Town of Greenville audit reveals SINKING finances

procedures indicated a deteriorating

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financial condition across funds."

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The annual audit of the Town of Greenville's financial books has recently been released; and the results do not paint a rosy picture for the small Madison County town. James Moore Certified Public Accountants and

Consultants, from Tallahassee, performed the required audit for the fiscal year, ended Sept. 30, 2020. The audit was dated Wednesday, June 30.

Municipalities, such as Greenville operate with two different sets of numbers, or funds. One can be considered a "governmental fund." This fund gets its money from taxes, primarily. It is the fund that covers the town's basic operating expenses. The other fund is often called the "enterprise fund" or "utility fund."

The money in the enterprise fund comes from the collection of water, sewer and other utility fees.

The audit showed a significant decrease in the town's fund balance. The fund balance is basically the amount of funds the town has after expenses. The audit showed that the town's fund balance dropped by \$88,518 during the year. "As of September 30, 2020, the general fund showed a net change

in fund balance of (\$88,518) and the utility fund showed an operating loss of (\$308,052) both resulting in a reduction of unrestricted net position. Unrestricted net position is considered a key financial indicator in the determination of overall financial condition. We recommend management act to improve the financial condition of both funds."

There were also several findings of material weaknesses noted in the audit. These findings covered several areas of operations with the Town of Greenville and "The results of our financial condition their potential for having a negative effect on

> • Finding 2020-001: Significant **Adjustments.** The audit states that, "For the year ended September 30, 2020, certain adjustments were required to be made to the accounting records subsequent to the start of the audit process. Specifically, there were material

the town's finances. These findings were:

adjustments required for certain grant revenues and receivables. Since these adjustments resulted in a material misstatement of the financial statements, this deficiency is deemed to be a material weakness." The effect of this was that, "financial statements would be materially misstated if significant adjustments were not made." The auditors recommended that "management select and apply the appropriate accounting See "Finances" on page 3

Elsa did uproot some trees and knock down several power lines, but no major property damage was reported. [Steve Washington/Courtesy]



Elsa did manage to dump a significant amount of rain on Madison County as seen at the Madison Emergency Operations Center. [Madison County Emergency Management/Courtesy]

GOOD-BYE ELSA:

Madison survives first storm of the season

Rick Patrick

She may not have been the first storm of the 2021 hurricane season, but she was the first one to have threatened a significant impact to the North Florida area. On Wednesday, July 7, Elsa

> approached the area during the late morning and early afternoon hours. According to the National Weather Service (NWS), when she hit Madison with her strongest, it was estimated to be with 26 mph sustained winds and gusts up to 40 mph. Those are rough estimates, since the NWS does not have an official observation station in Madison. Elsa also dumped upwards of 4.5 to 5 inches of rain on the county. Although this was not enough to cause major property damage, Elsa did make her presence felt.

According to Madison County Emergency Management Director Leigh Basford, approximately 50 calls were received at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). An overwhelming majority of these calls were for downed trees and power lines. There were two cases of trees falling on vehicles, but neither of these resulted in injuries or entrapment. There were a number of minor traffic accidents, many of which occurred on I-10.

Basford stated that the EOC was activated for a total of 33 hours at a "Level One" (which means all departments were activated, a sort of "all hands on deck") activation level. "The teamwork [between departments] went well," said Basford. "Many thanks to the public safety partners for response efforts and pre-preparedness actions, days ahead of impact, to prepare our county. It's always a challenge with storms, but with the possibility of a Cat. 1 hurricane headed toward Taylor County, this group worked as a team to provide the best service to our residents. 'Thank you' to the Madison County Sheriff's Office, Madison County Fire and See "Elsa" on page 3

Townsend heads to world's largest rodeo



Zachary Townsend will be competing at the NHSFR, the largest rodeo in the world, in Lincoln, Neb. [Julie Townsend/Courtesy]

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Zachary Townsend, a rising senior at James Madison Preparatory High School, has earned a position on the Georgia State National High School Rodeo Team. On Sunday, July 18, he will be traveling with fellow teammates to Lincoln, Neb., to compete at the 73rd annual National High School Finals Rodeo (NHSFR), in the tie down calf roping and steer wrestling competitions.

Zachary Townsend, age 16, is the oldest son of Brian and Julie Townsend. He has one brother, Braxton Townsend, age 11. Townsend is a member at First Baptist Church of Madison and is a leader in their praise team, singing and playing guitar.

Townsend will also be competing at the International Finals Youth Rodeo in Shawnee, Okla., and the

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National Security: Tampa Bay

There are four major population centers in Florida's diverse and growing state (the third most populous in our nation) instead of one in many forms like Georgia, dominated by a single city. In southeast Florida are the three huge



JOE BOYLES Guest Columnist

counties (Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach) that make up the Gold Coast, whose combined population exceeds 5 million. In Northeast Florida is Duval County and Jacksonville. In Central Florida, is the burgeoning Orlando metropolitan area that busted loose six decades ago with

the development of Disney World. Finally, on the central west coast is historic Tampa Bay and the growing counties of Hillsborough and Pinellas.

These great cities have professional sports franchises, including football, baseball, basketball, and hockey. These teams are relatively new, dating back no more than a halfcentury. Recall that in the early 1970s, the Miami Dolphins was the best team in the NFL for several years running.

The city whose sports teams have risen to the top is Tampa. While the Rays haven't won a World Series yet, they are a quality club that has battled for the American League baseball title for many years. Their time is coming. In early February, the Buccaneers won the Super Bowl for age. Anything with a stick and a ball was fair

the second time in franchise history, so they are the reigning champion of the NFL. And just last week, the Lightning won the Stanley Cup for the second consecutive year, dispatching Montreal in a quick five games to reign over the National Hockey League. Some have labeled Tampa as "Champa Bay."

Growing up in Gainesville, my earliest memory of Tampa was in the late 1950s. Clearwater Beach was great fun for a 10-yearold. Tampa is an ancient city, and its history and growth are directly tied to the incredible bay between St. Petersburg and Tampa. It is a massive port for shipping and has been so for centuries.

The Tampa-Cuba connection is ancient. As a teenager, my Dad took me to Ybor City to experience the Cuban culture. We had lunch at the world-famous Columbia Restaurant, first opened in 1906. I loved the food and music. He also introduced me to the Greek culture a few miles north of St. Pete, in Tarpon Springs. We did most of our fishing from that dock, traveling out into the Gulf on party boats with fifty or so anglers. My earliest party-boat experience occurred when I was about 8-years-old. Every trip resulted in a visit to the Pappas Restaurant at day's end. These were exciting tastes and smells, and I learned what cooking with olive oil was like for the first time.

I truly loved sports of all types at that young

game. While I wasn't good, I had a vivid imagination. I loved playing football and baseball with my friends. By myself, I would practice for hours on end, simulating the swing of Mickey Mantle or the rebounding and dunks of Wilt Chamberlain. I went to all of the football games for our hometown team, the Florida Gators. Since there were no professional major league teams in any sport in the South, we invested our allegiance heavily in Southeastern Conference Football. That changed when I graduated from high school, and the Braves moved from Milwaukee to Atlanta, paving the way for many more franchisees to follow suit. As the old saying goes, "The South shall rise again.

I have one last thing to comment about this subject - I wouldn't say I like the politicization of sports. What I love about sports are the competition and rivalries. I love to see the challenge and strategy of a baseball pitcher throwing the ball toward a hitter, trying to get him out. I don't want to know the game spoiled by political statements from the players, clubs, etc. Just play the game, please. If you're going to take a knee during the national anthem, leave me out - I will change channels and watch something else.

In closing, I hope the Dolphins return to glory this fall. I hope the Jaguars can recapture their early success with a new coach and rookie quarterback. They will all be chasing Tampa Bay, whichever sport it is. Go Bucs.

Christian Concepts: Are we alone?



GARY B. KING Guest Columnist

For decades there have been projects like SETI, the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence, predicated on the assumption that the universe is so vast surely ours is not the only planet that can sustain sentient life. Surely there must be others; surely we are not alone.

But findings in a study recently released by astronomers suggest, "The number of planets in the universe that could sustain

alien life is much smaller than had been thought."

These findings are addressed in an article titled, "Maybe we are alone after all: Planets that could sustain alien life much rarer than thought," that originally appeared on USA Today.

The study's co-author and biogeochemist with the University of California-Riverside Timothy Lyons said, "Our results indicate that complex ecosystems like ours cannot exist in most regions of the habitable zone as traditionally defined." The habitable zone is defined as a place "where liquid water could exist on a planet's surface."

While many planets have liquid water they also have toxic atmospheres making it impossible for the "rich ecosystems like we find on Earth today" to exist.

Lead author of the study, NASA's Edward Schwieterman said, "To sustain liquid water at the outer edge of the conventional habitable zone, a planet would need tens of thousands of times more carbon dioxide than Earth has today, that's far beyond the levels known to be toxic to human and animal life on Earth... As far as we know, Earth is the only planet in the universe that can sustain

human life." These findings lend credence to the anthropic principle which is the idea that life, especially complex life forms like humans, is sustained by observable constants in natural phenomena that if they were even slightly altered human life as we know it could not exist.

It appears the universe was tailor-made for man's existence, and that implies an Intelligent Designer, a Creator God. The universe, "the heavens and the earth" in biblical language, is an observable effect for which the only sufficient cause is an omniscient, omnipotent Creator. Observable science unerringly points in this direction.

The psalmist says of our Creator, "Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, behold You are there. If I take the wings of the dawn, if I dwell in the remotest part of the sea, even there Your hand will lead me, and Your right hand will lay hold of me," Psalm 139:7-10.

I read about a man who once asked God "if there was life in outer space?" He said God replied, "I'm out here." Simple and direct, it sounds like something God would say and what the psalmist wrote about.

In simple eloquence the psalmist's wordpicture declares the omnipresence of God. While some may deny His existence, and ignore His presence, the truth is we have never been alone.

Learning As I Go: Learning the moves

"When is camp? How many days? What's it going to be like?" Daniel has been asking about camp since March. He's too young to fully participate, but because his older brother was



CHRISTY BASS ADAMS Guest Columnist

attending, and I was a worker, he got a chance to come. And what an experience we had.

Watching my curious fiveyear-old navigate a new and exciting environment brought such joy. He loved everything, even standing in line and waiting for food. He loved fishing, even though he caught the tree every time. He loved gaga ball, even though he didn't know the rules. He loved the waterslide, crafts,

and cooking track. But his favorite was the music during chapel.

As I watched him standing on a pew, waving his arms and dancing like all the big kids, I flashed back to 20 years ago. One of my college friends convinced me to be a junior counselor with

her at this kid's camp at Pickett Lake. I didn't have much experience with kids, but I decided to come and help her with a cabin of second and third grade girls, anyway. I remember standing in the chapel that first night, listening to the kids singing at the top of their lungs, filled with excitement and joy. I couldn't muster the words to sing that first song, instead a tear rolled down my cheek. This. This was a taste of heaven on earth. Uninhibited, joy-filled praise from the mouths of children.

That week, two decades ago, was lifechanging for me. Not only did I make new friends, but God opened my eyes to a whole new direction for my life. That's the week one of the counselors offered me a job working at a Christian school; the job that helped me realize education was the place for me.

My mind wandered back to the present. Daniel was singing his heart out, mimicking the motions of the big kids, learning the moves. I looked around the room and saw several young adults, many whom I taught in elementary school, leading the kids, just like I learned to do 20 years

earlier.

Then it hit me, these used-to-be children are mimicking my motions and learning my moves. They are looking to me and other adults who have been longtime camp leaders for direction and guidance. I'm no longer a searching teenager; I'm a leading adult who has a bunch of life under her belt and wisdom to offer. Talk about a scary revelation.

While there are still plenty of moves I need to learn, there are many that I've already mastered that I can teach to others coming behind me, just like the teens were teaching my young son. We are always on this continuum of learning and teaching; a step ahead of some, a step behind others.

But we have a choice as to whether or not we decide to share our moves. So, I ask, what moves do you have that you can share? Who in your circle needs to learn your moves? Don't miss an opportunity to share your moves with those around

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principles in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles."

• Finding 2020-002: Segregation of duties. The audit states that, "During the fiscal year, the Town employee opening the mail, creating the deposit slips

for cash receipts, and generating checks for cash disbursements also inputs those transactions into the accounting software. Additionally, there is not a system in place for then review and approval of journal entries." The effect of this was that, "Assets could potentially be misappropriated either by error or by irregularity. Also, financial statements could be misstated by improper journal entries." The auditors recommended that, "Mail should be opened by an employee that does not have access to the accounting software. This employee should record any receipts of money on a receipt log, give the receipt log to the bookkeeper to input into the accounting software, and lastly prepare the deposit slip to be deposited at the bank. Signed checks should also be mailed without allowing them to be returned to the employee responsible for accounts payable. The Town should maintain a management approved vendor list and not allow the bookkeeper to set up vendors in the accounting software. Also, journal entries should be approved by an employee other than the one who prepared the entry."

- Finding 2020-003: Bank Reconciliations. The auditors stated that, "certain cash accounts were not reconciled to the accounting system in timely fashion throughout the year under audit." The effect of this was, "Failure to reconcile cash accounts to the accounting system on a timely basis could prevent management from preventing or detecting fraud." The auditors recommended that, "management implement a process that will ensure all cash accounts are reconciled to the accounting system on a timely basis."
- Finding 2020-004: Debt Compliance. The auditors determined that, "The Town currently has an outstanding State revolving fund loan, which requires that a debt service sinking fund be established and monthly amounts equal to 1/6 of the next semiannual payment be transferred. As of September 30, 2020, the Town had not transferred the required amount to the sinking fund." This resulted in a condition of "noncompliance with certain debt covenants." The auditors recommended that "management act to become in compliance with all debt covenants."

Two of these findings, 2020-001 and 2020-002, were findings that had been noted in previous audits, showing that corrective action had not been taken

In a letter dated Wednesday, June 30, Greenville Town Manager Lee Jones responded to these findings. Jones addressed each of the findings individually in his response.

• Finding 2020-001: Significant adjustments and preparation of financial statements – Jones' reply was, "The adjustments related primarily to grant costs that had been traditionally tracked for internal purposes in the

General Fund then moved to the Utility Fund during audit preparation. We applied the practice of consistency in recording these costs in the fund they had traditionally been tracked in. Current management was not aware that these costs were being moved during audit preparation as there was no overlap between prior staff and new staff. Moving forward, we will track these costs in the appropriate fund and greatly reduce or eliminate the need to move these recorded costs from one fund to another."

- Finding 2020-002: Segregation of duties Jones replied with, "We make every effort to have proper segregation of duties, but we are somewhat limited due to having only two employees who must share all the accounting duties and cash handling duties. We have made efforts to mitigate the inherent risk of this finding by increasing our use of technology to reduce the occasion of one employee processing, recording, and controlling an asset. We will continue to make improvements as we can on this issue."
- Finding 2020-003: Bank reconciliations Jones' reply was, "Bank reconciliations are currently completed monthly. Due to a shutdown during the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020 and staff attrition, the bank reconciliations fell behind, as there was no staff available to complete them. We have filled the open positions and the reconciliations are being completed timely."
- Finding 2020-004: Debt compliance Jones replied to this with, "Although all debt payments were made on schedule, due to a shutdown during the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020 and staff attrition, the sinking fund accounts were not funded according to the covenants, as there was no staff available to make the transfers. At the date of this audit report, we have changed financial institutions and are setting up new sinking fund accounts that will be funded according to the covenants
- In response to the overall financial condition of the Town of Greenville, Jones had this to say, "The losses shown in our Utility Fund (\$308K) is primarily due to depreciation charges amounting to \$206k and major repairs required on our aging water infrastructure that we are seeking grant funds to address. The council has agreed to annually index utility rates to offset some of the losses but due to limited number of residents and their financial wherewithal, we expect a relatively modest impact. The larger strategy we have employed to mitigate these losses, is shifting our focus to commercial infrastructure that will exponentially increase the town's utility revenue by providing water, sanitation, and sewer services to businesses. The \$88k in losses in the General Fund is due to unplanned spending on make-up retirement contributions made for misclassified employees and deficiency of revenue under expenditures. The Town has corrected the misclassifications and will review the deficiency of revenue under expenditures in the general fund for any cost saving measures that can be applied to improve the financial condition of the general fund."

Greene Publishing, Inc. reached out to Jones but, as of press time, had not received a response.



Rescue, Madison County Road Department, Cherry Lake Volunteer Fire Department (VFD), Hamburg VFD, Sirmans VFD, Lee VFD, Madison County School District, Madison County Health Dept., Florida Forest Service, Madison

Correctional Institute, Duke Energy and Tri-County Electric Cooperative. This group, along with many others, stands ready to help Madison County prepare for, respond to and recover from any disaster. We are still in the beginning of the season, so we want everyone to stay vigilant throughout the season."

The NWS is still predicting an above-average Atlantic hurricane season, with 13 to 20 named storms spawning six to 10 hurricanes, with three to five of those being major hurricanes. Hurricane season began on Tuesday, June 1, and will continue through the end of November.



National Little Britches Finals in Guthrie, Okla., alongside his brother.

Featuring over 1,650 contestants from 44 states, five Canadian Provinces, Australia, Mexico and New Zealand, the NHSFR is the world's largest rodeo. In addition to competing for more than \$150,000 in

prizes and over \$200,000 in added money, NHSFR contestants will also be competing for more than \$375,000 in college scholarships and the chance to be named an NHSFR World Champion. To earn this title, contestants must finish in the top 20 – based on their combined times/scores in the first two rounds – to advance to Saturday evening's final round. World champions will then be determined based on their three-round combined times/scores.

Again, this year, the Saturday championship performance will be televised nationally as a part of the Cinch High School Rodeo Tour telecast

series on RFD-TV. Live broadcasts of each NHSFR performance will air online at *www.ridepass.com*. Performance times begin at 7 p.m. on July 18th and competition continues daily at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. through July 24th. Make sure to catch the action!

Along with great rodeo competition and the chance to meet new friends from around the world, NHSFR contestants have the opportunity to enjoy shooting sports, volleyball, contestant dances, family-oriented activities, church services sponsored by Golden Spur Ministries and shopping at the NHSFR tradeshow.

To follow your local favorites at the NHSFR, visit NHSA.com daily for complete results. For ticket information, visit http://www.nhsfrlincoln.com.

Greene Publishing, Inc. office closed Friday, July 16

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Due to staff participation in the Florida Press Convention/Florida Media Conference in Sarasota, Fla., the office of *Greene Publishing*, *Inc.* will be closed on Friday, July 16. We regret any inconvenience this may cause. Our office will reopen on Monday, July 19, with regular business hours. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable weekend.

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Kids and camp volunteers pose for a group picture after a long day of swimming. [Heather Andrews/Courtesy]



David Harper (right) and Tammy Olive (left) spent time with some of the kids at camp. [Katie Krell/Greene Publishing, Inc.]



After a long day of learning, the children were able to play on a water slide to cool off. [Katie Krell/Greene Publishing, Inc.]

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From Tuesday, June 8, until Thursday, June 10, the Madison County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) held a camp for children of all ages. The camp was a great way for the children to experience various activities common in the law enforcement career path.

On the first day of the camp, the children met at Madison Church of God for a devotional and to split into groups for the day. They were then brought to the MCSO firing range, in Cherry Lake, to watch a K-9 demonstration and go through different stations that gave them a taste of a normal day on the job for law enforcement. Stations included firearms, archery, corn hole, drunk goggles, a mock crime scene, finger printing and an obstacle course. After enjoying some Hungry Howie's Pizza for lunch, children continued to rotate through the stations before cleaning up and heading home for the day.

The second day started similarly, with a devotional at Madison Church of God, before heading to the Madison Recreational Park to rotate through stations for different emergency vehicles. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) explained boat

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safety. Children watched a roll-over car demonstration that simulated a wreck and toured a fire truck and an ambulance. The Leon County Sheriff's Office and UF Health Shands Hospital each brought a helicopter to explain what they were used for and answer questions. The Madison Correctional Institute held another K-9 demonstration, and then the children went to Fellowship Baptist Church for lunch. After lunch, they participated in more activities, including basketball, water slides and scavenger hunts. The day ended with snow cones and watermelon.

For the final day, the children had a devotional and games at Madison Church of God. They then headed to Cherry Lake for hamburgers and hotdogs for lunch and a swimming test. They spent the rest of the day doing water sports such as swimming, kayaking and paddle boarding before packing up and heading home.

First Responder Salute Det. William Sircy



This is a new feature in the Madison County Carrier, called "First Responder Salute." Each week we will feature a different first responder from the Madison Police Department (MPD), the Madison County Sheriff's Office

(MCSO), the Madison Fire Department, Madison County Fire and Rescue or any of the Volunteer Fire Departments serving Madison County. These brave men and women often put their own lives in jeopardy in order to save the lives of others. They work long hours, frequently with little pay. They sacrifice holidays, birthdays, special events and more in order to serve their community and help keep us safe.

Our initial first responder is Det. William Sircy, from the MPD. Det. Sircy is a Madison native and 30-year veteran of local law enforcement who began his career in 1992, with the MPD, after spending seven years in the U.S. Navy. In 1994, Det. Sircy began working for the MCSO. He stayed with the MCSO until his retirement from the MCSO in December of 2020. He then "came back home" to the MPD. "It does feel like 'coming home' to be back with the MPD," said Sircy. "My father, Ola Sircy, Jr., was a police officer with the MPD for 14 years. I knew, at an early age, this is what I wanted to do."

In Sircy's current role as a detective, he investigates cases in all areas. He and fellow detective Sgt. Mark Joost work closely together on a wide variety of cases, ranging from the more common burglaries to homicides, which fortunately are a rare occurrence in Madison.

Sircy has also been an instructor at the law enforcement academy at North Florida College for many years. One thing he tells potential officers is that working as a law enforcement officer is not an ordinary job. "This is a calling," says Sircy. "I tell the young officers and potential officers that if they are just looking for a paycheck, then this will probably not be a good career choice for them. Especially in today's culture, law enforcement officers often aren't given the respect they were once given. Hopefully, that will change."

It is also the hope of *Greene Publishing, Inc.* to help change that attitude toward our law enforcement officers and to thank all our first responders.

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The Leon County Sheriff's Office displayed a patrol helicopter and explained its capabilities to the children. [Katie Krell/Greene Publishing, Inc.]



Celebration of Life Memorial Service for Dr. Frederick Troupe Micklen, Jr.

friends of Dr. Frederick Troupe Mickler, Jr. are invited to a gathering at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 17, 2021, in Madison, to celebrate the life of the good doctor, who passed away on Nov. 28, 2020. The celebration will be held at the First United Methodist Church, located at, 348 SW Rutledge

Ave., in Madison. Interment will follow at Oak Ridge Cemetery, in Madison. All arrangements are under the care of Beggs Funeral Home. For the complete obituary, see www.beggs funeral.com.

Lions Club installs new officers



The Madison Lions Club recently installed new officers for the club. Pictured, from left to right, are: Tim Dunn, treasurer; Joe Herring, secretary; Jay Lee, president; Ina Thompson, vice-president; John McQuaid, lion tamer and Jim Sale, tail twister. [Rick Patrick/Greene Publishing, Inc.]

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Fresh off their successful "God and Country" celebration, the Madison Lions Club has installed a new set of officers to help lead the local service club.

Tim Dunn will take over the duties of treasurer. Immediate pastpresident Joe Herring will now take the secretary position. Jay Lee will take the helm as the club's President. Ina Thompson will serve as vicepresident. Jim Sale will be the "tail twister" and John McQuaid will be the club's "lion tamer."

Madison's oldest service club, the Madison Lions Club, has been serving Madison since 1942. The local club has helped provide eye exams and eye glasses for local citizens, both young and old. This follows one of the goals of Lions International, which is to tackle the problem of blindness. The Madison Lions Club also supports local teachers with school supplies, as well as the annual God and Country celebration in concurrence with the Fourth of July. The Madison Lions Club meets each Tuesday at 12 p.m. in the meeting room of Cucinella's Brick Oven Pizzeria.

2-1-1 Big Bend

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Who do you call when you don't know who to call? 2-1-1 Big Bend! The mission behind 2-1-1 is to provide assessment, emotional support, crisis management, education, training and referrals with accurate, up-todate information. The service is offered 24/7 to the community.

When you dial 2-1-1, an operator answers and gives you the access you need to many different community resources, with the help of their centralized database. Just as you would call 9-1-1 for an emergency, 2-1-1 is for information and assistance. But you do not have to be in a crisis to call and ask for help, and there are no fees or eligibility criteria.

2-1-1 is a nonjudgmental, unbiased, confidential community database that allows one to call and get accurate and comprehensive information. They have core values and principles that ensure each operator follows such guidelines and allows for each caller to make their own decisions without interfering. At the same time, they will provide assistance if there is a significant life-threatening event or other crisis taking place. The staff is trained to deal with their duties professionally and help make the right call when needed to determine if the caller is in distress or dealing with an emergency or crisis.

On the 2-1-1 website, there are links for information pertaining to disasters and how to deal with such disasters. As well, all information for the North Florida County Emergency Managements is displayed for ease of access. While 2-1-1 is a simple three-digit phone number, they have made themselves digital for those who wish to have the free application on their phone. Simply download the 2-1-1 Big Bend app today to get the resources near you displayed on your phone.

The 2-1-1 Big Bend services Jefferson, Madison, Franklin, Gadsden, Leon, Liberty, Taylor and Wakulla Counties. For more information, visit their website at www.211bigbend.org.

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Florida 511 is a platform that provides Floridians and visitors the option to see realtime traffic updates and roadway conditions. Users can access the website or app during emergencies, severe weather and evacuations, to determine which roads are open or how bad traffic might be. Florida 511 also provides the option to see current vehicle accidents that might hinder one's route or area.



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Transportation (FDOT) designed the 511 website to handle a large number of users at one time, allowing for users to access it during a disaster or emergency easily.

511 provides traffic conditions on major evacuation routes, toll suspensions, road and bridge closures and other travel alerts in the affected counties, cities, roadways and agencies, all while giving out AMBER, Blue and Silver Alerts, and up-to-date live camera feeds.

When a user opens the app or website, the option to input a route is given. Users can add their destination and current location, and in return, 511 will provide the user with information about the route. The total drive time and distance of the trip are provided, followed by detailed directions. Within the directions, if there is an incident or issue that will cause a delay or rerouting, it will appear with information about the incident, the time it took place and a description of the incident in detail. Users are also able to choose between the two most common routes.

The app is user-friendly, giving the option for the user to speak their destination request for a county, city or highway in Florida. Once they input their destination, they have the option to listen and view the realtime traffic information.

The most up to date features on the 551 Mobile App are:

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- List of all events displayed by the mobile app along with their associated camera snapshots.
- Ability to create and save destinations as well as import destinations from FL511.com
 - Truck parking locations and availability,
 - Ability to display road closures and detour routes on the map
- Settings have been added. The user can select map, radius, destinations, and other settings to customize the mobile app for their unique needs.
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Tyson chicken products recalled

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The USDA Food Safety Inspection Services (FSIS) has recalled 8.5 million pounds of ready-to-eat frozen chicken processed by Tyson factories.

Tyson's frozen fully cooked products were produced and packaged in one plant located in Dexter, Mo., between Dec. 26, 2020, to April 13, 2021 and are on the list for the recall. Tyson did a voluntary recall of these products to stop the spread of listeria. According to a statement released from Tyson, "The products subjected to recall bear establishment number 'EST. P-7089' on the product bag or inside the USDA mark of inspection. These items were shipped nationwide to retailers and institutions, including hospitals, nursing facilities, restaurants, schools and Department of Defense locations." Only those products listed are being recalled. No other Tyson products were affected by the recall.

The recall is due to the FSIS receiving notifications of two patients becoming ill of listeria. The FSIS gained this information on June 9. The FSIS partnered with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and state public health agencies to link the patients' illness to Tyson's pre-cooked chicken products.

Listeria is a severe illness that can cause many different side effects. "Listeriosis can cause fever, muscle aches, headache, stiff neck, confusion, loss of balance, and convulsions, sometimes

Consumers and businesses or institutions that may have

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these products

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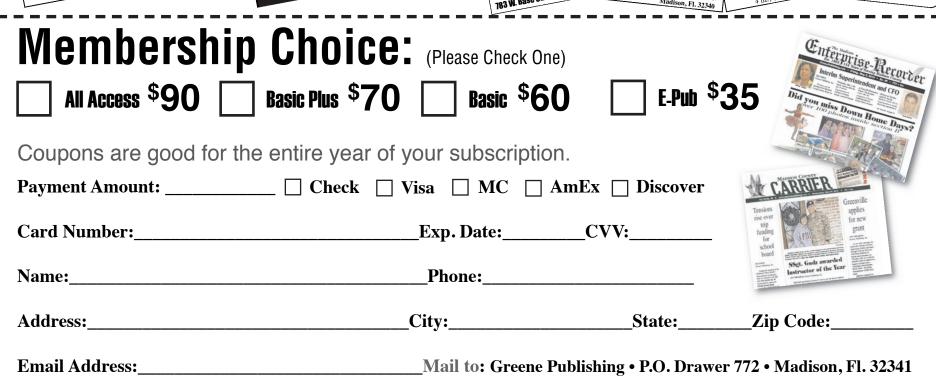
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Shown above is a list of products voluntarily recalled by Tyson Inc. Consumers should cross-check all names and established numbers on all recalled products to verify if they have purchased the contaminated chicken. If you find yourself owning these products, either dispose of or return items to the stores from which they were purchased.

> Consumption of these items is not deemed safe. The FSIS has released a list of online naming products and established numbers for consumers to cross-check with products they have purchased.





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NRCS SCIENTISTS WORK IN PARTNERSHIP TO SAVE FLORIDA MANATEES



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Derric Cushman
Contributor

Did you know the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) soil scientists are playing an important role in saving Florida's manatees?

These giant, but gentle, creatures are adored by residents and visitors to Florida. Unfortunately,

though, their numbers have been threatened in recent years throughout the state.

Manatees in Florida's Indian River Lagoon (IRL), which stretches 156 miles along Florida's eastern coast, have been starving to death at an alarming rate over the last two years. These deaths can be attributed to a lack of seagrass, their main source of food, which is being affected by algal blooms.

As the algae blooms destroy seagrass beds, it causes sediment to float to the water's surface. The water goes from clear to murky, making it harder for light to penetrate the water and provide sustenance to the seagrass. This creates a vicious cycle where more seagrass dies, more sunlight is blocked, and the manatees are left with less food to eat.

An initial visit with NRCS soil scientists NRCS is part of a team working to address the challenge, along with St. Johns River Water Management District and the University of Florida, among many other national and state agencies.

The scientists go out on the IRL in pontoon boats and use sonar to conduct underwater soil

surveys to gather information on the healthiest areas and the most degraded areas of the lagoon. The information is used to decide where to concentrate restoration efforts. This information has helped improve lagoons through actions like clams, oysters, and seagrass being deployed to aid in filtering and clearing the water. Scientists hope that continued improvement will eventually lead to the full restoration of manatees in the IRL.



[Courtesy]

What to plant? July Planting Guide

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Like last month, July is a poor time for planting, but a great time for farm chores.

Late summer is the time to prepare your soil for fall; the Florida Extension Service recommends that you site, plan, and prepare before you begin.

This is all well and good if you have nothing planted. But what if your garden is already full? You should be leaving a portion of your garden fallow each season. This allows the soil to rest between crops. Some gardeners will plant a cover crop like clover and then plow it under a little before planting again. Clover puts nitrogen and minerals back into the soil when used in this way.

If you have not yet created a fallow plot, make one this month. This will be a whole new plot, a clean slate for you to lovingly manage, so let's get started with the site, plan, prepare method and then you are ready to plant!

Carefully plan your progression of crops.
Crop rotation has been recorded as long ago as 6000 BCE. For example: a nightshade should not be planted in the same soil two seasons in a row. Plants in the nightshade family include peppers, eggplants, and tomatoes. The reasoning is that pests and diseases that favor nightshades will build up in the soil and affect later crops.

Corn is another crop that particularly needs rotation.
Corn takes a lot of nitrogen out of the soil: planting it two seasons in a row on the same soil will have a negative effect on the later crops, because the earlier crops will have already used the nitrogen from the soil. Rotating corn with legumes, which return nitrogen to the soil, is recommended.

July represents a good time to research crop rotation, attend a gardening class and otherwise expand your garden knowledge while it is too hot for many garden chores during the day. But if your green thumb is itching, the following few are good to plant in July:

- Eggplant is an incredible producer, yielding 200 pounds of produce per 100 feet of space. (Peppers, for a comparison, only yield 40 pounds per 100 feet.) It takes 90-110 days until harvest, though the time can be shortened to 75 days if using mature transplants. Eggplant can be fried, stewed, boiled, eaten raw and used in various other preparations. It is rich in fiber and is often used in vegetarian dishes.
- Lima Beans are nutritious and tasty: Southern cooks do not often add more than salt, pepper and a little bacon fat to season these vegetables, which have a natural flavor that is fresh. sweet, and umami 9meaty and savory). Lima beans require plenty of warm soil, so they

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can be planted through the summer. They require 60-90 days of heat (soil temperatures above 65 degrees) to mature, so do not plant them too close to fall. Sow seeds three to four inches apart and one to two inches deep.

- Okra is another staple of Southern cuisine. Some love it, some hate it, but everyone can agree that the best okra is fresh. Okra takes 50-75 days to harvest, so plant soon for an early summer harvest. Plant the seeds one to two inches deep and 6-12 inches apart. Okra is good fried and stewed. When stewing, add tomatoes and onions: the tomatoes provide an acid to cut the slimy texture of the okra and the onions provide flavor.
- Peppers include sweet and hot varieties. Transplants are often more successful than starting from seeds. Pick peppers as they become mature: plants that are picked often produce more. From seeds, plants take 80-100 days until harvest. From transplants, the time can be as little as 60 days.
- Southern Peas are especially suited to—you guessed it— the South. They enjoy hot, well-drained soil. They are known as cowpeas, crowder peas, and black-eyed peas. Do not apply nitrogen to these peas, as they will develop lush foliage and poorer yield. In fact, co-planting with corn is a fine practice: corn takes a lot of nitrogen

out of the soil during its growth process, and offers a support for vining varieties of these peas to grow up. Plant two to three inches apart and one to two inches deep. When cooking, add a little

pork fat

• Winter squash seem like a strange thing to even be thinking of while the summer sun bathes your garden. However, winter squashes require a long growth period of approximately 100 days, which means that if you planted them today, you wouldn't see a crop until mid-September. These vegetables are prized for being low in calories and fat, high in vitamins and minerals, and for having a long pantry life. Bees are required for pollination, and irrigation is important for seedlings, but once the vines cover the ground, the plants are quite hardy and require little care. Make a little dirt hill and plant about four seeds one to two inches deep. Space hills three to four feet apart.



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Florida's highest achieving STEAM students honored at Sunshine State Scholars conference



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On Tuesday, June 29, at the annual Sunshine State Scholars conference in Orlando, 15 of Florida's highest achieving STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics) students were awarded 1-year scholarships to attend one of Florida's nationally top ranked colleges or universities. The scholarships were made possible through generous funding provided by AT&T and the Florida Prepaid College Foundation, who each committed \$50,000.

Education Commissioner Richard
Corcoran said, "I am incredibly grateful to
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"Since 2013, AT&T has supported the Sunshine State Scholars program. We are proud of these students and their accomplishments," said Joe York, President of AT&T Florida and the Caribbean. "These students will help shape the future of our communities and our state. We are happy to have a part in their present and future success."

"It is such a pleasure to give the gift of college to these students who have shown so much commitment to their studies and to excelling in the high-demand fields of STEAM," said Florida Prepaid College Foundation Director Cindy O'Connell. "We look forward to seeing the future impact these students will have on their communities and our state through their talent and postsecondary experiences."

During the 2021 Sunshine State Scholars Conference, Commissioner Corcoran recognized 103 of Florida's highest-achieving 11th grade STEAM students, connecting them with employers from around the state that specialize in the STEAM fields, and creating networking opportunities among the scholars, employers and Florida's renowned state colleges and universities. With a focus on Florida's workforce needs, the conference highlights the wide variety of high-demand, high-wage STEAM jobs available both today and in the future.

"Florida is home to many talented students, but none shine brighter than the Sunshine State Scholars," said Marshall M. Criser, III, Chancellor of the State University System of Florida. "We are very proud of these students and the enormous potential they have for their futures and the State of Florida. Congratulations!"

During the Sunshine State Scholars conference, students participated in problem solving activities, interacted with higher education representatives during a recruitment fair and attended presentations by industry and research experts. The event concluded with an awards dinner where each scholar was

recognized individually for the potential they bring to our state and local communities.

Below are the recipients of the 2021 Sunshine State Scholars Scholarship. These outstanding students were selected based on their future career goals and their intention to pursue higher education in Florida. These students, along with all of the Sunshine State Scholars, are sure to become incredible assets to the state of Florida.

- Jeffrey Xue, Alachua County
- Hayley Reisen, Calhoun County
- Karl Reiter, Collier County
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The 2021 Sunshine State Scholars conference was made possible through the support of the Florida Education Foundation, leading sponsors AT&T and the Florida Prepaid College Foundation, Lockheed Martin, Helios Education Foundation, Kyra Solutions, SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment, Florida Lottery and the Florida Department of Education's Office of Independent Education & Parental Choice. State University System institutions include Florida A&M University, Florida Atlantic University, Florida Gulf Coast University, Florida International University, Florida State University, University of Central Florida, University of Florida, University of North Florida, University of South Florida, University of West Florida, Florida Polytechnic University and New College of

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Shriners' golf tournament deemed a success

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The Madison Shrine Club recently held their fourth annual golf tournament at the Madison RV and Golf Resort. According to tournament organizer Ben Jones, with the Madison Shrine Club, the tournament was a tremendous success, with 19 teams from around the area participating. Approximately \$8,000 was raised through the tournament. These funds will be used for local community service projects undertaken by the local group of Shriners. "We are very grateful to everyone who helped with the tournament this year, especially our sponsors," said Jones. "Next year, we plan to have our biggest yet."

This year's sponsors for the Shriner's Golf Tournament were:

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Congratulations to the Madison Shrine Club for another successful tournament.



Teams from across North Florida and South Georgia participated in the Madison Shrine Club Golf Tournament. [Madison Shrine Club/Courtesy]



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Madison RV and Golf Resort Manager Kayla Meador (left), Chris Driggers (center) and Ben Jones (right) call out winning ticket numbers for the prize drawing during the Madison Shrine Club Golf Tournament. [Madison Shrine Club/Courtesy]



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Kids consider Upwards camp a win



Kids at the Madison Upwards Basketball Camp take part in a "Simon Says" listening drill on Friday, June 25. [Mickey Starling/Greene Publishing, Inc.]

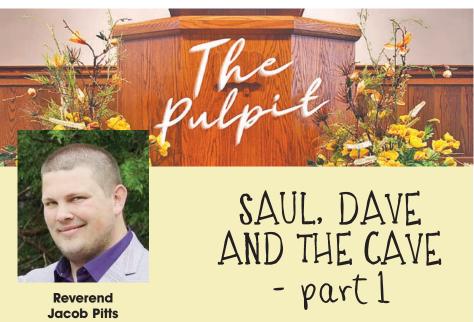
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The game was on at Madison Church of God on Thursday, June 24 and Friday, June 25, as kids, ages five through sixth grade, took to the court to participate in the First Annual Madison Upwards Basketball Camp. With the help of coaches Derek Greeson, Chris Reedy, Elizabeth King and Chris Weeks, the kids participated in a number of drills and practices before forming competitive teams and going head-to-head in some exciting games. Numerous other volunteers were on hand with snacks and providing first-aid for the occasional bumps and bruises that were sure to come.

This year, 30 kids participated during the two-day event, with 80 percent of them being new to the program. Program Director Derek Greeson was pleased with the turnout, and he looks forward to seeing more kids enjoy Upward Sports next year. "It's a great program and everything we do is centered around Christian principles that are at the core of Upward Sports," said Greeson.



Mason Weeks (right) concentrates as he dribbles toward the basket. Jules Nagel is working hard to slow his progress. [Mickey Starling/GreenePublishing, Inc.]



There may be few things as important, yet as understated in the Christian faith, as the importance of discernment. While this word can take on different meanings, I think Spurgeon said it best when he stated that discernment is not in knowing the difference between right and wrong, but between "right and almost right." A great scene in scripture where we see this played out is in 1 Samuel 24. At this time, David and his men were on the run from Saul, Israel's king, who was in active pursuit. Their paths collided when Saul, needing to take a bathroom break, went into a cave to relieve himself. That cave wasn't empty, however, and instead David and his men waited inside. The Scriptures tell us "Now's your opportunity!" David's men whispered to him. "Today the Lord is telling you, 'I will certainly put your enemy into your power, to do with as you wish." So, David crept forward and cut off a piece of the hem of Saul's robe. But then, David's conscience began bothering him because he had cut Saul's robe. He said to his men, "The Lord forbid that I should do this to my lord, the king. I shouldn't attack the Lord's anointed one, for the Lord himself has chosen him." (1 Samuel 24:4-6).

We see something interesting here in regards to discernment. It seems reasonable to think as the men thought. This could have been the moment they had been waiting for, the moment they could stop slinking around caves and move up

to the palace. They saw it this way, but David didn't. He knew God well enough to know that even if it looked right, that didn't mean that it was. Let's look at this in a modern, practical way. The Olympics start this month and many of us will watch sports that aren't football, basketball, or softball for the first time in four years, including sports we know nothing about. Consider diving or gymnastics, especially. There will be times that someone will make a move and I will nod along, sure that the judges will award them perfect scores and the fast track to a gold medal. Immediately after, they will get a 6.3 and I will sit there confused because it looked good to me. The issue is the judges are intimately familiar with the sport, where I am not. Now let's take this and look at the scriptures in the same light. The men were aware of God and familiar with God, but not on the same level as David, and so they saw two different things. David's familiarity with the Lord was what allowed him to do what God wanted. In our own lives, the same thing comes into play. There are all sorts of things out there which seem good, but aren't, things which seem like sound doctrine, but are really just man-centric pep talks. In order to know what is good and what is not, we must learn to be discerning, and just like David and Olympic judges, that means we need to become intimately familiar with what the real deal looks like.

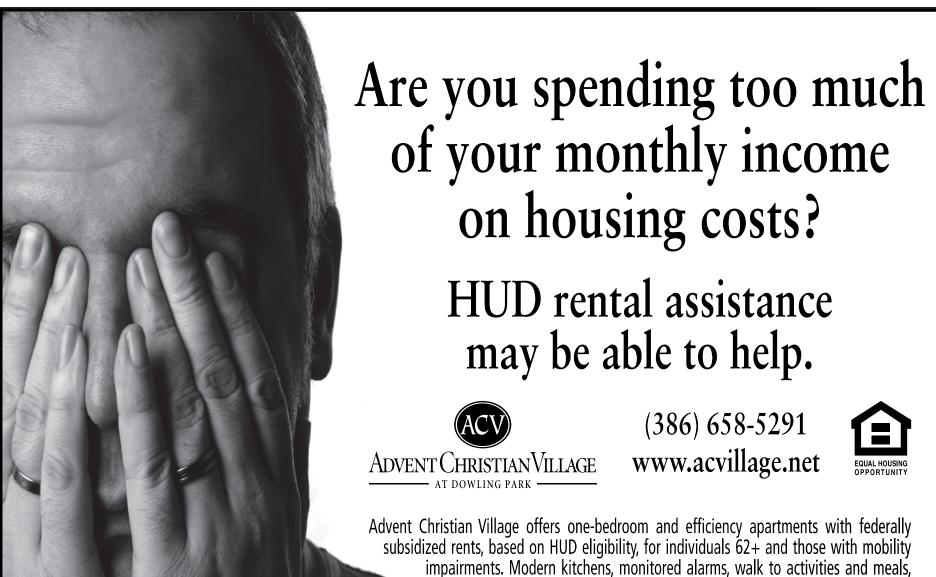
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HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20 You are inspired to study a new culture after reading about it in the news, Aries. Continuing your education may provide the challenge you've been looking for.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21 Taurus, some good news about a friend puts a smile on your face. Congratulate this person and share his or her good fortune with others.

Your support is appreciated. GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21 This week you discover your instincts about

something important have been spot on, Gemini. You usually can trust your gut when making challenging decisions. CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, once you make a plan you typically stick with it. This week, however, your willpower may weaken a tad and you may find yourself going off-script. LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

Don't be surprised if family members divulge some interesting news this week, Leo. You may alter your thinking about upcoming plans. Remember to follow your instincts. VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, some exciting opportunities are on the horizon. Let go of any hesitation you have and dive right in with both feet. Make the most of this exciting time.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23 Someone may need your help in the weeks to come, Libra. Embrace this opportunity to help someone in need. They may show their

appreciation in unique ways. SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, success and good fortune are likely in store for you very shortly. You'll feel satisfied when the good news arrives, and it will carry you through the times ahead.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21 This is an excellent week to explore emotions and romantic feelings, Sagittarius. The more you give of yourself, the more you will get in return.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20 It is alright to feel uncertain about recent developments, Capricorn. You can take your time to process new information, and it is good to be informed.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18 You're adept at reading feelings and anticipating things that are on the horizon, Aquarius. Utilize your skills for the benefit of others. Your efforts won't go unnoticed. PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, this week you may feel a little out of sorts. Take some time to get away from it all and reset. It will be time well spent and you will feel recharged.



(Hint: 14 = E)

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Clue: Iced over

Clue: Sweet treat

В. 9 14 4 4 14 15 2

6 15 14 19 25 22 C.

Clue: Thick and smooth

D. 4 3 26 9 19 14 Clue: Ice cream with toppings

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING: The District Board of Trustees of North Florida College will hold a summer workshop on Wednesday, July 21, 2021, 9:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. in the NFC Board Room in the Student Center (Bldg. 9), 325 NW Turner Davis Dr., Madison, FL. For more information, an agenda or to request disability-related accommodations, contact the President's Office at (850) 973-1618 or email wheelerm@nfc.edu. North Florida College is deeply committed to the safety of our trustees, employees, and community members who may choose to join us. This in-person Board workshop will follow CDC guidelines for wearing masks and social distancing. If you would like to attend this meeting, please notify Michelle Wheeler by phone 850-973-1618 or by email wheelerm@nfc.edu at least one day prior to the workshop so we may provide the proper accommodations. one day prior to the workshop, so we may provide the proper accommodations and spacing for this gathering. NFC is an equal access/equal opportunity employer.

CASE NO. 2020-09-DP

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

IN THE INTEREST OF: C., R (M) DOB: 09/05/2014

Minor child

<u>NOTICE OF ACTION</u> TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS STATE OF FLORIDA

MIRANDA NEWMAN ADDRESS UNKNOWN

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the State of Florida, Department of Children and Families, has filed a Petition to terminate your parental rights and permanently commit the following child for adoption: R. C., born on 9/05/2014. A copy of the Petition is on file with the Clerk of the Court. You are hereby commanded to appear on Thursday, August 12, 2021, at 1:00 PM, before the Honorable E. Bailey Browning, Acting Circuit Judge, of the Madison County Courthouse, 125 Southwest Range Avenue, Madison, Florida, for an ADVISORY HEARING. The advisory hearing will be conducted via Zoom videoconferencing, you will need to contact your lawyer, family care counselor, and / or the Court to obtain the Zoom link.

You are REQUIRED to contact your Lawyer upon receipt of this Summons. You are required to appear in person for this hearing unless otherwise advised by the Family Care Counselor.

Your Lawyer is: Angela Miller, (386) 754-1076.

*****FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR AT THIS ADVISORY HEARING CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THESE CHILDREN IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILDREN NAMED IN THE PETITION ATTACHED HERETO.*****

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court at Madison, Madison County Florida, on this 16th day of June, 2021

(SEAL)

BILLY WASHINGTON Clerk of Circuit Court By: /s/: April Herring Deputy Clerk

Special Accommodations. "In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Carrina Cooper, Court Administration, 173 NE Hernando Avenue, Room 408, Lake City, Florida 32055, Telephone (386) 758-2163, adamail@jud3.flcourts.org at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days. If you are hearing impaired or voice impaired, call 711."

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

YEAR OF ISSUANCE; 2014 21-27-TD FILE NUMBER: NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: PAMELA ROBINSON

PARCEL ID: 00-00-00-4389-000-000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY IN MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA: Lot 10, Block G, of PLANT'S ADDITION to the Town of Madison, Florida, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 131, Public Records of Madison County, Florida.

All of said property being in the County of Madison, State of Florida. Unless such

certificate shall be redeemed according to the law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the west front door at the Madison County Courthouse on the 29th day of July 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 24th day of June 2021

WILLIAM D. "BILLY" WASHINGTON CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BY: hackery Veterion
DEPUTY CLERK



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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CERTIFICATE NO: 14-636 YEAR OF ISSUANCE:

FILE NUMBER: 21-26-TD
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: CHARLESTON JOHNSON

PARCEL ID: 34-2N-08-3308-000-000 LEGAL DESCRIPTION: THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY IN MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA

Begin at the NE corner of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4, Section 34, Township 2 North, Range 8 East, thence run West 70 yards, thence run South 70 yards, thence run East 70 yards, thence run North 70 yards to point of beginning, containing one (1) acre, more or less.

All of said property being in the County of Madison, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to the law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the west front door at the Madison County Courthouse on the 29th day of July 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 24th day of June 2021

WILLIAM D. "BILLY" WASHINGTON BY: Mackery Helenson DEPUTY CLERK



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LEGAL NOTICE

MADISON COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD BUSINESS MEETING

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council announces a business meeting to which all persons are invited

DATE AND TIME: August 2, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. PLACE:

County Commissioners Meeting Room in the Madison County Courthouse Annex located at 229 Pinckney Street, Madison, Florida

CONFERENCE CODE: 864 183 272 GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To conduct the regular business of the Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordi-

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others who do not live with you. For additional information or to obtain a copy of the agenda interested persons may contact: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, 2009 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603; godfrey@ncfrpc.org or 352.955.2200. The meeting agenda will be posted at https://www.ncfprc.org/transportation-disad

Any person may submit written or other physical evidence which he or she intends to offer into evidence during the meeting to Lynn Godfrey, Senior Planner, at North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, 2009 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603; or godfrey@ncfrpc.org.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the agency at least **2 business days** before the meeting by contacting **352.955.2200**. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1.800. 955.8771 (TDD) or 1.800. 955.8770

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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CERTIFICATE NO: 16-493

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YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2016
FILE NUMBER: 20-19-TD
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: ESTATE OF JOHN HENRY ROBINSON & ESTATE OF MATTIE REE WILLIAMS & ESTATE OF ALBERTA TATUM

 ${\it PARCEL~ID:}~28-1N-07-2433-000-000$ LEGAL DESCRIPTION: THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY IN MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA:

All those certain parcels, tracts, lots or pieces of Land situate, lying and being in the County of Madison and State of Florida and more particularly described as follows: Start at the Northees Quarter of the Northeest Quarter, Section Teenty eight (28), Township Quarter, Section Teenty eight (28), Township County to Morth, Rage Seven (7) East, at the northeest corner, and run South Eight (Morth, Rage Seven (7) East, at the northeest corner, of the lot here and Fifty two (852) feet, which is the northeest Four Mundred and Twenty (420) feet, thence run Bouth Two Hundred and Fifty eight (258) feet, beence run Morth Two Hundred and Fifty eight (258) feet, back to the point of beginning, and is a part of the Northeest Quarter (30).

Less and except lands described in Warranty deed recorded in OR Book 344, Page 144, Warranty Deed recorded in OR Book 102, Page 157, Warranty Deed recorded in OR book 113, Page 328, and Warranty Deed recorded in OR Book 1149, Page 42, Public Records of Madison County, Florida.

All of said property being in the County of Madison, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to the law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the west front door at the Madison County Courthouse on the 29th day of July 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 25th day of June 2021 WILLIAM D. "BILLY" WASHINGTON CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BY: Luckery Heternan DEPUTY CLERK



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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CERTIFICATE NO: YEAR OF ISSUANCE: FILE NUMBER: NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED:

14-506 2014 21-25-TD BOSS VICKERS & NELLIE VICKERS PARCEL ID: 00-00-00-2398-000-000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY IN MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Lots 8 and 9 of Block No. 49, as shown by the map of land of Greenville Investment Company, in the Town of Greenville, Madison County, Florida. All of said property being in the County of Madison, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to the law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the west front door at the Madison County Courthouse on the 29th day of July 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 24th day of June 2021

WILLIAM D. "BILLY" WASHINGTON CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BY: Judery Heternen DEPLY CLERK



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

CERTIFICATE NO: YEAR OF ISSUANCE: FILE NUMBER: NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: 14-425 2014 21-22-TD W. E. WELLS

> PARCEL ID: 00-00-00-2106-000-000 LEGAL DESCRIPTION: THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY IN MADISON COUNTY,

Lot 19, Block 4, Lakeside Park, Greenville, Madison County, Florida, as recorded in Deed Book 27, Page 800.

All of said property being in the County of Madison, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to the law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the west front door at the Madison County Courhouse on the 29th day of July 2021 at 11:00 am.

Dated this 21st day of June 2021

WILLIAM D. "BILLY" WASHINGTON CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BY: Mickery Telemen DEPLYN CLERK



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

CERTIFICATE NO: YEAR OF ISSUANCE: FILE NUMBER: NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED:

21-21-TD JAMES EARL SIPLIN & SYNTHIA AARON

PARCEL ID: 16-1N-07-1848-000-000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY IN MADISON COUNTY, Part of the NW ¼ of SW ¼ , Section 16, Township 1 North, Range 7 East, as recorded in Deed Book 58, Page 528, Public Records of Madison County, Florida.

All of said property being in the County of Madison, State of Florida. Unless such An of said property being in the Codiny of Madison, State of Florida. Onless such certificate shall be redeemed according to the law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the west front door at the Madison County Courthouse on the 29th day of July 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 21st day of June 2021

WILLIAM D. "BILLY" WASHINGTON CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BY: Grobery Veterson



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that THE G M MITCHELL REVOCABLE TRUST, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property and name in which it is assessed is as follows:

YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2014
FILE NUMBER: 21-28-TD
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: EDDIE BELLAMY ESTATE PARCEL ID: 33-2N-07-2730-000-000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY IN MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA: Start at NE corner of SE W of NW 1/4 of Section 33, Township 2 North, Rango 7 East Run West 337 fort, then South 83 feet to POI3, then run South 4° East 420 feet, then North 86 1/2° West 210 feet, then North 4° West 420 feet, then South 83 1/2° East 2016 feet to POI, combining 2 acros more or less, being in Madison County, Florida.

All of said property being in the County of Madison, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to the law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the west front door at the Madison County

WILLIAM D. "BILLY" WASHINGTON CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BY: hackery letersen / DEPUTA CLERK



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CERTIFICATE NO: YEAR OF ISSUANCE: FILE NUMBER: 21-24-TD NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED:

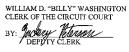
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LEGAL DESCRIPTION: THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY IN MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA: Lots 6 and 11 of Block No. 38, as shown by the map of land of Greenville Investment Company, in the Town of Greenville, Madison County, Florida.

All of said property being in the County of Madison, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to the law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the west front door at the Madison County Courthouse on the 29th day of July 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 23rd day of June 2021





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CERTIFICATE NO:	14-453
YEAR OF ISSUANCE:	2014
FILE NUMBER:	21-23-TD
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED:	ROBERT NORTON

WILLIAM D. "BILLY" WASHINGTON

PARCEL ID: 00-00-00-2255-000-000 LEGAL DESCRIPTION: THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY IN MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Lots 10, 11, 12 and 13 of Block No. 24, as shown by the mapof land sof Greenville Investment Company, in the Town of Greenville, Madison County, Florida

All of said property being in the County of Madison, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to the law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the west front door at the Madison County Courthouse on the 29^{th} day of July 2021 at 11:00 a.m. Dated this 23rd day of June 2021

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