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## Rayonier backs out on sludge tract sale

MIKE ANDERSON  
PRESS STAFF

Four months after voting to buy 114 acres off Steel Bridge Road for use as a sewage sludge disposal site, despite objections raised by nearby homeowners concerned about public health and safety, the Macclenny City Commission is gearing up for a legal battle to acquire the parcel.

The target of a possible lawsuit in the case is one of the world's largest cellulose fiber producing firms in the world and the seventh largest owner of timberlands in the United States — Rayonier.

The Jacksonville-based international forest products manufacturer owns about 2 million acres in Florida, Georgia, Alabama and Washington.

The conflict originated from a decision by the city commission in June to buy the property from Lewyn Boyette, a real estate investor who had a contract to buy the land from Rayonier through its property-management subsidiary Terra Pointe Services LLC. An article about the decision appeared in *The Baker County Press* on June 21.

A controversy later ensued after a letter appeared in *The Press* on July 5 from a woman in New Hampshire, who identified herself as having a Ph.D., stating that sewage sludge could create environmental problems and an unhealthy atmosphere for nearby families.

Her predictions were in direct conflict with the city's consulting engineer, Frank Darabi, who has maintained all along that treated wastewater effluent is commonly used as a fertilizer on fields and does not pose a hazard to the environment or to people.

As reported in *The Press* on July 12, the city commission reaffirmed its intent to buy the land during a meeting on July 10. The issue lay dormant until last week when City Manager Gerald Dopson informed the board in a letter about a legal conflict shaping up with Rayonier to acquire the parcel.

"Upon learning that Mr. Boyette was to sell the property to the City of Macclenny, Rayonier ... informed Mr. Boyette

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## Temporary bridge on 229 nears completion

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PHOTOS BY JOEL ADDINGTON

## 'Pow wow' exposes preschoolers to Native American culture and customs

The Baker County High School History Club delivered lessons in Native American culture to classes at the PreK-Kindergarten Center the morning of November 20 by putting on a pow wow that featured teepees, music, dancing and traditional Indian garb. Pictured above with students inside a teepee is senior and club member Dylan Gerace. He told them how Indians lived inside the tent-like structures and kept warm by dressing in animal furs. Shown at right dancing with children is senior Katie O'Connor. The annual program has been brought to local elementary schools in previous years, too, said club advisor Mark Hartley.



## Croft sworn, re-takes commission seat

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This week the Baker County Commission welcomed back a former commissioner from the 1980s, James Croft, and wished Mr. Croft's opponent in the Republican primary last August, Commissioner Michael Crews, a fond farewell.

As the board's regular meeting November 19 came to a close, Commissioner Jimmy Anderson, elected two years ago, called the outgoing commissioner "an inspiration."

"He's all-the-time busy, all-the-time working," said Mr. Anderson before expressing his confidence that Mr. Croft, who was in the audience, will perform well and how Michael Crews will nonetheless be missed.

Former county commissioner Alex Robinson, who lost his re-election bid in 2010 to Mr. Anderson, was present for Michael Crews' final meeting with the board that evening.



Pictured at the county commission swearing-in November 20 are (from right) Gordon Crews with aunt Geraldine Altman, Mark Hartley with wife Ronda, and James Croft and mother Arlene Rich.

He thanked the commissioners for continuing their service despite criticism, saying, "For all the criticism you hear, there are many more that are proud of the work you do for Baker County."

Mr. Robinson also challenged Mr. Croft to serve the county as his former opponent

has done, and wished both men well in the future.

Michael Crews, a one-term commissioner and the head of security at Northeast Florida State Hospital, had some parting words of his own.

"The last four years have been an honor

and an experience I will never forget," he said at the end of the meeting.

He listed the accomplishments in which he's taken the most pride: improving county roadways, avoiding tax increases with "a minimal loss" of employees by cutting spending and using the county's reserves, and hiring county manager C.J. Thompson to replace Joe Cone, who retired in 2010.

"One thing I really admire, whether [Mr. Thompson] agrees with you or not, he gives you both sides ... And when you give him direction, he runs with it like it's his own," Michael Crews said.

The commission's former chairman also pointed to "unfinished business" from his time on the panel.

He reiterated his support for using special assessments in lieu of traditional "ad valorem" property taxes as a more equitable way of funding county government.

He said the public expects the county to provide everyone with the same level of service but 47 percent of the county's

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## Arrest for 'fencing' items at Walmart

Police arrested a Jacksonville man the evening of November 12 for attempting to obtain cash refunds at the Macclenny Walmart for merchandise that was likely stolen from either another store or a warehouse.

The arrest was similar to one several weeks ago where a Jacksonville woman was implicated in a similar scheme.



Roosevelt Day

Roosevelt Day, 18, of Jacksonville was confronted at the customer service desk just before 10 pm after an employee became suspicious when he and two others attempted to get cash refunds without receipts.

Deputy Robert Simpkins said Mr. Day was the only person at the counter when he approached him, and had in his possession "a large amount" of makeup items with relatively high monetary value.

The employee said two other suspects were refunded on similar items before the deputy arrived, and one of them presented a computer monitor valued at \$170 that was not carried at Walmart.

Mr. Day said he was accompanied by a male he knew only as Diqian, and that a cousin named Tina Williams of Jacksonville asked them to seek re-

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# Croft sworn; Michael Crews vows to 'be back'

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property owners pay \$500 or less in ad valorem taxes annually.

"That's something the board will have to fight with, and assessments are the fairest way to do that, even though they're unpopular," said Michael Crews.

He said there needs to be redundant staffing for important posts like the finance and human resources director positions to ensure retirements in those jobs won't lead to messy transitions.

Michael Crews said he also wanted to furnish raises to county employees who are "under appreciated and underpaid."

The sometimes outspoken commissioner ended his monologue with a simple pledge: "Right now, I have every intention of being back."

After the meeting adjourned, Mr. Crews elaborated on his final comment, saying he plans to seek public office, but not necessarily a spot on the county commission.

"Anywhere I feel I can make a positive contribution and have a good chance of being successful, I would seek that office," he said. "I'll keep all options on the table and we'll see what happens."

About 24 hours later, three members of the newly-constituted county commission were sworn into office.

Commissioners Anderson and Adam Giddens complete the five-member governing board. They will be up for re-election in 2016.

Mr. Croft, 53, begins his second stint on the county commission after first serving in the late 1980s.

Last September he detailed plans to remake the county's budgeting process into a more rigorous and time-intensive review of county spending priorities.

The Olustee resident dismisses criticism that such an approach equates to "micro-managing" county finances. He argues the scrutiny is necessary given the county's budget deficits in recent years.

Democrat incumbents Mark Hartley and Gordon Crews return to the board after overcoming Republican challengers in the general election earlier this month. Both will be serving their third terms in office.

Gordon Crews narrowly won re-election with 51 percent of the vote against political newcomer Leonard Davis.

When asked if he intends to seek a fourth term in four years, Gordon Crews, 51, wasn't certain.

"Right now, my wife and I are discussing what might be in our future," he said.

The ER nurse manager at Fraser Hospital was surprised by the election results, both in his race and others. He said he didn't expect a landslide victory but thought he'd prevail with a "comfortable" lead.

"I thought it would be comfortable because I didn't do anything I would say was bad, except for what [my opponents] were saying — closing Barber Road — but I would close it again today if I had to vote on it," said Gordon Crews. "It's just unsafe."

Looking back on the 2012 race, he said he learned the value of meeting with voters face-to-face, which gave him an opportunity to counter strong political headwinds.

He described battling not only his opponent, who received financial support from the local Republican Party while he got nothing from an essentially non-existent local Democrat Party, but also an anti-incumbent sentiment among the electorate and his image as a registered Democrat.

"I realized I've been a commissioner for eight years, and the two things they could come at me with was the closing of Barber Road and the budget process. That's it," said Gordon Crews. "So I'm thinking I'm doing a pretty good job and I should be secure for re-election, but I found out that wasn't true. There was a whole bunch of people that wanted to 'kick the bums out,' so it didn't matter."

But by going door-to-door and talking with voters, including Republicans, and sharing how commissioners have cut spending and reduced taxes, he said he was able to garner enough votes to win.



Baker County Commission chairman Gordon Crews (right) presents outgoing Commissioner Michael Crews a plaque commemorating his four years on the board.

"My opponent (Leonard Davis) did the same thing," said the commissioner. "I feel if it hadn't been for the grace of God and do-

ing what I've been taught to do — go door-to-door and talk to as many people as you possibly — it may have been different."

Mark Hartley secured his third term on the commission with a little more room to spare than his fellow Democrat, topping Eddie Davis Jr. with 54 percent support.

Mr. Hartley, 53, didn't rule out seeking a fourth term in 2016. When questioned about that possibility, he said, "I enjoy serving the people of Baker County. I hope to continue my service."

The high school history teacher said his latest campaign taught him the people of Baker County "are truly concerned about the well-being of Baker County."

More than 80 percent of registered voters cast ballots in the general election early this month.

Asked what he hoped to accomplish in the next four years, Mr. Hartley pointed to four goals: maintaining county ser-

vices, supporting safe industrial growth with high-wage jobs and supporting recreational activities.

Gordon Crews had a similar vision for the future.

"I would like to work together with the commission to broaden our tax base by luring business or industry and creating a better job market for Baker County," he said.

Incumbent Sheriff Joey Dobson, also a Democrat, was asked similar questions about his intentions for the future and his thoughts on the 2012 campaign. He did not respond by press time.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Lincoln's words apropos to present

Dear Editor:

The 2012 presidential election is now history and "the end of the world" remains a distant date on God's prophetic calendar. In time, Mitt Romney will move beyond the agony of defeat and the GOP will learn from its mistakes and strategically position itself for a 2016 presidential victory.

After the Republican and Democrat conventions, our obsession with the superficial dynamics of partisan politics became fertile ground for dissension, division and desperation. The pre-election confidence of the two major candidates and their supporters allowed no provision for the powerful emotions that would emerge in the aftermath of a defeat. The intensity of such emotions became evident in the numerous petitions to secede.

Maybe the time has come for us to revisit some words of wisdom from the past in order to regain some perspective of our future. With the weight of a divided nation resting on his shoulders, a Republican president penned some powerful words known as the Gettysburg Address.

Abraham Lincoln said, "that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth."

For the generations of Americans that will come after us, may we affirm that our faith will not waiver and our God will sustain us. Our democracy will survive, our freedom will endure, and "Old Glory" will wave honorably everyday across this country reminding us that we are "one nation under God."

Steve Blackston, PhD  
Glen St. Mary

### Don't get caught in holiday hype

It's happening again this year. As the Thanksgiving week-

end comes around, followed the next day by Black Friday, invariably the media turns its attention to deep thoughts on whether all the hype that really starts at Halloween is necessary or, more pointedly, does it just contribute to what for many is the frantic (and for some depressing) Christmas season. Do you really want to be at the front door of that big box retailer before dawn? At midnight Friday morning?

As certain as this discussion comes around each season, we'll read about riots, or near riots, on Friday as bargain hunters scum for that \$275 pair of basketball shoes or that flat-screen on sale for \$149. If people didn't end up getting injured it'd be humorous. As it is, such scenes are merely ludicrous. Not surprisingly, a poll released this week indicates that 45 percent of respondents wouldn't mind doing away with the Christmas rush altogether. Many saw that stunning result as proof that we're turning into a secular culture; that all those ACLU lawsuits about manger

scenes and Christmas trees are having an effect. More likely, people are saying they just don't want the hassle. I wouldn't be too quick to blame Black Friday, so

named because many retailers consider the day after Thanksgiving as when they begin to turn a profit for the year, or go into "the black." The home stretch until Christmas Eve is, for many of them, when they make up for the slow months (January and February come to mind) that plague nearly all retail businesses. Retailers, just like all businesses, have to make a profit. That may come as news to many in modern American culture, the result no doubt of incessant assaults on capitalism and "greed," but it's really. Here's an idea. If all this hype gets you down, don't participate. Enjoy the holidays, of course, but don't burden yourself with guilt for not buying something for everybody. Scale it down. Get creative with your gift-giving. Instead of material things for everyone on your list, resolve to do something for some of them next year. My guess? It'll work.

### IMPRESSIONS

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### Thanks for plenty (and a turtle)

There's a lot we're thankful for in my house this year and I think that's probably true throughout the county.

The thing about being thankful is that even when times are difficult it's possible to find things to be grateful for over the year. I have some Facebook friends who are taking the month of November to do what they call a "Gratitude Journal."

What a great idea. So many times we read about bad things or see terrible stories on the news. But sometimes it's heartwarming to read the things that other people are grateful for and realize that there is a lot around us that is good. So, though I'll try not to get maudlin, here are some of the things that I've been happy about this year.

We got some wonderful news this past week about my father-in-law Carl Norman. Earlier this year, doctors discovered that Carl had a rare cancer in his appendix and had to remove it. He's been struggling through chemotherapy. Carl has always been a big guy, in fact his nickname has always been Big Carl. But the chemo really hit him hard and he lost a lot of weight and became pretty frail to the point where he had trouble walking. It's been difficult for him to cope with and for all of us to see.

But the chemo was worth it. Last week he got scanned and he is cancer free. Just looking at the change those two words — cancer free — had on his demeanor has been incredible. His humor is back, he's gaining weight — and speaking of weight, it's like one has been

removed from our shoulders.

I'm of course thankful for my family. They are my joy and Kelley and I are so proud of them. Sara Beth and Dylan are working in the school system teaching English and biology and doing a great job and it's so special to work with two of my children. You can't imagine.

Spencer is a senior at the University of Florida in public relations and quite a character. Saturday he managed to walk out on the field at the Gator football game by attaching himself to the marching band. One of our friends, Kim Wells Keck, was a majorette when she was at Florida and her husband Paul heads up the drum line. Kim was on the field on alumni day and Paul was busy so Spencer volunteered to watch their young son Taiko. When they all went on the field, Spencer and Taiko followed. He figured, hey, why not? You'd have to know Spencer.

We have a wedding in our future that is taking up a lot of Kelley's time and effort. Sara Beth is getting married to Aaron Summers in the spring. It's been very eye-opening for me. Planning a wedding takes the same logistics and planning as a military campaign. There's the place, the DJ, the caterer, the photographer all of which have to be booked months in advance. I do my best to just stay out of the way. That's good advice I can give to any dad.

We have a new pet. Now, that doesn't seem like big news until you realize what it is. It's a turtle and my wife loves it more than me. She talks to it and it reacts like it was a puppy and not a turtle. It

lives in a big 50-gallon aquarium and when it sees her walk into the room it will scurry — if turtles can scurry — over to her and prop up on its shell against the glass and look at her.

I never would have believed it if I hadn't seen it. It eats out of her hand. My wife the Turtle Whisperer.

I'm thankful for where I live. I'm talking both of Baker County and the good ole USA. We had a contentious election, but other than not cases taking secession — more on that in next week's column — the democratic process worked as it should.

You may not like the outcome but the process continues to work as it has for almost 250 years. The older I get the more impressed I am with the Founding Fathers. They might not have gotten everything right, but it is by far and away the best system of anywhere in the world.

I have lived in this county for 30 years and though that doesn't make me a native in some people's eyes I feel like one and don't want to live anywhere else. Whenever I go out I get waves and hellos from people I know and some I don't. I know I can depend on folks if I'm broken down by the side of the road and it's been a great place to raise a family.

I am particularly thankful for my wife Kelley. She has been beside me through thick and thin for more than 30 years and I am blessed every day of being married to her. If you've got a wife (or husband) even half as good as mine, don't let a day go by where don't tell them what a blessing they are to your life. Happy Thanksgiving.

**Facebook fans**

**'What you had to say ...'**

According to last week's online poll question (what are you most thankful for this year?) family and friends topped the list, followed by faith, health and then jobs. We turned our Facebook fans recently to ask the same question. Here's a look at some the responses:

**Mike De Baecke:** Journey Church and Celebrate Recovery.

**Kisha Kirkland Griffis:** The love of a gracious God and Family!

**Craig Hodges:** The opportunity to do/be anything I want.

**Parker Pierce:** My family and my nene and my papa <3.

**Kristin Griffith:** I am most thankful for the freedom that we as Americans are blessed with! We are able to enjoy the sunshine God gives us each day, and enjoy it with our loving family and friends! #blessed

**Jodi Nipper Altman:** Jesus Christ first and foremost, family, friends ... too many blessings to count.

**Wayne Stewart:** Taylor Church

**Tamara Crews:** Thankful God has given me the love of my family and friends. Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness! In God we trust!

**Dana Pulley:** For being fortunate enough to help others in need.

**Clinton T. Coker:** I'm thankful for the freewill that God has instilled in us all.

**Amber Dolby:** Family

**Penny Collins:** For all God has given me. Especially my children.

**Margie Mann:** I am thankful for all of the blessings that my God bestows upon me daily.

**Jessica Champion-Manning:** I am thankful that my daughter Jaiden has survived seven surgeries and passed her out of the woods' phase; and now my family is complete and thriving, we are thankful for everyday we have together on this earth good or bad <3

**Meike Frazee:** I am thankful for God giving His only begotten son,

**that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life!**

**Schell Barber:** I'm thankful for the many blessings God has blessed me with, my wonderful family, friends, job, and the American soldiers who fight for our freedom each and every day! God bless you all and I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

**Kellina Crews:** My beautiful babies.

**Jeannie Edwards:** My family and friends, the military who stand watch over our wonderful country and my Lord and savior for letting me wake up this morning to enjoy it all! Happy Thanksgiving!

**Nancy Kasik Wilson:** My salvation.

**Rebecca Hunter:** My family.

**Wayne Stewart:** Thank God for my favorite boy and the other two.

**David Church:** I am thankful for Jesus Christ, a great family and Nascar.

**Chris Desio:** My family.

**Wayne Stewart:** I'm thankful for my ex-girlfriend and both my ex-wives. I miss those girls."

**Melanie Dyal Watson:** I'm thankful for my sweet husband and our two precious boys!

*Ever wonder if you can recycle all those old greeting cards? Sure can. Here's what we got when we asked what Facebook users do with their old cards:*

**Pam Clark:** I love old greeting cards. I rip the fronts off to make ornaments and new Christmas cards.

**Gerrienne Wood:** This year we are using them as ours. We bought plain red cards and we are gluing the fronts of cards from 8+ years to them and including a printed greeting from our family inside! Cheap, easy and a good family evening!

**Tammy Edwards Braddock:** Display them until next year.

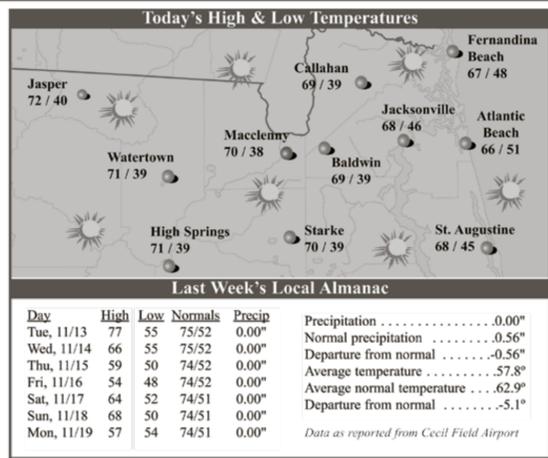
**Blake Yarbrough:** They are great for starting a fire. lol.

**Monica Barbieri:** I cut the cards pictures out, punch a hole for the ribbon and make name tags for the gifts I give out ... I have not bought name tags in years. Everyone that gets one for the first time always ask where I got the tag from and I just say I made them.

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Christmas is coming...are you ready? advertisement for Visa Card with 7.24% APR rate.

Rayonier wants out of land sale

From page 1 and the City of Macclenny they did not intend to go forward with the contract...

and legally complicated nature, requiring a 12-member jury to ultimately determine how much must be paid for a piece of property...

contract with Rayonier legally obligated the company to sell the land to Mr. Boyette by a certain date in August and clearly allowed him to "turn around and sell it to anybody he wanted to; there were no restrictions."

to dump their wastewater on the same property. The purchase price sought by Mr. Boyette for the 114 acres is \$479,000, but city officials set the loan amount at \$550,000 to include related expenses...

Arrest for 'fencing' products at Walmart

From page 1 funds after being driven to Macclenny by another subject he knew only as "Slim" who was waiting in the parking lot in a green Ford Crown Victoria.

Jobless rate drops to 6.7%

The official jobless rates for Baker County, the state and the nation, all dipped last month, but only here did the labor force shrink between September and October.

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FRUITCAKES advertisement with images of cakes and promotional text.

DENTISTRY FOR ALL AGES advertisement for implants and dentures.



Temporary 229 bridge opening in December

Tom Slater (foreground) sights in an elevation with Mark Brown at the north end of the Greens Creek bridge over CR 229 south of Sanderson last week.



BAKER CORRECTIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION 'On track' for \$2.9 bond debt

JOEL ADDINGTON NEWS EDITOR reporter@bakercountypress.com The Baker Correctional Development Corporation is slowing building back up its reserve fund and remains on pace to make a hefty bond payment next February.

remaining well above 400, revenue is pouring into BCDC coffers. Over the last fiscal year, BCDC posted \$1,416,050 in net income, according to financial statements distributed at the meeting.

mates for the full, 2012-13 fiscal year is being invested. The best return, Mr. Cox explained, was found with a Raymond James Investments account.

Thanksgiving Dinner advertisement for First Baptist Church of Macclenny.

BlueMedicare Advantage advertisement for a new generation of plans.

FIRST COAST CRIME STOPPERS advertisement for rewards up to \$1,000.

GOING TO COLLEGE THANKS TO THE NATIONAL GUARD advertisement with a photo of a woman and a National Guard member.

Out of County Subscribers advertisement for Baker Guns & Gold Pawn.

Old-Fashioned Christmas Open House advertisement for Franklin Mercantile.



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**'Bill' Bevis Jr., 81, a native of Olustee**

William Gary (Bill) Bevis Jr., 81, of Rome, GA died on November 13, 2012 with his family at his side. He was born on July 21, 1931 in Olustee to the late William Gary Sr. and Gertrude Bevis. Mr. Bevis graduated from the University of Florida in 1954 and served in the Marine Corps. He retired from Inland Rome's forestry division. He enjoyed spending time with his family, camping and passing on his love of carpentry and model train sets to his children and grandchildren (Bill built a complete model train set in his shop). He loved his Florida Gators.

Mr. Bevis is survived by his wife of 59 years, Barbara Ann; son Bev (Susan) Bevis; daughters Kim (Renee) Waid, Judy (Jay) Denney; sister Jacquelyn Davis; brothers Lamar (Fern) and Murvin (Liz) Bevis; five grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

The funeral service for Mr. Bevis was held on Friday, November 16 at West Rome Baptist Church where he was a member. Interment was in Oaknoll Memorial Gardens with the American Legion conducting military graveside rites.

**Timothy Folsom, 36, of Sanderson**

Timothy Lee Folsom, 36, of Sanderson died on November 14, 2012 at Ed Fraser Memorial Hospital with family by his side. He was born in Jacksonville on May 9, 1976 to Cathy Chippis Self and the late Billy Charles Folsom Sr. He was a resident of Baker County since 1989 and attended Baker County High School.



Timothy Folsom

Timothy enjoyed riding ATVs, using CB equipment, playing the guitar, singing country, gospel and bluegrass music, fishing, hunting and spending time with his girls. He was preceded in death by his loving father.

He is survived by his loving wife, Christine Benefield Folsom of Sanderson; his mother and step-father Cathy F. (Andrew B.) Self of Macclenny; children Madison Hope Folsom and Hannah May Folsom of Sanderson; brothers Billy and Brian (Lori) Folsom, Andrew (Tammy) Self III, Steven, Robert (Heather) and Thomas Self; sister Tammy Folsom; maternal grandfather Russell Nicholas; good friend Little Vicki; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, November 24 at 1 pm at V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services chapel with pastors Troy Alexander and Tommy Anderson officiating. Interment will follow at Pleasant Grove Cemetery. The family will receive friends an hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

**Thanks so much**

No words can express how grateful our family was to receive the outpouring of prayers and kindness. This helped lift our family in our time of sorrow. Pastors Fred Raulerson and Mike Norman truly touched our hearts with such a beautiful service. God bless each church and the people who filled our table with the most divine foods and sweets. A very heartfelt thank you to Todd Ferreira and his outstanding staff. With a humbling heart, we say thank you all and God bless.

The Vonnie Griffis family  
Willie Griffis, children,  
Grandchildren,  
Great-grandchildren

**Alice Gray, 77, dies November 14**

Alice Ceretha Gray, 77, of Macclenny died on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 with family and friends by her side. She enjoyed gardening, sewing, working outdoors, taking trips to Biloxi to gamble, and most of all spending time with her family. After working many years as a correctional officer, she retired to travel and take care of her husband Frank.



Alice Gray

Ms. Gray is survived by her son Kenneth Clyde Watts of Gainesville; brothers Fred (Sharon) Wood of Wetumpka, AL and Bobby (Barbara) Wood of Gainesville; son-in-law Bryan Mobley of Macclenny; grandchildren Joel (Beverly) Lauramore of Macclenny, Ceretha Alexander of Atlanta and Denise (Don) Weddle of Sanderson; and great-grandchildren Dalton, Chase and Jordan. She was preceded in death by her husband Franklin Gray, father Joel Marvin Wood, brother JM Wood, and only daughter Deborah Mobley of Macclenny. Alice was many things: a wife, sister and mother, but most importantly she was Nana to everyone she met, to her own grandchildren and to Ricky, Vance, Dena, Rocky, Landon and many others.

The funeral service was held on Saturday, November 17, in the Forbes Funeral Home chapel in Macclenny. Interment followed at Macedonia Cemetery, Macclenny.

**Margie Howard, 81, Baldwin native**

Margie Howard, 81, of Macclenny died on Friday, November 16, 2012. A native of Baldwin, Ms. Howard was a lifelong resident of the area. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, especially her grandchildren.

She is survived by sons Albert Hunt Jr. and Keith Hunt, both of Macclenny; brother Harvey "Ted" Harris of Macclenny; sister Deloris Hunt of Orlando; seven grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren. Mrs. Howard was preceded in death by her son Craig Hunt.

A memorial service for Ms. Howard will be held at a later date. Forbes Funeral Home of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.

**Funeral Friday for Jimmie Hodges**

Jimmie Lee Hodges Sr., 61, of Jacksonville died on November 16, 2012 at his residence. He was born in Jacksonville on July 9, 1951 to Loraine Hodges and the late Earl Hodges. Jimmie was a resident of Macclenny the past 15 years and enjoyed camping, being outdoors and fishing. He also enjoyed sports, NASCAR racing and Gator football. He was preceded in death by his son Timothy Hodges and brother Virgil Hodges.



Jimmie Hodges

Mr. Hodges is survived by his loving mother of Macclenny; children Anthony L. Hodges of Green Cove Springs, Jimmie Lee Hodges Jr. of Hilliard and Amanda Hodges of Jacksonville; brothers Kenneth and Billy Hodges, both of Macclenny; sisters Sarah Holland and Doris Brown of Macclenny, and Patricia Wester of St. Augustine; grandchildren Joshua, Hannah, Courtney, Chelsey, Oscar, Andrew and Timothy Jr.

The funeral service will be held Friday, November 23, 2012 at 2 pm at V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services chapel with Pastor Mark Cery officiating. Interment will follow at Oak Grove Cemetery. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

**Nella Richards, 89, county native**

Nella Jeanette Richards, 89, of Jacksonville died on November 13, 2012. She was born in Winter Haven, FL to the late Lloyd and Daisy Harvey and was raised in Baker County. Mrs. Richards was a longtime resident of Jacksonville and loved to work in her yard. She was a devoted mother and well-loved family member.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by husband Jack Edward Richards, Sr. of Jacksonville, brother Virgil Harvey and sisters Hazel Taylor and Helen Juanita Taylor, all of Baker County.

Mrs. Richards is survived by son Jack Edward Richards Jr. (Sylvia) of Atlanta; granddaughters Michelle Donnelly (Jerry), Shannon McMains (Donny) and Jenne Garrett (Travis); eight great-grandchildren; brother Vernon Harvey (Jackie) and sister Margie Davis (Carlton), both of Sanderson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held at noon on Saturday, November 17 at Magnolia Cemetery in DeFuniak Springs. The family requests donations to the Tim Tebow Foundation, 2220 CR 210, Suite 108, PMB 317, Jacksonville, FL 32259. Hardage-Giddens Funeral Home in Mandarin is in charge of arrangements.

**Family appreciative**

James and Marlene Holmes would like to thank everyone for everything they did for our family following the loss of a wonderful and loving wife and mother, Elizabeth Homes. Thanks also to everyone who sent food and made donations to the family: Bonnie and the Moose Lodge, Eston Monks and Gateway Pest Control, the Macclenny Nursing and Rehab staff. It would take two pages in the paper to include everyone, but God and our family and great friends know who you are.

Thanks so much,  
James Holmes and family

**Joyce Stewart, 78, a lifelong resident**

Joyce Stewart, 78, of Macclenny died on Friday, November 16, 2012. A lifelong resident of Baker County, Ms. Stewart art enjoyed cooking and gardening, spending time at the beach and with her grandchildren and family and friends. She is survived by her husband James "Buckshot" Stewart of Macclenny; sons Ronald (Jackie) Stewart of Sanderson and Edward (Linda) Stewart of Jacksonville; daughters Teresa Stewart (Keith Lancaster) and Karen (Jack) Walls, both of Jacksonville, and Cindy (Chuck) Tharp of Jacksonville Beach; brothers Johnny (Gracie) Raulerson of Macclenny and Tommy Raulerson of Texas; sisters Alex Parker of Jacksonville and Betty Jean Boyd of Macclenny; nine grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by sisters Jewel Dubley, Roxie Nipper, Lily Davis and Leona Nipper; and brother Lester Raulerson.



Joyce Stewart

The funeral service was held at 2 pm Tuesday, November 20, at the Glen Friendship Tabernacle with Pastor Albert Stirling officiating. Interment followed at Macedonia Cemetery. Forbes Funeral Home 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

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**In loving memory of Archie Crews**  
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YOUR LOVING WIFE  
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**Thanks so much**

In an instant, my life changed from a normal, everyday one to being diagnosed with lymphoma. Breathtaking as it was, having a 3-year-old daughter and wife, all I could think of was how this journey would turn out. I needed to get things settled and in order. I've always known the Lord, but hadn't accepted Him as my personal Savior. This was my first and foremost concern, then my family, by finding peace amid the distress of anxiety and a fearful situation. Prayer was a bridge between panic and peace. Having no insurance, my family organized a shotgun raffle. I am so thankful, and want to thank everyone, from the ones who bought tickets, to the Baker County Sheriff's Office, Publix, my church, family and friends. God has opened so many doors for me and my family, and I am thankful for the miracle being performed as we speak. I am thankful for life, my Savior, my family and friends!

Bryan Long and family

**Family grateful**

The family of Darlene Lauramore would like to thank everyone who helped us in our time of loss. A special thank you to hospice nurse Tom Cannizzon, who came each week for nine months to see to Darlene's physical and medical needs. To everyone who prayed, called, sent cards or flowers, thank you. A special thanks to the ladies of Calvary Baptist Church for the wonderful meal they provided and served to the family on the day of Darlene's funeral. A special thank you to Pastor Donnie Williams for the heart-touching service at the funeral, and for all the calls, visits and prayers he shared with Darlene over the past years. Thanks also to V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services for their compassion for the family during this sorrowful time.

The Darlene Lauramore Family

**Deepest apology**

In our moment of sorrow, we neglected to include the brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law of Darlene Lauramore in her obituary in last week's Press. Our heartfelt apology goes out to these family members; it was not our intention to forget anyone. We love you all, and should have included these dear family members: Donald and Patty Brantley, Pete and Audrey Lauramore, Eugene and Rita Hodges, Jody and Mary Burnham, Frankie and Lynn Burnham.

The Darlene Lauramore Family  
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**Keller fetes fall with Friday night festival of games**

Keller Intermediate School students and their families enjoyed a dozen or so carnival games, festive music, cotton candy and other fair-like fare at the school's fall festival the evening of November 16 from 4:30 to 6:30. Principal Debbie Fraser said the event was all about bringing families together to spend quality time together. The games included

bean bag tossing, cup stacking, cream pie eating, ring tossing and others. Face painting and train rides were part of the festivities as well. Pictured at right is Mikell Smart, 10, of Macclenny during a cup stacking contest. At top left is James Prescott, 4, of Macclenny at another game; and at left are Jason Holland, 12, (far left) and Taylor McDowell, 10, (middle left) during cream pie eating contest.



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**Ms. Harvey's 6th graders win pizza party for collecting the most food donations at BCMS**

Tiffany Harvey's class won the annual BETA club-sponsored Thanksgiving food drive at Baker County Middle School by collecting 482 nonperishable food items. Ms. Harvey's sixth graders, including the students pictured above with the donations from students school-wide, will receive a pizza party prize for their efforts. The food will be enough for 10 large baskets from the BETA Club, which is sponsored by Ethel Dowling and Barbara Belleville. Pictured above are (back row from left) Frederick Williams, Jillian Cox, Demi Jones and Zachary Randall, (middle back row from left) Timothy Midyette, Conner Butcher, McKayla Bates, Anastasia Keeney, (middle front row from left) Taylor Orberg, Ashlynn Harris, Lauren Cales, Hana Ritter, Sandra Gombert, Bailey Dugger, Kendal Manuy and Marcus Dialo. Not pictured from Ms. Harvey's class are Brooklyn Rhoden and Reece Wynn.



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**PreK-K Center food drive winners treated to pizza parties, parade**

Students from three kindergarten classes, some of whom are pictured above, will be treated to Little Caesar's pizza parties for bringing in the most donations in the PreK-Kindergarten Center's Thanksgiving food drive. Teacher Kelly McLarty's students also won a spot walking in the Lighted Christmas Parade December 1 for collecting 293 items, more than any other class. Children in Kimber Thigpen's and Lisa Alderman's classes brought in 151 and 148 items, respectively, to take second and third place in the annual two-week contest that concluded November 16. Among the more unique items that surfaced in the drive for nonperishable food items were canned potato salad, refried beans, salsa and enchilada sauce. The most commons items were canned corn and green beans, but others included cake and muffin mixes and soups. Principal Bonnie Jones said the food drive is a great way to teach children about the importance of giving to those in need. Pictured above are (front center) Ethan Rafusy, (middle row from left) Garrett Dugger, Christian Thomas, Logan Wright, Christopher Dugan, Avery Wilkerson, Adam Arroyo, Raelyn Muncy, (back row from left) Gracie Gray, Averie Walker and Madison Petry.

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**Recognized for helping diabetics**

A Macclenny woman and the Jacksonville physician she works for were honored November 14 with excellence awards from the Northeast Florida Diabetes Association.

Sandra Wheaton, a certified medical assistant, was recognized along with Dr. Mark Stich for helping diabetics achieve a better quality of life via lifestyle changes, office health coaching, referrals to education programs and other methods.

The two were honored during an event at the downtown Jacksonville library. Dr. Stich and Ms. Wheaton work at the Baptist Primary Care office on Lane Ave.

Sandra and husband James live in Macclenny and have two sons, Christopher (Maria) of Macclenny and Tommy (Gsynan) of Melrose, and grandchildren Kaylee and Justin Wheaton.

**Send us your short story contest entries**

The Press is sponsoring a Christmas-theme short story contest open to all Baker County residents.

Authors should limit their entries to no more than 1000 words and entries are due by December 15.

Stories may 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.

**December dates for GED testing**

GED tests will be given on December 17, 18 and 19 at the Baker County school district's adult ed building on West Minnesota Ave. behind Keller Intermediate.

Registration for the tests will be on November 27 at 6:30 pm, and will be limited to the first 30 people.

It takes at least two hours, and registrants should bring a valid ID and Social Security card. The fee is \$70 and discounted rates are available for adult ed students currently enrolled in the GED prep classes with a minimum of 12 hours class time. Call Becky Satterwhite at 259-0403 with questions.

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**Baker Prevention Coalition** is seeking a part-time Coalition Coordinator for implementation of substance abuse prevention initiatives throughout Baker County. Must have a Baccalaureate degree in social work or public health. Good communication skills and knowledge of community preferred. For employment inquiries or to send a resume please contact Kerrie Albert at finstan99@bellsouth.net or call (904) 277-3699. 11/22p

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# Cats open with wins vs. Snyder, Forrest, Stanton

**BOB GERARD | SPORTS**

The Lady Wildcat basketball team has swept to a 3-0 start to the season and new head coach Chris Chisholm couldn't be happier.

"They are playing hard, working hard and coming together as a team," said Chisholm. He and assistant coaches Kim Gaskins, Karen Ruise and Kylie Cannady have been preaching the fundamentals and it has paid off with

some big early season wins.

Freshman Delicia Washington shone offensively in all three games. She threw in 27 points against Bishop Snyder as the Cats opened the season with a 49-46 win. Hailey Bussell added 8 points in the victory on the road November 13.

The Cats eked out a 39-38 district win on November 15 against a stubborn Forrest Rebels squad. Washington again led the way with 18 points. Joshlyn Brown

muscled in 7 on the inside and Shanice Paige and Bussell added 5 each.

The Cats' only home game of the stretch came on November 16 as BCHS strolled past Stanton Prep 48-36 behind 26 points from Washington. Paige added 11, and Bussell and Candace Clark had 6 points each.

The ladies will travel to Paxton to take on the Golden Eagles on November 27.



At right is Delicia Washington rising for a jump shot. Above are Lady Cats Haley Bussell (left) and Shanice Paige.



# Cats lose Baldwin final by three

**BOB GERARD | SPORTS**

The Baker County Wildcat basketball team got off to a good start to the season, winning its way to the finals of the Baldwin Pre-Season Classic on November 15 before losing a tight three-point game to Stanton Prep in the finals.

"It was a good start getting us ready for the season," said Coach Charles Ruise. "We were a little flat in the finals, with some of our key guys having an off-night shooting, but if we get them on board we'll be all right."

The Cats led most of the first half but a 10 minute stretch at the start of the second half where they only managed a pair of field goals allowed Stanton to bounce back and take the 57-54 win.

BCHS started red hot with five three-pointers in the first quarter. Charles Ruise Jr. hit four from long range and Jesse Gardner added another. Between them, Gardner and Ruise had eight for the night.

The Cats led at the half 32-31 as Stanton traded basket for basket, but in the third period the shooters were ice cold and Stanton went up 43-39. It proved to be the difference in the game.

Ruise has opened up the season on fire, with 45 points in two games. He had 25 against Stanton. Cameron Mack had 8 points with Johnny Lamb adding 7 and Gardner 6 points.

The Wildcats earned their way into the finals with a commanding 67-48 victory over

Interlachen on November 13. Ruise, Gardner, Lamb and Mack were all in double figures and the Cats controlled the defensive boards against Interlachen.

The game was close at the outset as Interlachen hit five three-pointers in the first half, but their shooting cooled off as the Cats applied some outside pressure and BCHS went into the locker room up 31-25.

The Cats kept up the pressure in the second half and cruised to the win.

Ruise led the way with 20 points and Lamb added 15. Gardner had 14 and Mack 11.

The Cats will be home against Newberry on November 27.

## Swim team benefit

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## Bassmasters to meet

The first meeting of Baker County Bassmasters for the 2013 season will be held on December 14 at Extreme Outdoors in Macclenny at 7 pm.

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# Shortstop Hanks goes Division I

**MIKE ANDERSON | REPORTER**

Hunter Hanks, a Baker High senior and standout shortstop on the Wildcat baseball team, signed a letter of intent on November 16 with Lipscomb University, a Christian college in Nashville, TN.

The 18-year-old signee, son of Marty and Heather Hanks of Glen St. Mary, is the first Wildcat in years to sign a four-year scholarship pact with a Division I school. Several other BCHS players have signed with community colleges the past six years.

Family and friends attended the signing ceremony at the BCHS gym that afternoon during a pep rally before that night's football playoff against Creekside.

The scholarship offer is the culmination of a youth baseball career that began when Hunter played ball as a 4-year-old with the Sans Souci Braves in south Jacksonville. In the intervening four years he's played ball almost

year round for numerous athletic associations, about ten travel teams and for Baker County's middle and high school teams.

"He plays hot and really loves the game," said BCHS baseball coach Fred Matricardi. "I'm excited for him. Lipscomb is in a good conference (Atlantic Sun) and the facilities are real nice."

The coach says Hunter will be an asset at Lipscomb because of his strength as an infielder and the fact that he's improved at the plate the past year bringing up a .220 batting average to .360.

"Defensively, he's as good as anybody in the area," Matricardi said. "He's got good hands, good feet, good arms. He's got good range."

Lipscomb's baseball program had had some success in the past, including NAIA national championships in 1977 and 1979, reaching the NCAA playoffs in 2008 and signing two players in the first round of the MLB draft. Last year, however, the Bisons were ranked 124th of 297 Division 1 teams.



Hunter Hanks with his parents Marty and Heather Hanks.

Hunter Hanks' goal? To one day play for either the Tampa Bay Rays or Atlanta Braves. Whether he has what it takes to

play at that level or not, he knows his experience on the diamond so far has already earned him a college education.

# Kenny, Bolles, Columbia roll

**BOB GERARD | SPORTS**

The Wildcats cruised to a 36-0 opening win at home Friday over Creekside in the state playoffs. Here's a look at how some of our opponents did in their playoff games.

The Wildcats will face Bishop Kenny for the second time this season. Our district runners-up faced off against district champ Ponte Vedra while BCHS took on the runners-up Creekside.

Ponte Vedra was #7 in the area power ranking but Kenny eked out a 16-13 win and will travel to Baker County on Friday. The Crusaders were led by receiver/defensive back Ahmad Fulwood. The UF commit made a couple of big plays in the fourth period that turned the game in the favor of Kenny.

Fulwood used his 6'4" frame to out reach a Ponte Vedra receiver for an interception. He then ran back

40 yards to set up a score. Fulwood also made a key catch for a first down with Kenny leading to extend a drive and not give Ponte Vedra the time it needed to come back.

Though no team completely stops Fulwood, the Cats did a pretty good job controlling him in the earlier game and will need to step it up another notch in the playoffs on Friday.

Bolles rolled right along with a 38-13 win over Mt. Dora. Anterrious Mitchell had three first half touchdowns to lead the Bulldogs to the win. It was the 71st playoff victory in Corky Rogers' career.

Columbia rolled to a 35-14 win over the Bartram Trail Bears to revenge a loss last season in the playoffs. Laremy Tunsil racked up 281 yards rushing as the Tigers rambled to a 28-0 lead at the half. Though the Bears came back in the second half it was too little too late.

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# One step closer... Cats handle Creekside 36-0

**BOB GERARD | SPORTS**

The BCHS Wildcats exploded for 36 points on November 16 to thoroughly outclass Creekside in the first round of the state playoffs. The Wildcats will host district foe Bishop Kenny this Friday in a rematch of the district title game. Kenny defeated Ponte Vedra 16-13 to advance.

For the Wildcats, it was a perfect storm of a smothering defense and a phenomenal offensive effort from Falon Lee that made the difference in the 36-0 shutout. The Wildcat defense completely dominated the line of scrimmage and the Knights were unable to generate much offense or seriously threaten Baker County.

This game belonged to BCHS from the opening whistle. Coach Ryan Sulkowski's team had prepared well for Creekside and seemed to match up with whatever the Knights tried to throw at them.

In previous games, the Wildcats have bounced back and forth between the rushing of Lee and quarterback Corey Lawler. But Lee has been getting stronger and more confident as the season has progressed and on Friday night Creekside got a steady diet of Falon Lee.

Lee ran over, around and through the Knights on his way to a 248-yard outing and a pair of touchdowns on 24 carries. He was unstoppable as the Cats' veteran offensive line blew open holes in the Creekside defense and Lee did the rest.

The Wildcat defense also played lights out, allowing the Knights only 79 yards rushing and 115 passing to hold their opponents to 194 yards of total offense. CeCe Jefferson, Mike Boone, Hunter Chambers, Natavian Griffin, Eli Lee, Rashodd Hadley and the crew harassed the Knights play after play.

The Wildcats set the tone for the game in their first drive as they marched 92 yards on eight plays to score on a 6-yard Corey Lawler run. Lee had the big play of the drive — a 28-yard run from the Wildcat 28 to the Creekside 44-yard line.

Opposing quarterback Adam Sandin had a little success early throwing the ball. As the game progressed, Sandin was harassed over and over by the Wildcat defensive front and couldn't set up to throw.

Another Wildcat who had an outstanding game was junior Mike Boone. He excelled on both sides of the ball, with four catches for 98 yards and two touchdowns.

Logan Fox literally flipped field position with a great punt after Creekside stopped a Wildcat possession inside the BCHS 20. Fox drove the ball all the way to the Creekside 27-yard line

and fired up the defense. The Cats got the ball back and Lee set things rolling with a 37-yard rush to the Creekside 29-yard line early in the second period. Lawler hit Boone for the score as BCHS went into the locker room at halftime up 14-0.

Boone continued to play hard and on defense he also pulled in an interception to stop a Creekside drive early in the third quarter. But

it was his second scoring catch that revved up the crowd. With the ball on the Creekside 37, a harassed Lawler threw up what amounted to a Hail Mary pass. Boone out fought the Creekside defenders for a diving catch in the end zone for the Wildcat pass play of the season and a score. Lawler found Dalton Dyal for the two-point conversion.

Lee added another pair of touchdowns in the third period from 1 yard and 9 yards out. In the fourth period, the game deteriorated into one penalty flag after another. Creekside began some very chippy play and to their credit the Cats didn't reciprocate.

The flags made for a very long fourth quarter, but one highlight was Dyal's run-ning. The sophomore can always be counted on to give 100 percent whenever he gets the ball. And though he is not a big player, he runs hard and close to the ground, making him very hard to tackle. Dyal cracked off a 15-yard effort near the end of the game that was fun to watch as he bowled over bigger defenders.

For the Wildcats, who finished with 408 yards of offense, it was a definitive victory. Now they have to prepare for a team that they defeated for the district crown in a 49-35 slug-fest on November 9.

The Wildcats are only too aware that the Kenny Crusaders bring a host of offensive weapons to the table and that it is always tough to play a team twice during the season. If anything, it will take an even harder effort from the Cats than they displayed against Creekside to defeat a team bent on revenge.

But that's the kind of thing you have to expect in the state playoffs. There will be very few games as comfortable as the win over the Knights. Now that the Knights have been stopped, the Crusaders are



Pictured from the Wildcats' win over Creekside in last week's playoffs are (clockwise from top) Tyler Lokey tackling the Creekside running back, Michael Boone making a touchdown catch in double coverage, and Natavian Griffin sacking the opposing quarterback. Also pictured with Griffin is Cason Notes.



# Coach: Kenny redux could be a difficult challenge

**BOB GERARD | SPORTS**

The Wildcats take on the Bishop Kenny Crusaders for the second time this season at home on Friday after a 36-0 win over Creekside in the first round of the playoffs. The Crusaders are an offensive juggernaut when they are playing up to speed and the Wildcats know it only too well. Here are Coach Ryan Sulkowski's comments on the upcoming game and the win over Creekside.

*What are the challenges of playing a team for the second time in a season?*

Depends on the team. If you play a bad, poorly coached team twice it's no big deal, but when you play a very well coached team that has been as successful as Bishop Kenny twice in a season, it becomes very difficult.

They will learn from any weaknesses we exposed three weeks ago so we are not expecting them to have the same weakness this time around. The only advantage we may have is the fact that neither of us have been able to grow much with a two-week span. We both played a very vanilla-style versus our week 11 opponent (BCHS versus Bradford and Bishop Kenny versus West Nassau), but then had to sell out to win our first round games.

I believe that we know them very well, as do they in regards to us. Playoffs come down to execution. The team that executes will win regardless.

*A fine defensive effort by the Wildcats against*

*Creekside. Who were some of your standouts?*

Creekside did not have a lot of snaps on offense and we were able to hold them under 200 total yards of offense, so our individual stats did not represent how well some of our guys played. CeCe Jefferson broke the single season sack record and currently sits at 13.5 sacks for the season after recording two versus the Knights. Rashodd Hadley once again played amazing. He had 12 total tackles and broke up two passes. Natavian Griffin played a good game as well and recorded three tackles behind the line of scrimmage.

Besides that, I really liked the way our secondary played as a group. We limited them to well under 100 yards passing. It was a great, collective effort on the defensive side of the ball.

*Obviously Falon Lee had a huge game. But I was also very impressed by Mike Boone on both sides of the ball. Comment on his progress over the season and his highlight-reel catch.*

Mike has been a playmaker on both sides of the ball all season. Falon is obviously our workhorse and the fact he gets stronger as a runner as the game goes on is a key to the success he has had running behind our solid offensive line. Falon is within arm's length of becoming Baker County's best running back statistically of all time. Mike goes out and makes the most of his opportunities on both sides of the ball. We have thrown more at him of-

fensively and have counted on him more and more each week. The catch he made over two Creekside defenders for a second quarter touchdown was one of the best I have seen in a while. He just wanted it more.

*How important is it to strike early against BK like you did against Creekside?*

You want to come out on fire versus any opponent. Our main focus offensively is sustaining drives. You do not necessarily have to strike early, but if you are sustaining drives, it is just as effective. Our kids have done a great job of this. Our goal is always to "get the ball and keep the ball" and in the games we have won, we have been effective at doing that.

Our second bout with Bishop Kenny is no different. We want to have the ball in our possession and we need to finish with more scores than them. I actually put more stock into stopping their offense on their first possession than us going down to score the first time we have the ball. We forced them into missing a field goal on their first drive in the last game and that is a victory for the defense and propelled us to score offensively.

It's not all about offense when you talk about striking early. You can do the same on defense by making them punt or keeping them from scoring.

*Are you surprised that BK got past Ponte Vedra or were you mentally preparing for both teams? In*

the playoffs, nothing surprises me. We knew we beat a very good Bishop Kenny football team three weeks ago. They proved that by going to Ponte Vedra and beating a state-ranked opponent on the road (only their second first-round playoff win ever).

As a head coach with two very experienced coordinators, I have the luxury and will typically watch film on the next opponent beginning on Wednesday or Thursday night. I did not do that this past week because I felt we had a good understanding of Bishop Kenny, and if Ponte Vedra won I would just catch up on Saturday. My coordinators and I do a great job together of bouncing ideas off of each other and coming up with very sound game plans. I knew we could do the same with Ponte Vedra on Saturday if it called for it.

To be honest, we all felt that Bishop Kenny would win the game and our focus shifted to them somewhere in the fourth quarter last Friday when we heard the score during our game.

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**Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk.**

