learn about the history of this special day and the importance of conservation. Whether you're a seasoned angler or a first-time hunter, there's something for everyone.

So get out there and have fun! Remember to always follow safety guidelines and respect the environment. Fishing and hunting are not only enjoyable activities, but they also help support our natural resources and local economies.

For more information on National Fishing and Hunting Day, visit www.nationalhuntingandfishingday.org.


The license is free of charge to those who live in Florida for over a year. All others must pay $17 for three days, $30 for seven days and $301.50 for 12 pay $228.30 and persons 13 years and above will pay $30. If you ever move away from Florida, the Lifetime license will still be valid for anytime you return to Florida.

What about the hypothetical friend visiting from outside Florida? Unfortunately, the Florida fish and wildlife licenses are only available to residents that fish within Florida. For example, if you happen to purchase a regular saltwater fishing license, because the anglers license is only available to residents that fish within Florida. For example, if you happen to purchase a regular saltwater fishing license, because the anglers license is only available to residents that fish within Florida. For example, if you happen to purchase a regular saltwater fishing license, because the anglers license is only available to residents that fish within Florida.
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Rose Theatre in Thomasville, Ga. weekend with her mother, Mrs. Jim Beggs.

Miss Robbie Cruce recently won the Grand Fi-
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Bobbie Ragans has returned to the University
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE

BY THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF MADISON, FLORIDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that proposed Ordinance No. 2013-4, bearing title as follows, will be considered Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, Madison, Florida.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-4
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MADISON, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 22-5 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE THAT GOLF CARTS MAY BE OPERATED ON ALL CITY STREETS AND AT ALL TIMES, WITHOUT LIMITATIONS, AND THAT PERMITS THEREFOR ARE TO BE OBTAINED FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A copy of the proposed Ordinance is available for public inspection at City Hall, Madison, Florida during regular business hours. At the meeting, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the proposed Ordinance. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

CITY OF MADISON, FLORIDA
BY: /S/ Lee Anne Hall
City Clerk

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW

Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of Bore Guys, LLC located in the county of Madison in the City of Madison, Florida zip 32340 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated this 24th day of September, 2013.

Signed /s/ Cindy Poire

All Legals are posted on line at www.greenepublishing.com and at www.floridapublicnotices.com
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includes $1,000 bonus cash & includes many more options.
Motorbikes & ATVs are not included. All prices good through Sept. 29, 2013 or until vehicle is sold, whichever comes first. Must present ad at time of purchase to receive advertised prices.

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All prices plus tax. All vehicles last of its kind & reflect all applicable factory rebates. 2013 Dodge Dart & 0% for 60 months on tanche & suburban to choose from. 2012 Silverado LT & 2013 Dodge Dart & 0% for 60 months on tanche & suburban to choose from. New 2013 Silverados. Must provide proof of registration on a 1999 or newer Chevy or GMC truck. 2013 Silverados & 2013 Silverado Express & Save $1,000 on any 2013 Silverado & save another $1,000 on any 2013 Suv. 2013 Silverado 1500 Express & 2013 Silverado 1500 Express & $5,360. 2013 Silverado 1500 Express & 2013 Silverado 1500 Express & 2012 Silverado 1500 Express & 2013 Silverado 1500 Express & 2012 Silverado 1500 Express & Get a World-Famous Hocker!!

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By Rose Klein 
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Gulf Coast Supply and Manufacturing, started in 1996 by two brothers-in-law, John Sherrill and Jeff Reed, who had a dream of owning a metal roofing business, using hand-crafted sheet metals. They opened their new business in the back-side of an old fish house at Horseshoe Beach, a small fishing and scalloping village with a population of less than 300. They saved money, worked hard and created roof packages for Taylor County and surrounding areas, building a name for the business along with a reputation for being honest and loyal with their customers.

After several years, they moved to a then recently retired, 26-acre military base with a plan to build the best metal roofing manufacturing business in the state of Florida. They wanted to create a business culture that offered excellent products, but also focused on integrity and great customer service. Being an ex-fisherman, “Brother Sherrill,” as he is sometimes referred to, hired many hard working ex-fishermen, whom he felt a kinship with, and the company continued to grow and become known as a direct manufacturing company, where they sold their metal roofing directly to homeowners and contractors.

In 2004, a string of Florida hurricanes, eventually to be called the hurricane train, devastated much of the state, but ended up being the catalyst that propelled the two brothers-in-laws’ business to further growth. Other companies began to struggle when shipments became impossible to receive, but Gulf Coast never closed their doors, and with many late night hours, worked even harder. During this time, metal roofing began gaining popularity when scores of homeowners watched as their traditional shingle-roofed homes were swept away by the hurricane clean up crews. Gulf Coast stayed loyal to their customers and didn’t raise prices during this time of rebuilding. This surge of business, coupled with the integrity of Sherrill and Reed, propelled the Gulf Coast name even further. The debt-free company continued to grow and, in 2011, was acquired by a business investor who shared the company’s vision to become Florida’s largest and most trusted supplier of metal roofing.

Gulf Coast Supply has recently secured their fourth location, a 100,000 square foot building in Sebring which they plan to develop into a fully functional south Florida manufacturing facility. Their fleet of knuckle-boom truck and trailers run the state daily, delivering roofing to homeowners who can now choose from eight different types of metal roofing with over 40 colors to choose from. An amazing new service is also available to make buying and installing a metal roof easier for the consumer called Proof My Roof. This free service allows you to upload a picture of your home directly to their website where they will superimpose all profiles and colors of roofing onto it, allowing you to make the right choice before purchasing your roof.

Mark Risley, Director of Marketing, says that if you are considering a new roof, some things to keep in mind are durability, curb appeal, safety and energy efficiency. He says that metal roofs are very durable and have a long life span and added that Gulf Coast roofs have had over 100 wind-tunnel tests, collectively making for the best available warranties in the industry. This also makes them safe and more likely to remain intact in the event of a...Story continued on 3B...
Florida hurricane. He states your curb appeal will also increase, due to metal roof’s increasing popularity and color choices. And last, but certainly not least, in today’s economy, he adds that metal roofing is extremely energy efficient because of the metal’s ability to reflect the sun’s rays, substantially lowering utility costs.

With three locations and the largest stocked inventory of metal roof panels in Florida, it appears that Gulf Coast has accomplished their dream of becoming the largest supplier of residential metal roofing in the state. The first location is their corporate headquarters at Horseshoe Beach, located at 4020 SW 449 Street, Horseshoe Beach, FL 32648, (352) 498-0778. The second location is off 441, near I-75 and is located at 14480 NW US Hwy 441, Alachua, FL 32615, (386) 462-1062. The third location is near Port St. Lucie located at 8701 SW Old Kansas Avenue, Stuart, FL 34997, (772) 781-8009. You can also call their toll free number at (888) 393-0335.

If you would like even more information on Gulf Coast Supply’s products and services, you can visit their website at www.GulfCoastSupply.com.

H&S Supply Co., Inc.

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H&S Supply Co., Inc., in Valdosta, Ga., has been serving the plumbing and irrigation needs of north Florida and south Georgia for more than 40 years. Last year, they moved to a new location at 229 North Saint Augustine Road in Valdosta, where they have a brand new Kohler Next Generation Showroom. It is the only showroom of its kind between Atlanta, Ga. and Jacksonville. They have a vast selection of the latest trends and styles of faucets and kitchen and bath fixtures on display. Showroom associates are knowledgeable and eager to help homeowners and builders make selections for their home. Whether building a dream home or simply changing a faucet, you are sure to find something to fit your style and budget.

In addition to the beautiful showroom, H&S Supply also has a parts counter staffed with knowledgeable salespeople to assist with all the piping, parts and supplies needed to complete your project. Commercial and residential contractors and plumbers have relied on H&S Supply for all their plumbing and irrigation needs since 1969.

The H&S Supply showroom is open Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. The parts counter is open Monday thru Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Stop by the showroom to see the latest trends in the plumbing industry or give them a call at 229-244-6942.

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More than halfway through August, it seems like summer flew by like one of those summer rainstorms that has come and gone for the last several weeks. School will be starting in a few days, and autumn begins shortly thereafter (Sept. 22), and all the summer things will be put away.

But before everything shifts toward setting in for the fall holidays, there is the small detail that hurricane season goes until Nov. 30, and in fact, the season hasn't even reached its peak yet — that comes Sept. 10, as the sun heads south again, passing directly overhead and heating up oceans that have already been warmed all summer long, greatly increasing the potential for tropical storms and hurricanes.

Along with potential storms are the potential power outages that can last anywhere from a few hours to a few days, depending on the storm's severity. Some households will get through it with battery-powered lights, ice chests for food and gas-powered hot plates or barbecue grills for cooking, while others will be able to run the household off portable generators until the power comes back on.

**Things to think about:**

At first glance, portable generators seem like the ideal solution for those who don't want to depend on batteries that can be depleted and ice that will eventually melt no matter how well insulated the cooler, but along with their convenience, generators have the potential to be dangerous if used incorrectly, and homeowners should be well aware of the proper handling and safe use of generators.

Number one on the list of safety precautions is to read all of the manufacturer's instructions carefully and make sure you understand how the generator works and where it should be placed — what you should do as well as what you shouldn't. Although “reading the instructions” should be something that goes without saying, FEMA reports that from 1999 through 2011, nearly 600 people died from generator-related carbon monoxide poisoning, from something as simple as improper placement — people either placed the generators inside their homes, in their garages or basements, or if outside, too close to a window, door, or vent.

One portable gas-powered generator can produce as much carbon monoxide as several hundred cars. Invisible and odorless, carbon monoxide can incapacitate and kill you within minutes.

Safety tip number one is to follow the manufacturer's instructions as to how far to place the device from your house.

Safety tip number two is to have several battery-powered carbon monoxide alarms installed throughout your home, just in case (ideally, you would have these alarms up and running year round, changing the batteries in them whenever you change the batteries in your smoke alarms).

For more detailed information on placement of generators in relation to your house, visit http://www.usfa.fema.gov/citizens/co/generators.htm and click on the video presentation “How Close is Too Close?”

Another consideration for placement of generators is its requirement for a patch of dry ground with some type of canopy-like covering over it — which may be one of the reasons people are tempted to run the things in their garages, discounting the danger: “Canopy-like covering” does not translate into the enclosed space of a garage, or even underneath an open carport, where the device will still be far too close to a door or window. Some generators may come with these special canopy-like coverings, or they may be purchased separately. The key thing is these covers are specially made to be used with generators, away from the house.

Now, back to the requirement for a patch of dry ground: Much of Madison County, particularly the southern half, has a rather high water table much of the time, where water tends to stand in places. Does your yard tend to collect large areas of standing water after a rain storm? If you have an outage due to a severe storm, how long will you have to wait before you can use your generator in that case? Can you build a canopy block or other type of platform somewhere that you could use if necessary?

Another thing to remember is that these generators generate power — electricity — to run household appliances, and presents all the inherent dangers of electrical power: the same dangers as the electricity that comes from the power company through the heavy-duty utility lines and into your home.

To illustrate, one 60-watt light bulb pulls .5 amps, while .1 amps, or one-fifth the power needed to light that bulb, is enough to stop your heart.

This is also the reason that generators should never be plugged directly into your home’s electrical system; the back feed can make downed power lines from your house “hot” or “live,” posing a danger to utility workers sent out to repair them. Only the appliances you need to power should be plugged into the generator.

These are all things to think through before you buy a generator; but there are other important considerations as well, such as what you want to power with it. Freezer? Refrigerator? Lights (how many lights and how much wattage)?

Calculate how many things you might need to run at the same time to determine your maximum wattage needs. As an example, a typical hair dryer pulls 1900 watts and a typical coffee maker, 600 watts.

The average total wattage pulled for an average 1500-square-foot home on a typical day is about 13,000 to 15,000 watts, assuming the use of air-conditioning.

However, if you think about it and prioritize, can you tolerate two or three days without air-conditioning? If so, you may lower your wattage needs considerably.

Each generator is rated for a certain amount of wattage, which limits the number of appliances it can safely power. For example, a typical small generator rated for 3000 watts, can run a few smaller appliances, fans and a refrigerator. If it is used to start and run only one major item at a time, it can run a full horse-power pump or a small window air conditioner of about 5000 BTUs.

Also, you don’t have to run everything at the same time. If you’re good at math (for calculating wattage loads) and don’t mind switching out appliances, you can rotate the larger items and get by with a smaller generator; which is cheaper to buy and easier to move. Just don’t overload your generator; you could end up damaging the appliances you’re trying to power.

All these things should be considered before you buy your first generator, well before storm season, and certainly long before a hurricane or other severe storm is on the way. If you wait until the middle of a hurricane, there will be little time to figure out exactly what you need; even if you know what you want, the size and type of generator you’re looking for may be sold out. Buying a generator is a considerable investment for most homeowners, and you certainly won’t get the best deal by waiting until the last minute.

**Getting ready for storm season:**

Assuming you already have a generator that suits your needs, early spring is the time to take it out of storage, drain the old gasoline from the tank (make sure the valve is properly) and inspect the fuel line for cracks or damage. If you find any, replace the line.

Refill the tank with fresh gasoline and run the generator. Plug in one or two small appliances (such as a light or hair dryer) to make sure it’s running properly.

After about 15 minutes running time, turn off the fuel valve and let the fuel line dry. After the engine stalls, turn off the run switch, change the oil, add fuel stabilizer to the gasoline, and drain the carburetor float bowl, and put the generator back...
Using Generators Safely

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in its storage place until it’s needed.

On the other hand, if you experience any kind of trouble with your generator, this is the time to take it to the repair shop. If you wait until a storm is approaching or the middle of hurricane season, you may find a lot of people ahead of you.

While you’re inspecting your generator, inspect all of your extension cords for any cracks or damage, and replace them if necessary.

Getting started:

Never refuel a generator while it is running, or while it is hot. Wait for it to cool down first.

Turn off all connected appliances before starting it up again.

After you have it running, turn the appliances back on one at a time. Make sure you never exceed the recommended wattage.

Getting the most from your generator:

Don’t leave a running generator unattended; turn it off at night or when you need to be away from home.

Remember that appliances such as refrigerators only need to run a few hours a day to keep food cold enough. Use a refrigerator thermometer and aim for 40 degrees in the fridge and zero in the freezer.

Save gas by shutting off the generator if you’re not running any appliances; if you’re only using a few lights, another energy source such as batteries may be more cost effective than using your generator.

After the storm season:

Fill the tank with fresh gasoline.

Add fuel stabilizer.

Drain the carburetor float bowl.

Change the engine oil, if needed.

LOCK IT UP AND CHAIN IT DOWN.

$1000 generators get stolen frequently, and an unsecured generator sitting under an open carport is a very tempting target for thieves.

For more information on portable generators, visit the website https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/electrical/, scroll down to Hazard Recognition and click on the “Portable Generator Safety” document link.
M & R Construction
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By Rose Klein
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Mitchell Morgan and Rodney Roberts are the two components that make up M & R Construction and have been in business together for over 10 years, with over 15 years experience in the construction industry combined. The two brothers-in-law started out as siding contractors, but have grown their business to include almost every construction service imaginable. Their business slogan states, “construction solutions for every project.”

Both Morgan and Roberts are certified building contractors and the services they offer are: commercial construction; residential construction of site-built custom homes; additions and remodeling of existing homes; screen enclosures; awnings and patio covers; seamless gutters; exterior siding of all kinds and outside structures, such as decks and porches. If you need help in designing a home they also work with several residential designers that can offer plans or suggestions for your building ideas.

If you’re thinking about building or have been dreaming of remodeling or adding on a room or deck, or to just get more information about the services of M & R Construction, you can check out their website at or give them a call at (850) 251-6505.

Madison County Extension Can Help Grow Your Garden

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Home gardening is on the rise around the nation, and for many good reasons. Vegetable gardening produces fresh and tasteful vegetables, but it also gives many intrinsic, as well as financial benefits. The first advantage home gardening gives you is control. You can decide what to grow and can increase your choices by planting your own vegetables. Using tomatoes as an example, instead of the usual grocery store varieties of cherry, pear and slicing tomatoes, growing your own can give you those, with additional choices of yellow, black, beefsteak, hybrid, heirloom, striped and the list goes on. Another form of control is how you grow your vegetables. You control the fertilizer and any pesticide you may use in your garden so there’s no worry what your vegetables may have been exposed to or how they were grown. It goes without saying that produce you grow yourself will be fresher, but that important fact means you will have more flavor and nutrients in your produce, and certainly will have no reason to gas or wax your vegetables to keep them shelf stable as you can eat or share them as soon as they are picked. Growing your own produce can be cheaper than store...Story continued on 8B...
bought vegetables. Even though you buy seeds or bedding plants and fertilizer, you get many vegetables from one plant, increasing your shopping budget. Gardening is a healthy hobby, giving you exercise and fresh air and it also improves mental health. Texas A & M University conducted a study that showed people who garden had significantly more optimism and a greater zest for life than non-gardeners.

With all these benefits, gardening may be sounding like something you want to try but may not know where to start, or maybe you already garden and are having a little problem with your green thumb, or maybe you want to try and expand your gardening knowledge by using some different methods or techniques. If so, you should know about your local extension office. The Madison County Extension Office has more information on gardening than you could possibly digest in one sitting at the computer and if you have never utilized the extension’s services, you should be aware of the plethora of information that is available to every citizen in this county.

Dan Fenneman is the extension’s Agriculture Agent and can assist you with any gardening related questions or issues you may have. When talking with Fenneman in his office, it was apparent that not all residents are in the dark about the services the extension provides as he produced stacks of phone messages he had received on every agricultural topic imaginable.

Fenneman pulled up the Madison Extension website where it covered information that would assist a novice gardener, but also listed projects that even seasoned backyard growers might not have delved into. You can learn about soil testing, vegetable gardening, butterfly gardening, pests and diseases, organic gardening, producing peanuts for the home garden, water gardens and hydroponic gardening. Also on the site is a list of classes that Fenneman teaches or assists with. Not all classes are taught here in Madison, he said, but in Live Oak at the Suwannee Valley Agricultural Extension Center due to their expansive gardening program there. An example of a class offered is one that is scheduled there for this coming Saturday. The center is holding a Mixed Fruit and Nut Orchard Field Day discussing potential orchard crops for North Florida. The cost is only $15 and for information, a folder-full of materials and even light refreshments, you can see why their classes become full so quickly.

The Madison County Extension Office is located at 184 College Loop in Madison. You can visit their website at www.Madison.ifas.ufl.edu and easily spend hours searching all the information offered there. Be sure to check out all the links that will direct you to even more agriculture related topics such as beekeeping, herbs, organics and an Events Calendar that shows all North Florida Extension offerings. You can also call Dan Fenneman with your gardening or other agricultural questions and concerns at (850) 973-4138 where he will be happy to help you. When discussing the many phone calls he receives, he says that it is the largest part of his day and adds, “answering questions for Madison clients is my job, we (extension agents) are here to educate the community.”

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Florida Housing Launches
Hardest-Hit Fund Principal Reduction Program

During a press conference on Friday, Sept. 20, Florida Housing Finance Corporation (Florida Housing) announced that this week, Florida homeowners who have remained current on their mortgages may apply for federal assistance from the Florida Hardest-Hit Fund Principal Reduction (HHF-PR) Program. The online application, www.PrincipalReductionFLHHF.org, opened at 9 a.m. (Eastern) on Friday, Sept. 20, and is available in all 67 counties.

“This morning, Florida Housing’s Board of Directors approved $350 million in federal Hardest-Hit funds allocated to our state to be used specifically for a principal reduction program,” said Steve Auger, executive director of Florida Housing. “While our state’s housing market continues to recover, many Florida homeowners have remained current on their mortgage payments in spite of their homes being substantially underwater. For those who qualify, this new program can help reduce their principal balance, which can result in a lower monthly payment and put more money in their pockets.”

Initially, only 25,000 completed and submitted applications will be accepted for eligibility determination, via the website only. When that number has been reached, the ability to start a new application will be disabled so that staff can begin processing the completed applications. However, if additional funding is available for the program after this initial launch, Florida Housing will notify the public prior to re-opening the application process.

The Florida HHF-PR program is designed to provide up to $50,000 to eligible homeowners who owe at least 125% more on their home than its current market value—commonly known as having a home that is “underwater.” Funds will be applied to reduce the principal balance of the first mortgage to reduce the loan-to-value (LTV) of the first mortgage to no less than 100%. The mortgage can then be recast (re-amortized) or refinanced to produce a lower monthly mortgage payment.

The minimum qualifications a homeowner must meet to be considered for participation in the Florida HHF-PR program are as follows:

- Must be a Florida resident and a legal US resident/legal alien, and occupy the property as the primary residence;
- Must be current on the monthly mortgage payment—first mortgage payment cannot have been 60 or more days late within the past 24 months;
- The unpaid principal balance for the first mortgage must have originated prior to January 1, 2010;
- The loan-to-value for the first mortgage must be greater than 125%—in other words, home must be more than 125% “underwater”; and
- The total household income, including all persons age 18 years and older who live in the home, must be less than 140% of the area median income.

Principal reduction program funds will be...Story continued on 10B...
in the form of a zero percent, deferred-payment loan that will be subordinate to current mortgages on the home. The loan can be forgiven over a five-year period, at a rate of 20% each year. For conventional mortgages, once HHF-PR funds are applied to the principal, the mortgage will be recast (the terms of the loans will remain the same, but the loan will be re-amortized).

If the borrower has a FHA, VA or USDA-RD mortgage, the mortgage will need to be refinanced within 120 days after closing on HHF principal reduction funds in order to receive the pro rata forgiveness.

If a refinance is not completed within the specified time, the principal reduction loan will be 100% forgiven after a full five years of the borrower remaining in the home.

Homeowners in every Florida county may apply for the Florida HHF-PR program by using the official website: www.PrincipalReductionFLHHF.org. The site contains all the information users will need to begin the application process, including a program fact sheet and answers to frequently asked questions. Additionally, the Florida HHF Toll-free Information Line [1-(877)-863-5244] was open on Saturday, September 21, and Sunday, September 22, from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. to answer any questions callers may have about the program.

The official Florida HHF-PR website is the only way a homeowner can apply for assistance. Therefore, homeowners should verify that they are using www.PrincipalReductionFLHHF.org before providing personal information via the web. If applicants are suspicious about a website, they can submit a report on the official HHF-PR website by clicking the “Report Fraud” link on the homepage. Also, they may call the Florida HHF Toll-free Information Line to ensure they are using the correct website address. Application for the Florida HHF-PR program is FREE-OF-CHARGE, and applicants will not be asked to pay for any eligibility determination services in conjunction with applying for the program.

First announced on Feb. 19, 2010, by the US Department of the Treasury (Treasury), the “Housing Finance Agency (HFA) Innovation Fund for the Hardest-Hit Housing Markets” (HFA Hardest-Hit Fund) provides federal funding to states hardest hit by the aftermath of the burst of the housing bubble. To date, $7.6 billion has been infused into the HFA Hardest-Hit Fund for 18 states and the District of Columbia; Florida’s allocation stands at more than $1 billion. The goal is to help create sustainable homeownership in our state.