

# Scam Alert: Fraudsters Are Now Using The 'Health Exchange Tactic'

By Lynette Norris  
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Identity thieves are at it again, coming up with ever more creatively audacious scams to trick people into revealing their personal financial information to a total stranger, either over the phone or online, and they will latch onto any new opportunity that comes along.

The latest opportunity is the Affordable Healthcare Act.

In less than a month, online health insurance marketplaces, the "healthcare

exchanges" many have been hearing so much about, will be open for business, and people will be able to go online in these virtual marketplaces, compare policies and rates from several insurance providers, and select a plan in which to enroll.

**Two facts to note:**

1. Legitimate open enrollment doesn't begin until Oct. 1, 2013.

2. Fraudsters and identity thieves aren't waiting that long.

Several people have reported phone calls from individuals claiming to be

"representatives" or "navigators" from a healthcare exchange, offering to help them sign up and get into compliance with the new affordable healthcare act, "before the rates go up" or that "so coverage can start right away" or for some other reason...like "just to make sure you're in compliance" or "so you don't get fined."

These calls may sound legitimate, even a little scary – hucksters are good at that – but they aren't selling healthcare plans, they are gathering personal financial and identifying information they can

use to access bank accounts, credit cards, financial assets, or even use to impersonate their victims at hospitals or doctor's offices and fraudulently obtain health care.

They offer to help their victims sign up, a "we-can-fill-out-the-form-for-you-right-now-over-the-phone" kind of deal. Gee, how convenient...for the scammer, that is.

If you receive a phone call like this, use an excuse to get a callback number; hang up immediately, call the authorities and relay that number to them. If the caller seems re-

luctant to give out a contact number (big red flag there), don't argue; just get off the phone with them, even if you have to be rude and hang up on them in mid-sentence.

NEVER give out personal identifying information over the phone to ANYONE for ANY REASON; not unless YOU initiated the call and know for certain you're actually talking to your bank, credit-card company, health care provider, insurance company, etc.

The legitimate health  
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# Home Destroyed In Early Morning Fire



Photos Submitted By Pat Lightcap September 6, 2013



On Friday, Sept. 6, at approximately 3:30 a.m., the Madison 911 Center received a report of a structure fire at a home belonging to Cleo Pullen, Jr., 289 Valentine Street in the Georgetown area of the city of Madison. Responding units found a house fully involved and the home next door also on fire. Personnel from Greenville and Lee Volunteer Fire Departments aid-

ed Madison Fire/Rescue. Madison Police Department, Madison County Sheriff's Office and Madison County Emergency Medical Services also were on scene. A home next door, belonging to Sallie Mae Jones was also damaged in the fire. Because of the circumstances surrounding the blaze, the State Fire Marshal's office was called to do the investigation. No known injuries were reported.

# ATF Not Releasing Information On Pawn Shop Investigation Yet

Last Wednesday, Sept. 4, investigators from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Madison County Sheriff's Office swarmed in on Gunslingers Pawn Shop, located on South Duval Street in Madison.

Ralph Martinez, an investigator with the ATF, said that the investigation is ongoing and no information can be released at this time. Information will be released by the ATF as soon as it can be.

# City Commission: Woman's Club Negotiations Still Open

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When the Madison City Commission began its September meeting, it was standing room only in the audience. After the item concerning the Woman's Club was discussed, debated and voted on, nearly three quarters of those in attendance left.

The proposed sale of the Woman's Club building to the members of the club for \$1 was what had brought so many people out.

The issue has been ongoing for several months, ever since the City had proposed taking over custodianship of the building; the Woman's Club members, the current custodians, had stopped renting out the building in December of 2012, after extensive and expensive incidents of vandalism and destruction of property that occurred during some of the events held there. However, by no longer renting out the premises to other groups and organizations, they unknowingly came into violation of a 1939 lease agreement with the city.

"No one told us that we were in violation of anything," said Ethel Barefoot, a member of the club in attendance. "We were just trying to protect the building from being destroyed."

Ernest Rains, addressing the commission on behalf of a group of concerned citizens, questioned the economic logic of the \$1 sale in a time of tight budgets for the city of Madison. "The City of Madison certainly doesn't need to lose money on anything," he said, adding that the citizen's group he represented didn't object to the sale so much as the amount that was being asked.

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# Solid Waste Department Announces New Schedule

Story submitted by Jerome Wyche

Fiscal year 2013 – 2014 have brought about some funding challenges for Madison County, making some minor adjustments in the way that business is conducted. In an effort to identify some cost savings, the Solid Waste and Recycling Department conducted a study to determine where the savings could be found, how to minimize disruption in the daily disposal of household waste by citizens and still be capable of delivering quality services. In order to avoid a reduction in collection center personnel and keep the same people employed, it became evident that a reduction in employee man-hours was the only answer. As a result of the reduction in employee hours, the collec-

tion center hours will be slightly reduced, but with minimal to almost no interruption in collection center access.

The cost savings is measured by a reduction of 26 hours per week, equaling two hours per center for the 13 collection centers. To better recognize the actual reduction of hours, 774 hours per week is the current use, and effective Oct. 1, 2013, as approved by the Board of County Commissioners at their regularly scheduled meeting on Sept. 4, 2013, the total weekly hours will be 748 hours. In order to facilitate maximum citizen access, as the

new center schedule was drafted, each center was carefully studied with special attention to those that experienced high volumes of traffic, peak usage, work hours of citizen employees and was structured for maximum weekend use. Each collection center would be closed one workday per week for cleaning and sanitation and equipment servicing. Because all collection centers are closed on Sunday, all collection centers will resume normal hours, consistent with the previous schedule, and all centers will be opened on Friday, Saturday and Monday. If there is a county-recognized holiday on Friday, Saturday or Monday and the centers are closed,

all centers will be opened all of the remaining days of that week. When the Solid Waste and Recycling Department conducted a review of surrounding counties, the findings showed the following benefits:

Madison County offered more controlled collection centers and more access hours

A variety of additional services, other than solid waste disposal, to include dry bulk and yard trash and white goods disposal at no additional cost

Clean and attractive centers with park like appearances

Safe entry and exits

All centers are fully equipped to  
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Wed 9/11	89/67		Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s.
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Fri 9/13	91/69		Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm.
Sat 9/14	87/68		A few thunderstorms possible.

# VIEWPOINTS & OPINIONS

## National Security

### ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11



**Joe Boyles**  
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Who of us older than our mid-20s cannot recall where we were and the circumstances in the early fall of 2001 when we first learned of the 9/11 attacks? For most of us, it is a moment frozen in time. In the same vein, my parent's generation can tell you exactly the same circumstances when the radio announced the attack on Pearl Harbor that fateful Sunday morning in December 1941.

Collectively, these are the worst attacks in our nation's history and galvanized our people into response. As President Roosevelt declared before Congress, our nation "was suddenly and deliberately attacked." For a brief moment, political differences melted away. Who can forget when President Bush addressed Congress following the attack, the embrace he received from then Senate Democrat Leader Tom Daschle? When FDR asked for a Constitutional Declaration of War from the Congress, there was only one dissenting vote. That's bi-partisanship. That's a united country.

Of course, the further away we are from such a defining event, the more we fall into the same rut of political division. George Bush found out quickly that his support from the other side of the aisle was "gone with the wind." Following Pearl Harbor, the Republicans held several investigations into the attack, trying to prove malfeasance or worse on the part of Roosevelt.

Last year on this date, our Consulate in Benghazi, Libya was attacked and four Americans, including ambassador Chris Stevens, were murdered. The investigation of that attack by the Administration (Accountability Review Board) was brief and shallow, probably because an election was underway. Fundamental questions about events leading up to the attack; our poor response during the attack; and a misleading excuse for the attack still remain. A year later, no one has been held accountable.

Now the Obama Administration is contemplating going to war (or whatever John Kerry wants to call it) against Syria for their use of chemical weapons in an attack against rebel strongholds on August 21st. The American peo-

ple (and their representative in Congress) are solidly against military intervention.

Why? We have been jaded to Middle Eastern politics after two seemingly intractable wars following 9/11. The intervention in Afghanistan, widely supported at the beginning, is still on-going and a thorn in our side twelve years later. We're now (mostly) out of Iraq, but that war was very costly, divisive, and the results are shaky at best. America is war-weary.

Why should we intervene in Syria's two year old civil war? Exactly what is the objective? Will military intervention achieve the goal? Why won't anyone else from the international community follow us? What unintended consequences loom on the horizon to draw us further into the conflict or make matters worse?

It seems that there are more questions than answers at this point. Maybe Obama will clear all of this ambiguity in his speech tonight, but I doubt it. Astronaut Pete Conrad once said about testing aircraft, "when in doubt, don't do anything." Maybe that advice extends to the situation in Syria also.

It is hard to make the case that we need to go to war in Syria for humanitarian purposes as many argue. That sounds like an oxymoron. Remember the infamous quote from the Vietnam War: "in order to save the village, we had to destroy it." Doesn't make sense, does it?

Some like Senator Lindsey Graham argue that the real enemy is Iran and by intervening in Syria, we send our enemy a strong message. In other words, Syria is really our opportunity to enter a "proxy war." But our track record in so-called proxy wars isn't too stellar. Was Korea such a war? Certainly Vietnam was such a war against Communism, represented by the Soviet Union and China. How did that work out? And sending messages to our enemies is similarly fruitless - Lyndon Johnson spent four years trying to send a "message" to the North Vietnamese. They didn't pick up the phone.

When Barack Obama took office in early 2009, he promised to improve America's image in the Arab world. If anything, the situation has worsened. Maybe three weeks ago, I could have supported a campaign to destroy the Syrian chemical weapons stockpile, if that were even feasible. That ship has sailed. Better at this stage to lead the international community to reaffirm our stance that weapons like this should be banned and destroyed once and for all. In the meantime, this is an important anniversary among Muslim jihadists everywhere. We better be on our toes.

## Health & Wellness Tips

### Did You Know...



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Eating a special diet called the Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension (DASH) eating plan can help protect your heart. Following the DASH diet means eating foods that are low in fat, cholesterol and salt. The diet is rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains and low-fat dairy products, which can help protect your heart. Beans, other low-fat sources of protein and certain types of fish also can reduce your risk of heart disease.

Limiting certain fats you eat also is important. Of the types of fat - saturated, polyunsaturated, monounsaturated and trans fat - saturated fat and trans fat increase the risk of coronary artery disease by raising blood cholesterol levels.

Major sources of saturated fat include:

- Red meat
- Dairy products
- Coconut and palm oils

Sources of trans fat

include:

- Deep-fried fast foods
- Bakery products
- Packaged snack foods
- Margarines
- Crackers

Look at the label for the term "partially hydrogenated" to avoid trans fat.

Heart-healthy eating isn't all about cutting back, though. Most people need to add more fruits and vegetables to their diet - with a goal of five to 10 servings a day. Eating that many fruits and vegetables can not only help prevent heart disease, but also may help prevent cancer.

Omega-3 fatty acids, a type of polyunsaturated fat, may decrease your risk of heart attack, protect against irregular heartbeats and lower blood pressure. Some fish, such as salmon and mackerel, are a good natural source of omega-3s. Omega-3s are present in smaller amounts in flaxseed oil, walnut oil, soybean oil and canola oil, and they can also be found in supplements.

Following a heart-healthy diet also means drinking alcohol only in moderation - no more than two drinks a day for men, and one a day for women. At that moderate level, alcohol can have a protective effect on your heart. More than that becomes a health hazard.

## Searching For Ambrosia

### Going Gluten Free Means Going Back To School



**Rose Klein**  
Columnist

Everywhere you look today you can see gluten free; there are products on grocery store shelves and in freezer cases, options at restaurants are becoming more common and typing in "gluten free" on the Internet will give you thousands of sites to choose from. Going gluten free has almost become trendy. Luckily, for those who have suffered with gluten issues, all this information now available has given them confirmation of their problems and a diagnosis could finally be given to their symptoms.

I first became interested in gluten free when one of my dogs was diagnosed several years back with an autoimmune disease. He was developing tumors, dropping weight (partially due to what seemed a lack of appetite) and losing so much hair that I thought he might have contracted mange. At this point, I was preparing myself for his death, as was anyone else who saw him. The veterinarian was very helpful and researched autoimmune diseases for me and prescribed medications designed specifically to treat them. After several weeks, I noticed no apparent change in Radar and so began doing research on my own. I always look to diet first since I believe food is the first line of defense against any disease. I stopped giving the meds and put him on a "cancer diet," one without any carbs because I learned that cancer cells feed on carbohydrates, and with tumors present, cancer was an option in my mind. Radar's diet became a vegetable mix with supplements and fresh meat, with absolutely no commercial dog food. His appetite returned, along with his weight and his beautiful hair finally came back. Today, Radar is still with me and shows no signs of his previous diagnosis. Today I recognize

that it may have been the lack of gluten in Radar's diet that helped in healing him. Celiac disease is an autoimmune disease, not a food allergy that some think it is. I also now have friends diagnosed with this disease and began looking at gluten free baking. I was surprised to see that most of the recipes had a laundry list of ingredients unfamiliar to me. With grocery list in hand, I hit the health food store in Tallahassee and found all but two of the items I had written down. The next day I pulled all the ingredients out, opened my laptop and prepared myself for a night of learning and baking. To my frustration, the two ingredients I wasn't able to find were the ingredients used most in baking. While my friend will have to wait on her baked goods, I did learn a lot that night. The largest lesson learned was that almost everything I know about baking does not apply when going gluten free.

Gluten free flours can be heavy (buckwheat, millet and legume), medium weight (sorghum, oat and brown rice) or light (white rice flour). They are often mixed so the baked good isn't too heavy or too light, which in gluten free can mean "gummy." You also have to add starches, such as arrowroot, potato or tapioca, to replace the lack of gluten that functions to bind the ingredients together and to tenderize and lighten the dough. Xanthan gum or guar gum is also added to give dough the stretch and viscosity to prevent the baked food from being crumbly or dry. Extra leavening helps with the lightness, as does extra fats, to the end product.

While I did come away with a much greater understanding of gluten free products and how to use them in baking, I didn't have a finished product, which means no recipe to share with you. So I will call today's column, Part 1 in this gluten free journey and next week, I will share my results with you. It's time to play.

If you would like to share your experiences with gluten free products or have a recipe that is gluten free, please send it to [rose@greenepublishing.com](mailto:rose@greenepublishing.com), and I'll include it in Part 2.

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Some of the many products needed to bake gluten free.

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care exchanges are not even open for business yet. Plans and prices will not be available until Oct. 1, 2013, and no one can enroll in any plans until that date. In most cases, coverage won't start until Jan. 1, 2014.

Even after Oct. 1, no one from a health care exchange is going to be calling people about enrolling. The

health care exchanges are set up as marketplaces where people can compare different rate plans from different companies side by side. Customers will then deal with the individual insurance companies they have chosen, and will be able to do so online, by mail, or over the phone.

Another ploy the scammers

are using is phony healthcare exchange websites. Scammers and identity thieves are very good at building convincing websites, but when people fill out the online forms, the information they provide goes straight to a phishing scammer.

Even though the health care exchanges aren't open for business

yet, you can still visit the website and learn more about how it will operate in Florida between now and Oct. 1 by visiting their website: <https://www.healthcare.gov/what-is-the-health-insurance-marketplace/#state=florida>. If you don't have computer access, call 1-800-318-2596 with any questions you may have.

## New Schedule

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assist in voluntary recycling reclamation.

A new schedule has been attached for your review and adjustment. Although copies have been attached to this article, copies may be received by calling the department at (850) 973-2611, Monday through Thursday, from 6:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The Madison County Solid Waste and Recycling Department will continue to do all that is possible to deliver quality services and would like to thank our citizens for helping to keep Madison County clean.

**The new hours of operation for the county's 13 collection sites takes effect Oct. 1, 2013.**

MADISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING DEPARTMENT								
COLLECTION SITES AND LOCATIONS		SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
CHERRY LAKE/HWY 53 N	CS-1	CLOSED	7AM-7PM	7AM-7PM	8AM-6PM	CLOSED	7AM-7PM	7AM-7PM
ERIDU/150 SOUTH	CS-2	CLOSED	7AM-1PM	7AM-1PM	7AM-1PM	CLOSED	7AM-1PM	9AM-2PM
GREENVILLE/221 SOUTH	CS-3	CLOSED	7AM-7PM	8AM-6PM	CLOSED	7AM-7PM	7AM-7PM	7AM-7PM
LEE/255 NORTH	CS-4	CLOSED	7AM-7PM	CLOSED	8AM-6PM	7AM-7PM	7AM-7PM	7AM-7PM
MADISON INDUSTRIAL/LOOP	CS-5	CLOSED	7AM-7PM	CLOSED	8AM-6PM	7AM-7PM	7AM-7PM	7AM-7PM
MIDWAY/255 SOUTH	CS-6	CLOSED	7AM-7PM	7AM-7PM	8AM-6PM	CLOSED	7AM-7PM	7AM-7PM
PINETTA/BELLEVILLE RD.	CS-7	CLOSED	7AM-7PM	8AM-6PM	CLOSED	7AM-7PM	7AM-7PM	7AM-7PM
RAVENSWOOD/HWY 90 EAST	CS-8	CLOSED	7AM-7PM	8AM-6PM	CLOSED	7AM-7PM	7AM-7PM	7AM-7PM
ROCKY FORD ROAD/HWY 591	CS-9	CLOSED	7AM-7PM	CLOSED	8AM-6PM	7AM-7PM	7AM-7PM	7AM-7PM
SIRMANS/#1 FEDERAL HWY E	CS-10	CLOSED	1PM-7PM	CLOSED	1PM-7PM	1PM-7PM	1PM-7PM	9AM-2PM
MADISON CENTRAL/HWY 53 N	CS-11	CLOSED	7AM-7PM	8AM-6PM	CLOSED	7AM-7PM	7AM-7PM	7AM-7PM
SAN PEDRO/HWY 14 SOUTH	CS-12	CLOSED	1PM-7PM	1PM-7PM	CLOSED	1PM-7PM	1PM-7PM	9AM-2PM
LIVE OAK BOTTOM/HWY 150 N	CS-13	CLOSED	7AM-7PM	7AM-7PM	8AM-6PM	CLOSED	7AM-7PM	7AM-7PM

## Woman's Club

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"If the building is sold, it should be for a fair market price," he said. "It belongs to the citizens of Madison, and the citizens of Madison will take a loss...I'll give you \$2. I have an organization that will benefit from that building. The city needs the money."

However, nothing is as simple as it seems. Commissioner Jim Stanley stated that he had recently spoken to Jargo Clark, the son-in-law of Van H. Priest, who had furnished the land for the WPA to build the clubhouse. The city, which then owned the building, but not the land, entered into a 99-year lease with the Woman's Club, making the club the custodians of the building responsible for maintenance and upkeep.

"All those years since then, the ladies of the Woman's Club have made all the improvements, and paid all the expenses of running the building," said Stanley, adding that if people needed a venue for family reunions and such, the Senior Citizen's Center with its large banquet hall was available,

"and they need the money after all the budget cuts from the state."

Additionally, the lease agreement contains a clause stating that if the club ever withdrew from custodianship, the city was obligated to reimburse the club for everything that had been spent on the building's upkeep and maintenance since the lease went into effect in 1939.

Mayor Rayne Cooks pointed out that the city had also contributed something to the upkeep and maintenance, including a ramp, water bill payments and pumping the septic tank, and added that giving away the building was "like stepping back 50 years."

Cooks and Commissioner Judy Townsend asked about the possibility of the community "pulling together and finding a common ground" of renting out the building again. What about establishing a deposit amount and security arrangements for renters? What about some way to screen the renters?

Commissioner Ina Thomp-

son agreed, and suggested setting up a formal renter agreement that established a security deposit high enough to cover possible damage and some rules and regulations that renters had to abide by.

When the question came up of how the \$1 scenario emerged in the first place, City Manager Tim Bennett owned that it was his idea; when cutting the city's budget, he had seen it as a way to save \$15,000 on a required city sewer connection to the building, and given the requirement that the city reimburse the club for years of maintenance and upkeep expenses since 1939, he saw the sale as a way to solve the whole problem.

"The negotiation process is still alive and well if this (the \$1 sale) does not go through," said Bennett. "We have two good groups of people who can sit down and talk."

City Clerk Lee Anne Hall said she had been in Madison 18 years and the Woman's Club rental had worked all those years, until the club's decision to stop renting. It seemed only

sensible to go back to that agreement and figure out how to make it work again.

Others in the audience suggested that the \$1 deal might look like preferential treatment, if other groups and organizations wanting similar deals from the city couldn't get them. It was, said by one audience member, "a fight we don't need."

Tina Johnson added that not everybody who rented the club was going to tear it up, and pointed out that there weren't very many nice places available for rent in Madison for formal occasions as weddings and such.

"We'll go in whatever direction the City Commission tells us," said Bennett.

After several more minutes of discussion and debate, the motion was made to go back to the negotiating table with all the parties and try to work something out regarding renting out the club house again - with the \$1 sale option still alive and well. The commissioners approved the measure unanimously.



### \$30,000 Coffins Have Music For The Dead

In Stockholm, Sweden, the Swedish firm, Pause Ljud & Bild, are selling \$30,000 coffins that are equipped with speakers and a Spotify music account to stream songs into the grave. The company said its CataCombo Sound System coffins have two-way speakers so the living can hear the music that's playing inside the coffin. A headstone has a digital display so visitors will know the name of the current playing track. The company said their first customer, Fredrik Hjelmqvist, is allowing strangers to add tracks to his playlist, "Pause 4-Ever."

### Trained Rats Used To Detect Gunpowder

In Rotterdam, Netherlands, the police department is training rats to sniff out gunpowder traces at shooting scenes. The department has five rats named after famous fictional detectives: Derrick, Magnum, Poirot, Johnson and Johnston. The trainer for the rats, Monique Hamerslag, said, "You can use rats for detection by smell; think drugs, money, bodies, blood, fire accelerants and explosives." Hamerslag said she came up with the idea of training rats for police work when she discovered rats were being used to locate landmines in Africa. She said rats are more portable than dogs and have a stronger sense of smell. Police spokesman, Marc Wiebes, said the rats would detect gunpowder on people who have recently fired off guns following a shooting incident.

### Group Visits Historical Landmark And Finds Naked Woman

In Belfast, Ireland, a group of walkers said they were shocked when coming upon Cave Hill, a major Belfast landmark, where they approached an entrance to one of the caves to discover a naked woman. One of the walkers said the woman was doing "typical glamour modeling poses, nothing tasteful." Some of the group used cellphones to take pictures and posted them on the Internet. Another witness said, "Even when people were walking towards them, they didn't seem in any sort of panic to stop and the girl made no attempt to get her kit back on." Nelson McCausand, the provincial social development minister, called for a city council investigation. He called the nude photo shoot, "totally inappropriate."

### Dog Uses City Bus To Travel For Meals

In Genoa, Italy, a local dog has attracted a lot of attention because he has learned to travel on city buses without his owner. Camillo began using the bus when he was a pup, along with his owner, but is now 12 years old and travels alone so he can visit stores where he knows he can be fed. Camillo's owner says, "Shop owners give him ham and biscuits, he goes to the poultry shop to eat, he has his reference points." She stated that after his rounds of patronizing local food establishments, Camillo always returns home by the end of the day.



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# AROUND MADISON COUNTY

## Obituaries

### Benny Rye

Benny Rye, age 66, died September 6, 2013 at his home after an extended illness. Bennie has finished his journey here on earth and has gone on to be with the Lord.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at 11 a.m. at Beggs Funeral Home, with visitation on Monday, September 9, 2013, from 6-8 p.m., at Beggs Funeral Home, with burial at Corinth Cemetery, Lee, FL.

Benny served in the US Army for two years during the 1960's and owned his own business for a few years, before retiring as a Correctional Officer in 2005 with the Madison Correctional Institution. He was an active member of Beulah Baptist Church of Lee.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years: Lonette Rye of Lee; one son: Randy Rye (Tina) of Jasper, Ga.; one daughter: Stacey Donaldson of Lee; seven grandchildren: Tyler, Ashley, and Jesse Donaldson of Lee, Kristin and Landon Rye of Jasper, Ga.; and Dylan and Megan Hammett of Valdosta, Ga., and South Carolina, along with a host of nieces and nephews; one brother, Bobby Rye (Annette) of Lee; two sisters: Betty Hunter (Willie) of Vero Beach and Belinda Chason (Carlos) of Tallahassee.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Berry and Myrtice Rye, his younger brother Barton Rye, and an infant sister, Barbara.

Beggs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements 850-973-2258.

### Thelma Hunter

Thelma Jean Hunter, age 78, died Sunday, Sept. 8 at Madison Nursing Center. Thelma Jean was a homemaker and was a member of New Hopeful Baptist Church. She is survived by one son, William Hunter (Debbie); two daughters, Traci Mickel and Janet Baldwin (Donald); one brother, Porky Wynn; one sister, Juanita Singletary; six grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held Thursday, 7 p.m., Sept. 12 at Beggs Funeral Home and Beggs will also be in charge of arrangements 850-973-2258.

## Announcements

### Browning And Wirick To Wed



Brittney Browning and Shannon Wirick Jr. are happy to announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage. Brittney is the daughter of Michael and Brandi Browning and Brenda Pickles Browning of Madison, Fla. Shannon Jr. is the son of Shannon Sr. and Leann Wirick of Lee, Fla. The couple would like to invite family and friends to their wedding on Sept. 28, 2013 at 6 p.m. located at 6345 NW Little Cat Road, Madison. (Madison 429)

### Pastor From Kenya Needs Audience In Madison County



Photo Submitted

With Sam McGee on his left, and Benjie Dyal on his right, Pastor Aggrey Watindi hopes to connect with the people of Madison County.

By Rose Klein  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Pastor Aggrey Watindi has come all the way from Kenya, Africa to try and raise funds for a new roof. Pastor Watindi oversees several village churches in Kenya and is in the process of building another. Along with the church, the building will also house a training facility for new pastors. The cost of building and the materials needed are very expensive in Kenya. To get an idea of how much the dollar is worth there, Kenyan workers are

paid only \$1 a day, compared to the salaries here in Madison. Raising funds in the U.S. would allow them to increase their building budget exponentially.

Benjie Dyal, the pastor at New Home Baptist Church and Sam McGee, a deacon at Pineland Missionary Baptist Church are partnering with Pastor Watindi to assist him with the fundraising mission. Dyal and McGee are asking for local churches to allow the Kenyan Pastor into their churches so his testimony can be heard.

Pastor Dyal said, "Anyone given the opportunity to hear Pastor Watindi speak will be powerfully blessed by his touching testimony and what God is doing for the Kenyan people."

Pastor Watindi said his work is to plant churches and train pastors in Kenya, and is asking Madisonians for their help so that he can continue God's work. If you are interested in having Pastor Watindi speak or if you would like to donate, you can call Pastor Benjie Dyal at (850)-869-0126 or Sam McGee at (850)-973-2436.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**{September 11}**  
The "55 Plus Club" will start off a new year of monthly noon meetings at the UCMC Center. Sheriff Ben Stewart, back by popular demand, will be the guest speaker on the topic of the Second Amendment - the right to bear arms. All 55 Plus Club meetings are free and open to anyone in the community 55 and older; no registration reservation required. For more information or directions to the UCMC Center on Collins Kelly Highway, call Deborah Brown at (850) 929-4938.

**{October 20}**  
Midway Church of God will hold its homecoming service beginning at 10 a.m. Bishop Ivester will be the guest speaker and LifeSong will be the musical guests. Everyone is invited to attend.

**{November 1}**  
Members of the Madison High School Class of 1973 are planning a class reunion to be held Dec. 27-29, 2013. The committee is asking that all class members please contact one of the persons listed below to express your interest in participating in the reunion and receive further information. The registration deadline is Nov. 1, 2013. To register, or for more information, please contact: Mary Frances Mauldin, [mauldinm73@gmail.com](mailto:mauldinm73@gmail.com); Sharon James Postell, [goldenlife59@gmail.com](mailto:goldenlife59@gmail.com), (850) 973-6200; Renetta Warren Parrish, [renetta.parrish@yahoo.com](mailto:renetta.parrish@yahoo.com), (850) 464-0610; or Fagarie Wormack, [fwormack@yahoo.com](mailto:fwormack@yahoo.com).

**{September 14}**  
"Choirs Rejoice in Song" will be held Sept. 14, beginning at 6 p.m. (EST) at Pineland Missionary Baptist Church, 205 NE County Camp Road in Madison. Donations will support programs that help seniors live independently and age in place with dignity.

**{September 15}**  
Hickory Grove United Methodist Church will hold its annual "Homecoming Service," with Sunday School beginning at 10 a.m. and the service at 11 a.m. Pastor Tim Blanton, now full-time minister at Hickory Grove, will

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# AROUND MADISON COUNTY

## Concealed Carry Weapons Class Set For Saturday

By Sheriff's Inv. Mark W. Joost

The Madison County Sheriff's Office will be facilitating its next Concealed Carry Weapons class on Saturday, Sept. 14. The National Rifle Association (N.R.A.) First Steps Pistol course is the foundation for the sheriff's office eight hour concealed carry class. In addition, information is provided to ensure that each student is aware of what they can expect to take place before, during and after violent confrontations and how they, as individuals, can best prepare for these dynamics. We emphasize to our students how important it is to value life and to employ less lethal options when the circumstances permit,

but we want our students to be confidently prepared. The Florida standards for legally carrying a concealed firearm may not be sufficient to prepare for violent confrontations. Our goal is to fully prepare law abiding citizens for the complex dynamics of violent confrontations while helping to preserve each of our 2nd Amendment rights. This class far exceeds the requirements to apply for the State of Florida Concealed Carry Weapons Permit for residents and non-residents. The Florida Concealed Carry Weapons permit is honored in 36 states. These classes are taught by N.R.A. multi-discipline law enforcement firearms instructors who have military, S.W.A.T. and violent con-

frontation experience. The cost for this course is \$65.00. The cost goes down for additional people in a group.

The Madison County Sheriff's Office will also be offering an Intermediate Pistol Course for citizens from 2 p.m. until approximately 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 21. This six and a half hour course is designed to build a winning foundation for basic concealed carry weapon courses. It will also benefit anyone who desires to increase their knowledge, confidence and ability to prevail in a violent confrontation. There are many fine N.R.A. instructors facilitating concealed carry weapon classes locally and throughout our nation. Many of us take it serious to prepare law

abiding citizens for the dynamics of armed confrontations. I consider this a team effort with all of my fellow N.R.A. instructors. My concern remains with the brief gun show type courses. Although many of these instructors may be presenting their material in a professional manner, and may meet the state requirement within a few hours, citizens often leave these gun show type courses more confused than before they started or they are completely unaware of very important issues. Our courses are attempting to offer instruction in areas that statistics show to be extremely important. We want to assist good people in becoming aware and prepared. It is up to individuals to make the choices that

are best for them. Our concealed carry weapon course helps you establish a winning foundation. This intermediate course will provide additional skills we consider a necessity to win mentally, physically and spiritually. Some of the skills we will cover in this course include:

- Fine tuning weapon concealed carry options.
- Less lethal options.
- Accessing a firearm concealed on your person and firing.
- Clearing handgun malfunctions.
- Cover vs. concealment.
- Firing from cover.
- Enhancing marksmanship fundamentals.
- Enhancing speed and accuracy with a firearm.
- Reloading under stress.
- Night firing with and without a flashlight.
- Basic instinctive shooting.
- Handgun retention.
- Predator proximity

awareness.

- Handgun disassembly, cleaning and assembly.

As a law abiding citizen, making the choice to arm ourselves is a right and a privilege. We owe it to ourselves and our loved ones to make the necessary preparations. Make the choice to be a victor, not a victim. We want to share with you the knowledge on how to prepare for, and win, a violent confrontation. The cost for this class is \$45.00 per person and students are required to provide the ammunition they would like to use during the practical exercises. A large portion of these course fees will support youth adventure camps sponsored by the sheriff's office as well as other free courses for the community.

If you would like to register for either of these classes, or if you have any questions, please contact Captain Mark W. Joost at (850) 519-0947.

## Forehand Named Capital City Bank President Of Jefferson/Madison Market

Submitted by Capital City Bank

Justin Forehand has been named Capital City Bank President of Jefferson and Madison counties. He succeeds former president Bill Gunnels whose retirement from the Bank after three decades of service was effective as of Aug. 30. As president of Capital City Bank, Forehand's responsibilities include overseeing operation of the Capital City Bank offices in Madison and Monticello and further strengthening the Company's position in Jefferson and Madison counties.

With a career history spanning over two decades and a background in financial services that includes office management, commercial and consumer lend-

ing and credit analysis roles, Forehand brings a broad knowledge base to his new position. After managing one of Capital City Bank's Tallahassee offices early in his career, Forehand returns to the Company to guide efforts in the Jefferson/Madison market.

"Justin has a vast and varied background in the industry and has lived and worked most his life in the Big Bend area," said Bill Smith, Capital City Bank Group chairman, president and CEO. "His knowledge of the business and strong community relationships are two factors that I am confident will

contribute to a smooth transition."

A native of the Big Bend area, Forehand obtained his Associate of Arts degree from Tallahassee Community College and completed his undergraduate studies at Illinois State University where he earned a Bachelor of

Science degree in politics and government. Thereafter, he attended the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University. Forehand has lived in Jefferson County for more than 10 years and currently resides in Lamont, with his wife and three children.

### About Capital City Bank Group, Inc.

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## Chad Arnold Welcomed As Newest Rotary Member



Greene Publishing Inc. Photo by Lynette Norris, September 4, 2013

Madison Rotary Club President Wayne Conger (right) introduced newest Rotary Member Chad Arnold (center) of Kids, Incorporated of Big Bend. He welcomed him to membership in not only the local Madison Rotary club, but "to all Rotary Clubs Worldwide." Left to right: Sponsoring Rotary member Ronald Bass, Arnold and Conger.

## Madison Country Club Hosts Open House And Reception Sept. 12

Submitted by Madison County Country Club

Madison Country Club is pleased to announce the celebration of its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a special combination of a birthday reception and open house. Everyone is invited to attend!

The event, scheduled to take place on Thursday, Sept. 12, will be from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. in the proshop lounge at Madison Country Club. Guests will receive a complimentary tour of the clubhouse, an update on remodeling plans for the Grand Madison Reception Hall, and a tour of the greens and fairways, weather permitting. Guests will also enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres, birthday cake, and a complimentary beverage of their choice. The event is co-sponsored by the Greater Madison County Chamber of Commerce. For additional information, or to donate door prizes, please contact Ted Ensinger at (850)-973-6701

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## 9/11 And The Days After: What Happened In Madison

By Lynette Norris  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

**T**welve years ago today, a sunny Tuesday morning in September dawned in Madison, just like any other day in any other small town. There might have been one or two of those puffy little clouds that show up sometimes on a sunny pre-fall morning when the light is taking on a paler glow and the shadows are just beginning to lengthen as the days grow shorter, approaching the "official" first day of autumn. However, most people probably remember a great blue dome of a sky that looked solid enough to touch as they got their kids ready for what was probably their third or fourth week of school by then, and got themselves dressed and drove to work, opening up their businesses or arriving at their offices.

As morning dawned about a thousand miles away, people in New York, one of the largest cities in the United States were waking up, getting their kids ready for school, and arriving at work under a similarly sunny sky.

What happened there in the next few minutes rocked the world, and the shock waves hit Madison within the hour, as CNN and almost every other television channel in America beamed images of planes crashing into the World Trade Center, replaying those images over and over.

Parents streamed to schools to pick up their children as the schools closed. Businesses shut down and workers went home, turned on their televisions and stared in disbelief. Where offices stayed open, employees gathered around the television in the break room, like moths gathered around a flame, unable to look away. Those who had to keep working, the farmers, doctors, nurses, law enforcement officers, emergency workers and others, carried on with their responsibilities, probably listening to the radio every chance they had.

By the end of the day, everyone knew that the world was a markedly different place than what it had been when they had awakened that morning.

Twelve years later, almost everyone can remember where they were doing when they first heard about the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, but what about the days and weeks afterward? What did people do in those first few days and weeks after that fateful day? What was Madison like? How had it changed?

In the Sept. 14, 2001 edition of the *Madison Enterprise-Recorder*, a front-page wire photo from New York shows a National Guardsman standing before a mangled, smoky mass of crumbled buildings. A story relating the events of that day, includes the stories of Madison locals worried about relatives caught up in the region of the attacks. Madison resident Pat Olsen waited for hours to find out what had become of her nephew, who was in Boston on business during the attacks. She feared he might have been on one of the hijacked planes. Hours later, she was relieved to learn that he was alive and well, but stuck in the Boston airport, because all flights had been grounded for several days after the attacks. Madison native Brett Copeland worked at the Inter-American Development Bank in Washington D.C., one block from the Pentagon, which was also attacked that day. Copeland, son of W.C. and Frances Copeland, grandson of Willie Clare Copeland and Elise Stewart, and a 1981 graduate of Aucilla Christian Academy, described the crash as sounding like an enormous clap of thunder. In the immediate aftermath and confusion, people were terrified whenever they heard planes flying overhead, not knowing if they were American fighters or more enemy attackers.

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In the Sept. 19 edition of *The Madison County Carrier*, the first few stories of those days after the attacks show people carrying on with their responsibilities in the face of what must have seemed like an overwhelming tragedy. On the front page are stories on the county commission and a controversial vote to raise special assessment taxes on Sept. 12 and on the New Home Volunteer and City of Madison Fire Departments responding to vehicle fires on CR 360. On the Church Page, Hopewell Baptist Church welcomes its new pastor, Preston Gainey. On the People Page, a young couple posts their engagement announcement.

On the Editorial Page, Ginger Jarvis speaks of local families stranded out of town, unable to fly home, and Harvey Greene sums up the nation's response as "Folks, the sleeping giant is not simply awake. He's ticked."

Below his column, an ad encourages people to "Fly It Proudly." Pages 9B and 10B are full-page ads proclaiming "These Colors Don't Run" with a full color rendition of the American flag flying behind a portrait of an American Revolutionary soldier standing in the foreground.

The following week, the Sept. 26 edition of the *Carrier* proclaims the Madison Cowboys victory over the Suwannee Bulldogs, with a front-page photo of the half-time unfurling of a giant American flag on the playing field. Inside is the complete story of the game and the half-time show that was a cooperative effort between the two high school marching bands. Other front page stories describe a contentious school board meeting, the staff of Madison County Memorial Hospital receiving an award from the United Way for having 90 percent participation in its United Way fundraiser and various crime stories from around the county.

On page 8, the story of Tri-County Electric's annual meeting at the NFCC auditorium includes a photo of being in Lovett operated by the Gillis family that takes in elderly, unwanted horses to keep them out of the slaughterhouse; a miniature horse farm opens in out near Lee to breed and sell miniature horses; and the Farm Bureau holds its annual banquet where Dale Gibbons is recognized as Conservation Farmer of the Year.

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"They were pretty serious about getting all of us in emergency management up to speed on

what was going on," said Stanley. Unfamiliar situations could overwhelm emergency workers really quickly, but there was a concerted effort on the part of the state to get emergency workers information on what they could be dealing with.

Intensified training wasn't the only thing going on; there were prayer services and memorial services going on in the community to help people cope with what was happening, and Stanley helped organize the memorial service in the Winn-Dixie parking lot. He recalls that the planning started right after 9/11, and that the service was to begin around 5 or 6 p.m., right after work for a lot of people. There was a pretty good crowd that showed up as Stanley recalls. He addressed the crowd for a few minutes and Vicki Brown also spoke briefly, as did several fire chiefs from the various fire departments in the county.

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As for the September attacks, "the severity of it, the first time we were attacked on our soil by a foreign enemy since the American Revolution...it was a shock to everybody, but everybody pulled together. That's the neat thing about Madison County. Everybody pulls together."

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"They were pretty serious about getting all of us in emergency management up to speed on

what was going on," said Stanley. Unfamiliar situations could overwhelm emergency workers really quickly, but there was a concerted effort on the part of the state to get emergency workers information on what they could be dealing with.

Intensified training wasn't the only thing going on; there were prayer services and memorial services going on in the community to help people cope with what was happening, and Stanley helped organize the memorial service in the Winn-Dixie parking lot. He recalls that the planning started right after 9/11, and that the service was to begin around 5 or 6 p.m., right after work for a lot of people. There was a pretty good crowd that showed up as Stanley recalls. He addressed the crowd for a few minutes and Vicki Brown also spoke briefly, as did several fire chiefs from the various fire departments in the county.

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# SPORTS

## Cowboys Fall To Honey Badgers

By Jacob Bemby  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

The Madison County High School Cowboys may have lost 36-6 to the Honey Badgers of Eastern Christian Academy, out of Elkton, Md., on Friday, Sept. 6, but they did something no other opponent has done so far against the virtual school – they held them to 36 points.

Held scoreless until the fourth quarter, the Cowboys scored on a touchdown run by Eric Bright.

The Cowboys' opponent on Friday night was a private, virtual school from Maryland who plays each of their scheduled games on the road. Teams they play or have played this season include schools from Cleveland, Ohio, Nashville, Tenn., Washington, DC and Hialeah.

Cumulative offensive stats for this season include

### RUSHING

Eric Bright: 49 rushes for 295 yards and one touchdown

Deontaye Oliver: 19 rushes for 47 yards

Akevious Williams: 18 rushes for 66 yards and one touchdown

Jamond Bruton: 11 rushes for 76 yards

James Monlyn: Five rushes for 58 yards

Kenny McQuay: One rush for 43 yards

### PASSING

Akevious Williams: 12 completions out of 31 attempts and five touchdowns

### RECEIVING

Deontaye Oliver: Six receptions for 64 yards and two touchdowns

Ladarius Robinson: One reception for 32 yards and one touchdown

Cody Lange: One reception for 28 yards

Javon Redding: One reception for 26 yards and one touchdown

Jaquez Arnold: One reception for 21 yards and one touchdown

Eric Bright: One reception for 10 yards

Jamond Bruton: One reception for five yards

The Cowboys travel to Gainesville on Friday, Sept. 13, where they meet Gainesville High. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

Go, Cowboys!

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## MCHS Cowboys' 2013 Golf Team



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The Madison County Cowboys Golf Team: Left to right: Nick Rykard, Gabe Miller, Jim Flournoy III, Head Coach Jason Fletcher Alex Tyson, Chris Sapp and Garrett King.

Submitted by Mike Coe

The Madison County Cowboy golf team started their season under the leadership of Head Coach Jason Fletcher on

Sept. 3, 2013. The six-man team includes: Nick Rykard, Gabe Miller, Jim Flournoy III, Alex Tyson, Chris Sapp and Garrett King.

While the team came up short against Suwannee and Lafayette in two matches, Fletcher says, "They are a great group of young men who are working hard every day to improve."

The team has nine more games scheduled against Taylor, North Florida Christian, Aucilla Christian, Branford, Lafayette and Suwannee before they play in the district tour-

namment in Tallahassee on Oct. 15, 2013.

For more information on the Madison County Cowboy golf team, contact [jason.fletcher@madisonmail.us](mailto:jason.fletcher@madisonmail.us).

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Case No: 13-271-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: 13-271-CA. In RE: FORFEITURE OF CASH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,130.00 in United States Currency.

*Paul M. Sparkman*  
PAUL M. SPARKMAN  
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FL BAR ID 0135925  
P O Box 247  
Monticello, Florida 32345  
Attorney for Plaintiff

9/4, 9/11

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

POW WOW, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, Plaintiff,

CASE NO.: 13-191-CA

PATRICIA E. THOMPSON, Defendant.

### NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that, pursuant to Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 26, 2013, entered in the above styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Madison County Courthouse in Madison, Madison County, Florida, at 11:00 A.M. on Sept. 30, 2013, the following described property:

LOT 15 POW WOW ACRES UNREC.

A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 10 EAST, MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 2, AND RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 08 SECONDS WEST TO THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF COUNTY ROAD NO. 255, A DISTANCE OF 1,142.05 FEET; THENCE NORTH 15 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 49 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY, A DISTANCE OF 661.93 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE NORTH 15 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 49 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY, A DISTANCE OF 628.53 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 08 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 719.61 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 15 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 08 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 627.87 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 08 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 717.02 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO ALL COUNTY MAINTAINED GRADED ROADS AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT.

SUBJECT TO A 10 FOOT UTILITY EASEMENT ON EACH LOT LINE.

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 filed herein must file a claim with this court within sixty (60) days after the date of the sale.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Notice and affixed the seal of this Court this 28 day of August, 2013.

TIM SANDERS  
Clerk of Court

By: *Ramona Dickerson*  
Deputy Clerk

(COURT SEAL)

9/4, 9/11

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

CASE NO. 2013-CA-146

OLD BLUE SPRINGS, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, Plaintiff,

vs.

CRAIG A. GRANT AND CAROL L. HOUPPT, now known as Carol L. Harper, GARY CONLEY, MADISON BLUE, INC., a Florida Corporation, et al. Defendants.

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 27, 2013 in the above referenced case in which OLD BLUE SPRINGS, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, is Plaintiff, and CRAIG A. GRANT AND CAROL L. HOUPPT, now known as Carol L. Harper, GARY CONLEY, MADISON BLUE, INC., a Florida Corporation; unknown tenants; and other unknown parties in possession, including the unknown spouse of any person in possession of the property, and if a named Defendant is deceased, the surviving spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against that Defendant, and all claimants, persons or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under any of the named or described Defendants, are Defendants, I, TIM SANDERS, Clerk of the Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door of the Madison County Courthouse or such other location in the Madison County Courthouse in Madison, Florida, as I as the Clerk of the Court may designate at the time of sale, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013, the following described property set forth in the Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure:

Lot 23, Benchmark Acres

A parcel of land lying in Section 15, Township 1 South, Range 10 East, Madison County, Florida and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Southwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 15, and run South 89°54'47" East, a distance of 1571.59 feet; thence North 00°42'25" West, a distance of 57.59 feet to the North right of way of Bandit Street, said point being the Point of Beginning; from said Point of Beginning and leaving said right of way, continue North 00°42'25" West, a distance of 694.53 feet; thence South 89°57'55" West, a distance of 318.05 feet; thence North 00°42'25" West, a distance of 567.41 feet; thence North 89°57'55" East a distance of 348.06 feet; thence South 00°42'25" East, a distance of 1263.57 feet to said right of way; thence North 86°55'32" West, along said right of way, a distance of 30.07 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Subject to any county road right of way.

Subject to a 10 foot utility easement on each lot line.

Any and all bidders, parties or other interested persons shall contact the information desk of the Clerk of the Court prior to the scheduled foreclosure sale who will advise of the exact location in the Madison County Courthouse for the foreclosure sale.

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

[NOTE: 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 Court Administrator, Post Office Box 1569, Lake City, Florida 32056-1569, Telephone: (386) 758-2163, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this Notice or pleading. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call: 1-800-955-8771.]

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said Court, this 27 day of August, 2013, at Madison, Madison County, Florida.

(COURT SEAL)

HONORABLE TIM SANDERS  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY: *Ramona Dickerson*  
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9/4, 9/11

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

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., CASE NO.: 40-2012-CA-000151

Plaintiff,

SEC: \_\_\_\_\_

CHRISTOPHER T. ATCHASON; MELISSA G. ATCHASON; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; JUDY HENTGES; DENNIS HENTGES; AND TENANT NKA CHRISTOPHER ADAM.

Defendant(s).

### NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated Sept. 4, 2013, entered in Civil Case No. 40-2012-CA-000151 of the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit in and for Madison County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on 15 day of Oct., 2013, at 11:00 a.m. at the Front door of the Madison County Courthouse, 125 SW Range Avenue, Madison, Florida 32340, in accordance with Chapter 45 Florida Statutes, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to wit:

THOSE LANDS DESCRIBED IN O.R. BOOK 852, PAGE 87 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 131, CHERRY LAKE FARMS SUBDIVISION NUMBER 4, PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE C OF THE AFORESAID RECORDS, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 131 AND THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID O.R. BOOK 852 PAGE 87; THENCE NORTH 18° 31'05" WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 131 A DISTANCE OF 159.79 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID O.R. BOOK 852, PAGE 87; THENCE NORTH 79° 05'29" EAST A DISTANCE OF 222.01 FEET TO A REBAR MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID O.R. BOOK 852, PAGE 87; THENCE SOUTH 06° 51'16" EAST A DISTANCE OF 170.61 FEET TO A REBAR ON THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF NORTHEAST RIDGE LOOP (60 FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY) MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID O.R. BOOK 852, PAGE 87; THENCE SOUTH 82° 40'07" WEST ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 189.16 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

SAID LANDS SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

### ATTENTION: PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

If you are a person with a disability who requires accommodations in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, the provision of certain assistance. Individuals with a disability who require special accommodations in order to participate in a court proceeding should contact the ADA Coordinator, 173 NE Hernando Avenue, Room 408, Lake City, FL 32055, (386) 719-7428, within two (2) business days of receipt of notice to appear. Individuals who are hearing impaired should call (800) 955-8771. Individuals who are voice impaired should call (800) 955-8770.

DATED AT MADISON, FLORIDA THIS 4 DAY OF Sept, 2013

*Jimi Sanders*  
JIMI SANDERS  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA

9/11, 9/18

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA. CASE NO. 402012CA000292CAXXXX

RBS FINANCIAL PRODUCTS INC., PLAINTIFF,

VS.

YOLANDA BELLAMY A/K/A YOLANDA R. BELLAMY, ETAL. DEFENDANT(S).

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 26, 2013 in the above action, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at Madison, Florida, on Sept. 30, 2013 at 11:00 AM, at West front doorsteps of courthouse - 125 S.W. Range Ave., Madison, FL 32340 for the following described property:

A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 1; THENCE N88 DEG 32'15"W, A DISTANCE OF 810.99 FEET; THENCE N00 DEG 00'00"E, A DISTANCE OF 204.24 FEET; THENCE N88 DEG 32'13"W, A DISTANCE OF 210.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE CONTINUE N88 DEG 32'13"W, A DISTANCE OF 212.09 FEET; THENCE N00 DEG 00'00"E, A DISTANCE OF 207.51 FEET; THENCE S88 DEG 32'13"E, A DISTANCE OF 212.09 FEET; THENCE S00 DEG 00'00"E, A DISTANCE OF 207.51 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING

BEING SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED 30.00 FOOT EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS LYING IN SECTION 1 TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 1, AND RUN N88 DEG 32'15"W, 810.99 FEET, THENCE N00 DEG 00'00"E, 204.24 FEET, THENCE N88 DEG 32'13"W, 210.00 FEET, THENCE N88 DEG 00'00"E, 35.46 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF SAID EASEMENT, FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN S84 DEG 05'31"W, 227.55 FEET, THENCE N89 DEG 23'17"W, 116.28 FEET, THENCE N11 DEG 32'37" W, 96.43 FEET, THENCE S79 DEG 08'34"W, 138.59 FEET, THENCE S81 DEG 59'07"W, 308.37 FEET TO THE EASTERLY MAINTAINED RIGHT OF WAY OF A 30.00 FOOT COUNTY GRADED ROAD, THENCE N10 DEG 26'37"E ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY, 33.81 FEET, THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY RUN N81 DEG 59'07"E, 292.13 FEET, THENCE N79 DEG 08'34"E, 134.85 FEET, THENCE S81 DEG 32'37"E, 99.88 FEET, THENCE S89 DEG 23'17"E, 112.52 FEET, THENCE N84 DEG 05'31"E, 228.95 FEET, THENCE S00 DEG 00'00"W, 30.16 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING

TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 2005 FLEETWOOD BEACON HILL MANUFACTURED HOME, SER. NO. GAF535A190599-BH21

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. The Court, in its discretion, may enlarge the time of the sale. Notice of the changed time of sale shall be published as provided herein.

DATED: 8-27-13

*Ramona Dickerson*  
RAMONA DICKERSON  
Deputy Clerk of the Court

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 ADA Coordinator at 386-719-7428, 173 NE Hernando Avenue, Room 408, Lake City, FL 32055 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. Board of Directors will hold a meeting of the Board of Directors on **Monday, September 30, 2013, 7:00 P.M.** at the Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc., Senior Center located at 1171 Nobles Ferry Rd NW in Live Oak, Florida.

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MADISON COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Madison County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. in the County Commission Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 229 S.W. Pinckney Street, Madison, Florida for the sole purpose of receiving public input on a proposed Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) grant application for proposed Cherry Lake Beach improvements to include a children's playground area, covered picnic pavilion, security lighting and restroom improvement.

The public is encouraged to attend and provide input into this proposed outdoor recreation project.

For further information, please contact Mr. Tommy Garner or Ms. Jeanne Bass at 850-973-3179.

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NOTICE: The District School Board of Madison County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday October 15, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the School Board Meeting Room of the Superintendent's Office: 210 N.E. Duval Avenue, Madison, FL.

Revisions to: Policy & Procedure: 5.082 Manual Physical Restraint Practices and Special Requirements

The proposed document may be viewed at the School Board Office, 210 NE Duval Ave, Madison, Florida. Statutory Authority: 120.54, 1001.43 FS.

IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE BOARD, WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING OR HEARING, HE/SHE WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND FOR SUCH PURPOSE, HE/SHE MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.

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

CASE NO. 2013-77-CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF

ALBERT JOSEPH WEIS

Deceased.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of ALBERT JOSEPH WEIS, deceased, whose date of death was June 5, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Madison County, Florida, Probate Division; File Number 2013-77-CP; the names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below:

All creditors of the decedent and other persons, who have claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unsecured, contingent or unliquidated claims, and who have been served a copy of this notice, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unsecured, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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

THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE IS September 4, 2013.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Personal Representative:  
/s/ Clay A. Schmitker /s/ Eleanor C. Kimball  
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9/4, 9/11

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

OLD BLUE SPRINGS, LLC,

CASE NO.: 2011-188-CA

Plaintiff,

vs.

SANDRA JEAN-BAPTISTE, also known as SANDRA ROSE JEAN-BAPTISTE, also known as SANDRA ROSE JEAN-BAPTISTE, also known as SANDRA R. JEAN-BAPTISTE, also known as SANDRA J. BAPTISTE, also known as SANDRA R. JEAN, as the surviving spouse of ROGER DESIR, also known as ROGER L. DESIR, also known as ROGER LIONEL DESIR, deceased, and any and all unknown heirs, devisees and legatees of ROGER DESIR, also known as ROGER L. DESIR, also known as ROGER LIONEL DESIR, deceased. Defendants.

### NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that, pursuant to Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 26, 2013, entered in the above styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Madison County Courthouse in Madison, Madison County, Florida, at 11:00 A.M. on Sept 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013, the following described property:

Lot 20, Block A of RIVER TRACE, a subdivision according to plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 2, pages 28-30, public records of Madison County, Florida.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens filed herein must file a claim with this court within sixty (60) days after the date of the sale.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Notice and affixed the seal of this Court this 21 day of August, 2013.

TIM SANDERS  
Clerk of Court

By: *Ramona Dickerson*  
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# AROUND MADISON COUNTY

## Junior Auxiliary Announces Scholarship Opportunity

The Junior Auxiliary of Madison County, along with the National Association of Junior Auxiliaries, is excited to provide a graduate studies scholarship opportunity. The Madison Chapter of Junior Auxiliary is currently the only chapter in the state of Florida. However, we are ecstatic to announce that several Florida residents have benefited from this scholarship.

Graduate Scholarships Available from National Association of Junior Auxiliaries

The Greenville, Miss.-based National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Inc. is accepting applications for its Graduate Scholarship Program. Applicants must be pursuing graduate-level studies for one year in fields which address the special needs of children and youth.

Graduate fields of study include, but are not limited to, counseling, psychology, mental development, special education, speech pathology, exceptional children, remedial skills development, hearing impaired, and gifted and talented. Scholarships are not awarded for graduate work in administration or in general education.

Applicants must be a permanent U.S. citizen and a permanent resident of states with chapters of nonprofit Junior Auxiliary. Those states are Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee and Texas.

Instructions and applications forms are available now through Feb. 1 on the NAJA web site. Go to [www.najanet.org](http://www.najanet.org).

## Jubal's Kin And Delta Reign To Headline Pickin' In The Pines Music Festival In Perry, FL



Photo Submitted



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**P**ickin' In The Pines - Join us Sept. 27 and 28 for the 8th Annual Pickin' In The Pines Music Festival in Perry, FL. The weekend promises to bring high energy folk, country, jazz, bluegrass and a hint of blues music from many talented performers from all around the country. Headlining the event are Jubal's Kin and Delta Reign as well as the following great performers such as The Acoustic Messengers, High Cotton, Florida State Band and much more!

Jubal's Kin has a distinctively rare sound that is grounded in a love for what can only be called pure and real, at once embracing both a strong roots tradition and fresh indie folk - "Appalachia-infused Cosmic Americana." At live shows or in the studio, a seemingly new subgenre is created, their songs displaying raw emotion, vulnerable and unassuming with handcrafted spins that creak and stomp like a wooden dance floor. The chemistry of their live shows have really become their calling card and, drawn by the honesty of their songs, fans at shows and festivals alike connect to the music - real music - that

bears its soul like the brothers and sister on stage. Sometimes adding the lush accompaniment of pedal steel and drums on stage, they'll often tour simply as a trio - deftly pairing subtle folk with all the guts of old-timey flair.

Delta Reign is from the Mobile River Delta region of the Gulf Coast. As five rivers flow together into Mobile Bay to form the Delta, so

Delta Reign brings together the musical influences of each member... western swing, blues, jazz & bluegrass... it's being called, "swinging bluegrass." Believe it not, tickets are only \$15.00 for a weekend pass!! There will be plenty of good eats available from a variety of food vendors as well as plenty to browse around and see with our collection of craft

booths. Camping reservations can be made, but spaces are filling up fast so call soon. Come join us under the canopy of pines in Perry, FL...the music capital of the South...where we treat you like you are part of our family! You can find out more information or purchase tickets at [www.floridastatebluegrass.com](http://www.floridastatebluegrass.com) or call 850-584-5366.

## Texting And Driving Awareness Comes To MCHS, Sept. 16

By Rose Klein  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

**A** texting-driving awareness simulator is coming to Madison County High School to allow students to fully appreciate the dangers of texting while driving, without risking their safety. The AWARE-TXT Simulator is a real car, suspended and monitored with sensors to simulate real driving. Software renders a virtual field of vision, visible on a heads-up display worn by the "driver," and can also create road conditions, such as rain or snow. The simulator is part of a program with an organization called PEER Awareness, a health and wellness company based in Grand Rapids, Mich., who is teaming up with Madison County High School and the Junior Auxiliary of Madison County, who are sponsors of the event.

It has been proven that texting can endanger drivers up to eight times more than alcohol and makes a driver

who is texting, 23 times more likely to be involved in a crash. Awareness of the dangers of texting and driving has increased, but people are still doing it. PEER Awareness, along with the use of the simulator, are hoping to change driving

behavior of those who do text while driving. PEER Awareness, and the AWARE-TXT Simulator will be at Madison County High School, Monday, Sept. 16. For more information on the program, contact Lori Newman at (850)-869-0290.

## Local Photographer Honored With National Award



Photo Submitted

Martin Gudz, owner of Tudor Rose Photography, accepts the national award for outstanding service to professional photography.

Shown left to right are: Sandra Pearce, President of FPP; Martin Gudz, Vice President of FPP; Ralph Romaguerra, President of PPA; Cindy Romaguerra, First Lady of PPA.

the British Institute of Professional Photography, which is the British equivalent to our Certified Professional Photographer degree. He came to America in 1984 and worked as a cruise ship photographer until he settled shore side in 1988. In 1991, Martin Gudz moved to Florida and opened Tudor Rose Photography. During his

time in Madison, Gudz has been no stranger to awards. He was awarded the Teresa Saylor Award in 1999, earned his Florida Service Award in 2001, Florida Education Degree in 2006 and his Professional Photographers of America Craftsman Degree in 2008. Gudz is only one merit away from his Florida Degree of Photographic Excellence and four merits away from his PPA Masters. He is the incoming President of Florida Professional Photographers (FPP), and has served on its board since 2009.

When discussing his style, Gudz credits mentors, Bruce Evenson and Michael Redford, for helping him define his style, which he describes as a combination of traditional and contemporary. He

continues to say that he has received a lot of encouragement and support from other Master Photographers along the way in his photographic journey.

By Rose Klein  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

**M**artin Gudz, locally renowned photographer and owner of Tudor Rose Photography, was recently honored with the Professional Photographers of America (PPA) National Award for outstanding service to professional photography. The award is offered by PPA to state, regional and international affiliated organizations on a yearly basis and recognizes those who contribute their time and talents to the service of their profession, affiliated organization and fellow photographers. PPA is the largest non-profit association created by professional photographers, for professional photographers. The long-term association has roots as far back as 1869 and has grown into an organization that accommodates 25,000 members. Born in Staffordshire, England, Gudz attended West Bromwich College where he received his Licentiate of

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## Genesis Missionary To Host Haiti Mission Group

By Rose Klein  
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The Evangelical Mission group from Haiti will be hosted by Genesis Missionary Baptist Church in Madison, Oct. 4 – 6. The Haiti Mission Program is an annual event joyfully anticipated. The missionaries will be accepting contributions for their ministry in Haiti, and this year, will be focusing on the group's church and school that was damaged by a tornado.

The Mission Program begins on Friday, Oct. 4 at Genesis Missionary Baptist Church, where the missionaries will

be welcomed and they will give an overview of their mission. The program will be followed by a reception at the church. The following day will begin at 10 a.m. as an outreach ministry, where missionaries and church members will go door-to-door, inviting residents to hear the message from Haiti at the Sumpter James Jr. Park, located at Dr. M.L.K. Jr. Drive and SW Bunker Street in Madison. The Missionaries will begin at noon, speaking on their experiences in Haiti. A light lunch will be provided. The program will conclude on Sunday, Oct. 6 with a worship service

at Genesis at 11 a.m., where one of the attending Missionaries will deliver the message.

If you would like more information about these events you can contact Reverend Oliver Bradley, pastor of Genesis Missionary Baptist, at the church 850-973-8800 or on his cell phone at 850-464-1191. If you would like to help the Evangelical Mission Group from Haiti with their mission and specifically in repairing their church and school, you can send a check, payable to Evangelical Mission at Genesis Missionary Baptist Church P.O. Box 1163, Madison, FL 32341.

## First Baptist Holds Fundraiser For Historic Sanctuary

By Lynette Norris  
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Behind the beautiful red brick, white-steepled building that houses the First Baptist Church of Madison, the one that many see as they drive along Base Street, sits another building, the white-clapboard-and-stained-glass sanctuary that first housed the congregation in 1898, when it was first constructed.

The historic building has been preserved, and to see it today, one can almost hear strains of "Shall We Gather At The River" echoing on

long-ago breezes through the many beautiful windows.

But like any beautiful, historical treasure from the past, the sanctuary needs a little loving care from time to time to protect it from the elements and keep it in repair.

The First Baptist Church of Madison invites everyone to join them for a chicken and rice dinner and cake auction fundraiser to offset the cost of repairing a leak in the roof. The dinner will begin right after the Sunday worship service, at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall, Sunday,

Sept. 22.

Your support will be greatly appreciated as we face immediate major repairs for this beautiful, historic church. Donations will be accepted. Please make checks payable to:

Madison First Baptist Church – include a notation "for 1898 Sanctuary" or "The Willie Claire Fund."

For more information, contact Archie and Patsy Davis at (850) 971-5779, or Jan Smith, Chair of the History Committee, at (850) 973-6293.



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# DivorceCare Comes To Madison Church Calendar

At a time in our nation when 32% of marriages end in divorce, more and more people are going through the trauma and upheaval associated with this life-altering tragedy.

Beginning at 6 p.m. on Sunday evening Sept. 8, First Baptist of Madison offered the first meeting of its DivorceCare Ministry.

DivorceCare is a network of more than 13,000 churches worldwide who are equipped to offer divorce support groups. The program is nondenominational and features biblical teaching for recovering from divorce or separation.

The weekly meet-

ings on Sunday evenings provide a warm and caring oasis for those suffering through the trauma of divorce or separation. The first half of the two hour meeting time offers a video seminar featuring information-packed videos and some of the nation's top Christian divorce recovery experts. After a short break the meeting divides into a Ladies' Support Group and a Mens' Support Group to discuss the week's topic and offer encouragement and support as the group navigates together this most difficult time in life.

During the week, journaling and workbook exercises help members reinforce

the lessons of the previous session. Class participants also have access to the DivorceCare website as well as daily email updates and encouraging messages.

The class is open to anyone, and the only cost is \$15 to cover the price of the workbook. Childcare is provided free of charge. The group's fall schedule can be found at [www.divorcecare.org](http://www.divorcecare.org). Simply type in your zip code and click on First Baptist Madison Fall 2013 to see more details on the schedule.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call the church at 850-973-2547 or email the church secretary at [shannonsandi@yahoo.com](mailto:shannonsandi@yahoo.com).

## September 11

The AWANA club will begin holding meetings again. The meetings will take place in the First Baptist Church fellowship hall every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.



## September 14

The North Florida Senior Volunteer Programs Advisory Council of Elder Care Services and the Senior Citizens Council of Madison, Inc., will be hosting a fundraiser, "Choirs Rejoice in Song" to help provide for Madison seniors.

## September 22

Chicken and Rice Sunday Dinner and Cake Auction at the Madison First Baptist Church, in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner will be at 12:30 p.m., following the Morning Worship Service. This is

a fundraiser dinner to raise funds, for immediate major repairs for the 1898 Sanctuary. You may also donate by making checks payable to: Madison First Baptist (with a

notation for 1898 Sanctuary or to the Willie Claire Fund). For more information you may call Archie and Patsy Davis at 971-5779 or Jan Smith at 973-6293.

## October 20

Midway Church of God will hold its homecoming service beginning at 10 a.m. Bishop Ivester will be the guest speaker and LifeSong will be the musical guests. Everyone is invited to attend. Midway Church of God is located at 2849 SE Midway Church Road (off County Road 255, south of I-10, Lee exit, or off Highway 53 South, south of Interstate 10, Madison exit).

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## Bible Verse Of The Week

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*Romans 15:13 (NIV)*

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by RONNIE McBRAYER



When I first met Father Thad I was a Baptist minister and he was the priest at the neighborhood Catholic parish. A complete stranger to me, he popped into my office and stated that he must use our church baptistery. A brief reminder about baptism: Baptists practice baptism by immersion. They dunk converts completely under the water.

Typically, Catholics practice sprinkling or pouring. And that is just the beginning of the differences between these two faith tradi-

tions on the issue. The theological meaning reinforcing the practice of baptism puts the camps even farther apart.

So when a Catholic priest showed up wanting to dunk a convert in the Baptist church, I knew I was dealing with someone shattering my typecast. Refreshingly, this watery encounter led to a series of interdenominational gatherings (potluck dinners, actually) between his parish and my congregation. In the process, we learned a lot about each other, and I learned a great deal about Thad.

In addition to the

priesthood Thad had been a military chaplain; and shockingly, Thad was married and had adult children. Thad had been an Anglican priest, but through an extraordinary dispensation from the Vatican, converted to Catholicism. This man was a depository of mind-warping experiences, not the least of which was a personal story I loved to hear.

A parish he once led desperately needed to expand its ministry. But one man in the parish absolutely resisted, always squelching prospective change by saying something like, "My grandfather gave the land for this

# Take It With You

church; my daddy cleared the trees for the building; and we're not going to change a thing" (Catholics don't have a monopoly on this sentiment).

Thad finally had enough. In his remarkable way, he secured a diocese blessing and obtained a piece of land on the other side of town. He called the local house builders, and had the church relocated! I have this charming picture in my mind of the church, steeple atop, rolling down the road on stilts led by a vestment-clad Father Thad, reading the gospel and splashing holy water along the way.

When I first heard that story I told Thad, "If you were a Protestant, you could have just started another church (And with a wink, I'd add, "A church with a real baptistery"). His response was priceless: "Why start another church, when you can take it with you?"

Truth told, that is pretty good ecclesiology. Ecclesiology is what seminarians call the "doctrine of the church." It answers the question: "What is the nature of the church?" And after several hundred years of modernity and religious institu-

tionalism, more and more people are recognizing that the church is not a building. Sure, we say, "I go to church at such-and-such a place," but the real church is the people, not a place. It is a body, not a building. It is a living movement, not a fixed mailing address.

When the last homilies, sermons, songs, testimonies, and prayers are offered at your congregation or parish on Sunday morning, you don't leave the church. You will leave a specific gathering of the church, certainly, but you take the church

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with you – because the church is you. You take it on the road, across town, into your workplace or university, into your living room, classroom and board room: You embody the presence of Christ in the world.

Yes, I learned a lot from Father Thad. I learned that holding to fixed stereotypes prevents us from embracing the extraordinary individuals we meet

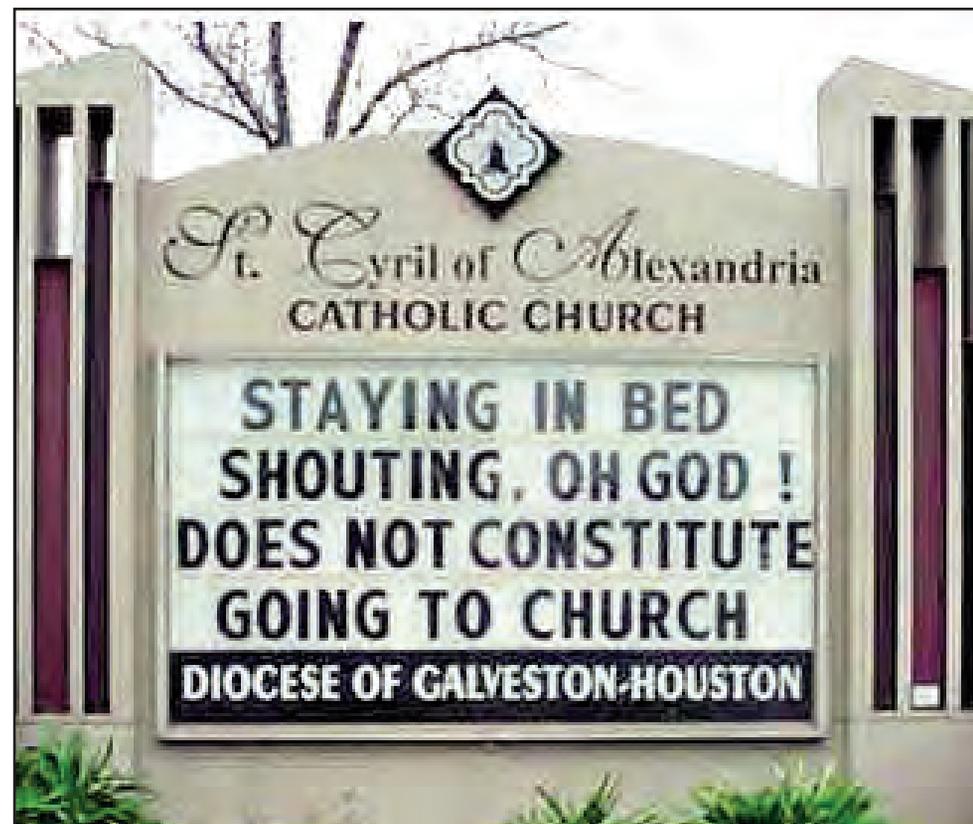
along the way. I learned that communication between faith groups is the best possible means of reducing misunderstanding and conflict. I learned that overcoming problems sometimes requires boldness and creativity.

And I was reminded that whether we are sprinkled, dipped, poured, dunked, barely damp or soaking wet, we will not be defined so much by “where we

go to church,” but by whether or not we will be the church once we leave the building. As Father Thad put it so accurately: “Why start another church, when you can take it with you?”

*Ronnie McBrayer is a syndicated columnist, pastor, and author of multiple books. You can read more and receive regular e-columns in your inbox at [www.ronniemcbrayer.me](http://www.ronniemcbrayer.me).*

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# Women Of The Bible: Martha

By Lynette Norris

Greene Publishing, Inc.

*"Now it came to pass, as they went, that He entered unto a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard His word. But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to Him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? Bid her therefore that she help me. And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her."* Luke 10:38-42.

When many of us think of Martha, this is the scene that comes to mind, the one who labors in the kitchen, the one who bustles about serving, the one who asks Jesus to rebuke her younger sister Mary for not pitching in and helping out. Martha, the busy one, versus Mary, the one who sits and listens.

Instead of rebuking Mary, however, Jesus turns a gentle rebuke on Martha. *"Thou art careful and troubled about many things,"* he tells her, but really, all that bustling around isn't necessary. He has

not come to their home to be waited on and served; instead, it is He himself who has come to serve, to minister, to speak to those who will hear Him, to those who, like Mary, will take the time to *"be still and know that I am God."*

Mary has chosen this stillness and it will not be taken from her, He says.

This image of Martha, frittering away her time on household worries, while the very Son of God is right there, visiting in her home, is often compared unfavorably to that of Mary, sitting at the feet of Jesus. Martha, the foolish one, versus Mary, the wise.

Yet the scene is perhaps not so much an indictment of Martha, as it is a reminder of how many people, with the best of intentions, manage to get sidetracked by the little things, wrapped up in the details, overcome with the obsession to work, work, work, while overlooking the need to sometimes sit and reflect and just be in the presence of God; becoming absorbed in the trivial so that they miss out on the wondrous and the sublime.

And Martha, after all, is not presented as the "bad guy" of the piece; she has an important visitor in her home and she is abiding by the cultural expectations

of women at the time. The women of the household are to serve and to see to the hospitality of guests under their roof; the privilege of sitting and enjoying conversation with them is one usually reserved for the men of the household, like the elder brother Lazarus, yet it is Mary we see sitting with Jesus, listening to His words, and Jesus does not seem to find this out of line, in need of a rebuke.

We can almost hear the implied invitation in His voice as He speaks to Martha: *Martha, Martha, stop troubling yourself so. Relax. Come and sit with me as Mary is doing, and let us talk and enjoy each other's company* – just as He would with the men of the household.

It would not be the first time that Jesus ignored social convention and disregarded gender roles when someone in need came into His presence. We see the same disregarding of such boundaries, whether social, racial, gender, cultural or otherwise when He encounters the woman at the well.

In that era, women were often expected to fade into the background in the public sphere outside the home, and men would often not deign to speak or even be seen speak-

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ing to women they passed on the street or in the marketplace. Such a thing was beneath a man's dignity, or so it was thought. The woman at the well was also a Samaritan, an ethnic group held in disdain by the Israelites, and a cultural and community outcast, a woman with a "bad reputation" who was shunned by much of the community; yet Jesus spoke to the woman at the well to ask her for a drink of water, and began a conversation that changed her life.

Martha wasn't a

"bad" woman per se, not in the sense of a woman with a "reputation" or anything like that; she does not even seem that "bad" in comparison to Mary.

Rather, the point of the story seems to be that Martha was someone with a need, one that Jesus could see even though Martha herself could not. She was a woman weighed down with duties and expectations and responsibilities and sacrifices and work, work, work. Not that work and responsibilities are bad in and of themselves, but in

wanting everything to be perfect for her distinguished guest, she busied and buried herself in preparations for Him. In trying to make everything "perfect" for Him, she was missing the chance to actually *be* in His presence.

What Martha seems to lack, and what Mary has, is the capacity for the inner stillness to "be there" for Him, to be still and to know that He is God and that she was invited to sit in His presence and hear His words – the capacity to "be there" for Him, as he would "be there" for

those He came to seek and to save; those He came to minister unto.

Over and over again, in episodes throughout the New Testament, we see this theme, probably nowhere so dramatically as when He took on a complete role reversal and presented Himself as servant to His disciples, washing their feet to make a point.

Martha's story doesn't end here. Martha, her sister Mary and their older brother Lazarus become very close friends with Jesus during His earthly ministry, and whenever He is in Bethany, He comes to their home as a guest and as a friend. In John 11:5, we are told that Jesus loved Mary,

Martha and Lazarus very much; soon, He goes back to Bethany to see them in their hour of need, risking His life to do so (John 11:8) because there are factions of Jews in that area who have sought to have him stoned.

In fact, this is where the story picks up again. In chapter 11 of the book of John, Lazarus has taken ill, so seriously ill that Mary and Martha have sent for Jesus.

When Jesus finally arrives in Bethany, Lazarus has already been dead for four days, and a distraught Martha runs out to meet Him as soon as He arrives. The first things she says to Him, a very human thing, is "Lord ...*Story continued on 8B...*

if only you had been here, our brother would not have died."

Yet even in her grief and distress, there seems to be something of a change that has taken place in Martha. In the very next verse:

*"But I know that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee."* (John 11:22)

A statement of faith or a request for a miracle? Lazarus has already been dead for four days at this point, and the conversation that follows is most revealing.

*"Jesus saith unto her; Thy brother shall rise again."*

*Martha saith unto*

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*him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.*

*Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?*

*She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.”* (John 11: 22-27).

In the next few verses, we do see Martha struggling to believe, to have faith; when Jesus commands that the stone be rolled away from the tomb, she protests that Lazarus has been four days already; by now, the body would begin to decompose and smell.

“Said I not unto thee that if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldst see the glory of God?” Jesus asks her in verse 40.

We know the

story’s ending already; when Jesus called forth in a loud voice, “Lazarus come forth,” Lazarus rose from the dead and walked out of the tomb into the light before the astonished eyes of Martha, Mary, and all those who were gathered around to see the glory of God that day.

In modern times, Martha is venerated as a saint by the Roman Catholic Church and in the Eastern Orthodox Churches; she is commemorated by the

Lutheran Church and the Anglican Communion. In the Roman Catholic tradition, her feast day is celebrated July 29.

In Martha’s story, we see the willingness to believe, that willingness to reach out and take hold of faith, played out against the human tendency to doubt that often gets in the way. It is a story of getting bogged down in day-to-day existence and sometimes missing out on something wonderful. It is the story of Jesus seeing needs that we ourselves may not be aware of and reaching out, asking only that we believe, and our struggle to do just

that. To let go of things that don’t really matter. To be still, and to know that He is God.

Perhaps this ability to identify with Martha and her story is why it endures. Through the centuries, as Martha’s story has been told and retold, her image has become more and more associated with maturity, strength, and concern for others. Legends have sprung up about her all over Europe, including a 13th century “Golden Legend” that has Martha and her family eventually sailing to France after the death of Jesus and settling in the area of Provence, where many

were converted to the faith, and “Martha was...courteous and gracious to the sight of the people.”

Another legend has Martha traveling to Tarascon, France, where she defeated a dragon-like beast known as the Tarasque, taming it with a cross and holy water.

And finally, legend has it that Tarascon is where Martha is buried. St. Martha’s Collegiate Church in Tarascon, France, dedicated to her in the 9th century, holds a tomb in its crypt that is believed to be the final resting place of Martha of Bethany.

## Beth Moore Simulcast At First Baptist Church

By Rose Klein  
*Greene Publishing, Inc.*

First Baptist Church will once again be hosting the Beth Moore Simulcast that will be taking place on Sept. 14. The simulcast is open to all and you are invited to come, along with family and friends. The simulcast is a live broadcast from Charleston, West Va. that can be viewed simultaneously by attendees in participating churches around the country, as well as

countries outside the U.S. Worship music will be led by Travis Cottrell, along with the worship group, Living Proof.

Registration and a light breakfast will be served the day of the simulcast, starting at 8:30 a.m. The simulcast will begin in the sanctuary at 9:15. There will be a break for lunch at 11:30, lasting until 1 p.m. The day will conclude about 4:30 p.m.

Cost for the simulcast is \$20, if you sign

up for the early bird registration that ends this Sunday on Sept. 8. Registration after this date will be \$25. Forms and checks payable to First Baptist Church Madison can be dropped off at the church office, located at 134 SW Meeting Street, Madison or mailed to P.O. Box 307, Madison, FL 32341. For questions or more information, contact Andrea Krell or the church office at 850-973-2547.

## Hickory Grove United Methodist Annual Homecoming

The Annual Homecoming Sunday Service for Hickory Grove United Methodist Church will take place on Sept. 15, with worship beginning at 11:00 a.m. Sunday School will begin at 10:00 a.m. and everyone is invited to come early and attend.

Pastor Tim Blanton, who became the full-time pastor for Hickory Grove just a month ago, will lead the worship service.

The Church would like to invite anyone who has attended services at Hickory Grove to come back for this Homecoming event. The Church is

right in the middle of planning for Founder’s Day, but Homecoming is also an important event for the Church Family.

Following the worship service, there will be a huge “Dinner on the Ground” meal, with a lot of homemade foods for worshippers to enjoy.

# The Pulpit

By Jeff Wallen, Pastor,  
Unity Baptist Church

## Is The Rapture Real?

So many people have asked the question, what is going to happen to the church? This is a question that all believers should be asking. However, it is a question that is answered in the Word of God. In fact, Jesus is very clear concerning His teaching on what is going to happen to the church. According to our Lord, Himself, in John 14:1-3, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe

*in God, believe also in Me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself: that where I am, ye may be also."*

These very words of Jesus tell us without a doubt he is coming back for his bride. When is he coming? No

man knows the day or the hour. According to what Jesus himself says, He is coming. According to scripture, there are two comings yet to take place. The first one is what is referred to as the rapture of the church. The word rapture is not in the Bible, but its meaning is, as we shall establish. The second one is what is referred to as His return to the earth to establish His millennial Kingdom. Time will not allow us to discuss both of these great events. In dealing with the rapture of the church, we find Paul explains this great event in detail in I Thessalonians, Ch. 4:13-18. "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep that you sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we, which are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them, which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout,

*with a voice of the Archangel, and when the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words."* Again, time will not allow us to discuss this in its full entirety; however, let's take a quick look at the events Paul said would transpire.

- Number One, the Savior will be seen. Verse 16, "The Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven."

- Number Two, The sound that will be heard is in verse 16, "The Lord himself will descend from Heaven with a shout." The word shout speaks of a cry of excitement. Three times in scripture we hear the Lord shout: First at the tomb of Lazarus when Jesus called him from the tomb. Second, When Jesus was on the cross and He cried with a loud voice. Last, when Jesus returns for the church.

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• Number Three, the Lord's companion. In verse 16, *"the Lord shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel."* There are two Archangels mentioned in scripture, Gabriel and Michael. Most likely this voice will be the voice of Gabriel because he is mentioned four times in scripture and each time he is bringing a message.

• Number Four, the Lord's command. What is the Lord's command? It is referred to in verse 16 as the trump of God.

The phrase, *last trump*, was a Roman military term. When the Roman army had achieved their objective, there were three trumpet sounds that spoke of the moving of the army. The first trumpet signaled the army to strike their tents. The second trumpet called for the army to line up. The third trumpet was known as the last trump and it was a signal for the army to pull out. When the trump of God sounds, it is a signal for the church, it's a pulling out time. Can you

imagine what it will be like when we hear these sounds? The Lord's shout, the voice of the Archangel and the trump of God.

• Number Five, the saints shall be removed. Verse 16, *"And the dead in Christ shall rise first."* Now, who are the dead in Christ? Every person saved from Pentecost until the day of rapture is the dead in Christ. Paul refers to these individuals, back in verse 14, as those that *"sleep in Jesus."* When a saint of God dies, their spirit goes into the pres-

ence of the Lord. II Corinthians, Ch. 5:8, *"We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord."* These will Jesus bring with Him, according to verse 14. *"Them which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him."* They shall at that point be reunited with their bodies, which shall be glorified. Thus the dead in Christ shall rise first. Paul taught this in I Corinthians, 15:52. *"In a moment, in a twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall*

*sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."* At that point, according to verse 17, *"Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them (the dead in Christ) in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air. So shall we ever be with the Lord."* The words, "caught up" is taken from the Greek word, "arpazo," which is defined as, "snatch away" and used 14 times in the New Testament.

Oh what a promise for the church. We

opened by asking the question, "What is going to happen to the church?" Paul says in verse 13 that we should not be ignorant of this day. Paul is telling us that we should not be shaken by what seems to be unknown. He closes this chapter by saying, *"Wherefore comfort one another with these words."* Truly, what a comfort it is to know what scripture says concerning the rapture of His church. May I say, I don't know when He is coming, I just know that He is coming.



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