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Man Arrested For Drugs, Fleeing And Eluding

Madison County Sheriff Ben Stewart reports that on Sunday, Dec. 16, Madison County Sheriff's Office Deputy Brad Johnson was patrolling an area where complaints had been received concerning drug activity.

Deputy Johnson observed Earl Dewayne Davis driving an older model primer gray four-door sedan. Johnson had prior knowledge that Davis's driver license was suspended and the tag on the car that Davis was driving was expired more than six months.

Deputy Johnson approached Davis's vehicle

and immediately detected a strong odor of marijuana. Johnson asked Davis for his driver license. Davis turned away as if to retrieve his driver license but instead put the vehicle in gear and sped off at a high rate of speed.

Deputy Johnson returned to his patrol vehicle and began to pursue Davis with blue lights and siren activated. Johnson caught up

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Earl Dewayne Davis



Photos submitted by Pat Lightcap

Structure Fire

At approximately 10:58 a.m. on Wednesday, December 19, 2012 Madison fire departments were notified of a structure fire at 6286 NE Rocky Ford Road in north central Madison County. Responding units found smoke coming out of a residential mobile home located about one-half mile off the road. The fire was quickly brought under control but there was extensive smoke and water damage to the interior.

Units from the following agencies provided assistance at the scene: Pinetta Fire Rescue, Madison Fire Rescue, Cherry Lake Fire Rescue, Tri-County Electric, Madison County Emergency Medical Services, the State of Florida Division of Forestry, and Madison County Sheriff's Office. No injuries were reported.

The homeowner, Kenneth Herring, was on scene also.



B.E.A.R. Center Topic Of Discussion Again At School Board Meeting



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Pictured left to right, Sean Golder and Davis Barclay address the board regarding the B.E.A.R. Center update.

By Lynette Norris Greene Publishing, Inc.

At the Dec. 4 school board meeting, the board made some recommendations for the B.E.A.R. Center after a long discussion of some of the problems at the Center, most stemming from confusion about which set of discipline guidelines the Center staff was supposed to follow.

Davis Barclay and Sean Golder presented the School Board with an update Dec. 18, with Barclay saying that he had reviewed the discipline files and found that whenever disciplinary measures were meted out, it was in a fair and



Tiwana Miller urges that the board give the Center time to make its original plan work.

equitable fashion, with no single student treated any more or less favorably than another. Also, Golder had been present much of the time when Barclay visited, and when he was not, Bar-

clay always knew where to find him and contact him.

However, there were still some shortcomings, including a lack of rigor when it came to academics, and late starts to school days.

Golder also mentioned problems with food vendors and food delivery logistics that had taken some of his time and caused him to be away from the campus a few times when Barclay visited.

The main concern, voiced first by school board member VeEtta Hagan and later reiterated by Tawana Miller

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MCCHS Student Clay Sapp Honored by County Commission



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The four Madison County Commissioners offer MCSH graduate Clay Sapp formal congratulations on his election as National FFA President. Left to right: Commissioner Rick Davis, Commission Chair Wayne Vickers, Sapp, Commissioner Ronnie Moore and Commissioner Justin Hamrick.

By Lynette Norris Greene Publishing, Inc.

Since the FFA's beginning in 1928, only five other people from the entire state of Florida, including long-time Commissioner of Agriculture Doyle Conner (served 1961-91, under seven state governors) have ever been elected as the organization's national president. Madison County High School graduate and class salutatorian Clay Sapp, son of Ed and Gina Sapp, brings that number to six.

In recognition of Sapp's achievement, the County Commission passed a unanimous resolution honoring him at their Dec. 19 meeting.

County Commission Chair Wayne Vickers, a former member of FFA,



Recently elected National President of the Future Farmers of America organization, MCHS graduate Clay Sapp briefly addresses the Madison County Commission.

described the occasion as a "proud moment" not only for the young man's family, but also for Madison County as a whole. Clerk of the Court Tim Sanders read

the resolution aloud and the commission voted unanimously to pass it.

Smiling as he stood at the podium, Sapp said that he was excited to be there, and be a part of something "much greater than myself." He praised the hard work of several individuals who had made it possible for him to be there, including "a great family" who stressed hard work, education and good moral values, and teachers who had instilled the knowledge and leadership skills that had helped him succeed and brought him to this point.

"I can't say enough about our education system," he said. "I know it's gotten a bad rap, but

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Elementary School Students Recognized For Their Artwork

By Lynette Norris Greene Publishing, Inc.

When Madison County School Superintendent Doug Brown unveiled the Madison School District's Christmas Recipe Booklet at the school board meeting Tuesday night, he praised the four elementary school students - one from each of the four elementary schools - whose artwork was chosen and featured on the pages alongside the favorite holiday recipes.

Two of the students, Abi Annett of Lee Elementary and Ba'Onta Miller of Greenville Elementary, were presented with certificates honoring their achievements. The two other artists, overall winner Ellie Cherry of Pinetta Elementary and Sequiya Turner of Madison County Central School, were unable to attend the meeting and will receive their certificates later.



Greene Publishing, Inc. photo by Lynette Norris, December 4, 2012

Superintendent of Schools Doug Brown presents Abi Annett (Lee Elementary) and Ba'Onta Miller (Greenville Elementary) with certificates for their artwork. Not pictured are Ellie Cherry of Pinetta Elementary and Sequiya Turner of Madison County Central School, who were unable to attend.

Car VS. Deer

By Jacob Bemby Greene Publishing, Inc.

A car had \$3,000 worth of damage, after hitting a deer on County Road 14, west of US 221, on Wednesday, Dec. 19.

According to a Florida Highway Patrol report, at approximately 6:50 p.m., Shakina Fletcher, 23, of Madison, was traveling east on CR 14 in the east-bound lane, when a deer traveled into the path of her 2008 Pontiac.

Fletcher was not able to avoid a collision and struck the deer with the front of the car.

The Pontiac came to a final rest, facing east on the south shoulder.

The deer traveled into the north ditch and came to a final rest, facing north.

Madison Fire & Rescue assisted on the scene.



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Local Weather

Wed 12/26 72/61



A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 60s.

Thu 12/27 71/46



Scattered thunderstorms possible.



VIEWPOINTS & OPINIONS

CRACKER SEZ

Switch'ns

I stopped by Leonard Thigpen's ranch Saturdee'. Lamar, that's Leonard's twin, has 'uh farm next ta' Leonard. As I drove up, I noticed them two rest'n their elbows on the corral gate. They was chuckle'n about some'm. I had ta' find out what it was.

Leonard said they was reminiscen' about when they was young'ns. Their momma, Mary Lou, had ta' raise 'um by 'erself since they was 10 cause their daddy, Robert Thigpen, passed of pneumonia. She knew she had ta' be tough on the boys, so whenever they needed discipline she'd have 'um fetch 'uh switch from 'uh peach tree.

Lamar said, "We was 16 when we got ta' talk'n about how them switch'ns didn't hurt too much. we decided fer' one of us ta' break some'm 'n blame it on the other. Then we'd see who could stand 'uh switch'n like 'uh man. The yard gate was sag'n n' had some rot, so Leonard swung on it 'n broke it. After I got the switch'n, we built 'uh new gate. In 'uh few months most everything that needed repair got busted 'n then fixed like new. Neither one of us would let on that them switch'ns hurt."

Said, "then one day when we thought momma was in the sew'n room, she happened in the kitchen winder', where she could see the cloths line." Said, "I backed the truck into the cloths line post 'n broke it down cause it was eat up with termites. Momma seen us laugh'n 'n high 5'n. She got ta think'n how everything that got broke needed fix'n in the first place 'n it always got fixed. She had fig-



Jim Deitrich
Guest Columnist

ured us out. She knew she was 'uh little soft on the switch'n.

It was her turn. While we was at school she backed over both our bicycles with the farm tractor 'n smashed 'um. Them bikes was nearabout rusted in two, 'n too little fer us anyway. When we got home she blamed it on both of us. She said fer' us ta' fetch the strap from the mule harness. Sweat started pop'n out on me 'n Leonard's forehead. Then she said, "caught 'cha."

We had had 'uh good year. The crops brought in enough ta' pay the bills. Momma had sold 30 head of steers 'n bought 'uh new pickup. She had it hid out behind the barn. She said, "It's time you young men start date'n 'n I wanted you'll ta' have 'uh nice truck ta' go in.'"

I finely spoke up 'n said, fellers I'd always wondered how y'all turned out so good.

Sincerely Yourn'
Cracola O'Lustee
(Cracker fer' short)

Editorial

Save The Lee Post Office

Residents of Lee received a survey in the mail from the United States Postal Service last Monday, Dec. 17. The survey offers them a chance to vote to hold onto tradition, comfort and convenience. It also offers a chance to vote to take these things away from them.

At least 60 percent of the surveys will need to have a vote for option number one, in order to keep the post office operating as it is now; any less than that and the Lee Post Office folds. While postal customers will get home delivery service, they will have the inconvenience of having to go to either the Jennings Post Office or the Live Oak Post Office to pick up packages that could not be delivered to them because they were not at home at the time. Other business will also have to be conducted at either Jennings or Live Oak.

While some people point out that other business, other than picking up the packages could be conducted online, they need to realize that many people in Lee do not have Internet access. There are also still people who feel comfortable dealing with people face to face at their local post office.

So many things and ways of communicating and dealing with people in our communities are being stripped from us. Let's save the Lee Post Office. Postal customers with Lee addresses are asked to choose option number one on their surveys and return them in the postage paid envelopes by Jan. 1.

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National Security



Joe Boyles
Guest Columnist

Stray Vectors

Editor's note: "Stray Vectors" is the author's byline for random thoughts on the passing scene.

North Dakota voters rejected a proposal to do away with property taxes even though the state coffers are awash in oil and gas revenue. Thanks to Julius Caesar and his Roman crowd, it is tough to root out a tax theory that was imbedded more than two thousand ago.

A trade war between the Chinese and America is looming if we put a tariff on their solar panel imports. I say forget the tariff; let 'em build the silly things. The concept is bankrupt. The industry will crash. Let it be their industry, not ours!

One of the most difficult tasks for the elderly to do is plan for a future that does not include them, but it's really important. Don't leave problems for your heirs to struggle.

The federal government reports that the recently concluded fiscal year (2012) saw the deficit exceed a trillion dollars for the fifth consecutive year. Are trillion dollar deficits the new norm? How long can we continue negative spending like this before the system collapses?

For the record, the president for the first year and a third of this period was George W. Bush and the Democrats controlled both houses of Congress. That means that Obama has added more than \$5 trillion to the debt while president.

Speaking of deficits, Obama's answer is to "tax the rich." If we raise taxes on people making more than a quarter million dollars a year, we can raise about \$60 billion a year in additional revenue. How does Obama's answer compare to a \$1.1 trillion deficit?

There's a national dialogue about gun control taking place in the

wake of the horrible shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, Connecticut. Before we rush to judgment, let me ask this question: Connecticut has the fourth most stringent gun laws of any state. All of the guns Adam Lanza used to murder those children and their teachers were legally obtained. How did gun law restrictions protect the kids of Sandy Hook?

Ten percent of employers are planning to drop the health coverage benefit for their employees according to a recent survey. This is the tip of the proverbial iceberg. So much for the (un)Affordable Healthcare Act. Remember when Obama said "if you like your health insurance provider and doctor, you can keep them under my plan." He lied.

Some government whistleblower is claiming that the National Security Agency is spying on every single American. Well, they apparently missed Colorado shooter James Holmes ... or they don't know what to look for.

Have you seen the video of Congressman Mike Kelly of Pennsylvania ranting about "broken" Washington? I have an idea - let's close the darn place. Move the capital to a 21st Century mid-point like Wichita. Maybe that would give us a two hundred year lease on new life before the politicians ruin that place.

In the run up to the election, I got so tired of political phone calls that I stopped answering. If I didn't recognize the number on caller ID, I just let it ring. Sorry (not really). Have you noticed that they always seem to call at lunch or dinner time?

I'm a big fan of Chick-fil-A ... for a lot of reasons. They make a great sandwich and their service is awesome. Eat more chicken ... or however the cows spell it.

According to The Wall Street Journal, the richest city in the United States is Washington DC. No surprise there. Not only do we send our tax dollars there, but the politicians siphon off the top 30 percent to keep the bureaucracy humming. Is that civic welfare?

According to economist Steven Moore, the richest 10 percent of Americans pay 45 percent of all taxes, more than any industrialized nation in the world. Obama says the rich aren't paying their "fair share." What does he think is fair? I'm confused.

Chicago is considering a "violence tax" on the sales of guns and ammunition. The only people who won't pay this new tax are the criminals causing the violence.

Two years ago, President Obama helped break ground on a lithium-ion battery plant in Holland, MI, designed to build the batteries to power the Chevy Volt and fueled by \$150 million in federal loan guarantees. So how's it going? Not good. Employment is barely 200 and they're in a partial furlough, working only 3 weeks a month.

The Labor Department's IG has concluded that a \$400 million Obama Administration "green energy" training program had 16 percent success rate in helping new trainees find a job. What a waste! Batting .160 won't qualify you for Cooperstown!

A word to the wise from the late Erma Bombeck: "Never go to the doctor whose house plants have died."

I hope that the coming new year will be prosperous and peaceful for our nation. HNY.

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with Davis on Georgetown Road as Davis continued to elude apprehension turning north onto Ganzy Street, then east onto Brooklyn Ave. Still refusing to stop, Davis turned south onto State Road 14 continuing at a high rate of speed. Deputy Johnson continued to pursue Davis until the engine in Davis's vehicle began to lose power, causing Davis to finally come to a stop just south of Summerset Way on State Road 14.

Davis put his hands up and was ordered out of the vehicle where he was placed under arrest without further incident. During a probable cause search of the vehicle, Deputy Johnson located a pill bottle that contained several hydrocodone pills (a controlled substance not prescribed to Davis), a large gray digital scale with marijuana residue, a shoe box containing a large number of small plastic baggies commonly used to package marijuana and a small amount of loose marijuana. Davis was transported to the Madison County Jail and his vehicle towed by rotation.

Davis, 43, of Madison, was charged with fleeing and eluding, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana less than 20 grams, possession of a controlled substance, driving while license suspended or revoked and having an expired tag over six months.

School Board

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during the public input forum, was that the student code of conduct and discipline grid the board had told the Center it must follow, even though it was the school district's official policy for all its other schools, was illegally imposed on the B.E.A.R Center, because the meeting at which the board discussed the matter and voted was not advertised so that the parents could attend. The Center, Hagan pointed out, had been earlier advertised to parents as using an alternative disciplinary plan when the school board voted on the contract at the beginning of the school year. Parents at that meeting believed they were getting one set of rules for student conduct, but then, the Center was told it had to follow the school district's official policy. Hagan further stated that several parents had questioned her as to why they had never been notified of the rule change, nor gotten copies of the new code of conduct, asking if the school board's attorney, Tommy Reeves, could look into the matter.

Tiwana Miller, who has three children at the Center, voiced strong support for the Center's alternative plan, saying that the school board's policy of "suspending and expelling for every little thing" was not going to work for the students at the Center, nor would "changing the rules in the middle of the game." She had also witnessed Golder's interaction with students, wherein he would pull an unruly student to the side, talk with him for awhile and then put him successfully back in the classroom.

"You've got to give them time to implement their plans," she said. "There is a future for these kids, if everybody can get on one page...let him (Golder) implement what he advertized in the newspaper. If he needs help, get it for him."

Amy Barfield also addressed the board, speaking more generally about the need to do what was best for the children, and to be sure that decisions made on their behalf were "sound decisions" that were not based on petty grievances or agendas.

The school board also voted final approval for the James Madison Preparatory High School, a charter school with a rigorous, STEM-centered curriculum targeting academically focused college-bound high-school students; board members also discussed and voted on school improvement plans for Pinetta, Lee and Greenville Elementary Schools as well as Madison County High School. The plans for Madison County Central School is expected to be ready for the board's approval at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Clay Sapp

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we have some great teachers."

He has recently returned from a trip to Indianapolis and Arkansas and will soon be making another trip to Arkansas to speak at other high schools about the importance of agriculture and agricultural education. He will also be traveling to Japan and staying with a Japanese family for a short period. In the coming year, he estimates that he'll travel some 100,000 miles to other schools and FFA organizations from Montana to Puerto Rico, promoting agriculture and exchanging information, looking forward to the opportunity to get teachers and students "fired up and excited" about agricultural education and to travel to other locations to "share about our great community."

The Board of County Commissioners formally presented Sapp with a copy of the resolution in his honor, and he received a standing ovation from the audience.

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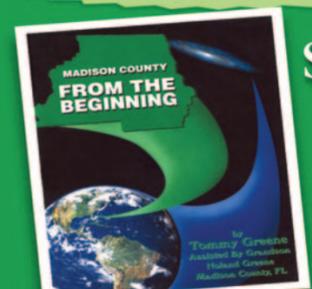
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Obituary

Michael Andrew Shea

Michael Andrew Shea, 55, died Thursday, December 13, 2012 at UAB Hospital, Birmingham, Ala. after a long illness. He was born in Mobile, Ala., and grew up in Madison County before moving to Gulf Shores, Ala.

Mr. Shea was owner of American Carpet Care, located in Gulf Shores. Prior to owning and operating his own business, he was active in all manner of construction. He was also part of the Dames Point Bridge Project in Jacksonville.

Survivors include wife, Christine; son, Samuel (Amber); daughter, Sophie; granddaughter, Kyley; mother, Pat Anders; stepmother Immi Shea; brothers, Pete (Mary-Ann), Shaun, and Andy (Darlene); and several nieces and nephews. Mr. Shea was preceded in death by his father, Peter F. Shea, Jr.

A memorial service was held Sunday, December 16, 2012 at First Baptist Church of Gulf Shores where Mr. Shea was a member.

Arva Grace Granger

Arva Grace Granger, 88, of Madison, died on Wednesday, December 19, 2012.

She is survived by four children, 11 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was a resident of Madison for 18 years and a member of Grace Presbyterian Church. A graveside service was held on Saturday, December 22, 2012 at 3 p.m. at Oak Ridge II Cemetery in Madison.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Salvation Army.

Red, White & True Mysteries

Real-life 17th century pirate the basis for classic fictional character

By Paul Niemann

I always like those stories where art imitates life. This week's story is one of those stories ...

Alexander Selkirk was a real-life pirate. Back in the day, pirates who were paid by their government to raid other countries' ships were called "privateers."

Born in Scotland in 1676, Selkirk became first mate of the British ship, Cinque Ports. In French, the name Cinque Ports means "five ports" but the word "cinque" is pronounced in French as "sank," which is never a good name for a ship.

The captain, William Dampier, proved his incompetence when he tried — and failed — three times to sail the ship around Cape Horn at the southern tip of South America. When the ship barely made it to the island of Mas a Tierra off the Chilean coast on their fourth attempt, Selkirk and the other pirates figured that they would repair the damaged ship before moving on.

They were wrong; Captain Dampier wanted to get back on the road (sea) again. Selkirk, though, feared that the ship would not make it, so he requested that Captain Dampier

er let him off the ship. He believed that he had a better chance of surviving all alone on a desert-island.

The island of Mas a Tierra had plenty of goats to provide



Selkirk with food and clothing,

but once he ran out of bullets, he had to chase them down. He also had plenty of fresh water, fruit and crawfish. He used pimento trees to build two huts, then he later moved into a cave.

Whenever a Spanish ship would pass by, he would hide because getting caught would result in death or slavery for Alexander

Selkirk. After four years, a British ship called the Duke stopped at the island. Who was the pilot of that ship?

William Dampier! So Selkirk left the island aboard the ship, reunited with his old boss.

Upon hearing about Selkirk's life on the island, a writer named Richard Steele wrote about Selkirk's experiences. Then another writer, Daniel Defoe, created a fictional story that was partly based on Selkirk's experiences alone on the island. Does Selkirk's story sound familiar?

the title character in Defoe's story was Robinson Crusoe. But you knew that all along, didn't you?

Selkirk led the Duke to a successful raid on a Spanish ship. When he returned to Scotland as a wealthy man, he could have built a luxurious home for himself. Instead, he chose to move into a cave again, just as he had done on the island.

As for the island of Mas a Tierra, that has been renamed as Robinson Crusoe Island and is now a tourist destination.

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More Than Just Things:

Frances Copeland Gives A Christmas Reading At Rotary Club

By Lynette Norris
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Celestine Sibley was a Southern author, reporter and columnist for the Atlanta Constitution for much of her career. She owned a place on Dog Island, and it was there that Rotarian Tommy Beggs and his family met the writer, visiting her house many times in a car that would only go in reverse.

And as it just so happened, it was from Sibley's collection of essays "Especially at Christmas" that Rotarian Frances Copeland chose to read for the Christmas program at the Dec. 19 Rotary Club meeting, not knowing in advance that one of her fellow club members had known Sibley many years ago, a happy coincidence that undoubtedly brought back many memories for him.

Copeland gave a lively, entertaining reading of Sibley's account of a chance meeting with an old gentleman and hearing his story of growing up in what most would think of as dire poverty.

"Things don't make Christmas," the old

gentleman told Sibley, as he paused from his work of picking apples and planting apple trees. In fact, the old gentleman's childhood was filled with Christmas memories of giving; his mother and father were "two of the most giving folks" anyone could ever hope to meet, he told Sibley. They had no money to buy anything, and little of material value, but they gave their children everything.

From their father, the children learned the value of work, with even the little ones getting a chance to learn new skills, even though the older ones could often do it faster and better.

From their mother, they received the gift of her time. She was never too busy to stop whatever she was doing and listen raptly to whatever her children had to tell her, no matter how silly it might seem. She also gave her children joy, music and religion, and never failed to tell them she thought they would all grow up to be "great Americans."

True to her expectations, her children would become teachers, missionaries and preachers, all of them "great Americans" in her eyes...including the one son who planted apple trees. He, too, was a great American.

"Things," the old gentleman said, in summing up, "Things ain't really that important."

Especially at Christmas.



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo By Lynette Norris, December 19, 2012

Apple in hand for dramatic emphasis, Frances Copeland reads an essay from Celestine Sibley's "Especially at Christmas."

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Christmas Trees And Holiday Lighting Present Post-Holiday Fire Hazards

NFPA reminds the public to properly store and dispose of seasonal decorations

December 20, 2012 – While the winter months are the leading time of year for home fires, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) says the post-holiday season presents its own set of fire hazards. Dried out Christmas trees and holiday lighting are among the leading culprits.

“As time goes by, Christmas trees continue to dry out and become increasingly flammable,” said Lorraine Carli, vice president of

Communications for NFPA. “For trees decorated with holiday lights, the risk increases because they’re in direct contact with an electrical source.”

Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they have a higher chance of being deadly. On average, one of every 66 reported home structure Christmas tree fires resulted in a death compared to an average of one death per 144 total home structure fires.

day lights and other decorative lighting were involved in an annual average of 160 home fires, 9 civilian deaths, 13 related injuries, and \$9 million in direct property damage. To reduce the risk of holiday light fires and keep equipment in good condition for next year, follow these storage suggestions:

- To unplug electric decorations, use the gripping area provided on the plugs. Never pull the cord to unplug a device from electrical outlets. Doing so can harm the cord’s wire and insulation and even lead to an electrical shock or fire.

place where they cannot be damaged by water or dampness. Also, keep them away from children and pets.

NFPA and the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) have teamed up again to remind everyone about ways to keep warm and safe throughout the winter months. Their joint safety campaign, “Put a Freeze on Winter Fires,” includes a wealth of heating, cooking and holiday fire safety tips.

About the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

NFPA is a worldwide leader in fire, electrical, building, and life safety. The mission of the international nonprofit organization founded in 1896 is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education. NFPA develops more than 300 codes and standards to minimize the possibility and effects of fire and other hazards. All NFPA codes and standards can be viewed at no cost at www.nfpa.org/freeaccess.

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SPORTS

Lady Warriors Take Two Of Three

By Fran Hunt

Special from ECB Publishing, Inc.

The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Lady Warriors took victories in two of the past three games to now stand 11-3 on the season.

Aucilla hit the hardwood against FAMU on December 11, and the Lady Warriors were trounced for a 68-13 loss.

Brooke Kinsley scored three points and had one steal.

Ashli Cline netted for three points, with two rebounds and one steal.

Whitney Stevens had three points.

Michaela Metcalf had two points and two rebounds.

Lauren Demott netted for two points and snagged five rebounds.

Marissa Duber had two rebounds and one steal.

Pamela Watt had two assists and one blocked shot.

Ashley Schofill had one steal.

The Lady Warriors squared off against St. Francis on December 13 in a game that proved to be a real barnburner up until the very end of the fourth quarter when Aucilla pulled out the 36-33 win.

Coach Daryl Adams explained the winning scenario. "Aucilla missed six free-throws in the fourth quarter and we were tied at 33-33. It could have been anybody's game, and it looked as if it would go into overtime. With 2.3 seconds remaining on the clock, Pamela Watt threw an in-bound base-line pass to Brooke Kinsley, on the right elbow of our set. With less than one second remaining, Brooke released the ball and got the three-point shot, and the win for Aucilla." Kinsley scored 13 points, and snagged five rebounds and one steal.

Watt netted for 10 points, with five rebounds, six

assists, and six steals.

Cline bucketed for eight points, snagged eight rebounds, and five steals.

Schofill had three points and three steals.

Metcalf had two points, four rebounds, and two steals

Duber had two rebounds.

Aucilla faced off against Munroe on December 14, and the Lady Warriors scalped their opponent for a 53-15 win.

Watt bucketed for 14 points, had five rebounds, nine assists, six steals and one blocked shot.

Schofill netted for 14 points, with three rebounds, and six steals

Kinsley targeted for 11 points and snagged 10 rebounds for a double-double, with three assists and five steals.

Cline netted for six points, had seven rebounds and four steals.

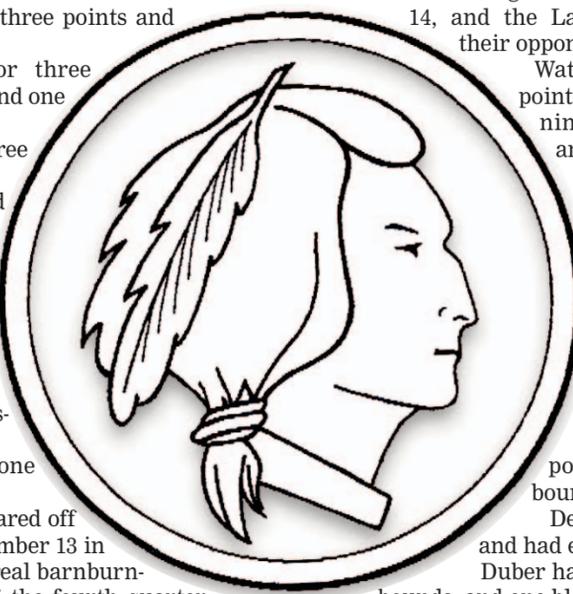
Demott scored six points and had eight rebounds.

Duber had two points, three rebounds, and one blocked shot.

Metcalf had three rebounds, two assists, and six steals.

Stevens had two rebounds.

Action continues against Chiles, January 4 at 2 p.m., away; Brookwood, January 8 at 6 p.m., home; Tallavana, January 10 at 6 p.m., away; Suwannee County, January 11 at 6 p.m., home; Tallavana, January 14 at 6 p.m., home; John Paul II, January 17 at 6 p.m., home; Munroe, January 18 at 6 p.m., away; Franklin County, January 22 at 6 p.m., home; Madison County, January 24 at 6 p.m., home; and wrapping up the regular season, Liberty County, January 25 at 6 p.m., home.



MCHS Junior Varsity Basketball Finishes Out 2012

By Kristin Finney

Greene Publishing, Inc.

The Madison County High School junior varsity Cowboys and Cowgirls basketball teams have fought hard during the beginning of this season. The Cowgirls currently have a record of 3-1 and the Cowboys currently have a record of 1-4 according to MaxPreps.

The JV girls began their season against Aucilla Christian Academy on November 12. During that game they were defeated 18-35. Their next game was on November 13 against Branford, where they pulled out a close victory at 28-26. The girls then played Columbia on November 20. They were defeated 9-48. The final record on MaxPreps as of press time was held on December 11 against Godby. The girls lost that game 17-30.

The JV boys have played five games this season. Their first game was against Maclay on December 4. The Cowboys lost against Maclay 44-60. Their next game was against Suwannee on December 7. The Cowboys fought hard, but in the end were defeated 45-52. The Cowboys then played Lincoln on December 11. They lost that game 36-47. The Cowboys scored their first win of the season against Taylor County on December 14. The final score was 32-30. The final record on MaxPreps as of press time was held on December 15 against Hamilton County. The boys lost that game 41-56.

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JV LADY WARRIORS DROP FOUR

By Fran Hunt

Special to Greene Publishing, Inc.

The Aucilla Christian Academy junior varsity Lady Warriors' basketball team dropped the past four games to now stand 2-6 on the season.

On December 6, Aucilla faced off against Leon County and the Lions walloped the Lady Warriors for a 41-24 Aucilla loss.

Kayla Knecht connected for six points.

Kinzi Mattingly scored eight points.

Morgan Cline netted six points.

Emma Witmer scored two points.

Gaige Winchester had two points.

On December 10, Aucilla once again hit the hardwood against Leon County, and the Lions beat the Lady Warriors, 42-26.

Maddie Everett scored four points and had seven rebounds.

Knecht had two points and three rebounds.

Mattingly bucketed eight points and snagged seven rebounds.

Taylor Copeland netted eight points, and had six rebounds.

Winchester had four points and three rebounds.

Sarah Tharpe grabbed 10 rebounds.

Witmer had two rebounds.

Morgan Cline snagged seven rebounds.

The Lady Warriors hit the hardwood against FAMU, on December 11, and Aucilla was bounced for a 31-22 loss.

Everett scored five points.

Knecht netted for six points.

Mattingly had two points.

Cline scored two points.

Copeland bucketed five points.

Winchester had two points.

Aucilla faced off against Maclay, on December 14, and the Lady Warriors were tossed for a 27-13 loss.

Everett had two points and three rebounds.

Knecht bucketed seven points and had two rebounds.

Mattingly had two points and five rebounds.

Tharpe had two points and two rebounds.

Cline snagged seven rebounds.

Copeland grabbed four rebounds.

Action continues against Chiles, January 4 at 12:30 p.m., away; Suwannee County, January 11 at 4:30 p.m., home; Maclay, January 15 at 5:30 p.m., away; Wakulla (two games), January 19, time to be announced, away; Community Christian, January 22 at 4:30 p.m., home; and wrapping up the season, Madison County, January 24 at 4:30 p.m., home.

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SCHOOL

NFCC Honors 2012 Registered Nursing Graduates

Pinning and Lamp Lighting Ceremony marks beginning of new journey for graduates



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(l-r) NFCC RN graduates Takiesha Brown, Courtney Kinsey, Kasey Tuten and Dana Anderson at the 2012 Registered Nursing Pinning Ceremony at NFCC's Van H. Priest Auditorium on Dec. 10.

North Florida Community College honored its Registered Nursing Class of 2012 with a traditional Pinning and Lamp Lighting Ceremony on Dec. 10 at Van H. Priest Auditorium. Twenty-four RN graduates were recognized and took part in the ceremony's Lighting of the Lamps and Reciting of the Nightingale Pledge. Two graduates received special recognition: Belinda Praytor (Taylor County) received the Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement and Courtney Kinsey (Jefferson County) received the Award for Outstanding Clinical Excellence.

The pinning ceremony is a special moment for RN graduates and marks the beginning of each student's career as a professional nurse. In his remarks at the pinning ceremony, NFCC President John Grosskopf congratulated the graduates and commended them on choosing a path of service and relevance. "The nursing graduates you see in front of you are about to embark on a life-long professional career of service where they will put the needs of others above themselves repeatedly."

NFCC graduate Kasey Tuten (Madison County) was recognized as the "Keeper of the Light" who will return next year to pass along the Lamp Light-



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Taylor Rykard is pinned with her NFCC nursing pin by Rosie Leggett during the 2012 Registered Nursing Pinning Ceremony at NFCC's Van H. Priest Auditorium on Dec. 10.

ing tradition to the next class of RN graduates.

NFCC's 2012 Registered Nursing graduates are:

RN Class of 2012

HAMILTON COUNTY

Takiesha Brown	Jasper	FL
Ashley McCoy	Jennings	FL
Danielle Wynn	Jennings	FL

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Courtney Kinsey	Monticello	FL
Hannah Sorensen	Monticello	FL
Victoria Tuten	Monticello	FL
Kathryn Wood	Wacissa	FL

LAFAYETTE COUNTY

Ashley Swinson	Mayo	FL
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MADISON COUNTY

Dana Anderson	Madison	FL
Anderlyn Ellison	Madison	FL
Donna Gober	Pinetta	FL
Cheryl Knighten	Madison	FL



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NFCC RN graduates (l-r, front) Kasey Tuten, Taylor Rykard and Rebecca Mowry and (l-r, back) Miranda Stafford and Dana Anderson on Dec. 10 at the 2012 Registered Nursing Pinning Ceremony.

Taylor Rykard	Madison	FL
Jared Swift	Madison	FL
Tanya Terry	Madison	FL
Kasey Tuten	Lee	FL

SUWANNEE COUNTY

Kelley Arnold	Branford	FL
Nicole Garrison	Live Oak	FL
Rebecca Mowry	McAlpin	FL
Penny West	Live Oak	FL

TAYLOR COUNTY

Dorothy Ganley	Steinhatchee	FL
Emily Hinkle	Perry	FL
Belinda Praytor	Perry	FL
Miranda Stafford	Perry	FL

"Congratulations," said Julie Townsend, NFCC Director of Allied Health. "This is an enormous achievement of which you can all be proud." For more information on NFCC's Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program, contact NFCC Allied Health Advisor Debbie Bass at (850) 973-1662, email bassd@nfcc.edu or visit www.nfcc.edu/programs-of-study.



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NFCC RN graduate Kasey Tuten is pinned with her NFCC nursing pin by Ashley Tuten during the 2012 Registered Nursing Pinning Ceremony at NFCC's Van H. Priest Auditorium on Dec. 10.



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Anderlyn Ellison is pinned with her NFCC nursing pin by Wendy Silvernell during the 2012 Registered Nursing Pinning Ceremony at NFCC's Van H. Priest Auditorium on Dec. 10.



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Guest speaker Marie Johnson, ARNP Executive Director of Gentiva Home Health, addresses the graduates and guests at the 2012 Registered Nursing Pinning Ceremony at NFCC's Van H. Priest Auditorium on Dec. 10.

Professional Sculptor Mark Dickson To Teach Metal Sculpting Course At NFCC In January

Creativity, art and welding collide at North Florida Community College as renowned sculptor Mark Dickson leads a new Metal Sculpting course set to begin Jan. 9. Dickson says the course offers "an exciting and practical approach to sculpture de-

sign and fabrication." Students will explore basic metal fabrication and welding techniques, dynamic sculpture construction and three-dimensional design.

Metal Sculpting (ART 1930R), a three-credit-hour course, will meet Wednesdays from 12:30-3:15 p.m. during NFCC's Spring Term 2013. Classes begin Jan. 9 and continue into April. The course can be taken as an elective by degree seeking students or by community members looking for an interesting art class or hobby to explore.

"We are so pleased to have a sculptor of Mark's caliber teaching this class," said Lisa Thompson, NFCC Art Department. "Our students will benefit greatly from his creativity, talent and experience."

Dickson is a professional sculptor and painter with a working studio, Mark Dickson Studios, in Tallahassee. He draws on knowledge acquired from independent studies in metal design, fabrication, casting, foundry methods, and blacksmithing and continues to work on practical welding projects in addition to his art. In 2010 he was commissioned to create a sculpture entitled "Transit" for the City of Tallahassee's StarMetro public transportation headquarters. Another of his works entitled "Windjammer" stands at the entrance to Railroad Square Art Park in Tallahassee. He is currently working on a commission for Valdosta State University's Education Department and was the Council on Culture & Arts featured artist in the April 29, 2012 edition of the Tallahassee Democrat. Earlier this year, Dickson helped NFCC students fabricate and install a public sculpture on the NFCC campus, near Van H. Priest Auditorium, entitled "Forest Totems." Visit www.markdicksonstudios.com to see more of Mark Dickson's work.

The NFCC campus is closed through Jan. 1 for its Winter Break holiday. The campus reopens on Wednesday, Jan. 2. Those interested in enrolling in

the Metal Sculpting course should register between Wednesday, Jan. 2 and Friday, Jan. 4. Spring Term 2013 begins Jan. 7. Visit www.nfcc.edu for more information or contact NFCC Enrollment Services at (850) 973-1622 after Jan. 1, 2013.



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Student work created in Metal Sculpting class at NFCC this past term.



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Student learning welding techniques in NFCC's Metal Sculpting art class this past term.

SCHOOL

NFCC Announces Graduates For Fall Term 2012



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NFCC graduates Danielle Wynn of Jasper, Penny West of Live Oak, Ashley Swinson of Mayo, Taylor Rykard of Madison, Emily Hinkle of Perry and Jared Swift of Madison at Van H. Priest Auditorium before NFCC's Fall 2012 Commencement Ceremony on Dec. 13. All were honored at the ceremony and each awarded an Associate Degree in Nursing.

North Florida Community College congratulates the following students who were awarded degrees or certificates at the conclusion of NFCC's Fall Term 2012.

NFCC's Fall Term 2012 graduates are:

MADISON COUNTY

NAME	RESIDENCE	DEGREE
Brown, Erica S.	Greenville	(A.A. Degree)
Burnett, Kendra	Greenville	Paramedic (Certificate)
Finlayson, Anna Marguerite	Greenville	(A.A. Degree)
Holden, Katie Suzanne	Greenville	(A.A. Degree)
Hudson, Crystal Nicole	Greenville	PCT (Certificate)
Mitchell, Talinda M.	Greenville	(A.A. Degree)
Storey, General	Greenville	EMT-B (Certificate)
Wells, Tara Monieca	Greenville	(A.A. Degree)
Collis, Ashley	Lee	(A.A. Degree)
Jones, Annette	Lee	Paramedic (Certificate)
Thomas, Stefanie	Lee	(A.A. Degree)
Tuten, Kasey	Lee	Associate Degree in Nursing
Williams, Courtney Georgianna	Lee	(A.A. Degree)
Wilson, Lynn Marie	Lee	PCT (Certificate)

Anderson, Dana Leigh Ann
Curl, Emily Nicole
Davis, Demi
Ellison, Maggie Anderlyn
Godfrey, Steven M.

LaMendola, Matthew
Lee, Joshua Trumaine
Knighten, Cheryl
McLellan, Rachel
Miller, Jason
Norelius, Jeta
Pickels, Harley
Primm, Shannon
Robinson, Tracy L.
Rykard, Taylor L.
Stafford, Angelia J.
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Madison A.S. Degree EMT & (Cert.)
Madison Associate Degree in Nursing
Madison Digital Media/Multimedia Technology - Web Prod. Special. (Cert.)
Madison Paramedic (Certificate)
Madison EMT-B (Certificate)
Madison Associate Degree in Nursing
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Madison (A.A. Degree)
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Madison Associate Degree in Nursing
Madison Associate Degree in Nursing (A.A. Degree)
Madison EMT-B (Certificate)
Madison Pinetta Associate Degree in Nursing



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NFCC graduates Breeanna Williams of Monticello, Lynn Wilson of Lee, and Tammy Roach of Perry at Van H. Priest Auditorium before NFCC's Fall 2012 Commencement Ceremony on Dec. 13. Williams, Wilson and Roach were all awarded Patient Care Technician certificates during the ceremony.



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NFCC graduate Jared Swift of Madison and fellow graduates make their way to the Van H. Priest Auditorium stage on Dec. 13.



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NFCC graduates Tanya Terry of Madison and Denese Ganley of Steinhatchee before the commencement ceremony Dec. 13. Terry and Ganley both were awarded an Associate Degree in Nursing.



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NFCC graduates, left to right, Shannon Primm of Madison and Latrelle Monk of Perry make their way to the Van H. Priest Auditorium stage on Dec. 13.



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NFCC graduate Talinda Mitchell of Greenville makes her way to the Van H. Priest Auditorium stage on Dec. 13.

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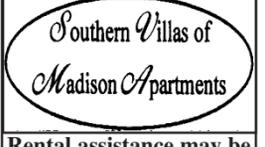
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN RE: FORFEITURE OF \$3,825.00 in United States Currency (MCSO Case No: 12-DTF-101)

Case No: 12-350-CA

LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 932.704(6)(a), The Madison County Sheriff's Office has filed a forfeiture complaint in Madison County in the Third Judicial Circuit which is styled IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA, Case No: 12-350-CA. In RE: FORFEITURE OF CASH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,825.00.

Paula M. Spahrman
PAULA M. SPHRMAN
Attorney at Law
FL BAR ID 0135925
P.O. Box 247
Monticello, Florida 32345
Attorney for Plaintiff

12/19, 12/26

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Suwannee River Water Management District intends to sell certain real property (the "Property"). A description of the Property is as follows:

670 acres, more or less, in Madison County, Florida, being a portion of the West Half (W 1/2) of Section 22, Township 1 South, Range 11 East, lying North SE 125th Avenue and being a part of the West Half (W 1/2) of Section 15, Township 1 South, Range 11 East, less and except (a) right of way for US Highway 90, and (b) railroad right of way and being a portion of the East Half (E 1/2) of Section 15, Township 1 South, Range 11 East, lying north of railroad right of way and South and West of the right of way for US Highway 90 and the South 660 feet of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section 10, Township 1 South, Range 11 East.

A complete description and map of the Property may be obtained by contacting the Suwannee River Water Management District at the address and telephone number set out below.

The sale of the Property shall take place not less than 30 days nor more than 45 days after the first publication of this notice.

This notice is given to comply with the publication requirements of Section 373.089, Florida Statutes.

This notice shall be published on the following dates: December 19, 2012; December 26, 2012; and January 2, 2013.

Richard Rocco
Real Estate Coordinator
Suwannee River Water Management District
9225 CR 49
Live Oak, Florida 32060
(386) 362-1001

12/19, 12/26, 1/2

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA.

CIVIL ACTION NO.2012-216-CA

WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS
6164 Pisgah Lane
Tallahassee, Florida 32309

Plaintiff,

vs.

FORECLOSURE AND OTHER RELIEF

GARY LLOYD WILLIAMS
Post Office Box 1148
Madison, Florida 32341;
JARED LLOYD WILLIAMS
Post Office Box 1148
Madison, Florida 32341;
CAPITAL ONE BANK
4851 Cox Road
Glen Allen, VA 23060;
UNITED STATE OF AMERICA,
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY- INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE,
111 North Adams Street, Fourth Floor
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Defendants.

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE
PURSUANT TO SECTION 45.031(1), FLORIDA STATUTES

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered on December 19, 2012, in the above styled action I, TIM SANDERS, Clerk of the Court, will sell at public sale the following described real property:

Lot 25 and Lot 26 of Block H, Lakeside Heights Sub-Division of the Town of Madison, Plat Book 1, Page 23, according to the map or plat thereof on file and of records in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for Madison County, Florida.

The sale will be held on January 17, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. (or as soon thereafter as possible, provided that said sale must be commenced prior to 2:00 p.m.) to the highest and best bidder for cash, at the West door of the courthouse in Madison County, in Madison, Florida, in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the owner of the above described property as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Sondra Williams, court administrator, Post Office Box 1569, Lake City, Florida 32056; telephone:(386)758-2163, within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Dated: December 19, 2012.

TIM SANDERS,
As Clerk of the Court

By: */s/ Karen Holman*
Karen Holman
As Deputy Clerk

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

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
Plaintiff,

vs.

RUBIE L. DELAUGHTER A/K/A RUBIE LEE DELAUGHTER, et al,
Defendants).

CASE NO.: 40-2012-CA-000003
DIVISION:

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated December 06, 2012 and entered in Case No. 40-2012-CA-000003 of the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit in and for MADISON County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA is the Plaintiff and RUBIE L. DELAUGHTER A/K/A RUBIE LEE DELAUGHTER; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at

WEST DOOR OF THE MADISON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

at 11:00AM, on the 7 day of MARCH, 2013 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

START AT NORTHEAST CORNER OF SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4) OF SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE 1/4) OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, MADISON, MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND RUN SOUTH 23 WEST 602 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 42 FEET WEST 200 FEET TO SOUTH SIDE OF A 60 FOOT STREET AT POINT OF BEGINNING AND NORTHWEST CORNER OF HEREIN DESCRIBED LOT 7; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 30 MINUTES EAST LONG STREET 100.3 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 42 MINUTES WEST 78.62 FEET, ALONG A STREET; THENCE NORTH 80 DEGREES 18 MINUTES WEST 100.3 FEET; THENCE NORTH 42 MINUTES EAST 77.44 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.17 ACRE, AND BEING PART OF SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE 1/4) OF SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE 1/4) OF SAID SECTION 21.

A/K/A 112 SW MERRITT AVENUE, MADISON, FL 32340

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on 12-19, 2012.

Tim Sanders
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: *Ronnet Dickson*
Deputy Clerk

****See Americans with Disabilities Act**
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance.
Please contact:
Ms. Yanel Gonzalez
P. O. Box 1569
173 N.E. Hernandez St., Room 408
Lake City, FL 32056-1569
Phone: 386-754-1569
Fax: 386-758-2162

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NOTICE OF OFFERING PROPERTY FOR SALE BY BID

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") of Madison County, Florida (the "County") is offering property for sale to the highest bidder as set out below. The property offered is as follows:

Lot 85 of TWIN RIVER FARMS SUBDIVISION, a subdivision as per the plat thereof filed in Plat Book 1, Page "T", of the Public Records of Madison County, Florida.

Parcel ID No.: 08-1S-11-1515-085-000

Address: 356 NE Jacaranda Terrace
Lee, Florida 32059

TOGETHER WITH a 2000 FTWD mobile home, Title Number 80847807 and 80847870, ID numbers GAFIX35A16977-HH21 and GAFIX35B16977-HH21, located thereon.

All bids shall be for cash and submitted sealed. All bids must be accompanied by a cashier's or certified check, made payable to "Madison County", for not less than 5% of the bid amount or \$1,000.00, whichever is less. All checks accompanying unsuccessful bids shall be returned to the bidder uncashed after the award of the bid. The check accompanying the successful bid shall be immediately deposited, shall be non-refundable, and shall be the earnest money deposit. The earnest money deposit shall be credited against the purchase price at closing. Should the successful bidder not be able to pay the remainder of the purchase price, in full, within the required time, the successful bidder shall lose all claim to the above property and the earnest money deposit shall be forfeited to the County, without further action by the Board.

Closing shall be held within 30 days after the date the bid is awarded by the Board. The successful bidder shall pay the difference between the earnest money deposit already paid and the purchase price, in full, at closing, by cashier's check or other certified funds. At closing the successful bidder will receive (1) for real property: a deed as provided in Section 125.411, Florida Statutes, (2) for titled property: a power of attorney, executed title, bill of sale or similar documents and (3) for all non-titled personal property: a bill of sale. It shall be the responsibility of the successful bidder to have any deeds recorded and titles transferred and pay all taxes, costs and fees associated with the transfer of the property including, without limitation, documentary stamp taxes, sales taxes, recording costs, transfer taxes and transfer fees. Ad valorem taxes and assessments, if any, shall not be prorated.

The above real and/or personal property is being sold "as is, where is", with no warranties or representations concerning the accuracy of the legal description, condition of title, number of acres, access, zoning, environmental status, flood proneness, habitability, fitness for a particular purpose or any other matters.

Bids must be received in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Room No. 101, Madison County Courthouse, 125 SW Range Avenue, Madison, Florida, 32340, (Mailing address: Post Office Box 237, Madison Florida 32341-0237) no later than 5:00 p.m., on January 30, 2013. The bids will be publicly opened and tabulated by staff in the Board's Meeting Room located at Room No. 107, Madison County Courthouse Annex, 229 SW Pinckney Street, Madison, Florida, 32340 at 10:00 a.m., on February 1, 2013. The Board shall take action on the bids at its regularly scheduled meeting to be held at the Board's Meeting Room located at Room No. 107, Madison County Courthouse Annex, 229 SW Pinckney Street, Madison, Florida, 32340 at 9:00 a.m., on February 6, 2013.

Notwithstanding anything else herein to the contrary, the Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids for any or no reason as may be in the best interest of the Board and to, at any time prior to closing, unilaterally cancel the sale with no liability to the Board other than return of the earnest money deposit. The Board further reserves the right to waive any irregularity in the bid process which does not affect the substance of the bid.

All question concerning the above should be directed to Allen Chery, County Coordinator at (850) 973-3179.

DATED on December 14, 2012.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: */s/ Tim Sanders*
Tim Sanders, Clerk

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Advertisement for Bid

Madison County Board of County Commissioners of Madison, Florida will accept sealed bids from licensed Contractors for the Re-painting of Exterior of EOC Building located in Madison. This project is funded is by FEMA.

You are invited to bid on scope of: pressure clean exterior CMU, Re-paint exterior surface of CMU with one coat of clear "Thorocoat" waterproof coating and one coat tinted "Thorocoat" to match existing colors. Application rate and method of application per manufacturer instructions. Successful bidder will be given a Notice to proceed and have 30 days to complete.

All Bids must be on a lump sum basis; segregated Bids will not be accepted.

Emergency Management of Madison will receive sealed bids until 2 pm on January 8, 2013 @ Madison County Board of County Commission Office, 112 East Pinckney Street Suite 219, Madison, FL 32340, ATTENTION: Allen Chery, County Coordinator. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud on January 8, 2013 @ 2:01pm in Conference Room of 219.

General Contractors and Subcontractors may ask questions of the scope to Architect office Will Rutherford at 850-385-6153.

There will not be a Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference. Each bidder should visit the site at 1083 SW Harvey Green Road to obtain quantities and any site conditions to consider in bid. There shall be no waivers or increases to bid for unknown conditions or size of areas after bid.

Madison County reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject any and all Bids.

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

In Re: The Estate of Case No. 2012-91-CP
RICHARD EDWIN TRAVIS KENDA,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of RICHARD EDWIN TRAVIS KENDA, deceased, whose date of death was September 2, 2012; File Number 2012-91-CP is pending in the Circuit Court for Madison County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Post Office Box 237, Madison, Florida 32340. The names and addresses of the co-personal representative and the co-personal representatives' attorney are set forth below:

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice has been served, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE TIME OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is: DECEMBER 19, 2012.

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AROUND MADISON COUNTY

Just In Time For The New Year: Three New Members Inducted Into Kiwanis Club



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New member Angela Cave receives the Kiwanis pin from her husband Randy.

(Left to right) Formally inducted into the Madison Kiwanis Club, new members Jim Freeman, Julius Hackett and Angela Cave present their membership certificates.



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Club President Jerome Wyche presents the Kiwanis pin to Julius Hackett.

Third new member Jim Freeman also received his Kiwanis pin from president Jerome Wyche, while Lucile Day and Julius Hackett look on.

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Good things usually come in threes, and that seems to be the case when it comes to new members joining the Madison Kiwanis Club.

Warden Jim Freeman of the Madison Correctional Institute, Julius Hackett, general manager of Tri-County Electric, and Angela Cave of the Madison County Chamber of Commerce were formally inducted into the club at its regular meeting on Dec. 20.

"The three of you were sought after," said Kiwanis Club President Jerome Wyche as he welcomed them, adding that the club was very happy to have them join its ranks.

In a brief pinning ceremony, each new member was presented with the Kiwanis Club pin. Angela Cave had her husband Randy do the presentation, while Julius Hackett and Jim Freeman chose club president Wyche.

Each new member also received a certificate reflecting their new membership,

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(in the event of inclement weather, the program will be moved into the Courtroom)

The first 160 acres of what is now known as the City of Madison was sold and deeded in May 1838 from Mr. Madison Livingston to Madison County. This became the official county seat, and city leaders worked quickly to make this area a leader in agriculture, livestock, and conservation in north Florida.

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- ◆ A live re-enactment of the deed presentation
- ◆ Guest speakers sharing stories of the city's history
- ◆ Old fashioned country singing
- ◆ Presentation of the first celebration banner

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Path *of* Faith

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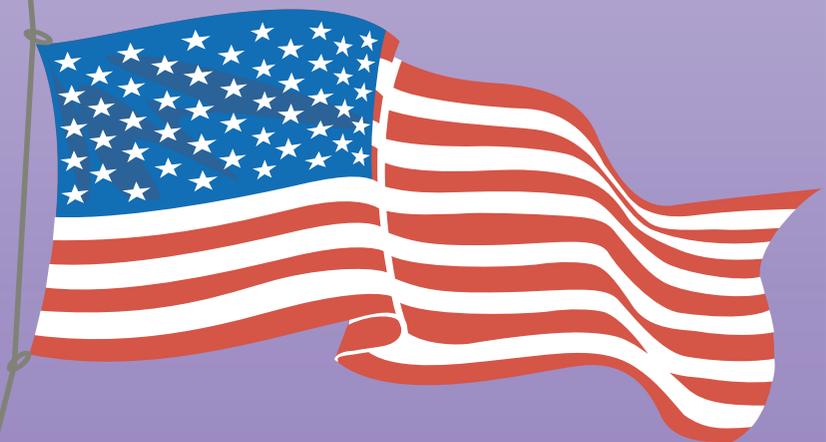
Christians across the country are asking what they can do to help the families of the victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary School victims.

Of course, everyone can pray if they can do nothing else and the love and the prayers are the most important things that the families of the victims, as well as the rescue personnel who had to recover the bodies. The grief has to be overwhelming at times for many of them.

Aside from prayer, people can also help by donating money, or other tangible items to:

- The Sandy Hook School Support Fund. Endorsed by the American Red Cross, donations may be made to Sandy Hook School Support Fund, c/o Newtown Savings Bank, 39 Main Street, Newtown, CT 06470.
- The Emilie Parker Memorial Fund, a fund set up to assist the family of Emilie Parker, one of the victims of the heinous attack at the school.
- The Dawn Lafferty Hochsprung Memorial Fund. A fund set up in the name of the school principal. Donations may be made to the Connecticut Teachers Credit Union, P.O. Box 2121, Waterbury, CT 06722.
- Newtown Memorial Fund. A private fund set up to take donations for the families of victims

Helping The Families And Community Of The Sandy Hook Elementary School Shooting Victims



and the community of Newtown to establish a memorial and provide an annual scholarship to students of Newtown Public Schools, who will be going to college. Donations may be made online at www.newtownmemorialfund.org.

- Newtown Youth and Family Services. Donations made to the organization at this time will go to help those impacted by the tragedy. Newtown Youth and Family Services is a nonprofit mental health clinic in Newtown.
- Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dogs. This organization has sent a team of comfort dogs to Newtown to visit school children, attend funerals and be at the memorial area. Donations may be made online at www.lutheranchurchcharities.org.

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Baptisms For the Dead: The Rite of Proxy Baptism As Practiced By the Church of Latter Day Saints

By Lynette Norris
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Baptism for the Dead, or Proxy Baptism, refers to the religious practice of baptizing a living person on behalf of someone else who has died.

Why baptisms for the dead in the first place? Baptism is an ordinance for the living, and it might seem a little strange to offer such a sacrament for one who is dead. However, the reasoning goes, since that person once lived on earth, he or she once had an earthly body; having died without being baptized, that person might still desire baptism after entering the spirit world, but no longer have a physical body that can be baptized. In the practice of Baptism by Proxy, another, living person stands in for for the one who has died, and receives the rite or sacrament on behalf of the deceased.

The term itself comes from a letter of Paul to church in Corinth, in Greece, discussing several issues and debates among the the early Greek converts to Christianity. In 1 Corinthians 15:29, baptism for the dead is mentioned is twice: *“Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead not rise at all? Why are they then baptized for the dead?”*

Baptism for the dead should not be confused with baptism of the dead, the practice of baptizing the actual dead bodies, that was also practiced among some early orthodox Christian circles. St. Epiphanius of Salamis, a fourth-century bishop and early church father, refers to this practice in his compendium of writings that catalogued what he regarded as heresies in his time.

John A. Tvedtnes, a Hebrew / Early Christian scholar at Brigham Young University, also mentions the practice of baptizing actual dead bodies, citing the written decisions of two late fourth-century councils forbidding the baptism of corpses or giving them the rite of the Eucharist.

By contrast, the rite of baptism for the dead, involves a living person baptized on behalf of the deceased, and it probably arose among a sect of early

Christians known as the Marcionites. In the writings of St. John Chrysostom, a fourth-century Archbishop of Constantinople, it appears that the practice evolved during instances when a Marcionite believer, while preparing for baptism, sometimes died before being baptized. In that case, the dead person was addressed directly and asked whether or not he wished to receive baptism, whereupon a living believer stepped up and answered “yes,” subsequently being baptized on the behalf of the one who had died. Further, Chrysostom explains Paul’s “baptism for the dead” statement as a reference to the profession of faith that the person and all Christians made before being baptized.

Other writers from the early Christian era, including Tertullian (c.160 – 225 A.D.) also mention ...*Story cont. on Page 7B...*

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The Pulpit

Benjie Dyal, Pastor New Home Baptist

If we are honest with ourselves, we would agree that the greatest lessons in our lives come during storms we encounter. There are some valuable lessons to be learned throughout life and the best ones come when we are in God's will. Many people have misconceptions about storms in their lives because they believe storms are only experienced outside of God's will. This lesson will prove otherwise as we take a look at the biblical truth about lessons in the time of storms. A lesson that will give us new and fresh insights of God's Word about storms in our lives, as well as encouragement by knowing God is with us along the way, teaching us what we need to learn because of His love for us.

The scripture for the lesson is taken from Matthew 14:22-33 when the disciples were at sea when a great storm arose and Jesus came to them walking on the water.

He brought us here.

The first thing we need to notice is that Jesus sent the disciples out into the Sea of Galilee. He told the disciples to get into the ship and go before Him to the other side. Did Jesus know that a storm would arrive while the disciples were at sea? Of course He did, He knows all things. Then why would He send them out into a storm? Jesus had been with the disciples before when they were at sea during a storm (note Mark 4:35-41), but He knew they needed to learn a more vital lesson, one without His presence. A lesson that would prepare them greatly for the calling in their lives.

It is best to be in a storm in God's will than in a storm out of God's will.

The disciples were in God's will because they had obeyed Jesus. Many times we will encounter storms throughout our lives because of being obedient to God's will in our lives.

Being in a storm, however, does not mean that God wants to punish us for something. He allows storms because He loves us and He wants us to learn so we can be used for His glory and His will. So, the next time when you are in a storm, remember that He brought you there for a purpose.

There are two types of storms - correction and

perfection.

There are two types of storms we encounter. The first is the storm of correction — God disciplines us. The next one is storms of perfection — God helps us to grow. God disciplines us (note Hebrews 12:6) because He loves us and wants us to be obedient to His will. He has promised us great things and wants us to be in His will so we can receive His promises. God also uses storms to teach us lessons that will allow us to grow in His grace.

The disciples were going to be greatly used and Jesus knew they needed to be prepared, especially during His absence.

He is praying for us.

It is good to know that whether we are in a storm or not, Jesus is praying for us. He knows our needs and He is in heaven making intercession for us (Romans 8:34). We can rest assured that He knows our needs and our fears, and He is in control of all situations.

He will come to us.

Not only does He make intercession for us, but He comes to us during the time of our needs just as He went to the disciples. We, too, must remember that He works through people as well as His Holy Spirit. *"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you."* Isaiah 43:2

Why did Jesus walk on the water?

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by RONNIE McBRAYER



Churches are peculiar places. I've had the opportunity to serve a few of them. Some of my pastoral experiences have been overwhelmingly rewarding: Baptisms, weddings, the transformation of individuals and families. Some other experiences have been about as much fun as a sharp stick in the eye.

And the churches which I have served have met in a diverse number of places: In the hollow of a school gymnasium; in a leaky storefront on the wrong side of the tracks; in a multi-million dollar sanctuary with all the technological bells and whistles; in an old redbrick church so old it barely escaped the fires of General Sherman's army (some of the deacons in that old redbrick

church building may have served in Sherman's army; but I digress).

Here is one of the many things that make churches peculiar: The most heated arguments in the church were not over our location or theology or future plans. No, the worst controversies I ever endured were over our style of worship.

Should we use hymnals or modern worship music? Should drums be allowed in the sanctuary? Is it blasphemy to move the pulpit to accommodate the children's choir? What would happen if someone clapped or raised their hands during the solo? These are the questions that send the ulcerated pastor scurrying to his or her gastrologist.

See, with all these exotic locales came an equally exotic variety of worship styles. I've preached after a stately anthem performed by robed choir members and pipe organs. I've tapped my foot and clapped my hands to the cranking riffs of old hippies with electric guitars. I've listened closely to the tight four-part harmony of southern gospel.

I've worn a suit and tie to church; I've worn shorts and sandals. I've delivered time-honored three point sermons with a poem and a prayer;

Get Out!!!

and I've preached with the technological assistance of multimedia, projectors, videos and fog machines. I've witnessed the traditional Easter cantata; and I've even seen a few interpretive dance steps across the church podium.

And all this worship diversity is in a single strain of the Protestant tradition! This doesn't account for the truly wild multiplicity of worship expression that stretches across the Christian biosphere from the Pentecostals to the Presbyterians.

Which of these styles is "right?" I don't presume to know. Our form of worship will always be dictated by our traditions, our culture, and our context. A look at how Christians from other countries and times worship proves this point. "Which worship style is right" is, after all, the wrong question.

The better questions are, "Does our worship push us out of our church sanctuaries (or wherever it is we meet) to be Christ to the world? What happens when the worship service is over?" These are the more appropriate questions.

If our worship moves us past ourselves to the risen and redeeming Christ sent to love the world, then the *...Story cont. on Page 5B...*



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worship is “right.” If our worship sends us into the community as the Father sent his own Son, then it is empowered with spirit and truth. But if our worship focuses us, even in subtle ways, on ourselves, then it is selfishness at best and sacrilege at worst. It isn’t worship at all.

The final words of the old Latin mass were, *Ite missa est* – “Get out!” The priests who daily invoked these words over their congregations understood worship’s purpose. When the last song is sung, the last prayer offered, and the last homily delivered, the goal of all worship is to redemptively and missionally leave the sanctuary in service to others.

So, take your pick: Sermons or liturgy; southern gospel or rock and roll; drums or pipe organs; corporate prayer or contemplation; kneeling benches or mosh pits. But if these things do not translate into loving action in the community, if these things do not force us out of the building and out to others, we aren’t being worshipful at all. Do our worship styles matter? Sure they does. But what happens afterwards matters all the more.

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Christian Comedian Performs in Madison

The Christmas gathering at the Madison Church of God on Dec. 9 brought plenty of good-hearted laughter with the appearance of Christian comedian Justin Fennell of Lakeland, who is co-founder of the Christian Comedy Association. As a humorist, Fennell has toured over 20 years for non-profit Christ centered groups.

“I was a preacher’s kid,” said Fennell, “We preached against everything we couldn’t afford.”

Fennell is balding these days and one of his first questions on stage at the Madison Church of God was to ask bass player Wayne Diamond, “Where did you get all that hair?” Fennell then pulled out a furry cap topped with cat hair to show he was not jealous of Diamond’s long locks.

Fennell asked the congregation Christmas-related questions and “losers” had to go to the church stage to don reindeer antlers and ring bells while Fennell conducted the Reindeer Bell Choir. The result was favorite holiday tunes performed in a lively rendition.

With wide eyes, Fennell told how his obsession with Johnny Cash music

led to a series of zany songs, which he played on his guitar. He ended the series with a tribute to the qualities that make Jesus Christ an awesome Savior.

Fennell told several stories about his encounters with church folk, including a lady who went so far as to call him “fat.” Fennell disagreed with the lady. She then called him “biscuitous.” Fennell added, “Bishop Lanny Troller is also ‘biscuitous,’” which received a grin from the Madison Church of God pastor.

Fennell’s said his fascination with language has led him to the conclusion that the letter “r” was stolen by southerners, as in “warsh your clothes” and other southern phrases. He claims this trend is so disturbing to pirates that all they can say is “Ar-r-rg.”

The final note for Fennell’s talk was the story of the first person he ever led to trust Jesus Christ as Savior: his friend Jack in fifth grade. He consulted his father for the best prayer of faith to say. Jack trusted Christ, but was removed from the school soon afterward due to abusive home life.

Fennell hopes to be reunited with Jack again one day.

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The Pulpit

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He needed to show the disciples that what they feared (the raging sea) was only a stairway for Him to them. We need to acknowledge God's protection and provision in our lives at all times. What may seem impossible for us is possible with Him.

Why did they not recognize Jesus?

The disciples did not recognize Jesus because fear was in their hearts. The storm had placed fear instead of heart in their hearts, therefore not being able to recognize Jesus, they thought Him to be a ghost or something. Fear and doubt cannot live in the same heart, for fear will blind the eyes to the presence of the Lord. It is important to remember that during storms we must use our radar system, which is the leadership of the Spirit so we can recognize God's will in our lives, and know when it is Him and not the devil guiding us.

He will help us grow through storms in our lives.

When we go through storms in our lives, we grow because of the faith we have learned to have during such storms. Faith helps us to trust and grow, but doubt causes us to stall.

Storms are necessary in our lives to help us

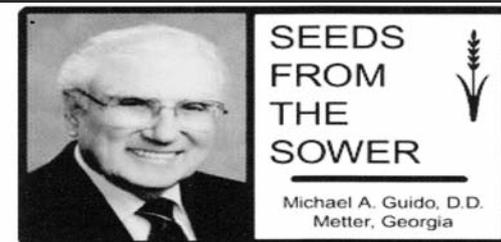
grow, and the more we grow, the more we can be used by God. The following scripture will help us to know that Jesus is always watching over us and always hearing our prayers. "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayer" I Peter 3:12.

He will see us through the storm.

If Jesus says, "COME," then that word is going to accomplish its intended purpose. We may slip along the way, but we will never fall when we put our trust and faith in Christ, because, in the end, He will succeed. At first, the disciples did not recognize Jesus, but after Jesus spoke, "Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid," then the disciples were comforted in knowing everything would be okay. It is also important to note that as long as Peter had his eyes fixed on Jesus, he was okay. It was only after Peter took his eyes off of Jesus he began to sink.

Although Peter began to sink, he knew to call on Jesus. Jesus stretched forth His hand immediately and caught Peter. How great it is to know that when we need Him He is there to catch us!

It is my prayer that we will always remember to keep our eyes on Jesus, the shelter and calm in the time of our storms. It is my prayer that this study has helped you to have confidence and assurance in our Lord. Always remember that it is best to be in a storm in God's will instead of out of God's will.



Willie came home with two black eyes. "Fighting again," sighed his mother. "Didn't I tell you to count to one hundred before you fought?"

"Yes, ma'am," he said. "But Jimmy's mother told him to count to just fifty."

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Baptism

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Marcionite practice. However, the Marcionites were a “gnostic” group and therefore seen as heretical by the mainstream Christian community; therefore their practice of baptism by proxy was deemed heretical as well. As a result, the practice was forbidden by the Catholic Church for centuries, and generally not practiced by most modern sects of Christianity, with the exception of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints, which revived the practice over 170 years ago. Only a few other churches, such as the Old Apostolic Church and the New Apostolic Church, practice proxy baptism in modern times.

In the LDS church, Baptism by Proxy has been practiced in dedicated temples since 1840, about ten years after the church’s inception in 1830. Today, the LDS church is the church most closely associated with the rite of baptism for the dead.

The LDS Church’s website, www.lds.org, explains the practice in greater detail.

The account of Nicodemus’ visit with Jesus, found in the third chapter of John, describes the conversation between the two in which Jesus tells the Pharisee, “*Verily, verily I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God.*”

Latter Day Saints believe that in this passage, Jesus teaches that baptism is essential to the salvation of all those who have lived on earth. Even Jesus himself was baptized by John the Baptist, as described in Matthew 3:13-17.

But what of all those who have lived on earth who have not heard the gospel of Jesus, or who did not fully understand the importance of baptism, or for other reasons did not have the opportunity to be baptized while they were alive on earth? What of those who were baptized, but without proper authority?

The LDS church website explains that God, who is a loving and merciful God, made a provision for those who died without physical baptism, by allowing that a living person may be baptized on their behalf.

Even so, there is still the exercise of free will, even among the dead. Those who reside in the spirit world still have the capacity of choosing and must choose to accept the offering of baptism made in the physical world. Nothing is forced on the souls of the dead, and they are not baptized into the LDS church (nor are their names added to the church registry), but into salvation. The process is not complete until the deceased accepts the offering of baptism made on his or her behalf.

According to the LDS website, the rite of

proxy baptism was revealed anew to the Prophet Joseph Smith. He learned in a vision that the living faithful could provide baptism and other ordinances vicariously to souls who were awaiting resurrection.

LDS Elder David B. Haight believes that baptism comes first and foremost, and is more important than any other sacrament offered by the church for both the living and the dead.

In an October 2000 conference speech, Elder D. Todd Christofferson addresses the question of the fate of those billions of souls who have died without knowledge of Jesus. “With the Restoration of the gospel of Jesus Christ has come the understanding of how the unbaptized dead are redeemed and how God can be a ‘perfect, just God and a merciful God also’” (Alma 42:15, Book of Mormon).

Christofferson further states that the principle of vicarious service, the doctrine that the living can provide baptism and other essential ordinances to the dead, “should not seem strange to any Christian. In the baptism of a living person, the officiator acts, by proxy, in place of the Savior. And is it not the central tenet of our faith that Christ’s sacrifice atones for our sins by vicariously satisfying the demands of justice for us?” He quotes President Gordon B. Hinckley, who stated that “vicarious work for the dead more nearly approaches the the vicarious sacrifice of the Savior Himself than any other work of which I know.”

The LDS faithful are baptized for the dead because they know the dead will rise, Christofferson continues, referring to teachings of Scripture, namely, “*The souls shall be restored to the body and the body to the soul; yea, and every limb and joint shall be restored to its body; yea, even a hair of the head shall not be lost, but all things restored to their perfect and proper frame.*” (Alma 40:23, Book of Mormon). “*For this end, Christ both died and rose, and revived, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living.*” (Romans 14:9).

Elder Richard G. Scott, in “The Joy of Redeeming the Dead,” writes that baptism for the dead “is another witness of the all-encompassing nature of the Atonement of Christ. He made salvation available to every repentant soul. His Atonement conquered death, and He permits worthy deceased to receive all ordinances of salvation vicariously.” He also speaks of the joy of receiving baptism for deceased relatives and ancestors, and urges the faithful to immerse themselves in the joyful task of researching their ancestors and family histories, prepare their names for submission to the temple and then to stand proxy for baptism on their behalf.

The names of the kindred dead are a priority for LDS members, says Scott, who describes the

greater blessings one receives in assuring the salvation of family members who have gone before.

Christofferson cites other Scripture that refer to the dead as being in darkness or in prison (Isaiah 24:22, 1 Peter 3:19, Alma 40:12-13, for example) and Christ ordaining that which “*would enable us to redeem them out of their prison; for the prisoners shall go free (D&C 2:3).*”

“Our charge extends as far and deep as the love of God, to encompass His children of every time and place,” he concludes. “Our efforts on behalf of the dead bear eloquent witness that Jesus Christ is the divine Redeemer of all mankind. His grace and promises reach even those who in life do not find him. Because of Him, the prisoners shall indeed go free.

“It matters tremendously what we do in relation to those who have gone before, because they live today as spirits and shall live again as immortal souls, and that because of Jesus Christ.”

For more information on Baptism by Proxy as practiced by the LDS Church, or more information on other doctrines and the church itself, visit the LDS website at www.lds.org.



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Journey through Bethlehem gave viewers the opportunity to walk the streets, see the animals, people and costumes up close and gain a personal sense of what it must have been like over 2000 years ago to experience the joy of birth on a special, holy night.



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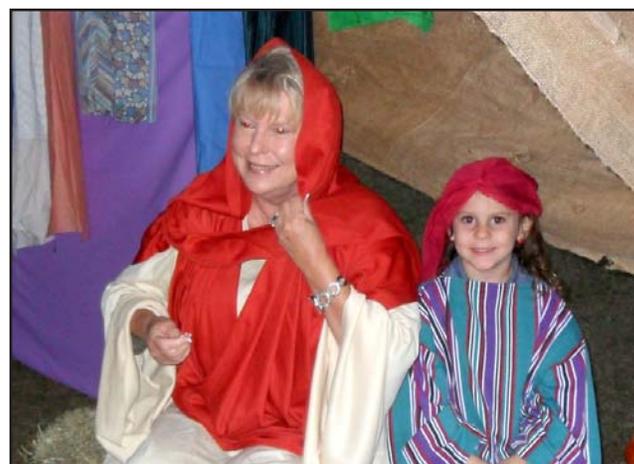


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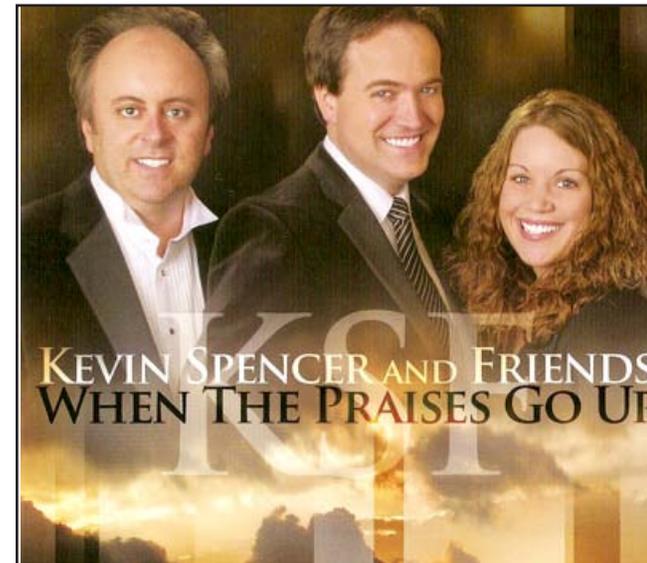


Kevin Spencer & Friends To Appear At Sirmans Baptist Church

Kevin Spencer and Friends will appear live in concert on Friday, Jan. 4, 2013, at 7 p.m. at Sirmans Baptist Church.

According to the group's MySpace page: "Kevin Spencer & Friends is a southern gospel group that organized in June of 1992. The group consists of Kevin Spencer, James Dean, and Starla Dean. Kevin formerly traveled with the Spencers and has witnessed many lives changed through music. He is admired by his fans wherever the group goes with his desire to be a blessing, and minister, while delivering a song. His greatest moments are when something he has written or sung has truly touched someone's life. He also owns and operates the Some Dawning Music Co., Inc., Int'l. a company that includes recording, publishing, promoting, producing of great southern gospel music. James enjoys traveling from town to town singing for God. He also enjoys meeting people and making new friends everywhere they go. He joined the group in 1998 and has built quite a fan base with his beautiful baritone voice. His love for gospel music continues to grow as more lives are touched day by day. He also helps run the offices at Some Dawning Music Co. Starla

joined the group in 2006, singing tenor. She has a beautiful voice whether singing harmony or pleasing the fans with her own song and style. She also works in the office assisting Kevin with the Some Dawning Music Co. James and Starla are newlyweds and feel very blessed to tour and minister as husband and wife. Kevin Spencer and Friends have recorded three 1 songs! Their hit songs and fan favorites include: "The Blood Is Still There", "If The Rapture Was Yesterday", "The Vision," "Let's Meet By The River," "Shepherd of The Lost," "Saved By Grace", "Stand By Me," "Come Away," "Sounds of That City" and many more!!! They have been awarded The Singing News "Horizon Group of the Year" and the Gopel Voice "Sunrise Group of the Year," the two highest honors for a new group to receive. They currently sing 280 concerts per year in 30 different states, Canada, the Virgin Islands, Honduras, etc... and can be seen on many different Christian TV stations including GMT (Gospel Music Television). They fly to most of their appearances. Bill Gaither has invited the group to be a part of his videos "All Day Singing," "So Glad," and "Sunday Meeting' Time." They per-



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