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-Excerpt from Abigail Price's (left) short story

Keller student wins T-U contest

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Abigail Price of Sanderson won the young student division of *The Florida Times-Union's* 32nd annual Holiday Short Story Contest for her tale of a working-class father who nearly misses a long-standing family tradition.

The 9-year-old fourth grader in Keller Intermediate School's gifted program wrote "Family Traditions" after

studying short stories in teacher Cathy Hooper's class. Ms. Hooper said her students reviewed stories like Edgar Allan Poe's *A Tell Tale Heart* and *An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge*, a story by Ambrose Bierce and inspired by Poe's most famous work.

Students then crafted their own stories. Ms. Price's short story is fictional, but she said it includes characters named after real people in her life, in-

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Arrested driving a 'mobile meth lab'

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The unlicensed driver of what police described as "a rolling meth lab" led deputies on a short chase through Glen St. Mary before being arrested for producing methamphetamine and other charges the afternoon of December 15.

Suspect Melvin Thomas Mann, 29, was behind the wheel of a black 1998 Chevrolet pickup that also contained three young children, a passenger and materials and supplies commonly used to manufacture meth.



Melvin Mann

Deputy Chris Walker spotted the driver, who the officer knew not to possess a valid driver's license, about 4:15 pm and attempted to stop the vehicle on West Franklin Street.

According to the deputy's report, Mr. Mann did not stop, but jumped into the back seat after turning onto South Clinton Street where passenger Alexander Ryan Pellum, 19, of Glen St. Mary moved to the driver's seat and stopped the vehicle.

The suspect resisted Deputy Walker's attempts to forcibly remove him from the back seat and used the children to shield himself from the officer's reach, the report indicates.

With assistance from investigators present in the area, Mr. Mann was taken into custody and placed in the rear of a patrol car.

Deputy Walker also noted that none of the children, ages 1, 3 and 7, were in car seats. He

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BCHD expects to layoff 15-20 employees

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Embezzled from apartment tenants

Cashed utility checks, looted memorial fund

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The former manager of Baker Manor Apartments is suspected of stealing about \$25,000 from tenants at the publicly-subsidized housing complex at the corner of Lowder and South 6th streets in Macclenny.

Donna Lynn Griffis, 46, of Jacksonville turned herself in at the sheriff's office complex north of the city the morning of December 19 after a warrant was issued for her arrest on 507 counts of fraud, forgery, theft and other white-collar crimes spanning 17 months between March 28, 2010 and August 31, 2011.

The defendant's bond was initially set at more than \$5 million due to the high volume of felony counts and County Judge Joey Williams left it unchanged when Ms. Griffis made her first appearance the following afternoon with her Jacksonville attorney Curtis S. Fallgatter.

Ms. Griffis is accused of pilfering utility assistance checks meant to help low-income Baker Manor tenants, deceiving residents into paying more rent than they owed and, possibly, embezzling money from a dead child's memorial bank account, among other offenses, according to police.

Sheriff's office investigator Chris Volz said at the bond hearing the total dollar amount lost due to the alleged crimes, including funds paid to replace the stolen money, could top \$40,000. He said by phone earlier that day the investigation is ongoing and new information is being



Donna Griffis at her bond hearing Dec. 20.

discovered daily, including details about money in the memorial bank account.

Police records identify 20 victims in the case.

According to the investigator, "a great deal" of the thefts already identified involved utility assistance checks from Baker Manor's management company, Horizon Housing Management, LLC of Oviedo, FL, to tenants that were either deposited into Baker Manor's petty cash account or cashed.

When Ms. Griffis was hired in February, 2010 she opened the petty cash account with permission from the company, but the account was supposed to be limited to \$300 and used for office supplies and other expenses not covered by the apartment complex's main account, Inv. Volz's report states.

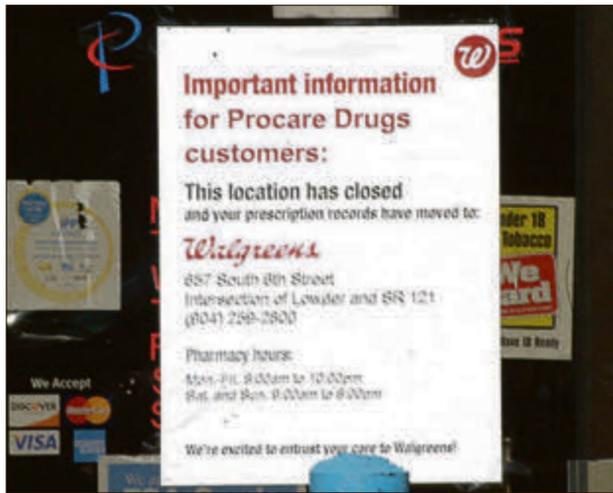
The suspect made ATM withdrawals from the petty cash account at gambling establishments in Florida and Alabama, including the Allied Veterans of the World, Inc. affiliate on Normandy Boulevard in Jacksonville, Inv. Volz said.

After an audit and investigation by Horizon Housing Management, which Inv. Volz said resulted in Ms. Griffis' firing in mid-August, the company's regional manager Joann Krakowski and Baker Manor's current manager Regina Cody reported the alleged criminal activity to the sheriff's office on November 7.

Horizon's president Elizabeth Vermales declined to comment on the case this week other than to say her com-

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Pharmacy tied to 'pill doctor' closes up



A Macclenny pharmacy believed to have close ties to a physician whose downtown practice folded recently after his license was suspended closed last week.

Procure Drugs on US 90 west recently posted signs directing customers to the Walgreens pharmacy on South 6th. A spokesman who identified himself as the store manager said the company had been discussing a possible sale of its pharmacy accounts to Walgreens "for over a year."

He also said the move was not related to the closing of the office of Dr. Charles Scarborough on South 5th St. in October. The physician's license was suspended by the Florida Department of Health pending the outcome of an investigation into whether pain pills and other narcotics were being prescribed illegally.

Shortly after the suspension, DoH investigators checked Procure's pharmacy records for evidence that it was filling prescriptions from the closed office and found nothing but what a police source here characterized as "minor discrepancies."

The pharmacy, however, was used by many of Dr. Scarborough's patients and was promoted by a sign on the physician's office front door before the office closed.

Jennifer Hirst, spokeswoman for the DoH headquarters in Tallahassee, said on Tuesday she was not aware of any investigation into Procure as a result of the records review two months ago.

There have been no developments via public records on the Scarborough investigation either. The suspended doctor filed a request for a hearing on the allegations. No date has been set.

The suspension order contained multiple allegations of patients being prescribed addictive drugs without being examined and of office personnel filling out signed prescription orders or handing them to Dr. Scarborough for his signature.

Two stripped copper from cell tower

The Baker County sheriff's department sent out a regional advisory this week following the arrest of two High Springs, FL men for stealing thousands of dollars worth of copper tubing from a cellular phone tower west of Sanderson.

Police suspect the pair likely is responsible for similar thefts in Florida and elsewhere, according to Investigator Steve Harvey.

Timothy Jackson and Justin Wacasey, both 24, were caught by a patrolling deputy as they exited an access road near the tower about 4 am on December 17.

Deputy Patrick McGauley pulled over



Justin Wacasey



Timothy Jackson

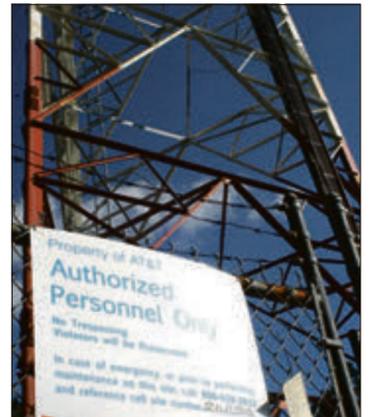
their 1997 Ford pickup in the lot of the nearby Citgo station because its trailer

had no license tag, and noticed the trailer was laden with "a large amount of rubber-coated copper tubing and several metal parts."

The occupants appeared nervous during questioning and said they were contractors returning from a tower job in Duval County. They gave differing versions, however, as to why they were exiting the nearby access road to US 90 from the tower owned by Jacksonville Cellular.

Mr. Jackson maintained they were surveying the Sanderson tower for a future job; Mr. Wacasey said they turned onto

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The base of looted tower.

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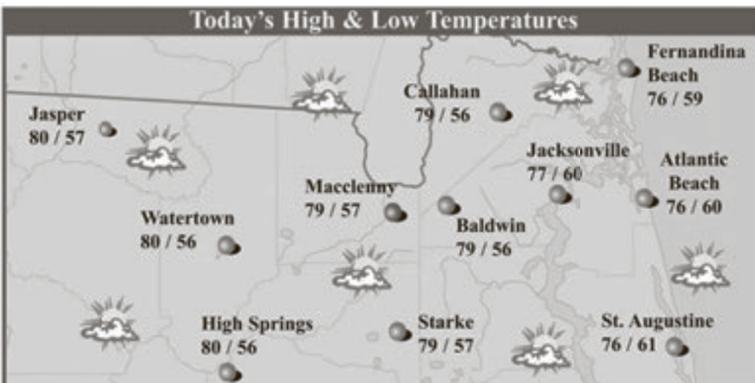
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Dec. 22, 2011

Seven Day Forecast	
	Thursday Partly Cloudy High: 79 Low: 57
	Friday Partly Cloudy High: 78 Low: 56
	Saturday Mostly Cloudy High: 77 Low: 50
	Sunday Few Showers High: 68 Low: 47
	Monday Mostly Sunny High: 65 Low: 41
	Tuesday Partly Cloudy High: 68 Low: 42
	Wednesday Partly Cloudy High: 70 Low: 45



Sun/Moon Chart This Week				
Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moon Phase	Light
Thursday	7:21 a.m.	5:33 p.m.		Full 1/9
Friday	7:21 a.m.	5:34 p.m.		
Saturday	7:22 a.m.	5:34 p.m.		
Sunday	7:22 a.m.	5:35 p.m.		
Monday	7:23 a.m.	5:35 p.m.		Last 1/16
Tuesday	7:23 a.m.	5:36 p.m.		
Wednesday	7:23 a.m.	5:37 p.m.		

Last Week's Local Almanac				
Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Tue, 12/13	64	46	68/46	0.00"
Wed, 12/14	72	48	68/45	0.00"
Thu, 12/15	75	45	68/45	0.00"
Fri, 12/16	75	45	67/45	0.00"
Sat, 12/17	73	48	67/45	0.00"
Sun, 12/18	63	36	67/45	0.00"
Mon, 12/19	72	36	67/45	0.00"

Precipitation0.00"
 Normal precipitation0.57"
 Departure from normal-0.57"
 Average temperature57.0°
 Average normal temperature ...56.3°
 Departure from normal+0.7°
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St. Mary's River Levels			Hunting/Fishing Times		
	Now	Change	Peak Times		
Moniac, GA	4.98 ft.	-0.03 ft.	Day	AM	PM
Macclenny	1.94 ft.	-0.03 ft.	Thu	8:48-10:48	9:18-11:18
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Keller student wins T-U Christmas story contest

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cluding her bus driver.

The plot centers on a father, Jerry, who at the last minute is forced to work the midnight shift on Christmas Eve. That threatens to derail his participation in a yearly trip to his in-laws to celebrate Christmas with his wife and children.

The Times-Union asked that stories entered in the contest be a maximum of 1000 words and set on December 24 in a train station, bus depot or airport. And it just so happens that Ms. Price's grandfather, Alan Chinn, retired two years ago from CSX.

"He gave her some point-

ers and some good advice," her grandmother Blanche Chinn, said.

Ms. Price's prize for winning the young student division was \$50, which will benefit her horse Magic.

"He needs to get his feet done," she said.

Her favorite book is *Misty of Chincoteague* written by Marguerite Henry. It's a story about a family who raises a wild horse named Misty.

Ms. Price has only written a handful of stories in school, but she reads aloud nightly and discusses the books with her family.

The following is her winning story:

"Just another day," thought Jerry, as he prepared his cart for work. Jerry worked the evening shift as a janitor at Union Train Station in Washington D.C. It was Christmas Eve and everyone was in a hurry. Jerry took his time, pushing his cart to his first stop of the day. He rounded the corner. There stood his boss Robert with a sly smirk on his face.

"Well, Jerry, looks like we need you to stay for the midnight shift because Lenny called in sick," Robert said. Jerry replied, "It's not fair. My wife and I were planning to take the kids to her parent's house for Christmas morning to open presents. It's a tradition. If I have to stay, it will be impossible for our family to go."

"Jerry, I'm sorry to spoil your tradition, but I need you to work. It's either work or quit. So, what is your choice?" Replied Robert. Jerry didn't dare say what he was thinking. He looked at his boss with a smile and said, "sure boss, I'll be glad to stay."

Jerry didn't know how he was going to tell his wife and children because they would be heartbroken. Traditions were important to his family.

Jerry's day went by fast. He cleaned all the stations assigned to him and it was 7pm before he got his first break. He went into the break room and sat down to call his wife with the bad news. As the telephone rang, Jerry still did not know what to say. His wife answered, and Jerry said,

"Hi babe. I've got good news and bad news. What do you want to hear first?" Denise replied, "Well, I guess I want the good news first." Jerry then said, "I get to make some extra money, but the bad news is that I have to stay at work all night because Lenny is sick." "Oh no!" said Denise. "What about my parent's house? The children will be upset and I really wanted to go this year because my parents are not in the best of health." Jerry replied, "Well, the boss told me that I had to work or I wouldn't have a job tomorrow. I really need this job and I hate to be unemployed on Christmas Day."

The line was silent for a moment and then Denise said, "Traditions are important, but you need a job. I love you but it breaks my heart not to be with my parents on Christmas Day. Is there some way we can see my parents tomorrow?" Jerry thought long and hard before replying, "I don't know how we can. I get off at 7 am and have to be back at 3 pm. I'll be too tired to drive you and the children to your parent's house and get back to work on time for my shift and still find time to sleep. Denise said nothing but "Goodbye!" as she slammed the phone down.

Jerry thought, "that's a fine way to end a conversation with your wife on Christmas Eve." Jerry tried to call his wife back, but all he got was a busy signal. He looked up at the clock and saw it was time for him to

go back to work. He gathered up his cart and supplies and shuffled out of the break room. "Now what do I do," he thought. "I guess I just trust that if God wants us together he will make it happen. Jerry wasn't happy about the situation, but knew that he had no other option other than working through the night.

At 11 pm, he went back to the supply room and got what he needed for his next shift. He knew that the night would go by fast because of all the work he needed to get done. The later that it got, the more depressed Jerry became. He felt that he had let his family down. What was he to do? He needed his job but he also believed in traditions. Spending Christmas morning with his wife, children and her parents went back 30 years since he first met Denise in middle school and it was an important tradition.

At 6:30 am, as he was thinking about leaving early, he heard his name being paged over the speakers in the station. "Jerry Sanders, please report to the Amtrak desk on the upper level." "That's odd," he thought. I have my own radio and if they need me, they should just call me on my own radio. Again he heard "Jerry Sanders, please report to the Amtrak desk on the upper level."

Jerry called on his radio and asked if he was the one the Amtrak desk needed? All he heard was a yes and then nothing

but static. "This is just great," thought Jerry. Right at quitting time they expect me to clean up a mess. He knew that it was the right thing to do so he pushed his cart up the ramp to the upper level.

As he approached the Amtrak desk he couldn't believe his eyes. There around a beautiful Christmas tree sat his children, his wife and her parents. How could this be possible? Am I dreaming? His wife stood up and said, "Merry Christmas, darling! Being together on Christmas morning and celebrating the birth of Jesus with our children and my parents, means so much that we decided to join you here at work. We brought our traditions to you. Please join us around the tree."

As Jerry joined his family, a group of carolers gathered around and began signing "Oh Come All Ye Faithful." Jerry looked over the group that had gathered, he thought, "I guess that trusting in God really does work and if traditions are meant to be continued then God will make it happen." Merry Christmas to All!

Driving 'mobile lab'...

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added that Mr. Pellum said the youths were forced forward into the seats when he braked to keep the vehicle from crashing.

The suspect and Mr. Pellum, who said he was being paid by Mr. Mann to purchase ingredients used to make meth, were questioned by investigators Mike Hauge and John Hardin, the latter investigator reported.

While patting down the passenger, the investigator observed a can of camping fuel, a box of pseudoephedrine and a jug of muriatic acid inside the vehicle. In the bed of the truck he found trash bags and garbage cans, one with three, 2-liter bottles "that appeared to have been used to make methamphetamines," the officer stated.

Mr. Mann, upon questioning, said he was gathering the supplies for a friend but soon admitted to making the drug himself. Police later found more meth-making materials at his nearby residence.

The truck was towed from the

scene and Florida Department of Children and Families removed the children.

Investigators described the suspect as an associate of two men arrested December 7 for operating a meth lab in Baldwin at the Hawkins Motel.

"He knows those people," said sheriff's office investigations chief Maj. Chuck Brannan. "I would guess they were teaching him how to do it so he could set up shop here."

Mr. Mann faces four felony charges — fleeing and eluding police, three counts of child cruelty, producing methamphetamine and possessing chemicals used to manufacture the drug — as well as a misdemeanor charge for driving on a suspended license.

He's been found guilty of multiple drug, theft and traffic crimes during the last decade and served a year in state prison for grand theft before his release in August, 2009.

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Layers of 'Yule spirit'

"You are a cheater and you cheat," said son Dylan.

"I am not a cheater," said cousin Ashton.

"We did not cheat," said Ashton's friend Crystal.

"You said there weren't any rules."

"Once the competition started," squawked Dylan.

"You built half of your house ... barn ... whatever it is before you got here."

It's the Annual Gingerbread House Building Contest and the competitors are at each other's throats hurling insults and gumdrops.

Somewhat this helps promote Christmas cheer, or so they tell me before they take a swipe at each other's house.

"Are you sure that is even gingerbread?" said Dylan.

"Looks like plywood to me," chimes in his sister Sara Beth, who is making a miniature gingerbread village with her partner Ana Tomas.

"It is not plywood," said Ashton.

"It is a gingerbread farm. Since Crystal and I are agriculture

teachers it seemed appropriate."

"You're still a cheater."

"Am not."

"Are to."

Christmas cheer is filling the air.

"I quit," said Caitlyn Dugger

as all four of her walls collapse

the moment she tries to put on

the roof.

"You can't

quit," said her mama Cathy Crews.

"I'll help you and Gary."

The spirit of Christmas cooperation.

"What? You can't help her. I need you here. We're making

peanut brittle shingles," said her partner Cheryl Hart.

The spirit of Christmas cooperation

quashed.

"You bit the head off my snowman,"

said Dylan.

"No I didn't. That was a spare

marshmallow," said his partner Sara Beth.

"Sarah, we're trying to win this

thing and you're eating my snowman."

"Is that an outhouse?" said

Ashton.

"That is not an outhouse," said

Sara Beth, offended. "I'll have you

know that is the cathedral for our gingerbread village."

"Looks like an outhouse to me."

"And what is that in your farm?"

"That's a wagon made out of sugar wafers."

"What's in it?" asked Sara Beth.

"Hay," said Crystal.

"Looks like chicken manure."

"Hey!"

"Stop eating my snowmen."

"I think we're pushing the

rules this year after last year's

candle fiasco," said Sara Beth.

"You have to admit that was

pretty darned awesome," said Cheryl.

"Until your house caught on

fire and had to be doused with

water."

In last year's competition,

Cheryl cut out the windows, covered

them with paper and put a lit

candle inside the house for added

affect. It was very impressive

until we had to call out the

gingerbread fire brigade.

I just want you to understand

that I have no stake in this

contest. I am merely a chronicler

like Mark Twain or Alexander

Pope.

My bunch is incredibly competitive.

They get it from their

Mama who has been known to

mope around all day after losing

a game of Scrabble. Her progeny

have been known to sweep all the

tiles off a Scrabble board if they

lose. So I choose not to compete.

I'm a neutral observer, like

Switzerland.

"I think our farm looks pretty

good," said Crystal.

"For manufactured housing,"

quips Dylan.

"Doesn't it look good Uncle

Bob?" asked Ashton.

"I'm Switzerland."

"What's that supposed to

mean?"

There's a lot of laughter going

on in our dining room. A lot of

good natured ribbing and plenty

of creativity. It's a fun time.

It's become something of a

Christmas tradition in our house

and though I'm not Bob the

Builder and prefer to sit back and

watch the competitors at work, I

still enjoy it a lot.

Yet another layer to the

Christmas spirit.

MY SIDE OF THE MATTER

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New take on classic 'Drummer' THE BACK PORCH

Kelley Lannigan

Like most kids, I absolutely loved Christmas.

I think few would argue that from a child's perspective it's without a doubt the most fun and exciting holiday of the year.

As adults, that perspective changes and although still enjoyable, Christmas is often viewed as a lot of extra work when you add up the hours of shopping, planning, decorating, hosting and attending parties, cooking, gift wrapping, traveling and of course, taking down and packing up all those lights.

And increasingly, the premise and message the observance was founded on — the spirit of giving, of peace on earth and good will — gets lost amid the rampant consumerism that, even for many Christians, defines the season.

At some point each Christmas, I find I'm having a little trouble getting into the spirit. Then, inevitably, something happens to change that.

This year that something is a certain inspirational music video made by a young man in Canada named Sean Quigley.

Of all the Christmas music I grew up hearing, *The Little Drummer Boy* was one of my favorites, but the popularity of the song faded into the background as the years slipped by.

But this young Canadian's contemporary take on the song has catapulted it into the spotlight once again.

A drummer himself, Sean was personally inspired by the message of the song, about a young man who has nothing to present to Jesus but the one thing he does best — drumming.

Sean directed and edited his visually stunning video, which features him drumming and walking in different snow-covered landscapes shot around his home city of Winnipeg.

Within two weeks of uploading the video, it went viral with well over 200,000 hits.

He arranged, composed, recorded, mixed and mastered the catchy, updated version of the beloved Christmas song and did the singing and played all the instruments you hear on the music track as well.

"Drummer Boy speaks to me so much," he told CBC News, who featured him as a guest on their morning segment December 3. "The whole song is a story. It's about this boy who gets word of Jesus being born and he goes to see him and he doesn't have anything to give him; he's like 'I don't have money, I don't have gifts to give you. But I can play my drum and that's more than enough.'"

Sean praised his sister who gave him a hand operating the video camera and helped him get the shots he desired.

He told CBC he was inspired by the song because, as a drummer himself and what he believes Christmas should be, he could relate on a very personal level.

"It's because of what Christmas is really about. It's not about Santa. It's not about the presents. It's about the birth of Jesus," he said.

You can view Sean Quigley's *Little Drummer Boy* video on Youtube.

The Little Drummer Boy, also known as *The Carol of the Drum*, as written in 1941 by American music teacher and composer Katherine Kennicott Davis.

The song has been recorded countless times since then by such artists as Bing Crosby, Stevie Wonder, Johnny Cash, Faith Hill, and even heavy metal and alternative bands.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BCMS Bobcats are better than reported

Dear Editor:

In response to the *Bobcats' record* now at 6-2 article in the newspaper last week, the information was incorrect.

The BCMS Lady Bobcats currently have a 11-1 record overall and 7-0 for the district games. They began the season by playing Lake City Middle and Suwannee Middle, winning both district games. They have also defeated Richardson Middle twice this year (your article indicated they lost to Richardson).

Also, the players listed in the paper were incorrect. Megan Farmer and Vornesha Donaldson were great players for the Bobcats last year but are no longer at the middle school. Delicia Washington, Tristian Lauramore, Zoe Hamil, Lindsey Love and Abigail Rice were also listed in your article and are still players on the team, as well as Jada Jackson, Andrea Clark, Shea Robinson, Ashton Ray, Tynesha Reed, Keyonna Coger, Jessica Norman, Lia Love and Carliya Jefferson.

All of the Lady Bobcats have played hard and deserve recognition for an awesome year, as does Coach Anne Cassidy for an outstanding two years of coaching. They have two games left in the regular season and then they will be headed to the championship game (Florida Star Conference).

Congratulations Bobcats on an impressive year and good luck in your next games!

Teresa Lauramore
Glen St. Mary

Editor's Note: The Bobcats will play in the Florida Star Conference Championship January 19 in Madison County. The team defeated Suwannee County 44-25 December 15 to make their record 11-1, basketball coach and BCMS athletic director Anne Cassidy said. Upcoming games include a home match-up against Wilkinson Junior High on January 5 before the team travels to Hamilton County on January 9.

Parents' hearts are broken by dog's death

Dear Editor:

This letter is to all the residents of the Hills of Glen and surrounding area.

My parents' dog got out of their backyard the other night and while these break-outs are not common, they do happen. For three days they watched their pet suffer through an unknown illness. Instead of traveling to be with family for the holidays, they rushed their companion to the animal hospital, where they were told it was anti-freeze that poisoned him.

There is no option but to put an animal down once this deadly poison is ingested. So they said goodbye to their beloved friend, companion and family member. This has truly broken my parents' hearts.

Whether it was intentional poisoning or merely an accident,

Teens need reality check

Dear Editor:

I read the article about teen pregnancies [in Baker County] being the highest in Florida and it proves that we need to stop talking about "how to stop teens from having sex" and teach them how to protect themselves.

I say that because teens are going to do what they want regardless of who tries to stop them. I'm a 20-year-old mother of three, and yes, I am part of that percentage of teen mothers.

Most teens (boys and girls) don't know how to put on a condom the correct way or the girls aren't taking some form of birth control. Parents, or someone, needs to explain to these girls that being a mother is not easy and is not a fairy tale like in television and the movies.

Give them a reality check. I'm not speaking for all the teen moms, but it's hard and you give up a lot.

Merry Christmas and bless everyone.

Tabitha Cohen
Macclenny

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it could have been prevented. Please be mindful when handling anti-freeze, and if you happen to spill some while performing maintenance on your vehicle, please clean it up.

And, if you think it was a good idea to place a bowl of food laced with anti-freeze to get rid of a problem animal, just ask my parents how that turned out!

We have animal control for a reason; try giving them a call if you have a problem. For people who have pets, keep them close by so this can be prevented from happening to you.

Merry Christmas.
Shawn McDaniel
Baker Work Camp
Sanderson

Re-entry prison will be private

Dear Editor:

I want to inform citizens of Baker County that the office of Governor Rick Scott recently announced that the new re-entry facility under construction west of Sanderson by the Department of Corrections is slated for privatization.

When the Baker County Commission approved [zoning] for this facility, it and the citizens living in close proximity were under the impression it was going to be operated by the state, not some private company.

Under Rick Scott's proposed budget for next year, he plans to close six prisons and privatize some work camps and re-entry facilities throughout the state. He also plans to lay off 2,700 correctional officers, some of whom will be Baker County residents.

I strongly urge the commissioners to take a stand against the impending privatization of this facility the same way they did in regard to Northeast Florida State Hospital.

Let Governor Scott and our legislators know that we want state officers and not private security guards running the new prison.

John Belovich
Macclenny

BAKER COUNTY COMMISSION

To detour CR 125 for bridge project

MIKE ANDERSON
PRESS STAFF

Motorists who travel across the Mantown bridge on County Road 125, which is being replaced by the Florida Department of Transportation, will have to get used to taking a different route for at least the next four months.

Beginning around mid-January, detour signs will be erected on Interstate 10 and on local roads in the vicinity to alert drivers to the road closure and divert traffic around the construction zone. Only people who live near the bridge will be permitted to continue using that portion of County Road 125 between County Road 130 (Mud Lake Road) and Woodlawn Road near the southern end of the bridge project.

The Baker County Commission approved the road closure on the evening of December 19 at the request of DOT's chief engineer on the project, James Driggers, who said construction workers and equipment would be able to work more efficiently and more safely without continuous traffic passing by.

"Safety is the key," Mr. Driggers told commissioners, adding that a "good conservative estimate" for the reopening of the road is mid-May.

He also said that large layers of clay had been found in the excavation process and that detouring traffic would enable crews to more easily remove the unsuitable material without delaying completion of the project.

"I could give you a better product by closing the road," he assured commissioners.

If closing the road means DOT can build a better bridge, said Commissioner Adam Giddens, "It makes sense to me to close the road."

Others agreed. The request was granted unanimously after fire and rescue officials said the detour would not pose any significant problems or public safety concerns.

Mr. Driggers said he realizes some people won't appreciate the inconvenience of having to drive a longer distance around the construction area. But it's for their safety and the safety of the construction workers on the site, he said.

Besides, he said, if the road was kept open traffic would be delayed possibly just as much because lane closures would be required, which would allow traffic to flow only in one direction at a time.

The project began earlier this year to replace the old bridge, which many considered dangerously narrow, with a new span measuring 47 feet in width and straddling the south prong of Little St. Mary's River. The new structure will include two, 12-foot-wide travel lanes and two 10-foot-wide shoulders.

Nearly all of the huge concrete pilings necessary to support the massive weight of the new span have been driven deep into the ground and contractors have begun setting girders on top of the pilings, Mr. Driggers said. Soon, they will begin the job of pouring concrete to form the road bed for the new bridge.

After the next phase of construction is completed in May,

traffic will be allowed to drive across the new bridge and the old span will then be removed.

The project also includes widening and resurfacing of 3,420 feet of County Road 125, which will include paved shoulders on each side, on the north and south approaches to the bridge.

Mr. Driggers said the new bridge will remain a solid structure that should serve Baker County well for at least the next 50 years or more.

"Long after I'm dead and gone it will still be holding up," he said.

In other business the commission:

- Solicited input from a top DOT official on the proposed closure of Barber Road, a narrow, winding county road that has become a popular short cut for many motorists between SR 121 and the Walmart on State Road 228 in Macclenny. Residents in the area have pleaded with commissioners to close the road, half of which is dirt and the other half paved, because of increasing traffic through the neighborhood.

James Bennett, the DOT's urban transportation development administrator, told commissioners that should remain open.

"It is a public roadway to serve local traffic," Mr. Bennett said, adding that the road helps keep local motorists from getting on I-10 at SR 121 and traveling to the next exit, SR 228, to reach Walmart.

He said that "in the long term interest of the county," a better solution would be to extend Barber Road due east to SR 228 along a new route from where the road pavement now ends. That

would require the Macclenny City Commission's approval, however, and Mr. Bennett said he didn't think city commissioners favored the idea.

Commissioner Michael Crews said he had never heard a single resident express support for a new Barber Road route as proposed by Mr. Bennett because that would bring even more traffic through the neighborhood.

However, Commissioner Giddens said he agreed with Mr. Bennett's assertion that growth eventually will occur in the area of SR 228 north of I-10 and "maybe a new more direct road (linking State Roads 121 and 228) would be a good idea."

No conclusions were reached, but commission chairman Gordon Crews said Barber Road "will be a future agenda item" for the board to continue deliberating.

- Awarded contracts to the lowest bidders for the paving of 1.8 miles of Cow Pen Road and for the repaving of half a mile of George Taber Blvd. APAC, a subsidiary of Old Castle Southern Group, won the Cow Pen Road project on a bid of \$257,871.33 and Hubbard Construction's \$96,257 bid took the George Taber Boulevard job.

Robert Fletcher, county road superintendent, said 120 days has been allowed for completion of the Cow Pen project and 90 days for George Taber, which also includes a crosswalk to serve members of First Baptist Church of Glen. Work on the projects is expected to begin in February.

- Approved a request to abandon Londa Thrift Road, a narrow, short dirt trail off SR 121 just north of County Road 23B, and convey the land to adjacent property owners Marvin and Kaye Warner.

"It looks like a driveway," County Manager C.J. Thompson told commissioners. "It's a road we don't even maintain."

After a brief public hearing, during which no one raised any objections to the proposal, the request was approved unanimously.

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Charged with embezzlement

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pany is cooperating with law enforcement.

According to police reports, however, Ms. Krakowski said the company had a policy of issuing utility assistance checks to tenants whose income fell below a certain threshold, and they were forwarded to Ms. Griffis for distribution. The reports indicate Ms. Krakowski said "numerous" tenants never received the checks or even knew they were eligible for such assistance.

The reports also show that Ms. Krakowski produced bank records indicating the checks were deposited into the petty cash account against company policy, or were signed and cashed, though residents denied signing them.

Police reports of interviews with tenants show they viewed Ms. Griffis as a friend who offered to help with paperwork or obtaining utility and other assistance for low-income residents, including rental assistance from the Northeast Community Action Agency nearby on Lowder Street.

That organization's local director, Tamekia Jackson, said about \$1000 in rent assistance from a federal grant program never made it to tenants. She also noted that her agency's utility assistance program — the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program — was not compromised in the case.

One victim, 61-year-old Ronald Tyson, reportedly told police that just before Ms. Griffis' termination, she told him he should've been receiving the utility assistance checks, but that a mistake she made with the paperwork caused a problem. Ms. Griffis then attempted to write him a personal check for the amount he should've received, but Mr. Tyson refused, according to Inv. Volz's account of the interview.

The investigator explained by phone early this week Baker Manor tenants' income, including Social Security benefits, food stamps, wages and even lottery winnings, must be regularly reported electronically to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, commonly known as HUD, because the federal agency sets rent amounts based on the income of tenants and the size of their units.

"[Ms. Griffis] would manipulate the reporting to make it look like the tenant owed more money and based on that [she'd say] cut me a check right now," Mr. Volz said.

Another victim, Gibson-McDonald Furniture owner Joel Barber, said he wrote a check to Baker Manor to help out his daughter, only to find out later she never owed the money. He said Ms. Griffis also "skipped out" on a bill of more than \$200 from his S. 6th St. store.

"In the beginning she seemed real helpful and involved in the community," he said. "It seemed like she was really taking stock."

Baker Manor tenant Angel Connell said Ms. Griffis helped her after her 11-year-old son was killed while crossing South 6th Street last July by setting up a memorial fund to pay for funeral expenses, a car for her and her two children and other bills, Inv. Volz's report shows.

When the officer told her other money was used to pay more than half of the funeral bill and Ms. Griffis may have taken money from the memorial account for her personal use, the victim revealed that Ms. Griffis asked her for money after she was fired. In addition, Ms. Connell said she loaned the suspect \$1700 and paid Ms. Griffis \$150 for a refrigerator that never arrived.

Inv. Volz declined to comment

this week on how much money was in a memorial account for Ms. Connell's son. "That part of the investigation is still ongoing," he said.

Ms. Griffis' attorney, a former chief assistant US attorney, said at the bond hearing his client, a wife and mother of three, is committed to working out a plea agreement with prosecutors and paying restitution in the case.

He requested, unsuccessfully, that Ms. Griffis' bond be greatly reduced so she could continue working and caring for her parents.

"She's hoping to get a second and third job," Mr. Fallgatter told Judge Williams, who left her bond unchanged at \$5,070,000.

The attorney said after the hearing she will certainly lose her job because her family can only pay between \$2500 and \$3000 of the more than \$500,000 needed to bail her out. Mr. Fallgatter declined, however, to provide details about where she's been working.

Inv. Volz said he believed Ms. Griffis has been working at another property in Orange Park.

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Supervisor of Elections

MACCLENNY CITY COMMISSION

Restricts rehab grants State wants funds going to owners

MIKE ANDERSON
PRESS STAFF

The City of Macclenny will solicit applications next month from low- to moderate-income homeowners in need of financial assistance to repair or completely renovate substandard dwellings under a new federally-funded Housing Assistance Plan.

Money to fund the upgrades will come from a \$700,000 Community Development Block Grant, which was approved several months ago. The program would have been started already but a state official in Tallahassee sent the proposed Housing Assistance Plan back to the city for a wording revision.

The City Commission approved the revised plan the evening of December 13 — two months after the city sent the original plan to the Department of Economic Opportunity for approval. Melissa Thompson, assistant to the city manager, said a DEO administrator sent the plan back to the city with a recommendation to add language making it clear that the grant money is not to be used to rehabilitate rental properties.

Mayor Gary Dopson asked at the beginning of last week's commission meeting if the additional language was "recommended or demanded?"

"It was strongly suggested," said City Manager Gerald Dopson, the mayor's brother.

The new language reads: "A rental rehabilitation program will not be included as part of the City's Housing Assistance Plan." The word "not" is in boldface type and underlined.

Officials said it was never the city's intention to offer any of the money for rental repairs and they thought that was made pretty clear in the original wording of the plan.

The new language immediately follows the following sentence in the original document: "The rehabilitation units to be assisted are currently owner occupied."

"Owner occupied, to me, says I own it and I live in it," said Mrs. Thompson. "But she (the DEO administrator) wanted it to be more specific."

In any event, the city has complied with the state's recommendation and the plan now is expected to receive the state's approval. The next step will be to advertise the program and seek applicants.

Depending upon how far the money stretches and how extensive some of the rehabilitation projects are, a minimum of 12 dwellings must receive funding assistance, Mrs. Thompson said.

Parrish and Associates Inc., a Tallahassee consulting firm, was hired in September to administer the grant program for the city. Consultants will review all applications and determine each one's priority based upon a number of factors, including the types of repairs needed.

Other criteria include:

- Very low income households shall be ranked higher than low-to-moderate income households.
- Applicants living in block, wood frame, mobile home and manufacture housing will be ranked equally.
- Households with an elderly head of household, a handicapped individual living in the home, and families of five or more members with at least one child under the age of 12 shall be given preference.

Applicants must have clear title to the property, or be up to date with their mortgage payments.

Applicants will not be eligible for funding assistance if they are behind in their payments for utilities, taxes, or garbage collection bills.

Mayor Dopson said similar grant programs in the past have been "very beneficial" to the city and its residents.

"They have helped us bring all areas of the city that were once blighted up to standards in terms of infrastructure, paving, side-

walks and housing," he said.

Whereas other grants have been allocated for a mixture of purposes, such as water and sewer utility improvements, streets and storm water drainage, this new grant is earmarked 100 percent for housing assistance, officials said.

So far, Mrs. Thompson said the city manager's office has received about half a dozen calls from residents inquiring about the grant program and expressing a desire to participate in it.

In other business:

• City Manager Dopson announced that he has recently submitted an application for a \$1 million federal grant to build a new fire station, either in the current location on US 90 across from city hall or on a 2-acre site the city owns on West Boulevard near the football stadium.

City officials have long discussed the possibility of relocating the downtown station, although the mayor said he's not sure that would be a good idea.

"Because it's on the main drag I kind of favor leaving it where it is," the mayor said.

That'll be an issue for the city commission to decide later, perhaps after the \$1 million grant is approved, officials said.

Fire Chief Buddy Dugger said the station, which was built in 1941, has been enlarged once over 30 years ago by volunteer labor by firefighters. The station is too small, has only one rest room and one shower, is contaminated with

mold and has plumbing, structural and electrical wiring problems, the chief said.

• Assistant City Manager Roger Yarbrough asked commissioners to grant him authority to order the demolition of a ramshackle mobile home that has become not only an eyesore, but a significant safety hazard.

The trailer is located in a small trailer park at 331 North Blvd. West. Mr. Yarbrough said the trailer's owner stripped it of all salvageable metal, including the siding and a water heater, and abandoned it. The city has not been able to locate him, Mr. Yarbrough said.

After he told commissioners that the owner of the trailer park, Lee & Baker Properties, has agreed to demolish and remove the trailer at no expense to the city, commissioners unanimously issued an order of demolition.

The fire chief said the old trailer needs to be gone immediately.

"This thing is a life-threatening issue," Chief Dugger said. "It's one of the most dangerous situations I've ever seen. It needs to be destroyed as soon as possible."

He said if the trailer caught on fire the heat would cause two adjacent trailers to ignite quickly and be engulfed in flames by the time firefighters could arrive on the scene.

Also, the structure is an attractive nuisance and could cause serious injury or death if kids were to play inside it, or climb through broken windows, officials said.

Stripped copper...

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the dirt road to secure their trailer load.

Deputy McGauley said he left the suspects with Deputy Tony Norman and went back to the tower, located about 50 yards north of the pavement and east of the I-10 overpass. There he found gates open and metal debris strewn on the ground, and noted that large amount of tubing was missing from mounts traveling up the tower.

Questioned further, the suspects admitted to stripping the tubing from the tower, and Mr. Jackson told the officers they had been at the site since about 10 o'clock the previous evening.

There was no immediate value estimate on the purloined copper and other metal being hauled away in the trailer, nor of the cost of replacing it. A telephone number for Jacksonville Cellular was not in service early this week, and it was also not known how the vandalism affected the tower's relay capacity.

The tower services the AT&T network.

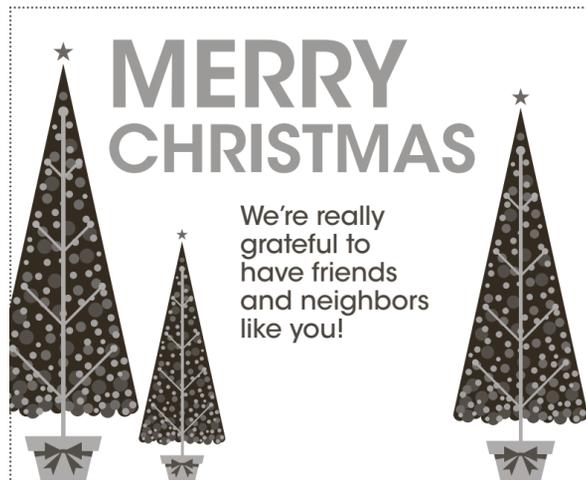
Though thefts of copper from air conditioners have been common in Baker County in recent years, this is the first tower-related case.

One of the suspects told police he at one time worked on a tower crew and Investigator Harvey said this week the advisory also went over to Alabama where the suspects once resided.

The suspects were booked at county jail for grand theft, felony criminal mischief, armed felony trespass because a .357 magnum pistol was under the seat in the pickup, and larceny.

They were released on recognition bonds on December 18.

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The Magi, Matthew 2:16

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BCSO still seeks three for drugs

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The sheriff's department rounded up more than half a dozen suspects on drug charges December 13-14 after a six-week investigation using undercover informants to buy prescription pills.

Warrants were issued for three additional suspects in the investigation.

Jason Perry, 26, of Glen St. Mary, William Herschel Kellum, 53, of Jacksonville, and Staci Akridge, 27, of Glen St. Mary were still being sought by the sheriff's office early this week.

Mr. Perry is wanted on two counts of trafficking Hydrocodone, Mr. Kellum for a single count of doctor shopping and Ms. Akridge for a single count of sale and possession of oxycodone, said Maj. Chuck Brannan, the lead investigator at the sheriff's office.

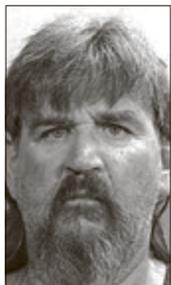
State law defines Hydrocodone and Oxycodone trafficking as the possession or sale of four or more grams of the drug.

Maj. Brannan said the following suspects were arrested on the following charges without incident:

- Shirley Norman, 67, of Macclenny for possession and sale of oxycodone.
- A 17-year-old high school student from Macclenny for possession and sale of marijuana.
- James Tyler Fletcher, 27, of CR 23C in Macclenny for possession and sale of oxycodone.
- Mark Marion Stewart, 35, of Ponsell Nursery Road in Glen St. Mary for trafficking in hydrocodone.
- Brandon Lee Harrell, 23, of Baker Manor Apartments in Macclenny for trafficking in Hydrocodone as well as sale and possession of opiates.
- Jessica Lauramore Cannon, 34, of Sanderson Circle in Sanderson for trafficking in Hydrocodone and sale of amphetamine.
- Dustin Lee Allen Flick, 22, of Sylvester Manning Road in Macclenny for trafficking in Hydrocodone and sale of amphetamine.



Jason Perry



William Kellum



Staci Akridge

Arrested for 'doctor shopping'

Sanderson man used two physicians for drugs

A warrant was issued last week for the arrest of a Sanderson man for "doctor shopping" to obtain large quantities of the pain reliever Percocet.

"Doctor shopping" is a euphemism for visiting more than one physician to write prescriptions for the same narcotic, and thus getting more of it than the law allows. It is a third-degree felony.

Marvin Manning Jr., 57, allegedly admitted to the offense when questioned by Investigator John Hardin, who handles drug cases for the sheriff's department.

The interview took place on October 10, but the sheriff's department report and warrant information were released December 12. Mr. Manning was arrested the following day.

The investigator was tipped off by Walgreen's pharmacy when it discovered while obtaining insurance authorizations that Mr. Manning got Dr. Charles Scarborough, a former Macclenny physician, and Dr. Claudio Vincenty of Jacksonville to write five prescriptions for the drug between August and October.

They were written about two weeks apart and involved 720 pills dispensed from Walgreen's, Walmart and Procure, all in Macclenny.

The latter pharmacy closed its doors last week and was a leading outlet for prescriptions from Dr. Scarborough, whose North 5th St. office closed in October shortly after the state temporarily yanked his license pending an investigation into illegal issuance of prescription drugs.

Investigator Hardin noted that Dr. Vincenty, when contacted, said he would not have written the prescriptions had he known that Dr. Scarborough was doing so.

The investigator also quotes Mr. Manning as admitting medical problems led to an addiction to drugs.

In other drug-related arrests,

a Macclenny woman was charged with felony drug possession after a county deputy found white powder and a straw on her fireplace.

Deputy Steven Smith said he went to the residence of Mary Thornton, 32, on Ivy St. the evening of December 12 on a disturbance call. She said she had argued with her boyfriend, who left before the officer arrived.

She allowed Deputy Smith to enter the residence for a security check, and he noticed powder and straw. The powder was Oxycodone and Mr. Thornton admitted snorting it.

She was also charged with possession of paraphernalia.

Two male Baker High students, both 15, were arrested after campus deputy Matt Riegel saw them run into a wooded area across Madison St. from the school the morning of December 14.

The officer said he was on routine patrol about 7 am and

chased the pair, apprehending one of the boys who had a soft drink can fashioned into a smoking pipe stashed in a backpack.

The county's K-9 Cash flushed the second youth out of the woods and he ran onto the campus where he was taken from his first period class and identified by the first youth. He was arrested for obstructing police without violence.

The other was arrested for paraphernalia possession. Both were released to parents.

While on a search in the woods for a cell phone dropped by canine officer Chris Walker, the dog Cash alerted on a small baggie of marijuana. The youths were not charged in connection with that, however.

Attacked after giving ride

A criminal complaint for felony battery was filed against a Macclenny man for attacking a woman who had given him a ride from a downtown bar early on December 14.

Brandy Hoffman, 28, was treated at Fraser Hospital's emergency room about 3 am for facial and other injuries she received when attacked by Marlin Mette, 32, and a female she identified only as Kim.

Ms. Hoffman told Deputy Robert Aberly she agreed to give the couple a ride from Mac's Liquors to Baldwin, but then declined when she spotted something wrapped in tin foil in Kim's purse and suspected it was illegal drugs.

She said she was struck and kicked when she stopped in the parking lot of Gator Patrick's bar on US 90 in the east city to let the couple out. The woman allegedly pulled her hair during the altercation.

Ms. Hoffman also told the officer a doctor at Fraser recommended she consult a specialist due to the severity of an injury to her right eye.

In other cases the past week, a complaint for domestic battery and assault was filed against Sean Crosby, 34, of Macclenny for an alleged attack on girlfriend Keisha Mitchell, 33, and her 19-year-old daughter Aliassah Blair at their South Boulevard residence.

Ms. Mitchell told Deputy Clements Leo she and her boyfriend

argued over another female the evening of December 15. She alleged that she was struck about the head and face several times, and that Mr. Crosby also pulled the hair of her daughter.

The boyfriend fled the area when Ms. Mitchell called police.

Complaints alleging battery and disorderly conduct were filed December 17 against a 17-year-old male from Sanderson for attacking another youth, also 17, in the parking lot of Winn Dixie in Macclenny.

The victim, a store employee, was collecting carts in the parking lot about 12:30 pm when approached and struck by the accused, an event that was caught on surveillance video viewed by Deputy Robert Simpkins.

Several witnesses said the assailant followed the employee into the store entrance and attempted to continue the attack.

The two had been involved in a vehicle accident the previous day, and in a later interview the accused refused to discuss the incident with Deputy Simpkins.

Jason Amerson, 29, of Glen St. Mary was arrested early on December 17 for violating domestic violence protective order.

Mr. Amerson was in a pickup truck that followed a vehicle driven by his ex-wife Cassandra, 28, to several locations in the Macclenny area around midnight.

A 17-year-old Baker High student was arrested for misdemeanor battery December 16 following an attack on another male

student, age 14, who he claims was taunting him.

Campus deputy Matt Riegel said the incident took place in a classroom and that the younger student had swelling and bruising near his left eye.

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BCHS Teacher of Year Inspired by professor, other teachers

English teacher Kelley Norman of Baker County High School was recently voted the school's 2011 Teacher of the Year.

She's spent 32 years teaching in Baker County beginning with fifth graders at Macclenny Elementary before moving to the high school in 1980.

While Ms. Norman has largely taught English — to freshman, sophomores, juniors, seniors, dual enrollment classes and those at the alternative school — she's also spent time schooling students in drama and humanities.

"I thought I wanted to be a lawyer, but I had a college class where the professor made the students teach the class," Ms. Norman said about her path into teaching. "After my presentation, the professor told me he thought I would make a good teacher; that the world needed good teachers not more lawyers."

The Macclenny native and resident pointed to Betty Sands and Barbara Ritchey, both retired English teachers, as her educational inspirations.

"I thought I could try to do what they did and make a difference in someone's life," she said.

That's also what Ms. Norman enjoys

most about her job — seeing students faces when they "get it," whatever the it may be.

"Working with teenagers has been incredibly rewarding. I love it most days and on the other days it's still good," she said.

Her pet peeves in classroom are apathy, and more recently, cell phones and unfunded mandates.

Teachers at each of the district's six schools vote on their respective teachers of the year. Ms. Norman said she was amazed and appreciative that her colleagues "would chose an old war horse like me."

The top teacher in the district will be selected from the group of six in January to represent Baker County at the state level.

Editor's note: The above is the first in a series that will highlight the 2011 teachers of the year in Baker County. Ms. Norman is the wife of long-time BCHS teacher Bob Gerard, who is also The Press' sports editor.



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Singing Lions entertain at Wells NH

Members of the Macclenny Lions Club surprised residents at Wells Nursing Home with cake, ice cream and music the evening of December 12. The Lions, who usually host a holiday meal and invite spouses for their December end of year meeting decided to do something different. "We decided to do a community service project with the money we'd spend on the social meeting this year," said member Vince McDuffie. Some of the money will be put toward providing a local person in the community with a free eye exam. Lions sang numerous Christmas hymns accompanied on piano by member Mike Warren, band director at Baker County High School. Pictured from left are Mel Bessinger, Richard Sinclair, Mr. McDuffie with daughter Sydni, Vinnie Ferreira, Wells resident Inez Ritchie, student volunteer Theresa Dutton, Bill Beckum, resident Josephine King, David Richardson and Joey Williams.

Pointed a shotgun at a gathering

Police arrested a Macclenny man on several charges after he allegedly confronted a group standing by a fire early on December 15 in the west city and pointed a shotgun at them.

Darrin Gibbons, 24, of Macclenny was found nearby with injuries to his face resulting from when he was struck with a bottle by Jimmie Thomas, 50, also of Macclenny in an attempt to disarm him. Deputy Daryl Mobley said the shotgun was retrieved from where it had been tossed and Mr. Gibbons was treated by rescue personnel at the scene.

Mr. Thomas said the accused earlier had been forced to leave after creating a disturbance at the fire, and returned a short time later with the shotgun.

Mr. Gibbons was arrested for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, aggravated assault and disorderly intoxication.

In a second incident that involved threats with a gun, a criminal complaint was filed later that morning on December 15 against Jerry Davis Sr., 49, after a confrontation with his son Jerry Jr. at a residence on Bertie Davis Circle north of Sanderson.

The son, age 30, told Deputy Earl Lord his father struck him on the face with the barrel of a shotgun and threatened to kill him about 8:00 am during an argument over the son living at the residence.

The complaints were filed later because the elder Davis was taken to the hospital complaining of chest pains.

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From left: Teachers Katie Wilford, Leslie Harvey, Tara Rhoden, Amy Dunn, Jessica Marchant and Amanda Jacobs.

Teachers adopt 'spangly' style copying cohort Jane Rhoden

KELLEY LANNIGAN
FEATURES

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Teachers at Baker County Middle school observed Jane Rhoden Day on December 16 as a tribute to the seventh-grade teacher slash fashion icon.

Always flashy and splashy, her sweater designs feature stars, moons, suns, flowers, peacock feathers, rainbows — practically anything as long as it glitters, sparkles, glows, shines or reflects.

The middle school's long time seventh grade teacher is well known for her brightly decorated sweaters, jackets and complimentary accessories.

And her clothing is seasonal as well, often inspired by holiday themes.

"That's just Jane's personality," said principal Sherrie Barrett. "And you should see her classroom. It's a direct reflection of her personality as well — brightly colored, flashy and bigger than life."

At first the teachers were just thinking of doing something funny, like having an crazy Christmas sweater day, but the idea evolved into a day to pay tribute to Jane and her remarkable fashion sense.

They contend Ms. Rhoden doesn't need a special occasion to dress over the top.

"Jane dresses like this everyday," said teacher Amy Dunn. "The woman is always blinged out. She's known for her sweaters, her bling and her eclectic fashion sense. We all consider her an icon around here."

The teachers decided a date

for the event, then started scouring their wardrobes for anything that might resemble the fashion style of their colleague.

Then they realized Ms. Rhoden wouldn't be at school that day, she'd already be on Christmas vacation out of state.

Even though she would not be present, the fashion maven insisted the other teachers go ahead without her, insisting they even wear her actual sweaters.

"She gave us a key and we met at her house and raided her closet, if you can believe that," said teacher Jessica Marchant. "She was fine with it!"

But Ms. Rhoden had a couple conditions about her co-workers sporting her duds around the

school.

They had to be careful of her sweaters and they had to wear the jewelry that goes along with them. For each sweater there is a matching pair of earrings, many of them left to Ms. Rhoden by her late mother.

"It's definitely a unique collection," said Ms. Marchant. "No one else has these."

The teachers plan to make Jane Rhoden Day an annual event and next year include the students.

Damaged sprinkler at the jail

A Maxville man already in county jail will face additional counts for damaging and activating the sprinkler system in his cell.

Justin Thomas, 26, was angry that he was denied use of a telephone the evening of December 17 and jimmied the sprinkler head in his cell in the A-Pod of the jail, according to Deputy Michael Lagle. The fire suppression system had to be turned off temporarily to avoid flooding the area.

Mr. Thomas, in custody since late October for felony driving with a suspended license, leaving an accident scene and resisting police, was in single-cell confinement.

He will be charged with obstructing extinguishing equipment, a third-degree felony, and misdemeanor criminal mischief.

Another jail inmate, Clayton Williams, 21, of St. George, GA, was served a Charlton County warrant on December 15 for felony property damage and battery.

• Joshua Going, 27, of Glen St. Mary was arrested the afternoon of December 16 on a Duval County warrant for drunk driving.

Deputy Robert Simpkins was answering an animal complaint at an address on South 4th St. in Macclenny when he learned via the computer bank of the outstanding warrant.

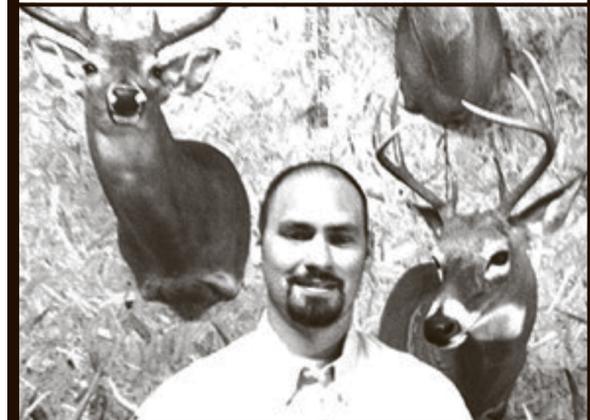
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Seaman Ford

Duty on a carrier

Navy Seaman Johnathan B. Ford recently completed training as a culinary specialist at Ft. Lee, VA and is based in San Diego aboard the USS Ronald Reagan.

Seaman Ford is a 2010 graduate of Baker County High School and the son of Sylvester and Dorothy Ford of Sanderson.

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Wesley Crews, 31, corrections officer

Wesley Donald Crews, 31, of Baxter died December 17, 2011. He was born in Jacksonville to Wesley Gibson Crews and Callie Dale Burnsed Crews on May 22, 1980. He was a resident of Baker County all of his life and a member of First Baptist Church of St. George, GA.



Wesley Crews

Wesley was employed by the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office the last nine years as a corrections officer. He loved his wife, children and family, and never met a stranger. He loved his guns and was an avid hunter who enjoyed hunting and fishing with family and friends.

Mr. Crews was predeceased by paternal grandfather Dean Crews and his maternal grandparents John and Bertha Burnsed.

Survivors include his wife of seven years Casey Martin Crews of Baxter; children Kyleigh Mackenzie, Cason Wyatt and Gavin Wesley Crews; his parents; paternal grandmother Marveene Crews of St. George; sisters Stephanie Crews of VA and Renee Crawford of Jacksonville; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

The funeral service will be held on Thursday December 22, 2011 at 11:00 am at his church with pastors Ray McKendree and Kenny Marr officiating. Interment will follow at Moniac Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Wednesday December 21, 2011 from 5-7 at V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services in Macclenny.

Patrick Jones of Baldwin, FL

Patrick James Jones of Baldwin died December 13, 2011.

Survivors include his father Patrick R. Jones; mother Willie Mae Sapp; sons Jivonni Sturgis, Patrick Jones Jr. and Gabriel Gonzales; daughter Lillianna Gonzales; sister Chiquita Jones; brothers Ricky Sapp, Rodderick Sapp, Leonard Miller and Renoldo Miller; a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral service will be held 11:00 am Tuesday, December 27 at Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church in Jacksonville. Interment will follow at Piney Grove Cemetery in Baldwin. Viewing will be Monday, December 26 from 4-8 pm at Carthage Chapel Funeral Home.

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Elaine Knadle, 89, missionary

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Elaine Knadle

She lost her beloved husband in 1970, a tragedy which God used for good to begin a life-long ministry in evangelism. She traveled to Israel, Jordan, Egypt, Singapore, Indonesia, Albania, India, and Mexico sharing the Gospel of Christ and starting churches in the jungles and small villages of these countries.

Ms. Knadle worked with local orphanages, traveled in the Indian Ocean in dug-out canoes, ministered to head-hunters and cannibals, stayed in a sealed room and wore a gas mask in Israel during the first Gulf War. She was among the first group to bring hope to Albania after the fall of the Iron Curtain.

The funeral service will be at Giddens-Reed Funeral Home in Baldwin at 1 pm on Monday, December 26. Viewing is at 12:30 pm. Following that, a graveside service will be held at the Keystone Heights Cemetery on Hwy 100 at 3:30 pm. A fellowship dinner will follow at Freedom Baptist Church on Hwy 21.

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Issac Dixon Jr., 79, of Margareta

Issac Dixon, 79, of Margareta died Friday, December 16, 2011 at Haven Hospice in Lake City. He was educated in the school system of Suwannee County and worked many years in the pulpwood industry. He was preceded in death by his parents Issac Dixon Sr. and Essie Mae Coaldmon.



Issac Dixon

Survivors include his wife of 55 years Jannie Lee Dixon; children Shirley Givens and Wanda Paige of Sanderson, Claretha Dallas of Kingsland, GA, Daniel Dixon of Bessemer, AL, Anne Bellamy of McCrae, GA, Darlene Dixon, Harriet Herring and Robert Dixon of Macclenny, Issac Dixon III, Charles Dixon and Jermaine Dixon of Margareta.

The funeral service will be held Saturday, December 24 at 11:00 am at Emmanuel Church of God in Christ in Macclenny with Elder Joe Nathan Ruise officiating. The family will receive friends on Friday, December 23 from 5-7 pm at the church.

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Terry McKinney, 55, of Macclenny

Terry "Schofield" McKinney Sr., 55, of Macclenny died Sunday, December 18, 2011 at Ed Fraser Memorial Hospital. He was born to the late Walter Snipes and Francis Jones on January 6, 1956. He was educated in the schools of Baker County and worked at Rudolph's Christmas tree farm. He was preceded in death by his parents, step-fathers Miles McKinney and Lee Jones and brother Miles McKinney.



Terry McKinney

Survivors include companion Denese Williams; son Terry McKinney Jr., daughter Nekisha McKinney; brother Michael McKinney; step-brothers Leo and Solomon Jones; step-grandmother Hattie Perry of Jacksonville; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, great-nieces, nephews and grand-nephews, grandchildren, cousins and others.

The funeral service will be December 24 at 11:00 am at Emmanuel Church of God in Christ in Macclenny. Visitation will begin at 9:00 am before the service.

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Wilbur Petrey, 82, of Baldwin

Wilbur Kirkland Petrey Jr., 82, of Baldwin died December 15, 2011 at his home. Mr. Petrey was born in Quitman, GA on April 6, 1929, the son of the late Wilbur Kirkland Petrey Sr. and the former Genevieve Collins. He was a resident of Baldwin most of his life and retired from CSX. He was a member of Grace Baptist Church, a veteran of the Korean Conflict and was predeceased by his wife Marolyn and son Kirk.

Survivors include daughters Belinda McGlashan, Bridgett (Don) Dryden and Norma (Carl) Schrupf; grandchildren Jessica and T.J. Thornberry, Christopher McGlashan, Benji and Keri Dryden, Lydia and Robert Holley, Aaron and Laura Dryden, Esther Dryden, Rea and Bo Cox, and Carla Schrupf; 11 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held at noon Thursday, December 29 at his church with Pastor Dewayne Jowers, Missionary Don Dryden and Pastor Gene Burnsed officiating. The family will receive friends two hours prior to the service. Interment will immediately follow in Riverside Memorial Park, Jacksonville. Giddens-Reed Funeral home is in charge of arrangements.

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Camden Powless of Glen St. Mary

Camden "Popeye" Ray Powless, 3 months old, of Glen St. Mary died December 13, 2011. He was born in Jacksonville to Daniel Ray Powless Jr. and Amber Suzanne Morrison on September 2, 2011. He was predeceased by his maternal grandmother Linda Morrison, paternal great-grandfather Marvin Powless, maternal great-grandparents Pete and Lou Morrison and maternal great-grandmother Ada Atwood.



Camden Powless

Survivors other than his parents include brother Beau Powless; maternal grandfather Frederick Morrison of Glen St. Mary; paternal grandparents Dwana Prevatt of Macclenny and Danny (Jennifer) Powless of Macclenny; great-grandparents Vernon and Shirley Prevatt; paternal great-grandparents Nancy Powless; aunts, an uncle, great-uncles and a great-aunt.

A graveside service was held on Friday December 16 at noon at Macedonia Cemetery in Macclenny with Pastor Tim Patterson officiating. V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements



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By Alicia Lamborn

The Baker County Extension Service is now accepting applications for the master gardener volunteer program. It is a national program of volunteers associated with extension service offices.

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The training course will take place at the Baker County Extension Office in Macclenny from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting February 14 through the end of March. The cost for all training materials is \$60 for individuals and \$65 for couples.

Please refer to the updated Baker County master gardener application packet for full program details and requirements. Applications will be accepted until January 31. For an application packet, visit our website at <http://baker.ifas.ufl.edu> or stop by the Baker County Extension Office (Agricultural Center) located at 1025 W. US 90 in Macclenny.

Ms. Lamborn is the horticulture agent at the extension office.

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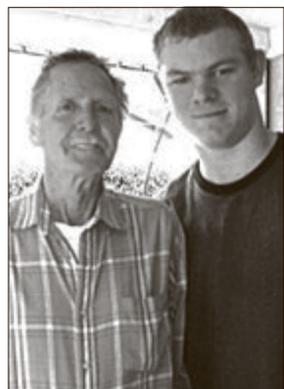
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In loving memory of our angels Michael Ray Tetstone and Leroy Sweat

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But we have a greater gift to give to you; all the love you can still feel from us. No, Christmas time without you here could not ever possibly be the same.

But, we have had the precious gift of you, and the memories and love will remain. And in our hearts you'll always be..

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Ms. Bradley - Mr. Ruis

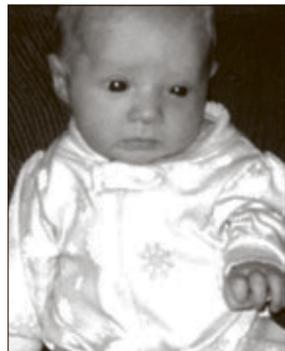
To wed Dec. 31st

Terry and Anita Bradley of Glen St. Mary are pleased to announce the wedding of their daughter Stephanie to BJ Ruis, the son of Bruce and Tammy Ruis of Baldwin.

Stephanie obtained a bachelor of science in nursing degree Jacksonville University and works at Wolfson Children's Hospital as an RN in the emergency room.

BJ obtained a bachelor's degree from Florida State University. He teaches and coaches football and baseball at Baker County High School.

They will be married on December 31, 2011 at the First Assembly of God in Macclenny.



Kaylen Murray

Sister born Dec. 4th

Shawn Murray is pleased to announce the arrival of sister Kaylen on December 4, 2011 at Orange Park Medical Center.

Kaylen weighed 6 lbs. and measured 19½ inches long.

Proud parents are Tabatha Lauramore and Dustin Murray of Sanderson. Grandparents include Dana Dugger of Sanderson, Joe and Latrell Murray of Folkston and Michael Lauramore of Macclenny.

Great-grandparents include Fred Gross of Sanderson, Myrta Lauramore and Myrtle Crews of Folkston.



Mr. Harvey

UF graduate

Hubbard Harvey of Gainesville graduated on December 17 *cum laude* from the University of Florida College of Liberal Arts with a bachelor's degree in history.

Hubbard is the son of Buddy and Sally Harvey of Taylor and is married to Ashley Harvey. He is a 2005 home school graduate. He also has an associate degree from Lake City Community College.



Register - Rhoden

To wed this spring

Darryl and Danette Register of Glen St. Mary are pleased to announce the engagement of daughter Crystal to Matt Rhoden, also of Glen. Matt is the son of Bruce and Wanda Rhoden of Macclenny. A spring wedding is planned.



Ashley Maynard

Nursing degree

Connor and Luke Minor of Taylor are proud to announce the pinning ceremony of their mother Lenora Vines on Monday, December 12, 2011.

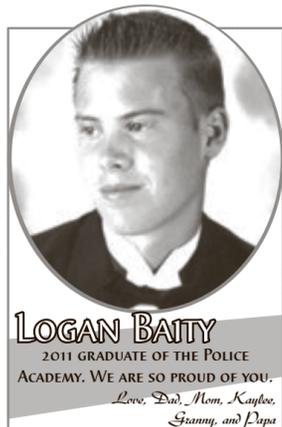
Lenora has successfully completed the associate of science in nursing through FSCJ. She is a graduate of BCHS and the daughter of Annette Vines of Taylor and the late Morgan Vines.



Graduates as BSN

Ashley Elizabeth Maynard of Jacksonville graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of North Florida's RN to BSN program.

She is a registered nurse at Baptist Medical Center and a 2004 graduate of Baker County High School. Ashley is the daughter of Trent and Paula Hayes of Macclenny.



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Love, Dad, Mom, Kaylee, Grammy, and Papa



Born December 9

Javier, Jaylah, Giovanni, and Dominic would like to present to the world their baby sister, Aaliyah Shantrell, born in Tampa, FL to Curtis and Nikki Broomfield on December 9, 2011. She weighed 7lbs., 4 oz. and measured 19.5 inches long.

Paternal grandparents are Terry and Felicia Givens of Sanderson. Maternal godparents - Alvin and Christa Mabley of Olustee, and maternal grandfather - Charles Dinkens of Macclenny.
Joy to the world.

Legal Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 02-2008-CA-000157
DIVISION:

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT RELATING TO IMPAC SECURED ASSETS CORP., MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-3, Plaintiff,

vs.

AMY STAVELY, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated November 30, 2011, and entered in Case No. 02-2008-CA-000157 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida in which Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee Under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement Relating to Impac Secured Assets Corp., Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-3, is the Plaintiff and Amy Stavely, Carolina First Bank f/k/a Mercantile Bank, are defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on ALL SALES WILL BE HELD AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE, 339 E. MACCLENNEY AVE., MACCLENNEY, FL 32063. THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER MUST PAY AT LEAST 5% OF THE SUCCESSFUL BID BY CASH OR CASHIER'S CHECK AT THE TIME OF THE SALE. THE REMAINING BID AMOUNT MUST BE TENDERED BY 4:00 PM ON THE DAY OF THE SALE BY CASH OR CASHIER'S CHECK ONLY, Baker County, Florida at 11:00 AM on the 16th day of January, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure.

LOT 10, COPPER CREEK HILLS, UNIT 3, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGES 69 AND 70, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 6080 COPPER DRIVE, MACCLENNEY, FL 32063

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

Dated in Baker County, Florida this 5th day of December, 2011.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Baker County, Florida
By: Jamie Crews
Deputy Clerk

Albertelli Law
Attorney for Plaintiff
P.O. Box 23028
Tampa, FL 33623
(813) 221-4743
10-60214

12/15-12/22

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
Case #: 2008-CA-000195

U.S. Bank, National Association, as Trustee for the C-BASS Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-CB8 Plaintiff,

-vs-

Matthew A. Martin and Lucinda Martin, Husband and Wife; Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for Ownit Mortgage Solutions, Inc.; Carmel Financial Corporation; Unknown Parties in Possession #1; Unknown Parties in Possession #2; If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named 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 Defendant(s).

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order rescheduling foreclosure sale dated November 22, 2011 entered in Civil Case No. 2008-CA-000195 of the Circuit Court of the 8th Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida, wherein U.S. Bank, National Association, as Trustee for the C-BASS Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-CB8, Plaintiff and Matthew A. Martin and Lucinda Martin, Husband and Wife are defendant(s), I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE EAST DOOR OF THE BAKER COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 339 EAST MACCLENNEY AVENUE, MACCLENNEY, BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, 11:00 A.M. on January 4, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 56, CYPRESS POINTE, UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGES 90 THROUGH 92, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

DATED at Macclenny, Florida, this 30th day of November, 2011.

AL FRASER
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Baker County, Florida
Julie Combs
DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
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4630 Woodland Corporate Blvd.
Suite 100
Tampa, FL 33614
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(813) 880-8800

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12/15-12/22

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 02-2011-CA-000070

BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,

vs.

RALPH KING A/K/A RALPH R. KING; VENUS KING A/K/A VENUS A. LOCASCIO-KING; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY; Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION

To the following Defendant(s):

RALPH KING A/K/A RALPH R. KING
Last Known Address
10412 HOLLIE RD
GLEN SAINT MARY, FL 32040

VENUS KING A/K/A VENUS A. LOCASCIO-KING
Last Known Address
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GLEN SAINT MARY, FL 32040

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

LOT 45, RIVER COUNTRY ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGES 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79 AND 80, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 2003 DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME BEARING IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS: 114-39459A AND 114-39459B.

a/k/a 10412 HOLLIE RD, GLEN SAINT MARY, FL 32040

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Marinosci Law Group, P.C., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 100 W. Cypress Creek Road, Suite 1045, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309 on or before January 13, 2011, a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the BAKER COUNTY PRESS 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.

This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2.065.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Persons with a disability who need any accommodation in order to participate should call Jan Phillips, ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Courthouse, 201 E. University Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601 at (352) 337-6237 within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired call (800) 955-8771; if you are voice impaired, call (800) 955-8770.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Filing was mailed to all the parties in the attached mailing list.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 28th day of November, 2011.

Attorney for Plaintiff
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Fort Lauderdale, FL 33060
Telephone: (954) 644-8704
Telefacsimile: (954) 772-9601

12/15-12/22

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 02-2011-CA-129

PATRICIA L. FISH, Trustee of the Benjamin F. Fish Revocable Living Trust U/A dated August 9, 2001 and PATRICIA L. FISH, Trustee of the Patricia L. Fish Trust Revocable Living Trust U/A dated August 9, 2001 Plaintiff,

vs.

THOMAS MONTELEONE, FLORIDA TELCO CREDIT UNION, AND ASSET ACCEPTANCE, LLC, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-captioned action, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, at the front door of the Baker County Courthouse, Macclenny, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 17th day of January, 2012, the described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

Lot 11 of the Family Oaks Estates Subdivision as recorded in Plat Book 2, Pages 97 and 98 of the current public records of Baker County, Fl.

Together with: 1987DWHM ID# PSHGA-8011478A & PSHGA8011478B

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

Dated this 13 day of December, 2011.

THOMAS "AL" FRASER
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
By: Julie Combs
DEPUTY CLERK

Attorney for Plaintiff:
Hugh D. Fish, Jr.
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Macclenny, FL 32063
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1998 Chevrolet Monte Carlo
VIN # 2G1WK12K3W9253752

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 02-2010-CA-000016

GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC, PLAINTIFF,
vs.

BENNY C. SEARCY, ET AL., DEFENDANT(S).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 30, 2011 and entered in CASE NO: 02-2010-CA-000016 of the Circuit Court of the 8th Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida wherein GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC, is the Plaintiff and BENNY C. SEARCY, ET AL., are the Defendant(s). The Clerk will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, beginning at 11:00 a.m. to the highest bidder for cash, at the front door of the Baker County Courthouse located at 339 East Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, FL 32063, on the 1st day of February, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

A PART OF THE NORTH ½ OF THE SE ¼ OF THE NW ¼, AND PART OF THE NE ¼ OF THE SW ¼ OF THE NW ¼ OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 20 EAST, BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH ½ OF THE SE ¼ OF THE NW ¼ OF SAID SECTION 35 AND THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF EDDY ROAD (A COUNTY GRADED ROAD); THENCE N 26°12'12" W OF SAID WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 308.69 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE DEPARTING LAST SAID WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE S 89°28'48" W, 740.72 FEET; THENCE N 00°52'55" W, 392.58 FEET; THENCE N 88°26'42" E, 387.98 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER THEREOF; THENCE S 00°27'45" E ON EAST LINE THEREOF 338.79 FEET; THENCE DEPARTING LAST SAID EAST LINE N 89°00'00" E, 325.09 FEET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE AFOREMENTIONED WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID EDDY ROAD; THENCE S 26°12'12" E ON SAID WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 70.48 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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Clerk, Circuit Court
Julie B. Combs
Deputy Clerk

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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- December 22**
District-wide: Christmas Break
- December 23**
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Suwannee picks Rodgers as next football coach

Former Wildcat football defensive guru Jami Rodgers was unveiled as the new head coach of the Suwannee County Bulldogs on December 16 in Live Oak. Rodgers, who has been coaching with Bobby Johns at Bacon County High in Alma, Georgia, will take the reins of a team rich in tradition.

The Bulldogs won four straight state titles under head coach Mike Pittman, but have fallen on hard times recently. This year's Bulldogs were 1-9 under head coach Willie Spears and 5-15 the past two years. Defensively the Bulldogs were a mess, one of the reasons that SHS Principal Ted Roush picked Rodgers.

Rodgers led a Wildcat defense that was one of the best in North Florida. Under his tutelage the 2008 Cats held opponents to a 120-yard per game average. Equally as important to Roush was the fact that in 2009 Rodgers' defensive unit stopped a 13 game first round playoff winning streak

1st Coast Classic is Dec. 27-29

The Wildcat varsity basketball team won't be in action again until the Florida First Coast Classic December 27-29. The tournament opens up with a 2 pm game between Eagle's View and Wolfson.

Middleburg and Newberry play in the 4 pm game. Bolles takes on the Forrest Rebels in the 6 pm game. The Cats finish off the first day with an 8 pm game versus the Interlachen Rams.

The Cats beat the Rams decisively last week. If you can judge by win/loss record, Coach Charles Ruise would expect to play Middleburg in the second game at 8 pm on Friday while Middleburg will take on Interlachen.

The Middleburg Broncos are probably the Wildcats' toughest opponent in the bracket at 5-4.

In the other bracket, Bolles has only one loss so far this season, a 17-point blowout at the hands of Jackson. Forrest is 4-3 with a victory over BCHS. Wolfson is 8-4 and Eagle's View is 6-2.

The Cats hope that the tougher teams will knock each other off while BCHS pushes through its bracket. The championship game is at 8 pm on December 29.

for the Madison Cowboys, a team the Bulldogs regularly face.

When Johns left BCHS for Milton High School, Rodgers went with him, and followed Johns to Alma where they posted a 7-4 record in their first season with Bacon High. It was a huge step for Bacon High, which had previously had but two other seven-win seasons in its 60-year history.

Rodgers had a number of other head coaching options but chose Suwannee for its tradition and the fact that it is close to home.

"We are confident that Coach Rodgers will bring the enthusiasm, character and coaching experience necessary to begin bringing our program back to prominence," SHS Athletic Director Hunter Abercrombie stated at the press conference.

After graduating from BCHS, Rodgers played baseball at JU where he got a bachelor's degree in business.

Rodgers' main focus will be pulling the team together after a demoralizing season. He is used to that, as he and Johns turned around a Wildcat squad that was winless when they took it over. He will start with team building.

"In today's 'everyone look at me I'm the star sports world mentality,' the most important concept of team sports has been lost — the team," said Rodgers.



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHRISTINA AND ROBERT CARTER

Championship medals

Six youths (shown above) from Baker County garnered four silver and five bronze medals at the North American Grappling Association's (NAGA) Pan-Am Grappling Championship December 17 in Kissimmee, FL. They train at International Jujitsu and Karate Academy in Macclenny under Marcos Ramos and Jermaine Cortes. Pictured (back row from left) are bronze medal winner Dalton Williams, 14; Mr. Ramos, silver medalist Dylon Williams, 13; Josh Green, 25, with his silver medal; (front row from left) silver medal winner Iron Carter, 6; bronze medalist Davis Knabb, 13; Austin Sharp, 8, and bronze medal winner Devin Williams, 9. The group will travel to Oviedo, FL February 25 to compete in another NAGA-sponsored event.

Cats top Snyder in 1st round of tournament

The Lady Wildcats basketball team cruised to a 73-33 win over Bishop Snyder in the first round of the Bishop Snyder Christmas Tournament in Jacksonville this week. It was a resounding win for the Lady Cats, who have won three of their last four games.

The Cats jumped out early on the Cardinals, taking a 16-6 lead. Chelsey Ruise continued her scoring streak, with 24 points to lead all scorers.

The Cats took a 30-17 edge into the locker room and continued to build on it into the third period. The Cats put the game away in the third period, out scoring Snyder 26-10 to seal the game.

Coach Aaron Summers again was able to rest many of his starters through most of the second half.

Coming in behind Ruise on scoring was Tianna Raysor with 13 points and Shanice Paige 11. Caitlyn Smith had 8 points and Stephanie Collett 6 points. Sharronda Braziel added 5 points.

GED testing January 23-25

Registration for the January GED test will be held at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, January 3 at the Baker County school district's career and adult education building at 523 West Minnesota Avenue in Macclenny.

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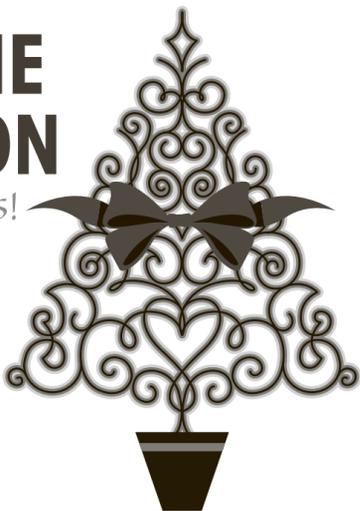
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Boys win three straight

The Wildcat faithful hope that the varsity basketball team has finally turned the corner. The Cats are riding a three-game win streak going into the Florida First Coast Classic (see related story), and won two of those games this past week with home victories over Baldwin and Interlachen.

The wins gave the Cats a 3-5 record after losing their first three games. Coach Charles Ruise was upbeat and promised his team would "surprise people."

It was sweet retribution for the Wildcats to beat the Indians, who had hammered BCHS in Baldwin 61-44 and dominated all aspects of the game early this season. The Cats returned the favor on December 13 with a 65-55 pasting of Baldwin.

For much of the game it was a nip and tuck affair with both teams trading basket for basket. BCHS got the early edge with three-point shots from Jesse Gardner and Cameron Mack to give them a slim 12-10 lead at the end of the first period.

BCHS continued to get solid minutes from all of their starters and despite trading shots with the Indians the whole first half, BCHS went into halftime with the slimmest of leads at 25-24.

They slowly edged ahead in the third period as Gardner nailed two more three-pointers. Marcus Gamble kept it close for Baldwin as he shot his way to a game high 21 points.

The Cats broke the game open in the final period as Mack got 10 of his 17 points and the Wildcats out scored Baldwin 26-20 to seal the win.

Gamble led all scorers with 21. Mack led the way for Baker with 17 and Gardner had 13. Charles



Charles Ruise Jr. on a fast break lay-up. PHOTO BY JUD JOHNSON

Ruise Jr. stepped up his scoring with 9 points. Daryl Johnson had 9 for the Cats as 10 of 12 players got on the score sheet for BCHS.

The Wildcats kept the ball rolling with a 71-49 rout of the Interlachen Rams. The game started close with both teams trading

buckets and the score knotted at 14 all at the end of the first quarter.

But Daryl Johnson came alive with six big points in the paint in the second period and BCHS went on a 12-1 run. The swarming Wildcat defense turned the ball over a lot as Ruise went to his inside game.

Interlachen shook it off at halftime and played even in the third period. The Wildcats committed some pesky fouls and the Rams were laser-like in their foul shooting, hitting 10 of 12 from the free throw line.

Free throws were just about all that the Rams could manage in the second half, however, as BCHS went wild in the final period, hitting 29 points.

Johnson led all scorers with 17 points. Ruise had his best game of the year with 15 points, including a pair of threes. Gardner hit for 10 and Sean Fogarty, Johnny Lamb and Mack all contributed 8 points.

Sirk inks Duke pledge

Wildcat quarterback Thomas Sirk signed a letter of intent on December 14 to attend and play football at Duke University. The signing took place during a pep rally in the BCHS gym.

Sirk, who played a number of positions for the Wildcats over his career at BCHS, hopes to play quarterback for the Blue Devils.

He certainly has all the tools. He is 6'5" and 210 pounds and can rifle a ball or throw with touch. When flushed out of the pocket, he is a very effective runner and his size makes him difficult to bring down.

When teams focused on shutting down his passing, he helped win games with his feet. He had several 100-yard rushing games for the Wildcats last season. He finished the season with 1018 rushing yards placing him second on the team in rushing behind Falon Lee (1082 yards).

Duke is interested in his size and throwing ability. Sirk has a 68 percent completion rate, hitting 141 of 207 passes for BCHS last season. He had 26 touchdowns and turned in a quarterback rating of 127. Sirk averaged 209 yards passing per game and threw for 2303 yards.

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Dear Santa,
Are your elf doing good on their work? I am trying to be good to my little sister. Can you bring me the Fisil Fighters video game, a remote control airplane and the Disney Universe video game and Scribblenauts video game.
Love,
Kyler Wilkerson

Dear Santa,
How are the elves Mrs. Claus and you doing? I would like a DSI with a mouthpiece, a DSI with a football game, a boxing game, a race car game, and a cowboy game too.
Love, Marcus Wilcox

Dear Santa,
How old are you? I have been extra good this year. Please bring me a puppy and a kitten so I can have a very special gift for my mom and dad.
Love, Savannah Randall

Dear Santa,
I have a good life and I believe in you Jesus is my Father I have a great family and can I please have a ds, ipad and a bood.
Love, Alexis

Ms. Webb's class, PreK/K Center

Dear Santa,
I would like a small puppy. I want perfume.
Love, Haley

Dear Santa,
I would like perfume, a dog and spend time with mi famle.
Love, Sara

Dear Santa,
I would like a suit case and puppy.
Love, Anna

Ms. Hurst's class, Macclenny Elementary 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
What kind of cookies will you like, cause I'm doing good at school. I would like a monster high doll, popcorn machine, fake hair, my grandpa to live.
Love, Gravie Karpf

Dear Santa,
Santa Have you been good? So I have been good everyday. I would like the best ps3. I would like also a remote control airplane and some new shoes. Oh yes new house phone.
Love, Corey Grant

Dear Santa,
Can I have a new bike and a lot of candy? How are you? Are the elves doing good? how is Mrs. Claus doing?
Love, Raymond DaBray

Dear Santa,
I would like a DS. I am being niceer to my mom. I hope you have a great Christmas. I just want to spend Christmas with my family.
Love, Emily Wyrick

Dear Santa,
How are you? I feel happy and good. Would you bring me an Easy Bake Oven? Could you bring me an Crayola Jewlery Maker? May I have an Orbez Soothing Spa? Can you bring me an Barbie Dreamtown House?
Love, Hanna Grace Paxton

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I am doing good. I have been doob to my mama. I would like a spy watch, Explorer, and a Horse Set, Burlades.
Love, Wyatt Moore

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeers doing? I'm nice to others. I would like a football, psp, Nike Shox, Christmas Caral book, and monster trucks!
Love, Jonathan Barnes

Dear Santa,
Have you been ding good today. I have. I would like a new bathing suit, please. May I have a new pool? please bring me a puppy that will stay small and a 3DS.
Love, Cayleh Batten

Dear Santa,
Are you doing well? I am. May I get a xbox 360 and a 3bs and a Transformer game with it. How are your elves and randeres doing my dad would like a new oven. I love my mom and dad and I am absolutely nice to everybody and expshelly you.
Love, Cameron Carroll

Dear Santa,
How are you doing buddy? I'm doing fine. I would like a black spiber indoor helicopter. I also like Beyblade, And last I Also like Starwars lego set.
Love, Travis Cole

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I am doing great. I would like a DSI, a bike, a psp with a Hannah Montana game, and a Baby Alive.
Love, Mariyah Graham

Dear Santa,
How are you? May I have an Ipad? I would love it. Am I on the naughty list?
Love, Alara F. Hale

Dear Santa,
How many Elves do you have? I've been good at school but at home my brothers aggravate me. How are you Santa? Please bring me a golf cart, a Monster High doll, a remote controlled helicopter, and a laptop.
Love, Ansley Hodges

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am trying to be good in school and at home too. This is what I want the most of all.... some white Nike shoes with the strap. Please can you get me some remote control trucks and can you get me some clothes.
Love, Gavis Johnson

Ms. Collins class, Macclenny Elementary 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
I know I will make mistakes most every day keep me from making serious ones for wich someone must pay.
Love, Daci Adkins

Dear Santa,
I want 2DSi xl games for my DSI xl, the cat at warmart that reacts with you, ipod, a monster high doll with pink har, clase she is perty. I would like a hat like Dacy's hat I like it. I wish I had a pitcher of roodoff. I have been good. Christmas is my favorit holiday It is so grate. Jesus is our god our kining we love him very very very much.
Love, Audrey Rhoden

Dear Santa,
I want new clothes. I want new shoes. I want a new game for my ds. I want toys. I want game. I want kids who bo not have sum toys to have sum. I want you to have something.
Love, Anna Hicks

Dear Santa,
I want a ipod and a phone and a phone that texts is my famle and I want t be in collis. I love you Santa very much. I wish I have a baby sister.
Love, Breonna Walker

Dear Santa,
I want a 3DS a xbox kinect a new beyblayd a dert-bike a forweler, a remoke ctrole airplane, a sniper a bebe gun, a shot gun a star wars for the playstation and a jet pack.
Love, David McKire

Dear Santa,
I wat a wwe game for wii and the cickmuks movie siplerecx. and i wat a mrotersicul G9 we game for wii and starwars for wii and a baby sister a monster truck game for wii and a babyand a happy crimas and a happy new year. I love my family to. i love crimas too and a new dsix3d and thats it.
Love, Cole Hunter Taylor

Dear Santa,
What I want for crimas is a DSI a phon like my dads a elexrek scooter.
Love, Reagan Gipson

Dear Santa,
I want some arows. I want a bb gun, I want a bike, I want you box. I want a computer. I want a bord. I wand a buzlighyear. I want a fake santa beered. I want a pay pade and xbox 360.
Love, Nathan Parish

Dear Santa,
I want a bablade and a dirtbike and xbox 360 and some backyody gonns and some ds gams and some xbox 360.
Love, Tracy Hartzog

Dear Santa,
I want bablads. I want bagugons. I want a arisaft gun. I want toy K-9 dog. I want a Xbox 360 and a new bike.
Love, Colin Alligood

Dear Santa,
I would like a phone and a Ipod touch and a Bablades.
Love, Madison Leslie

Mrs. Taylor's class, Macclenny Elementary 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
What I want for Chrismas is Star Wars stuff. I want Darth Mawli, Anakin Skywalker, R2d2, Joba's runcor, Boba Fett, Jango fett, Storm trooper, Boba fetts son, Joba, Jobas guard, CP30, Padma (Pad-may), Darth vader. Please. You dont have to get all of it. I hope it's no trouble.
Love, Brooke Mosler

Dear Santa,
Are you and Mrs. Clause Okay? I really want a ps3 and a touch pad. I might bake cookies or brownies this year but I will give milk for sure.
Love, Tyce Moore

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Ipod. Is your elfs able to mak lectronics? How is your reindeer doing? Is Commit Rodolps father? How is Miss Claus doing? Can Rodolp make his nose turn different colors?
Love, Sierra Laoramore.
PS Can Misses Claus nit?
P.P.S Am I on the good list?

Dear Santa,
How are all for the reindeer doing? Am I on the naughty or nice list? For Chrismas I want a real horse, D.S., and a easy bake oven.
Love, Savannah Powell

Dear Santa,
Am I on the nice list? I want a computer for Chrismas. How do your elves make toys? How do you and your reindeer go all over the world and deliver toys? How is Rudolph? How are the elves? Hope you have a wonderful Chrismas. Love, Kimberly L. P.S. Do the elves have pointy ears?

P.P.S. I want to see you!
Love, Kimberly Lepper

Dear Santa,
How many reindeer do you have? What are there name's? There are two things I want for Chrismas. I want the thing that is called Frozen Dots. I also want Zoobels. There are two babies and one mama. There is one swinging careg. Thank you.
Love, Kayla Ann Brown

Dear Santa,
Is cookies your favorite food? All I want for Chrismas is to games that are The Sims, and Head-bandz. I've heard those two games are fun! I love you Santa! <3!
P.S. Is hot choclote your favorite drink or is it milk?
P.P.S. I think you should be on the very nice list or very kind list because every year you give presents to children.
Love, Amelia Long

Dear Santa,
How old are you? For Chrismas I want a airsoft pistol and computer. Love, Alex Blackburn
PS Do you like legos?
P.P.S How many reindeer do you have?

Dear Santa,
Can I have a 3DS? My sister is bossy. Will you plesse not give her a gift? She is mean to me. Oh! I almost forgot! I want a susette la sweet ca lala loopsy. A monster high doll. Love, Cassidy Kittrell
PS I want my sister on the bad list.
P.P.S I want a Kitten

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Cloas? I want a 4-weller if it is not so much trouble. Am I on the naughty list? Last year, my sister unrapped my Chrismas present when I was a sleep. I really hope she is on the naughty list. P.S. Are you as fat as you are on T.V?
P.P.S. Do elves look wierd?
Love, Cassie Kirk

Dear Santa,
I want a baby-a-live. Can you make it a good one? I want you to make it a girl and can you please pretty please get me a Kitten that is a girl that is white. Can you get me a smurfette plush please? Plus can you make me your bestest lalaloopsy doll and am I on the Nauthy list, or the good list? How are your reindeer? Ps. I love chrismas!
Love, Tia Hammock

Dear Santa,
Am I on the naughty or nice list? My mom would be mad if I was on the naughty list. Here are two things I want for Chrismas. I want a leather jacket and madden twelve for wii.
Love, Dakota Picks



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BCMS Christmas turkey shoot benefits gym classes

Baker County Middle School students Bryar Zimmerman, Dillon Burden (above at left), Chase Nielsen, Caleb Griffin and Hunter Groves won in the school's Christmas turkey shoot December 15 to benefit the physical education program. The youths were the winners from their respective physical education classes. During the third period gym class, Mr. Burden hit a bulls-eye during the second tie-breaker to claim his prize, a turkey donated by Walmart. Mr. Griffin topped all scores with 28 points, including a pair of bulls-eyes. Students competed in the shoot after donating the \$5 entrance fee to shoot three arrows.

facebook Christmas photo contest



Becky Linster Snow of Macclenny submitted this winning photo in *The Press'* awkward Christmas photo contest on Facebook. The photo, taken in 1991 by photographer Beth Adams, shows Ms. Snow's children (from left) Zachary, who now lives in Germany, Megan and Regan.

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