

Region Champions



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Rick Patrick, November 23, 2018

The Madison County High School (MCHS) Cowboys won their fifth straight regional championship on Friday, Nov. 23. For full game details and photos, [see page 11.](#)

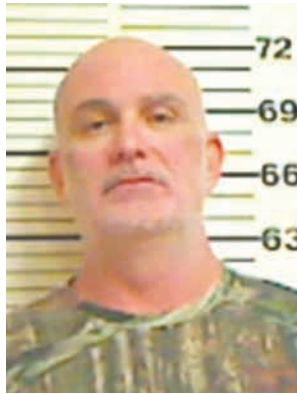
MADISON COUNTY CARRIER

Vol. 55 No. 17 • www.greenepublishing.com • Wednesday, November 28, 2018 • 75¢ + tax

Pre-Thanksgiving man hunt, arrests

John Willoughby: *Greene Publishing, Inc.*

Major David Harper of the Madison County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) reports that on Wednesday, Nov. 21, at approximately 8:30 a.m., Deputy Scott Newman conducted a traffic stop on a dark colored four-door sedan on County Road 255 North, near the intersection of Kel Lane. Deputy Newman made contact with the driver and identified him as John Wade Needham Jr., 42, of Jennings, Fla.



John Wade Needham Jr.

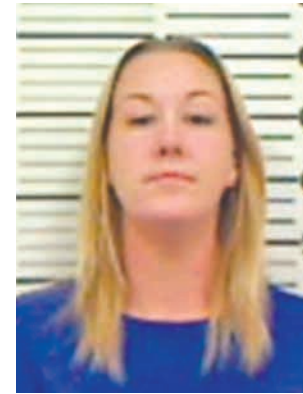
Deputy Newman began to take enforcement actions for the traffic violation when he was informed by Communications that Needham had an active arrest

warrant for previous traffic violations. Deputy Newman proceeded to instruct Needham to exit his vehicle, however, Needham put the vehicle in gear and accelerated, nearly striking Deputy Newman.

Needham turned onto Kel Lane at a high rate of speed and Deputy Newman initiated pursuit with his emergency lights and siren activated. Needham continued to flee to the end of Kel Lane where he drove his vehicle through a fence and wood line, causing the sedan to become disabled. Needham exited his vehicle and fled on foot in a southeasterly direction.

Multiple deputies responded to the area, including several deputies who were off-duty at the time. A perimeter was established and a K9 unit was deployed to track Needham. The K9 track led deputies across multiple fences and fields in a direction toward the Lee Jiffy Store. MCSO Staff Sergeant Mike Maurice was monitoring the Lee Jiffy Store in an unmarked vehicle when he observed a Gold Lexus pull into the

parking lot driven by a female and occupied by a small child. As soon as the Lexus parked, Staff Sergeant Maurice observed Needham exit the wood line near the Jiffy Store and enter the Lexus. The



Lauren Nicole Owensby

driver of the Lexus (later identified as Lauren Nicole Owensby, 31, of Jacksonville) left the store and began driving west on US Hwy. 90, before turning north onto County Road 255. Staff Sergeant Maurice followed the Lexus to a residence located near NE Peach Tree St., in Lee, while notifying on-duty deputies of his location. Multiple deputies converged at the residence and were able to take Needham and

See "Man hunt" on page 3

Hanson Lights bring Christmas spirit

Rick Patrick: *Greene Publishing, Inc.*

What has become a beloved area holiday tradition is again ready to light the skies of Hanson. The Hanson Christmas Lights show began on Thanksgiving night and will run nightly throughout the month of December.



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Rick Patrick, November 19, 2018

Bobby Roebuck (left) and Jeff Messer (right) work to complete final adjustments to the Hanson Christmas Lights show, which runs nightly throughout the month of December.

According to show designer Jeff Messer, this year's light show features hundreds more lights than last year. "The show this year is about an hour long and contains about 15 songs," said Messer. The light show begins at 5:30 p.m. each evening and runs continuously until 10 p.m. on weeknights and until 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday evenings.

The show can be seen at the home of Bobby Roebuck, located

at 6207 NE Colin Kelly Hwy., in Hanson, about five miles north of Madison. Spectators are asked to use caution when approaching the area. If you are planning to park and watch the show, you are asked to turn off headlights and please be aware of possible pedestrians. Extra care should be observed when entering and exiting the highway. Tune your radio to 104.3 FM to enjoy the music and lights synchronized together.

Donations will again be accepted this year to benefit the Pinetta Volunteer Fire Department. A special "thank you" goes out to Corbett Electrical for the use of a bucket truck during the preparation of this year's show.



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Rick Patrick, November 23, 2018

Bright holiday lights await travelers on Colin Kelly Hwy., north of Madison, in Hanson.

Light Up Madison this Saturday

John Willoughby: *Greene Publishing, Inc.*

Now that Thanksgiving has passed, the cooler weather is here and Christmas is on its way! To celebrate the holidays, the Kiwanis Club of Madison is announcing the Eighth Annual Light Up Madison event for Saturday, Dec. 1. Families and children from surrounding communities are all welcome! This event will spark the beginning of the Christmas season, as the air will be filled with magical excitement for people of all ages.

From 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., a colorfully decorated city park and the pristine appearance of decorated Christmas trees will surely set the stage for a family-oriented good time. Several non-profit vendors will be on hand to sell some of your favorite foods and holiday treats. There are also plans to have games for the children with some small prizes to give away and, who knows, Santa Claus might even show up to fulfill Christmas wishes! Soon, it will be time to dress up in your favorite holiday attire, bring your lawn chairs and have a fantastic time.

"Our goal is to provide a fun-filled evening with a wide array of activities at little

or no cost for families," stated a Kiwanis Club newsletter. "Kiwanis is reaching out to our community to participate and help make this event better than ever."

In addition to all the festivities, a donation of non-perishable food items for the Madison Food Bank and Backpack Buddies or a donation of diapers to be distributed to various local children's organizations will be collected by Kiwanians at Light Up Madison. Those who donate will receive one ticket per food item or one ticket per 10 diapers for a drawing at the end of the event to win a Yamaha Power Wheel, donated by Burns Funeral Home. Tickets to win can also be bought for \$1 per ticket by going to Madison County Community Bank. Ask for Sue.

Without the participation of the community in the parade, craft booths, games, rides, etc., Light Up Madison would not be possible. That's why the Kiwanis Club of Madison is asking for your support! Entries in the parade, which will step-off at 6 p.m., can be driven, pushed or pulled, but must have lights. A donation fee is applied. The deadline to apply is today, Wednesday, Nov. 28, and applications can *See "Light up" on page 3*

Man arrested

John Willoughby: *Greene Publishing, Inc.*

On Thursday, Nov. 22, the Madison Police Department (MPD) made an arrest of a Greenville man in relation to two drug-related charges at Dinette Club, in Madison.

According to a report by the MPD, at approximately 11:05 p.m., Patrolman Robert Sanders responded to the Dinette Club, located at 318 SW Lee Ave., in reference to a physical altercation in progress with shots fired. While en route, Ptl. Sanders was advised by Madison County Communications that there had been multiple calls regarding this incident, however, information regarding the shooter was unavailable.

Upon arrival, Ptl. Sanders attempted to gain entry into the Dinette Club when a male subject, later identified as Travis Dewayne Jay, 37, of Greenville, was exiting the building with both of his hands concealed inside his pants pockets. Due to the nature of the call, Ptl. Sanders stated in the report that his MPD-issued Glock 22 was drawn upon attempting to enter the building. Ptl. Sanders instructed Jay to remove his hands from his pockets and go to Ptl. Sanders. The subject then began walking backwards back into the club with his hands still concealed. At this time, Ptl. Sanders gained physical control of Jay in order to insure Jay was not in possession of any weapons. Because of Jay's refusal to comply with Ptl. Sanders' verbal commands, he was placed in wrist restraints prior to being searched for



Travis Dewayne Jay

See "Man arrested" on page 3



Emerald's Gem Box: *Happy Birthday, Cheltsie*

Tuesday, Nov. 27, marked my oldest daughter's birthday! Cheltsie turned 26 years old.

Although it seems like just yesterday that, at the young age of 23, I became a first-time mother of an eight pound, 20 1/2 inch long baby girl. Everything about her was so exciting and yet so scary. I was so afraid of doing something wrong and hurting her.



EMERALD G. PARSONS

Wasn't it just last year she was a toddler or that I took her to her first day of pre-school and then cried for the next four hours? Or wasn't it also just last year she learned her ABCs, learned to ride a bike, lost her first tooth and learned to tie her own shoe?

First grade brought tears for both of us. Cheltsie being the perfectionist, that she is, would get mad and start crying when she couldn't read that whole book the first time without messing up. She felt like she could/should be able to just sit down and read it. She would get mad and start crying, it would frustrate me (we're so much alike) and I would start crying. Oh, what a sight I'm sure we were ... both be sitting at the kitchen table, doing homework, both squalling.

Second grade – wow – Indian projects. That is something you will NEVER forget.

Third grade – Multiplication tables, learning to write in cursive and the International Dinner/Report. I got off easy on that one. My sister-in-law, Janice, is from the Philippines so Cheltsie picked that for her report. When it came time to make a dish from that country, Janice came over and she and Cheltsie did that together, while I babysat Joshua and Jade.

Fourth grade – the Marianna Caverns.

Fifth grade – learning each capital for each state.

Sixth grade – learning to change classes – a lot more homework – and being crowned May Queen.

Seventh grade – being able to crown the new May Queen.

Eighth grade – announcing the name of the new May Queen, and it being her sister, Brooke (that was really special to her), and of course, the eighth-grade trip (and fundraisers) and graduation. What a fun year.

Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh grade – a lot of things go on within those years; restricted driver's license, the "real" driving license, basketball games, class rings, dating and proms. The struggle of learning to let your child make her own decisions and learn to fly on her own. (The struggle is real.)

Twelfth grade – this was such an exciting year. Senior class fundraisers and the senior trip. But, as the anticipated day of graduation approached, I found myself reminiscing more and more of days gone by and Cheltsie as a child. I have never wished for my children to be younger, or older; for I have enjoyed every age throughout the years. Each year brought new excitement and I never wanted anything different. But I found myself wishing she was five again, instead of about to graduate high school. Then, the "big day" arrived. I cried a few tears of sadness, but mostly happy tears. Graduation day was such a huge milestone.

College – four years of studying, studying and more studying. I was so proud to watch Cheltsie seek out her dreams and make them come true. The diligence and constancy she put into her school work was incredible. She graduated both NFCC and St. Leo University with honors, even while planning a wedding during her last year of college.

Marriage – I must say the depression of "my little girl is growing up" hit me hard and heavy while planning Cheltsie's wedding. Out of the blue, it seemed, my baby had grown up. I couldn't believe she was about to spread her wings and truly fly



"away" from me. But oh, the fun we had planning the wedding. Trying on dresses, painting decorations, shopping and making everything just perfect for the big day! And what a day it was! As I sat and watched Cheltsie and Marcus exchange vows, I looked around and realized all the planning and hard work had paid off, for everything was truly perfect!

Birth of a new baby – and now here we are! The circle of life has been completed; for my "little girl" has now given birth to her own "little girl" and now I'm a Gramma. This is another season of my life I know I will truly love and enjoy. The joy and happiness I have felt during this last year has been unbelievable; and to know I get to start all these fun life events all over again, with Kennedy, is an absolute blessing!

So, on this very special day, I would like to say, "Happy Birthday, Cheltsie! I love you and I am so very proud of you!"

I'm so glad God gave you to me – 26 years ago!!!

National Security: *Election Chaos*

On Tuesday, Nov. 6, our nation held a midterm election like we do every four years. For most states and races, the election results were known within a few hours of the polls closing. Not so in Florida. Just like 18 years ago, the results of key races were not



JOE BOYLES
Guest Columnist

determined until well after the election, in this case, nearly two weeks later. As Yogi purportedly said, 'It's déjà vu all over again.'

On election night, 65 of our state's 67 counties followed the rules and provided results according to state law. There were two holdouts ... and the names should be very familiar: Broward and Palm Beach. Wait; weren't those two of the four counties involved in the agonizing six-week recount of the 2000 presidential election? Yep, Miami-Dade and Volusia fixed their problems and followed state election law, but the other two Gold Coast counties dropped the ball once again.

Wait, once again; I thought the Legislature fixed these problems in 2001 and 2002? Well, it turns out that the law is only as good as the election officials implementing the laws. The two supervisors of elections, Susan Bucher of Palm Beach and Brenda Snipes of Broward, were apparently overwhelmed by their duties and dropped the ball repeatedly. Snipes came in for a heavy dose of criticism for failures in past elections that didn't rise to this level of scrutiny. I understand she has submitted her resignation.

At one point, national correspondent Andrea

Mitchell incorrectly identified Snipes as a Republican because she was appointed by Governor Jeb Bush in 2003 when her predecessor was dismissed for either corruption or incompetence. I don't know that this would be considered 'fake news' on the part of Mitchell, but it was certainly sloppy reporting. Brenda Snipes is a life-long Democrat.

One of the major errors both supervisors made was not reporting the vote total on time. Florida law requires that the vote total be submitted to Tallahassee within 30 minutes of the polls closing; not the count but the total number of votes. The purpose behind this law is so that ballots won't mysteriously appear from nowhere (including the trunk of a rental car turned in to the airport) hours, days or weeks later. Again, 65 counties including ours complied with the requirement while the usual suspects failed.

Where did all of this chaos begin? I call your attention back to a quarter century ago and the National Voter Registration Act, commonly known as Motor Voter. Shortly after taking office, President Clinton signed this legislation from a largely Democratic Congress into law. As one former supervisor of election told me years later, "Motor Voter was where we (local election officials) lost control of the registration process." Instead of having a single place for accepting and qualifying voter registration requests, they began to show up from everywhere including driver's license offices. Chaos ensued.

Some of you will say this is another example of unintended consequences, but I don't believe that for a

moment. If you can throw a county election office into chaos, create doubt in the election process and find votes under the most mysterious circumstances, you can flip a close election. Witness the Minnesota Senate race of 2006, for example, where Al Franken votes continued to be found days after the election to unseat Norm Coleman.

So once again, Florida has become the butt of jokes about our ability to conduct an orderly and timely election. Sign seen upon crossing the state border: Florida, population 20.8 million and still recounting. Come to Florida: Retire, relax, recount. I won the lottery; woohoo; I know my numbers are different, but I intended to pick the winners. I don't know about you, but I don't appreciate my home being considered a national joke.

After nearly two weeks and repeated recounts, false reports, lost ballots and assorted snafus, the dust finally settled on three contested elections, two of which went Republican and the third to a Democrat.

One last complaint from the peanut gallery: Nikki Fried came from nowhere to be elected state agricultural commissioner. As someone deeply invested in Florida agriculture for decades, I had never heard of her. My curiosity got the better of me so I investigated her biography to find out that she is a Miami lawyer who gained attention by lobbying for the marijuana industry. Personally, I don't consider this sufficient background experience to manage such an important part of our state's industry. Maybe she will be very successful, but if experience is an indicator, I have serious doubts.

Learning As I Go: *Broken Tracks*

Last week I had surgery on my arm and I have had to keep my arm fairly immobile all week. I have tried desperately to do things on my own and failed miserably. The following story about my youngest is a good reminder to me, and to you, as we face issues



CHRISTY BASS ADAMS
Guest Columnist

bigger than ourselves, of how important it is to bring all of our tracks to be fixed, not just one piece at a time.

Daniel desperately tried to fix the broken track. He pushed and jammed but nothing made the tracks go back together. "Mama, I can't do it," he cried as he threw himself on my lap.

"Just bring it to me and I'll fix it." He pulled off a tiny piece of track and brought it to me.

"No, baby, you need to bring all of the broken pieces to me."

He hurried back over to the floor and gathered up several other small broken pieces and set them in my lap. I quickly hooked them back together and said, "Now, bring me the bigger piece so we can hook it all back together."

He snatched the newly constructed piece out of my hand and tried to hook it to the main track on the floor. He grunted and pushed, but the pieces just wouldn't hook. "Mama. Fix it, pweeeze." He was desperate now.

"Daniel, listen. I have to have ALL of the pieces. I can't fix the broken track if I only have a small piece. Bring everything to me, all at the same time." I saw the light come on and slowly he dragged the whole track to me, including the piece he had recently snatched away.

I hooked it all back together and he jumped up and down, "You did it! Yay! Tank ew, Mama!"

Every time Daniel brought me a piece of track, all I could think about was God yearning for my broken pieces. "Just bring it to Me and I'll fix it." I could just

imagine Him holding out His hands, waiting for me to hand them over so He could take all of my broken pieces and make them new.

"No, baby, you need to bring ALL of the broken pieces to Me." Can't you hear Him whispering to you? Can you see the sadness on His face as you snatch the once surrendered pieces out of His grasp and try to fix it yourself? And can't you just see His tender hands of mercy waiting as you finally reach your wit's end.

"Precious one, listen. I have to have ALL of the pieces. I can't fix your brokenness if I only have a small piece. Bring everything to Me, all at the same time."

And then God masterfully hooks all of the pieces back together. It might take some time, but when He is in control, the waiting is worth the beauty that emerges.

A new track; a new life. But we have to let Him have it ALL.

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

How to reach us

Phone: (850) 973-4141
Fax: (850) 973-4121
Email:
news@greenepublishing.com
Mail: P.O. Drawer 772
 Madison, Fla. 32341
Office: 1695 S SR 53
 Madison, Fla.
 ■ Publisher:
Emerald Greene Parsons
 ■ Office Manager:
Chelsie Holbrook

Contact us with your comments...

If you have any questions or concerns, call us at (850) 973-4141 or visit our website at www.greenepublishing.com

Newsroom

■ Editor
Savannah Reams
 ■ Reporter
Rick Patrick
 ■ Reporter
John Willoughby
 ■ Reporter
Mickey Starling

Advertising

■ Advertising Specialists
Jeanette Dunn
Lisa Laforge
 ■ Classifieds/Legals
Rachal Deming
 ■ Graphic Design/Layout
Shane Mathews
 ■ Ad Design/Layout
Gabriel Pontbriand

Circulation

Service Hours
M-T: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
F: 8 a.m. - Noon
Subscription Rates
 Basic: \$50 per year
 Basic Plus: \$60 per year
 All Access: \$85



Serving Madison Since 1964

A weekly newspaper [USPS 324 - 800] designed for the express reading pleasure of the people of its circulation area, be they past, present or future residents. Published weekly by *Greene Publishing Inc.*, 1695 South SR 53, Madison, Fla. 32340. Periodicals postage paid at the Post Office in Madison, Fla. 32340.

Postmaster:

Send address changes to *Greene Publishing, Inc.*, P.O. Drawer 772, Madison, Fla. 32341-0772

This newspaper reserves the right to reject any advertisement, news matter, or subscriptions that, in the opinion of the management, will not be for the best interest of the county and/or the owners of this newspaper, and to investigate any advertisement submitted. All photos given to *Greene Publishing Inc.* for publication in this newspaper must be picked up no later than six months from the date they are dropped off. *Greene Publishing, Inc.* will not be responsible for photos beyond said deadline.

Classifieds & Legal ads

Deadline for classifieds is Monday at 3 p.m. Deadlines for legal advertisements are Monday & Wednesday at 3 p.m. There will be a \$10 charge for affidavits.

Man hunt

Cont. from page 1

Owensby into custody without further incident. Needham was charged with flee/attempt to elude, assault on a law enforcement officer, resisting an officer and driving while license suspended knowingly. Owensby was charged with aiding an escape and child abuse.

"I commend the efforts of all of our deputies during this incident," said Major Harper. "There were at least four deputies who were off-duty at the time, but chose to respond. Through coordinated

Light up

Cont. from page 1

Bank, located at 301 E Base St., in Madison. All food vendors must be not-for-profit organizations. A donation fee applies as well. Set up time for vendors and other activities will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the day of the event.

Light Up Madison has become a large event, and it could not happen without the support of the community. If you are interested in participating or sponsoring, please contact Darren Webb at (850) 464-2367.

Man arrested

Cont. from page 1

weapons. While attempting a search of Jay's person, Jay attempted to pull away from Ptl. Sanders multiple times, according to the report. Upon searching Jay's person, Ptl. Sanders felt a quarter-sized object in Jay's left pocket, consistent with narcotics. At this time, the object was removed from Jay's possession and it was determined to be a quarter-sized bag of marijuana. Jay was then escorted from the club to the roadway where Ptl. Sanders patrol vehicle was located in order to finish searching Jay. While escorting Jay, he continued to pull away from Ptl. Sanders. Upon searching Jay's front right pocket, a smaller bag of marijuana, a small green plastic bag containing what appeared to be cocaine, a partially smoked hand-rolled marijuana cigarette and an unknown small, red substance was located.

teamwork, the suspect, along with an accomplice, was located and arrested. The dedication and commitment to our community by these deputies brings great credit upon themselves and the Madison County Sheriff's Office."

Additionally, Needham had a warrant for his arrest and is currently being held at the Madison County Jail on a bond of \$22,500 and a cash-only amount of \$629.10 for a failure to appear. Owensby was released from the Madison County Jail on Thursday, Nov. 22, on own recognizance.

Jay was advised he was under arrest for possession and was then placed in the back of the patrol vehicle and transported from the scene to the Madison County Jail without further incident. Jay was charged with possession of cocaine, possession of cannabis less than 20 grams and resisting an officer without violence.

Upon arrival at MPD, all items located in Jay's possession were photographed, weighed and sealed for evidence. All the marijuana collected from Jay yielded a combined weight of 2.27 grams, including packaging. The cocaine yielded a weight of 0.18 grams, including packaging. The unknown red substance yielded a weight of 0.17 grams including packaging. Upon closer inspection of the hand-rolled marijuana cigarette, Ptl. Sanders observed there to be a red residue, consistent with the unknown red substance. All items collected were sealed and stored into evidence.

Jay was released on Friday, Nov. 23, on own recognizance.

NFCC instructor publishes swamp-influenced book

John Willoughby: *Greene Publishing, Inc.*

After publishing a paddling guide in 2008, North Florida Community College (NFCC) instructor and reading enthusiast Rose Knox, has gone through the South's oldest press to publish "Old Tales of the Forgotten South in a Georgia, Florida Swamp: Paddling Okefenokee," a cultural, ecological chronicle of the Okefenokee Swamp. The book was written with the help of her husband and avid outdoorsman, Graham Schorb.

Knox, a native of Madison, makes historical references with the greater Celtic and European migrations about the immigrants that ended up being swamp dwellers. Knox ties the story of Okefenokee folk with her own people of Georgia.

Knox was born in Valdosta and was raised "home-grown" in Madison. She graduated from Madison High School in 1979 and went on to receive her Associate of Arts degree from NFCC in 1981. In 2000, she received her Masters degree in English from Valdosta State University. Now, she is a 16-year English instructor at NFCC. Knox has a total of 27 years of teaching experience, including time spent in the Madison County School District.

According to Knox, for almost four years, the couple combined their efforts and went exploring. Their book also gives accounts of several paddling excursions they made, as it likewise tells important ecological stories. One is about the devastation of long leaf pine forests and cypress stands - and about the extinction of birds and beasts - as a direct result of environmental destruction. In their years of exploring the wildlife and outdoors, the two have wandered in pioneer homesteads and old graveyards, stood beside ancient Indian mounds and preserved the recollection of swamper and others associated with Okefenokee.

In their research, they discovered the chronicle of Dr. Francis Harper, the Cornell scientist, who came to love the Okefenokee

swampers. Their project first began by hearing the stories from those "fading" voices of Okefenokee. Rose interviewed 83-year-old Robin Harper, the son of Dr. Harper, who likewise talked to the old swamper families, like Wade Chesser and Al Griffis, as each man shared fond memories of swamp life. In putting together the manuscript, she spoke with an archaeologist and interviewed two musicians. One was Freddy "Boom Boom" Cannon, who once sang a hit song about the swamp, and the other was Okefenokee Joe, the folksinger known for his "Swampwise" song. The two spent time also on Chesser Island with a swamp biologist that folks up in Georgia call the "Okefenokeeologist."

Their book of the Georgia, Florida swamp moreover includes images from the State Library and Archives of Florida, and the Dr. Delma Eugene Presley Collection of South Georgia History and Culture. Not only photographic images, but also several Florida artists contributed their work. One is Theodore Morris, artist of indigenous Indians, and the painter celebrated in books like "Florida's Lost Tribes" and "Florida and Caribbean Native People." Johnny Dame Junior, a seventh generation Floridian, and Patrick Elliott, formerly of the Long-leaf Pine Alliance were also contributors. Elliott has painted murals of pioneer landscapes and wildlife scenes for museums throughout the South. These were only a few creative people allowing the use of their art renderings.

"The Okefenokee Swamp is legendary!," said Knox. "First called the Land of Trembling Earth by Native Indians, the swamp situates itself in the Deep South, straddling the Florida, Georgia border. The place is a lush landscape, still reverberating with enduring tales. Lingering in cypress groves are stories of giant Indians, a Spanish mission, magical castles, buzzing saws, sleek panthers, giant woodpeckers, pioneer homesteads, Cracker tales and even a few cries of murder from old ghosts."

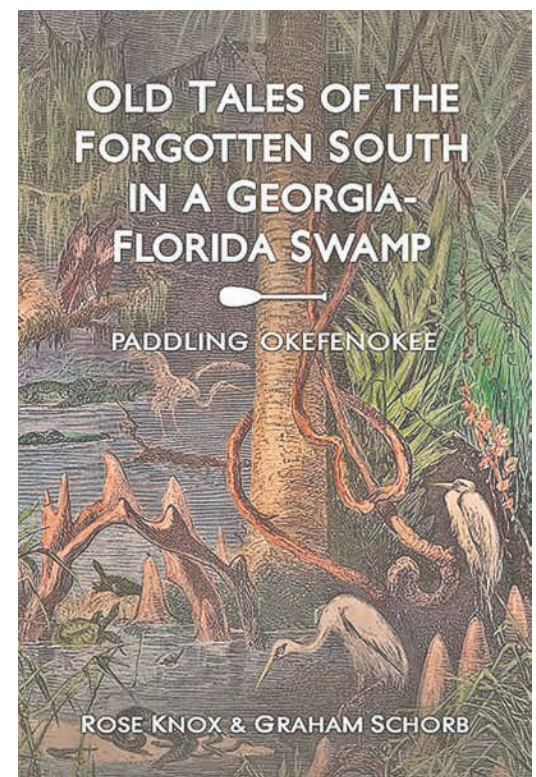


Photo cover courtesy of the State Library and Archives of Florida

Rose Knox, a native Madison resident and an English instructor at NFCC, has published "Old Tales of the Forgotten South in a Georgia, Florida Swamp: Paddling Okefenokee," a cultural, ecological chronicle of the Okefenokee Swamp. This follows a 2008 publication of a paddling guide.

Knox also adds: "This cultural, ecological history book tells so many of these accounts about the great Southern swamp. They are not dead. You can still hear their many voices. Canoe campers may enjoy Graham's nature photographs and his outdoor kitchen, where his pioneer recipes have been prepared in cast iron pans, much like the first Crackers made. If you love history, love paddling and love swamps, the Okefenokee is waiting."

This is not the first time Knox and Schorb have worked together on a publication. They also have written a historical guidebook on the Suwannee River titled "Canoeing and Camping on the Historic Suwannee River: A Paddler's Guide." Both books can be found online at the Florida Historical Societys website at myfloridahistory.org.

Madison Fire releases October report

John Willoughby: *Greene Publishing, Inc.*

Madison Fire Department had a rather busy month during the month of October, including the hiring of two new volunteer firefighters and receiving three new multi-gas detectors. Additionally, MFD conducted fire prevention/safety training for Madison Creative Arts Academy on Monday, Oct. 8, Pinetta Elementary School on Friday, Oct.

19 and Madison County Central School preschool students on Monday, Oct. 22.

MFD responded to 20 incidents within the city limits: one fire alarm, one tree down, one smoke scare, one power line down, one power line arcing, three motor vehicle crashes (including one entrapment incident), five LZ setups and seven medical calls.

MFD also responded to 39 county calls:

one controlled burn, one call for debris in the road, one tree down, one power line down, one grass fire, one smoke scare, one CO alarm, one lift assist, two fire alarms, two vehicle fires, four structure fires, seven medical calls, five brush fires and 11 motor vehicle crashes (including one entrapment incident). MFD was called to standby for two brush fires and 10 incidents occurred on Interstate 10.

Jacket donations needed

John Willoughby: *Greene Publishing, Inc.*

On Wednesday, Nov. 14, Boyz to Kings founder Marvin "Merv" Mattair announced that his organization, in partnership with the James Madison Preparatory High School's student government and BETA club, is collecting warm jackets to donate to the youth of Madison County.

Jackets of all sizes and brands, new and used, will be accepted. A date for jacket distribution is to be determined. Donations can be dropped off to Patrick White at JMPHS' front office each normal school day between 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call White at JMPHS at (850) 253-2173. JMPHS is located at 176 NW Crane Ave., near the Madison County Memorial Hospital.

Area playwright premieres play in Monticello

Rick Patrick: *Greene Publishing, Inc.*

Local audiences have the opportunity to see the world premier of a new play by area playwright, Anthony Lamarr White, from Perry, when his new play "The Long Goodbye" opens at the Monticello Opera House on Friday, Nov. 30.

Set in Monticello, "The Long Goodbye," tells the story of Mrs. Pet, who finds denial to be the easiest way to deal with the death of her daughter, Amy. This causes a rift between her and her husband that only gets wider with time. Then a young lady named Jody enters their life. Can this new person help bridge the gap and provide the Christmas miracle needed to help Mrs. Pet heal and move on?

According to the playwright, the story should evoke some very nostalgic emotions. "One of my goals in writing 'The Long Goodbye' was to write something a little reminiscent of the movie 'It's a Wonderful Life,'" said White. "That was one reason for setting the play in Monticello. The town itself has a very nostalgic feel to it." White's play stems from a family experience over 30 years ago when a family member passed away at Christmas. This experience led to a skit, written as part of a 4H project. Over the years, that grew into a screenplay and eventually the stage production it is today. White was able to further develop his play with the world-renowned, Tony Award-winning Alliance Theatre in Atlanta, through the Reiser Atlanta Artists Lab. "The Long Goodbye" was chosen for

the 2017 National Black Theatre Festival Readers Theatre of New Works. Famed actress Vanessa Bell Calloway ("Coming to America," "What's Love Got to do With It?," "Cheaper by the Dozen," "The District") read the lead role.

The production of "The Long Goodbye" at the Monticello Opera House is produced in collaboration with Florida A&M University's (FAMU) Essential Theatre Company. "The Long Goodbye" is directed by FAMU Assistant Professor of Theatre Evelyn Tyler. After the production in Monticello, the play will be staged in Atlanta by the New African Grove Theatre Company. The Monticello Opera House production cast includes: Kyonna Floyd, Kimora Lee George, Tevin King, Aubrey Lister, K. Sidney Bronson, Linda K. Stringer, Tyler Wold and Monica R. Woods.

The Monticello Opera House/Essential Theatre Company production of "The Long Goodbye" opens Friday, Nov. 30, and runs through Sunday, Dec. 9. Friday and Saturday evening performances are at 8 p.m., dinner is at 7 p.m. and doors open at 6:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m., lunch at 1 p.m. and doors open at 12:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 with optional \$20 dinner. Due to catering requirements, dinner and show tickets must be purchased no later than 9 a.m. on the Wednesday prior to the show.

For more information, visit www.monticellooperahouse.org, or call (850) 997-4242.

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



Valid FL nursing license required.

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



ADVENT CHRISTIAN VILLAGE
AT DOWLING PARK

Full-time employment includes paid time off, competitive compensation package, access to on-site day care and fitness facility, and the opportunity to join a service-oriented Christian organization. Great working environment! EOE/DFW. Criminal background verification required.

OBITUARY

Sheila Annelle Ragans Bishop

Sheila Annelle Ragans Bishop, of Lee, Fla., passed away on Nov. 24, 2018, after a valiant and brave battle with cancer. She was born in Madison, Fla., the daughter of Waldron Carlyle Ragans and Elizabeth Black Ragans. Annelle was a graduate of Lee School and Madison High School. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in May 1964 from Vanderbilt University's Peabody College in Nashville, Tenn. Annelle's teaching career in early education spanned from 1964-1998, beginning in Escambia County, Fla., next in Memphis, Tenn., then at Parker Mathis Elementary School in Valdosta, Ga., and finally, with the bulk of her tenure in Madison Public Schools, in Madison County, Fla.



She taught kindergarten at Lee Jr. High School and pre-kindergarten at Madison Primary School. She was named Teacher of the Year at Lee Jr. High School in 1986-87; Teacher of the Year at Madison Primary School in 1995; and District Teacher of the Year in 1995. In the latter part of her career, she served Madison Schools in administration as the Pre-Kindergarten Intervention Coordinator. She loved teaching the "precious little ones" and delighted in seeing the accomplishments and contributions to the community made by her former students.

Annelle devoted her life to the service of God and focusing on the needs of others above herself. She was a lifetime member of Lee United Methodist Church, where she served as a volunteer pianist for 40 years. She loved music and this was always a part of her life. As her mission work, she volunteered to play the piano, keyboard and organ for local churches of all denominations, when those churches experienced an emergency and needed a pianist to cover for several months.

Annelle was also a visual artist, working mostly in acrylics, painting local landscapes of Madison County.

Annelle was preceded in death by her beloved daughter, Misty Alexandria Hardee in 1992; her devoted mother, Elizabeth Black Ragans; father, Waldron Carlyle Ragans; and her brothers, Clifford Black Ragans and Edward Carlyle Ragans (Debbie). She is survived by her devoted husband, Lee Bishop; eldest daughter, Elizabeth Ashley Hardee; son-in-law, Kevin Buck; her grandson and namesake, Harrison Alexander Ragan Buck; niece, Dana Ragans Burchfield (Ron); nephew, Lance Carlyle Ragans (Michelle); and grandniece, Ragan Hayse Burchfield and grandnephew, Rydge Jones Burchfield.

A graveside service was held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 27, at Macedonia Cemetery, in Lee. T.J. Beggs, Jr. & Sons was in charge of arrangements; (850) 973-2258. You may send your condolences to the family by visiting their website at www.beggfuneral.com

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Every Wednesday

The Greenville Knitting Club meets each Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Greenville Public Library, located at 1325 SW Main St., in Greenville. All ages are welcome. For more information, contact Stewart MacIver at (850) 371-0042.

Every Wednesday

The Madison Rotary Club meets at 12 p.m. in the Ave Maria Hall of St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church, located at 301 N Orange Ave., in Madison. For more information, contact Jim Catron, Secretary, at Catronh@aol.com or call (850) 673-8201.

Every Thursday

The Madison Public Library holds their Preschool Story Time every Thursday from 10:30 a.m. through 11:30 a.m. Movies, crafts and games are sure to entertain and delight! The library is located at 387 College Loop, in Madison.

Second and fourth Friday of every month

Mad Talkers Toastmasters Club meets every second and fourth Friday of the month from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. at Cucinella's Brick Oven Pizzeria in "The Meeting Place." The meeting is open to everyone interested in developing their public speaking and leadership skills.

December 1

Nestlé Waters will hold an open house on Saturday, Dec. 1, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Featured will be a bounce house, face painting, a free barbeque lunch, plant tours, entertainment and more. Nestlé Waters is located at 690 NE Hawthorne Ave., in Lee. Reservations are not required but are encouraged. Please RSVP to stefanie@saltermitchellpr.com. For more information about Nestlé Waters, log onto nestle-watersna.com.

December 8

The annual winter Greenville High School Reunion will be held at Greenville Baptist Church on Saturday, Dec. 8, beginning at 5 p.m. Everyone is asked to bring refreshments to be shared during fellowship time.

LWR • Roof Leaks • Re-Roofs • Shingles
LEWIS WALKER ROOFING INC. • Metal • Low Slope • Mobile Homes
1-866-WLW-ROOF • Commercial • Lifetime Roofs
 Guaranteed Best Service • Siding • Rotten Wood Replacement
 Guaranteed Best Warranties • Free Estimates • Locally Owned
 Guaranteed Best Prices • www.LewisWalkerRoofing.com

LICENSED & INSURED RC0067442 Toll Free (386) 362-2223

Jay's Pharmacy hosts Business After Hours



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Savannah Reams, November 20, 2018

Members of many Madison County businesses enjoy Business After Hours month after month. Pictured, from left to right, are: Rick Patrick, Greene Publishing, Inc.; Phyllis Williams, Madison County Chamber of Commerce; Donald Yates, Career Source North Florida; Emily Batillo, Jay's Pharmacy; Jim Glaser, Madison County Storytelling; Wanda Violet, Madison County Storytelling; Tammy Stevens, Madison County Memorial Hospital; Garrett Hammond, Madison County Chamber of Commerce; Joann Watson, Madison Health and Rehabilitation; and Darren Webb, Madison County Community Bank.

John Willoughby: Greene Publishing, Inc.

On Tuesday, Nov. 20, Emily Batillo with Jay's Pharmacy welcomed community leaders, employers and employees, as well as guests, to the monthly Business After Hours. The event was held from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., with light refreshments such as wings, chips and dip and sparkling grape juice.

Jay's Pharmacy recently opened its new location in Madison in August after becoming successful in Perry, Fla. Jay's Pharmacy offers free

local delivery and accepts all major insurances, including Medicare and Medicaid plans. The pharmacy also features and sells the work of Deanna Wheeler, an oil and acrylic artist in Pinetta. Discounts on cash prescriptions are also offered. For more information, call (850) 253-2599. Jay's Pharmacy is located at 683 E Base St., in the Pic-N-Sav Shopping Center.

The next Business After Hours event will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 18, at the Madison County Chamber of Commerce, hosted by Chamber

Executive Director Phyllis Williams. The Madison County Chamber of Commerce is located at 184 College Loop, in Madison, directly behind O'Neal's Country Kitchen.

The Business After Hours mixers have become popular social networking events offered in a casual, comfortable atmosphere. They are held on the third Tuesday of each month at the office location of a Chamber member. It's an opportunity for Chamber members to form relationships, which strengthen community and friendship bonds

Adoptables: Dalton

John Willoughby: Greene Publishing, Inc.

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

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

appointments outside of normal business hours by calling the number listed above.

For more information on adoptions, volunteering opportunities or current donation needs, log onto suwanneevalleyhumane.com. You can also visit the Suwannee Valley Humane Society on Facebook.

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



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by John Willoughby, November 12, 2018

Dalton, a one year, 28-day old domestic short-hair mix has been at the Suwannee Valley Humane Society since March and is looking for his new human. He is not declawed and it is unknown if he is house trained. You're invited to visit Dalton today!

Need to prepare your home for the fall season?

Call these businesses for your home preparation!



Bob Perry
Construction Corporation

Family Owned & Operated Since 1975

Robbie Perry
General Contractors
CG C010945

Cell: 850-210-2441
Phone: 850-997-8180
Fax: 850-997-2478

P.O. Box 87 • Lamont, Florida 32336

Mr. B's IGA

FOOD OUTLET

We Sell At Cost Plus 10% 365 DAYS A YEAR

All Shelf Prices Are Our Cost With All Deals Given To You. At Checkout, Just 10% Is Added To Cover Our Operating Expenses. Shop With Us For The Lowest Every Day Grocery And Meat Prices With Weekly Specials Too!

Thursdays Seniors Over 50
Get 5% Off All Orders.
Thursday Is Senior Citizen Day -
5% Off Our Everyday Low Prices!

1405 North Lee Street Valdosta, GA 31601
229-245-8300

VECTOR SECURITY.

America's best rated security system company
www.consumeraffairs.com/homeowners/aaa_alarm_systems.html#best-rated

(850) 942-1400
www.vectorsecurity.com

New Systems

- Upgrades of existing systems
- Monitor your existing system

Residential and Commercial

- Security Alarms
- Surveillance Systems
- Home Automation
- Access Control Systems
- Fire Alarms

Several new packages to choose from.
Some with no upfront costs!

Wens Propane, Inc.

"Service With A Smile"

208 W. Screven St.
Quitman, Ga. 31643
(229) 263-5004

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Closed For Lunch 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Toll Free: 1-866-382-2484

Thomasville Bedding Company

Family Owned Since 1969

Tempur Pedic Dealer • Latex Sets
Custom Beds • Electric Beds

(229) 226-8650

14606 Hwy 19 South
Thomasville, GA 31757
Mon. - Sat. www.thomasvillebedding.com

DON'T MISS OUT ON OUR OUTSTANDING OFFERS

Purchase a new Valley center pivot, come, or linear machine and receive large cash allowances or low-rate financing. Stop in and see us today before these offers expire!

www.valleyirrigation.com/promo

VALLEY

The Leader in Precision Irrigation

Tri-County Irrigation, Inc.
10022 US 129
Live Oak, FL 32060
(386) 362-6066
irrigation@windstream.net • triconountyirrigationinc.com

PIONEER

Excavating & Tractor Services

Paul Kinsley • (850) 464-1230

Ponds • Demolition • Culverts
Grading • Fill Dirt • Milling
County Spec Driveways

Madison Woman's Club stays busy

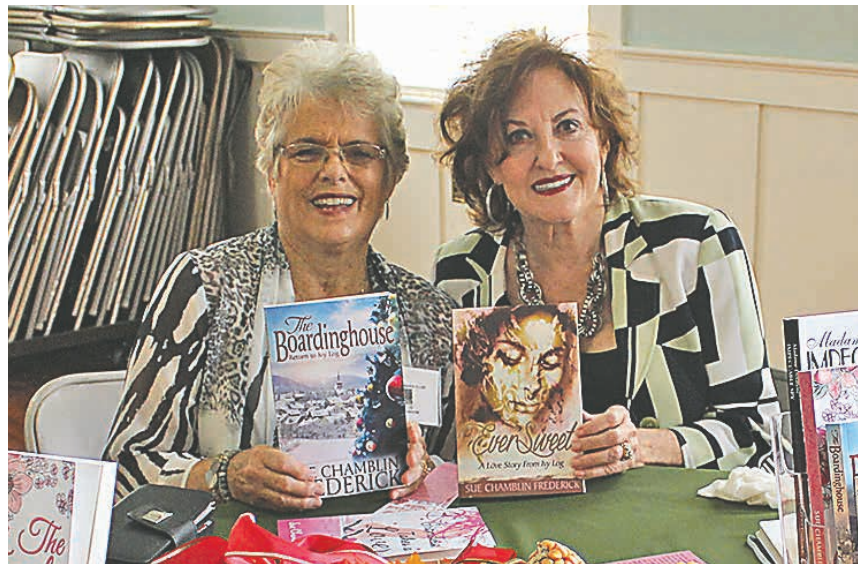


Photo Submitted

Sue Chamblin Frederick (left) is pictured with copies of her many books. Seated with her is Woman's Club member, Glenda Gordon (right). Ms. Frederick was the guest speaker at the November Woman's Club meeting.

Nancy Taylor: *Greene Publishing, Inc.*

On Thursday, Nov. 8, the Madison Woman's Club gathered for their monthly meeting. As the women gathered, many brought items to be collected for the Toys for Tots program.

The mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program "is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted."

The hope is that this act of generosity will assist them in becoming responsible, productive and patriotic citizens.

The guest speaker for November's meeting was the prolific author Sue Chamblin Frederick. She was born in Live Oak, and she still lives in the area. According to Woman's Club secretary, Wanda Violet, Frederick spoke to club members about "lipstick, singed eyebrows and pursuing passions no matter your age."

In keeping with the story-telling theme of the meeting, Violet thanked club



Photo Submitted

Madison Woman's Club members collected new toys to be donated to the Toys for Tots program.



Photo Submitted

Wanda Violet is excited to share about Tellabration during the Madison Woman's Club November meeting.

members for their generous support of Madison's 5th Annual Tellabration (this event took place on Saturday, Nov. 17). During the meeting, the Woman's Club also celebrated Veterans Day as Florida Smith shared an appropriate devotional, followed by recognition of club members Carol Ludwick and Dorothy Greene who both served in the Air Force during the Vietnam War—Greene, as a registered nurse, achieving the rank of captain; and Ludwick as an E-3 medical technician.

The primary item of business following the program was a decision (approved unanimously) to raise the charge for the luncheon to \$10 (\$32 above the actual cost). The additional monies will be added to the treasury to be used toward club projects.

The Madison Woman's Club meets in the Woman's Club Building located at 345 SE Lakeshore Dr. (across from Lake Frances). The meeting is held on the second Thursday of each month.

New E. Coli outbreak linked to romaine lettuce

CDC advises consumers to stop eating the veggie

Ashley Hunter: *Greene Publishing, Inc.*

It seems romaine lettuce has been declared unsafe to eat by the CDC, at least for the time being.

On Tuesday, November 20, the Centers For Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued a food safety alert that advised consumers to cease eating romaine lettuce due to the increase of E. Coli infections that had been linked to the leafy green plant.

According to the food safety alert, the CDC agencies in both the United States as well as Canada were working alongside public health officials and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to investigate a multi-state outbreak of a shiga toxin-producing strand of Escherichia coli (E. Coli).

According to the U.S. National Library of Medicine: "Shiga toxin (Stx) is one of the most potent

bacterial toxins known."

Shiga toxins can be present in E. Coli strands as well as forms of dysentery.

So far, 32 people have become infected with this Shiga toxin-producing E. Coli strand since the beginning of November, with California reporting the most illnesses (10), and Michigan reported the second highest concentration of illnesses (seven); 13 people have been hospitalized due to their E. Coli infections, but no deaths have been reported.

Canada has reported 18 illnesses in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec. So far, Florida, Georgia and Alabama have not reported any illnesses, but the CDC admits that some of the more recent infections might not have been reported yet.

While the CDC acknowledges that romaine lettuce is the cause of this outbreak, research is still

being conducted into where the Shiga toxin-producing E. Coli is being produced; no companies have issued recalls of their romaine lettuce products.

With this in mind, the CDC is advising consumers to stop eating romaine lettuce until further insight can be gained into this bacteria and where it is coming into contact with the lettuce.

According to the CDC, consumers who have any type of romaine lettuce in their home

should not eat it and should instead throw it away, even if some of it was eaten and no one had contracted the illness; this advice applies to all forms of the lettuce, including pre-packaged salad mixes, romaine heads and hearts, pre-cut romaine or whole romaine. Restaurants and retailers are also advised to stop serving or selling any romaine lettuce, including any salads and salad mixes containing romaine.

If you decide to throw out romaine products that may be in your refrigerator, the CDC suggests an extra step of cleaning and sanitizing the area where the romaine lettuce was stored.

People usually get sick from Shiga toxin-producing E. coli (STEC) between two to eight days after swallowing the germ, though it is more common to see the infection begin around the third or fourth day.

Some people who develop a STEC infection from the Shiga toxin may get a type of kidney failure called hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS); the risk of this kidney failure can also be heightened through the use of antibiotics to treat the E. Coli illness. HUS is only seen in five to 10 percent of people who contract a STEC infection.

People who contract HUS do potentially run the risk of suffering life-altering or life-threatening complications, but most people recover within a few weeks.

Indicators of a developing hemolytic uremic syndrome include decreased frequency of urination, feeling very tired, and losing pink color in cheeks and inside the lower eyelids; people displaying these symptoms along with E. Coli symptoms should contact a medical professional immediately, as they are at risk for kidney failure.

Symptoms of Shiga toxin-producing E. coli (STEC) infection vary for each person but the most

common symptoms often include severe stomach cramps, diarrhea (often bloody) and vomiting.

Some people may have a fever, which usually is not very high. Most people get better within 5 to 7 days. Some infections are very mild, but others are severe or even life-threatening. So far, only one person has been reported suffering HUS complications due to this outbreak. This investigation is ongoing, and the CDC will provide more information as it becomes available.



"I love working at Good Samaritan Center because I love making a difference in the residents' lives."
— Reba, CNA, who brings her dog to work to visit Mrs. M., who misses her old Bichon Frise.

ACV is currently hiring CNAs

like Reba. We are looking for CNAs who are compassionate, honest, hard working, respectful, helpful and trustworthy. If those qualities describe you, come work at Advent Christian Village, and you can make a difference, too.

Full- and part-time schedules available. Valid FL CNA certification required.

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



ADVENT CHRISTIAN VILLAGE
AT DOWLING PARK

Full-time employment includes paid time off, competitive compensation package, on-site day care and fitness facility, and the opportunity to join a service-oriented Christian organization. Great working environment! EOE/DFW. Criminal background verification required.

37th Downtown Festival & Art Show

DECEMBER 1 & 2
10 AM - 5 PM
HISTORIC DOWNTOWN GAINESVILLE

AWARD WINNING FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

FEATURING 240 ARTISTS
FOUR STAGES OF ENTERTAINMENT
CHILDREN'S ART ACTIVITIES
FREE BLUES CONCERT FRIDAY AT 7 PM

GAINESVILLE.DOWNTOWNARTFEST.ORG
352-334-ARTS #GNVARTSHOW

Be cautious of puss caterpillars



John Willoughby: Greene Publishing, Inc.

As the temperatures drop and the year begins to dwindle, it's time to keep an eye on your surroundings as the Florida-native venomous puss caterpillar is making its appearance.

In October, a man in Spring Hill, Fla. claimed he was stung by a puss caterpillar after spotting at least three near his home. In Cape Coral, Fla., a

woman was casually sitting on a park bench when she felt a sting that she thought was a red ant. However, the "ant" was the puss caterpillar. Florida is not the only state to see puss caterpillars though. A girl from Texas was hospitalized after being stung by the venomous caterpillar. The insect is also found in Arkansas and New Jersey.

The larvae of the Southern Flannel Moth resemble a fuzzy creature; however, the covering that appears to be hair has venomous spikes underneath, causing pain upon contact and inflammation that could last for days. In other cases, the sting could cause symptoms such as a headache, nausea, seizure and shock-like symptoms. In some cases, only a rash is left.

According to the University of Florida IFAS Extension, the stiff spikes are attached to poison glands and when touched, the spikes break off in the skin and cause severe pain. The caterpillars feed on a variety of broadleaf trees and shrubs and are most commonly found on oaks and citrus. The caterpillars usually appear during the spring and fall months.

The caterpillars are approximately 2.5 centimeters long and are completely covered with gray or pale brown hairs. Its head, with chewing mouthparts, is concealed underneath the dense hairs.

If you are stung by the caterpillar, contact your physician immediately. For more information about the caterpillar and similar species, log onto edis.ifas.ufl.edu.

Commissioner Adam H. Putnam testifies on trade

Story Submitted

Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Adam Putnam testified before the U.S. International Trade Commission in Washington, D.C. to voice concerns about the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement's (USMCA) potential negative economic impact on Florida's produce industry. Excerpts from Commissioner Putnam's remarks are below:

"I'd like to address how the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement could further impact vital U.S. farm sectors in the absence of measures that can provide effective, near-term relief against unfairly traded Mexican fruits and vegetables.

"As Florida's Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services, I represent the Florida agriculture industry, which generates more than \$120 billion in total economic impact, supports more than 1.5 million jobs in Florida, and produces more than 300 agricultural commodities.

"As an industry that depends on fair trade agreements, the proposed United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement will directly affect the livelihood of Florida's farmers and ranchers.

"Florida and Mexico produce many of the same agricultural products during the winter months of the year and have overlapping harvests of other commodities in other seasons.

"Imports of agricultural products from Mexico have a disproportionately negative impact on Florida's producers. Since the turn of the millennium, imports of many agricultural products from Mexico have increased dramatically, proving particularly injurious to Florida Agriculture's specialty crop sector.

"I believe that many of these commodities are unfairly subsidized and are pouring into the U.S. market in high volumes at prices significantly below the cost of production, resulting in negative repercussions on U.S. producers and causing disproportionate economic injury to Florida's specialty

crop industry.

"Unfortunately, the trade environment created under NAFTA, and the trade environment that will be created under USMCA is anything but a fair and level playing field for Florida's producers.

"For this reason, I am disappointed that this new agreement has no new protections for Florida fruit and vegetable producers, who for too long have suffered from Mexico's unfair trade practices – despite our best efforts.

"Our department, Florida's Congressional delegation and industry groups have fought hard to protect our specialty crop industry since the inception of NAFTA, and we will continue to do so as this new agreement moves forward.

"We're seeking commitment to work with the Administration toward a viable, effective tool to address unfair trading practices and ensure the future sustainability of fruit and vegetable production in the United States."

Give a gift that lasts all year long!



The Madison County Carrier
and
The Madison Enterprise-Recorder

Annual Subscription

It's easy! Just fill out the form below, mail it in and we will send a Christmas card announcing your gift!

 **All Access (AA) - \$85/year (Total Value \$458)**
Print paper mailed twice a week, online edition twice a week, full archives of online back issues, special one-time coupons for our annual subscribers, 1 happy ad and 2 classifieds (20 words or less).

 **Basic Plus (BP) - \$60/year (Total Value \$403)**
Print paper mailed twice a week, online edition twice a week, full archives of online back issues and special one-time coupons for our annual subscribers.

 **Basic (B) - \$50/year (Total Value \$378)**
Print paper mailed twice a week and special one-time coupons for our annual subscribers.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email: _____

Midnight Cry coming to Mt. Olive Baptist Church

Mickey Starling:
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Midnight Cry will be performing at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, in Madison, on Friday, Nov. 30, at 7 p.m. Group founder, Greg Day, along with his

brother Chuck, penned the number one hit, "Midnight Cry," in 1986. The song has been recorded thousands of times and has been sung all over the world.

Greg Day remembers being told by a visiting preacher that he would one day write songs that would change lives.

Day was seven years old at the time. The preacher's prophetic predictions came to pass with the writing of "Midnight Cry," which came about as a result of hearing a sermon while visiting Day's parents' church, in Adel. The sermon was entitled, "Midnight Cry." The brothers went home and took turns writing lines back and forth. The hit song was completed in about 30 minutes. Chuck Day has gone on to write and co-write over 15 number one hits and he has written songs for many top artists, including Gold City, Rebecca St. James, Michael English, Bob Carlisle and many others.

Rev. Will Jacobs, pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, is excited to share



Photo Submitted

Midnight Cry returns to Mt. Olive Baptist Church on Friday, Nov. 30, at 7 p.m. The group is well known for their hit song, "Midnight Cry."

this special evening with the community. "If you love the song, 'Midnight Cry,' you'll truly enjoy hearing this group sing many of the old Gospel songs, plus some new ones," said Jacobs. There will be plenty of food and fellowship following the service. Mt. Olive Baptist Church is located at 5022 S Hwy. 53, in Madison.

Holiday EVENT CALENDAR

Churches and businesses throughout Madison County are preparing to celebrate the holidays in a variety of ways. *Greene Publishing, Inc.* is providing a special calendar for holiday activities you might wish to participate in. If your organization has special activities that need sharing with the community, send the info to reporter3@greenepublishing.com.

December 2

On Sunday, Dec. 2, jolly ole St. Nicholas himself is scheduled to make a quick landing in Madison to greet all the boys and girls, and their families, before the big day. Santa Claus will be stopping at Madison Church of God from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. This family affair will feature cookies and milk and Santa will be telling all in attendance about the true meaning of Christmas and why we celebrate. This is a free event. Madison Church of God is located at 771 NE Colin Kelly Hwy., in Madison. For more information, call (850) 973-3339.

December 4

On Tuesday, Dec. 4, enjoy a Christmas program at the Madison Public Library, beginning at 3:30 p.m. Featuring cookies and chocolate milk, children can enjoy a listening to the reading of the Polar Express, a fan favorite. Guest speakers will be Tim Sanders, former Madison County Clerk of Court and Jerome Wyche, Madison City Manager. For more information, call (850) 973-6814. Madison Public Library is located at 378 College Loop, in Madison.

December 8

St. John's Missionary Baptist Church will be hosting a Beast Feast on Saturday, Dec. 8., at 6 p.m. You are invited to bring a covered dish of whatever you can catch, kill and cook. Along with enjoying these delicacies from the wild, there will be lots of games, drawings and fellowship for the whole family to enjoy. The guest speaker for the night is Pastor Robbie Harrington, of Calvary Baptist Church, in Lake Park. Harrington is an avid sportsman and a dynamic speaker that you don't want to miss. St. John's Missionary Baptist Church is located at 5905 NW Lovett Rd., in Greenville.

December 9

Madison First United Methodist Church will be holding its Silver Tea at the Parsonage, on Sunday, Dec. 9, from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. All donations will go to a person in need, as selected by the United Methodist Women.

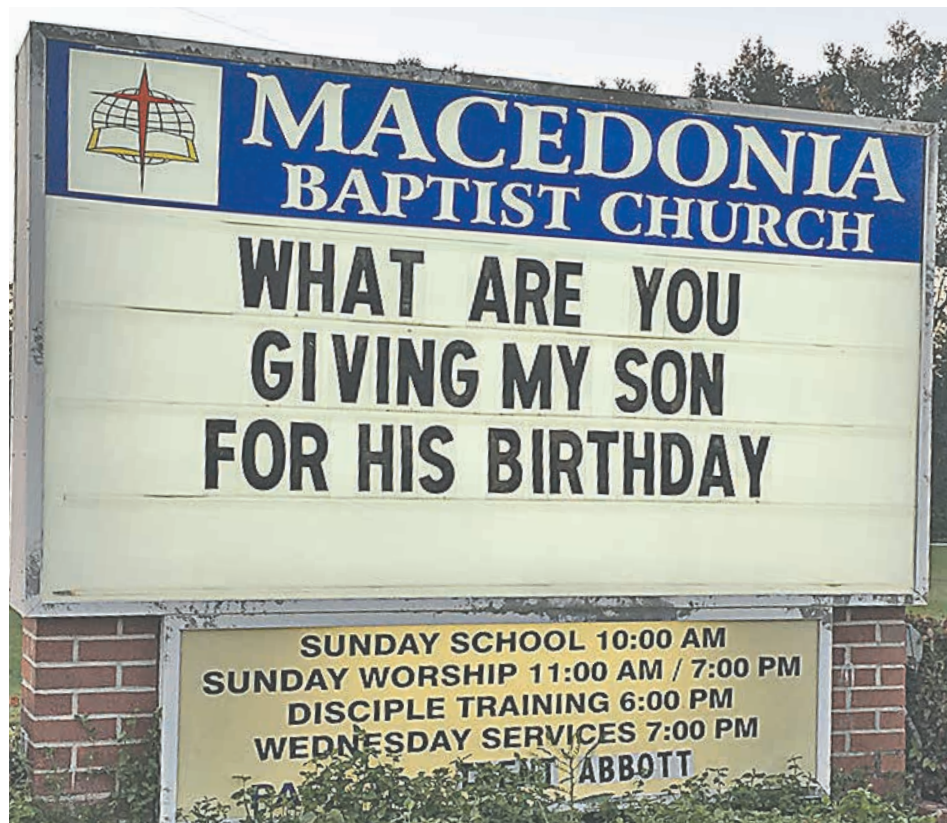
December 16

Madison First United Methodist Church (MFUMC) will present their Christmas Cantata, "Born a Savior, Born a King: The Prophecy Fulfilled" written by John Purifoy on Sunday, Dec. 16. The presentation will be performed by the chancel choir and conducted by Patrick Chiu, music director for MFUMC.

December 24

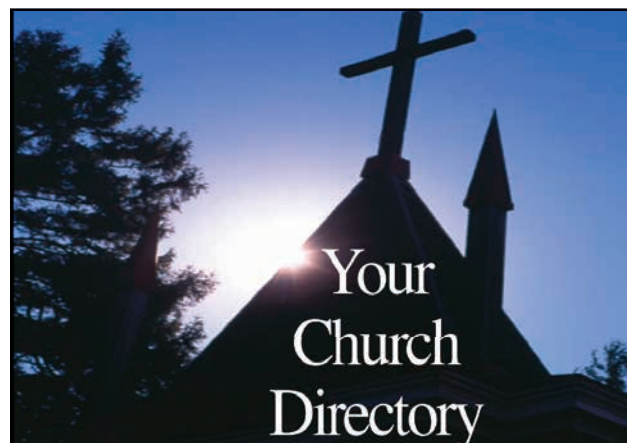
Madison First United Methodist Church will hold a Candlelight and Communion Service on Monday, Dec. 24, at 5 p.m.

Macedonia prepares for the holiday season



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Mickey Starling, November 16, 2018

What better way to get into the Christmas spirit than humoring those who pass by? Macedonia Baptist Church is relaying God's message to those in Madison County. Do you have plans for Jesus' birthday on Tuesday, Dec. 25? Macedonia Baptist Church is located at 5539 U.S. Hwy. 90, in Lee.



Your Church Directory

First United Methodist Church
348 SW Rutledge St. • Madison
Pastor, Lamar Albritton, Jr.
Discipleship Studies 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Macedonia Baptist Church
5539 E US 90 • Lee
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Midway Church of God
2485 SE Midway Church Rd. • Lee
(850) 971-5200 • Pastor, Retis Flowers
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Family Training Hour 7:00 p.m.

Landmark Baptist Church
3399 W US Hwy 90 • Madison
(850) 973-7190 • Pastor, Robert Ledford
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening - BTC 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Greenville church plans local effort

Mickey Starling: *Greene Publishing, Inc.*

Greenville Baptist Church has a great plan for ministering to their community and you can be a part of it. After packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, Pastor Jeff Bailey has decided to repeat the process for local kids who also need some encouragement and a brighter Christmas.

Bailey is presently collecting gifts and supplies for shoeboxes that will be given to kids in Greenville during the Christmas season. If you would like to help Greenville Baptist Church minister to local kids, contact Bailey at (850) 869-9791. Greenville Baptist Church is located at 1365 SW Main St., in Greenville.

Denny's
OPEN 24/7

6190 S. State Rd 53
Madison, FL
850-973-3115

Greenville church to host Winter Fest

John Willoughby: *Greene Publishing, Inc.*

On Saturday, Dec. 15, beginning at 5 p.m., join Pastor Bryant Thigpen and St. John's Missionary Baptist Church for Winter Fest!

Featuring fun for the whole family, enjoy yourself with games and compete in the gingerbread house contest. Additionally, dinner will be provided and s'mores will be made for the enjoyment of all. Before the evening closes, Santa Claus will make an appearance with his elf to visit all the boys and girls.

St. John's Missionary Baptist Church is located at 5905 NW Lovett Rd., in Greenville. For more information, call (850) 948-1689.

Church World News

Churches in Zimbabwe worship with no walls

According to United Methodist News, out of the nine local [Methodist] churches and preaching points in Muzarabani, Zimbabwe, only one has a built-up sanctuary. It's named after John Wesley. "In spite of the droughts and hardships faced by the region, the church seems to be more inspired by their biblically-inclined names ..." said Pastor Desmond Mundondo, who is appointed to the circuit [of Methodist churches in the area]. The names of the churches are St. Phillip (Kapatamukombe), St. Peter's (Zone 30), St. Faith (Bwazi), St. Dorcas (Dambakurima), Holy City (Kapembere), King Solomon (Chimoyo), King David (Machaya) and St. Paul (Kairezi). "Yes, we sometimes have to brave the rainy and windy seasons," said Edward Shanyurai, who joined The United Methodist Church in 1992 and never turned back, "but, weather conditions are not deterrent for our worship." The 80-year-old Shanyurai believes anything important is worth sacrificing for. "We sometimes plough our fields while it rains, so why not do the same for our God?"

Alabama church uses t-shirts for worldwide ministry

The We Sew Love ministry at Huffman Baptist Church, in Birmingham, Ala. has sent hundreds of

clothing items made from old t-shirts to children in Uganda, Zambia, Haiti and other places around the world. They've made crib pads for children's homes, and burial gowns for children who pass away in hospice facilities. The ministry has spread like wildfire and groups are now doing the same thing in Tallahassee, Idaho and Iowa. For more information about the ministry, search for the We Sew Love page on Facebook.

Dutch church conducts services to protect refugees

On Wednesday, Nov. 21, it was reported by Quartz Magazine, that a small Protestant church in The Hague, The Netherlands, had been conducting round-the-clock religious services to protect an Armenian refugee family from deportation. It is illegal for police officers in The Netherlands to enter places of worship during religious services. Quartz reports that reverends from around the country have taken turns holding services at Bethel Church to prevent officials from arresting the Tamrazyan family, who have been in The Netherlands for nine years. "By giving hospitality to this family, we could give them time and a place to [demonstrate] to the secretary of state the ... urgency of their situation," said Theo Hettema, chairman of the General Council of Protestant Ministers.



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

Every Sunday

Hanson United Methodist Church holds a topical bible study every Sunday at 6 p.m. The church is located at 290 NE Daisy St., in Madison. For more information, call (850) 253-5078.

Every Sunday

St. Mary's Episcopal Church is offering "Mystics, Saints and You" classes every Sunday from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The class explores how we hear from God. Everyone is welcome to attend. St. Mary's Episcopal Church is located at 140 NE Horry Ave., in Madison.

Every Tuesday

The men of Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church are meeting every Tuesday, at 6 p.m. for a series of Bible studies entitled "Blacksmith's Shop." The meetings are open to the public and men and boys of all ages are encouraged to attend. Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church is located at 4084 NE Rocky Ford Rd., in Madison.

Every Tuesday

Madison First Baptist Church leads the Good News Club, which meets every Tuesday at 3:15 p.m., at Madison County Central School and Thursday at 3:15 p.m. at Pinetta Elementary School.

Every Wednesday

Rocky Springs United Methodist Church holds prayer time and bible study every Wednesday at 10 a.m. The church is located at 305 NW Rocky Springs Rd., in Madison. Call (850) 253-5078 for more information.

Every Wednesday

Bible Deliverance Church is hosting weekly Bible studies every Wednesday, beginning at 7 p.m. Meals are always provided and everyone is welcome. For more information, call (850) 973-6528. Bible Deliverance Church is located at 720 SW Range Ave., in Madison.

Every Fourth Thursday

St. Mary's Episcopal Church (SMEC) offers a free medical clinic on the fourth Tuesday of every month. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. and continues until 7:30 p.m. Applicants must meet income guidelines and have no health insurance. Call (850) 973-8338 for more information. SMEC is located at 140 NE Horry St., in Madison.

Breaking Stereotypes: The baby boy is on His way

John Willoughby: *Greene Publishing, Inc.*

At the beginning of November, my co-worker (I won't say Rick Patrick's name because I don't call people out like that) began playing Christmas music. My philosophy is this: don't play Christmas music or put up your Christmas tree before



JOHN WILLOUGHBY

Thanksgiving. It's unconstitutional and it's a heinous sin, as stated in III John 36:4 (that's not an actual book, nor is it really a sin). Call me a grinch if you want, I'll take it with a grain of salt.

Now that Thanksgiving is over though, I've come to look forward to the season of Christmas and all the joy it brings to me and my family, as well as people all over the world. I know some who don't celebrate the holiday and that's completely okay.

Even though Jesus probably wasn't born on Dec. 25, let's take a minute to think about where Mary was in her pregnancy at this time. More than eight months along, what could she have been thinking? The skin around her belly was stretching and it was hard for her to sleep at night. She could

feel Jesus move and kick around in her belly while growing and developing – essentially preparing to make His entrance. Mary was anxious, yet extremely tired.

As any mother today would, was she concerned for the coming child's safety in the world? Maybe she was comforted by the Holy Spirit, knowing that He is the son of God and would be without Sin, though most would hate and mock Him.

Mary didn't have plans to check in to a five-star room at the Bethlehem Bed and Breakfast to give birth comfortably. Nor did she have the pleasure of a doctor or a midwife to coach her through this virgin pregnancy that almost caused the divorce of she and Joseph. More than eight months along, what could she have been thinking?

Did she know that her soon-to-be baby boy would one day walk on water? Did she know that her soon-to-be baby boy would be the saving grace of all nations?

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of His government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this." (Isaiah 9:6-7)

Santa Claus to visit Madison Church of God

John Willoughby: *Greene Publishing, Inc.*

On Sunday, Dec. 2, jolly ole St. Nicholas himself is scheduled to make a quick landing in Madison to greet all the boys and girls, and their families, before the big day.

Santa Claus will be stopping at Madison Church of God from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. This family affair will feature cookies and milk and Santa will be telling all in attendance about the true meaning of Christmas and why we celebrate. This is the perfect opportunity to get photos so bring your camera.

This is a free event. Madison Church of God is located at 771 NE Colin Kelly Hwy., in Madison. For more information, call (850) 973-3339.



Madison Church Of Christ

Service Times:
Sunday
 Bible Study - 10 a.m.
 Worship - 11 a.m.
 Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wednesday
 Worship - 7 p.m.

We believe God can make a difference in all of our lives. We invite you to take a serious look at His plan.
 "The churches of Christ salute you"
 Romans 16:16
 199 NE Range Ave.
 Madison, FL 32340

Mr. B's FOOD OUTLET IGA

We Sell At Cost Plus 10% 365 DAYS A YEAR

All Shelf Prices Are Our Cost With All Deals Given To You. At Checkout, Just 10% Is Added To Cover Our Operating Expenses.

Shop With Us For The Lowest Every Day Grocery And Meat Prices With Weekly Specials Too!

Thursdays Seniors Over 50
 Get 5% Off All Orders.
 Thursday Is Senior Citizen Day -
 5% Off Our Everyday Low Prices!

1405 North Lee Street Valdosta, GA 31601
229-245-8300

MCCS Lady Broncos win in dramatic fashion



Rick Patrick: *Greene Publishing, Inc.*

It was a tale of two halves on Thursday, Nov. 15, when the Madison County Central School (MCCS) Lady Broncos overcame a 10-point deficit to defeat the Lady Bullpups of Taylor County Middle School, 30-21.

The Lady Bullpups took an early lead in the contest and held a 10-4 lead at the end of the first period. The Lady Broncos struggled to score points as the Lady Bullpups extended their lead in the second period to hold a 14-4 lead going into halftime. The Lady Broncos went on a 10-5 scoring run in the third quarter to chip away at the Lady Bullpups lead. The score at the end of the third period found the Lady Bullpups lead cut in half, with the Lady Bullpups still ahead 19-14. Early in the game, the Lady Broncos had trouble with turnovers, which allowed the Lady Bullpups to take advantage. The Lady Broncos reversed that trend in the final period and were able to catch and pass the Lady Bullpups for a 30-21 win.

Nia Long had 10 points, three rebounds, one assist and two steals for the Lady Broncos. Janiyah McKnight also had 10 points with two rebounds, one steal and one block for the Lady Broncos. Jaidyn Wesley, Jakiera Jackson and Jamerial Weatherspoon also added to the Lady Broncos' point total.

The Lady Broncos will again be on their home court on Friday, Nov. 30, when they take on the Lady Bullpups of Suwannee Middle School. Tip-off is scheduled for 4 p.m.

Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Rick Patrick, November 15, 2018

The Madison County Central School (MCCS) Lady Broncos are ready for another exciting season of hoops action. Pictured in the front, from left to right, are: Jaidyn Wesley, Jackiera Jackson, Keniya Arnold and Kelyssa Hall. Pictured in the back, from left to right, are: Assistant Coach Renee Demps, Jamerial Weatherspoon, Kei'Myrianna Choice, Janiya McKnight, Nia Long, Jon'Nerrica Jackson, Kei'myria Johnson, Caziyah Cherry and Head Coach Lashon Arnold. Not pictured are team managers: Alaysia Frazier and Emory Albert.



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Rick Patrick, November 15, 2018

Janiyah McKnight (#14) jumps for the ball at the tip-off with the game against the Lady Bullpups of Taylor County Middle School.



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Rick Patrick, November 15, 2018

Nia Long (#13) goes up for a basket.



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Rick Patrick, November 15, 2018

Jamerial Weatherspoon prepares to take a shot.



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Rick Patrick, November 15, 2018

Nia Long (#13) shoots from the foul line.

Antique shop liquidation auction Saturday, Dec. 1, at 10 a.m. 1320 SW Grand St., Greenville, Fla.

The building has sold and the owner is auctioning off the remaining inventory. Antique peddle tractor, cast iron kettles, pot belly stoves, glass display cases, roll top desk, Case knives, artwork, arrowheads, Tonka trucks, advertising pieces, railroad car wheels, new and antique hand tools, John Deere collectables, corn shellers, wagon wheels and more.

Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. on the day of auction for early preview. Visit www.hickoryhillauctions.com to view more than 500 pictures of items from this auction or call (850) 228-5228 for more details.

10 percent Buyers Premium - AU 3968 / AB 2881



Former MCHS coach named Athletic Director of the Year

Rick Patrick: *Greene Publishing, Inc.*



Photo Submitted

Former MCHS coach and current Worth County High School Athletic Director, Frankie Carroll has been named the Athletic Director of the Year for Georgia's Region 1 Class AAA.

For the second time, former Madison County High School (MCHS) football coach, Frankie Carroll, has been named Georgia's Region 1 AAA Athletic Director of the Year. Carroll is the Athletic Director at Worth County High School (WCHS), in Sylvester, Ga.

Before coming to WCHS, Carroll was the head football coach at Pelham High School, from 2011-14. Carroll was the head football coach at MCHS from 2004-09, leading the Cowboys to a state championship in 2007.

Carroll is married to his wife of 44 years, Dela, a teacher at James Madison Preparatory High School, in Madison. They have two grown children; a daughter, Rebecca; and a son, Jeremy "Bubba."

Cowboys win another region title



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Rick Patrick, November 23, 2018

Vinsonta Allen had 133 yards rushing for the Cowboys in the Region Three championship game.



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Rick Patrick, November 23, 2018

Dawson Rutherford (#38) moves the ball after catching a pass for the Cowboys.



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Rick Patrick, November 23, 2018

Marcus Ghent (#27) wraps up a Chiefland running back.



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Rick Patrick, November 23, 2018

Coach Coe talks to the team after the Cowboys won their fifth straight region championship.

Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo by Rick Patrick, November 23, 2018
Big Terray Jones (#44) runs a blocked punt in for a Cowboy touchdown.

Rick Patrick: *Greene Publishing, Inc.*

For the fifth year in a row, the Madison County High School (MCHS) Cowboys are the top football team in the region. The Cowboys earned this year's Class 1A Region Three championship by defeating the Indians of Chiefland High School by a score of 49-14, on Friday, Nov. 23, at Boot Hill Stadium.

The game began with the Indians going on offense after the Cowboys won the opening coin toss and deferred to the second half. The Cowboys defensive unit was not in a generous mood to give up yardage or points and held the Indians to a three-and-out. The Cowboys started their first offensive drive at the 37-yard line and proceeded to quickly move down the field. The drive was topped off when Vinsonta Allen ran the ball into the end-zone from two yards out. Thomas Miller's point-after-touchdown (PAT) kick was good and the Cowboys held an early 7-0 lead with 8:27 remaining in the first quarter. On the ensuing kickoff, the Indians' dangerous quarterback and kick returner, Ty Corbin, broke through the Cowboys' defense and raced toward the Cowboys' end-zone. A touchdown-saving tackle by Miller stopped Corbin at the Cowboys' 40-yard line. The Indians were able to move the ball closer before the Cowboys' defense stiffened and forced a field goal attempt. A roughing the kicker penalty on the failed kick kept the Indians' drive alive. The Cowboys were able to keep the Indians at bay and forced another field goal attempt, which again failed to split the uprights. Following that, both teams had unproductive offensive drives and the first quarter ended with the Cowboys on the move and a 7-0 lead.

In the early moments of the second quarter, Travis Jay ran into the end-zone from 15 yards out for the second touchdown of the evening. Miller's PAT was good and the Cowboys now had a 14-0 advantage with 10:44 remaining in the second quarter. The next Indians drive started at their own 15-yard line. After a three-and-out, the Indians were forced to punt. That's when Patrick Hampton and Terray Jones converged on the Chiefland punter. Hampton raised his arm and hit the ball as it left the punter's foot and the ball fell to the turf. "I hit the ball and then saw it on the ground," recalled Hampton on the sideline. "Then I just yelled [to Jones], 'get the ball!'" Jones picked up the blocked punt and lumbered into the end-zone for the Cowboys' third touchdown of the evening. The score was 21-0, with 9:42 remaining until halftime. The Indians' next drive

went three-and-out, followed by a Cowboys drive that resulted in a turn-over on downs. The Indians took over near mid-field. Then Corbin threw a long pass to the end-zone that seemed to be intercepted, but the Indian receiver snatched the ball away from the Cowboy defender and carried the ball into the end-zone for the Indians' first score of the contest. The score was 21-7 with 2:44 remaining in the second period. The Cowboys took over at the 45-yard line and put together a late scoring drive that was capped off with a 35-yard strike from Jay to Derrion Staten. The score at the end of the first half was 28-7, with the Cowboys in the lead.

The second half began with the Indians showing some life with a successful onside kick that put the potent Indian offense on the field at the 45-yard line. The Indians were unable to take advantage of this good field position and went three-and-out. The Cowboys took over at their 25-yard line. A big, 53-yard run by Allen gave the Cowboys a first-and-goal at the seven-yard line. Robert Hiers punched the ball over the goal line for another Cowboy touchdown. Miller's PAT split the uprights and the score was 35-7 with 9:09 remaining in the third period. On the next Chiefland drive, a fumbled ball found its way into the waiting hand of Jay, who marched 25 yards into the end-zone for another Cowboy touchdown. Miller's PAT was successful and the score was 42-7 with 8:51 remaining in the third period. The third period ended with a continuously running game clock and the Cowboys and Indians both jockeying for field position. Midway through the final period, the Indians were deep in their own end of the field and were forced to punt. Melvin Brown returned the kick to the Indians' two-yard line. Hiers punched the ball over the goal line for the final Cowboy touchdown of the evening. The score was 49-7 with 5:50 still to go in the contest. The Indians continued to play hard and on their next drive, the Indians' running back raced down the field and into the end-zone on a long run. The Indians' PAT was good and the score was 49-14 with 3:00 remaining on the game clock. The final minutes quickly ticked by and the Cowboys secured another region championship, moving one game closer to a goal of playing in Orlando for a chance at back-to-back state titles.

Allen led the Cowboys rushing attack with 133 yards on 18 carries and one touchdown. Hiers ran the ball for 28 yards on seven carries and two touchdowns. Jay went five-for-eight through the air for 82 yards passing with one touchdown pass. Jay

added 105 yards on the ground on nine carries and one rushing touchdown. Defensively, the Cowboys proved to be very stingy with a total of 14 tackles-for-loss (TFL). Hampton had five tackles, four TFLs, with one sack and one blocked punt. Brown had nine tackles with three TFLs. Jones had four tackles and one blocked punt return for a touchdown. Miller was seven-for-seven in PATs.

"Our [defense] was determined not to let Chiefland run the ball on us and they didn't, hardly at all," said MCHS Head Coach Mike Coe after the game. "All that starts with lining up right and being unselfish. Our offense wanted to play fast to try and wear Chiefland down and they did just that. Then, wow, what can I say about special teams? Blocked punt, big punt return, great kickoff coverage other than one miscue, perfect on extra points. It is not easy to play at such a high level, over and over, week after week, and I hope [Madison County] fans enjoy and appreciate what they have in these young men. They are an absolute joy to coach and be around. All the negativity in the world today surrounding our young people and we have just the opposite here. Great [Friday] night Cowboys and your coach just wants to personally say, 'thank you' and I appreciate you and your willingness to chase greatness. Go Cowboys and fill up Boot Hill next week!"

The Cowboys will now face the undefeated Hornets of Hawthorne High School in the Class 1A semi-final game. The Hornets come into Boot Hill on the heels of a 25-6 victory over the Blue Devils of Pahokee High School. The semi-final game will take place at Boot Hill Stadium on the MCHS campus, on Friday, Nov. 30. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m. The winner will go on to play in the Class 1A state championship game on Thursday, Dec. 6, at Camping World Stadium, in Orlando.

Pigskin Picks winner

Congratulations to the winner of our final Pigskin Picks contest, Frederick Minor. Thank you to everyone who participated in this season's contests. Be sure to follow next season's contest, which promises to be even bigger and better.

FOR SALE

Newspaper Bundles
For Sale \$2 each
Greene Publishing, Inc.
1695 S. SR 53 in
Madison (850) 973-4141.
12/10 - rtm, n/c

**Asphalt Milling,
18 tons, \$400 load.**
Call Paul Kinsley at
(850) 464-1230
12/10 - rtm, n/c

**LAND
FOR SALE**

**WATERFRONT
LOT FOR SALE**
4,800 sq. ft. lot
on Suwannee River.
2b/1b Dutchman travel
trailer. Screened in room
by the seawall
with fish cleaning sink.
Donald Warner
Suwannee Realty
(352) 542-0704
3/30 - rtm, n/c

FOR RENT

LIMITED TIME ONLY
\$25 Damage Deposit
Madison Heights
Apartments
150 Bum Gardner Dr.
850-973-4290 TTD 711
04/25-rtm, ch



**Gardenia Square
2BD/1BA Apartments**
(Rental Assistance
Available) Fully Accessible
Unit Available Periodically.
363 S.W. Parramore
Ave. #501
Madison, FL 32340
(850) 973-2393
TTYACS-711.
This Institution is an Equal
Opportunity Provider and
Employer
10/03 - rtm, ch

IMMEDIATE OPENING
for 2, 3 and 4 bedroom
apartment for qualified
applicants, contact the
Leasing Office at 150 SW
Bum Gardener Drive.
(850) 973-4290.
02/23 - rtm, c

**915 square foot
Commercial Office
Building;** downtown
Madison; Shelby Ave;
across from the courthouse
and post office. Call
Emerald at (850) 997-3568
11/23, rtm

**Southern Villas of
Madison Apartments**

RENT SPECIAL
Move in paying half of
the security deposit and
first months rent. Then
have 90 days to pay the
other half of the security
deposit. HUD vouchers
accepted. 2 & 3 BR
HC & non-HC accessi-
ble apts. Call 850-973-
8582, TDD/TTY 711.
315 SW Lawson Circle,
Madison, FL 32340.
Equal Housing Oppor-
tunity. "In accordance
with federal law and
U.S. Department of
Agriculture policy, this
institution is prohibited
from discrimination on
the basis of race, color,
national origin, age,
disability, religion, sex,
and familial status. (Not
all prohibited bases
apply to all programs.)
To file a complaint of
discrimination, write
USDA, Director, Office
of Civil Rights, 1400 In-
dependence Avenue,
SW., Washington, D.C.
20250-9410 or call
(800)-795-3272 (voice)
or (202)-720-6382
(TDD)." "This institu-
tion is an equal oppor-
tunity provider and
employer."
TDD phone number

FOR RENT

Mobile home for rent.
2/BD 1/BA. Water
furnished. 1/4 mile out of
city limits.
Call (850) 464-7614.
No calls after 8 p.m.
11/28, pd

**HELP
WANTED**

**Ware Oil & Supply
Co., is looking for
CDL Drivers.**
Must have Hazmat and
Tanker Endorsement.
(850) 584-6666
11/2 - rtm, c



Madison Health and Rehab
Center is now accepting
applications for the
following positions:
CNA (part-time and
full time) and **Full-time
maintenance
assistant.** Must be able to
pass drug screen, back-
ground check and have
clean driving record.
Please apply between the
hours of 8AM to 4PM,
Monday-Friday, at 2481
West US 90, Madison, FL
EOE/DFWP
04/18 - rtm, ch

**Open Positions at Big Top
Manufacturing**

VINYL FAB
Must be able to read a tape
measure to 1/4th. This job
requires heavy lifting,
reading sketches, and
working with machines.
Perfect attendance. There
are (2) positions available
STEEL FAB
Must have high school
diploma or equivalent, be
able to read a tape measure
to 1/16th, should be
proficient in math.
There is only one (1)
position available.

Interested and qualified
candidates must call at 850-
584-7786 to make an
appointment to apply for
these positions.

Only applicants with
scheduled appointments
will be considered.
Big Top Mfg. - 3255
North US 19 Perry, FL
Equal Opportunity Employer
11/09-11/30, ch

 +  = **Good Morning!**

**Subscribe today to
enjoy your local news
at the start of every
Wednesday and Friday!**

**Just \$50 for basic,
\$60 for basic plus,
and \$80 for all
access.**

Call us at (850) 973-4141

**FLORIDA PRESS
SERVICES, INC. STATEWIDE
CLASSIFIED
PROGRAM STATEWIDE
CLASSIFIED ADS FOR 11/26/2018
THROUGH 12/02/2018**

**FLORIDA - STATEWIDE
Education**

AVIATION Grads work with JetBlue, United, Delta and
others- start here with hands on training for FAA certifica-
tion. Financial aid if qualified. Call Aviation Institute of
Maintenance 888-242-2649.

Auctions
Live & Online Public Auction
Tuesday, December 4th, 2018 at 12:00 P.M.
ZH Capital Holdings, LLC.
1883 Marina Mile Blvd. (SR 84), Ste 106
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315

2002 Dodge Ram 1500 Crew Cab Pick-up; 2003 Mazda
6; 2007 Nissan Murano Sport Utility; 2013 Dodge Charg-
er R/T Hemi Engine; 2005 VW Beetle Convertible; 2011
Toyota Camry SE; 2006 BMW 530i 5-Series Sedan; 2006
Dodge Grand Caravan; 2014 Dodge Grand Caravan SXT
Minivan VIN#; 2005 BMW 745 7-Series Sedan. Catalog
and photos available at www.moeckerauctions.com
Preview: Day of sale 9-12PM. 15%-18% BP.
Assignment for the Benefit of Creditors Case #2018-
017565-CA-01

To register: \$100 refundable cash deposit and valid driv-
er's license.
(800) 840-BIDS | info@moeckerauctions.com
AB-1098 AU-3219, Eric Rubin

Live & Online Public Auction
Tuesday, December 11th, 2018 at 11:00 A.M.
Abacus Contracting, LLC.
1008 Loring Avenue, Suite 29
Orange Park, FL 32073

Vehicles: 2004 Chevy Van; 2004 Chevy Van; 2010 Chevy
Silverado 1500; 2007 Chevy Cargo Van; (3) Utility trail-
ers; Dump Trailer; Caterpillar LPG Cushion Tire Lift
Truck; (2) Dust Collectors; Power Tools; Warehouse
Equipment; Electrical Equipment; Jointer Planer; Tub
Shower Doors; Industrial Compressor; Pancake Compres-
sors; Pallet Racking; Scaffolding. Office Equipment, Fur-
niture, Fixtures and more. Catalog and photos available at
www.moeckerauctions.com

Preview: Day of sale 9-11AM. 15%-18% BP.
Assignment for the Benefit of Creditors Case # 2018-CA-
001211

To register: \$100 refundable cash deposit and valid driv-
er's license.
(800) 840-BIDS | info@moeckerauctions.com
AB-1098 AU-3219, Eric Rubin

LEGALS

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

CERTIFICATE NO: 12-969
YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2012
NAME IN, WHICH ASSESSED CURTIS WOODSON
PARCEL ID: 26-IN-09-4837-SW2-006

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT 6, SOUTHWOOD UNIT 2, A MINOR
SUBDIVISION LYING IN THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST
QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST,
MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA, PLAT BOOK ONE, PAGE A.

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 6th day of December 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 30th day of October, 2018

WILLIAM D. "BILLY" WASHINGTON
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
MADISON COUNTY
MADISON, FLORIDA
BY: *Doroth Kuntz*
DEPUTY CLERK
11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 11/28

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION**

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Case #: 2016-CA-000133
Plaintiff,
-vs-
John D. Canada; Foster D. Canada; Unknown
Spouse of John D. Canada; Unknown Spouse of
Foster D. Canada; Unknown Parties in Possession
#1; Unknown Parties in Possession #2

Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to order rescheduling foreclosure sale or Final Judgment,
entered in Civil Case No. 2016-CA-000133 of the Circuit Court of the 3rd Judicial Circuit in and for
Madison County, Florida, wherein Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Plaintiff and John D. Canada are
defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, William "Billy" Washington, will sell to the highest and best bidder for
cash at the WEST SIDE OF THE MADISON COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT 101
SOUTH RANGE, MADISON, MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA, AT 11:00 A.M. on
January 9, 2019, the following described property as set forth in said Final
Judgment, to-wit:

LOT #44 OF CHERRY LAKE FARMS, SUBDIVISION NO. 1, AS RECORDED IN PLAT
BOOK 1, PAGE C, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA.

LESS AND EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY:

BEGIN AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 44 OF CHERRY LAKE FARMS,
SUBDIVISION NO. 1, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE C, OF THE PUBLIC
RECORDS OF MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND RUN EAST 425.0 FEET ALONG THE
SOUTH BOUNDARY OF LOT 44 TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 210.00 FEET TO A
POINT; THENCE WEST 364.3 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST BOUNDARY OF
CHERRY LAKE DRIVE; THENCE SOUTH 33° 47' 30" WEST 109.14 FEET ALONG SAID
ROAD TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 119.3 FEET ALONG SAID ROAD TO THE POINT
OF BEGINNING SAID PROPERTY BEING A PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF
SECTION 3 AND A PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH,
RANGE 9 EAST, MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ALSO LESS AND EXCEPT:

THAT PART OF LOT 44, CHERRY LAKE FARMS, SUBDIVISION NO. 1, AS RECORDED
IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE C, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MADISON COUNTY,
FLORIDA, LYING NORTH OF STATE ROAD 253 (COUNTY MAINTAINED), ALSO
KNOWN AS CHERRY LAKE DRIVE, BEING A PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF
SECTION 3 AND A PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 2
NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF
ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS
PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate
in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance.
Please contact the ADA Coordinator; 173 Northeast Hernandez Street, Room 408, Lake
City, Florida 32056; (866) 758-2163 adac@ind.flcourts.org at least 7 days before your
scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification of the time
before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired,
call 711.

William "Billy" Washington
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Madison County, Florida
Kuntz
DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT

Submitted By: ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
SHAPIRO, FISHERMAN & GACHE, LLP
2424 North Federal Highway, Suite 360
Boca Raton, Florida 33431
(561) 998-6700
(561) 998-6707
11/21, 11/28

LEGALS

Announcement of Sale of Abandoned Storage Lockers

In accordance with FL statutes § 83.801-83.809 Fort Madison is hereby
announcing an open sale of the contents of an abandoned and seized Storage
Locker to be held at Fort Madison, 1552 South State Road 53, Madison, FL 32340
(located across from the Madison County Carrier), on Saturday, December 15,
2018, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. In the event of inclement weather, the sale
may be moved to a later date.

This sale is primarily for the purposes of sale and disposal of the Tenant
whose rental unit has been seized and the contents up for sale include, this includes
but are not limited to the following (contents as listed by the tenant): #31 Erik
Wolfer (furniture and kitchen stuff). The sale will be held in an open yard sale or
flea market style, not as a bulk auction.

11/28, 12/05

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

CERTIFICATE NO: 12-1347
YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2012
NAME IN, WHICH ASSESSED ROBERT J. MERRIAMAN
PARCEL ID: 08-IN-11-6181-051-038

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT 38 OF SPRING ISLAND SUBDIVISION, AS
MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN DECLARATION OF
RESTRICTIONS AND PROTECTIVE COVENANTS AS RECORDED IN
OR BOOK 126, PAGE 856, 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 6th day of December 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 30th day of October, 2018

WILLIAM D. "BILLY" WASHINGTON
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
MADISON COUNTY
MADISON, FLORIDA
BY: *Doroth Kuntz*
DEPUTY CLERK
11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 11/28

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

CERTIFICATE NO: 12-815
YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2012
NAME IN, WHICH ASSESSED THOMAS J. SKIERSKI
PARCEL ID: 00-00-00-4263-000-000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: NORTH HALF OF LOT 18 OF MOSELEY
ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF MADISON, FLORIDA (NOW THE CITY
OF MADISON)

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 6th day of December 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 30th day of October, 2018

WILLIAM D. "BILLY" WASHINGTON
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
MADISON COUNTY
MADISON, FLORIDA
BY: *Doroth Kuntz*
DEPUTY CLERK
11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 11/28

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

CERTIFICATE NO: 12-1346
YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2012
NAME IN, WHICH ASSESSED ROBERT J. MERRIAMAN
PARCEL ID: 08-IN-11-6181-051-030

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT 30 OF SPRING ISLAND SUBDIVISION, AS
MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN DECLARATION OF
RESTRICTIONS AND PROTECTIVE COVENANTS AS RECORDED IN
OR BOOK 126, PAGE 856, 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 6th day of December 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 30th day of October, 2018

WILLIAM D. "BILLY" WASHINGTON
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
MADISON COUNTY
MADISON, FLORIDA
BY: *Doroth Kuntz*
DEPUTY CLERK
11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 11/28

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR MADISON COUNTY
CIVIL ACTION**

CASE NO. 2010-585-CA
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the
United States Department of Agriculture, Rural
Development, f/a Farmers Home Administration,
a/k/a Rural Housing Service,

Plaintiff,
vs.
JENINE ELENA CLAY, a single woman; MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale
entered on November 12, 2018, by the above entitled Court in the above styled cause, the
undersigned Clerk of Court or any of his duly authorized deputies, will sell the property situated in
Madison County, Florida, described as:

Lot 3, FOREST GLEN SUBDIVISION, as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 2, of the
Official Records of Madison County, Florida, containing 0.51 acres, more or less.

at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash on December 18, 2018, at the west front steps
of the Madison County Courthouse, 125 SW Range Avenue, Madison, FL 32340, beginning at 11:00
A.M., subject to all ad valorem taxes and assessments for the real property described above.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF
ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS
MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

**REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS BY PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES**

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to
participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision
of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Columbia County
Courthouse, 173 NE Hernandez Avenue, Room 408, Lake City, Florida 32055,
(386) 719-7428, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or
immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled
appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

DATED on November 13, 2018

BILLY WASHINGTON
Clerk of Circuit Court
P.O. Box 237
Madison, FL 32341
BY: *Kuntz*
Deputy Clerk
11/21, 11/28