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Young mother is still comatose

Since Dec. 8 accident

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The Glen St. Mary mother of three who passed out while driving the evening of December 8 on N. SR 121 just south of CR 23B remained in a coma at Shands Hospital early this week.

Tabbatha Armstrong's family has rallied together, taking time off work, to care for the children — ages 6, 5 and 2 months — while her husband James stays by her bedside, said their father-in-law Buddy Armstrong.

"We just hope and pray she will open her eyes and one day get back to living some kind of normal life," he said the afternoon of December 22.

Ms. Armstrong, 23, was heading north on SR 121 about 5:15 when her SUV veered over the southbound lane and into a heavily wooded area on the west side of the highway, according to the Florida Highway Patrol.

"When they busted the window out, she had no pulse," said Mr. Armstrong. "They started CPR and continued it for 40 minutes between Life Flight and at the hospital. I know they had to defibrillate her several times."

Physicians at Shands aren't sure exactly why she passed out.

"It depends on which one you ask," he said of doctors at the University of Florida teaching facility.

However, Mr. Armstrong has been told that one percent of new mothers, between the birth and six months after, can suffer from a certain type of heart arrhythmia.

"Their heart will just stop," he said. "They're thinking that's the main culprit." Seizures have also been a problem and doctors aren't sure what's prompting them, the father-in-law said.

Mr. Armstrong, an electrician, and his ex-wife, who works for Pub-

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Tabbatha Armstrong



PHOTO BY JOEL ADDINGTON

Students wrap up fall with caroling

Children from the Pre-K/Kindergarten Center sang Christmas carols at the courthouse the morning of December 17, one day before the last day of school in 2009 for all students in the district. The merriment continued after the performance when Santa Clause joined the students and passed out candy canes, answering questions about his reindeer along the way. Pre-K/Kindergarten Center students had been caroling at area businesses earlier in the week as well, which is part of the school's annual holiday festivities.

Jury convicts him this time

9-time felon represents himself

A six-member jury deliberated into the evening on December 17 before convicting a Jacksonville man for his role in the night burglary at the Badcock Store in Macclenny last summer.

The re-trial of Justin D. Wescott, 21, on multiple felony charges was necessary after his initial trial in circuit court on October 15-16 ended when a jury could not decide if the defendant was one of four men who looted the furniture store in the early morning hours of July 14.

Mr. Wescott, who was caught near the scene after being tracked by a prison canine team, contended he drove out to Macclenny from Jacksonville to pick up his twin brother Jamel, who was also arrested for the crime.

The trial last week was unique in another way in that it was the first time in anyone's memory that a defendant represented himself. In the initial trial, Mr. Wescott, who has nine prior felony convictions, was represented

by public defender Julie Johnson.

The jury decided this time after about three hours of deliberation he is guilty of two counts of grand theft, burglary and felony criminal mischief. As an habitual offender, Mr. Wescott could get life in prison when Judge

Justin Wescott scans a document prior to questioning a witness on December 15.

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DuPont files suit disputing mining sequence

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E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, the industrial behemoth mining in southeastern Baker County, is suing the county commission to overturn the board's decision last month regarding where the company should mine next spring.

Commissioners wanted DuPont to begin mining a tract owned by the Knabb family's LaBuena Farms Inc. near the interstate first, instead of lands farther south under ownership of the Cummer Land Trust and adjacent to DuPont's existing operations southwest of CR 228.

DuPont's proposed mining plan calls for beginning in the south and moving north during the next decade.

According to a complaint filed in circuit court December 15, DuPont is asking Judge Phyllis Rosier to reverse the commission's ruling and order the county to reconsider the company's proposed mining plan in a manner consistent with the judge's eventual opinion, plus pay DuPont's legal costs.

The conflict began in October when the county's Land Planning Agency [LPA] granted DuPont permission, through a special exception application, to mine the more than 4000 acres east of CR 228 and south of the interstate through 2018.

The catch: the company must mine north to south.

The LPA cited its desire to free up, as soon as possible, LaBuena's parcel next to I-10 for development, including an interchange that might be needed in the future.

LaBuena has a mining lease with DuPont on the roughly 1000 acres. LaBuena President James Knabb has said that he prefers the company extract titanium from the land in the near term so the tract can be sold, presumably to Jackson-Shaw Co., which has a contract to buy it.

Jackson-Shaw is planning an industrial park on the north side of I-10 and its regional partner, Tom Jones, has said his company intends to market the Knabb property for residential use.

"We want them to start and finish and get out," said Mr. Knabb during the commission's November 10 appeal hearing of LPA's mandate to mine north to south.

That night DuPont representatives pledged to release from its mining agreement with

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Shoplifter leaves newborn in cart

A Glen St. Mary woman admonished by a county deputy for leaving her infant child unattended in a shopping cart at CVS was later arrested for shoplifting \$424 worth of merchandise from the same store.

Deputy Brandon Kiser said he was called to the store on US 90 in Macclenny about 6:20 pm on December 16 when employee Karin Rowell



Teresa Stokes

and several customers noticed a newborn child just outside the entrance in the cart with the merchandise. He spoke with the child's mother, identified as Teresa Stokes, 31, and warned her of the criminal penalties for leaving a child in that circumstance. Ms. Stokes insisted she left the baby only about 10 seconds to retrieve a bag from inside the store.

Ms. Rowell moments later disputed that after viewing a surveillance video that reportedly showed the cart outside the store for five minutes until shortly after she and other customers wheeled it back inside and began looking for a guardian or parent. It was then that Ms. Stokes re-appeared.

During an ensuing conversation, Ms. Rowell said she asked for Ms. Stokes to produce a receipt for the items in the cart. She told Deputy Kiser the video showed the mother wheeling the cart outside without paying for the merchandise. Ms. Stokes then left the store saying she would retrieve a receipt from her vehicle, and she did not return.

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How the county hopes to cut its bill for inmate housing

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DuPont files lawsuit over mining

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LaBuena any acreage for a potential interchange, once the need for it becomes apparent.

Despite the compromise, the board upheld the LPA's decision.

The arguments

The lawsuit filed by DuPont's Jacksonville attorney Tom Ingram includes three points of contention.

First was that the agricultural zoning of the land already permits mining "by right" and therefore applying for a special exception from the LPA wasn't required in the first place.

County planning director Ed Preston said it isn't quite that simple.

The filing points to an ordinance adopted by the county in June 2004 that doesn't require a special exception for mining, though an earlier version passed a month before did call for one.

Mr. Preston didn't dispute that; however, he said, "In that same document [the June 2004

ordinance] it says any mining has to be approved as a planned development and that's different from an outright use."

What constitutes "a planned development" isn't defined in the land development regulations, said Mr. Preston. He assumed a special exception application would suffice and said DuPont didn't question the process until now.

Secondly, Mr. Ingram argues that while conditions can be placed on special exception approvals, the conditions must address "compatibility" with the surrounding neighborhood. Compatibility was not discussed during the LPA or commission hearings, the filing states.

Furthermore, the attorney contends the assumption of an adverse economic impact was not based on expert testimony. The lawsuit also questions the constitutionality of the county's decision, calling it "arbitrary and capricious," and thus in violation of the U.S. Constitution's equal protection clause.

What happens next?

It's possible the lawsuit could be dropped during the next 60 days if DuPont and the county agree on a proposed mining plan, County Manager Joe Cone said.

Any potential settlement would need approval from county commissioners.

Meanwhile, the cash-strapped board needs to be concerned about expenses defending the suit. Brown & Broling of Starke, the county's legal counsel, charges about \$125 per hour, Mr. Cone said.

The firm's fees for the month of November totaled \$5414, however; the county has been pursuing litigation against George Bryan Rhoden concerning land use violations at his riverfront property on Steel Bridge Road.

The firm's Will Sexton said DuPont had to file the lawsuit within 30 days of the commission's decision or it would forfeit its right to do so.

Shoplifter leaves newborn in cart...

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Deputy Jeffrey Shouse was dispatched to Ms. Stokes' residence off Remington Dr. and learned she is wanted on a 2006 warrant for failure to appear in court for driving without a license. She was arrested on the warrant and for felony theft from CVS.

The Department of Children and Families was notified of the incident.

In other theft cases, David Starling, 21, of Macclenny was arrested early on December 18 after his pickup was stopped with a road sign in the truck bed believed stolen in Jacksonville.

Deputy Patrick McGauley said he pulled over Mr. Starling's 2002 Chevrolet pickup on George Taber Blvd. in Glen about 2:45 am after noticing the sign protruding from the side of the vehicle. Mr. Starling said he retrieved it from an intersection because one of the street names matched his, but denied pulling it from the ground.

A Jacksonville officer disputed that, saying he was investigating

the theft of a sign from the same intersection, and the scene bore evidence that it had been recently pulled up. Deputy McGauley's report notes he saw fresh soil at the base of the sign, and he arrested Mr. Starling for possession of stolen property.

The suspect could face a further charge of theft of public property.

Lynda McHenry reported a key and clothing taken from her unlocked 2006 Chevrolet parked outside Superior Cleaners on South 6th in Macclenny between

4:00-1:00 am on December 14.

Ms. McHenry told Deputy Earl Lord she noticed a white male wearing a hat and camouflage shirt peering in the windows of other vehicles when she reported for work that morning.

A bicycle valued at \$300 and cell phone were reported taken from Gator Patrick's on US 90 in east Macclenny the evening of December 14. Both were the property of Jason McRae of Macclenny, who told police he left the Mongoose bike outside the bar and the phone on a pool table.

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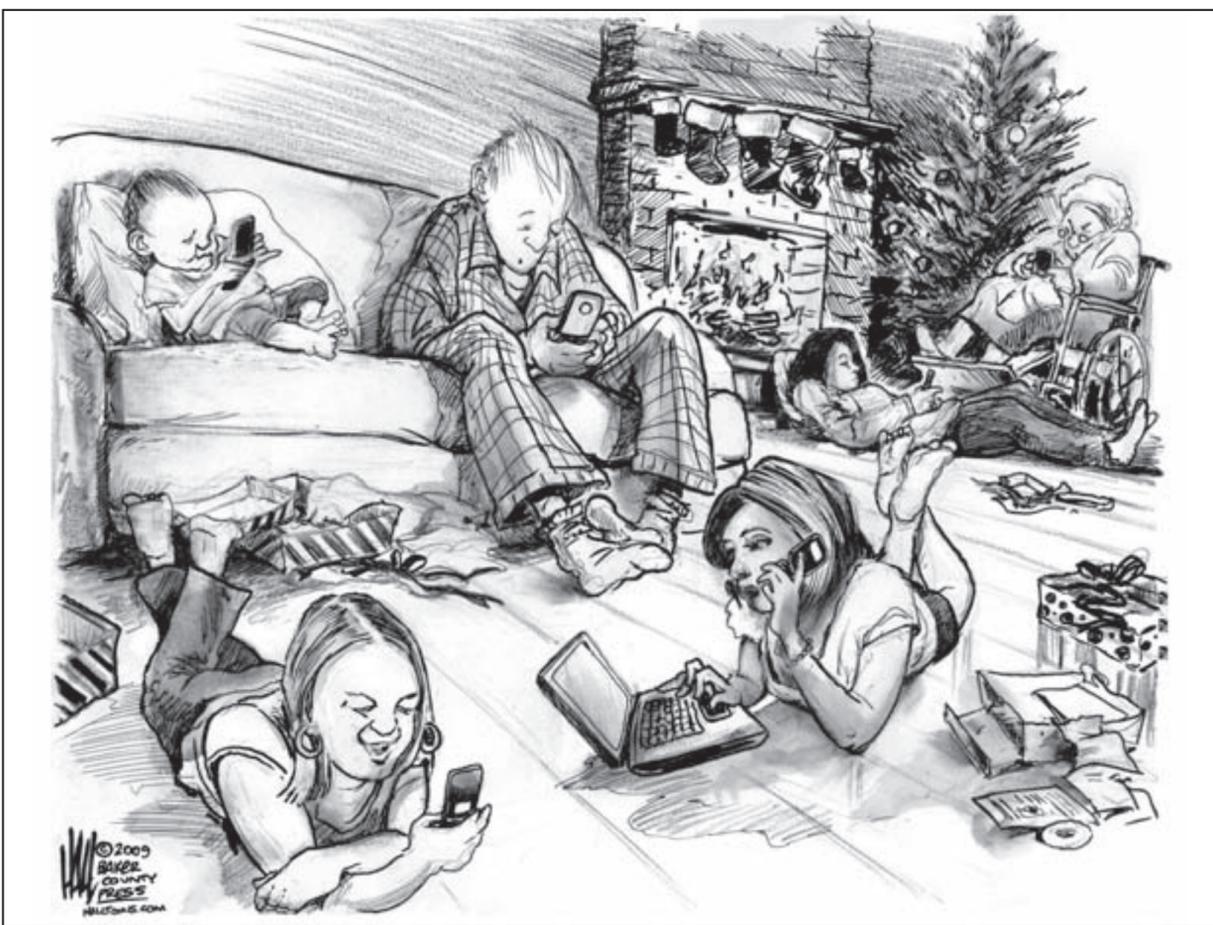
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Price 'gooses' idea of buying one

It's getting close again — those two or three days after the big Christmas meal when the lady or man of the house needs to come up with a creative use for the leftover turkey carcass taking up valuable space in the fridge.

Some people simmer the bones and remaining meat with seasonings to make a good soup stock. Others get industrious and utilize the leftover meat in a casserole or a sauce to pour over noodles.

Nice ideas. I've had such victuals at friends' houses, but in my family, with five kids and a dad that was a bottomless pit, leftovers didn't last more than a day or two at best, if that.

The Internet has lots of suggestions for the left-over bird, from turkey tetrazzini and turkey quesadillas to turkey pizza and four-cheese turkey mac and cheese.

Folks in the south have been deep-frying their holiday birds for some years now, but it can be a tricky business for the novice. I've

THE BACK PORCH

Kelley Lannigan

seen too many deep-frying disaster videos when the boiling oil bubbled over and ran down into the fuel tank, which ignited and sent the wooden patio deck up in roar of flames.

I'd be afraid I'd set off another Bugaboo forest fire in north Florida.

One family member who cooked our bird this way for a few years stopped because the peanut oil required for the frying was so blasted expensive.

The idea of a Christmas goose has always appealed to me greatly, I think because of its nostalgic place on holiday tables of yesteryear along with such old fashioned staples as plum pudding.

They actually carry these frozen fowl fairly often at one of the grocery stores in Macclenny and I've been tempted to try my hand at baking one. But the suckers are expensive, starting at about \$34 and going up. Anyway, it's too much for one person and I have no

idea if leftover goose has the versatility that turkey does.

So, turkey it is. That sage of all things turkey, the Butterball company has a Web site, which features turkey blogging, turkey on Twitter, turkey on Facebook and even a turkey talk line.

If you call 1-800-BUTTERBALL weekdays between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm, you can find a friendly expert to help you navigate your most perplexing turkey challenges.

They offer tried and true guidelines for how to choose, thaw, stuff, cook, grill, carve, marinate, store, serve and — yes — what to do with leftover turkey. At BUTTERBALL you can even sign up to get mobile turkey alerts.

I'm not sure what a turkey alert is or why one would need to have such a thing posted to one's phone, but far be it from me to make that judgement.

So, Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanza, Happy Hanukkah and if I left anyone out I'm sorry.

You can call me a turkey.

What NOT to buy loved ones for Christmas

MY SIDE OF THE MATTER

ROBERT GERARD

As I mentioned in a column a couple of weeks ago I am absolutely awful at picking that perfect Christmas gift. Unless a voice speaks to me in a dream and says, "Buy your wife a puppy," the chances of my wife getting her perfect Christmas gift from me are slim to none. If a voice from my dreams told me to buy my wife a puppy I'd probably be

more convinced not to eat pizza right before bed than buy that cocker spaniel.

On those rare occasions that Kelley actually does get the perfect Christmas gift it's either sheer dumb luck on my part or because she ripped the page out of a catalog, circled the item, wrote "Buy This!" and left it on my pillow.

However, I am an expert on bad gifts. I know exactly what *not* to buy. So, in this column I intend to share with you my hints for what not to buy your wife, girlfriend, family members or close friends. Associates and/or acquaintances that you may not

see for another year — that's a different story.

- Cheese and summer sausage. I've gotten these gift baskets and they have invariably sat around my house until the cheese turns green and the summer sausage can be used as a baseball bat.

- Fruitcake. I can count on one hand the number of people I have met in my entire life who actually like fruitcake. And yet, people still give it. When I was a child we got fruitcake every year until I was a teenager. I never saw any member of my family eating it and never knew where it went. It just disappeared in February.

- Lingerie. Once I made the mistake of buying my wife lingerie and having her unwrap it at her parents house with other presents. I was pretty proud. *What was I thinking?* It was one of those awkward moments that you never really live down. First, she hated it and never wore it, and second, I got these jaw dropping looks from my in-laws.

- Clothes. I never buy clothes for anyone I like. For one thing, I have no sense of style and constantly buy things no one but me would wear. Then there's the size issue. Unless you hit it dead on you are in big trouble. If it's too small they wince and think they're fat. If you buy it too big they look at you with daggers in their eyes because you obviously think they're too fat. You can't win.

- Gag gifts. There is nothing funnier to me than the Santa who bends over and moons people or the T-shirt that declares, "I'm with Stupid." Others however, might not get the joke. When my kids were young, their Aunt Deb-

bie specialized in gifts that would make Kelley and I smile in pain. One year it was Gak, a concoction featured on Nick at Night that sticks to anything. We still have Gak residue on the den ceiling 10 years later.

- Stuff you wouldn't buy for your own kids. Mr. Microphone, drum sets and trumpets are not good presents for your nieces and nephews. You won't get invited to the next family reunion.

- Stuff you know better than to buy. My sister, who I dearly love, once bought me a key ring that beeped every time I clapped my hands or snapped my fingers. She was convinced I would never lose my keys again. However, my pocket would also beep whenever someone closed a door, laughed too loud or made any loud noise whatsoever. I believe I threw that gift out the window of a moving car one day after it beeped 25 times.

- Stuff *you* really want. I have been known to buy my wife and children things that in the back of my mind I knew I really wanted. That Super Nintendo gaming system might have been for the "boys," but the fact that the boys were 3 and 1 at the time; well, you get the picture. I'm not alone in that by any means. I got Season 1 of *Gossip Girl* last year, despite the fact that I had never watched it or ever intended to watch it. I fully expect that I'll get Season 2 this year.

- Pets, especially exotic pets. The same is true of tarantulas and baby alligators.

There you have it. I can't tell you what you *should* buy for Christmas, but I can sure tell you what *not* to buy.

----- LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -----

Protecting our kids

Dear Editor:

Thanks to Sheriff Joey Dobson and our fine sheriff's department for their diligence in trying to keep our children safe.

Five sexual predators living in our county may not seem like many when compared to a larger city like Jacksonville, but we deserve to know who they are and where they live.

I encourage every parent and grandparent to routinely check the Internet for updates on the sexual predators and sexual offenders in our county. It is the least we can do for our children.

Felix Torres thought that by moving to our county his criminal record would not follow him. Luckily, he was wrong. He has been very malicious in continually removing the signs placed in his yard identifying him as a sexual predator. I'd say if you don't like our rules, leave our county!

Thanks again to the sheriff and his officers for helping keep our children safe and our parents informed.

Candy McGinley
Glen St. Mary

DOT: celebrate safely with designated drivers

Dear Editor:

As family and friends reunite this holiday season, the Florida Department of Transportation wants you to celebrate safely.

During the week of Christmas and New Years the following local partners have agreed to participate in the Celebrate Safely ... Designate a Driver Campaign by offering designating drivers free non-alcoholic beverages: Calendar's, The Swamp Bar and Grill, Woody's, DD's Sports Grill, Country Club Lounge, Mac's Liquors, Gator Patrick's, Brenda's and the Moose Lodge.

In Florida, driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs has claimed the lives of 1244 in the past year and has injured 16,208 people. The real tragedy is that this all could have been prevented had those drivers waited until they were sober to drive, or had



designated a driver

to take them home. In order to create a real difference in the way our community views impaired driving, we need your help. Impaired driving is a problem for all of us, not just a problem for the courts or the victims. When impaired drivers take to the road, they not only put themselves at risk, they put the public's safety in jeopardy. In addition to the physical and emotional damage they inflict as a result of their careless behavior, they place a financial burden on the community in the form of court costs, emergency services, the repair of public property and more. That's a sizeable amount of money that comes out of your pocket each year when tax season comes around — money that can be better spent.

There are things you can do to help. First, don't drink and drive. Encourage safe driving behaviors among family, friends and co-workers. You can do this by volunteering to be a designated driver or planning to ride home with a sober driver, or by staying put or using a safe ride such as a taxicab.

Also, remember to support law enforcement efforts to rid our roadways of impaired drivers. Encourage their continued enforcement of impaired driving laws to protect your family, friends and the community at large.

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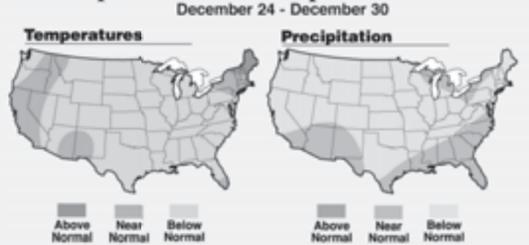
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High: 71° Low: 59°	High: 73° Low: 47°	High: 62° Low: 37°	High: 59° Low: 32°	High: 61° Low: 35°	High: 59° Low: 48°	High: 62° Low: 46°

Temperature and Precipitation Outlook



Tides

Cedar Key	Dec. 24	Dec. 25	Dec. 26	Dec. 27	Dec. 28	Dec. 29	Dec. 30
First high	6:27 a.m.	7:49 a.m.	9:20 a.m.	10:47 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	12:59 p.m.	1:49 p.m.
First low	12:37 a.m.	1:42 a.m.	2:53 a.m.	4:04 a.m.	5:08 a.m.	6:04 a.m.	6:56 a.m.
Second high	6:52 p.m.	7:38 p.m.	8:31 p.m.	9:26 p.m.	10:22 p.m.	11:16 p.m.	—
Second low	12:25 p.m.	1:17 p.m.	2:20 p.m.	3:32 p.m.	4:41 p.m.	5:42 p.m.	6:37 p.m.

Jacksonville Beach	Dec. 24	Dec. 25	Dec. 26	Dec. 27	Dec. 28	Dec. 29	Dec. 30
First high	12:39 a.m.	1:30 a.m.	2:27 a.m.	3:28 a.m.	4:29 a.m.	5:27 a.m.	6:23 a.m.
First low	7:06 a.m.	8:07 a.m.	9:07 a.m.	10:06 a.m.	11:04 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	12:02 a.m.
Second high	12:58 p.m.	1:50 p.m.	2:49 p.m.	3:51 p.m.	4:50 p.m.	5:47 p.m.	6:41 p.m.
Second low	7:31 p.m.	8:23 p.m.	9:16 p.m.	10:11 p.m.	11:07 p.m.	—	12:53 p.m.

Mayport	Dec. 24	Dec. 25	Dec. 26	Dec. 27	Dec. 28	Dec. 29	Dec. 30
First high	1:15 a.m.	2:05 a.m.	3:02 a.m.	4:02 a.m.	5:02 a.m.	6:00 a.m.	6:55 a.m.
First low	7:09 a.m.	8:09 a.m.	9:09 a.m.	10:09 a.m.	11:06 a.m.	12:04 p.m.	12:00 a.m.
Second high	1:26 p.m.	2:18 p.m.	3:17 p.m.	4:19 p.m.	5:20 p.m.	6:18 p.m.	7:14 p.m.
Second low	7:32 p.m.	8:20 p.m.	9:12 p.m.	10:07 p.m.	11:04 p.m.	—	12:58 p.m.

St. Augustine	Dec. 24	Dec. 25	Dec. 26	Dec. 27	Dec. 28	Dec. 29	Dec. 30
First high	12:45 a.m.	1:36 a.m.	2:33 a.m.	3:34 a.m.	4:35 a.m.	5:33 a.m.	6:29 a.m.
First low	7:08 a.m.	8:09 a.m.	9:09 a.m.	10:08 a.m.	11:06 a.m.	12:02 p.m.	12:04 a.m.
Second high	1:04 p.m.	1:56 p.m.	2:55 p.m.	3:57 p.m.	4:56 p.m.	5:53 p.m.	6:47 p.m.
Second low	7:33 p.m.	8:25 p.m.	9:18 p.m.	10:13 p.m.	11:09 p.m.	—	12:55 p.m.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise Thursday 7:22 a.m.
 Sunset Thursday 5:34 p.m.
 Moonrise Thursday 12:04 p.m.
 Moonset Thursday 12:04 a.m.

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 Dec 24 Dec 31 Jan 7 Jan 15

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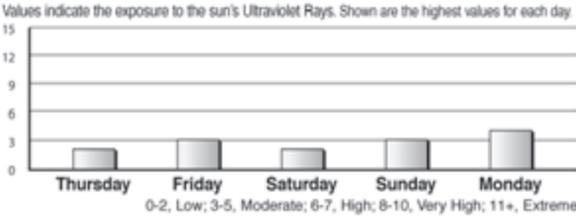
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Jacksonville week ending Monday, Dec 21.

Temperature
 High/Low for the week 84°/35°
 Normal high/low 65°/44°
 Average temperature 55.4°
 Normal average temperature 54.4°

Precipitation
 Total for the week 0.37"
 Total for the month 5.62"
 Total for the year 58.97"
 Normal for the month 1.69"
 Normal for the year 51.39"

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Solunar Table

The solunar period schedule allows planning days so you will be fishing in good territory or hunting in good cover during those times. Major periods begin at the times shown and last for 1.5 to 2 hours. The minor periods are shorter.

	Major	Minor	Major	Minor
Dec 24	4:25 a.m.	10:35 a.m.	4:45 p.m.	10:55 p.m.
Dec 25	5:07 a.m.	11:17 a.m.	5:28 p.m.	11:38 p.m.
Dec 26	5:48 a.m.	11:59 a.m.	6:10 p.m.	—
Dec 27	6:31 a.m.	12:42 p.m.	6:54 p.m.	—
Dec 28	7:15 a.m.	1:02 a.m.	7:41 p.m.	1:28 p.m.
Dec 29	8:03 a.m.	1:49 a.m.	8:32 p.m.	2:17 p.m.
Dec 30	8:56 a.m.	2:40 a.m.	9:26 p.m.	3:11 p.m.

River Levels

Statistics are for Jacksonville through 7 a.m. Monday

	Flood stage	Monday	24-hour change
St. John's at Jacksonville	—	11.89	-0.30
St. Marks at Newport	7.0	6.80	-0.08
Aucilla at Lamont	9.0	4.92	-0.06
Santa Fe at Fort White	24.0	21.22	none
Suwannee at White Springs	77.0	54.34	+0.06

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FWC: right-of-way hunting OK

Rhynehardt new Glen councilman

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Hunters have nothing to fear from taking game along portions of Eddy Grade and Sand Hill Grade roads in Taylor, according to a statement from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission [FWC].

A letter dated December 15 from FWC Regional Director Roland Garcia negates a request last month that the Baker County Commission exempt specific road segments from state rules prohibiting hunting, even the possession of a loaded gun, on public rights-of-way.

The request came from Donald Combs and other dog-assisted hunters.

The exemption would've applied to Sand Hill beginning a mile east of CR 250 west to the county line, and on Eddy Grade

two miles north of the intersection of Baxter Road northwest to the point a mile south of SR 2.

Commissioners tabled the request to gain direction from FWC officials on the matter.

Mr. Roland's letter states that while the prohibition applies to most public roads, hunting on those in wildlife management areas [WMA] is permitted unless specifically prohibited by rules of the WMA.

The above sections of Eddy Grade and Sand Hill are both within the Osceola National Forest WMA, which does not include the prohibition.

"I'm very happy with it," said Mr. Combs the afternoon of December 18 after learning about FWC's letter. "I guess that's why they [FWC officers] have left us alone this year."

He said no tickets have been issued on the roads this year, despite deer being killed from the rights-of-way.

But that hasn't always been case. In recent years, Mr. Combs said several of his friends have received tickets with fines as high as \$250.

This year hunters have been carrying a copy of the state statute that permits such hunting

unless otherwise prohibited in the Osceola WMA.

Mr. Garcia's letter also states that shouldn't be necessary anymore.

"... it has become apparent that FWC has not been informing our constituents with accurate and/or consistent information regarding this matter," reads the letter. "Our staff, including those working in the field, will be fully informed on this issue..."

The letter is likely not welcomed by some Taylor residents. Two of them turned out last month to oppose the hunters' request for the exemption, citing safety concerns.

The Glen St. Mary Town Council on December 15 appointed Stephen Rhynehardt to replace Lewis E. (Woody) Crews on the five-member board. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Rhynehardt, who has been a frequent attendee at council meetings for some time, was the sole applicant to replace Mr. Crews, who announced in November he is quitting the council due to increased family obligations.

The newest member, 57, is a sergeant with the Department of Corrections and currently supervises 18 inmate canteens at four prisons including Florida State and Union Correctional at



Stephen Rhynehardt

formal the day after December's regular meeting. His term expires in 2011 and he will have to run again two years later for the full four-year term.

In a related item, Councilman Perry Hays was chosen vice-mayor.

Mayor Juanice Padgett told the board she spoke with Mr. Hays prior to the meeting and he agreed to assume the post. Later, the mayor clarified that statement, explaining she instructed town secretary Donna Loadholtz to contact Mr. Hays.

Direct communication between board members on a matter of pending business is a violation of Florida's Sunshine Law.

The council scheduled a workshop next month to review its current budget and expenditures to date, and to bring Mr. Rhynehardt up to date on its "Preparing for our Growth" workbook.

In a final matter before adjourning the brief, quarter-hour meeting, the board approved the same 13 paid holiday schedule as this year.

Jury convicts...

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 James Nilon sentences him in mid-January.

The second trial was initially scheduled for two days but took three before the verdict about 10:00 pm. Though several observers commented that Mr. Wescott did a passable job defending himself, his lack of training and procedural knowledge likely dragged the proceedings out considerably.

The following day, December 18, another jury that had been chosen earlier acquitted Travis Smith, 30, of Glen St. Mary of kidnaping and aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, but decided he is guilty of resisting police without violence.

Mr. Smith was arrested July 5, 2009 for attacking Staci Akridge with a knife and threatening her during a fracas off Crews Rd. Testimony during the day-long trial revealed the defendant and others involved in the events that evening were intoxicated. The jury deliberated more than three hours before coming back with the verdicts around 10:00 pm.

Division chief Ralph Yazdiya handled the prosecution in both trials.

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Local inmate housing bill \$822K

Spurring county into rehab project at old jail

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The pre-payment bill for housing local inmates at the new jail in the first quarter of 2010 is about \$822,000, an expense the county wants to greatly reduce by renovating the old jail adjacent to the courthouse and growing a new taxpayer-funded house arrest program.

The program started in late October and saves the county about \$67 a day for each defendant in the program. Funding to start the renovations, however, isn't expected until late this month, according to county grants coordinator Maurice Postal.

Each local inmate housed at the new jail is costing the county about \$85 a day. The rate at the old facility was \$42 a day.

Mr. Postal met recently with staff at the Florida Department of Law Enforcement [FDLE], the agency in charge of handing out \$81.5 million from the US Department of Justice's [DOJ] slice of the 2009 stimulus package.

Mr. Postal said the deputy director of FDLE's grants department confirmed about \$416,000 has been allocated to Baker County for rehabilitating the 30-year-old facility and that the money would be released by Christmas, provided DOJ signs off on the county's grant application.

During the December 11 meeting, Mr. Postal was given a checklist about the project's environmental impacts and told to forward it to DOJ officials in

South Florida.

"I don't know why they didn't give it to me six months ago," Mr. Postal said. He added that calls to DOJ officials about specifics of a potentially-required environmental assessment were not returned.

"Each federal agency has its own standards for environmental assessments, so if you don't know what they want, there's no point in putting it together," he said.

Though county officials believe an environmental assessment isn't needed for the project because it's not new construction, if DOJ insists on the study, improvements to the county-owned building could be delayed.

After the grant is approved, the project — which includes roofing, plumbing, electrical and air conditioning upgrades — will be bid, a one- to two-month process before construction begins.

It's also unclear how much of the job can be completed without additional funds from county coffers. A Tallahassee architectural firm estimated the total cost at \$934,000 last spring.

"In the end, it's good news," Mr. Postal said of his meeting with FDLE.

More immediate savings

The new house arrest program has already saved the county at least \$3500 for the period between October 21 through December 17, said Chris Thomas, director of Baker Community Counseling Services, which oversees the program known officially as the Detainee Management Ac-

countability Program or DMAP.

The savings comes from the significantly lower cost of home detention versus that at the new jail north of Macclenny.

"So far, it's going," said Mr. Thomas. "It's kind of slow because it's fledgling. But it's saving the county money."

DMAP allows non-violent offenders accused of minor crimes to serve time on house arrest by wearing electronic anklets that McDuffie Global Monitoring in Glen St. Mary uses to monitor their movements using GPS technology.

The cost is \$22 a day for each person in the program, though depending on their income, some cover about 25 percent themselves.

As of late last week, half a dozen defendants had been placed in the program since it began in late October with the periods of detention ranging from 18 to 90 days.

Mr. Thomas said that generally the sentences would've been half as long if they were served in county jail.

"The biggest challenge has been people in the program without a driver's license," he said. "It's hard to get back and forth to urine drops or counseling."

Participants are often required to submit drug tests and attend drug abuse counseling classes.

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lix, are using vacation time to stay home with the children. Leave time for their parents, both corrections officers, is quickly running out.

Mr. Armstrong said Tabatha, who works at Lake Butler's Reception and Medical Center, used most of her time off during and after the pregnancy. He's thankful though, that Florida Department of Corrections' employees can donate leave time to other

department staff.

"She's a good girl," said Mr. Armstrong. "She's tough. To be a corrections officer, you have to be. She's also a great mom. She always puts them first."

Anyone interested in helping the Armstrong family can call Buddy Armstrong at (904) 613-2543. He said prayers for Tabatha would be greatly appreciated.

"That's where we're at now," said Mr. Armstrong.

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Entire City of Macclenny pickup on Monday, January 4.

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COUNTY COMMISSION

Road permit cost jumps \$11,700 more for Glen Nursery Road

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The Baker County Commission committed at least another \$11,700 to the new Glen Nursery Road the evening of December 21 in its ongoing effort to retroactively permit the unpaved roadway.

The road relocation began more than six years ago and involves swapping the winding and wet Glen Nursery Road for another 1.75-mile stretch running adjacent to Interstate 10 and donated by Glen Nurseries Inc. owner Lin Taber in 2003.

Both alignments are located south of I-10 and west of CR 125.

In exchange for the safer and drier road, the county has pledged to close the existing Glen Nursery Road to through traffic, thereby better protecting the historic area.

Mr. Taber cleared the 60-foot right-of-way for the new road while the county assisted with placement and sizing of culverts and by stabilizing the dirt road with the lime rock alternative known as EZ Base.

It wasn't until this year that Mr. Taber received notification from St. Johns River Water Management District that a permit should've been obtained for the project due to about a quarter-acre of wetlands in the 13-acre project area.

The district agreed to waive a hefty fine as long as post-project permitting took place. Commissioners agreed to cover roughly \$12,000 worth of engineering services from Prosser Hallock of Jacksonville to begin that effort in August.

The additional \$11,700 in services approved this week are being rendered by LD Bradley Land Surveyors and Environmental Resource Solutions, both of the Jacksonville area.

"We've been after this road for some time and it's going to be a benefit," said Commissioner Alex Robinson, the board's newly-appointed chairman.

Additional funding will come

from the board's professional services budget, but the expense could be offset with cash in the road department's budget for engineering services as well.

"We can't proceed without this," said road department director Robert Fletcher.

In another wetlands-related matter, the board agreed to donate potential wetlands mitigation credits from St. Mary's Shoals Park to the Council on Aging's new senior center being planned off Buck Starling Road behind the Winn-Dixie on S. 6th St.

Preserved wetlands can be certified and assigned a credit value that can then be sold to parties disturbing wetlands elsewhere that would otherwise require protection.

The Council on Aging's 5-acre property contains about 1.3 acres of wetlands that could be built upon using credits from St. Mary's Shoals Park. It's not yet known how many credits are needed, nor how many the park might yield.

County Manager Joe Cone said a \$1500 contract is being drafted between the county and Peacock Consulting Group of Jacksonville to assess the park's potential for wetland mitigation credits.

The council has agreed to pay the consulting fee, and would be a party to the agreement as well. It's expected for consideration January 5.

In other business this week:

- Commissioners also did away with tire disposal fees at the county's trash collection sites.

Mr. Cone said the fees, which range from \$1 to \$2.50 depending on tire size, go directly to the sites' management contractor Southern Services Inc. — not the county.

However, the county pays a \$125-per-ton tipping fee to dispose of tires at the New River landfill. The collection site fees were not mandatory and receipts were not always written after

payment either, he said.

The move to stop collecting the fees altogether came after Macclenny resident Herb Rodgers began inquiring about where the fees were going. "I think the dollar being paid is going into somebody's pocket," he told the board Monday.

- The board also approved a new tax exemption for homestead property owners who make additions or improvements to accommodate parents or grandparents at least 62 years old.

To qualify for the exemption, property owners must submit an application annually and the living quarters must have been constructed or reconstructed after January 7, 2003, Property Appraiser Tim Sweat said last month.

The exemption works similar to a homestead exemption, in which there's a reduction in the taxable value of a property. However, the amount of the "granny flat" reduction is equal to the increase in taxable value from the addition or renovation.

- A workshop is set for January 5 at 3:00 pm prior to the commission's regular meeting to discuss a transportation concurrency application from Roberts Land & Timber of Lake Butler. Company president Avery Roberts hopes to secure approval for 10 million square feet of industrial space near the intersection of US 90 and I-10.

Spaghetti dinners

Cub Scout Pack 555 will be selling spaghetti dinners from 4:00-7:00 pm on January 9 at the Cornerstone Church on South 7th in Macclenny.

The fare is "eat in or take out" with adult meals at \$6 and \$4 for children.

All proceeds will go toward scouting activities.

Pot seized in 2 traffic stops

Traffic stops on successive nights along US 90 in Macclenny resulted in the arrests of four vehicle occupants on misdemeanor marijuana possession and other charges.

Deputy Matt Sigers said he was stopped near US 90 and 6th St. about 11:00 when he observed a Chevrolet pickup driven by Brian Collins, 20, of Jacksonville drive west through a red light at the intersection.

The officer said he detected an odor of marijuana smoke emanating from the vehicle, and Mr. Collins admitted to having two partially smoked cigarettes or "roaches" in the ash tray. Both the driver and passenger Jacob Meier, 19, of Jacksonville admitted they purchased the drug in Jacksonville.

Deputy Sigers also seized a socket tool he contends had been used as a smoking pipe. A baggie containing 13.5 grams of pot was taken from a shirt pocket of Mr. Meier as he was being booked at county jail.

He faces an additional count of smuggling contraband into the facility, a third-degree felony. All the other charges are misdemeanors.

Mr. Collins was also ticketed for running the red light.

The next night about the same time, Deputy Patrick McGauley stopped a 1993 Jeep on US 90 in the west city because it had a cracked windshield.

A computer check revealed the driver of the vehicle, Veronica Thomas, 30, of Glen St. Mary did not have a driver's license despite her contention she possessed one in Georgia.

A subsequent search of the Jeep turned up a wallet containing a small amount of marijuana in the jacket pocket of passenger Joshua Bennett, 24, also of Glen. Both he and Ms. Thomas were charged with possession, and the driver with having no license and a cracked windshield.

In other arrests:

- Corry Wood, 28, of Macclenny was jailed the evening of December 15 for driving on a revoked license after his vehicle was

stopped in west Macclenny.

Deputy Kevin Jenkins said he saw the suspect's pickup speed away eastbound from the intersection of US 90 and CR 125 in Glen about 7:30. He caught up with it near Lowder St. and learned via a computer check that Mr. Wood's license had been revoked for a half-year for drunk driving.

He was also charged with reckless driving.

- Homer Blackburn, 25, of Macclenny was named in a criminal complaint for shoplifting several electronic items from the

Walmart Supercenter.

Deputy Daniel Nichols said a store security worker observed Mr. Blackburn take a digital camera valued at \$118 and place it in a jacket pocket the afternoon of December 16.

The employee added that Mr. Blackburn was caught on surveillance video earlier that day taking two Wii remotes and a Playstation controller worth \$160. They were on locking pegs that had to be severed.

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Prison for crack sales, ATV theft

Two defendants, one of them with a lengthy criminal record, were sent off to state prison for three-year terms after entering pleas in circuit court December 21.

Alvin Epperly, 30, of Calhoun was arrested on June 20 of this year in possession of a Polaris ATV he stole from Brian Worthington's residence off Huckleberry Trail north of Macclenny. He entered a no contest plea this week to burglary and grand theft auto and was ordered by Judge James Nilon to pay \$504 restitution to the victim in addition to the prison term.

Mr. Epperly's criminal record includes offenses ranging from burglary to domestic battery and possession of stolen property. At the time of his arrest, he was wanted on two warrants from Nassau County.

A similar prison term was handed down to King S. Ruise III of Glen St. Mary in return for his no contest pleas to three counts of selling crack cocaine within 1000 feet of the Sanderson Commu-



King Ruise III

nity Center on CR 229 north.

Sheriff's investigators used undercover buyers to purchase the drug from Mr. Ruise, 20, twice the evening of June 12, 2009 and again on June 16 outside the Club 229.

The state dropped accompanying counts of possessing cocaine as part of the plea deal, and Judge Nilon gave Mr. Ruise credit for 90 days already served. The three-year term is minimum/mandatory, and the defendant will be on drug offender probation five years after release.

In other cases:
 • Michael Hume, 50, of Leesburg, Fla. was given a 13-month sentence after pleading to forgery of a check. The court record re-

flects he also has a criminal past including past arrests for forgery and passing bad checks.

Mr. Hume made a purchase at the Sugar 'N Spice store in south Macclenny in February, 2007 using a fake \$75 check.

• Raymond Strickland admitted to violating probation in a 2008 drug case and was sentenced to six months in county

jail. Judge Nilon revoked the probation term.

• A warrant was issued for the arrest of Sandra Mobley, who failed to appear in court on a child neglect charge.

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Legal Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The North Florida Broadband Authority ("NFBA") announces a public meeting to which all interested persons are invited. The NFBA is a legal entity and public body created pursuant to the provisions of Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, and an Interlocal Agreement among Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor and Union Counties and municipalities of Cedar Key, Cross City, Lake City, Live Oak, Monticello, Perry, White Springs and Worthington Springs, Florida. The regular meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. E.T. on Wednesday, January 6, 2010 at the Suwannee River Water Management District, Suwannee Room, 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060. The NFBA Board will address general operating issues of the NFBA. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the NFBA with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodations or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding, or if you have any questions regarding this meeting, please contact the Clerk to the NFBA Board at (877) 552-3482, at least two business days prior to the date of the meeting.

12/24 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Writ of Execution issued in the County Court of Baker County, Florida, on the 19th day of November, 2009, in the cause wherein, COUNTRY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION was plaintiff and DIANE HODGES was defendant, being Case No. 2005-50-80 in said Court, I, Joey B. Dobson, as Sheriff of Baker County, Florida have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the defendant, Diane Hodges, in and to the following described personal property, to-wit:

2001 CHEVROLET MALIBU
 VIN #: 1G1ND52J616174269

(Note: Anyone interested in viewing the vehicle being sold may do so prior to the time of the sale at Higginbotham's Towing & Recovery located at 7611 W Mount Vernon Street, Glen St. Mary, FL.)

I shall offer this property for sale, at the front entrance of the Baker County Courthouse, 339 E. Macclenny Ave. in Macclenny, FL, County of Baker, State of Florida, on January 12, 2010 at the hour of 11:00a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. I will offer for sale all of the defendant's, Diane Hodges, right, title and interest in the aforesaid personal property, at public auction and will sell the same, subject to taxes, all prior liens, encumbrances and judgments, if any, to the highest and best bidder for CASH IN HAND. The proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and the satisfaction of the above described execution. (NOTE: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Baker County Sheriff's Office at (904) 259-0245 prior to the date of the sale.)

JOEY B. DOBSON,
 Sheriff of Baker County, Florida
 By: Pamela L. Davis, D.S.

12/10-12/31
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 02-2009-CA-000238
DIVISION:

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CREDIT, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-330B, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-330B, Plaintiff,

vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST, SAMANTHA DALE WILLIAMS, DECEASED, et al,
 Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST, SAMANTHA DALE WILLIAMS, DECEASED

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS:
 UNKNOWN

CURRENT ADDRESS:
 UNKNOWN

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 SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS:
 UNKNOWN

CURRENT ADDRESS:
 UNKNOWN

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in BAKER County, Florida:

LOTS 48 AND 49, COPPER CREEK HILLS, UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGES 36 AND 37, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on Florida Default Law Group, P.L., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 9119 Corporate Lake Drive, Suite 300, Tampa, Florida 33634, and file the original with this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition. This notice shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the The Baker County Press.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on this 8th day of December, 2009.

Al Fraser
 Clerk of the Court
 By: Jamie Crews
 As Deputy Clerk

Florida Default Law Group, P.L.
 P.O. Box 25018
 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
 12/17-12/24

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2008-CA-000182

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA AS TRUSTEE,
 Plaintiff,

vs.

LAMONDA L. MEHNE N/K/A LAMONDA L. MOSELEY, MICHAEL MOSELEY UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2, and ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, et al.,
 Defendant(s).

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 3, 2009, and an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated December 8, 2009, entered in Civil Case No.: 2008-CA-000182 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA AS TRUSTEE, Plaintiff, and LAMONDA L. MEHNE N/K/A LAMONDA L. MOSELEY and MICHAEL MOSELEY, are Defendants.

I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at the Front Door of the Baker County Courthouse, 339 East Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, FL 32063, at 11:00 AM, on the 16th day of February, 2010, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to-wit:

EXHIBIT A
PARCEL "E"

A parcel of land lying in the S 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of section 17, township 2 south, range 22 east, Baker County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows: Commence at a found 4"x4" concrete monument located at the NW corner of the S 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of said section 17 and run south 00 degrees 22 minutes 58 seconds east, along the west line of said S 1/2 of NE 1/4 of NW 1/4, for a distance of 329.12 feet to a set 1/2" iron rod; thence run north 89 degrees 10 minutes 39 seconds east for a distance of 432.22 feet to a set 1/2" iron rod for the point of beginning. From the point of beginning thus described continue north 89 degrees 10 minutes 39 seconds east for a distance of 432.22 feet to a set 1/2" iron rod; thence run south 00 degrees 32 minutes 04 seconds east for a distance of 330.06 feet to a set 1/2" iron rod located on the south line of said S 1/2 of NE 1/4 of NW 1/4; thence run south 89 degrees 14 minutes 22 seconds west, as a basis of bearings, along said south line, for a distance of 432.66 feet to a set 1/2" iron rod; thence run north 00 degrees 27 minutes 32 seconds west for a distance of 329.59 feet to the point of beginning.

Subject to and together with a 30 foot easement for ingress, egress, and utilities lying in the S 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of section 17, township 2 south, range 22 east, Baker County, Florida; said easement being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a found 4"x4" concrete monument located at the NW corner of the S 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of said section 17 and run north 89 degrees 06 minutes 55 seconds east, as a basis of bearings, along the north line of said S 1/2 of NE 1/4 of NW 1/4, for a distance of 1295.37 feet to a found 4"x4" concrete monument located on the westerly R/W line of State Road 121; thence run south 00 degrees 36 minutes 36 seconds east, along said R/W line, for a distance of 315.52 feet to a set 1/2" iron rod for the point of beginning. From the point of beginning thus described continue south 00 degrees 36 minutes 36 seconds east, along said R/W line, for a distance of 30.00 feet to a set 1/2" iron rod; thence run south 89 degrees 10 minutes 39 seconds west for a distance of 894.49 feet to a set 1/2" iron rod; thence run north 00 degrees 27 minutes 32 seconds west for a distance of 30.00 feet to a set 1/2" iron rod; thence run north 89 degrees 10 minutes 39 seconds east for a distance of 894.41 feet to the point of beginning.

If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After 60 days, the only owner of record as of the date of the lis pendens may claim the surplus.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on

AL FRASER
 CLERK OF THE COURT
 By: Jamie Crews
 Deputy Clerk

Attorney for Plaintiff:
 Brian L. Rosaler, Esquire
 Popkin & Rosaler, P.A.
 1701 West Hillsboro Boulevard
 Suite 400
 Deerfield Beach, FL 33442
 Telephone: (954) 360-9030
 Facsimile: (954) 420-5187
 12/17-12/24

2008 Storms Disaster Recovery CDBG Public Comment Period

Baker County has been awarded \$395,781 from HUD and the Florida Department of Community Affairs to undertake eligible recovery activities related to damages caused by Tropical Storm Fay in 2008. Baker County, the City of Macclenny and the Town of Glen St. Mary have decided to use the funding for the repair of roads damaged by Tropical Storm Fay.

Please contact Maurice Postal, Grants Coordinator, Baker County Board of Commissioners, 55 N. 3rd Street, Macclenny, FL, 32063, for a copy of the proposed 2008 Storms Disaster Recovery CDBG grant application. Please submit any comments on the proposed grant application to the above contact person, by mail or in person, by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 4, 2010.

Non-English speaking persons are invited to submit comments on the proposed 2008 Storms Disaster Recovery CDBG grant application. Translation services will be provided by the Baker County Board of Commissioners.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RESTROOM BUILDING - ST. MARY'S SHOALS PARK

The Baker County Board of Commissioners will be accepting proposals for the construction of an approximately 460 sq. ft. restroom toilet building for St. Mary's Shoals Park, Baker County, FL. The building is to be constructed of concrete strip footings and concrete-block walls. Roof is to be wood truss with pre-finished metal roofing and soffits. Toilet building is to contain 4 toilets (3 standard/ 1 ADA) and 3 sinks (2 standard/ 1 ADA) for each sex. Building should include mechanical room. All related plumbing; ventilation; electrical; site work; handicap accessible ramps; and ADA-parking spaces are to be included in the contract. Well and septic are to be subcontracted by contractor. Drawing and submittal of building plans and permitting must be completed by contractor. All work must be completed by February 26, 2010. Project to be completely funded by a grant from the Recreational Trails Program (RTP).

Proposals shall be submitted to the Baker County Board of Commissioners, 55 North Third Street, Macclenny, FL 32063 on or before Monday, January 4, 2010 at 3:30 p.m. Submittals should be marked "Shoals Restroom RFP" on the outside of the proposal. All prospective bidders/respondents are hereby cautioned not to contact any County Official other than the specified contact person. Any questions regarding the project should be made to Maurice Postal at (904) 259-3613.

The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informalities and irregularities in the proposal process, and to award the contract(s) in the best interest of the county. All contracts will be fashioned so as to protect the county's interest.

EOE/ ADA/ FAIR HOUSING JURISDICTION
 12/24-12/31

STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
NOTICE OF INTENT TO FIND
BAKER COUNTY
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT
IN COMPLIANCE
DOCKET NO. 09-CIE1-NOI-0201-(A)-(I)

The Department gives notice of its intent to find the Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan for Baker County, adopted by Ordinance No. 2009-1 on March 3, 2009 IN COMPLIANCE, pursuant to Sections 163.3184, 163.3187 and 163.3189, F.S.

The adopted Baker County Comprehensive Plan Amendment and the Department's Objections, Recommendations and Comments Report, (if any), are available for public inspection Monday through Friday, except for legal holidays, during normal business hours, at the Baker County Planning and Zoning Department, 81 North 3rd Street, Macclenny, Florida 32063.

Any affected person, as defined in Section 163.3184, F.S., has a right to petition for an administrative hearing to challenge the proposed agency determination that the Amendment to the Baker County Comprehensive Plan is in Compliance, as defined in Subsection 163.3184(1), F.S. The petition must be filed within twenty-one (21) days after publication of this notice, and must include all of the information and contents described in Uniform Rule 28-106.201, F.A.C. The petition must be filed with the Agency Clerk, Department of Community Affairs, 2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100, and a copy mailed or delivered to the local government. Failure to timely file a petition shall constitute a waiver of any right to request an administrative proceeding as a petitioner under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. If a petition is filed, the purpose of the administrative hearing will be to present evidence and testimony and forward a recommended order to the Department. If no petition is filed, this Notice of Intent shall become final agency action.

If a petition is filed, other affected persons may petition for leave to intervene in the proceeding. A petition for intervention must be filed at least twenty (20) days before the final hearing and must include all of the information and contents described in Uniform Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C. A petition for leave to intervene shall be filed at the Division of Administrative Hearings, Department of Management Services, 1230 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3060. Failure to petition to intervene within the allowed time frame constitutes a waiver of any right such a person has to request a hearing under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to participate in the administrative hearing.

After an administrative hearing petition is timely filed, mediation is available pursuant to Sub-section 163.3189(3)(a), F.S., to any affected person who is made a party to the proceeding by filing that request with the Administrative Law Judge assigned by the Division of Administrative Hearings. The choice of mediation shall not affect a party's right to an administrative hearing.

-s- Mike McDaniel, Chief
 Office of Comprehensive Planning
 Department of Community Affairs
 2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard
 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100

12/24

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO: 02-2008-CA-000135

CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,
 PLAINTIFF,

vs.

JAMIE LEE OAKES, ET AL.,
 DEFENDANT(S).

NOTICE OF ACTION
CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

TO: LINDA OAKES
 whose residence is unknown if he/she/they be living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:

LOTS 5 AND 6, BLOCK 49, TOWN OF GLEN ST. MARY, FLORIDA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 1, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on DAVID J. STERN, ESQ. Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 900 South Pine Island Road #400, Plantation, FL 33324-3920 on or before January 22, 2010, (no later than 30 days from the date of the first publication of this notice of action) and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at BAKER County, Florida, this 15th day of December, 2009.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 BY: Jamie Crews
 DEPUTY CLERK

LAW OFFICES OF DAVID J. STERN
 ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF
 900 SOUTH PINE ISLAND ROAD SUITE 400
 PLANTATION, FL 33324-3920
 08-69724FNM

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation should contact COURT ADMINISTRATION, at the BAKER County Courthouse at 904-259-8113, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service.
 12/24-12/31

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Writ of Execution issued in the County Court of Baker County, Florida, on the 19th day of November, 2009, in the cause wherein, COUNTRY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION was plaintiff and WILLIAM E. STEWART, was defendant, being Case No. 2004-CO-318 in said Court, I, Joey B. Dobson, as Sheriff of Baker County, Florida have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the defendant, William E. Stewart, in and to the following described personal property, to-wit:

1999 OLDSMOBILE SILHOUETTE MINI VAN
 VIN #: 1GHDX03E8XD167398
 (Note: Anyone interested in viewing the vehicle being sold may do so prior to the time of the sale at Higginbotham's Towing & Recovery located at 7611 W Mount Vernon Street, Glen St. Mary, FL.)

I shall offer this property for sale, at the front entrance of the Baker County Courthouse, 339 E. Macclenny Ave. in Macclenny, FL, County of Baker, State of Florida, on January 26, 2010 at the hour of 11:00a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. I will offer for sale all of the defendant's, William E. Stewart, right, title and interest in the aforesaid personal property, at public auction and will sell the same, subject to taxes, all prior liens, encumbrances and judgments, if any, to the highest and best bidder for CASH IN HAND. The proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and the satisfaction of the above described execution. (NOTE: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Baker County Sheriff's Office at (904) 259-0245 prior to the date of the sale.)

JOEY B. DOBSON,
 Sheriff of Baker County, Florida
 By: Pamela L. Davis, D.S.

12/24-1/14

Neighbor arrested for ripping out house wires

Two unoccupied residences were the target of vandals and thieves recently, one of the cases resulting in the arrests of two persons who admitted responsibility.

Gary Davis, 23, a neighbor who lives off CR 127 near Sanderson, allegedly told police he and a 17-year-old male accomplice were responsible for ripping out electrical wiring from every room of a residence belonging to Vivian Nimmo of Jacksonville. It is also located off CR 127.

A rear door was used to gain entry into the home sometime between December 13-16, and when Deputy Shawn Bishara initially investigated the complaint, he noted multiple footprints both inside and outside the residence and leading to Sanderson Circle nearby.

Police acted on a tip and Investigator Chuck Brannan said he interviewed Mr. Davis at his residence on December 18 and he admitted involvement, as did the juvenile later that day. Mr. Davis said he sold the wire to a recycling company in Lake City for \$40.

• Someone looted the boarded-up residence of Bertil Johnson off Pecan Circle near Sanderson between December 3-17 and made off with a washer/dryer, refrigerator, pump and CDs valued at \$2300. Value of the stolen property was placed at \$2300.

Entry was through a pried-open front door. Mr. Johnson is in prison.

• Patty White reported her residence off CR 127 north of Sanderson was entered between December 11-18 and jewelry valued at \$3100 taken from a box under a bed. The items included five rings, earrings and necklaces.

Ms. White told Deputy Earl Lord she returned to the resi-

dence a week prior to reporting the crime, but did not notice the disappearance of the box until December 18.

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BCHS auction raises \$3200

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Supporters of the fine arts braved the cold, rainy weather to attend the third annual Baker County High School Art Auction December 12 in the school's auditorium.

The auction raised \$3,200 for supplies and projects for the art department.

The event was coordinated by art teachers Marilyn Harrell and Tiffany Armoreda. Assistant principal Doug Register lent his considerable skills as the auctioneer.

"I was a little worried about attendance because the weather was so bad," said Ms. Harrell. "But we actually raised more than last year, which shows how much people have come to support this event."

The most notable item in this year's auction was a self-portrait by the late Gene Barber, a Baker County artist, art teacher and local historian. His works are in private collections and adorn the walls of the Emily Taber library, the Church of Christ on 5th Street and public buildings, most notably the giant mural depicting the history of Baker County hanging in the courthouse lobby.

Mr. Barber's self portrait, entitled *Looking back in time*, was donated to the auction by Sonja St. John. It depicts the artist with his back to the viewer, gazing down a dirt road lined with pecan trees.

The winning bid of \$300 for the painting came from Darryl Register, director of the Baker County Chamber of Commerce. According to Mr. Register, the painting will soon be re-framed and displayed in the chamber's office on Macclenny Avenue.

Art is donated to the auction from a variety of sources. Some is produced by current and former art students. Other pieces come from talented residents of the county. Acrylic and oil paintings, drawings in various mediums such as charcoal, graphite, color pencil and ink; as well as photography were represented.

Some particularly fun items were a wardrobe donated by Keller art teacher Carrie Rhoden, which she painted with a jungle theme featuring a palm tree and a monkey as a delightful addition for a child's room. There was also a chair with a Wildcat mascot

emblem and a decorated piano bench.

The painted wooden table decorations made by students were popular as always. Some were of Christmas trees, but other characters showed up this year like toy soldiers and even James T. Kirk, captain of the Starship Enterprise from the 1960s Star Trek television show.

Patrons had the opportunity to browse the available art before the auction began.

One contributing artist, Mark Bryant, a talented cartoonist, actually made fun of one of his pieces, a bizarre image entitled *Zombie Nurse*.

"Just look at this!" he said, feigning shock. "What kind of sick individual would draw something like this?"

Then he laughed.

"Actually, someone requested this image," he said.

Ms. Harrell said she is grateful for community support, especially from local vendors who made donations for food, supplies and other items.

Students from the Baker County High School culinary academy prepared and served a brunch that included hot spiced fruit compote, sausage and egg casserole, salad and muffins with juice, coffee and hot wassail punch.



Gene Barber's self-portrait entitled "Looking back in time."

Live-in girlfriends are arrested

The sheriff's department arrested live-in girlfriends in two unrelated cases last week and charged them with domestic violence battery on their boyfriends.

Deputy Chris Walker said he was called to a residence on North Boulevard in Macclenny about 3:30 the afternoon of December 18 and noted cuts and bruises on George Griffis, 23, of Jacksonville.

The boyfriend said he was attacked by Kayla Thompson, 20, who was upset over him talking to another woman. He alleged that Ms. Thompson struck him on the left eye, cut him with a fork on his torso and burned him near the left eye with a cigarette.

Ms. Thompson denied the allegation when interviewed, and said she was defending herself when the boyfriend attempted to choke her. She bore no signs of a struggle, said the deputy.

The Department of Children and Families was notified because the couple's 2-year-old child was present during the altercation.

In a second case, Amanda Jarrell, 22, allegedly struck boyfriend Johnny Burnham, 27, repeatedly during an argument at their residence on S. Clinton in Glen St. Mary the morning of December 19.

Deputy Robert Simpkins observed lacerations and bruises on Mr. Burnham's neck, arms, chest and back consistent with his version of events. The boyfriend said he removed an air conditioner from a window to exit the residence, a statement backed up by his mother Julie Burnham who was parked in a pickup truck outside the residence.

The officer's report indicates Ms. Jarrell jumped into the bed of the truck and remained there as her boyfriend and his mother

drove to county jail.

Criminal complaints for battery were filed December 17 against a mother and her daughter for allegedly attacking an employee at the Country Club Lounge on South 6th St. in Macclenny just prior to midnight.

Selena Roberts, 36, of Glen St. Mary was taken by rescue unit to the emergency room at Fraser Hospital for treatment of facial injuries she allegedly received when jumped by Jessica Champion, 22, of Glen and her mother Rebecca Horton, 45, of Floral City, Fla.

Ms. Roberts told Deputy Patrick McGauley an argument started over a \$100 child support payment.

The accused in a later interview denied the allegation, saying that Ms. Roberts struck Ms. Champion first. A witness at the bar backed up Ms. Roberts' version of events.

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Julie, Lynda & Andrea

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As we approach the New Year, my wish is that God will bless you and your family with the peace and happiness of the season every day throughout the coming year.

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Sherrie Raulerson,
Superintendent of Schools

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Church stages Christmas musical

Vignette-style version of the Bethlehem story

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Actors and singers in Christian Fellowship Temple's Christmas musical *Three Wise Men and a Baby* received a standing ovation at the conclusion of their youth holiday program December 13.

Good set design, lighting and sound all helped pull this production together to create an energetic and fun performance.

The play began with a group of characters out in the jungle that included a narrator, a stand-up comedian bear and a couple of cheetahs starting a dialogue about what happened in Bethlehem on the night Christ was born.

Gruffy bear and the narrator were played by father and daughter David and Glenna Godwin. The energy between these two really carried the story forward. Gruffy's antics kept the audience laughing.

As the group discussed their ideas, the drama began to unfold and come to life through vignettes of the Christmas story portrayed by the rest of the cast. The 30-member children's choir backed up musical selections performed during the play, all wearing straw hats and looking adorable.

Three Wise Men and a Baby had all the elements one would expect from the traditional Biblical story of Christ's birth. There were shepherds, wise men, the innkeepers, King Herod, angels, Joseph and Mary and ultimately, the baby Jesus.

The stable was in the middle of the stage and above it a large screen showed an image of the heavens on a dark night. At times, a huge star appeared there — the sign that led the wise men. When Joseph and Mary stopped at the inn to find a room, the screen changed to a large *No Vacancy* sign which got some laughs from the audience.

Jamey Hodges, president of American Enterprise Bank in Macclenny, played an energetic

King Herod. The wise men, played by Harrison Presta, Joseph Thomas and Gavin Register, looked impressive on the stage in gold crowns and red robes. Their vocal performance about the gold, frankincense and myrrh they were to deliver to the Christ child was a complicated arrangement and they did an admirable job.

The innkeeper and his wife were played by Gary and Stephanie Rosenstone, who pulled off a pretty good Hebrew accent.

Joseph, played by Hawke Forbes and Jillian Hodges who portrayed Mary, mostly stayed in the stable while the rest of the story unfolded around them. Mary did come forward to sing *Anywhere He Is*, a beautiful song about the imminent birth of her son. Dressed in white robes, she looked sweet and angelic.

The actual angels had a formidable stage presence, especially head angel Daniel Willbanks. He led his heavenly host, played by Hannah Harvey, Madison Combs and Christie Sheerin, in a memorable encounter with the shepherds.

The audience enjoyed this scene quite a bit. Each time the shepherds looked up and saw the angels, they screamed and nearly jumped out of their robes.



Wise men Harrison Presta, Joseph Thomas and Gavin Register bear gifts for the Christ child. Below, shepherds Gannon Godwin, Jarren Hodges and Dalton Thomas in Bethlehem.

When the performance concluded, youth pastor Gary Crummey commended play director Sherrie Davis.

"Sherrie came to speak to me several months ago about something that was laid on her heart," said youth pastor Gary Crummey. "When she told me she felt led to direct a youth Christmas play I couldn't have been more surprised. She did an

outstanding job." For her role in directing the play, Ms. Davis was presented with a large bouquet of roses.

Tonya Godwin also assisted Ms. Davis with producing the play.



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Tony Canaday, 55, of Glen St. Mary

Tony Hotridge Canaday, 55, of Glen St. Mary died Sunday, December 20, 2009 at the McGraw Center in Jacksonville following a long illness. He was born in Folkston, GA and lived in Glen St. Mary all his life. He was the son of the late Gus Hotridge Canaday and Nova Burnsed Canaday and was a law enforcement inspector with the Florida Department of Agriculture for over 20 years before his retirement. Mr. Canaday was a member of the Moniac Baptist Church.

Survivors include wife Rita Canaday of Glen St. Mary; daughters Cindy (Mike) Gordon of Baxter, Katie Canaday of Glen, Stacy (Stephen) Jordan of Macclenny and Dee-Ann Williams Morrell of Jacksonville; sons Frank (Kris) Canaday and Steve Williams, both of Macclenny, Wesley (Heather) Canaday and Rusty Canaday, both of Baxter, Daniel Canaday stationed with the Army in Korea, and Gary Williams of Orlando; sisters Jackie (Vernon) Harvey, Shirley (Bud) Davis and Retha M. (Woodrow) Burnsed, all of Sanderson, Donnell (Jack) Monson of Macclenny and Lucille Prescott of Baxter; brothers J.N. Canaday of Glen and Seth Rhoden of Baxter; 16 grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at 2:30 pm December 23 at the Christian Fellowship Temple with Rev. Ricky Dyal officiating, assisted by Revs. Tim Alford and Gene Burnsed. Interment followed at North Prong Cemetery in Baxter. Guerry Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Marie Carmichel, 69, loved cooking

Marie Carmichel Carter, 69, of Macclenny died December 22, 2009 at her home. She was born in Pearson, Georgia to the late Dennis and Ida Mae Carmichel on August 12, 1940. She was a resident of Baker County for the last 42 years after moving from Jacksonville. Marie loved cooking, shopping, gardening and was always there to lend a helping hand.

Survivors include her loving husband of 27 years, Shelton M. Carter; children Steve (Teresa) Dyess, Larry (Barbara) Carter, Betty (Gene) Gomillion, Cindy (Jerry) Crews and Lisa (Jason) Carter; sister Maybelle Horton; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held December 24 at noon at V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services Chapel with Pastor Danny Pritchard officiating. The family will receive friends and family on Thursday, December 24, 2009 from 11:00 am - noon at the funeral home.

Lewis Davis, 91, retired truck driver

Lewis Owen Davis, 91, of Macclenny died late Tuesday evening, December 15, 2009. A native of Sanderson, Mr. Davis was the son of Gilford and Rosie Williams Davis. He was a life-long resident of Baker County and attended the Macclenny Revival Center. Mr. Davis worked for and retired from Jacksonville Ford Tractor as a truck driver. He was preceded in death by his wife of 67 years, Mrs. Sarah Lee Davis, in 2005 and son Gilford Davis.

Survivors include children Noah (Ernestine) Davis, Leonard (Lorraine) Davis, Walter (Carla) Davis and Cecil (Carol) Davis, all of Glen St. Mary, Russell (Patricia) Davis of Macclenny and Sarah Nell (Gary) Shelar of Jacksonville; brothers and sisters Harmon 'Boot' Davis, Robert 'Bob' Davis, Louise Dinkins and Annie Ruth Combs, all of Jacksonville, Ralph 'Red' Davis and Lester Davis, both of Glen St. Mary, J.J. Davis of Florence, SC, and Edith Young and Ila Taylor, both of Lake City; 14 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held December 17 at 7:00 PM at the Souls Harbor Church of God in Glen St. Mary with Rev. Charles Barwick officiating. Interment was on December 18 at 10:00 am at Cedar Creek Cemetery in Sanderson.

Guerry Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Gertrude Dinkins, 84, of Callahan

Gertrude Dinkins, 84, of Callahan died Thursday, December 17, 2009. She was a native of Chinquapin, NC but had lived in the Jacksonville and Callahan area since 1947. Mrs. Dinkins worked for years at Swisher International and was a long-time member of Thomas Creek Baptist Church. She was predeceased by parents David John and Geneva Whaley; sister Louise Williams; brothers Johnny, David John Jr., and Charles Whaley.

Survivors include her husband of 58 years, Morris Dinkins; daughter Brenda (Rick) Knight; son Donald Dinkins; sisters Ella Mae Pleasants, Alma Matthews, Mary Ester Burns and Dorothy Rouse; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; two step great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews including Gina Matthews.

The funeral service was held December 20 at 2:00 pm at her church with Revs. Gary Puckett and Jimmy Durham officiating. Interment followed at Jones Cemetery. Corey-Kerlin Funeral Homes and Crematory in Jacksonville was in charge of arrangements.

Richard McCune, 51, nursery worker

Richard Avery McCune, 51, of Sanderson died Monday, December 21, 2009 at the Acosta-Rua Center for Aging in Jacksonville following a brief illness. He was a native of Brooksville, FL and had resided near Baxter for the past 20 years. He was the son of the late Lyle Avery McCune and Marion Joyce Prescott McCune.

Mr. McCune was a supervisor at Ray's Nursery in Sanderson for 20 years. He attended the Road to Calvary Church in Glen St. Mary and loved to fish and hunt in his spare time.

Survivors include wife Phyllis McCune; daughter Amanda Sherri McCune; son Richard G. (Kristy) McCune; sister Theresa (Mike) Brassart, all of Sanderson; four grandchildren; two nephews and one niece.

The graveside funeral service will be held December 29 at the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Tampa. Guerry Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Ms. McPherson dies December 6

Donnie Lee Hodges McPherson, 65, died Sunday, December 6, 2009. She was born October 1, 1944 in Macclenny, the daughter of the late Clifford and Allie Hersey Hodges. Ms. McPherson and her husband Carroll were married 44 years and would have celebrated their 45th anniversary this month.

Ms. McPherson is also survived by daughter Stephanie (Joseph) Grohol Jr.; sisters Louise Griffith and Linnie (Jack) Mann, both of Macclenny, Janie (Alfred) Wiggins of Glen St. Mary; brothers David (Retha) of Starke, Warren (Ruth) of Lake Butler and Idus Hodges of Lake City; numerous nieces, nephews, brother and sister-in-laws and mother-in-law.

The funeral service was held December 9 at 11:00 am at Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park, Fla. Interment followed at Woodlawn Memorial Park.



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Following a honeymoon to Gatlinburg, Tennessee the couple will reside in Jacksonville.

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Madison's pressing defense seals win

BOB GERARD
SPORTS WRITER

The basketball woes continued for the Wildcats December 15 when the squad lost its fifth straight game 58-51 after a late surge by the Madison Cowboys on the road.

It was the third time in four games the defense has given up fourth quarter runs.

The Wildcats led at the half before the Cowboys scraped back into the game courtesy of third period three pointers.

BCHS fell behind to Madison

12-9 in the first quarter before catching fire early in the second to make up the difference. Chris Walton and Marcelle Gayden started dropping long bombs from the outside as BCHS went on a 23-14 run to surge into the lead.

The Wildcats hit four more three pointers to maintain the lead and held it until the halftime buzzer. The scoreboard read 32-26.

In the third period it was Madison who got hot from the outside. They chipped away at the Wildcat lead and tied up the

game at the end of the period.

As has happen so often this year, it was the opponent who was able to take control in the fourth period by applying a man-to-man defense that had success forcing turnovers. The Cats have struggled all season with an inability to beat pressure.

In past seasons the Wildcats have been known for good, stingy defense that hawks the ball. So far this season, it hasn't been there.

Kendrick Singleton and Darvin Ruise came into the team after football season and the team

has yet to really find their form. Paired with excellent second half guard play from the Cowboys and their suffocating pressure defense, the scoring dried up for BCHS.

Three pointers that were there for BCHS in the first half disappeared in the second and the Cowboy guards were using their speed to get open for three-point shots of their own. The Cowboys went on a late 16-9 run to secure the win.

"Our scorers are going to have to step up," said head coach Charles Ruise.

Walton and Gayden along with Chris McCray have been posting most of the points. Ruise will need to find more scoring from his forwards and center position if the team is to be dangerous down the stretch.

Walton led all scorers with 22 points. Gayden had 12 and Kendrick Singleton 10 for BCHS.

The Wildcats won't play again until the First Coast Classic on Dec. 29 (see related story).

Ruise is convinced that the team will come together and thinks that the Christmas tournament might be their coming out party.

"We'll be there at the end," Ruise said.

But with three teams in the tournament that have already handed BCHS losses, history is not on their side.

'Bear' Woods makes All American team

Former BCHS Wildcat football standout and senior linebacker at Troy University Jonathan "Bear" Woods of Macclenny was named an All American on December 14.

Woods was named to the fourth team squad and is the only Trojan on the All American team. He is also the sole honoree of the Sun Belt Conference, joining Alabama's Rolando McCain, Penn State's Navorro Bowman and Darryl Washington of TCU, who were on the 1st-3rd team in Woods' slot.

The 6' 245 lb. son of Marc and Kelly Woods has had an excellent senior season with 77 tackles to match his total from 2008. He had two sacks and an interception as well.

Woods was injured early in his college career but has come on to be a team leader for the Trojans, who were 8-0 in Sunbelt Conference play.

Woods will wind up his college career with an appearance in the GMAC Bowl in Mobile, Alabama on January 6 when the Trojans square off with Central Michigan in a matchup of conference champions. Troy University is located in Troy, Alabama.



Jonathan Woods

Ruise named in top 25 regionally

Christmas came early for Wildcat quarterback/safety Darvin Ruise, who picked up a pair of honors this past week. The 6'2, 218-pound Macclenny native was named to the Florida Times-Union Super 24 squad last Sunday.

Ruise joined the other 23 football stars from the region on the field at the Jaguars/Colt game December 17. He has verbally committed to the Missouri Tigers after being courted by Georgia Tech, LSU, South Carolina and Tennessee.

The Tigers, who finished 8-4 this season and have a spot in the Texas Bowl versus Navy, will probably move Ruise from his quarterback position to safety or linebacker. Ruise is a strong, quick player, who benches 325 and has run a 4.5-second 40-yard dash.

He joins Carlos Holton as the second Wildcat in three years to be honored with a selection to the Super 24 team. Holton was named to the 2007 team.

"It is a great honor for Darvin to make this team and it is well-deserved," said Coach Bobby Johns.

Ruise is an outstanding athlete but it was his leadership that meant the difference to the Wildcats this year.

The season did not start off as Ruise might have wished. Last year's starting quarterback was moved to receiver on offense as Johns started sophomore Mardreakus Ford.

But Ford had problems moving the team and also some off-field problems. When he left the team and after the loss to Trinity, Johns returned to his reliable No. 1. Things looked up immediately with Ruise at the helm.

The Cats shut out Bradford 21-0 and though Ruise was rusty behind center it was clear that it was his team and he was in control on the field. Probably the finest demonstration of his leadership ability was against the Madison Cowboys, when Ruise took the game on his shoulders and led

the team to a 26-17 victory in the first round of the playoffs.

Ruise also picked up a second honor as he joins teammate Ethan Munson in the North Florida Athletic Coaches All Star Game Dec. 22 in Sebring, Florida. This is the second year in a row that the Wildcats have had players participate in the game.

Last season Wildcat Hank Farmer was the MVP of the All Star game.

Munson is one of the area's top defensive linemen and was ranked 11th in the state at his position by the Orlando Sentinel. The 6-foot, 276-pound Munson has also played tight end on occasion this season to give the Cats more blocking power up front.

"This is an honor for these two guys because it is hard to get in," said Johns. "We have not been fortunate enough over the years to get many players into it. It is not always about who is the best, but who gets the most publicity. These two deserve this honor for four years of hard work."

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Coach looks to repeat past success in classic

The Wildcats' boys basketball team always has a lot of success hosting the post-Christmas Florida First Coast Classic, and Coach Charles Ruise hopes that this year's edition will be no different.

"We'll be in it at the end," Ruise predicted confidently.

The Cats have a good collection of area teams in the tournament that starts Dec. 29. Ruise believes that the top competition will be Melody Christian of Live Oak.

"They have some big kids and a good team," said Ruise.

Melody will match up against Ridgeview in the opening game. Ridgeview is another tough team and handed the Cats a 68-41 defeat in the second game of the season. But the Wildcats have progressed since then and Ruise thinks that the Cats can do well if there is a rematch.

The Wildcats will face off against Union County in the night game at 8:00.

Other area teams competing in the tournament include Crescent City and Suwannee in the 4:00 pm game and Wolfson and Bradford in the 6:00 pm game.

If the Cats are to make it to the final as Ruise predicts, they will

have to contend with two teams that have handed them early season defeats in their bracket.

The Wildcats lost close games to Suwannee and Crescent City but Ruise believes the team has learned a lot in the early season.

The tournament runs Dec. 29 through 31 with games starting at 2:00 pm on all three days. The finals are at 8:00 pm on Dec. 31.

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She is a 2006 graduate and also a member of First Baptist Church of Glen St. Mary. Following graduation, Jennifer plans to marry Jonathan Blair in May of 2010 and then continue her education at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

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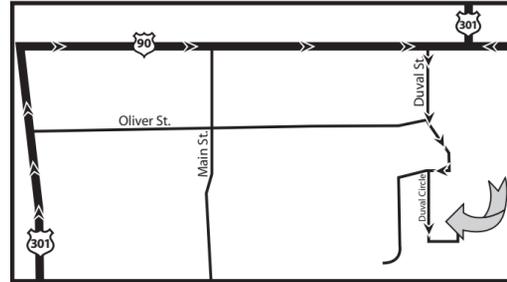
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The following letters to Santa are from Mrs. Taylor's second grade class at Macclenny Elementary School.

Dear Santa:
This Christmas I would like everybody to be well. If I'm good can I have a motorcycle, a trip to Disney World, and for all my family's surgeries and sicknesses to go away.
David Johns III

Dear Santa:
How are you doing? I would like a Nintendo DS, dirtbike, and an I-Pod. I would like my friends to stop fighting.
Jacob Carver

Dear Santa:
Are you rich? I want a DSi, a red computer, mine flex and a rifle. How long is your beard and do you ever get anything caught in it? I'm 100 just kidding, I'm seven. I have over 200 dollars but my dad says do not spend.
Brandon

Dear Santa:
How are you and Mrs. Claus? For Christmas I want a pink bike, Wizards of Waverly Place game for Nintendo D.S., and a Whoopsie Doo baby doll. I also want poor people and everybody in the world to have a cheerful Christmas. How old are you and Mrs. Claus? Do you have a new reindeer yet? What are your favorite cookies? How many elves do you have? What language do you speak to the elves?
Samantha Ortiz-Nizieri

Dear Santa:
I want a pellet gun, pocket knife, and a huge stuffed tiger. I wish that the poor people in Honduras get everything they want for Christmas.
Nicholas Melvin

Dear Santa:
How is Mrs. Claus? How are you? How much do you weigh? How old are you? For Christmas I want a Nintendo D.S.I., an makeup kit just like Hannah Montana's and a diary. For Christmas I want the whole world to quit fighting.
Emmalee Campbell

Dear Santa:
This Christmas I want a Nintendo DS, a game called Zelda the Phantom Hourglass for DS and a game cube game. Oh and could you make it snow out here in FL and give people a better life?
Love, Griffin Hodges

Dear Santa:
P.S. How are you and Mrs. Claus?
P.S.S. How many elves do you have?

Dear Santa:
I would like a D.S. and a Spongebob laptop. I would like the whole world to have food, shelter and a Merry Christmas.
Yours Truly, Kylie B.

Dear Santa:
P.S. The whole world needs kindness that's another gift to give the whole world.

Dear Santa:
I want a moon sand play set, any kind of bakugon, and a new transformer toy.
Daniel P. Nguyen

Dear Santa:
I want a real car for my mama and some Dove candy. I want an ideal life. For Christmas I would like a doll house, 2 wheel scooter and a 2 wheel bike.
p.s. How many elves do you have?
p.p.s Do you have any school's?
Hanna Tran

Dear Santa:
for Christmas I want a nintendo DS and the lego power miner titanium command rig the nintendo DS is a machine that only works on electricity the titanium command rig does not work on electricity but I do want three hundred fast passes to go on the Simpsons ride and seeche it? the simpsons game.
Tyler Hardin

Dear Santa:
I want the game Zelda Spirit tracks and an electric guitar with an amp. But what I want the most is it to snow in Florida.
Ryan Hall

Dear Santa:
For Christmas I would like a D.S.i, a four-wheeler, a black Lab, and for every body to have a better life. How is Mrs. Claus doing? Did you get a new reindeer? How old is Comet? How many elves to you have?
Kalea Higginbotham

Dear Santa:
I want a DSi for Christmas. Also I want High School Musical 3 on DS. For my mom I would like for her to get everything she wants for Christmas. I would like for the world to be a easier place for everyone. It would be really great if everybody got everything they wanted.
Maci Fisher

Dear Santa:
I want an i-pod, crayon maker, and a pet rabbit. I also want to make sure pure people eat on Christmas Day. Thats all I want for Christmas. How are you and Mrs. Claus?
Hope Raulerson

Dear Santa:
This year I want for Christmas is a D.S., Lego D.S. cover, and Lego Xbox 360 games.
P.S. I wish that Christmas was every day.
P.P.S. Please write me back.
Teddy Hammock

Dear Santa:
I wish for Nintindo DS, an I pod, and a My little mommy doll. For Christmas I want Santa to get homeless people homes and get stuff for the army. Santa do you really have 8 too 9 reindeer? Are any of the reindeer sick? How are you and Miss Claus? What is your and Miss Clauses favorit color?
P.S. Thank you for all the presents last year.
Lindsay Rhoden

Dear Santa:
Thank you for all of the movies you have given me. My name is Amanda. I am wondering if you will get m a Wii. I made a vow to my friends that I would get them a gift. I was thinking that I would get them a book. I would like a Wii, D.S.i and P.S. games. I hope you have a merry Christmas. You are the best.
P.S. How are all of the raideer?
P.S.S. How is Miss Clause?
P.P.P.S Am I on the nauty list?
P.P.P.P.S. Can you please write me back?
Amanda Johns

Dear Santa:
What I want for Christmas this year is a scooter, a teddy bear, Cam Jansen books, and a nintendo DS.

My wish for the world is for them to have a happy holiday.
Kaylee Hollingsworth

Dear Santa:
This Christmas I would like to get D.S.I., a Littlest Pet shop adventure pets, and a pink gitar. I also would love for the world to be ideal.
P.S. I wish I can have every thing I want.
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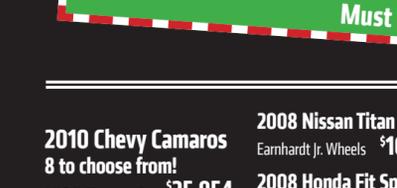
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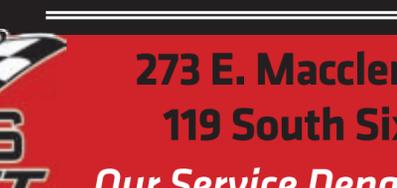
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