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Five-year probation for series of thefts

A Sanderson man was placed on a five-year probation after pleading on September 25 to four counts of grand theft and fraud for what amounted to a one-man crime spree starting late in 2011.

Aaron Roy Davis will be on house arrest the first year of that term, according to court records. Circuit Judge Phyllis Rosier ordered him to avoid contact with all of the six victims he stole from through March of this year.

A later hearing will determine the restitution amount that will be part of the probation obligation.

Mr. Davis was arrested for stealing property including tools, a trailer, farm implements and fence posts during that period. He was also charged with defrauding a pawn shop and scrap yard by representing himself as the owner of items he turned in for cash, but those charges were dropped as part of the plea agreement.

In other dispositions that day, Dustin Warner pleaded no contest to felony fleeing and grand theft and was given a year in county jail less 139 days already served.

The judge also ordered him to pay \$1357 restitution.

• James Jackson pleaded no contest to grand theft and drew an eight-month jail sentence, less 20 days served.

• Phillip Bennett pleaded no contest to felony marijuana possession and two counts of having paraphernalia for storage. He got six months in jail.

• Joannie Johnson pleaded to sale of a controlled drug and was given a 120-day jail term less 45 days. The judge ordered her to pay a \$310 cost of investigation, and imposed drug offender probation after release. She must also undergo mental health counseling.

The state dropped a companion charge of having pills without a prescription.

• Megan Kerr already served most of the 90-day jail sentence she got for two counts of trafficking in stolen property. She will be on probation 28 months after release and was ordered to do 30 hours of community service.

The state dropped two

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Macclenny man gets year in jail after plea to stabbing of cousin

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Above, workers dismantle a large tree that struck a duplex on Ohio Ave. in the northwest city Sunday evening. Below, rain-soaked Deputy Robert Simpkins directs traffic at US 90 and CR 125 in Glen St. Mary that night after the power failure knocked out the traffic signal.

Storm zaps power to 2400 Sunday

Heavy winds, 3 inches of rain down power lines, large trees

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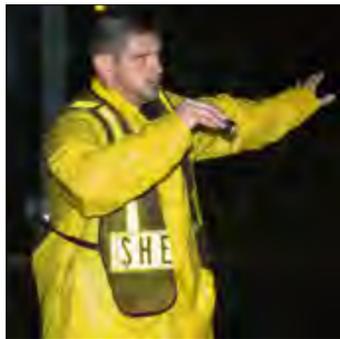
Sunday night's thunderstorm knocked out power for an estimated 2400 Baker County customers and left a number of north Macclenny residents looking for new places to live.

About 8:30-9 pm a large uprooted tree fell into the roof of a two-unit duplex at 675 W. Ohio Ave., puncturing sizable holes that made way for the nearly 3-inches of rainfall that accompanied the storm the evening of October 7.

The next morning, the 2130-square-foot duplex's occupants were busy moving out as a work crew dismantled the tree outside.

"It shook the house," recalled Connie Walker, an 8-year tenant of the property owned by Donnie and Barbara Gaines.

Next, Ms. Walker said, water began coming through the air condi-



tioning vents. Then, the bedroom ceiling collapsed on her mattress.

Ms. Walker, who works for the Florida Department of Transportation in St. Augustine, said she was able to remove most of her property, besides the bed, before it was damaged. Her two pet dachshunds went unharmed as well.

"It could have been worse. Everyone's OK and my stuff is replaceable," she said while moving her things into a U-Haul truck.

She wasn't ready to find humor in the quote, artfully painted on her bedroom wall, however. It reads: "Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain."

"I can't laugh at it yet," she said, "but it is ironic."

In addition, a number of residents at the Northwood Apartments

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Rain dampens fair, delays rodeo

The wet weather kept attendance down at the fairgrounds for most of the weekend, but fair association president Cathy Rhoden said most people ventured out on Saturday and late Friday night. "It was a really great Saturday night," she said. "Some people came after the rain on Friday, but nothing like they normally do." The rodeo was delayed until this weekend as a result of the weather. Pictured above at one of the game booths is Noah Carter.



Ousted member pushing for fees

Casts sole vote against new budget

MIKE ANDERSON
PRESS STAFF

After Michael Crews was elected to the Baker County Commission in 2008 he began calling for measures to ease the tax burden on property owners by implementing special assessments that everybody would pay to cover the costs of public services.

He's still spreading that message just weeks before he leaves office after losing



Michael Crews

his re-election bid in an atmosphere of public protests over county budget issues, including the continued use of reserve funds to cover deficits, and pending sand mine proposals.

Mr. Crews cast the only vote against the \$28.2 million 2012-13 county budget at the commission meeting on October 2, which he later explained was his way of saying that the county had not done enough to ease the tax load on property owners by spreading out the costs of public services more equitably.

"I did not vote in support of the budget for multiple reasons," Mr. Crews said in an interview on October 8. "One is because the way it is currently done is a burden (on too many property owners) because the cost of services is falling on the few."

He said the county should increase the current assessments for solid waste disposal and firefighting services to fully fund those operations so that less reliance is placed on property tax revenues. He also said, as he proposed last year when he was board chairman, that an assessment should be levied on every household for emergency medical services, which is subsidized each year by the general fund.

"I think what we do have assessments for should be set high enough to cover all the expenses," Mr. Crews said. "The faster the county moves toward assessments and away from property taxes would be in the best interest of the county as a whole. My first year on the board I mentioned that was what we should do."

For the past few years the county has covered budget defi-

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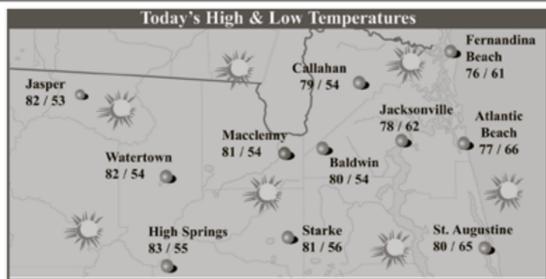
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No 'Big Bird trashing' for Bob

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Crews: pushing for fees...

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cits by transferring money from its reserve funds to avoid raising taxes or cutting services. This year's budget contains about \$1.5 million in reserve funds, which was about \$700,000 less than it would have been without additional spending cuts made by the county manager last month.

cluding the issues of assessments, taxes and expenditures.
"The commission and the public needs to discuss what services the county is about to do away with, or how to pay for the ones they want to keep," he said.
His ideas for funding county government were not the only reason Mr. Crews attracted opposition this election year, however. There was also the issue of two sand mining proposals, which generated tremendous public opposition, but which Mr. Crews refused to take a position against pending further reviews by an independent firm and state agencies.

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William Forbes A worried WWII veteran Macclenny

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Focus on 'common core' PreK-K zeroing in on the basics

JOEL ADDINGTON NEWS EDITOR

The PreK-Kindergarten Center is the first school in the district to implement a shift in teaching to what's known as "common core" standards.

Teachers have been going through training and developing new teaching materials based on the common core standards, all of which are being put to use for the first time this school year.

One kindergarten teacher, Tara Thompson, described the new approach as going "a mile deep and an inch long" versus going "an inch deep and a mile long" under the old standards.

With regard to early learning, other teachers said common core puts greater emphasis on mastering a few basic concepts like the alphabet, in lieu of exposing students to a wider range of concepts and assuming students will master the most important ones in later grades.

The new standards came up when the various teams of teachers from the PreK-Kindergarten Center presented their state-mandated School Improvement Plan for 2012-13 to the school board the evening of October 13.

The plan identifies specific performance benchmarks in reading, math and other areas;

how the students preformed on those benchmarks the previous year and the performance goal for the coming year.

But, a number of the goals identified in the plan are lower than the previous year's performance because, the faculty explained, the school is using new tests aligned with the new standards.

The kindergarten reading goals, for example, is to have 85 percent of students achieve mastery, but 95 percent did so last year under the old standard.

Common core standards also encourage more integration among the various subjects, school principal Bonnie Jones said. For instance, she said, incorporating numbers in reading lessons or science topics in writing lessons.

The school reported much higher attendance rates last year than the previous year, 2010-11. The share of students with 10 or more absences, the level deemed "excessive," dropped from 58 percent to 37 percent in 2011-12.

The goal for this year is to decrease the percentage of excessive absences and tardys, which stood at 17 percent in 2011-12, by 1 percent each.

In other business that evening:

- The school approved state-

mandated Adequate Yearly Progress Reports for all six district schools as well as the membership list of each school's Advisory Council, a group made up of parents, teachers and faculty.

The councils make a determination on whether adequate progress was made based on how many of the goals in the school improvement plans were met. The only schools to not make adequate yearly progress, according to the reports, were the high school and middle school.

The middle school met six of 13 goals and the high school just two of 11. Two goals of the 11, however, the 3 percent or less drop out rate and the 80 percent or higher graduation rate, could not be determined because those rates are not finalized until November.

The board also granted permission for out-of-state field trips for the high school's history club to Charleston, SC, the high school JV football team to Camden County, GA and the Wildcat marching band to Valdosta, GA; all later this month.

CIRCUIT COURT

Avoids trial with plea in stabbing

A Maclennany man who was set for trial in circuit court last week took a plea deal and was sentenced to one year in county jail followed by a half on probation for stabbing another man during a card game last April.

Sherric Lee, 24, was also ordered to pay \$11,411 in medical expenses incurred by his victim and cousin Alonzo McQueen, also of Maclennany. Judge Phyllis Rosier allowed him credit for nearly a half-year he's been in jail.

Mr. Lee had a trial date of October 8, but entered the plea on Friday. The state dropped a companion charge, sexual battery on a Baker County woman. She declined to cooperate with prosecutors.

The defendant was arrested after stabbing his cousin in the chest at a residence on McIver St. following an argument over cigarettes.

In other recent court pleadings, Judge Rosier allowed 230 days already in jail as punish-

ment for Carlos Grissett in return for a no contest plea to grand theft. The state dropped counts of carjacking, armed robbery, battery with a firearm, battery and conspiracy.

Amy Martin was placed on two years of house arrest with drug offender sanctions after admitting she violated probation on a 2011 charge of grand theft.

The state dropped two grand theft counts as part of a plea deal for William Hoffman, who was placed on probation for two years for two counts of burglary along with felony criminal mischief.

The judge ordered 75 hours of community service and an apology letter.

Christopher Rogers pleaded no contest to attempted burglary and battery, and was placed on probation 2 1/2 years.

Mark Solomon entered a no contest plea to grand theft and

drew a year on probation. The judge banned him from Walmart and a restitution amount will be decided later.

Marleon Farmer was prohibited from driving and placed on an 18-month probation for driving on a suspended license as an habitual offender.

Judge Rosier agreed to pre-trial intervention in three cases: Elijah McCalister for carrying a concealed weapon, Joshua Crews for trafficking in stolen property and grand theft, and Stacy Hott for two counts of credit card fraud and one of credit card theft.

The victim in Ms. Hott's case was Mayor Juanice Padgett of Glen St. Mary, the defendant's aunt.

Under pre-trial intervention rules, the state agrees to wipe the slate clean of criminal records if defendants abide by behavior conditions for one year.

Took items from rear of stores

Criminal complaints for grand theft were filed last week against a Glen St. Mary man for carting off property from behind two business addresses on South 6th in Maclennany the afternoon of September 30.

Robert Godwin of Pawndorosa Pawn called police the morning of October 1 when he learned a metal wood stove valued at \$400 was missing from the rear of the store. A surveillance video viewed by Deputy Brandon Kiser showed two white males loading the stove into a Ford pickup just before 5 pm on September 30, a Sunday.

The same video showed the truck park behind nearby Straighten Up or Dye salon being loaded up with what owner Jamie Yoder said was a salon chair with a \$700 value.

The next day, Deputy Kiser spotted a pickup matching the description on Woodlawn Rd. and questioned driver T.C.

Green, 62, who admitted to taking both items believing they were discarded.

The stove and chair were recovered from Mr. Green's residence on CR 125 and returned to the owners, who insisted charges be filed since they were clearly on their property.

In other theft arrests, two Baldwin women were chased down after leaving CVS Pharmacy the early afternoon of October 6 and arrested for shoplifting.

Store manager Mike Rodgers told Deputy Johnny Hodges he observed Leigh Thompson, 34, and Melissa Strickland, 33, stash personal care items and drinks in purses while inside the store.

When they exited, Deputy Hodges said he approached them after they got into a 1985 Chevrolet Blazer. Ms. Thompson ignored the officer and drove off, and was stopped nearby on US 90. The stolen items were recovered from the vehicle.

Both suspects were arrested for the same offense at Walmart on September 27 when they attempted to steal merchandise valued at \$113.

Pastor Bobby Griffin reported to the sheriff's department on October 4 that a television worth \$400 and \$659 projector were missing from The Lord's Church at Taylor.

He told Sgt. Brad Dougherty there was no sign of a burglary, and the apparent theft occurred sometime after early August.

A cell phone valued at \$200 and its charger were taken from the counter at Fastway Foods in Olustee the afternoon of October 5.

Stephanie Thornton of Sanderson told Deputy Kiser the items belonged to her daughter. She said a black male who entered the store about that time may be responsible, and that he was a member of a roadside moving crew.

Wrecks snarl I-10 following heavy rain

Baker County commuters to and from Jacksonville were among thousands of motorists sidetracked as all four lanes of Interstate 10 were shut down following a rash of accidents in Duval County the afternoon of October 5.

The Florida Highway Patrol said it investigated 20 crashes along a four-mile stretch between US 901 and Chaffee Rd. involving 53 vehicles beginning shortly after 3 pm. Eighteen people, including a Maclennany man, were injured seriously enough to be taken to hospitals. Most had minor injuries.

Avery Crawford, 34, was westbound in his 1999 Toyota about 3:30 when it struck the rear of a semi-truck that was jackknifing. He was taken to St. Vincent's Medical Center and his injury was described as minor.

FHP charged him with careless driving. Closures began about 3:40 and the eastbound lanes re-opened around 6 pm. Westbound opened about 8:30, according to FHP's media office. Some 13 troopers were dispatched to the area along with 25 from Jacksonville Sheriff's Office.

Occupants of other vehicles involved were from Jacksonville, Tallahassee, Atlanta and Lake City.

Most of the affected Baker County residents were work commuters coming back from Jacksonville that afternoon and evening. Traffic was diverted to Beaver St. (US 90) and Normandy Blvd. (SR 228).

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Storm zaps power

From page 1 Outages on Monday, October 8. Spokesman Gary Strickland said power had been restored to all customers by Monday afternoon.

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Local DOC officer part of job shuffle after prison death

JOEL ADDINGTON NEWS EDITOR

A handful of officials at Union Correctional Institute, including a major from Sanderson, were transferred last week in the wake of an investigation into the death of a prison inmate September 4.

Frank Smith, 44, died from injuries sustained in a confrontation with correctional officers transporting him back to the prison from a hospital, according to several news reports. The inmate was nearing the end of a 16-year sentence for armed car-jacking, kidnapping and other crimes.

Maj. Philip Jefferson of Sanderson confirmed by phone the morning of October 5 he was transferred to Lawtewy Correctional and was not in the transport vehicle when the confrontation occurred. He referred all other questions to the Florida Department of Corrections.

The department, according to news reports, announced the transfers of Mr. Jefferson, Union Correctional's warden Barry Reddish, two assistant wardens and a colonel on October 4, the same day it confirmed the Florida Department of Law Enforcement was investigating the inmate's death, specifically if officers used excessive force.

It's unclear, however, whether the two developments are related. FDOC spokeswoman Ann Howard said on October 8 she didn't know whether the transfers were connected to the investigation or not. She said 30 department personnel were reassigned or promoted last week for various reasons, but there were no demotions.

Ms. Howard also said if the investigation and transfers were related, she could not confirm such information because of the ongoing investigation.

In press releases on October 5 and 9, FDOC released the names of 11 officials placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of the investigation.

They are Assistant Warden Nan Jeffcoat, Lieutenant Joseph Allen, Sergeant Darryl Phillips, Officer Kenneth Warren, Officer David Brook, Officer Clinton Hodges, Officer Derrick Searcy, Officer Joshua Bostic and Officer Robert Hill.

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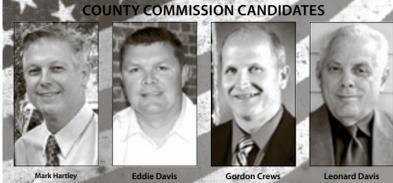
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Teen surrenders after ATV chase

Police chased down a juvenile male who sped through busy Macclenny streets the afternoon of October 6 on an all-terrain vehicle.

The youth, 17 and from Glen St. Mary, told Deputy Johnny Hodges, "They told me the law was looking for me," and his father later confirmed the son had been smoking synthetic marijuana and had been "talking out of his head."

Deputy Hodges said he responded to a report of an ATV driving recklessly just after 4 pm, and observed the vehicle speeding northbound on South 6th St. near South Boulevard.

The vehicle weaved through traffic and headed east on US

90 downtown, finally stopping on the road shoulder at the east Macclenny limits. The boy surrendered without incident.

He was booked for felony fleeing police and reckless driving.

In other arrests, a bar patron was charged with disorderly intoxication early on October 7 after he was involved in a fight in the rear parking lot of the Country Club Lounge on South 6th.

Jerod Mallory, 32, of Gaston, S.C. initially gave Deputy Shawn Bishara a false name after the deputy saw a disturbance about 1 am and drove up on the suspect who was on the ground and had abrasions to his face and forehead.

He quickly became unruly,

The officer said Ms. Spaulding was intoxicated and arguing with a male patron shortly after midnight. She refused to calm herself, and had to be restrained further after being placed in a patrol car where she kicked at windows and the ceiling.

Anthony Gray, 37, of Macclenny was arrested in the early evening of October 3 after Investigator Mike Hauge found a small amount of marijuana in a cigarette pack stowed in a vehicle that had been stopped in the west city for speeding.

Mr. Gray was a passenger in the vehicle and had been seated next to where the pot was found. He was also charged with violating felony probation.

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Arctic Cat stolen off CR 229 S.

Evidence at the scene indicates a \$9000 ATV was rolled away from an open shed on property off CR 229 south of Sanderson during the late evening of October 7 or early the next morning.

Owner Charles Minta called police when he discovered the 2008 Arctic Cat missing from its parking place about 9:30 on October 8. Deputy Patrick McGauley noted tire tracks and shoe prints suggested it was backed out of the shed to a limerock road and pushed to nearby 229 where it was loaded onto a vehicle by several individuals.

In another valuable theft involving a vehicle, someone made off with tools and supplies from a utility truck while it was parked overnight off the same county road on October 2.

George Parish told Deputy Brandon Kiser a leather bag worth about \$900 worth of tools was taken from a storage area and four copper welding leads valued at \$2000 and four extension cords worth \$120 were removed from racks on the truck body.

All were the property of Mr. Parish's employer W.W. Gay Mechanical Contractors of Jacksonville.

Ex-wife's tip led to warrant arrest

A county deputy acting on a tip from an ex-wife arrested both occupants of a vehicle he stopped in downtown Glen St. Mary the morning of October 7, one for license suspension and the other on an outstanding warrant.

Deputy Johnny Hodges said he stopped a 2001 Saturn about 11 am that matched the description given by dispatch earlier. Driver James Collett, 49, of Glen had five prior license suspensions and was ticketed for not wearing a seat belt.

Passenger Theodore McSwain III, 37, of Jacksonville was wanted in Baker County for contempt of court on a child support matter. His ex-wife Telisha Farrell of Sanderson had earlier notified police of the warrant and that he was in the area, and complained he had been harassing her for money.

In other similar arrests:

- Megan McHenry, 27, was arrested the evening of October 5 at her address on Aunt Mary Harvey Rd. west of Glen on an outstanding warrant from Lee County for failure to appear in court.
- Deputy Robert Simpkins said he went to the address on another incident and learned of the warrant via the crime computer network.
- Deputy Hodges said he was aware of the license status of Kimberly Barton, 39, of Macclenny when he stopped her 2000 Isuzu at North 6th and Ivy St. the evening of October 2.
- She was arrested for having four prior suspensions.
- Deputy Jeremiah Johnson was likewise aware that Dustin Flick, 23, of Macclenny was driving on a suspended license when he stopped him in a Dodge pickup on North College in Macclenny the afternoon of October 2.
- He was arrested for having nine suspensions.
- Deputy Daryl Mobley stopped a speeding vehicle on US 90 at Oslustee early on October 1 and arrested driver Canea Corbin, 32, of Lake City for driving with six suspensions. He also learned that she had never been issued a driver's license.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

NOTICE OF DRAFT PERMIT

The Department of Environmental Protection gives notice of its preparation of a draft permit to Brandy Branch Dairy, Larry Swain, 15251 West Beaver Street, Baldwin, Florida 32234 for construction and operation of dairy farm. The current herd size, which is less than 700 mature dairy cows, is authorized to expand the herd size up to 2000 mature dairy cows. Cows are also raised onsite. The milk herd is housed in six freestall barns. All waste solids are vacuumed from the barns one to three times a day. Wastewater from the freestall barns, milking parlor, and production area is collected and sent to a wastewater treatment system. Clean water from the barn roofs is collected between the barns and flows through underground pipes to retention ponds located east, west and south of the barns. All ponds have been designed to contain the 25-year 24 hour storm event. The ponds receiving non-process stormwater have a bleed-down structure to allow for recovery of the storage volume.

Wastewater from the treatment system can be applied to 174 acres of irrigated crops/fields. Solids and/or a slurry of wastewater and solids may be applied to an additional 180 acres of cropland. Wastewater may also be pumped from the waste storage pond to cropland offsite via a pipeline as agreed upon by the permittee and the receiving facility. Solids collected in the system may be applied onsite or hauled offsite. The facility is located at latitude 30°15'57" N, longitude 82°22'22" W, parcel 5551 West Beaver Street, Baldwin, Florida 32234 in Duval County.

Any interested person may submit written comments on the Department's draft permit or may submit a written request for a public meeting to Catherine Jarvis, 7777 Baymeadows Way West, Suite 100, Jacksonville, Florida 32256, in accordance with Rule 62-620.555, Florida Administrative Code. The comments or request for a public meeting must contain the information set forth below and must be received in the Department's Northeast District Office within 30 days of publication of this notice. Failure to submit comments or request a public meeting within this time period shall constitute a waiver of any right such person may have to submit comments or request a public meeting under Rule 62-620.555, Florida Administrative Code.

The comments or request for a public meeting must contain the following information:

- The commenter's name, address, and telephone number; the applicant's name and address; the Department permit file number; and the county in which the project is proposed.
- A statement of how and when the notice of the Department's action or proposed action was received.
- A statement of the facts the Department should consider in making the final decision;
- A statement of which rules or statutes require reversal or modification of the Department's action or proposed action; and
- If it desired, a request that a public meeting be scheduled including a statement of the nature of the issues proposed to be raised at the meeting.

If a public meeting is scheduled, the public comment period is extended until the close of the public meeting. However, the Department may not always grant a request for a public meeting. Therefore, written comments should be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice, even if a public meeting is requested.

If a public meeting is held, any person may submit oral or written statements and data at the public meeting on the Department's proposed action. As a result of significant public comment, the Department's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this draft permit.

The permit application file and supporting data are available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at the Department's Northeast District Office, 777 Baymeadows Way West, Suite 100, Jacksonville, Florida 32256, at phone number (904) 256-1700. 10/11c

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA

PLAINTIFF,
U.S. BANK, N.A.
vs.
DEFENDANT,
NICOLE STEPHEN; GRANT MORGAN; UNKNOWN SPOUSES; NICOLE STEPHEN; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY THROUGH UNDER OR AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS, WHO (IS/ARE) NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIM AS HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LEASEHOLDERS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; ROLLING MEADOWS OF MACCLENNY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 03, 2012, in this cause, I will sell the property situated in BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, described as:

LOT 30, ROLLING MEADOWS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGES 96 - 101, PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, aka 5578 HUCKLEBERRY TRAIL N., MACCLENNY, FL 32063

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash, on November 19, 2012, at eleven o'clock a.m. EST, at the front door of the Baker County Courthouse, 339 E. Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, FL 32063, in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes.

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 Stark, Florida, this 9 day of October, 2012.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING A SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT COURT ADMINISTRATION, AT BAKER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 339 EAST MACCLENNY AVE., MACCLENNY, FL 32063, TELEPHONE 904-259-8113, NOT LATER THAN (7) DAYS PRIOR TO THE PROCEEDING. IF HEARING IMPAIRED, TDD 1-800-955-8771, OR VOICE (V) 1-800-955-8770, VA FLORIDA RELAY SERVICE.

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IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY

GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO. 2010-CA-000133

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
JEWELL DEAN BATT, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure filed October 3, 2012, entered in Civil Case No. 2010-CA-000133 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and through Friday, except legal holidays, at the Department's Northeast District Office, 777 Baymeadows Way West, Suite 100, Jacksonville, Florida 32256, at phone number (904) 256-1700. 10/11c

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.

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CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
DWAYN M. KIRKLAND, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Order Rescheduling May 23, 2012 Foreclosure Sale dated October 5, 2012, and entered in Case No. 02-2010-CA-000086 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida in which Chase Home Finance LLC, is the Plaintiff and Dwayn M. Kirkland, Timothy D. Mixon, Jr. a/k/a Timothy D. Mixon, are defendants; will sell the highest and best bidder for cash in/on ALL SALES WILL BE HELD AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE, 339 E. MACCLENNY AVE., MACCLENNY, 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 4:00PM ON THE DAY OF THE SALE BY CASH OR CASHIER'S CHECK ONLY. Baker County, Florida at 11:00 A.M. on the 19th day of November 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

THE EAST ONE-HALF OF LOT 1, BLOCK 12, TOWN OF MACCLENNY, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN DEED BOOK D, PAGE 800, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, AKA 190 EAST OHIO AVENUE, MACCLENNY, 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 9th day of October 2012.

If you have a disability who needs accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled to, at no cost, 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, 352-337-6237 within 2 days of receipt of this notice hearing impaired, call 800-955-8771, voice impaired, call 800-955-8770.

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Foundation targets bullying Prevention effort coming to schools here

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The Baker County School District will soon join nearly 40 Florida counties implementing a new anti-bullying and child abuse prevention curriculum in the first through fifth grades.

A presentation on the curriculum, known as "Speak Up Be Safe," was given to school board members last week by the executive director of the Jacksonville-based nonprofit Monique Burr Foundation for Children.

The foundation is supplying the program at no charge to 39 Florida school districts this year to reach some 400,000 students. The foundation's cost is about \$2 per child, said foundation director Lynn Layton.

She said it's given free in Florida because the foundation bought the program's license using private donations and helped test it with pilot programs in Duval and Hillsborough counties two years ago.

The Speak Up Be Safe, or SUBS, program was designed to "engage schools, students, adults, families and communities" on child safety and child abuse prevention, according to the foundation's website, www.moniqueburrfoundation.org/SUBS.

Part of the curriculum teaches children to identify two "safe adults" who they hand deliver a book mark with instructions to



Lynn Layton, executive director of the Jacksonville-based Monique Burr Foundation for Children, speaks to the school board about an anti-bullying curriculum to be provided here soon.

the adult about what they should do if the child approaches them about being bullied.

"Wherever you find bullying, it is child abuse," said David Crawford of the school district, who helped facilitate the program

here with David Davis, director of curriculum and instruction.

The program is touted as a research-based, culturally appropriate and grade-specific program addressing "all areas of abuse including bullying, cyber-

bullying and digital abuse," the foundation's website states.

It's administered in two sessions per grade and the sessions get longer as students progress through grade 5.

"The main problem is in elementary schools," Ms. Layton told the board the evening of October 1. "It ties down in the middle school years and it turns into cyber-bullying later." She said such abuse can lead to lower grades, poor attendance and higher dropout rates for the victims of bullying.

"We know this is the premier curriculum, certainly for the cost and the implementation model," said Ms. Layton.

The program has classroom activities and take-home materials to engage both teachers and parents.

A training for facilitators of the program is scheduled for October 20 and locals schools can start the sessions shortly thereafter, Ms. Layton said.

Facilitators must pass a background check, including fingerprinting.

The program was developed by Child Help, a Scottsdale, AZ-based child welfare nonprofit, and Arizona State University. For school districts outside of Florida, the curriculum and associated materials cost \$10,000-12,000, the Child Help website shows.

Finishes basic

Marine Corps Pfc. Mark P. A. Sheppard, the son of Sara V. and Greg A. Sheppard of Sanderson, graduated from 13-weeks of recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

Pfc. Sheppard is a 2010 graduate of Baker County High School of Glen St. Mary, Fla.

Soil board to meet

The Baker Soil and Water Conservation District Board will meet on Tuesday, October 16 at the Baker County Extension Service from noon until 1 pm. The public is invited to attend.

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The BCVFD grew to a manpower level of over 100 firefighters by the mid 1990's. Today our number of front line firefighters has decreased to less than 50, and most importantly, our fire protection rating with the Insurance Services Office (ISO) has DECREASED in some areas of our county.

As your county commissioner, I will utilize my expertise in this area to work with our County Fire Chief, the Emergency Services Director and fellow commissioners on strategies to improve our protection.

Develop a clear vision for future needs of our county and implement a plan to improve our ISO rating, which in turn will mean better protection and LOWER homeowner's insurance premiums for YOU!

Implement an aggressive recruiting plan to get the firefighter manpower back up to the minimal acceptable standards.

Evaluate our equipment to ensure it meets our present day needs.

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Rotarians distribute dictionaries

Cyndi Ray of Macclenny was one of several Baker County Rotarians at Westside Elementary in Glen St. Mary on October 9 handing out dictionaries to students, an annual project of the club. Here she discusses how to make best use of a dictionary in learning new words with third grade students of Deborah Payne. The Rotarians distributed 432 dictionaries at both Westside and Macclenny elementary. The books are purchased by the club from The Dictionary Project, a South Carolina-based organization that works with civic groups and fraternal organizations nationwide to familiarize elementary age children with the books. Also at Westside that day were fellow Rotarians Harvey Baxter and Dr. James Cardozo.

Fair: art, horticulture winners

The following people were winners for the Home Arts and horticulture exhibits at the 2012 Baker County Fair.

Division I - ARTWORK & CREATIVE CRAFTS

Best of Show: Seth Clarkon (Youth); Alexis Norman (Adult)
Best of Class: JoAnna Anderson; Logan Campbell; Seth Clarkon; Gail Elledge; Aaron Hicks; Shanoa Murch; Alexis Norman
Blue Ribbon:Christine Adams (2); Lane Altom; Jason Amerson; Layla Amerson; JoAnna Anderson (3); Kathy Bolser; Logan Campbell (3); Clark Bryant (3); Mark Bryant (4); Seth Clarkon; Chad Collins; Jane Poarch Combs; Bailey Cook (3); Laurel Davis (2); Billy Elledge (2); Callie Elledge; Gail Elledge (2); Lily Elledge (2); Wyatt Elledge (4); Norma Flansburg (3); Lisa Grear; Aaron Hicks; Robin Ingram; Nancy Johnston; Brandon Kazmierczak (2); Ralph Kline (3); Kelley Lannigan; Velinda Lyons; Julie McCall; Tom McCall; Lynda McHenry; Danny McHenry; John McKenzie (2); Carol Moore (2); Gabrielle Moore (2); Shanoa Murch (2); Nichelle Myers (5); Robert Myer; Kara Nelson; Alexis Norman (2); Samuel Norman; Dalton Padgett; Shirley Padgett; Heather Rhoden; Kathryn Ritenour (2); James Skelton; Ryan Sollicita; Meghan Thomas (2); Mary Titus; Logan Wright (2); Destiny Yarbrough (2); Norma Yarbrough (2)

Division II - GARMENTS, NEEDLEWORK, & QUILTING

Best of Show: Macy Rowe (Youth); Velinda Lyons (Adult)
Best of Class: Lisa Allbright; Callie



Pfc. Hodges

Finishes Airborne

Pfc. Tyler L. Hodges of Sanderson graduated on September 28 from Army Airborne training at Fort Benning, GA. The son of Kim and Lee Hodges of Sanderson, he is a 2009 graduate of Baker County High School. He reported to Fort Bragg, N.C. for Special Forces training.

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Elledge (2); Velinda Lyons (2); Steve Rhynehardt; Jennie Richardson; Macy Rowe
Blue Ribbon: Lisa Allbright; Lane Altom; Peggy Bolduc; Jamie Allyn Buford; Lois Canaday (2); Sandra Kay Canaday; Rene Davis; Callie Elledge (2); Mary Finley (3); Catherine Grant; Linda Green (3); Christine Hicks (4); JoAnn Huk; David Kutz (3); Eleanor Lyons (2); Velinda Lyons (2); Betty Marler (2); Julie McCall (2); Caroline McKenzie (3); Michelle Myers; Susan Ogden; Grace Rhoden; Cecie Rhoden; Steve Rhynehardt (3); Jennie Richardson (3); Macy Rowe; Jean Royer; Joann Skelton (3); Jacqueline Sluer; Charlotte Stafford; Delores Stuch (3); Felicia Williams (2); Latoya Williams (5); Precious Williams (7); Laverne Thomas; Rebecca Wilds; Cherry Wilson (2)

Division III - CANNED PRODUCTS OR FOOD PRESERVATION

Best of Show: Wyatt Elledge (Youth); Allison Elledge (Adult)
Best of Class: Marsha Bennett (2); Allison Elledge; Billy Elledge; Callie Elledge; Gail Elledge; Wyatt Elledge; Debbie Frailey; Toi Hotelen
Blue Ribbon: Marsha Bennett (6); Lois Canaday; Allison Elledge; Billy Elledge (2); Callie Elledge (3); Gail Elledge (2); Lily Elledge (3); Wyatt Elledge (4); Mary Finley (2); Michelle Fish (2); Debbie Frailey (3); Shirley Padgett; Toi Hotelen (2); Tony Sansone (2); Maggie Taber; Dottie Wasmer (2); Cherry Wilson (2)

Division IV - BAKED GOODS & CANDIES

Best of Show: Janis Starling
Best of Class: Alyssa Smith; Janis Starling
Blue Ribbon: Douglas Canaday; Shirley Henderson; Alyssa Smith; Janis Starling
HORTICULTURE
Best of Show: Jackie Sluder (2)
Award of Merit: Cheryl Bowen; Kyle Brown (2); Beth Harvey; Denise Melton (2); Larry Pregler; Katie Ritenour; Jackie Sluder (2)
Blue Ribbon: Cheryl Bowen (2); Kyle Brown (20); Andrea Clark; Debbie Clark (8); Jay Davis; Mia Fish; Pat Fish; Norma Rae Flansburg (4); Beth Harvey (2); Nancy Johnston; Alicia Lamborn (13); Denise Melton (13); Carol Moore; Larry Pregler ; Katie Ritenour; Darlene Rockfeller (2); Jackie Sluder (8)
BOOTH EXHIBIT WINNERS
Division I - School Exhibits: First Place: Keller Intermediate; Second Place: Macclenny Elementary
Division II - Community Exhibits: First Place: Baker County Health Department; Second Place: Council On Aging
Division III - Commercial Exhibits: First Place: Country Federal Credit Union; Second Place: Baker County Medical Services
TABLE SETTING & MENU PLANNING
Best of Show: Sylvia Huang
Elementary Winner: Kenu Turk
Junior Winner: Elizabeth Register
Senior Winner: Sylvia Huang
Adult Winner: Michael Simmons

Past is prologue on stage

For the BCHS drama department, the last production, which runs Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm and Sunday at 2 pm, is almost like a step back into the past.

It harkens back to the early days when the department produced a lot of short fiction in a style called Chamber Theatre that tells stories in a way that makes what is happening on stage look like "a living book."

The Lottery by Shirley Jackson is a story about how traditions can go very wrong. It is very similar to the recent popular movie *The Hunger Games* in that it examines how traditional values may not always be good.

Desire on Domino Island by Southern writer Lee Smith is a funny parody of romance novels with a winsome heroine, a steely-eyed hero with "rippling biceps," and a beautiful, rich diva who is vying for the heroes affection.

The Cold Equations by Tom Godwin takes place on a small supply ship in outer space. The ship is ferrying vital serum to a small mining community when the pilot discovers he has a stow-away on board.

Scut Farkas and the Murderous Mariah is a comedy by Jean Shepherd, whose *A Christmas*

Story has become a holiday classic. All the familiar characters are there as our hero takes on bully Scut Farkas in a life and death struggle for control of the school playground.

Lead performers include Megan Crawford, Joel Econom, Mallory Chauncey, Lily Ann Drawdy, Daulton Allgood, Caitlin Crawford, Corlis Raulerson, Rebekah McNeil, Samantha

Dendauw, Megan Powell, Julia Archambault, Collin Crews, Lucas Kish, Brooke Adams, Gracie Crawford, Ronnie Perry, Jillian Hodges, Harper Archambault, Kaitlin Muse and Shelby Hodges.

Reserved tickets in the first two rows are \$10 and available by calling 259-6286. \$5 general admission tickets are on sale at the door.

CAMERON for Sheriff of Baker County

This week, I am continuing to put forth the actions and steps I will be taking as your next Sheriff to insure we balance our budget and rein in the out of control spending we have seen in recent years. Either candidate for Sheriff is going to keep you safe, the current Sheriff has done his part in making sure Baker County is a safe place to live and rest assured; I will do the same. So the deciding factor in this race will be who can address the budget and deficit issues that will be affecting our wallets and pocket books in the form of new taxes if we do not fix them?



To show the citizens I am serious about addressing the over spending at the sheriff's office, my administration (to include myself) will not be purchasing luxury vehicles like our Sheriff's \$60,000.00+ LTZ Tahoe as agency vehicles. There is no need, in this economy, or ever, for government officials to splurge at the tax payers' expense.

This step, combined with the salary deduction I put forth last week will **save** the county taxpayers' **over \$100,000.00**.

There is **no time** for "forward" thinking in this economy. Now is the time for boldness. Cast your vote for the fiscally and socially Conservative **Republican**, and not the double dipping two decade incumbent. Vote Cameron for Sheriff and take a stand for what is right. We can fix this together.

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Fire protection is improving Result: insurance costs to drop for more

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New fire hydrants in Baker County have helped bring down insurance rates on nearly 600 properties in five communities, including Glen St. Mary and Macclenny II, and the county's fire chief says he has a plan to lower insurance costs county-wide next year.



One of the tankers available to county fire volunteers. Chief Dolan hopes to buy two more next year.

Depending upon the size and type of structure — mobile home, brick, concrete or wood frame — owners could save hundreds of dollars a year, Chief Richard Dolan said last week.

"There's a lot of variations, but I expect you can see (savings) between \$200 and \$500," Mr. Dolan said in an interview on October 5.

Glen St. Mary Mayor Juanice Padgett, whose home on CR 125 is less than a mile north of Station 50, said she was happy to hear about the improved insurance rating, which means homes will receive better fire protection and families will save money.

The mayor said she had called her insurance agent and was told that the new classification had not yet gone into effect on her policy. However, she said a friend told her that her policy had already been changed to reflect a savings of about \$400 a year.

"I guess it depends on your property value," Ms. Padgett said.

During a meeting of the Baker County Commission on September 4, Chief Dolan announced that the fire protection rating in Glen St. Mary and a few other neighborhoods had been upgraded this summer by the Insurance Service Office (ISO) from a class 7/9 to a class 5/9.

The ISO evaluates thousands of fire departments nationwide and assigns class ratings based on a 1-10 premium scale, with Class 1 representing superior property fire protection and Class 10 indicating an area's fire suppression program doesn't meet ISO's minimum criteria. Most insurance companies use the ISO ratings to calculate insurance premiums.

While Baker County's fire department has improved in a number of ways, including training, certification, dispatching procedures, response times and equipment, the chief said, the upgraded fire protection rating was earned mainly by providing "closer access to fire hydrants."

The fire department is still staffed entirely by volunteers, however, and firefighters still rely on tankers to transport water to most fires because the county has no public water distribution system.

"Since we do not have a positive water supply throughout the county we're rated two different ways," Chief Dolan said, adding that the first number — 5 — was given to structures within 1,000 feet of a fire hydrant and the second number — 9 — is for any structure within five road miles of a fire station.

Next year, however, the chief hopes to expand his fleet of tankers to seven, which he said should get a higher ISO rating for the entire county.

"We are trying to acquire two 6,000 gallon tankers from the (Florida) forestry division," he said. "I'm going to be asking the

board (of county commissioners) for money to buy them. Then we'll have the ability of going county-

Jacksonville in 1979. He became the full-time fire chief in Baker County in 1994 and immediately

ter distribution lines throughout the city and now has three fire engines and two aerial trucks — one on the north side of US 90 across from city hall at the main station and the other at the second fire station off Lowder Street next door to the county health department.

Chief Dugger said he has been busy preparing his department for a new ISO audit for quite some time and believes he's ready to put his equipment and crews to the test.

"We've been working on this probably a year and a half," he said.

He told the city commission in August that Macclenny's fire insurance rating was "less than a few points from a 3." He also told commissioners that only 79 communities in Florida have a 5 or lower rating.

Richard Sinclair, owner of Wells Insurance Agency in Macclenny, said "a 3" kind of puts them in there with the big boys," noting that the City of Jacksonville carries a Class 3 rating.

wide to a class 5 (from a 9)." The county now has four 3,000 gallon tankers and one 1,500 gallon tanker.

began implementing a plan to upgrade the professionalism in the department.

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-Richard Dolan Baker County Fire Chief

With the addition of the two used tankers from the state, Chief Dolan said fire-

fighters would be able to pump 250 gallons per minute for two hours without stopping. Meeting that standard, he said, would earn the higher rating.

"Then anybody within five road miles of any fire station in the county would be in a class 5," he said.

The new rating assigned to county neighborhoods where hydrants were installed apply to 588 mostly residential structures, including 235 in Glen St. Mary. Hydrants also were installed near 255 structures in the Macclenny II subdivision south of Interstate 10 near SR 121, 42 residences along CR 23B near the county fairgrounds and 24 homes in the St. Mary's Circle neighborhood off US 90, all three of which are served by Macclenny's municipal water utility system.

The last neighborhood to receive a higher fire protection rating due to the installation of new hydrants was Warden Circle, home to 32 families near Baker Correctional Institution, which has its own water system.

Something else that would greatly enhance the county's firefighting effectiveness, Chief Dolan said, is for people with ponds on their property to allow them to be classified as a "certified water source" to provide water to fight fires, or refill empty tankers.

"All our engines are pumpers and we can pump water from any pond," Chief Dolan said. Or, he said, with the owners' permission a 6-inch pipe could be installed in a pond for use as what he terms "a dry hydrant."

Currently, three ponds on residential properties have been equipped as dry hydrants. A fire engine simply has to attach its pumping apparatus to the pipe to begin drawing water. None of the three ponds have been certified, however, so "we can draw water out of them but we don't get (ISO) credit for them," the chief said.

More than water is needed, however, to provide fire protection. Chief Dolan made a public appeal for more volunteers to help out as well.

"We are all volunteers so we can use some more help," he said. Mr. Dolan began his career as a certified volunteer firefighter in

bers. We had 120 firefighters in 2007, but the state killed that by requiring all volunteers to become certified firefighters by 2006."

The county firefighting force currently numbers about 60 volunteers, many of whom have full-time jobs and families to support. Many quit rather than go through the time-consuming process of taking additional training courses to become certified for a non-paying job.

"Because of the economic times, a lot of people are having to work two jobs," Chief Dolan said. "I lost a lot of them."

The county isn't the only jurisdiction getting recognition from the Insurance Service Office for upgrading its firefighting capabilities. The City of Macclenny, which has two fully staffed and well equipped fire stations on duty round-the-clock, is moving forward with a plan to also bring insurance rates down.

Macclenny Fire Chief Buddy Dugger said he plans to invite ISO auditors to visit the city later this month or in November to evaluate the city's firefighting preparedness and readiness capability. He said he hopes to get a better rating by early 2013.

"I'm pretty well confident we're going to get it," he said.

The city has had a 4 rating for the past 10 years, but since then has installed new and larger wa-

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Rededication of Olustee monument Saturday

The Confederate Monument at the Olustee Battlefield Park will be rededicated this weekend in honor of the 100th anniversary of the original dedication on October 23, 1912.

The rededication will be hosted by the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the United Daughters of the Confederacy on October 13, beginning at 11 am at the monument site. Picnic lunches will be available following the rededication ceremony as well as live music by The Mercy Mountain Boys.

What follows is a brief history of the monument written by Civil War historian and Macclenny resident Dicky Ferry and edited by *The Press*:

After the smoke had cleared and the dead were buried, the armies marched away to fight other battles. The scarred trees were all that remained in silent testimony of the fury and carnage of the Battle of Olustee.

The battlefield remained silent except for an occasional traveler passing the area. In May of 1866, a little over two years after the battle, Lieutenant Frederick E. Grossman of the 7th U.S. infantry was ordered to proceed to the Olustee battlefield and determine the whereabouts and condition of the Union graves on the battlefield.

He was horrified at what he found. The Union dead had been buried in shallow graves near where they had fallen, sometimes several in one grave.

A few weeks after the battle, the graves had been disinterred by wild hogs in the area and the bones scattered all over the battlefield. Lieutenant Grossman and his command covered almost 2 square miles of the battlefield collecting the bones of all the fallen Yankees they could find. Two wagons were filled with the remains and buried in a mass grave near the railroad. There he erected a wooden monument, 12 feet high and surrounded by a wooden fence measuring 27 feet by 18 feet.

On the monument's four sides were the following carved inscriptions. On the southside, "To the Memory of the officers and soldiers of the United States Army who fell in the Battle of Olustee February 20, 1864." On the west side, "Our Country," and on the east side, "Unity and Peace." And on the north side, "May the Living Profit by the Example of the Dead."

Lieutenant Grossman also reported that the confederate dead were principally buried on the south side of the railroad west of the battlefield and were in perfect condition.

During the following years the monument fell into a state of disrepair. The last recorded mention of seeing it was in the fall of 1873 when Olustee veteran Loomis Langdon of the 1st U.S. Artillery reported viewing it from the platform of a passing train. He reported two sides of a weather stained and broken down fence were all that could be seen. Soon like the fate of the battlefield, the dead were also forgotten.

Sometime after 1870 a young man named John Brown, and his wife Eliza moved to the Olus-



The original Olustee Battlefield monument dedicated on October 23, 1912, nearly 100 years ago.

tee Battlefield. John began to farm the battle torn ground and raise a family. John Brown had served in the 7th Florida infantry during the Civil War and was wounded in the right thigh during the battle of Missionary Ridge, Tennessee. After returning from the war he returned to his home in Providence and married Elza Shaw Brown. The 1880 census list John, Eliza and their 7 children living at the battlefield. Family lore states that John would toss all the relics from the battle over the fence when they were plowed up in his fields. One family member, years later, told about rolling the old cannon balls around in the yard while playing as a young girl.

As the years progressed the timber industry grew in the area and some of the battlefield was logged. An older gentleman in Olustee, Ishmel Arline, told stories of cutting cross ties around the battlefield and finding old bullets, muskets and artillery shells while working there in the early 1900's.

The idea of building a monument at Olustee was the idea Mrs. J.N. Whitner, a member of the Martha Reid Chapter of United Daughters of the Confederacy in Jacksonville, Florida.

Mrs. Whitner's husband Joseph had fought at Olustee with the Florida Light Artillery also known as Gamble's Artillery. She spent time with her husband touring the battlefield and was reported to have gone over every foot of it.

While on a train going from Jacksonville to Lake City in 1896 she overheard two gentlemen discussing the battle as they passed Olustee. Both had fought on the Federal side but were confused as to the exact site of the battle. Mrs. Whitner was able to point out to them the exact location and informed them as to the troop locations.

From this incident, Mrs. Whitner realized the need to mark the site of the battle while there were still veterans alive to point out the place. In her own words, "Or else it should become buried in oblivion forever."

Accordingly, on the 27th of

This granite tower... stands sentinel over the field where the Confederate soldier won admission to the temple of fame.

Senator Duncan Fletcher During the oration at the original dedication ceremony in 1912

January, 1897, at the second convention of the State Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy held at Ocala, Florida, the minutes recorded her plea, "Mrs. J.N. Whitner made an interesting address upon the claims of Olustee, the one spot of Florida soil that drank deepest of the blood of her heroes, and offered the following resolution: Resolved, That the U.D.C. of Florida, pledge themselves to raise a fund during the coming year or as soon thereafter as possible, for the purpose of erecting a shaft to mark the battlefield of Olustee, and that the chair appoint a committee from each chapter to carry out this resolution."

The resolution was passed and Mrs. Whitner was made chairman of the Martha Reid chapter committee for the monument.

Later Mrs. Whitner conceived the idea of asking for aid from the state on this important matter. She moved forward with a petition to the members of the state legislature in the form of a circular letter, in which she urged upon them the support of a bill to be introduced for the purpose of getting an appropriation to build a Monument at the Battlefield.

She then proceeded to have 100 copies typed and had them placed on the desk of each legislator. Two years later in 1899 the state appropriated \$2500 for the purpose of building a monument at the battlefield. A commission was formed by the state to oversee the collection of the remaining funds needed to complete the monument.

The commission consisted of former Confederate General Evander M. Law as chairman, a Mr. Garner who was president of the board of trade, Mrs. H.H.

On August 6, 1909 a parcel of two acres of land was obtained from Austin B. Fletcher, an attorney from New York City for the sum of \$1. Mr. Fletcher owned a cross tie company in Jacksonville and had several tracts of land in the area. On September 27, 1909 another parcel of one acre was purchased for \$1 from John and Eliza Brown.

Sometime later the construction was begun and the scheduled unveiling was set for the anniversary of the battle on February 20th 1912. For reasons unknown the deadline was not met and it was rescheduled for Wednesday October 23, 1912.

It was reported that over 4000 people gathered on the battlefield to witness the ceremony. A special train was operated between Lake City and the monument and the regular trains all brought large crowds from various points in the state. A band traveled from Jacksonville to provide music for the event.

A number of the veterans of the great battle, many feeble and battle scarred, were in attendance and asked to stand on the stage. The unveiling exercises began promptly at 10:40 o'clock.

The exercises began with an invocation by a General Long followed by a short address by the monument chairman the famous Confederate General Evander M. Law. He was quoted among other things as follows, "That when you cease to honor your heroes, you cease to produce them."

He then recounted some of the incidents of the battle. The monument and the title to the property were soon handed over to Mrs. Esther Carlotta, the Florida Unit-

ed Daughters of the Confederacy state president. She then turned the deeds over to Mrs. Whitner, who after a short speech presented them to Governor Albert W. Gilchrist. Governor Gilchrist responded and accepted the monument in the name of the State of Florida. He then paid a tribute to the heroes of Olustee and related several historical facts connected to the battle.

Florida Senator Duncan U. Fletcher delivered the oration of the day.

Senator Fletcher proclaimed, "... this granite tower ... stands sentinel over the field where the Confederate soldier won admission to the temple of fame," states to the www.battleofolustee.org website.

He was reported to have painted a beautiful word picture of the Olustee battle, pointing out the different positions of the two armies, and lauding the Confederate soldiers for their courage and bravery. The crowds cheered and the band from Jacksonville played Dixie.

In the following years the United Daughters of the Confederacy administered the Battlefield Park. During those years the U.D.C. raised money to construct the stone fence now enclosing the monument area.

In 1949 the administration of the memorial was turned over to the Florida Board of Parks. Today the monument is administered by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks.

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Croft eyes remake of budget process

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Since James Croft won a return to the Baker County Commission last August, he's been busy fielding calls from constituents and well-wishers, and planning for his first year in office.

The Olustee resident and commissioner-elect doesn't intend to hit fellow commissioners with a slew of proposals after being sworn into office November 20. Rather, Mr. Croft said, he wants to focus on building a rapport with board members and move ahead incrementally.

During an interview with *The Press* on September 21, the 53-year-old evangelist and former deputy director of the New River landfill shared some of his goals, concerns and hopes for the future of Baker County and the commission.

Below are excerpts from that interview, but the complete audio version is available at www.bakercountypress.com.

Press: What's new and different in James Croft's world since the election?

Mr. Croft: The phone rings a little bit more (laughing). That's probably the single biggest thing ... People say I haven't had a chance to congratulate you or they ask when do you take office.

Press: So are people calling yet with any sort of concerns or stuff they want you to tackle?

Mr. Croft: Not yet. If some folks are offering to help if they can. It's pretty positive *right now*.

Press: Any other ways your life has changed since the election?

Mr. Croft: I'm still attending the board meetings and workshops like I've been doing for the last two years, so that part hasn't changed. I'm trying to do more research on things when they bring things up, and do online digging on certain issues.

Press: Any particular issues that have peaked your interest?

Mr. Croft: The biggest one is the budget. The single biggest issue we face in this county is financial ... We have a down economy and property values dropping, which affects the revenue for the commission ... But yet government is still expected to provide levels of services the same as they have in the past and maybe even more services. It reaches into every aspect. If you want to increase rescue services, it takes money. If you want more road maintenance, it takes money. There's not a thing you can discuss that doesn't come back to that budget ...

I am convinced that we need to return to a line-item-by-line-item discussion of the budget ... I want to take the budgets the department heads submit, and sit down in a series of workshops ... (and say) tell me what you're asking for. Justify to me why you're needing this. I know (board chairman) Gordon (Crews) says that's micro-managing. But I don't see it that as micro-management.

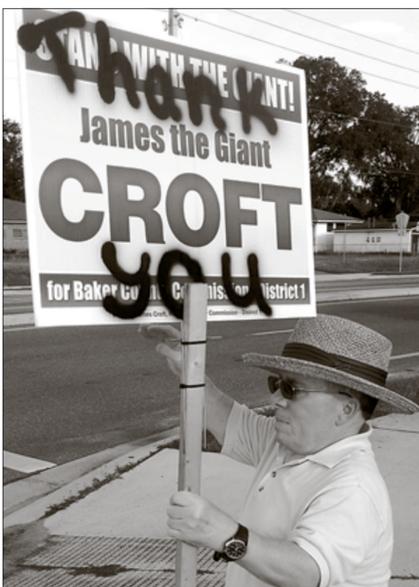
Unless it's changed over the years, the two things that county commissioners are charged with by statute is preparing an annual operations budget and passing legislation. So if you're not going to get down into that budget, you're basically saying that 50 percent of what the statutes say I should do, I don't really want to get into that.

Press: What are your thoughts on the current county budget; prepaying for inmates a year in advance to save money, using reserves to balance the budget?

Mr. Croft: The reserve fund in dropping. If there's not a change in course there won't be one before long. Then you'll be in the situation we were in 84 to 88. When I was on the board, we didn't know what a reserve fund was. There had never been one before. It took everything you had to make ends meet. If you wanted to make improvements, you had to come up with a revenue source before you could do it. We never thought about borrowing money.

Press: What about emergencies?

Mr. Croft: We kept contingency line items in the budget.



James Croft waves to passersby after his election to the county commission.

That was, if you will, our reserve fund. Contingency is actually a part of the budget while the reserve is sitting over here and its not included but you can dip into it if you need to. We didn't have that. I think we tried to have a 5-7 percent contingency in every department. There was a some wiggly room there, but it wasn't a lot. We were just blessed we didn't get hit with a Tropical Storm Debby or stuff like that ...

Right now, I think it's been a little too easy, to go, OK, we either have to cut a million dollars and that will cut services and that's a tough decision, but we have \$4 or \$5 million we can slide over this time. But there will come a time when you can't. So why not face those issues now with long term planning to curb dependency on that fund and you're living within the means of what's coming in ...

But right now, we need to know what's in the budget, what could be trimmed, or what could be increased. We may be hurting in areas that we don't know about because we haven't sat down with department heads and talked ... Certain commissioners say they meet (individually) with department heads and constitutional officers. First, it's not your place to meet with them and say you need to make a cut ... Things need to be done in an open board or workshop session.

Second of all, (in a board meeting) people will be battling ideas around ... and you get a brainstorming session and come up with a workable solution ... To just sit up there and say cut 10 percent, that may be a department that can't handle a 10 percent cut and maintain the level of service that we say we want. But over here, we can say this level service doesn't need to be that high, and cut 15 percent.

Press: What else can you tell me about your plans?

Mr. Croft: I think we need to use more citizen advisory boards. We have a lot of people in our county who are smart folks, with strengths that I would never have and vice versa ... Let's see what the public will accept, what they are thinking.

When you start talking about cutting areas of the budget, you start getting people defending their turf ... A good example is the Council on Aging. Some people say, well, that's an area I don't think we should cut ... Then other folks, beforehand it's all about cutting budgets, and they say not that, we have to protect the kids.

Press: So an advisory board of residents to find out what level of service they can live with, what should be cut or not cut?

Mr. Croft: What are they willing to pay for. I can say I want this, but am I really willing to pay for that. Right now, I believe that Joe Q. Public is saying if you have to do away with stuff, do away with it. We can't handle paying more. That's a pretty simple answer.

Press: Are they telling you

Press: Let me get your sense of that. If the fiscal stuff is the top priority, what's number two or three?

Mr. Croft: I think we need to develop a plan to work closer with the Chamber of Commerce ... We can't sit back and say we'll cut the budget, but not look at getting more money into this county, and my preference is for getting more money through bringing industry to the county, not raising taxes, at this point. Special assessments on rescue, raising the millage rate; all these things, to me, at this point, are not even on the table. Not until I feel comfortable I've carved the

budget to make it palatable to the public ...

Mr. Press: Anything else? **Mr. Croft:** That's probably all I want to go into at this point.

Press: Any other issues you think your constituents are concerned about? What's on their radar?

Mr. Croft: People are really distrustful of government right now, at all levels. I think they want to feel good about their elected officials ... If people have to be sitting down there at every meeting to keep an eye on them rascals, then they're not trusting them that much ... But I think people want to

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Norma Baker, 80, retired secretary

Norma Mette Baker, 80, a resident of Frank Wells Nursing Home in Macclenny, died on September 29, 2012. She worked in the secretarial field in various Duval County schools and at the Duval County School Board. She also was the former director of the Nassau County Council on Aging.



Norma Baker

Mrs. Baker lived in Macclenny several years with a daughter. She was a Christian and loved Bible studies. She also liked reading, watching movies, her cats and gospel music.

She was predeceased by children Hank Dones of Jacksonville and Mary Dougherty of Maryland.

Mrs. Baker is survived by children Julia Laird (Jesse) of Macclenny, Cynthia Munson of Texas, Bill Everett (Ruth) of Georgia; many other extended family members.

A memorial service to celebrate her life was held on October 7.

Dwight Butts, 56, of Macclenny dies

Dwight David Butts, 56, of Macclenny died on Monday, October 8, 2012. Mr. Butts was born in Philadelphia, PA to the late John and Betty Butts and was United States Navy veteran. A 30-year resident of Baker County; he worked at Macclenny Products until its closing. Mr. Butts enjoyed fishing and spending time with his family and friends. He was an avid Georgia Bulldog fan.

He is survived by wife Edna Butts; son Chris (Francis "Pickles" Huber); daughter Saralee Burrier; grandchildren Charlie, Chelsea, Shane and Shania, all of Macclenny.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Forbes Funeral Home of Macclenny is in charge of arrangements.

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Debra Gainey, NEFSH retiree

Debra Kay Gainey, 50, of Macclenny died on Thursday, October 4, 2012 at home surrounded by her family. She was born and raised in Baker County and was a graduate of Baker County High School, Class of 1980. Ms. Gainey was the daughter of the late J.D. Gatlin and Frances Wilkerson Gatlin Crews. She was a certified nursing assistant and retired in November, 2011 after 15 years at the Northeast Florida State Hospital.

Mrs. Gainey was raised in the Church of Christ and enjoyed reading, sewing, playing video games and traveling to the mountains. She was preceded in death by her father Jeff Crews, husband Johnny Gainey and brother Lamar Crews.

Survivors include her son Shaun Gainey; brother David Gatlin; sister Marilyn Turk; sister-in-law Mary Thomas, all of Macclenny; four grandchildren; four nephews; and two nieces.

A memorial service for Ms. Gainey was held October 8 at 6 pm in the chapel of Guerry Funeral Home in Macclenny with Rev. Jerry Hilliard officiating.

Charlsie Gannon of Maxville dies

Charlsie Mae Hanson Gannon, 84, died on October 7, 2012. She was born in Jacksonville on May 5, 1928, and was predeceased by her husband of 42 years, William (Bill) L. Gannon; sisters Catherine Moon, Mary Alice Howard and Norma Faye Beach; son-in-law Carl Eugene Russell; grandchildren Brandy Lou Solomons and Shawn Allen Townsend.



Charlsie Gannon

Mrs. Gannon is survived by sister Margaret Browning; children Judy Joyner Peacock, Linda Hoffman Hiph and Marcia Lee Solomons (Sollic); grandchildren Carla Russell Calvert (Rick), Billy Barber III, Deborah Bowen (Mike), Chris A. Barber, Myrick E. Peacock, Prudence Hoffman, Jamey B. Peacock (Sheena), Jerrod Lee (Amy), JR Hoffman, Ryan Lee, Derek Lee (Dayla), and Charity Weihenmayer, 34 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren; many nephews and nieces.

Mrs. Gannon, better known as Dottie, lived in Westside Jacksonville in her younger years, attending local schools and having various careers including that of a top waitress at the renowned Abood's Steer Room, an area sales manager for Tupperware Home Parties, and for several years an activities director for local nursing homes. She lived in Maxville for more than 30 years and was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Maxville. The family will receive friends on Thursday from 6-8 pm at her church and the funeral service will be Friday at 11 am with Bro. Richard Fish officiating. Interment will be at Longbranch Cemetery. Frasier Funeral Home of Jacksonville is in charge of arrangements.

Bernice Green, 86, of Macclenny dies

Bernice Milton Green, 86, of Macclenny died on October 5, 2012 at Macclenny Nursing and Rehab with family by her side. She was born in Baker County on November 28, 1925 to the late Verge Dupont Walker and Myrtle Taylor Walker Rowe. Bernice was a lifelong resident of Baker County and the longest consistent member of First Baptist Church of Macclenny where she taught Sunday school for 26 years. She was very active in the "Golden Circle" Sunday school class.

Mrs. Green graduated from Macclenny High School in 1943 as valedictorian. She was the owner and operator of Modern Beauty Salon for 50 years. She was an avid bowler and bowled with The Lady Bugs league of Jacksonville for many years. Bernice enjoyed traveling, fishing and camping in the Smoky Mountains. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 61 years, Shannon Ray Green, Jr.; sons-in-law Sherrel Williams and Danny Lamb; brother Vernon Walker; step-sisters Carolyn Jones and Myrna Davis.

Mrs. Green is survived by her loving children Marsha Williams, Debbie Lamb and Walker (Chris) Green, all of Macclenny; brothers Claudell (Jume) Walker of Macclenny and Eugene Speck (Suzie) Walker of Hampton, FL; grandchildren Amy (John) Cain, Andy (Roxanne) Williams, Beau (Tracy) Lamb, Deborah Leigh (Jode) Ballard, Shanna Rae (Jessica) Green; great-grandchildren G्रेसon Cain, Mallory Cain, Caly Williams, Chloe Lamb, Molly Lamb, Nickolas Horstmeyer, Taylor Horstmeyer, Miles Ballard and Emery Green.

The funeral service was held at her church on Tuesday October 9 at 3 pm with Pastor Edsel M. Bone officiating. Interment followed at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Funeral services of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.

The funeral service was held at her church on Tuesday October 9 at 11 am at Westside Baptist Church with Reverend Ray Mayfield officiating. The graveside service will be held at 3 pm at Macedonia Cemetery in Macclenny with Brother Reggie Daniels officiating. Ferreira Funeral Services of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.

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Jesus answered, "Verily, verily I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." John 3:5

Don Kicklighter of Jacksonville

Donald "Don" Raymond Kicklighter Jr., 56, a lifelong resident of Jacksonville, died on October 3, 2012 at his residence with family by his side. He was born in Jacksonville on August 18, 1956 to the late Donald Raymond Kicklighter Sr. and Gloria Rhoden Kicklighter. He was the owner and operator of Kicklighter Construction, an entrepreneurial extraordinaire and was always talking on the phone.



Don Kicklighter

Mr. Kicklighter was a member of the motorcycle escort team with the Shriners of Jacksonville. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, riding horses, hanging out with friends and serving the Lord. Don also loved watching classic western movies and listening to classic country music.

Survivors include his loving wife of 33 years, Amanda Kicklighter of Jacksonville; his children Amanda "Mandy" Nicole Kicklighter and Donald Raymond Kicklighter III, both of Jacksonville; brothers Daniel Roy Kicklighter and Thomas Carl Kicklighter of Jacksonville; sisters Diane Gloria Widner, Debbie Kay (Charles) Smith and Barbara Hartzog, all of Jacksonville, Wanda (John) Turner of Taylor and Polly (Dupree) Wooten of Middleburg; uncles Charles Brazel of Glen St. Mary, Pee Wee Rhoden of Jacksonville and Kenneth Kicklighter of Sebring, FL; grandson Gabriel Phoenix Kicklighter.

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James Raulerson, 56, of Maxville dies

James Harley Raulerson, 56, of Maxville died on Sunday, October 7, 2012 at the Acosta-Rua Center for Caring with family and friends at his side. He was born in Baker County the son of the late Harley and Victoria Hodges Raulerson. He was a heavy equipment operator in the construction industry who enjoyed fishing, hunting, restoring old cars, and spending time with family and friends.

Mr. Raulerson is survived by wife Gloria Raulerson; sons Harley and Clinton Ray Raulerson; daughter Victoria J. (Tracy Thomas) Raulerson, all of Maxville; sisters Bernice Whitehead and Glenda (Esco) Starling of Macclenny; three grandchildren and numerous other family and friends.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements were by Forbes Funeral Home of Macclenny.

Ralph Sigers, 91, funeral October 11

Ralph C. Sigers, 91, of Macclenny died on October 8, 2012



Ralph Sigers

He was born on December 24, 1920 in Alto, GA to the late John W. and Serena Threfa Sigers, and lived in Baker County all his life. He was a charter member of Christian Fellowship Temple and loved to spend time farming, working on electronics and was dedicated to his family and church.

Mr. Sigers was an electronics technician at NAS Jacksonville and served his country proudly in the United States Army during World War II. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 64 years, Susie Sigers; son David C. Sigers; brothers Elzy and Marvin Sigers.

Mr. Sigers is survived by his loving sons Larry Ralph (Joyce) Sigers and Tommy Daniel (Diane) Sigers, both of Macclenny; sister Nancy Braddock of Jacksonville; six grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The funeral service will be held on Thursday October 11 at 11 am at his church with pastors David and Timmy Thomas officiating. Interment will follow in Macedonia Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Wednesday October 10 from 6-8 pm at the church. Ferreira Funeral Services of Macclenny is in charge of arrangements.



Happy Birthday! Ardeis D. Prayde

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My son, it has been almost two years, and I still just cry and cry, because there is nothing I can do to stop the flow of my tears and I can't ask God why. My days are long, my nights are even longer, but I know you're in Heaven. So that helps me get stronger. I miss our conversations, your smile and sound advice. If we could have traded places, I would have gladly given my life. God called you home because your work here was done. I can't wait until we meet again. I love and miss you, my eldest son. We love and miss you. MOM, GORDON, ELEANOR, ROD AND THE ENTIRE FAMILY

Lavon Wilkerson, drove school bus

Lavon Mikell Wilkerson, 80, of Macclenny died on Thursday, October 4, 2012 at Macclenny Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. She was born May 21, 1932 in Baker County to the late Solomon Mikell and Evelyn Pierce Mikell. Mrs. Wilkerson was a school bus driver in Baker County for 19 years and loved to tell stories about all the children she loved. She was devoted to her family and enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and her great-grandchildren.



Lavon Wilkerson

Mrs. Wilkerson enjoyed time with her son Windell riding in the hunting lease, fishing with her son Wayne, doing ceramics with her daughter Hollie, spending good quality time with Billy and going to yard sales with her youngest daughter Susan. She enjoyed talking about the old moonshining days in Baker County, crocheting blankets, fishing, crabbing and spending time in her flower gardens. She loved her cats and dogs, raising all types of birds, and helping stray animals. She was preceded in death by her husband L.E. Wilkerson in 2004 and son-in-law James Ivey.

Survivors include sons Wayne L.E. Wilkerson (Selena) and Billy Wilkerson; daughters Hollie Ann Ivey and Susan Renee Wilkerson Smart (Johnny Grinner), all of Macclenny; brother Claude Edward Stokes of Adel, GA; sister Lennie Jeanette Wilkerson of Macclenny; close friend Tommy Leo Crawford of Macclenny; thirteen grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted on Monday, October 8 at 11 am at Macclenny Primitive Baptist Church with Elder David Crawford officiating. Interment followed at Oak Grove Cemetery.

Gospel sing Friday

The Sanderson Christian Revival Center will host a gospel sing on Friday, October 12 at 7:30 pm. The church is located on CR 229 at Sapp Rd.



Happy Birthday! Jeffrey Scott Cates

10/10/1984-05/12/2012

We Think of You

As we watch the rain gently falling down, we think of how much we wish you were around. But since for now that is not meant to be, we'll be content with your memory. We wait each day to see you again, and it brings a smile to our faces without fail. We can't wait for the day when we see you face-to-face. No one in this world could ever take your place.

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Pumpkin sale

The annual pumpkin patch will open on October 12 in the lot across North 5th St. from the first United Methodist Church of Macclenny.

Hours are 11-7 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 11-5 on Wednesday through October 31.

Saturday hours are 10-6 and Sunday 1-5.

In loving memory of Drulene (Ging) Richardson

02/27/1946-10/15/2011

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Holiday writing entries sought

The Press is sponsoring two writing contests this holiday season, one will be a Christmas-theme short story contest, the other, a Thanksgiving-theme essay contest answering the question, "What are you thankful for this holiday season?"

The contests are open to all Baker County residents and authors should limit their entries to no more than 1000 words.

Entries for the essay contest will be due by November 15 and those for the short story contest will be due by December 10.

Entries can be dropped off at the newspaper, 104 S. 5th St. in Macclenny, or e-mailed to reporter@bakercountypress.com. Please include a name and contact number with entries.

The newspaper staff will judge entries for creativity, style, impact, spelling, grammar and story-telling ability.

The winner in each age division — 13 and under, 14 to 20, and 21 and older — will receive a prize valued at \$50. The winning entries will also be published.

For more information or questions about the contests, please call Joel Addington at 259-2400.

Quiz the candidates

The Baker County Press will host its second candidate forum on October 20 at the high school auditorium beginning at 3 pm.

We want to hear from readers the issues, concerns and questions they want the candidates to address during the forum. Four men are vying for two seats on the Baker County Commission and two more are facing off in the race for who will become the next sheriff.

All six candidates will be invited to attend the event. Each will have two minutes to introduce themselves before they begin answering questions from Press publisher Jim McGauley and managing editor Joel Addington. Please send your question suggestions to reporter@bakercountypress.com, drop them off at our office, 104 S. 5th St., or call 259-2400. Your identity will be kept in confidence and the questions will not be disclosed until they're asked at the forum.

Early voting begins seven days after the forum, October 27, and runs through November 3 at the elections office, 32 N. 5th St., Suite A, from 8 am to 6 pm. A picture ID is required. The general election will be November 6.



October Yard of Month

Brian and Cyndi Ray of Macclenny were selected by the Garden Club of Baker County for the Yard of the Month designation based on the condition and varieties of landscaping on several acres on Deer Creek Lane off CR 23A. Although Brian takes major responsibility for the yard, Cyndi and children Ashton, Dillon and Dalton also pitch in. Brian's favorite plants are palms and lumerias, and he also has several varieties of fruit-producing trees. For information on the Garden Club or to nominate someone for Yard of the Month, please call either 259-2754 or 259-6844.

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Keller youths win 'Robin Hood' awards for bow marksmanship

Archery and PE teacher Tina Davis (center) poses with Robin Hood award winners (from left) fourth graders Ross Crumrey and Brandon Hutchinson, and fifth graders Blake Barton and Daniel Jones. The boys scored the most points in their respective grades and classes during the recent 8-day archery unit at Keller Intermediate School, which has been a favorite sports unit there for more than two decades, Ms. Davis said. Despite using 30-year-old equipment, she said the students "still got so excited when their arrow hits the target." On the first day of the unit, the target was struck 32 times. But by the eighth day, the hits totaled 355, including 95 bulls eyes. "Archery is a unique sport because anyone can hit the target," said Ms. Davis. "You do not have to be the fastest runner or the best athlete."

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Payson Newmans

Daughter arrives

Laura Newmans of Macclenny and Steven A. Minor of Ashland, KY are pleased to announce the birth of daughter Payson Saige on September 11, 2012 at Baptist South in Jacksonville.

She weighed 7 lb., 6 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Sue Newmans of Macclenny and John A. Newmans of Bradford, FL. Paternal grandparents are David Minor of Ashland and Connie Minor of Parker City, Indiana.

Hi-Q teams top Columbia

Baker County High School's Hi-Q teams opened their 2012 season by defeating teams from Columbia County last week.

The varsity squad won by 14 points, 175 to 161, and JV by 11 points, 141 to 130, in the Jeopardy-like battle of wits on October 2 in Lake City.

The BCHS Hi-Q teams hosts Union County, a A-rated school district this year, this week and will travel to Bradford County October 16 before facing Columbia in a rematch at home on October 30.

The home matches begin at 4 pm in the BCHS media center. The only scheduled home match in November is against Bradford County on November 13.



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New Miss BCMS crowned on September 29th

Baker County Middle School held its second annual Miss BCMS pageant September 29, crowning Mallory Shaye Mobley (pictured above center), the daughter of Brandy and Shannon Mobley, as Miss BCMS 2012. She was presented a tiara by school principal Sherry Barrett and last year's winner Bailey Pisani. She also received a trophy, sash, crystal wand and flowers. First, second, third and fourth runners up were given trophies and flowers as well. They are also pictured above (from left), third runner up Anna Bowen, fourth runner up Carsyn Griffis, Ms. Mobley, second runner up Marissa Rhoden and first runner up Allison Theophile. The group will adorn the 2013-14 school calendars distributed at open house. The pageant was directed by Tara Rhoden and McKenzie Harrison, both sixth grade math teachers. The Master of Ceremonies was Mandy Kinghorn. The event, which featured 83 young ladies this year, serves as a fund raiser for the math department. "More than 75 percent of the girls had never participated in a pageant and this gave each of them the opportunity to be a beauty queen for the night whether they won or placed was insignificant," said Ms. Barrett. "The importance was that each girl had the opportunity to be affiliated with a school event that made them feel good about themselves and hopefully they made memories that will last a lifetime."

Manning reunion

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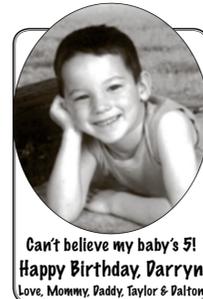
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Cats capitalize on Paxon turnovers in 36-0 shutout

BOB GERARD | SPORTS

It didn't take long Friday night for the Baker County High School Wildcats to resume their dominance of the Paxon Eagles and stake a claim to the co-lead in the district title race. The Cats scored on their first possession and then cruised to a 36-0 victory.

The Wildcats have had Paxon's number over the last few years. Last season they shut out the Eagles to set a scoring record of 64-0 (broken in this year's 73-0 waxing of Duval Charter).

Though Paxon is considerably better than last year's version, it still was unable to stop BCHS. In the Cats' opening possession, Falon Lee romped for 20 yards into Paxon territory to the 45-yard line. Corey Lawler, who has been running the ball very well as the Wildcats marched to a 4-1 record, moved the ball to the 3-yard line and on the next play, Mike Boone ran it in for the score. Lawler picked out Boone in the end zone for the two point conversion and an 8-0 lead.

Paxon had trouble all night long with long snaps. After the opening possession stalled, the center snapped the ball over the head of the punter, and though he got off a good punt to the Wildcat 32 it was the first of many miscues for the Eagles.

Lee moved the ball into Paxon territory on three successive runs and Lawler found Mike Boone for the touchdown. Boone got an excellent block from lineman Jon Kinney to break him out into the open and from there Boone did the rest as he scored from 45 yards out. The conversion attempt was no good but the Cats were up 14-0 at the end of the

first period. The second period saw the Cats capitalize on a second poor snap as the Eagle punter bobbled the ball and the Wildcats rushed in and blocked the punt to give BCHS the ball on the Eagle 7-yard line. Three plays later, Lawler ran it in from 2 yards out and then found Boone in the end zone for the conversion score and a 22-0 lead.

BCHS then got another big break to stop one of the Eagles' better drives of the night. Hunter Chambers put a big hit on the Eagle ball carrier and forced a fumble. Marquis Williams alertly pounced on the ball to give BCHS possession at the Paxon 19-yard line.

Lee took the ball 11 yards to the Paxon 8-yard line on the first play of the short drive. The Cats had a little trouble of their own, bobbling the ball but recovering the fumble and on the next play, Lawler hit Boone on a fade route for the score. The conversion was no good but BCHS was up 28-0.

The final score came on a 45-yard Corey Lawler scamper for

the touchdown. Boone swept around the end for the conversion and the Wildcats got their second shut out in a row against Paxon.

The Wildcats will face a much stiffer test October 12 on the road at Bolles. Last season the Wildcats had a two touchdown lead in the fourth quarter, only to see the Bulldogs roar back to take a 28-7 win at Memorial Stadium.

Bolles has not been quite as dominant this year as in past years, with a rare 33-28 regular season blemish against Fleming Island.

But there is no doubting the quality Bolles puts on the field. They are defending state champions, having beaten Miami Washington 33-25 at the end of last season.

"It doesn't matter what film you watch on them and from what year, it just looks like the same thing ... great athletes who do what they are coached to do," said Coach Ryan Sulkowski. "They are very disciplined and that is what makes them stand out."



PHOTOS BY JUD JOHNSON



Pictured clockwise from top: Marquis Williams tackles air-born receiver, Lenny Carter and Rashodd Hadley (right) team up for the quarterback sack and Falon Lee on the run.



Coach lauds his defense

Last Friday the Wildcat football team won its second district game with a 36-0 shutout of Paxon. The win put the Cats atop the district standings with Bishop Kenny. This week the Wildcats face a stiff test in the Bolles Bulldogs. Last year the Bulldogs squeaked out a one-point win at Memorial Stadium and there is nothing the Cats would like than to return the favor on the road.

Here are some of Coach Ryan Sulkowski's comments on the games.

Press: The defense once again had a strong game against the Eagles. Who were some of your standouts?
Sulkowski: They all stand out to me. We played once again with a purpose defensively. One guy in particular who seems to be all over the field is Rashodd Hadley. He is an amazing young man and football player. As a junior, he really is the quiet leader of our defense. He just continues to show up around the ball.

I was very pleased in the secondary as well. I think our corners — Mike Boone, Falon Lee and Anthony James, who is back from an injury that sidelined him for most of the season, and safeties Jared Crews and Blayne Merchant, who delivered some big hits, did very well shutting down their passing attack. Our defensive line continues to improve and makes things tough on our opponents and unknown guys like Marquis Williams and Hunter Chambers are making plays from their linebacker positions.

Bottom line is we are only giving up 66.2 yards per game rushing and 142 passing. Our defense has really been playing well and will have to continue to play well this week with our visit to Bolles.

Press: What kind of challenges does a team like Bolles pose that other teams might not?
Sulkowski: They do not make mistakes and in any football game you hope that you make less mistakes than your opponent. Bolles is the defending state champion for a reason. Playing great teams like Bolles is why our kids work the way they do all year. Everyone wants to be on the big stage and play top-ranked competition and that is exactly what we will be doing on Friday night.

Press: How much of the playbook will be open going into the Bolles game?
Sulkowski: Funny thing about us is that every game we kind of surprise ourselves. We literally do not have a playbook because week-to-week it changes so much. You tailor-make your game plan based on what their tendencies are each week or what we as a staff evaluate by watching countless hours of film. There is always the possibility that we will hold something back and not show it on film if we feel it will benefit us versus district opponents in the coming weeks, but overall every game plan is based on exploiting the other teams' weaknesses on

both sides of the ball. Last year offensively we did not show a double tight end look all season and waited until the Bolles game to do so and the result was almost 600 yards of offense and a narrow 1-point defeat. The back and forth mind-game known as coaching is so fun some times. If the kids you are coaching are on their game and are executing the game plan, the possibilities are endless.

Press: It's only natural that the team will be jacked up about facing a team of the talent and tradition of Bolles. To what degree do you try to keep a lid on the intensity?
Sulkowski: You never try to harness intensity. Our kids should be excited about every game and show the same intensity versus Bolles as we do against any other team. It's too easy to be intense and excited at kick-off only to see it die down once the game gets into the 2nd quarter. Keeping a level head, playing relentless, and pushing that energy into executing their particular assignment is the most important thing.

Press: The offensive line has played very well lately. What are some of their strengths, besides their obvious physical strength?
Sulkowski: We are averaging nearly 300 yards a game rushing this season at the halfway point and a lot of that comes on the back of the offensive line. Corey Lawler and Falon Lee could not gain the yardage they are on the ground without some blocking at the point of attack. For an offense to average over 440 total yards per game is impressive through half of our regular season games, but we as a staff have been preaching to the team that we can only go as far as our offensive line takes us. We are improving on missed assignments and are getting a body on a body and that is what you want as a coach. To be successful you must have an offensive line who is willing to be unselfish and just do their job. Being a former offensive lineman I can certainly understand the importance of the job that they do up front week in and week out.

Ask any of our offensive skill guys who they give credit to and they are quick to say the big boys up front (Jon Kinney, Dillon Mills, Casen Noles, Boldean Gray, Eli Lee, and Natavian Griffin). Throw guys like CeCe Jefferson and even Falon Lee and Corey Lawler into the mix because they are all used as blockers in a sense at times and the unselfish nature of the team is infectious. We have to ride the big boys through our district schedule.

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Outcomes for Cats' opponents

BOB GERARD | SPORTS

The Wildcats join Bishop Kenny atop the district standings with their 36-0 win over Paxon on Friday. Here's a look at how their opponents fared in the second round of district play.

✓ Kenny's quarterback John Wolford threw for 259 yards as the Crusaders handed Forrest a 38-22 defeat. With his top receiver injured, Wolford spread the ball around. Forrest relied on the run game and got 232 yards rushing from feature back Jordan Mixon. Mixon scored all three of the Rebel touchdowns.

✓ Clay County collected its first win of the season, defeating Terry Parker 41-28. Jake Smith

threw three touchdowns on his way to a 286-yard night. The Braves turned the ball over four times.

✓ Duval Charter finally managed to score a touchdown, its first of the season, in a 69-8 loss to University Christian.

✓ Columbia tops its district with a 52-17 win over Ridgeview.

✓ Bradford County is 1-1 in their district after a tough 41-0 shut out at the hands of South Sumter.

yards as the Baldwin Indians beat Harvest Community 57-16. Mullis had five touchdowns.

✓ Jordan Mullis threw for 318

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Lady Cats post wins over Paxon and Parker

BOB GERARD | SPORTS

The Lady Wildcat volleyball team had a good run this week, defeating Paxon and Terry Parker. The Cats also raised \$800 in the Dig for the Cure cancer fund raiser at the Paxon match.

The girls beat Paxon at home on October 2 in three games, winning 25-22, 25-15 and 25-19 to move to 8-4. Kayla Holland had 9 kills and hit .339. She had a big game overall with 5 service aces and 13 digs.

Callie Wheeler added 8 kills and Candace Clack and Brook Roberts had 6 kills each. Clack also had a big night defensively with 3 total blocks. Taylor Hancock put up 23 assists in the win.

The Cats also stopped Terry Parker on October 4 on the road in three, winning 25-15, 25-20, 25-15. Clack and Malory Osteen both had a big night, putting down 5 kills and hitting over .500 on the night. Kayla Holland and Brooke Roberts fueled the defense with 6 and 5 digs, respectively. Roberts added 7 service aces. The varsity improved to 9-4. The JV lost 18-25, 25-20 & 11-15 to Paxon but won 25-20, 25-13 against Terry Parker and is now 7-7.



Above, Kayla Holland goes up for a kill; below Brooke Roberts (left) and Candace Clack rise for the block.



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Swimmers have best showing of the season

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The Wildcat swim team had its final "official" meet of the 2012 swim season on the road October 4 at Suwannee County. It was by far the best showing for the first-year team with five first place individual finishes.

Jonathan Mobley won the 100 intermediate and 100 freestyle, Ashton Ray took the 100 free, Kelsea Crain won the 50 free and Matthew Morgan took the 100 breaststroke. All set team records in each of the categories.

The Wildcat swimmers also had five second place finishes with Ray taking second in the 100 intermediate. Ashley Jennings was second in the 100 butterfly, Andrea Clark in the 100 breaststroke, Amber Welborn in 200 free and Matthew Morgan in 100 butterfly.

Brandon Wheeler set a new team record in the boys' 50 free at 28.51 seconds. Third place finishes were Ray in the 100 IM, Clark in the 100 free, Wheeler in the 100 free, and Crain in the 100 backstroke.

Sara Pettyjohn, Shea Robinson and Bethany Richardson had fourth place finishes. The relay teams of Ray, Jennings, Clark and Crain finished first and Robinson, Pettijohn, Bethany Richardson and Ray second in the girls medley relay. The boys' team of Mobley, Ray and Morgan finished second, even with Jonathan Mobley swimming two legs.

In the 200 free relay, the girls finished third, while the boys finished second with Brandon swimming two legs.

Suwannee won on team points because of the number of swimmers, but it was the best finish for the Wildcats so far in their inaugural season.

The Cats travel to Orlando on Friday, October 12 for the state invitational. All Wildcats swimmers will compete in two individuals and a relay.

Souring on Jags, Noles

It's painful to say this, but the Jaguars may just have the worst offense in the NFL. I thought when Sunday's game was tied 3-3 at the half that the Chicago Bears were falling right into the hands of the Jaguar defense.

Then the Bear defense scored two touchdowns and the floodgates opened. The Jaguars, meanwhile couldn't complete a pass.

Perhaps Blaine Gabbert will turn into an NFL quarterback. He was a different guy when the season started, more confident, more poised, willing to stand in the pocket.

But the last few games, if his first choice receiver has even a hint of coverage he goes right to his check-down receiver instead of seeing if his first choice guy can get open.

Maybe I'm just in a funk after seeing my Seminoles fritter away a perfectly winnable game in Raleigh. Why in the world, with three fabulous running backs, do you only use one? There's nothing wrong with Prior and Wilder - they've proven it in the past. But instead they wore out an injured Chris Thompson. Grrr.

So many times this decade the Seminoles have shot themselves in the foot. My wife, a Gator fan, came through midway through the third quarter and said, "What

are you griping about, they're leading."

My response: "I'm waiting for the other shoe to drop."

It dropped.

• It didn't drop for the Gators,

who looked terrific against LSU and deserved the win. Mike Gillislee may not be as fast as Chris Thompson but he was fast enough to put the Tigers on the ropes.

My favorite player of the game was safety Matt Elam. He was a monster out there. My favorite

play of the day from Elam was the hit he put on his own cornerback. Loucheiz Purifoy had just broken up a big pass play and while he was standing celebrating, Elam blindsided his teammate, knocking him six feet into the LSU bench. Purifoy got up ready to kill someone and didn't care that it was Elam. Some choice words were exchanged.

The Gators will rise up in polls and FSU drop. I think the Gators may crack the top 5 and the Noles drop out of the top ten.

As for the Jaguars - wait till next year.

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