Due to the threat of inclement weather, the Madison Kiwanis Club’s Light Up Madison event, originally scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 1, has been postponed until Saturday, Dec. 8. According to Darren Webb, Madison Kiwanis Club President, the decision was made for the safety and enjoyment of everyone involved. “It is our goal to host the best and safest event possible,” said Webb.

Because of the postponement, vendor and parade entries will be accepted until Wednesday, Dec. 5. For more information about Light Up Madison, contact any Kiwanis Club member, or call (850) 443-2467. The Madison Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at 12 p.m. at the Madison County Extension Office, located on College Loop, in Madison.

**Senate bill looks to ban texting and driving**

By Ashley Hurtik

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Already filed with the Florida Senate is a bill that may impact texting and driving in Florida.

Sen. Wilton Simpson, a Republican senator who represents the 10th Congressional District of Florida (which includes Citrus, Hernando and Sumter counties), filed a bill on Tuesday, Nov. 20, that should, if it becomes law, will make texting and driving a primary offense.

Currently, use of a handheld device while driving is considered a secondary offense in state law, meaning that drivers can be cited for doing so, but only if they are being stopped for other traffic infractions, such as speeding. Sen. Simpson’s Senate Bill 35, however, would prohibit using a wireless device while driving.

“It is the intent of the Legislature to prevent crashes related to the act of using a wireless communications device while driving a motor vehicle,” reads SB 35, adding that it would also authorize law enforcement officers to stop motor vehicles and issue citations as a secondary offense to persons who are using a wireless communications device while driving.

In the original text of the bill, the focus of the language was more towards texting while driving, but, in the bill that is now expanded to include any use of a wireless device while driving. The bill will only allow a special exception to drivers in the event that they are using their device to report an emergency or summon a non-fatal event. Today, he holds the book’s that’s dedicated to a man who stood tall.

Edward B. “Bunce” Browning, Jr. — “Pioneers on the Wacissa”

Bush, a native of the Lovett-Hamburg community of Madison County, spent most of his life working in the field of insurance and was employed at Madison County High School, formerly Madison High School, for 50 years.

It was nearly 25 years ago when C. Norman Bush wrote a fictional recollection about a non-fictional event. Today, he holds the book that’s dedicated to a man who stood tall.

"Pioneers on the WACISSA" manuscript published

By John Willoughby

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"Pioneers on the WACISSA," a manuscript that was written by Madison County, FL resident C. Norman Bush, was published in hard copy.

Bush’s manuscript began with an article written in 1972 by Browning, who invited Bush to write an article for the Madison-Enterprise Recorder in March of 1974. Bush states that the article inspired him to write this adventures story, based on that article and fact.

According to the author, the manuscript is dedicated to Edwin B. “Booze” Browning, a Washington D.C. lawyer, and immediately hire a great consultant for the sake of time, in regards to a $1 million grant for the Greenville Elementary School (GES) lift station project.

On Monday, Oct. 1, the Greenville Town Council and representatives from the District School Board of Madison County gathered together at the intersection of SW Overseas Ave. and SW Ray Charles Ave., in Greenville, for a groundbreaking ceremony, marking the beginning of bringing in a new lift station for GES.

In February, Greenville Town Manager Edward Dean informed the council and community about GES’ plan to acquire a new pump station after the existing pump station began failing, which was threatening the safety of the school’s staff and students. Luckily, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection awarded one million dollars to completely construct a lift station number five.

Beforehand, it was determined that GES cannot function without the proper equipment to serve the pump station and a failing pump station jeopardizes the school’s future, as the Madison County School Board would have to close the school without a reliable sewer system. The thought of GES closing was the source of anxiety within the community of Greenville for some time.

A grant of $1 million was awarded through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), as part of the State Revolving Fund (SRF). According to Dean, the project is moving along nicely and to say the least, “Pipes have been laid and the force main is in place, allowing for a reliable sewer system to be on before the anticipated deadline of Jan. 5, 2019.

During the Monday, Nov. 19, regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Greenville Town Council, an emergency was declared in order to immediately bypass procurement policies, allowing the Town of Greenville to speed the bidding process and immediately hire a great consultant for the sake of time, in regards to a $1 million grant for the Greenville Elementary School (GES) lift station project.

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Passing Parade: Global warming! Ho! Ho! Ho!

Nathan A. Pryor, Guest Columnist

The 2019 Farmer’s Almanac, published in late September, predicts a snow winter. The editor, Peter Geiger, says: Gas up those snow blowers, folks; it’s going to be long, cold, snowy winter.” Utilizing its mathematical and astronomical formula that Geiger said was developed in 1818, the winter of 2018 and 2019 will feature “artic air, blizzards, bitter winds, sharp drops in temperatures and widespread snow showers and squalls,” with particularly nasty snowstorm predicted for March 20-23.

Stirring of the Century

The Nov. 26, 1920, New York Times, has a three line headline of bicentennial type, across the entire front page, popping the stunning “Stirring of the Century.” Stories told of the snowfall over all the North, and even down to Tennessee, as well as about the 205 who died from its effects.

Florida: Hotel des Invalides

It has always been a thought full of comfort to the hearts of persons in whose system consumption lurked, or whose bones had become the throne of that yawning tumetum, that there was one bliss spot accessible, where they might spend Winter amid the surroundings of Summer, and neither frost, nor wind, nor sudden changes ever came.

The variant of diseases for years have made their pilgrimages to Savannah and St. Augustine, and, sojourning there until Summer came again; have often lain in a lasting stock of strength and hope.

“Sermon accounts of disappointment and discomfort reach us” says the Jan. 11, 1871 New York Times 4. “from almost every quarter of that national Hotel des Invalides.”

“To learn that the Florida oranges groves, with their golden fruits, have been ruined by heavy frosts, and that the temperature down in Florida, that paradise of the sun, has thus far proved miserably cold and deadly, is news for Dinn Donnell

Florida, that paradise of the sick, has thus far forgotten what it is like to sit down to a family meal at home. Parents don’t realize the positive impact the family meal has on a child’s development.

According to Dr. Larry Forthun, Extension Specialist for the University of Florida, research shows that eating dinner together as a family is linked to a lower risk of obesity, substance abuse while improving behavior and school performance. Eating dinner together as a family also provides the opportunity for conversation. This lets family members communicate without distraction from phones, television, or computers. By engaging children in conversation, they learn to listen as well as provide a chance to speak and understand their own thoughts. As a result, children learn they have an active voice within the family.

Conversation at the dinner table helps expand a child’s skills at any age. Family dinners allow every member of the family to discuss the day and share any news. Don’t underestimate a child’s ability to hold a conversation, they learn to listen as well as to communicate without distraction from phones, television, or computers.

An initiative started five years ago by the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) to bring the family meal back into focus. As part of the social movement, The University of Florida Extension is encouraging families to experience the benefits of dining in.

Make a pledge to Dining In, be a part of a movement to change the family meal back into what it was not a matter of simply stringing the lights and putting them in just the right position. I hope your holiday season is a happy one, here on the sunny side.
Florida: Ever been stuck in a vault? One Hollywood, Fla., room can say yes. On Wednesday, Nov. 28, two teens were walking around a vacant office building which housed a former Bank of America branch in the area, according to Hollywood Fire Rescue. One of the teens, a 17-year-old, decided to enter the bank’s vault at approximately 1:30 p.m., only to have the door close behind him. The teen found called 911 about two hours later, according to fire rescue. The 14- by 14-foot vault had two feet of thick concrete walls separating the teen from the outside world. The teen was rescued around 5:15 p.m. after paramedics of the vault will face any charges.

Washington: A Bellingham, Wash., woman with no arms and only a 100- foot tree fell on her car, nearly crushing both of them. Joseph and Deborah Bernaud began making their way home on Monday, Nov. 26, after a family-styled Thanksgiving dinner. The tree, which stood 80 feet high and was struck by a severe storm, fell on the car. “The car was totaled but we were unharmed,” said Deborah Bernaud. The tree fell onto the road near a church where it was moved from the street.

San Marino, Calif.: It was a tough day for kids around the world as the creator of the world’s favorite sponge passed away following a hard-fought battle. Stephen Hillenburg, 57, creator of “Spongebob Squarepants,” died this weekend during a game of “Russian Roulette” on Saturday, Nov. 24, according to a county coroner. Hunter Hillenburg, 21, was with friends in his apartment when he brought out a .38 caliber handgun. The game involves entering multiple letters, numbers, symbols or other characters into a wireless communications device or sending or reading data or listening or taking on such a device,” said Dean, adding that this applies to text, making calls, emailing or instant messaging. Drivers continue to become distracted due to hands-free options, such as through their vehicle’s Bluetooth.

This new proposal has been filed for consideration by Florida Senate during the 2019 session, which will begin on March 5, 2019.
College collecting blankets for seniors
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Saint Leo University's Madison Education Center is now collecting warm blankets for the Senior Citizen Center of Madison County. Blankets may be dropped off at the Education Center, located in 126 SW Sumatra Ave. Suite A, in Madison. For additional information, please contact Lisa Bumrith, Student Advisor, at (803) 975-3756 or at lisa.bumrith@slu.edu.

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Carol Ludwig, a native of Minot, ND, is a U.S. Air Force veteran who was stationed at Robins AFB in Columbus, Georgia, where she taught elementary and high school students. She also served in the Air National Guard. Ludwig has lived in Madison since 1996. She is married to Ted Ludwig, who

Madison County church donates to Senior Center

On Tuesday, Nov. 20, Oliver Bradley of New Generation Missionary Baptist Church in Madison donated a variety of items to the Senior Citizen Council of Madison. The food was graciously delivered to their clients.

Community Calendar

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 barbecue lunch, plant tours, entertainment and more. Nestlé Waters is located at 515 NE Howethorne Ave., in Lake. Reservations are not required but are encouraged. Please RSVP to neymann@nestlewaters.com. For more information about Nestlé Waters, log onto nestle-waters.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.

Every Tuesday
There will be free informational sessions on healthy living each Tuesday at the Madison County Public Library from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Topics will include tips for a healthier lifestyle, nutritional support, motivation to be healthier and more. These sessions are sponsored by Kimberly-Clark and are free to the public. The Madison County Public Library is located at 578 NW College Loop, in Madison.

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 Mackover at (850) 571-0042.

First Wednesday of every month
The Republican Club of Madison County holds their monthly meeting the first Wednesday of every month. It is held at Carmichael's Brick Oven Pizzeria in "The Meeting Place." Join them at 11:30 a.m. to order lunch, and the meeting will begin at 12 p.m.

Community moves

Sheila Annelle Ragans Bishop

Sheila Annelle Ragans Bishop, of Lake. Fla., passed away on Nov. 24, 2018, after a valiant and brave battle with cancer. She was born in Madison, Fla., and is the daughter of Waldon Carl Ragans and Elizabeth Black Ragans. Annelle was a graduate of Lee High 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 Middle 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 County Schools as an administrator. She served on the kindergarten and pre-kindergarten committees. She loved teaching the "pre-little ones" and was 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 teaching on the needs of others above herself. She was a lifetime member of Lee United Methodist Church, where she served as a volunteer president 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, where those churches expressed a need to see her play a piano or organ for several months.

Annelle was also a vocal artist, working mostly in acrylics, painting local landscapes of Madison County. Annelle was preceded in death by her beloved daughter, Misty Alexandria Ragans Bishop, her beloved mother, Elizabeth Black Ragans; her father, Waldon Carl Ragans, and her brothers; Clifford Black Ragans and Edward Carl Ragans (deceased). She is survived by her devoted husband, Lee Bishop, older daughter, Elizabeth Ashley Hakel, son-in-law, Kevin Bick; her grandson and granddaughter, Harrison Alexander Ragans Bick, niece, Dana Ragans Burchfield (Bo), nephew, Lanu Carl Ragans (Michelle), granduncle, Ragan Bynoe Burchfield and granddaughter, Bryedge 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. (803) 975-2258. You may send your condolences to the family by viewing their website at www.tjbeggs.com.

If you would like to have anything added to the community calendar, please email Rick Patrick at rick@greeneypublishing.com or give us a call at (850) 975-4441.

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First United Methodist Church
348 SW Rutledge St. | Madison
Pastor: Lesser Abbott Jr.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Wordly Baptist Church
4358 Poplar Rd. | Madison
Pastor: Mark C. Whitaker
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Southside Community Church
Cherry Lake Rd. | Lake. FL 32054-4955
Reverend Raphael Campbell
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Community moves

Candlelight Service

In memory of and in honor of our loved ones, who have passed on, our lives have been enriched by the love, support and comfort they gave us. A Candlelight Service is planned for Sunday, Dec. 9, at 5 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church, 172 SW Chisolm Ave., in Madison.

A Candlelight service is an opportunity to share in the joy of Christmas with loved ones who have passed on to be with the Lord. It is a good reminder that death is not the end, but rather the beginning of a new eternal life with Jesus. The service will include a musical medley, readings, and prayer. It is a celebration of eternity and a reminder that love lives on.

Candlelight services are held at many churches across the country around Christmas time, often at night on Christmas Eve or on Christmas Day. They are often combined with nativity services, which involve the reenactment of the birth of Jesus Christ with live animals and decorations such as candles, lights and nativity scenes. Candles are used to represent the light of Christ shining bright in the darkness of the world.

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Volatility will always be around on Wall Street and as you invest for the long term, you must learn to tolerate it. Rocky moments, fortunately, are not the norm.

Since the end of World War II, there have been dozens of Wall Street shocks. Wall Street has seen 56 pullbacks (two months of five to 9.99 percent) in the past 73 years. The S&P 500 index dipped 6 percent in just this last one. On average, that benchmark reliably rebounded from these pullbacks within two months. The S&P 500 has also seen 22 corrections (declines of 10 to 19.99 percent) and 12 bear markets (falls of 20 percent or more) in the post-WWII era.

Even with all these setbacks, the S&P 500 has grown exponentially larger. During the month World War II ended (September 1945), its closing price hovered around 16. At this writing, it is above 2,700. These two numbers communicate the value of staying invested for the long run.

This current bull market has witnessed five corrections, and nearly a sixth (a 9.8 percent pullback in 2011, a year that also saw a 19.4 percent correction). It has risen roughly 355 percent since its beginning even with those stumbles. Investors who stayed in equities through these downturns watched the major indices soar to all-time highs.

As all this history shows, waiting out the shocks may be highly worthwhile. The alternative is trying to time the market. That can be a fool’s errand. To succeed at market timing, investors have to be right twice, which is a tall order. Instead of selling in response to paper losses, perhaps they should respond to the fear of missing out on potential gains during a recovery and hang on through the choppy times.

After all, volatility creates buying opportunities. Shares of quality companies may be suddenly and temporarily available at a discount. Investors who can pay a lower average cost per share to obtain them.

Bad market days shock us because they are uncommon. If pullbacks or corrections occurred regularly, they would discourage many of us from investing in equities; we would look elsewhere to try and build wealth.

A decade ago, in the middle of the terrible 2007-09 bear market, some investors convinced themselves that bad days were becoming the new normal. History proved them wrong.

As you ride through this current outbreak of volatility, keep two things in mind: One, your time horizon. You are investing for goals that may be five, ten, twenty or thirty years in the future. One bad market week, month or year is but a blip on that timeline and is unlikely to have a severe impact on your long-run asset accumulation strategy. Two, remember that there are good days on Wall Street than bad ones. The S&P 500 rose in 55 percent of trading days during the years 1950-2017, and it advanced in 68 of the 92 years ending in 2017.

Sudden volatility should not lead you to exit the market. If you react anxiously and move out of equities in response to short-term downturns, you may impede your progress toward your long-term goals.

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Tolerate the Turbulence
Look beyond this moment and stay focused on your long-term objectives.
Keeping your pet safe during the holiday season

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With the holiday season quickly approaching, it is a good idea to consider some hidden dangers that could be facing your pet in the midst of all the festivities. By taking a few extra precautions, the holiday season can be a happy one for your best friend, regardless of how many legs they may have.

There are certain plants used for decorations that can be toxic to pets, so if you have a cat or dog, make sure there are no harmful plants around your home. There are many commonly pet toxic plants, including: yew, holly, mistletoe, boxwood, rhododendron, azalea, aucuba, poinsettia, and many more.

In addition to plants, there are some common household items that can be dangerous to pets. Some of these items include: chocolate, alcohol, antifreeze, and xylitol. These items can be found in many household products, such as baked goods, candy, and chew toys.

Another common danger during the holiday season is the Christmas tree. Cats and dogs are attracted to the scent of pine and may be tempted to chew on the branches. This can be dangerous for pets, as some pine needles can cause blockages in the digestive tract.

It is important to keep pets away from the Christmas tree and any decorations that may be harmful. If you have pets, consider using non-toxic alternatives, such as LED lights, that do not pose a risk to your pet.

Additionally, it is important to keep pets away from the fireplace and other hot surfaces. Pets can become dehydrated quickly, especially during the winter months. It is recommended to provide your pet with plenty of fresh water and to monitor their water intake closely.

In conclusion, the holiday season can be a fun and enjoyable time for both you and your pet. By taking a few extra precautions, you can ensure that your pet remains healthy and happy during this special time of year.
Healthcare Hero – Dr. Julie Townsend

When students from the North Florida area travel to Madison to attend North Florida Community College's Nursing and Allied Health program, Dr. Julie Townsend is their go-to person as she is the director of the program. For years, her expertise in the medical field has allowed her to properly educate the next generation of lifetime healers.

Townsend graduated from Alton D. Nease High School, in St. Johns County, Fla., in 1994, where she was a state champion in tennis. Tewar later went to attend and played football. She went on to attend the University of Florida, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1998. In 2009, Townsend received her Master of Science in Nursing Education from Florida State University and later received the title of Doctor after completing her Doctorate of Nursing Practice from Nova Southeastern University in 2010.

Townsend began her medical career by working at Shands Teaching Hospital, in Gainesville, for one year after graduating from the University of Florida. She later moved to Madison after getting married and began working at John D. Archbold Memorial Hospital, in Thonotosassa, Fl., as a medical-surgical nurse. Dr. Townsend worked there for approximately 10 years in various other positions, including sequential surgery. It was in 2007 when she began teaching the Registered Nurse Program at NFC/C. In 2012, she was chosen to direct NFC/C's Nursing and Allied Health program.

"I enjoy the challenge most about my position," said Dr. Townsend. "It is a real pleasure to see so many students enter the healthcare profession or advance their credentials and achieve their goals. One of the most exciting accomplishments of my position has been the initiation of the Associate of Science Registered Nurse (A.S.-RN) to Bachelor of Science (B.S.N) degree program at NFC/C and achieving national accreditation for the RN and BSN programs."

According to Dr. Townsend, being in healthcare has affected everything about her life from how she raises her children to how she interacts with her community and approaches challenges. "Being a nurse is not a career for me, it is a calling," said Townsend. "I'm not just a nurse when I'm at work, but 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Being a nurse teaches you to take every step of life with importance and direction."

Townsend married to Brian Townsend, an electrician with Townsend Electric. She is the mother of two boys: Zachary Townsend and Braxton Townsend. Townsend is a student at James Madison Preparatory High School and carries the flag for the Madison County Cowboys. Additionally, Zachary enjoys yoga and golf and serves in the First Baptist Church praise band. Braxton is a student at Madison Creative Arts Academy and enjoys rodeos as well. Also, Braxton plays sports and piano.

In her off time, Townsend enjoys spending time with her family and riding horses. Additionally, she enjoys soaking up the sun at the beaches and other outdoor activities. On Sundays, the Townsends attend First Baptist Church of Madison, where they are very active in serving.

MCMH Auxiliary to hold installation of officers

On Wednesday, Dec. 5, the Madison County Memorial Hospital (MCMH) Auxiliary is holding an open installation of officers, at 10 a.m., in the hospital's conference room. The installation on Wednesday, Dec. 5, will be considered a meeting. Additionally, the auxiliary is looking for more volunteers to help assist with their daily operations. Both men and women are welcome to volunteer. If you’re interested in volunteering or for more information about the installation, you are invited to call Sharon Swinton at (850) 937-4905 or Electronic Box at (850) 324-3677.

MCMH is located at 224 NW Crane Ave., in Madison.

Local library to host Christmas program

Libraries in Madison County are known for hosting fun activities for children and adults alike in the region. On Dec. 4, enjoy a Christmas program at the Madison Public Library. Beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Feasting cookies and fruit, children can enjoy a listening to the reading of the Polar Express, a film favorite. Guest speakers will be Tim Sanders, former Madison County School Court and Jerome Wayne, Madison City Clerk. There will also be a surprise guest appearance that you don’t want to miss!

For more information, call (850) 937-6814. Madison Public Library is located at 374 College Loop, in Madison.

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(850) 973-4141

Nestlé Waters' open house this weekend

On Saturday, Dec. 1, Nestlé Waters is inviting the Madison County community and beyond to a free community open house, taking place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Guests will receive a behind-the-scenes look at the Nestlé Waters factory, in Lake City, where attendants can tour the kid-friendly and educational WatersVenture truck and the factory’s LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) facility. Learning how Nestlé Waters works with the state of Florida to protect Madison’s Blue Springs.

Nestlé Waters is one of the largest non-alcoholic beverage companies by volume in the United States. With their purpose to enhance quality of life and contribute to a healthier future, Nestlé Waters is privileged to help carry out Nestlé’s global purpose through their ongoing commitment to environmental stewardship, dedication to communities and their effort to encourage individuals and families to choose water as part of a healthy lifestyle. Nestlé Waters serves 150 countries with 52 well-known bottled water brands. Additionally, Nestlé Waters employs approximately 4,800 people across the United States. Other activities available for guests include a bounce house, face painting, as well as a raffle, a free barbecue lunch and entertainment by a DJ.

The event will take place at the factory, which is located at 490 NE Highland Ave., in Lake City. Reservations are not required but are encouraged. Please RSVP to storex@nestleusa.com for more information about Nestlé Waters, log onto world- waters.com.
The Fifth Annual Madison County Florida Storytelling Festival (MCFST) was celebrated on Saturday, Nov. 17, on the Wally Davis Farm in Madison. Hundreds of people from near and far, young and not so young, gathered under a big tent to listen to stories told by student storytellers, Madison County storytellers and professional storytellers.

Husband and wife team, James Glaser and Wanda Violet reported that some people came at 10 a.m. and stayed to the last story at 4 p.m., while others came for a couple of hours, left to do something else and returned to catch a couple more stories. Still, others came when they could, some arriving at 12 p.m. or 1 p.m., and some stayed for part of the day. A delicious meal was served for anyone who stayed for part of the day. A delicious meal was served for anyone who stayed for part of the day.

Regardless, each hour was jam-packed with stories of all kinds. Students from Greeneville Elementary School and Madison Creative Arts Academy impressed all the listeners with their creativity and their courage to stand up on a stage and engage an audience. Local folks told stories of their lives and experiences which included: three tales by local former military men James Glaser, Joe Boyles and Billy Washington; a spiritual tale of victory from Rosa Richardson; and a tale of a run-away go-cart adventure from Wanda Violet.

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For the second year, listeners enjoyed stories on the open stage from tellers who simply put their names in a hat and waited to be called to the microphone. The topics varied and the entertainment factor was high as folks told their stories.

Lunch was provided by the youth group from the Madison Church of God with donations benefiting their group’s mission-outreach projects. Ashley Hollingsworth oversaw the dessert table that received donations for the tasty treats meant baked with love by the Madison Woman’s Club. The donations from that effort are going to a fund started by Pinetta and Lee Elementary Schools to help restore and restock the Blountstown Elementary School’s library after damage caused by Hurricane Michael.

“This year was a stellar anniversary event,” said Violet, event co-producer. “We are so grateful that the community supported us and came together to make this fifth festival one for the record books.”

McFST will be hosting workshops during the summer of 2019 that will provide young and old with opportunities to learn more about how to craft and tell stories. More information can be found by contacting Wanda Violet or James Glaser at (850) 973-8813 or storieswv@gmail.com.

Many people stayed for the whole event while some stayed for part of the day. A delicious meal was served for those in attendance. City Commissioner Jim Cotton was one of the many public officials in attendance.
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Cowboys Gameday: The Hawthorne hurdle

After winning the Class A region championship on Friday, Nov. 23, Madison County High School (MCHS) head football coach Mike Cox told reporters that he didn’t feel the Cowboys had yet played their best game. This was a significant statement after the Cowboys had handily defeated a very good Chaffee County team, 49-14. Even with some bumps in the road, the Cowboys have been improving as the season has progressed.

The Cowboys will likely have to play their best game of the season so far if they are going to be in position to accomplish something that has never been done in the storied history of Cowboys football. That is, to win back-to-back state championships. Standing in the way of that is the big hurdle of the Hornets of Hawthorne High School. There are those on the football team who are very familiar with Hawthorne’s basketball program. Those football players who also play on the Cowboys’ basketball team know that Hawthorne eliminated the Cowboys from the state basketball tournament two years in a row before last season when the Cowboys dominated the Hornets on the court to punch their ticket to the high school basketball final four in Lakeland. This time, the Cowboys face the Hornets, not on the hardwood of the basketball court, but on the green turf of Boot Hill Stadium.

The Hornets are coming into the contest with an unrelenting record of 12-0. The Hornets’ potent offense is led by quarterback Kaleb Jimmerson, a 4’ 3”, 185lb senior with over 2,600 yards passing this season. Jimmerson has a strong arm and very talented receivers for targets. Jackson has thrown a total of 42 touchdown passes and five interceptions this season.Defensively, the Hornets have averaged an average of just six points per game this season. The Hornets have averaged just over 50 points per game in scoring.

“Hawthorne is a tremendous team with great team speed,” said Coach Cox. “They play with great effort and enthusiasm. They are led by their quarterback, running back and a host of wide receivers that can really go. They are not very big, but they play the right way on defense. They will present a great challenge for us and our guys will have to play their very best to pull this one off. We have had a great week of preparation and our guys are excited about the opportunity to go out and compete for the right to play for the state title next Thursday afternoon. They have been a big part of the history of Boot Hill and have never lost a game at Boot Hill Stadium. We need all of our community to show up and show out for this one. Our young men deserve it and feed off of their energy!”

The Class A state semi-final game between the MCHS Cowboys and the Hawthorne Hornets is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 30, at Boot Hill Stadium, on the MCHS campus.Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

Cowboys split basketball tournament

On Friday, Nov. 25, and Saturday, Nov. 24, the Madison County High School (MCHS) Cowboys varsity basketball team participated in the #9C3C6S pre-season basketball tournament at Florida High, in Tallahassee. The Cowboys won their first game of the tournament before dropping their second game.

On Friday, Nov. 23, the Cowboys faced the Yellow Jackets of Thomas County Central High School, from Thomasville, Ga. The Cowboys defeated the Yellow Jackets with a final score of 54-51. Christopher Simmons led the Cowboys with a final score of 54-51. Christopher Simmons led the Cowboys with a final score of 10 » Friday, November 30, 2018 » The Madison Enterprise-Recorder
HISTORY

November 28, 1958
Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Blair celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary, Nov. 23, with a family reunion. This was the first time in two years that the Cox family had all been together. Dinner was served out under the oaks with the anniversary cake as a centerpiece.

Jimmy Bunting was accidentally shot Sunday morning in the side and leg by his cousin, Johnny Plant, while they were out duck hunting. The wounds were not serious. He was treated at the local hospital for removal of the shot and later released.

Gale A Buchman of Peosta, has been promoted to the rank of Cadet Major in the Army ROTC Regiment at the University of Florida.

November 29, 1968
Leon Joseph, 25, a 1963 graduate of Greenville Training School, was wounded on Oct. 25, when a tank blew up, while he was serving as an infantryman with the 1st Battalion and the 11th Brigade. His mother is Lillie Bee Joseph of Greenville.

Little Wanda Strickland, celebrated her 5th birthday anniversary Friday at Miss Jean's Kindergarten with her little friends there and her parents Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Strickland. The pretty birthday cake was topped with Cinderella and her coach, and the step-sisters. The cake was served with potato chips and punch.

Playing lead roles in North Florida Junior College's production of "Teahouse of the August Moon," is Yvonne Martin, as the lovely little Blossom, Kurt Wenzel as the young and earnest captain Fisby and Joe Morray as Sakini, the interpreter.

December 1, 1978
Miss Valerie Marlene Smith was born last Friday, Nov. 24, 1978. Proud parents are David and Nola Smith of Cherry Lake. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith of Lamont, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Smith of Lee.

Princess Nursery School held its Thanksgiving Feast on Wednesday, Nov. 22. Approximately 25 preschoolers assisted Miss Princess in the preparations for the Thanksgiving theme event. The little ones gave thanks for many things that included mothers, fathers, cats, dogs and Indians.

November 30, 1988
Mary Ruff, left and Edith Terry, right, were all smiles at a recent district meeting of area garden clubs. The event was held at the Madison Woman's Club and featured an interesting program and a delicious lunch enjoyed by about 100 women from all over North Florida.
We use the internet on a daily basis. Whether it's a matter of searching for the latest movie trailer, buying a new pair of gloves for the winter or just finding out who won last night's game, the internet is at work all around us. In the new film, "Ralph Breaks the Internet," we find out what is really going on behind the scenes in the vast wilderness that exists beyond our computer, tablet and phone screens.

It's been six years since the events of "Wreck-It Ralph" and our heroes, Ralph (voiced by John C. Reilly) and Vanellope (voiced by Sarah Silverman) are just chilling in Litwak's Arcade. On what seems to be just another ordinary day of work, Ralph decides to make Vanellope's life a bit more interesting by carving out a new track for her in Sugar Rush. Little do either of them know, a broken steering wheel will lead the pair on a journey that will take them far from the safety of their home.

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And experience it we do – pop-ups, viruses, the dark web and a most enjoyable sequence with a "Frozen" 2 preview, or so we are led to believe, but don’t expect me to ever give up the goods on what is really in the scene. Just stick around.

I really loved the fact that Disney was able to poke a bit of fun at themselves with this film. The irreverent nature of the aforementioned scene with the Disney princesses just pops off the screen and resonates with the adults in the audience. I found myself enjoying this race through the internet with a cast of colorful characters.

All the characters of the arcade are truly enjoyable to spend time with, and I would do it all over again in a heartbeat. What could be next for these old-school arcade heroes? Maybe it’s stop to virtual reality? I don’t know, but whatever it may be, sign me up.

I’ve got a bag of quarters, and I’m ready to go. And the body of a young woman who passed away in the middle of an exorcism is brought in, things get even more bizarre.

By Ryan Berez

When the concept of “Deal or No Deal” was pitched to him in a Los Angeles-area deli in 2005, Howie Mandel was thoroughly unimpressed.

“Theres no game. There’s no trivia. There’s no skill. You’re just asking me to make a choice,” he wondered. Still, NFC would be airing “Deal or No Deal” in prime time over five nights, and Mandel learned the opportunity was worth the risk.

He remembers tapping the first show, and how his humanity took over as he stood by the contestant who was facing a life altering choice in the most pressure packed environment. “My whole focus became, ‘I just need you to make good decisions. And I just need you to walk out of here much better off than when you walked in, because this means so much more to you than it means to me.’”

“Deal or No Deal” was an unexpected hit, and Mandel’s expressively pronounced “Deal or No Deal!” has become a pop-culture catchphrase. It ran for four seasons on NBC and for two more in syndication.

Now, “Deal or No Deal” is back with Mandel hosting 30 new episodes on CNBC starting Wednesday, Dec. 5. “Deal or No Deal 2.0” is bigger. It’s even more exciting, and I think just because it’s a different time in the world,” said Mandel. “It’s a place to escape and watch people’s hopes and dreams come true and their lives change forever. I think that’s what ‘Deal or No Deal’ is about. It’s for the people, but with even more takeaways. Not everybody can sing a song. Not everybody can dance. But everybody, whether you’re five or 95, can make a decision that can change their lives.”

Twin sister the original series include a new female banker. While she’ll still work in an shadow, some of the rationale for her decisions will be revealed. “You never had before the reasoning for the offers or the counters or the deals or the no-deals, and now you get to hear it,” said Mandel, noting that contestants will now have one opportunity to pitch an offer to the banker.

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Sensible restrictions on firearms?

In the November 30, 2018 issue, I read
the article on handgun restrictions and
sensible restrictions on firearms. I
was impressed with the article in
The Madison Enterprise-Recorder
by Jonathan R. Austin.

Joseph W. Johnston

Mr. Austin asks: “Will any restrictions on
firearms be imposed as a result of the
Midterm Election?”

I think the answer is a resounding
yes. On November 6, 2018,
virtually all of the Michigan
legislature was replaced by liberal lawmakers. The new
democrat majority will mean that any new laws
offered will have a good chance of passing.

I have not read the article by Steve
Snow in the December 14, 2018 issue.

Joseph W. Johnston

Mr. Austin adds: “Now there is a call
for more gun restrictions. While it is fine
and reasonable to try to stop gun violence in
all cases, what is not reasonable is
restricting law-abiding Americans’ rights
that have been protected by the Constitution for
over 200 years.”

I agree that Mr. Austin is correct.

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