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Welcome to *Madison County!*

If you are a newcomer, someone who has returned home because you have Madison County sand in your shoes, a visitor or a lifelong resident of the county, something about it stands out in your mind. Perhaps it is a landmark. Maybe it is the gleaming courthouse with the old water standpipe next to it that has embedded itself into your mind forever. Perhaps it is the shady live oak trees or the pines that line the streets and highways all over the county. Maybe it's the soft, laid back atmosphere that beckons you and whispers to you, "You are welcome here."

More often than not, it's the people you remember. Whether it's the church or the social mixer where you met your spouse, the friends you only see when you meet them at the grocery store or the newcomers who are greeted with a handshake and a pat on the back, you cannot forget the people of Madison County.

The 26th anniversary issue of *Life in Madison County*, formerly *Hometown Connections*, is

dedicated to those people who help form the backbone of Madison County. Whether it is the farmer, who puts food on tables around the world; truck drivers, who carry the food; a shopkeeper; a minister; a teacher; a student or anyone else, we are proud you are a part of Madison County.

Life in Madison County is your guide to Madison County. Many of the articles offer contact names and telephone numbers, locations, titles, dates and other facts which apply to daily living here in one of the most beautiful parts of Florida.

Keep your copy of this useful publication. Put it in a spot where you can reach it easily, and refer to it as often as needed.

Life in Madison County is brought to you to assist with information not always readily available about Madison County. It is our desire that you will find it a meaningful addition to our other publications, including the

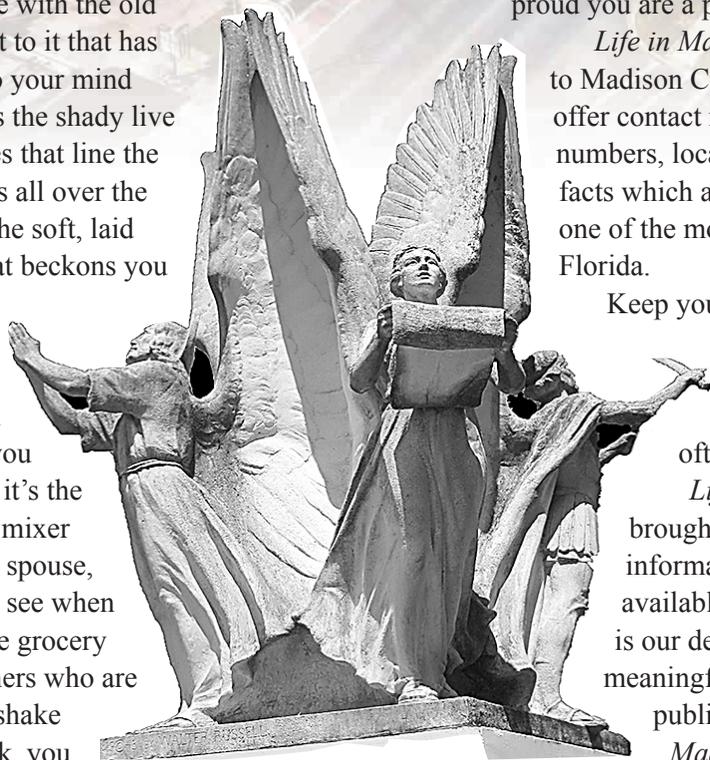
Madison County Carrier (published each Wednesday) and *The Front Porch* magazine (published bi-monthly).

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THE Basics

In this Section:

*Madison County history, leisure, utilities,
recycling, drivers' licenses, libraries,
post offices, humane society and safety*

Your guide to



A short history:

Madison County's earliest known people

Artifacts from local archaeological digs show that Madison County aborigines were camping around Hutto Pond, three miles southwest of the City of Madison, about 10,000 years ago. Tommy Greene's book, "Madison County, From The Beginning," says that arrow and spear points, dating back about 10,000 years, have been found in various parts of what is now Madison County.

After Juan Ponce de Leon landed in 1513, near what is now St. Augustine, he was followed by many other Spanish adventurers, among whom were Panfilo de Narvaez, Alvar Nunez Cabeza de Vaca and Hernando de Soto. With de Soto was Timucuan language interpreter, Juan Ortiz.

Searching from Tampa through North Florida for reported treasure, they entered Madison County, finding cultivated fields of maize, beans and

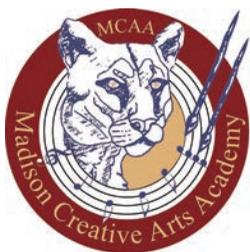
pumpkins.

During this period, about 100 Native Americans in the area were rounded up, enslaved with chains and neck collars and forced to work as servants for the invading Spaniards.

In the mid-1500s, a French explorer named Groutald reported on his visit to the hostile Yustega tribe in what is now Madison County. From his report, the natives had added to their vegetable cultivation the industries of hunting, fishing and gathering of wild nuts and berries. According to this same report, the natives were also storing provisions for cold winters and emergencies.

When a permanent settlement had been established at St. Augustine, Spanish soldiers, accompanied by their Jesuit and Franciscan priests, continued their invasion, colonization and exploration

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of Florida. They also began to Christianize the Native American populations. In 1606, Bishop Fray Juan de las Cabezas Altamirano, the first Catholic bishop to come to Florida, spent months visiting missions.

The missionaries also instructed the Native Americans in agriculture. Winter wheat was introduced and small fields were established.

In about 1630, five missions developed along what was later known as The Old Spanish Trail: San Juan (Saint John) de Guacara, on the east side of the Suwannee River; San Pedro y San Pablo de Protophriba (Saints Peter and Paul), near Lake Sampala; Santa Elena (Saint Elaine) de Machaba, thought to be near Hixtown Swamp; San Mateo (Saint Matthew) de Tolapatafi, west of Sirmans; and San Miguel (Saint Michael) de Asile, west of the Aucilla River.

In 1972, a group of Florida State University archaeology students, headed by Calvin Jones, identified the locations of three buildings: a church, a convent and a storehouse; as well as a cemetery, with grave artifacts consisting of one brass crucifix (the first found in a Florida mission) and a small, broken brass bell.

Native Americans suffered harsh treatment as laborers. Their ancient customs were all but stifled, and they were subjected to European disease epidemics, all of which severely reduced their initial population.

Madison County missions came to an end in 1703, when the British and Creek Indians attacked the Timucuan missions, burning them to the ground and either killing the inhabitants or taking them as slaves.

The Yustega tribe had been exterminated. Taking its place was the Creek tribe. This supplanting population, joined by escaped slaves, came to be known as the Seminoles, which is

translated as "runaways." Another group, the Miccosukee, came from Alabama to live in Madison and Jefferson Counties.

From 1763 to 1783, during the 20 years of British control, many Loyalist families (colonists loyal to and supportive of the Britain Crown), moved into North Florida, pushing the Indians from their homes and fields, not recognizing any rights the Indians might have to the land they had occupied for untold centuries.

Andrew Jackson was quoted as saying it was absurd to consider that the Indians had any rights at all.

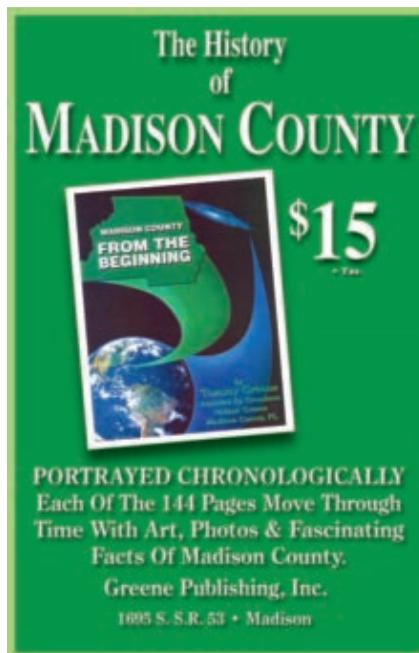
With the land they cultivated further and further encroached upon, the Native American raids continued. In 1818, Andrew Jackson invaded Florida, pushing the Spanish, the British and the Indians out.

The Spaniards were less aggressive toward the Native Americans than the British were. During the first Spanish occupation up to 1763, there was relatively little trouble. The Spaniards were not interested in colonizing the whole territory. The British policy, however, was one of expansion, pushing the Indians from their homes and fields.

Kathryn Abbey Hanna, in her book, "Florida: Land of Change," said, "Florida pioneers were no more vindictive nor unscrupulous than other settlers, but they were more scared of a more secretive foe."

Likewise, Seminoles were no more diabolical or treacherous than other groups of their race. Yet, given the two races, plus the Florida swamps, there resulted one of the most calamitous, prolonged and horrible episodes of that long struggle by which the white man supplanted the red.

Governor Duval appointed John Hicks in 1824,



"Madison County, From the Beginning," by Tommy Greene, includes original pen-and-ink drawings, and is available at Greene Publishing, Inc. Call (850) 973-4141 for more information.

The Basics » Early History

as the main spokesman of the Miccosukees and Tallahasseees, appointing him to lead his people south from Hickstown to the reservation lands. James Bellamy was delegated by the Secretary of War to evaluate the properties and belongings of the tribes. Receipts were signed on Nov. 12, 1824.

Chief John Hicks agreed to receive \$680 to compensate for 43 homes that had housed the 318 members of his tribe. Chief Nehemathla Hajo received \$149 to replace the 11 homes which had housed the 43 men, women and children he cared for. The sums of money were also intended to cover the costs of transportation of the tribes to the reservation in the south of Florida.

Research shows the following: The cattle of the tribes were to be sold and more bought at the reservation site; however, many more were stolen than were paid for. Little of the promised money was ever seen by the Indians; some went for "costs," and some attached itself to the pockets of a few unscrupulous Indian agents.

Rations were slow in coming and were deliberately less than what was needed in order to

keep the Indians in a subservient condition.

An account of the two proud tribes of people from the north central region of Florida can be found in Marjory Stoneman Douglas' book, "Florida: The Long Frontier." Those who "had owned land, herds, gardens and orange trees, governing themselves well by their ancient councils, were reduced to the most pitiful poverty. Their children starved, their young men were in furious revolt."

Indians and the European settlers were not willing to live in peace with one another. They threatened and attacked one another through robbery, abduction and murder. The chiefs gave in to their agents, who had repeatedly been urging them to move their tribes out of the area.

The Indian town of Hickstown (south of I-10, near present-day Hickstown Swamp) was left abandoned when the Miccosukee tribes moved to the reservation. By the end of the first Seminole War (about 1840), all the Indians in what is now Madison County had vanished into the Florida Everglades.

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Deep inside Madison County lies the call to relax and enjoy oneself. The natural, scenic beauty of this rural area captivates residents and passersby alike, beckoning all to experience the opportunities for leisure and escape.

Hunting

Natives brag about the majestic deer that dwell within the pine forests that stretch and roll across Madison County. Their claims are valid. According to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Buck Registry, Madison County is ranked among the top 10 largest registered scores in typical deer and non-typical deer in the State of Florida. Seated at number nine in typical deer is Chris Harrell's 1987 buck, scoring 156 7/8 inches. In non-typical deer, Bruce Holley ranks at number eight, measuring a whopping 176 3/8 inches. Holley's buck was named the Florida Buck of the Year by Woods 'n Water Magazine in 2012, weighing approximately 218 lb.

Fishing

Fishermen are just as fortunate. In addition to the Suwannee, Aucilla and Withlacoochee Rivers, a wealth of local ponds offer boat and bank fishing with tasty bass and bream just waiting to be hooked. Cherry Lake promises good results, too. The large freshwater body, located on NE Cherry Lake Circle, houses a public boat ramp with one single lane. Parking is available.

Recreation/Leisure

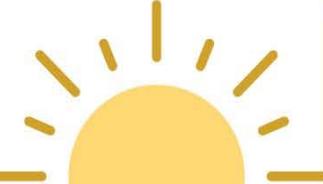
Cherry Lake has a public swimming beach and retreating enclave. Locals and visitors enjoy boating, tubing, water skiing and swimming in the beautiful, vast lake. The location is a lovely, serene example of what life in Madison County is like. For more information, call the Madison County Recreation Department at **(850) 973-4640**.

Madison Blue Springs, located on Hwy. 6, on the banks of the Withlacoochee River, is a beautiful blue-green, first-magnitude spring, and is Madison County's only state park. The spring is about 82 feet wide and 25 feet deep. Folks can hold church picnics, stroll the nature trails, go diving, access the canoe launch on the banks of the Withlacoochee or leap into the 72-degree water for a swim. Madison Blue Springs is a natural spring with a flow rate of 150 million gallons per day. Furthermore, when *floridaspringlife.com* ranked the

best springs in the state of Florida, they ranked Madison's Blue Springs as the number two best blue spring, number three best county-owned spring, number three most photogenic and number two best cave-diving spring. Call **(850) 971-5003** for more information.

The Four Freedoms Trail, paralleling Colin Kelly Hwy., from Madison to Pinetta, and then on to the Georgia border, offers an incredible hiking/biking venue. According to the Madison County Recreation Department, the trail was constructed as a joint effort between the county, Suwannee River Water Management District, the Office of Greenways and Trails and the Florida Department of Transportation. As a result, the trail was created without using any of Madison County's ad valorem tax dollars. The 12-mile recreational trail extends north from the city limits of Madison to the Withlacoochee River at the Florida-Georgia border. People can enjoy walking, biking and horseback riding along the paved trail, which provides covered rest areas along the way.

The Florida National Scenic Trail (FNST), also known as the Florida Trail, is one of only 11 designated national scenic trails in the United States. From the southern terminus in Big Cypress National Preserve – approximately 80 miles east of Naples – this trail travels 1,300 miles across the state to the Gulf Islands National Seashore in Pensacola. This scenic trail winds through swampland, pine flat woods, hardwoods, oak hammocks and salt marshes, giving way to an ever-changing array of Floridian ecosystems. The northern region takes hikers west to the beautiful limestone out-cropped banks of the Suwannee River from White Springs to the Twin Rivers State Forest. The panhandle region travels further west across the Aucilla Wildlife Management Area towards the breathtaking white beaches of the Gulf Islands. The FNST can be accessed in Madison County by traveling west on US Hwy. 90 to the Twin Rivers State Park. Trailheads can be found on both sides of US Hwy. 90, but some of the best with scenic river views are along NE Ellaville Central Avenue and from the parking area at the end of NE Drew Way. For information about local hiking excursions and opportunities to explore the Florida Trail in Madison County, contact Erik Webb at **(850) 253-1952**.



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Stop by **Four Freedoms Park** when strolling in downtown Madison and eat lunch on a bench, relaxing among the azaleas and day lilies.

Take in the **Treasures of Madison County Museum** on the corner of SW Range Ave. and Rutledge St., in the historic W.T. Davis Building. Hours are currently 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, and 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., on Saturdays.

At **Haffye Hayes Park**, in Greenville, the pond, walking trail, playground, Ray Charles memorial and gazebo invite moments of reflection.

Local events and celebrations

Throughout the year, folks are presented with many opportunities to get together, relax and play in Madison County. Add piano and dance recitals, sporting events, church homecomings, game nights and fifth-Sunday church sings, stir vigorously and enjoy! Check out some of Madison County's most eagerly-anticipated events below:

The annual Livestock Show and Sale offers the opportunity for young people from around the region to show cattle and pigs they have raised, with several awards given for various categories. The event takes place in the Agricultural Center in February of each year.

Down Home Days is hosted by the Madison County Chamber of Commerce annually in April. The anticipated event features interesting street vendors, an elaborate parade and entertainment from the local dance studio.

The 20th of May Celebration is held each year in Madison during the month of May. The celebration commemorates one of the most important dates in Florida history for African-

Americans. It was on May 20, 1865, that U.S. General Edward McCook declared the Amancipation Proclamation in effect. The same day that Gen. McCook made his declaration in Tallahassee, an announcement, sent by Maj. Gen. Quincy A. Gillmore, arrived in Tallahassee via train, noting that "the people of the black race are free citizens of the United States."

The God and Country Festival at Lake Frances is an annual Fourth of July event hosted by the Madison Lions Club. Complete with street vendors and a beautiful fireworks display, this annual event is a can't miss!

Founders Day is held yearly at the Hickory Grove United Methodist Church in October, with activities including cane grindings and syrup-making, just like it was done over 100 years ago; sausage-making in the 'ol smokehouse; butter churning; re-caning old chairs; quilting demonstrations and homemade jelly in the Hickory Grove Country Store. Locals always anticipate the quilting demonstration, the making of cane syrup, homemade breakfast and an abundance of food. The Hickory Grove Singing Stage is always filled with songs you know, just before the old-time preacher shows up to give an inspiring message to the crowd.

Lee Homecoming Day is held in early November with a community breakfast, parade, live music, vendors and much more. The event takes place at 286 County Road 255, in the "Little but Proud" town of Lee, in eastern Madison County.

Light Up Madison, sponsored by the Madison Kiwanis Club, is a fun-filled Christmas spectacular anticipated by locals during the first weekend in December. There are many fun activities, special holiday performances, a visit from Santa Claus, street vendors and an amazing Christmas lights parade.

A Greenville Christmas, formerly known as Greenville Country Christmas, is held annually in December at Haffye Hayes Park, in downtown Greenville. Locals come together to enjoy a festive parade, food vendors, craft vendors, entertainment, a cake auction and much more!

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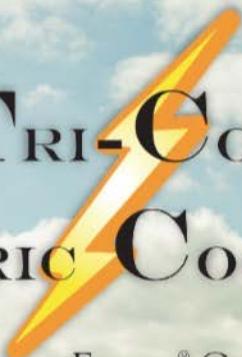
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furniture, metal appliances and yard trash, as well as your household garbage.

No tires, oil or batteries will be accepted at any of these centers. You'll have to take those items to the main Solid Waste/Recycling Department, located at 2505 Rocky Ford Rd., in Madison, open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Solid Waste Department also offers free household hazardous waste collections twice a year for all county residents.

Power-driven trash compacters, which reduce the volume of waste in the areas where dumpsters have now been placed, have reduced the number of dumpsters needed at each site. Additionally, these trash compacters are contained within fenced areas to control the amount of out-of-county items being "donated" to Madison county disposal. The 13 sites are currently open, and operational hours are posted at each site. Locations include main headquarters on Rocky Ford Road, Ravenswood (Hwy. 90), Lee (Hwy. 255), Greenville (Hwy. 221), Pinetta (Hwy. 150) Cherry Lake (Hwy. 53 N), Eridu (Hwy. 150),

Midway (Hwy. 255 South), Sirmans (1 Fed. Hwy. E), Madison Central (Hwy. 53 N), San Pedro (Hwy. 14 S), Live Oak Bottom (Hwy. 150 N), Industrial Park (Harvey Greene Dr.) and Rocky Ford (NE Rocky Ford Rd.).

For a complete listing of locations and hours, go to the Madison county Solid waste/Recycling website at <https://madisoncountyfl.com/solid-waste-recycling>, or call **(850) 973-2611**. All centers are closed on Sundays.

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License Fees

New license: \$54.25;

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Motorcycle endorsement: \$7.00;

Commercial Driver's License:

Depends on classification;

Photo ID: \$31.25

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(For persons at least 12 years of age, or handicapped persons)

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The Madison Fire Department operates under the jurisdiction of the City of Madison. The department is made up of seven professional firefighters, plus a group of reserve firefighters who provide around-the-clock fire protection. There are at least three firefighters on duty at all times to provide the community with fire protection,

emergency extrication and a good fire rating.

In addition to providing life and property protection, Madison firefighters help provide fire prevention classes, residential fire inspections, smoke detectors and testing. The department also provides educational classes on the topic of fire safety to all the area elementary school students.

For non-emergencies, you may call them at **(850) 973-5075**.

Madison County Fire Rescue

1314 W Base St., *Madison, Fla. 32340*

Madison County Fire Rescue (MCFR) is a department under the Madison County governmental umbrella. MCFR mans four stations around Madison County. The MCFR currently has stations in Madison, Greenville, Lee and Sirmans.

MCFR stands ready to respond to any emergency, 24/7, with trained firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians. They also conduct community education events throughout the year to promote fire safety.

MCFR suggests the following tips to help prevent a fire emergency:

- Check your smoke alarms. Operational smoke detectors can save lives - test them every month and replace batteries every year. Install new detectors every 10 years.

- Clean your clothes dryer vent after every load. Lint buildup is a common fire hazard.

- Never leave the kitchen unattended while cooking. Most home fires originate in the kitchen.

- Close your bedroom doors at night. A closed door can slow the speed of smoke and flames.

- Keep a properly maintained fire extinguisher accessible and in good working condition.

You can follow the department on Facebook at [Madison County Fire Rescue](#).



**MCFR Chief
Allen Clayton**



MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT

310 SW Rutledge St., Madison, Fla. 32340

The Madison Police Department serves the City of Madison and is located at 310 SW Rutledge St. The first-in-command is Police Chief Tyrone Edwards. Second-in-command is Captain Chris Cooks. Additionally, the department's investigators are Sgt. James Fletcher and Lt. William Sircy. Lt. Mark Joost supervises the patrol officers.

The Madison Police Department

has nine dedicated officers and four reserve officers who help protect the City of Madison around the clock. One officer is assigned to the combined Madison Police Department/Madison County Sheriff's Office Drug Task Force.



**Police Chief
Tyrone Edwards**

To contact the Madison Police Department with non-emergency matters, call **(850) 973-5077**. For all emergencies, dial 911. For more information go to www.cityofmadisonfla.com/departments/police.



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The Madison County Sheriff's Office is an equal opportunity employer and as of 2024, employs approximately 85 full/part-time/sworn and civilian personnel. Sheriff's Office personnel are strategically organized in specific divisions to include the following: Sheriff Harper's Executive Command, Non-sworn Administrative Support, Uniform Patrol, Traffic, Special Investigations, newly formed Drug Task Force, School Resource, D.A.R.E Program, Civil/Court Security, Evidence Custodian, Victim of Crimes Advocate, Animal Services, Detention Deputy Facility Security/Classification, Civilian Control Room Operators, Maintenance/IT Services, Contractual Inmate Medical Services and Certified 911/Communications Officers.

Many of these personnel are trained in multiple disciplines that further develop specialized units within the Sheriff's Office, some of which include Canine Apprehension and Illegal Substance Detection Teams, Canine Tracking Teams, Unarmed Aerial UAV Unit, and Special Weapons and Tactics Response Team for High



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The Sheriff's Office employs its own Criminal Justice and Standards Commission Certified Instructors for personnel required continued trainings and monthly in-services. Sheriff Harper and his Sheriff's Office personnel are committed to providing the most efficient and effective services for all citizens of Madison County.

The Madison County Sheriff's Office offers several community programs such as the Silver Star Program, Citizen's Academy, Project Life Saver, Teen Driver's Challenge, and a Women's Self Defense Class. They also offer a free annual Summer Camp for kids ages 8-17 and every Christmas they assist Madison County families with toys through the Toys for Tots Program.

For more information, please see their website at www.madisonflsheriff.org

You may also submit a crime tip anonymously by clicking "submit crime tips" at top right corner of their homepage.

Also, follow them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100069380192418>

MCSO Animal Services

2060 Rocky Ford Rd., *Madison, Fla. 32340*

Under the direction of Sheriff David Harper, the Madison County Sheriff's Office took over our local Animal Services (MCSO-AS) in July of 2022. To report a loose or stray animal you must call the non-emergency number (850) 973-4001 and dispatch will determine if a deputy or animal services is needed.

Since 2022, MCSO-AS has updated and expanded the shelter space from nine to 45 kennels.

The MCSO Animal Services unit is overseen by Captain Jarod Lauth, while Sergeant Victoria Zeigler serves as the unit's Animal Cruelty Investigator. Additionally, they have four Animal Services officers: Director Jennifer Burleson, Officer Buddy Kemp, and Officer Rich Moser and Kennel Tech Zeril Racraquin.

In 2025, Madison County Animal Services took in a total of 438 animals, 378 of those were strays, 39 were seized, 16 were surrendered and they ended the year with a 96 percent live outcome rate, maintaining national no-kill shelter status.

They have worked closely with University of Florida and their Veterinary Outreach Community program, where they offer rural animal shelters access to spaying,

neutering and health exams at no cost to the facility.

Their goal is not only to get animals off the street, but to mentally and physically heal every animal that comes in, while they find them new homes. The best ways our community can help our local animal services are to microchip your animals and keep the information up to date, spay and neuter your pets, keep some sort of identification on your animal at all times and donate. Animal Services accepts donations of dog/puppy food, treats, blankets and toys.



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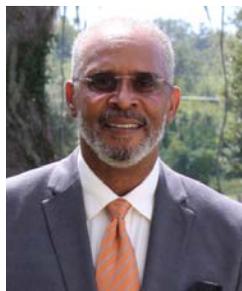
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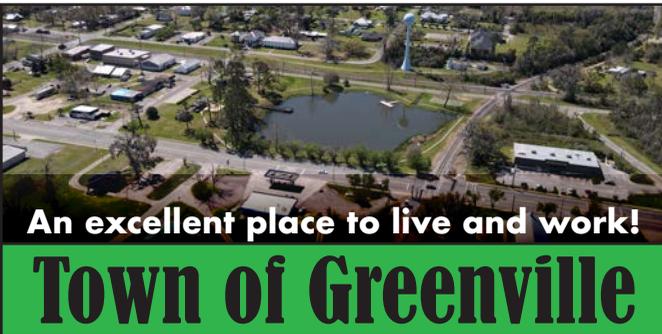


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Property Taxes

Your tax bill is determined by the local taxing districts (Madison County Commission, Suwannee River Water Management District, School District and municipalities). The appraisals for property are done by Property Appraiser Marie Smith's office, which is located on the second floor of the Courthouse Annex, located at 229 SW Pinckney St.



Marie Smith

Property owners are taxed on the assessed value

of the property times the county millage rate minus any exemptions for which they qualify.

The current millage rate varies and the taxes increase if the property is located within a municipality (i.e., if you live in the City of Madison, the Town of Lee or Greenville).

Homestead Exemption

To claim a homestead exemption or other exemptions, such as widow/widower's exemption or senior citizen's exemption, the property owner must go to Smith's office to fill out the appropriate paperwork in order to claim the exemption. The deadline is March 1. A new law requires yearly registration if there is any change in the property status.

If you have any questions for the property appraiser's staff, please call **(850) 973-6133**.

Licenses & Permits

Robin Hart serves as the county's tax collector. Besides property taxes, Hart and her staff collect

revenue from occupational license fees (set by the county commissioners) and from hunting and fishing license fees (set by the state).

You may call the tax collector's office to locate the figures for the 2025 tax season. Hart's office is located on the ground floor of the Courthouse Annex, Room 102. Call **(850) 973-6136** for more information.



Robin Hart

Vehicle Registration

After you purchase a car or reside in the state with a new or used car, the State of Florida requires you to register the vehicle for 12 months (primary owner's birthday to birthday) with the Florida Division of Motor Vehicles (FDMV). Registration consists of the following items: serially numbered validation decal to be placed on license plate, attached in a visible place on the rear of the vehicle and a registration certificate (keep a copy handy in your vehicle at all times, as you may be asked to present it to any law enforcement officer in case of an accident or an alleged traffic law violation or infraction).

Registration will require that you bring with you to the FDMV office: 1. Proof of Florida insurance (issued or countersigned by a Florida agent); 2. Vehicle title; 3. Proof of Identity (photo driver license or current passport) and 4. Taxes and fees, including an initial registration fee of \$225. Chapter 320, Florida Statutes, enumerates Florida law regarding these requirements. For complete answers on this subject, visit the website at www.flhsmv.gov or call the Madison DMV at **(850) 973-6136**, Live Oak at **(386) 362-5550** or Monticello at **(850) 342-0147**.

Building Permits

If you are planning to build in the near future, you should seek out the Building Department on the second floor of the Courthouse Annex or call **(850) 973-6785**.

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Voting

Elected officials play an important role in the quality of life in Madison County. To be eligible to cast a ballot for your elected officials, you must be registered to vote. You may pick up a voter registration application at one of the following locations: Supervisor of Elections Office, county library, city and town hall, the Tax Collector's Office or you may register online at www.votemadison.com.

Registration is quick and easy, and once your application has been processed, you will receive a voter information card through the mail. It is important to remember that this voter information card is not a form of ID and is for informational purposes only. You must provide a photo and signature identification when you go to vote in person. A voter's driver's license or Florida-issued identification works great. It is encouraged that you review your voter information card for accuracy and to familiarize yourself with your district number and precinct location.

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The Constitution of Florida also specifies the Clerk serves as the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners and Clerk to the Value Adjustment Board. As Comptroller, the Clerk is the custodian of

all county funds and responsible for the safekeeping of the county's revenues and watching over its expenditures. The Clerk also serves the public as the County Recorder and guardian of the public records of Madison County that go back to 1831.

The Clerk of the Circuit Court welcomes you to view its website at www.madisonclerk.com. The Clerk of the Circuit Court for Madison County is Billy Washington, and he is located in room 104 of the historic Madison County Courthouse. He can also be reached at **(850) 973-1500**, emailed at bwashington@madisonclerk.com or by mail at P.O. Box 237, Madison, Fla. 32341.



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Big Bend Hospice and The Shine Program*

Your guide to



MADISON COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Madison County Memorial Hospital (MCMH) has been a trusted provider of healthcare for the families of Madison County since 1937. As a Critical Access Hospital, they are committed to delivering compassionate, patient-centered care while remaining dedicated to the health and well-being of our community. Guided by its core values - Faith, Family, and Local History - they continue to build on their mission of serving those who depend on them.

Comprehensive Healthcare Services

At Madison County Memorial Hospital, we provide a wide range of services designed to promote wellness, comfort, and recovery for our patients. With 25 private rooms, our medical floor offers a peaceful environment tailored for acute care, skilled nursing and rehabilitation. Key services include:

- **Acute Care Services** - Comprehensive inpatient care for a variety of medical conditions.
- **Swing Bed (Short Term Rehab) Services** - Flexible post-acute care, including rehabilitation and skilled nursing, for those requiring an extended hospital

stay.

- **Respite Care Services** - Care to provide support for caregivers and their loved ones.

To learn more about these services, call **(850) 253-1956**.

Emergency Room Department

The Emergency Room is open 24/7 and with a team ready to perform a range of emergency procedures, including diagnostics, accident and injury care, disease management, stabilization and transport.

Advanced Diagnostics and Imaging

- **3D Mammography** for early and accurate breast cancer detection.
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Surgical and Operating Room Services

Our skilled surgical team provides a variety of outpatient procedures:

- **General Surgery** – Comprehensive procedures such as gallbladder removal, hernia repairs, breast biopsies and more.
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Our rehabilitation team assists patients to return to a level of function prior to a medical condition that caused them to need therapy services.

- **Physical Therapy** – Restoring mobility and strength after injuries, surgeries or illness.
- **Occupational Therapy** – Supporting patients in regaining essential daily living skills.
- **Speech Therapy** – Helping patients overcome speech, language and swallowing challenges.
- **Deep Tissue Laser Therapy** – Non-invasive treatment for pain management and healing musculoskeletal conditions.

Additional Services

- **Wound Care** for chronic wounds, diabetic ulcers, burns and post surgical care.
- **Infusion Therapy** for conditions such as iron deficiency anemia, cholesterol management and osteoporosis. Common medications and therapies offered include Prolea, Venofer, Leqvio, and Remicade, along with blood products, IV hydration and IV antibiotic therapy.
- **Respiratory** to include ventilator management, pulmonary function testing, CPAP and BiPAP therapy, arterial blood gas analysis, overnight home oximetry and tracheostomy care.

Telehealth Services

MCMH brings specialty care closer to home through telehealth options including:

- Neurology telehealth for stroke care.
- Behavioral health telehealth for depression, anxiety and

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Primary Care for the Entire Family

The primary care department offers in-person and virtual options for comprehensive services, including routine checkups, diagnostic testing, management of chronic disease, immunizations and pediatric care. Providers **Dr. Julia Weeks, MD**, and **Ms. Juanita (Nita) Fico, APRN-C** are dedicated to enhancing one's overall wellness. In July 2026 **Dr. Wesley Driggers, MD, PhD, FAAFP** will be joining the primary care department.

To schedule an appointment, call **(850) 253-1981**.

Specialty Partnerships

MCMH is proud to partner with specialty providers to expand care options locally.

- **Tallahassee Orthopedic Clinic** with Dr. Jordan Walters, MD

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Committed to Community Wellness

MCMH's Wellness Team partners with schools, churches and nonprofits to expand wellness opportunities in underserved areas. New services designed to support healthier living in the community, including an Aging Well program, nutritional classes and pulmonary rehabilitation, and other services with emphasis on prevention, education, and individualized care plans tailored to each person's stage of life and unique needs. These services are expected to be available in the new Madison Health & Wellness Center, slated to open in the fall of 2027. For more information, call **(850) 253-1907**.

If you want to be a part of the health and wellness movement, consider partnering with the **MCMH Foundation – Friends of the Hospital** to enhance community engagement and impact through volunteer opportunities and donations.

If you have a heart for volunteering or giving, call **(850) 253-1971** for information about joining the Auxiliary Volunteers or supporting community initiatives.

To Learn More

At MCMH, we provide modern healthcare with a hometown touch, ensuring you and your family receive compassionate care close to home. To learn more about our services, visit www.mcmh.us or call **(850) 973-2271**. Follow us on Facebook [@MadisonCountyMemorialHospitalMCMH](https://www.facebook.com/MadisonCountyMemorialHospitalMCMH) for the latest updates.

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HEALTH CARE

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Big Bend Hospice

Big Bend Hospice is a community based non-profit organization founded in 1983 by volunteers in search of a better way to take care of their loved ones at the end of life. The dedicated staff at Big Bend Hospice has, in those years, made service available to more than 18,000 patients and their families in an eight county region, which includes Madison. Providing support for individuals and their families who are suffering from a life-limiting illness, Big Bend Hospice works with the patient and their family to give relief from not only the physical symptoms associated with terminal illnesses, but the psychological and spiritual as well. Offering a unique set of services, Big Bend Hospice's staff and volunteers help to reduce pain and increase patients' wellbeing through therapeutic measures.

Since 1983, Big Bend Hospice has been serving Madison County residents, along with residents of seven additional counties. Regardless of race, age, sex, national origin, nature of illness or ability to pay, anyone with a life-limiting illness is accepted. Once accepted, a Big Bend Hospice patient receives an entire team of support, from hospice nurse to music therapist, all dedicated to providing the most support they can to the patients and their families.

Often, when confronted by a life-limiting diagnosis, the patient and their loved ones need specialized services to address their special needs and to ensure their wishes and goals for the end of life are met. In addition to the patient's personal physician, a hospice nurse, a social worker, a home health aide, a chaplain (if desired), a musical therapist and trained volunteers become the patient's care team to make sure these needs are met as best as possible.

The team works together, along with a local medical director who is experienced in end-of-life care, to provide spiritual and psychological support for the patient and family members, making the patient comfortable so they may enjoy time spent with family and friends.

Music therapy is one such service that is available to patients to help reduce pain and increase the patient's well-being through relaxation. A program is developed by the music therapist to fit a patient's individual specific need. Lynn Taff, the music therapist for Big Bend Hospice, is there to supply that support.

"Providing support for families and patients and helping them get through this difficult time, that's why I'm here." said Taff.

A 24-hour nursing service is also available. While most patients remain in their homes during their hospice, able to still enjoy much of their daily routines, not all patients are able to do so. Big Bend Hospice offers Hospice House, located in Tallahassee, as an option. The homelike setting of Hospice House provides critical patient care for problems like aggressive treatment for pain control, respiratory distress that has become unmanageable, complex medications and treatments and offers a transition between hospital to home, nursing home or assisted living facility.

As the use of hospice care increases, patients needing the services that Big Bend Hospice provides can find comfort in Big Bend's knowledge and therapeutic services. As a non-profit organization, Big Bend Hospice depends on community support for all non-reimbursable expenses. Contributing to Big Bend Hospice, the community helps support patient care needs. Also providing community education and support, Big Bend Hospice experts in end-of-life planning, grief, loss and care giving are available to local businesses, churches and organizations.

To learn more, give a contribution or become a volunteer, call **(850) 973-8131**, or contact Asya Griffin, Big Bend Hospice's community relations representative at **(850) 508-5407**, or contact Kimberly Everet, another Big Bend Hospice's community relations representative at **(850) 878-5310**.

There are many meaningful ways to remember a loved one. The Big Bend Hospice team is a supportive group that helps families through the difficult times, so more of those memories can be made. Big Bend Hospice is located at 275 W Base St., in Madison.

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Faith

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Madison County Organizations and Churches

Your guide to



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Education

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Madison County Central School, PreK-8; Amanda Brown, Principal; 2093 W US Hwy. 90, Madison, Fla. 32340: **(850) 973-5192**.

Madison County High School, 9-12; Dr. Crystal Cunningham, Principal; Dr. Travis Blue, Dean; Mr. Jimmy Brown, Dean; 2649 W US Hwy. 90, Madison, Fla. 32340: **(850) 973-5061**.

Students entering any Madison County school must show proof of current immunizations and must present birth certificates, Social Security cards (not copies) and proof of residency. To find out which bus your student should ride, call the bus office at **(850) 973-5022, Ext. 239**.

In order to help you plan, you may benefit from the following: for the past four years, school has opened in early August and closed in late May, with a winter break in December and a spring break (usually in March) to coincide with that of North Florida College.

CHARTER SCHOOLS

Madison Creative Arts Academy (MCAA) is a tuition-free public charter elementary school located at 622 NE Rocky Ford Rd., Madison, Fla., 32340. MCAA offers a rigorous program with STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) emphasis to students in PreK - 8 grades. MCAA will accept applications during an open enrollment period in February of each year. If applications exceed the number of seats available, students will be chosen by lottery. Janna Barrs is the Executive Director. For further information, contact **(850) 973-2529**.

James Madison Preparatory High School (JMPHS), **(850) 253-2173**, Mark Akerman, Principal. JMPHS is a STEM-focused, public charter high school with a rigorous curriculum to prepare students for college. Designed for 50 students in each grade, it opened its doors in August of 2013 for its first class of 50 ninth graders. JMPHS accepts applications for open seats and, if

applications exceed the number of seats available, new students will be chosen by lottery. The school is located at 2812 US Hwy. 90, Madison, Fla. 32340.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

New Testament Christian School (NTCS), grades K-12, 2558 US Hwy. 90, Madison, Fla., 32340: **(850) 973-8547**, Shannon Kinsey, Principal. NTCS offers a Christ-centered curriculum in a loving atmosphere to foster academic excellence while teaching the Word of God. The School nurtures the students' God-given talents preparing them as tomorrow's leaders. Families are encouraged to visit the campus Monday through Thursday; please call the office first to schedule.

Aucilla Christian Academy (ACA) is a Christ-centered college preparatory school, serving North Florida and South Georgia. The mission of ACA is to provide educational opportunities and experiences within a Christian environment to help children develop spiritually, mentally and physically. ACA provides students with a high-quality, college preparatory education, ultimately producing Godly citizens and future leaders. For more information on ACA or to arrange a campus tour, call **(850) 997-3597** or visit www.aucilla.org.

HOME SCHOOL

According to Florida Statute 1002.41, parents are eligible to home educate their children. Home education is defined as "sequentially progressive instruction of a student by his/her parent or guardian in order to satisfy school attendance requirements." Please review the legal responsibilities and obligations carefully prior to enrolling your child into home education. Suggested resources to view are www.fldoe.org/schools/school-choice and www.flsenate.gov/laws/statutes. Forms to establish a Home School Education Program for your child are available at the District School Board of Madison County. For more information, contact Kathy Smith, Federal Programs Administrative Specialist, at **(850) 973-1534**.



COLLEGES

North Florida College (NFC), located in Madison, is a member of the Florida College System and accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate and baccalaureate degrees. NFC proudly serves the distinct educational needs of its six-county district, including Madison County.

NFC consistently ranks among Florida's leading institutions for workforce placement, achieving an outstanding 99 percent job placement rate for full-time students—well above the Florida College System average of 92 percent. High-demand programs such as Welding, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration, and Commercial Vehicle Driving have grown so rapidly that expansion is now essential. Graduates transition directly into high-wage, in-demand careers that contribute significantly to Florida's economy.

In 2026, NFC will introduce a new Electrician program made possible through a Florida Workforce CAP Grant. This program establishes a clear career pathway, guiding students from entry-level electrician training to advanced workforce readiness. With electricians among the most critically needed professionals across the state, this initiative will further strengthen Florida's skilled labor pipeline and infrastructure.

NFC offers six degree programs that can be completed entirely online, including an Associate in Arts degree, Associate in Science (A.S.) in Accounting Technology, A.S. in Business Administration, A.S. in Criminal Justice Technology, and Bachelor of Science in Nursing bridge program. In 2025, NFC offered its newest degree programs, a Bachelor of Applied Science in Organizational Management and an A.S. in Agribusiness Management.

Visit www.nfc.edu for a full list of programs and training opportunities.

Students enjoy comfortable class sizes, usually with 24 students or less, and access to state-of-the-art educational facilities and the latest technology. Personalized advising, financial aid opportunities, student support programs, tutoring, one of the best college libraries in the state, and an

active Academic Success Center are all in place to help students succeed.

NFC routinely partners with area business, industry and community institutions to promote economic development and provide training opportunities for the district's workforce.

The College was named one of 150 community colleges eligible to compete for the 2025 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the nation's signature recognition of high achievement and performance in America's community colleges. For ten consecutive years, NFC has also been awarded as a "Great College to Work For" by the The Chronicle of Higher Education. NFC was a finalist for the Bellwether Award and received recognition from U.S. News & World Report as the #2 Top Public School in the South.

NFC has an expanded physical presence in its service district to broaden access to higher education for more students. The Live Oak Location in Suwannee County and Perry Location in Taylor County offer all courses required to achieve an Associate in Arts degree. The Perry Location also boasts a location-specific career program – Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration.

Opportunities abound outside of the classroom as well for NFC students and the community.

- NFC offers a variety of educational and fun summer camps that range in topics from the arts to engineering and robotics.
- The Hardee Center for the Arts hosts monthly exhibits (fall/spring) and a walk across campus reveals NFC's impressive outdoor public art collection.
- The Colin P. Kelly Fitness Center offers students a wonderful place to stay fit and healthy; community passes are also available.

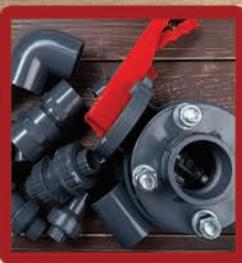
The NFC mission is to offer an individualized and supportive academic atmosphere, accessible education, lifelong learning opportunities, and professional growth for its students and communities.

For more information, call (850) 973-2288, visit DISCOVER.NFC.EDU or stop by the NFC campus at 325 NW Turner Davis Dr. in Madison.





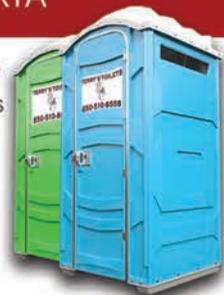
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Sports

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LITTLE LEAGUE

Madison County presently offers a variety of sporting activities for people of all ages.

• **Madison County Babe Ruth**

League baseball and softball: Each spring, youngsters have the opportunity to participate in baseball and softball through the Babe Ruth baseball program.

Information can be found at www.madisoncountybaberuth.com, or you can call **(850) 673-7979**.

• **Madison Youth Soccer:** Offers youngsters ages three through 14 the opportunity to participate in competitive soccer. Various seasons are held throughout the year. For more information, visit www.madisonyouthsoccer.org, or call **(850) 673-1975**.

• **Madison County Youth Football**

League: The Madison Youth Football League is a youth tackle football program for ages five to 13. The Madison Colts play in the Peach State Conference in the United Youth Football League. The United Youth Football League is a program designed to develop superior students and citizens, as well as athletes. The ultimate goal for the Madison Youth Football League is to provide children with a safe environment in which they can develop new skills, learn teamwork and sportsmanship, make friends and have fun. The league includes cheerleading. For more information on the Madison Youth Football League, visit: www.madisoncounty.youthfootball.com or call **(850) 869-7551**.

MADISON COUNTY CENTRAL SCHOOL

The following sporting opportunities are available to students at Madison County Central School:

- Boys football
- Cheerleading
- Girls volleyball
- Girls soccer
- Boys and girls basketball
- Boys baseball
- Girls softball

MADISON CREATIVE ARTS ACADEMY

The Madison Creative Arts Academy offers both boys and girls the opportunity to participate in competitive athletics. This includes:

- Girls volleyball
- Boys and girls basketball
- Boys baseball
- Girls softball

MADISON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Madison County High School (MCHS) has built a reputation of fielding winning programs in many sports. Numerous student athletes have moved on to play at various colleges and universities. Several, such as Chris Thompson, formerly of the Jacksonville Jaguars and the Washington Redskins and Lorenzo Cain, formerly of the Kansas City Royals and the Milwaukee Brewers, have taken the athletic skills that were born in Madison County on to the professional level. Recent state championships have been won by the Cowboys in football, basketball and weightlifting. Both the Cowboys baseball team and the Cowgirls softball team have been state title contenders in recent years. Competitive teams at MCHS include:

- Boys football
- Boys golf
- Girls volleyball
- Boys and girls basketball
- Boys and girls weightlifting
- Boys and girls tennis
- Girls flag football
- Boys baseball
- Girls softball
- Boys and girls track

AUCILLA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Aucilla Christian Academy offers a wide variety of athletic opportunities for both boys and girls. The school has earned accolades from the Florida High School Athletic Association in the areas of sportsmanship and academics; as well as several state championships. Sports offered include:

- Football
- Cross country
- Boys and girls basketball

- Girls volleyball
- Boys weightlifting
- Boys baseball
- Girls softball
- Boys and girls tennis
- Boys golf

NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

New Testament Christian School offers boys and girls basketball for middle grades and high school.

ADULT SPORTS

Adult athletes of Madison County can continue to stay active with a variety of sporting activities, such as biking, hiking, church league softball, canoeing, horseback riding, boating, pickleball, archery and marksmanship. Hunting and fishing abound throughout the county. If anyone is interested in joining the city softball league or church softball league, please contact Tommy Garner, Director of the Madison County Recreation Complex, at **(850) 973-4640**. At Lanier Field, located on Base Street, youth tennis courts, basketball courts, walking track and football field are all available.

GOLF

Golfers are sure to enjoy playing the beautifully landscaped, nine-hole course at the Madison RV and Golf Resort and Country Club, located at 445 SW Country Club Rd., in Madison. In addition to golf, a swimming pool and pickle ball courts are available. They even provide golf lessons for those new to the sport. For more information, please call **(850) 688-0363** or you can email them at info@madisonrvresort.com.

MADISON UPWARD & RECREATION

By participating in Madison Upward and Recreation, youngsters can improve their athletic skills in a fun, supportive Christian environment. They offer programs in volleyball, basketball, cheerleading and flag football. For more information, please call **(850) 973-3339**.

Community

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*City of Madison, Town of Greenville,
Town of Lee, Pinetta, Cherry Lake,
Organizations and Child Care*

Your guide to



CITY OF MADISON

The City of Madison was founded on land secured from Madison C. Livingston, on May 2, 1838, and established as the county seat after its removal from San Pedro. An early political center, it was along the escape route of Confederate Secretary of War John C. Breckenridge in 1865. The town played a prominent role in the development of tobacco, livestock raising and conservation in North Florida, and the area's economy is based on agriculture and industry.

Cotton planters settled the town of Madison in 1838, though there were residents here before that. The county was established in 1827 and by 1850, the county population had grown to more than 5,000 people.

The world's largest long-staple cotton gin was located in Madison before the boll weevil arrived in 1916 and wiped out the cotton industry. The "cotton years" memories are preserved in a small park near the former Amtrak railroad station on the south side of town. In the park is a 16-foot drive wheel for a 500 horse-power engine that once pulled 65 gins in what was said to be the "world's largest cotton processing plant."

The oldest house in town, still occupied, was built in 1849, and a small, wooden Episcopal church, built in 1843, is still in use. In the center of Madison is the Wardlaw-Smith-Goza house, a stately mansion that dates from 1860 and served as a Confederate hospital during the War between the States.

Also, in the heart of downtown Madison is the Four Freedoms Park. The park is a beautifully

landscaped city-block area containing a large gazebo and the Four Freedoms monument. This famous monument honors Colin P. Kelley, a former Madison County resident who was recognized as the first US. hero of World War II and who was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his bravery and valor in combat.

The City of Madison, with a population of just over 3,000, serves as the county seat for Madison County's government. For over 50 years, the city has served as home of North Florida College. Downtown Madison is filled with quaint gift shops, antique stores, outdoor shops and nice eateries. The downtown area is overflowing with classic 150 to nearly 200-year-old homes and buildings.

Contact **(850) 973-5081** for further information about the City of Madison.

TOWN OF GREENVILLE

From the church on the hill, with its mighty white columns, to the famous statue of the legendary Ray Charles, the Town of Greenville surely sticks out to every passerby. Located in western Madison County, the little town has served as a home to many for hundreds of years. Its culture is unlike any other and its residents, more like family.

Incorporated in 1907, the town was first established in 1850, and its post office was given the name of Sandy Ford. However, during the Civil War, the place was given the name of "Station Five," because it was the fifth station from the capital. A women's sewing circle was organized in the town to sew for the soldiers in the Confederate Army and the first box of supplies that was sent to the commissary in Richmond was designated as coming from Station Five. The quartermaster wrote the president of the society that packages would have to be given in the name of a town. The ladies met and agreed to call the town Greenville, as a tribute to Mrs. U.M. Roberts, president of the society, who came from Greenville, S.C. The Spanish missions of San Miguel de Asylo and San Mateo de Tolapato were both located near the area.

In modern times, Greenville is best known as being the childhood home of rhythm and blues legend,

City of Madison

The City of Madison was founded in 1838. The downtown areas have been renovated, restoring many of the lovely old buildings and fine architecture. The all-season climate and beautiful scenery provide residential areas in which to live, where neighbors know each other by their first names and speak the first time they pass you on the street. We welcome newcomers and not-so-newcomers alike to make use of this annual guide to Madison County living.



Ray Charles. "Ray Charles: Man and Music," a biography written by Michael Lydon, details Charles' upbringing in Greenville, from learning to play the piano at Mr. Pit's Red Wing Cafe, attending Greenville Training School, losing his brother in a tragic washtub drowning and, eventually, leaving the small town to attend a school for the deaf and blind in St. Augustine, Fla.

The Town Council for the Town of Greenville is elected by the citizens of the town.

The Mayor is elected by the council on a yearly basis. The phone number for Greenville Town Hall is **(850) 948-2251**.

TOWN OF LEE

Not much has changed in the "Little but Proud" Town of Lee (current population approx. 338), where Heaven still smiles down on Earth. Only two miles from Interstate 10, five miles west of the Suwannee River and 30 miles from Valdosta, Ga., Lee is an easy drive from anything one wants or needs to do. The Town of Lee is a haven from the stress of big city life, with a tranquil atmosphere that offers total relaxation for both the mind and body.

Chartered in 1909, the Town of Lee is said to have originated in the mind of Greenberry Haven, a pioneer of the pre-Civil War era. One version suggests that Lee was named after the first railroad supervisor, Jim Lee, for whom the depot was named. Another story is that Lee was named after General Robert E. Lee, commander-in-chief of the Confederate armed forces during the Civil War, who visited there. The post office was opened in 1882 and John Haven then chose the name. Philip Newland had established a limekiln in the town.

The Town of Lee is governed by a town council and a mayor, all elected by the town's citizens.

In an effort to encourage economic development, the Lee Town Council obtained the vacated Lee School building to establish a business incubator. The location of this site is in an Enterprise Zone which provides state financial

incentives for new businesses. The intent of this project is to assist with the development of small businesses by providing office space at a reduced rate, and to assist with the promotion of their product.

The building has 9,928 square feet of office space, which has been divided into 19 offices ranging from 110 to 1,300 square feet. The complex has been divided into two sections: one area for the development of a small business incubator and the other to provide services to the community.

The Town of Lee continues to encourage economic growth and is eager to assist with developing new businesses. If there are any questions regarding the business complex, please call Lee City Hall at **(850) 971-5867**.

CHERRY LAKE

Cherry Lake is one of Madison County's unincorporated communities. Nestled in the northern region of Madison County, just west of Pinetta, the community is a beautiful and historic rarity. Visitors and locals who drive State Road 53 North from the City of Madison, will soon make contact with a bustling intersection at NW County Rd. 223. At this intersection, sits the Cherry Lake General Store and the B&B—in front of each, you'll find locals enjoying a cup of coffee, grabbing a bite to eat and talking about days gone




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Speaking of days gone by, the community's history is extraordinarily rich. One of the area's most interesting historic facts includes Cherry Lake Farms of the 1930s. According to The State Archives of Florida, Cherry Lake Farms (also known as Cherry Lake Rural Rehabilitation Project) was a New Deal rural relief program initiated by the Federal Emergency Relief Administration (FERA) and the Resettlement Administration (RA) and implemented by the Works Progress Administration (WPA). The project involved moving 500 needy families from Tampa, Miami and Jacksonville onto a 15,000 acre communal tract. The workers formed the cooperatively-owned Cherry Lake Farms (headquartered in the Hinton House, an 1839 former plantation home) and constructed a school, an auditorium, a coop store, barracks, a lumber yard and a mill. Families lived in 170 cottages with phones, electricity and running water. Many of their descendants still inhabit the community today.

Further up State Road 53 North, sightseers will come upon NE Cherry Lake Circle, where the community's treasure lies. Down this road is the famous Cherry Lake, a vast, beautiful lake with access to a public boat ramp, public swimming beach and retreating enclave. Locals and visitors enjoy boating, tubing, water skiing and swimming at the lake, which also houses the beautiful campground, Camp Cherry Lake, one of the three 4-H Camps left in the State of Florida.

Camp Cherry Lake provides a number of opportunities, including an auditorium that seats 200; audio and visual equipment by request; a dining hall with climate control, seating 150; overnight accommodations in cabins; staff cabins with climate control, which provide enough sleeping arrangements for 50 people; an outdoor pavilion with a large barbecue grill; a campfire circle; waterfront facilities with kayaks, fishing and swimming; a ball field and recreational equipment available upon request.

PINETTA

Pinetta is a quiet and serene community in the northeast portion of Madison County, just below the Georgia line. However, Pinetta got off to a much busier start roughly 100 years ago, as the railroad came into the area. The new mode of transportation dried up the nearby community of Leeland, bringing Pinetta into its prime.

The heavy traffic around the depot brought numerous businesses to the area, including a grocery store, pharmacy, blacksmith, bank, boarding house, turpentine still, barrel making company and a cotton and corn market at the depot. In 1905, the first school was erected. The late Audrey Leslie's records of the historic community of Pinetta include the eventful lunch periods that frequently saw nearby hogs squealing into the school grounds, hoping to find some leftovers. Students paid 10 cents for hot lunches consisting of sausage or ham, biscuits or sweet potatoes. Some students brought lunches from home that featured biscuits flavored with bacon grease. Students unable to pay for lunch could bring items to trade or work in the kitchen to pay for their meals. There were several other schools located throughout the Pinetta area that were eventually consolidated in 1934.

The school was a hub of social activity in those early days, hosting all sorts of gatherings. A major source of entertainment and pride for the folks of Pinetta revolved around the game of basketball. The community was proud of the fact that their little school would frequently defeat much larger area schools. The 1959 boys' team was well known for having some stand-out talent. Jerry Bass, number 25, went on to be considered one of the best players in Pinetta's history and Bobby Joe Buchanan, number 42, went on to shine for the Madison High School Red Devils and played at North Florida Junior College before they had an official team. Nicky Strickland, number 44, was particularly good on the 1959 team, as was Ronald Bass, number 31. The fervor surrounding Pinetta residents' love for basketball continued well into

the 60s. The late Randall Buchanan was one of the players and coaches to continue the legacy of excellence and commitment to the sport.

The number of churches in Pinetta continued to blossom in the early 1900s, including the founding of Pinetta First Baptist Church on June 26, 1918. The late Rosa Lee Townsend recounts an incident in 1886 at a church with some rowdy young men outside during the service. The pastor sent someone out to invite them inside. Suddenly, the building began to shake as if it were being moved from its foundation and then it stopped. The pastor felt that God was doing something about the situation in a powerful way, but it turned out that the shaking was from an earthquake taking place in South Carolina.

ORGANIZATIONS

The newcomer with spare time can find several opportunities for civic groups or charitable organizations.

Madison Rotary Club

(President Pete Bucher)

Meets: Every Wednesday at 12 p.m.

Address: St. Vincent de Paul Roman Catholic Church's Villa Maria Parrish Hall at 186 NE Sumter St., in Madison.

Contact: Chad Arnold,
(850) 464-0565

Website: www.rotary.org

Madison Kiwanis Club

(President Deena Hames)

Meets: First and Third Thursday at 12 p.m.

Address: Madison County Extension Office at 184 College Loop, in Madison.

Contact: Kim Scarboro,
(850) 973-7251

Website: www.kiwanis.org

Madison Lions Club

Meets: Every Tuesday at 12 p.m.

Address: Cucinella's Brick Oven Pizzeria's Meeting Room at 201 SW Rutledge St., in Madison.

Contact: Tim Dunn,
(850) 464-4986

Website: www.lionsclubs.org

Toastmasters International –

Mad Talkers of Madison

Meets: Every second, and fourth Friday at 12 p.m.

Address: Former Madison County Chamber of Commerce at 182 NW College Loop, in Madison.

Contact: Eileen Herndon,
(850) 973-8024

Website: www.toastmasters.org

Madison County Chapter of the Charmettes, Inc.

(President Annie Jo Martin)

Meets: Every second Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Address: Madison Recreation Center, located at 297 Arnold St., in Madison

Contact: Annie Jo Martin,
(850) 290-6042

Website:
www.thecharmettesinc.org

Nu Omega Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

(President Regina Glee-Nash)

Meets: Fourth Saturday at 10 a.m.

Address: Madison County Chamber of Commerce at 182 NW College Loop, in Madison.

Contact: Regina Glee-Nash,
(850) 895-1502

Website: www.aka1908.com

Madison Woman's Club

(President Bonnie Rolfe)

Meets: Every second Thursday at 11:45 a.m.

Address: 345 SE Lakeshore Dr., in Madison.

Contact: Debbie Tuckey,
(850) 973-7176

Madison Garden Club

(President Stephanie Ruff)

Meets: Every first Thursday at 11:30 a.m.

Address: 345 SE Lakeshore Dr., in Madison.

Contact: Lori Akers,
(954) 298-0850

Madison Masonic Lodge No. 11 (Worshipful Master Chad Phillips)

Meets: Every second and fourth Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Address: 223 SW Range Ave., in Madison.

Contact: Jim Stanley,
(850) 973-2720

Website: www.grandlodgefl.com

Greenville Masonic

Lodge No. 28

(Worshipful Master Rusty Wilder)

Meets: Every second and fourth Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Address: 163 SW Church Ave., in Greenville.

Contact: John Sirman,

(850) 948-4431

Website: www.grandlodgefl.com

Madison Shrine Club

(President Tony Odom)

Meets: Every second Thursday at 6 p.m.

Address: 938 NE Shrine Club Rd., in Madison.

Contact: Jim Stanley,

(850) 973-2720

Website:

www.shrinersinternational.org,

www.marzuqshrine.org

American Legion Post No. 195 – Madison

(Commander Alphonas Alexander)

Contact: Alphonas Alexander,

(850) 843-0104

Website: www.legion.org

American Legion Post No. 68 – Madison

(Commander Harry Rotter)

Contact: Harry Rotter,

(850) 973-2394

Website: www.legion.org

American Legion

Post No. 224 - Cherry Lake

(Commander John Molesky)

Meets: Every first Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Address: 4383 NE Cherry Lake Circle, in Madison.

Contact: Dwight Barber,

(850) 929-2953

Website: www.legion.org

American Legion

Post No. 224 Auxiliary –

Cherry Lake

Meets: Every first Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Address: 4383 NE Cherry Lake Circle, in Madison.

Contact: Regina Barber,

(850) 929-4908

Website: www.alaforveterans.org

American Legion

Post No. 422 - Lee

Meets: Every first of the month

Address: 226 SE Lee School Ave., in Lee.

Contact: Billy Howard,

(321) 794-8993

Madison County Trail Riders

(President Tom Brown)

Meets: Every first Thursday at 7 p.m.

Address: Madison Public Library at 378 College Loop, in Madison.

Contact: Jimmy Daniels,

(386) 938-5230

Forgotten Coast K-9

Address: 137 SW Shelby Ave Madison, Fla. 32341

Contact: Chris O'Brian,

(850) 508-7386

chris@forgottencoastk9.org

Website: forgottencoastk9.org

Junior Auxiliary

(President Mandy Bowen)

Contact:

jrauxiliaryofmadison@gmail.com

Website: www.najanet.org

Boys and Girls Club of Tabula Rasa

Contact: Kevin Kidd,

kkidd@bgctr.org

Website: www.bgctr.org

Boyz to Kings

Address: PO Box 98

Madison, Fla. 32341

Contact: Merv Mattair,

(850) 673-1003

merv.boyztokings@gmail.com

Website: www.boyztokings.com

Girlz to Queens

Address: PO Box 98

Madison, Fla. 32341

Contact: Denise Mattair,

(850) 673-7703

dj.mattair@gmail.com

Website: www.boyztokings.com

Madison County Central School

Time: 3:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Address: 2093 West US Hwy. 90, in Madison

Contact: Amanda Miller,

(850) 973-5192

Madison County 4-H

Address: Madison County Extension Office, 184 College Loop, in Madison

Contact: Beth Moore,

(850) 973-4138

Website: www.4-h.org

Madison County Memorial Hospital (MCMH) Auxiliary

Meets: Every fourth Wednesday

Address: 229 SW Crane Ave., in

Madison; second floor

activities room.

Contact: MCMH Administration,

(850) 973-2271

Website: www.mcmh.org

55 Plus Club

(Seniors 55 and up)

Meets: Every second Wednesday (from September through May),

at 12 p.m.

Address: Methodist Cooperative Ministries at 135 NE Dill St., in

Madison.

Contact: Deborah Brown,

(850) 253-2133

**Senior Citizens Council of
Madison County, Inc.**

Address: 1161 SW Harvey Greene
Dr., in Madison.

Contact: **(850) 973-4241**

Website: *www.madison seniors.net*

**Treasures Museum
of Madison County**

Address: 200 SW Range Ave.,
in Madison.

Contact: **(850) 973-3661**

Website: *www.treasuresof
madisoncounty.com*

**Aunt Bobbi's Preschool
of the Arts, LLC**

139 NW Haynes St.
Madison, Fla.

(850) 973-0669

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250 NW Haynes St.
Madison, Fla.

(850) 973-4243

Monday-Friday:
7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**New Life Learning
Center of Madison, LLC**

227 SW Allandale Trl.
Madison, Fla.

(850) 973-1336

(850) 973-7336

Monday-Friday:
7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**North Florida Child
Development Madison
Head Start**

2093 US 90

Madison, Fla.

(850) 973-8895

**North Florida Child
Development
Greenville Head Start**

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Greenville, Fla.

(850) 973-5033

**Kellie's Kindergarten
Prep, LLC**

226 SE Lee School Ave.
Lee, Fla.

(850) 971-0075

Monday-Friday:
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Early Learning Coalition

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Madison, Fla.

(850) 973-2512

Tuesday-Wednesday:
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