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**CIRCUIT COURT**

## 13 years for role in kidnaping and chase

A Sanderson man was sentenced on December 4 to 13 years in prison for his role in an armed home invasion and kidnaping in February, 2011, and for a string of home burglaries in December, 2010.

Jesse Craddock, 25, who also had a Jacksonville address, entered no contest pleas to 30 felony charges in circuit court that day, and must serve a mandatory three years before he is eligible for early release. Then he will be on a two-year probation.



Jesse Craddock

Judge Phyllis Rosier gave the defendant credit for 659 days he has been in county jail since his arrest.

His co-defendant, 66-year-old Harrison Turpin of Jacksonville, was ordered held last week pending the outcome of his case. He is Mr. Craddock's step-father and the judge rescinded his bond because of repeated threats he has made to kill several people and take his own life if he has to go to prison for many of the same offenses.

Mr. Turpin is confined to a wheelchair and has numerous health problems.

The step-son pleaded to kidnapping ex-girlfriend Debbie Donovan and her two children after an armed entry to her house on Dawn Lane off CR 122 in the north county. Gunshots were fired into a ceiling and door, and Ms. Donovan's then-boyfriend Timothy Williams was pistol whipped.

They then took the woman and her children, ages 3 and 4, in a pickup truck that was spotted on CR 125 by police who had been alerted to the kidnaping. A chase ensued involving several officers, and it ended when the defendant's pickup crashed near the intersection of CRs 23C and 23D.

Mr. Turpin, who was riding in the truck bed, was injured and flown from the scene. Mr.

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## Plan to nix board's travel, cell stipends falls on deaf ears

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PHOTOS BY JOEL ADDINGTON

## 'Santa breakfast' on Saturday collects \$800 for bands at BCHS and BCMS

Baker County Friends of the Instrumental Arts, a volunteer-run nonprofit that supports band programs at the middle school and high school, raised about \$800 for instruments and other band equipment with the organization's 6th annual Breakfast with Santa at the middle school the morning of December 8. An estimated 230 people attended the event, plus some 90 band members who performed for the fund raiser's finale. Beginning at 8 am, attendees enjoyed a hot breakfast and posed for pictures with Santa in the cafeteria, or watched a children's movie in the middle school auditorium where the high school band, and then the middle school band, took the stage at 10 am. Each band played a handful of seasonal songs, including "Greensleeves" arranged by Alfred Reed and Albert Hague's "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" arranged by Larry Clark. Pam Gaylord, BCFIA's secretary, said about \$1000 worth of food was donated for the benefit as well as some \$1200 in door prizes. Though attendance at the event was down this year, she said donations from many area businesses were more plentiful than last year. For more information about BCFIA, please visit the organization's website at [www.bcfia.org](http://www.bcfia.org). Pictured above is the high school band being led by its director Michael Warren. At right are sisters (left) Annabel, 4, and Maria Catalan, 6, posing for photos with Santa Claus during the breakfast.



## Raising funds for injured student

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Students at the high school joined forces last weekend for a bake sale to benefit BCHS senior Corey Craig, who was severely injured in an accident that killed another teen the evening of December 1 on Claude Harvey Road.

The bake sale took place December 8 at the Winn-Dixie shopping center in Macclenny and raised some \$1600 to benefit Mr. Craig's family, said Gail Fowler, a business instructor at the high school.

She said students in the school's culinary program spent the two days prior to the fund raiser making cakes, cookies and other desserts to sell.

Sarah Whitaker of Glen St. Mary was among the many who stopped by the sale Saturday afternoon. Ms. Whitaker spent \$100 at the sale.

"She bought one of everything," said Seth Clarkson, who wasn't close to Mr. Craig but shared many classes with him in recent years. He and a handful of other classmates of the injured student manned the bake sale.

"It was very hard to believe, very unexpected;

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Seth Clarkson (left) packs up desserts for Sarah Whitaker at a bake sale to benefit the family of Corey Craig.

PHOTO BY JOEL ADDINGTON

**ANALYSIS**

## Old Castle turning up PR effort on mining

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Old Castle Southern Group of Tampa and its public relations team have been busy the last few months building a website and planning another push to inform the public about its plans to mine sand from nearly 200 acres in the southeastern county.

The group joined the Chamber of Commerce, attended the business group's Christmas social last week and rented a booth in the pre-Christmas parade festival where company representatives distributed glossy flyers touting the company's commitment to the environment and the community.

The flyer says the project will have "NO impact on Baker County's water supply, wetlands, springs or surface water bodies [like lakes, rivers and streams]."

The petitioners in fact used a more illustrative analogy to make that point in a video when Old Castle official Dennis McClelland asserts that what the company seeks to draw from the lower aquifer is equal to "removing a teaspoon from a 20,000 gallon pool."

Old Castle has an application pending with the St. Johns River Water Management District to withdraw 2.88 million gallons of water per day in southeastern Baker County for the first five years of operation, plus much smaller amounts as needed in the future.

The proposed mining site encompasses 192 acres of a larger 436-acre tract owned by DuPont located east of SR 228 about 2.5 miles south of I-10.

The flyer also says the traffic generated by the mining activity will have a "minimal" impact and notes the economic benefits projected from the project, citing an up front investment of \$6.8 million during construction of the mining facility and \$4.4 million in commerce annually for the life of the mine.

Old Castle's public affairs consultant Elizabeth Revell of Fernandina Beach said she and other company representatives are available to meet with individual residents or groups to discuss the plans.

She didn't know when the company would once again seek approval from the Baker County Commission, but said, "The company has not gone away." Old Castle has invested too much money in permitting, planning and public relations to abandon the project, Ms.

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Merry Christmas AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS. Includes First Federal Bank of Florida logo and decorative background.

Old Castle turning up PR on mining...

From page 1 Revell said. Last spring the commission tabled consideration of the Old Castle's proposal as well as a similar plan from another company, E.R. Jahna of Lake Wales, to mine 275 acres of a 960-acre site it leases northeast of the Enterprise East industrial park where the Walmart Distribution Center is located.

When asked about his background in conservation, he said he's a lifetime farmer and noted his service on the boards of many landscapes and on-camera statements from some of the project's key players: Mr. McClelland, general manager of Old Castle's aggregates division; Ms. Revell and Tracy Mouncey of Mouncey and Associates in Lakeland, another public relations consultant; Mr. Moore and Mark Stephens, an engineer and geologist with another Old Castle consultant, The Colinas Group, Inc.

Mr. Moore is a Jacksonville native and part-time resident here. His company, M & M Dairy, owns some 2400 acres south of Sanderson used for cattle, hunting leases and other recreational purposes. He labels himself a conservationist, and as such, he said he would not support Old Castle if the proposed mining would harm the environment.

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'Close' is enough in sock sorting

Last week my column featured a couple of things that I seem to be genetically incapable of performing. This column focuses on a couple more of my failings.

MY SIDE OF THE MATTER ROBERT GERARD

"Those don't match," said my wife as she walked through the living room a white back. She was loaded down with a pile of essays to grade, and I was sitting on the floor sorting socks and watching football.

"What do you mean they don't match," I respond. "They're both white." "Yes, they are," said Kelley in that tone that you usually hear coming out of the mouths of elementary school teachers trying to teach a 6-year-old the vagaries of phonetics.

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Give us something to believe in

What a joke. The endless hand ringing continues unabated in the media and the so-called "chattering class" about what will happen in January if Congress and the president can't get together on taxes and spending.

IMPRESSIONS Jim McGauley

Senior citizens tell the pollsters changes in eligibility and benefits in Medicare are unacceptable - Armageddon. Ditto with Social Security even though the dirty secret is most recipients suck out more from both programs than they ever contribute.

Facebook fans 'What you had to say...'. Angel Tate: Wow, it's crazy they have a shooting around a school in Macclenny and they do the meeting all the way out there... Dennis Whelan: I lived in Duval County for over 40 years, and when I came to Baker County, I never knew heaven was this close.

Correction

An article in last week's edition incorrectly stated that Misty Miller, 31, of Macclenny was arrested on December 2 for felony possession of prescription pills.

# Man gets 13 years for kidnaping and chase

**From page 1**  
Craddock was the focus of an area-wide search that night and next morning that involved prison canine units and a Jacksonville police helicopter.

He was found hiding in a swing set slide off CR 23-A. Mr. Craddock at the time was being sought for a string of home burglaries in the north county during which jewelry, guns and other property were taken. A co-defendant had confessed to involvement and named him as an accomplice.

Ms. Donovan and the children were not seriously hurt in the accident.

The pleas were to kidnaping, burglary while armed, felony high-speed fleeing, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, reckless driving, violation of a domestic violence injunction, resisting arrest and grand theft.

In other prison sentences that day, Amanda Kennedy of Macclenny drew 54 months in the Department of Corrections for multiple drug offenses, including possession of narcotics while in county jail.



Amanda Kennedy

She gets credit for 563 days already in custody, and the state dropped four related counts as part of the plea agreement.

Ms. Kennedy, 32, on several instances in 2010 and 2011 sold drugs to sources working undercover for the sheriff's department. She also pleaded to twin counts of grand theft from a residence north of Glen St. Mary.

• Michael McNeill, 34, of Macclenny pleaded to multiple charges dating back to early 2011 and has already served 307 days of a 13½-month prison sentence.



Michael McNeill

He was arrested in February, 2012 hiding in a garage at a residence on US 90 east in Macclenny, and had burglary tools in his possession. A year earlier, Mr. McNeill was arrested for stealing and selling two firearms taken from a north Macclenny residence.

• Andrew Johnson pleaded no contest to fleeing police and felony driving with a suspended license and will be on house arrest a year, followed by a similar term on probation. The judge also ordered him to do 50 hours of community service work.

• The judge modified India Hill's probation after she admitted violating it, and ordered her to jail under Christmas Eve. The probation was from a 2011 grand theft case.

• The state dropped three of seven theft and fraud counts against Mickie Albino in return for no contest pleas to the remainder, and he was ordered to jail for 42 days in addition to a restitution order.

• Amanda Carter admitted to violating probation for obtaining drugs by fraud, and her term was extended to five years.

• Kevin Wilkerson pleaded no contest to sale of controlled drugs and was placed on a three-year probation. The state dropped a companion charge, and he will be liable for a \$285 investigative fee.

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Staff Sgt. Aaron Bevilacqua accepts a Toys for Tots donation check from gas station manager Theresa Pietrowski (left). Also pictured is Stacy Mills of the City of Macclenny's Christmas-4-Kids program.

# 'Cheap gas' converts into donation for toys

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About an hour after the gas station at perhaps Macclenny's busiest intersection dropped its price per gallon to \$2.99 at 6 am, the pumps were overflowing with vehicles and they kept coming there until shortly after 4 pm when the price went up to \$3.21.

The mark-down on December 7 was aimed at reeling in as many customers as possible to the station for the last day of a Toys for Tots donation drive, which raised \$1435.

For every gallon sold, the convenience store at US 90 and 6th Street donated a penny to the charity administered by the US Marines Reserve Corps.

The store — which is being renamed MyFuel Macclenny by new owner Keith Patterson — began the drive on November 15.

The endeavor raised more than \$1435 thru gas sales, but customers also donated another \$23 in cash at the store, all of which was presented to Marine Staff Sgt. Aaron Bevilacqua last week.

Mr. Patterson's wife Joan was on hand for the donation along with store manager Theresa Pietrowski, the store's district manager Justin Dixon and Stacy Mills from the City of Macclenny and its Christmas-4-Kids toy drive program.

Toys for Tots donates toys to the Christmas-4-Kids effort each year along with many others.

"That's what Toys for Tots is all about," said Sgt. Bevilacqua, "getting the community to come together for a good cause."

Ms. Patterson thanked the sergeant for the opportunity to do just that. "It was great to help out such a good program," she said.

The Christmas-4-Kids program offers toys and other gifts to low-income families in Baker County. Ms. Mills, who coordinates the drive, said the last day to make donations is December 15. There are donation boxes at Vystar, Wells Fargo, American Enterprise, Country Federal, First Federal and Family Dollars.

Donations can also be made at the city fire station on US 90 in downtown Macclenny.

"If someone would like to make a monetary donation, I have jars at DD's and Fat Jack's, or they can mail them to the fire station at 139 E. Macclenny Ave.," said Ms. Mills. "There's also an angel tree at Calendar's if someone would prefer buying items for a child."

Here a few other local charitable opportunities this holiday season:

• Through December 14, the Council on Aging is collecting nonperishable food items for Christmas baskets to be given to area seniors. Please call Belinda Fletcher for additional information or to make a cash donation at 259-2223, ext. 233.

• The Samaritan House food bank is also taking nonperishable food donations at its location on the south side of US 90 between Glen and Macclenny.

• The UP-Baker County Extension Services office (Ag Center) has donation boxes in the lobby for toys, nonperishable foods and clothing and toiletries for needy families here.

# Raising money for injured student

**From page 1**

but I guess you never expect something like that," Mr. Clark said of the accident that may have paralyzed Mr. Craig, 17, of Macclenny.

He suffered spinal injuries, among others, when a truck driven by Austin "Gage" Kight, also 17 and from Macclenny, overturned after attempting to pass another vehicle.

Both young men and another passenger who was fatally injured — Jordan Sommise, 14, of Jacksonville — were ejected from the truck, according to the Florida Highway Patrol. None of the teens were buckled in, FHP reported.

Mr. Kish received less serious injuries in the crash.

As foot and vehicle traffic picked up near Winn-Dixie about mid-morning last Saturday, the bake sales started rolling in too, the students said.

Many people stopped by to purchase treats, but others made donations of cash or baked goods

for the sale.

Ms. Whitaker said she felt compelled to help out because her husband, former county deputy Darrin Whitaker, was injured in a vehicle accident last year.

"The doctors said he would be paralyzed from the waist down, but now he's walking on crutches," she said.

While the bake sale netted about \$1600, a benefit car wash for the Craig family took in another \$200 the following day at Moody's Chevron on US 90, Ms. Fowler said.

A number of other benefits are planned for the families of Mr. Craig and/or Ms. Sommise.

There's a horse ride and raffle planned at Shoals Park on December 15 and a benefit performance of *A Broadway in Baker Christmas* is scheduled for December 14.

All the show's proceeds that evening will go to Mr. Craig's family, said BCHS drama director Bob Gerard.

# Month to clean up, get restoring permit

The Baker County Code Enforcement Board decided a property owner off CR 229 south of Sanderson had made significant progress cleaning up trash that it will allow another month before daily fines are levied.

Thelma Collingwood, who was represented at the board's monthly meeting the evening of December 10 by her son Mark, will still be liable for the \$85 administrative fee that covers the county's investigatory and clerical expenses.

Building official Robert Hathcox told the board much of the refuse has been cleared since the anonymous complaint was made in early October.

Mr. Collingwood also promised to make an immediate effort to obtain registration for a pickup truck on the property that he is repairing, and to seek restoration permits on a second vehicle he is keeping for parts on another one that is registered and licensed.

Should the owner fail to do that, the CEB will fine her \$40 on the 31st day, then \$10 a day after that for 180 days.

Unpaid fines trigger a county lien on property, which prevents owners from sale or transfer.

Just prior to that vote, the board gave Samuel and Laurie Miller two weeks to clean up refuse and an abandoned mobile home on their property on Deerfield Circle before fines begin.

No one appeared at the meeting to represent the owners, and the county got no response to notices posted both on the property and at the courthouse after certified mail was returned.

The board declined to hear an appeal by James Barton for a fine reduction because the case was not on its December agenda.

According to Mr. Hathcox, he owes \$3061 in past fines and penalties for having a mobile home on his property without a permit.

The CEB hears such petitions from time to time, and sends its recommendations on to the county commission for a final resolution.

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## BAKER COUNTY COMMISSION

# Croft's stipend slash goes nowhere

**MIKE ANDERSON**  
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James Croft's recent return to the Baker County Commission for a second term, following an absence that lasted a quarter of a century, wasn't quite as successful as he had hoped during a board meeting last week.

The 53-year-old evangelist followed through on a campaign pledge to seek ways to cut county government spending, starting with a \$150 monthly stipend each commissioner receives for travel and cell phone expenses, during the meeting on December 4.

"We're facing tough economic times," Mr. Croft said, calling for support of a proposal to "do away with that (stipend)."

He acknowledged to fellow commissioners and the audience that the \$9,000 in potential savings isn't much money compared with the county's overall budget. But he said it would be a start in the right direction.

"If you get enough \$9,000 savings you begin to make a difference," Mr. Croft said. "And it would send a very strong message to everyone involved that this board is serious about approaching every aspect of the budget very seriously."

Further, by commissioners voluntarily cutting their own income by \$1,800 a year, a tone of fiscal restraint would be established, he suggested.

"I believe this will send a clear signal to department heads, constitutional officers and the public that we are willing to make sacrifices to bring about the desired result of a balanced budget - without the use of reserve funds," he said.

He suggested eliminating the stipend effective Jan. 1, 2013, which would save \$6,750 during the remainder of the current budget year and \$9,000 in each subsequent year.

Mr. Croft's reception from other commissioners, however, was chilly. When Commissioner Mark Hartley, newly

elected board chairman for the coming year, asked if anyone wanted to second Mr. Croft's motion there was silence. At one point Commissioner Adam Giddens said he did not want to vote on the issue without all commissioners being present. In Commissioner Jimmy Anderson's absence, Mr. Giddens suggested the proposal be postponed.

Mr. Croft noted that commissioners have "passed many other financial issues with only four members present" and did not see why this issue should be any different.

"It's only \$9,000," he said. "If it was a half a million dollar issue I could understand."

Then, Chairman Hartley intervened, noting that Mr. Croft's motion was still pending before the board without a second and asked, again, if there was any support for it. After several seconds of silence, Mr. Hartley declared the motion dead for lack of a second.

Mr. Croft immediately asked County Manager C.J. Thompson to place his proposal back on the agenda for discussion during the next board meeting at 5 pm on December 17.

That's when Commissioner Gordon Crews entered the discussion. Instead of the board deciding whether to eliminate the \$150 monthly stipend, he said, the question should be "left up to the individual commissioners."

"Just like insurance," Mr. Crews said. "I chose not to take the county insurance because I have my own insurance."

The county could save a lot more than \$9,000 by eliminating insurance for commissioners, he said.

In other business during the December 4 meeting commissioners:

• Received a copy of the Florida Department of Transportation's five-year work program for road improvements slated for Baker County, including plans to repave 52 miles of existing roadways and the construction of a new road.

The plan, presented by Urban Transportation Development Manager James G. Bennett, included the following resurfacing projects: 11.8 miles of US 90 from Columbia

County to Sanderson; 14.7 miles of State Road 2 in Baxter from the Columbia County line to the Georgia state line; 8.7 miles of State Road 228 from the Duval County line to Interstate 10; 2.5 miles of County Road 229 in Sanderson; and 1.3 miles of County Road 23D from Napoli Road to State Road 121.

Two roads are scheduled for widening and resurfacing in 2016: SR 125 from CR 127 to CR 250 in Cuyler and SR 125 from Park Street to CR 127. Commissioners asked Mr. Bennett to consider extending the widening and resurfacing of SR 125 from Park Street southward through the Town of Glen St. Mary, as well.

The one new traffic artery in the works is Glen Nursery Road, which will extend nearly 6.3 miles from CR 229 to SR 125 in Glen. Construction is scheduled to be completed in 2016 at an estimated cost of \$2.4 million.

The work plan also includes a sidewalk along the west side of heavily-trafficked SR 228 from the Walmart store to the intersection with Lowder Street near the Macclenny post office.

When commissioners asked if a traffic signal is going to be installed at the busy intersection, Mr. Bennett said studies did not indicate the need for a traffic signal. However, he said other improvements will be made to improve traffic flow and safety.

• Approved a new one-year collective bargaining agreement with emergency medical services workers, which officials said contains very few changes from the current contract, other than a minor change allowing personnel to wear county-provided uniform T-shirts after 8 pm and increasing the boot allowance from \$100 to \$125. Like all other county employees, EMS personnel will not receive a pay raise this year.

• Renewed a contract with The Lake Doctors Inc. for continued water management treatment and weed control services at Little St. Mary's River Park off US 90. The monthly \$125 charge remains unchanged under the new contract.

• Received a report from insurance consultants stating that United Health Care, which provides coverage for county employees, has awarded the county \$10,000 to help develop wellness programs for employees, such as smoking cessation, weight loss and fitness center memberships.

# Driver is hurt when pickup rolls on CR 127

A 22-year-old motorist from Keystone Heights was seriously injured when a pickup truck flipped several times the afternoon of December 4 on CR 127 in Taylor.

Linden Parker was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the 3:38 pm single-vehicle crash north of CR 122, according to a report from the Florida Highway Patrol released some four hours after the accident.

The driver, who was partially ejected, was flown by helicopter to Shands Jacksonville for treatment, Trooper J. Beagle's report notes.

The officer's narrative of the wreck shows the 2006 Ford Ranger was southbound on CR 127 and the driver lost control of the vehicle, which overturned several times before coming to rest on its roof on the grass shoulder.

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# Delegation hearing was speedy

## Dean sees a new run at NEFSH this session

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Baker County's two voices in the Florida Legislature stopped in Macclenny for a short hearing with local elected officials and others the afternoon of December 11.

The roughly 30-minute gathering was more brief than those in previous years, when officials as well as residents packed the county commission chambers to speak to state Senator Charlie Dean (R-Inverness) and Representative Janet Adkins (R-Fernandina Beach) of the Florida House.

Rep. Adkins was replaced as Baker County's representative in the chamber by Rep. Elizabeth Porter (R-Lake City) during last year's once-a-decade redistricting process.

In recent years, local officials would often plead for more funding — or at least no more funding reductions — for schools, roads, courts, health care and other areas of government.

But not so much this time around.

This year many officials thanked Sen. Dean and Rep. Porter for taking time to visit with constituents locally but made no requests. Other organizations, like the sheriff's office and the health department, did not have representatives at the meeting as usual.

"I think [Rep. Porter] will be a real asset to Baker County, and Senator Dean, we know that you are, and we thank the Lord he put you back over here with Baker County," said County Commissioner Jimmy Anderson while addressing the legislators.

Baker County remained in Sen. Dean's district once redistricting finished, though some thought the legislature's leadership would hand him new constituents due to his opposition to privatizing management at Northeast Florida State Hospital.

"If there's anything in Baker County you all need us to do, you go on and let us know because I'm sure we'll let you know if there's something you can do for



Baker County's new representative in the Florida House Elizabeth Porter with state Senator Charlie Dean.

us," said the commissioner.

Others including Property Appraiser Tim Sweat, Tax Collector Gene Harvey and Supervisor of Elections Nita Crawford, who were among about a dozen local officials in attendance, also had little to say about state budget allocations.

School board chairman Dwight Crews, however, asked the legislators to better fund capital outlays for public schools.

"This is money we have to repair our facilities and maintain them," he said. "We've just been cut back and cut back until we don't have enough for that. We'd like you take a look at that."

Mr. Crews also expressed reservations about the state's move toward performance pay for teachers and said the district needs more time to comply with state mandates related to more rigorous "common core" curriculum standards for students.

"We just feel like we need more time to get that right," he said. "We want to get that right the first time."

Sen. Dean responded saying the cuts to education in recent years were the result of falling state revenues and the legislature needing to make tough decisions. In 2013, however, he ex-

pects more money to be available for education.

"We had a tough time last year and came back and did some re-funding and I think much of that was the climate at the time we were being impacted," he said. "I'm not much on budget predictions — when you find out your over or under, you do what you have to do. But the feeling I'm getting in Tallahassee on education is we're going to step up and try to take care of that first. I think that will be high on the agenda this year."

Clerk of Courts Al Fraser took the opportunity to voice a concern common among court system officials — that the state's system for funding courts with filing fees and other sources that can fluctuate widely from year-to-year is not adequate.

"In a small county with 10 people in the [Clerk of Courts] office, and my income is off \$100,000, I can't let two [employees] go because I'm doing 500 cases this year instead of 600. It just doesn't work that way," said Mr. Fraser. "I hope the [Florida Association of Court Clerks and Comptrollers] will come up with some kind of suggestion for you, but we need relief some way or another."

Again, Sen. Dean made it clear he understood.

"I don't think we've done the right thing over the last four years ... I want to see us do a better job of appropriations and understanding the fee system you have to go through and what I believe is your rightful budget expectations," he said. "You've got a cheerleader on your side."

The senator also reiterated his support for Northeast Florida State Hospital and said he believes it will be "under attack" again next year.

"I'll assure you of my commitment to stay tied — I don't know nothing about cutting and running, I'll be here," he told the group.

Rep. Porter remained relatively quiet during the hearing, but some officials said they'd spoken to her prior to the meeting and had their concerns addressed. She agreed to take over the role as chair of next year's hearing.

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# Man arrested for stealing his mother's \$20,000 ring

The homeless son of a north county woman was arrested on December 7 for stealing a \$20,000 diamond ring from his mother and pawning it for \$1000.

Ronald Cawthon, 47, admitted to Deputy Rodney Driggers during an interview at county jail that he took the ring from Nancy Cherry's residence where he had been staying because he had nowhere else to go.

The ring, pawned at Baker Guns and Gold in Macclenny on December 2, was recovered and returned to the owner.

Ms. Cherry notified police on December 7 when she discovered that the ring, which had once belonged to her mother, was missing. Earlier, she had confronted her son about other property missing since he took up residence with her in mid-October, then ordered him to leave.

Deputy Driggers said he located Mr. Cawthon at the American Inn in Macclenny later that day, and the son said he took the ring to get money for a place to stay. He claimed he mailed the pawn information back to his mother so she could re-claim it.

The deputy noted that Mr. Cawthon had \$315 in a wallet, money then seized as suspected proceeds from the pawning. He was booked for grand theft and dealing in stolen property.

In a second arrest, a Jacksonville man was detained in the workshop/shed of a state agriculture agent in the early morning hours of December 8.

Agent Harmon Smith went to his residence on Leonard Norman Rd. north of Macclenny

after he was called by his wife shortly after 4 am while on duty at the state line inspection station on SR 121. The wife became alarmed after she saw someone in the shed.

Agent Smith detained Justin Taylor, 23, after finding lights on in the shed and the suspect hiding inside. The suspect told Deputy Ben Anderson he was looking for a ride to Jacksonville after walking from the Soggy Bottom mud bogging pit in Charlton County north of the state line.

He was charged with trespassing.

Brian Poole reported a \$2500 laptop computer and \$300 safe missing from his residence on Andrews St. in Glen St. Mary on December 6.

He told Deputy Tony Norman his daughters were away from the residence between 10 am-6:30 pm that day. The safe was taken from a closet and the computer from a home office.

Police were given the names of two male suspects who had been at the residence earlier this year.

Ray Harvey called police when he discovered tools missing from a shed at his residence on Earlis Harvey Rd. north of Sanderson the afternoon of December 9.

He told Deputy Earl Lord the chain saw, concrete saw and drill were there when he last was in the unlocked shed on December 2. He valued the property at \$1775.

A rear door was pried open at the residence of Bruce Gaskins on Gaskins Circle north of Sanderson the evening of December 4. The owner told Deputy Koty

Crews a Playstation console worth \$300 and an iPad valued at \$600 were stolen.

Sam Norman reported on December 5 that a .45 caliber pistol, magazine and case valued at \$300 were taken from the bedroom of his residence on D.E. Long Dr. near Macclenny.

He told Deputy Jeremiah Johnson he last saw the weapon on November 20.

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION**  
 File No. 02-2012-CP-032

**IN RE: ESTATE OF THOMAS M. DEVINE.**  
 Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of THOMAS M. DEVINE, deceased, whose date of death was January 24, 2012; file number 02-2012-CP-032, is pending in the Circuit Court for Baker County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 339 East Macclenny Avenue #113, Macclenny, FL 32063. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is: December 6, 2012.

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**  
**IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**CIVIL ACTION**  
**CASE NO. 02-2012-CA-000054**  
**DIVISION:**

**WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,**  
 Plaintiff,

**vs.**

**DANIEL A. RISPOLI, et al,**  
 Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated November 21, 2012 and entered in Case No. 02-2012-CA-000054 of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH Judicial Circuit in and for BAKER COUNTY, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA is the Plaintiff and DANIEL A. RISPOLI, ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT WHO IS NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE BAKER COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 14th day of January, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

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A/K/A 18211 CREWS ROAD, GLEN ST MARY, FL 32040-2525

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on November 27, 2012.

At Frasier  
 Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 By: Tabitha Wilson  
 As Deputy Clerk

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**CIVIL ACTION**  
**CASE NO. 02-2012-CA-000046**  
**DIVISION:**

**BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,**  
 Plaintiff

**vs.**

**ERMAN COPHER, KAREN COPHER, ET AL**  
 Defendants

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

To the following Defendant: **ERMAN COPHER 520 SHREY STE MACCLENNY, FL 32063**

**54533 OGLIVE ROAD VICKI DRIVE MACCLENNY, FL 32061**

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

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Has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to, to Ulrien Law Offices, P.C., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 4651 Sheridan Street Suite 460, Hollywood, FL 33021 on or December 28, 2012, a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in Baker County Press and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

You have 30 calendar days after the first publication of this Notice to file a written response to the attached complaint with the clerk of this court. A phone call will not protect you. Your written response, including the case number given above and the names of the parties, must be filed if you want the court to hear your side of the case. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case, and your wages, money, and property may thereafter be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may call an attorney referral service or a legal aid office (listed in the phone book).

This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2, 1965.

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# Damages fire sprinkler Jail inmate irate at confinement

A county jail inmate faces both felony and misdemeanor charges for allegedly destroying the fire sprinkler device in an isolation cell where he had been placed on December 4.

Shortly after Jay Timothy Blanchard Jr., 22, of Jacksonville was placed in the upper tier cell in Dorm 7 because of unspecified problems with fellow inmates, the sprinkler activated and water flooded the immediate area and onto the lower level, according to the report by Lt. David Bryant.

The report indicated that Mr. Blanchard had been placed in the cell about a half hour before the incident about 9:30 pm. He was charged four days later with felony tampering with a fire suppression system and misdemeanor criminal mischief.

The inmate was in jail for violating probation on numerous drug related charges. In other incidents, a video surveillance camera caught the image of a white male smashing the door glass at Smoker's Express on South 6th St. in Macclenny about midnight on December 5.



Jay Blanchard

The intrusion triggered an alarm, and Deputy Daryl Mobley said he responded to the property just south of the CSX tracks and was told by a witness she saw a tall white male wearing a grey hoodie in the area.

Later, police had access to a video at My Beauty next door, and it depicted the suspect striking the glass with a large hammer and entering the store, then quickly exiting. Owner Ghandi Ayoub of Orange Park said nothing was taken.

Another witness tipped police off to the origin of obscene graffiti on the wall of Dixie Mini-Storage on North 8th St. in Macclenny.

Owner Brent Whitney reported the defacing the morning of December 6. Deputy Earl Lord said he interviewed John Perry, 18, of Macclenny based on the tip, and he admitted to the vandalism and named Jesse Foster, also 18 and from the same address on MLK Dr., as an accomplice.

Misdemeanor criminal complaints were filed against both of them.

# Woman who ran stop sign arrested for drunk driving

Police arrested a Glen St. Mary woman for drunk driving after she ran through a stop sign in Macclenny and her 1994 Jeep struck the concrete lane divider at the CSX crossing on South 6th St.

Christine Harvey, 23, failed field sobriety tests in the CVS parking lot after she was stopped about 1:50 am on December 5 by Deputy Daryl Mobley. Minutes earlier, the officer said he was patrolling on South 6th and observed Ms. Harvey turn in a wide arc from McIver St. without stopping.

She refused to submit to a breath test at county jail and was charged with DUI. Deputy Mobley also learned her driver's license had two suspensions for failure to pay traffic fines.

He ticketed her for the stop sign violation and failure to maintain a single lane of travel. In a second drunk driving arrest, a Quincy, FL man was sent to Shands Jacksonville for treatment of a medical condition after his blood alcohol level measured .128.

Charles Clinkscales, 69, was at the wheel of a 2001 Mercury when he was stopped on Interstate 10 the afternoon of December 3. Deputy John Hardin caught up with the vehicle, which had been reported by motorists to be swerving and speeding up to 90 mph on the interstate.

FHP Trooper Justin Smatt said the driver failed field sobriety tests and an empty vodka bottle was found in the vehicle. In other arrests involving alco-

# Troubled youth re-arrested

Additional criminal complaints were filed against a 12-year-old Macclenny boy for kicking, striking and attempting to bite county deputies while they attempted to arrest him and place him in a patrol car the afternoon of December 5.

The youth, who was then transferred to a Jacksonville facility, had been arrested on two occasions recently for domestic violence on his mother and resisting police.

The mother called police that afternoon shortly after her son returned to their address off CR 23A North angry because he had been disciplined at school for bragging about the prior arrests.

The mother said she now fears her son and is concerned for her safety during his tirades. Deputy Simpkins said the boy unleashed a barrage of obscenities when initially questioned, then resisted being handcuffed after refusing to calm himself. The officer and Deputy Jeremiah Johnson, who responded to a call

for assistance, noted they had to use force including striking the boy on the legs with a baton to get him in the patrol car.

Once inside the vehicle, Deputy Simpkins said the youth began striking his head against partition glass.

Both the charges involving the deputies are third-degree felonies.

In another case, a complaint charges a 17-year-old Macclenny youth with domestic assault on his adopted mother and battery on his brother.

Deputy Chad Montean responded to an address on South 6th the evening of December 5 after the mother said she was threatened with a kitchen knife, and that her son threatened to kill everyone in the house if he was thrown out.

She had moments before ordered the youth off the property because he was fighting with the brother over a stain on a pair of pants. The deputy said he spoke with

the suspect over the phone, and he refused to pinpoint his location.

A complaint for felony domestic battery by strangling was filed against Dorian Surrency, 19, of Macclenny following a late night incident on Quail Lane on December 7.

The 17-year-old girlfriend of the suspect told Deputy Robert Aberly that he struck and grabbed her around the throat during an argument. The officer noted some facial swelling on the victim.

Two patients were named in complaints for attacks on employees at Northeast Florida State Hospital.

Scott Rhoden, 21, of Sanderson said he was struck in the head by a 29-year-old male patient the morning of December 4, and Gradina Bowen of Baldwin said she was scratched on the neck and hand by a 21-year-old female patient.

# 'Dually' pickup is stolen overnight from his driveway

A Glen St. Mary man called police when he realized his vehicle was stolen from his driveway sometime during the night on December 8.

Michael Padgett told Deputy Randy Davis he parked the 2001 Ford dual-axis truck the previous evening and left it unlocked with the keys in a cup holder. He valued the vehicle at \$10,000.

His residence is on Smooth Bore Ave. off Odus Yarbrough Rd. northwest of Macclenny. Cpl. Davis noted that no physical evidence was found at the scene, and the pickup was equipped with chrome wheels and a 90-gallon diesel fuel tank mounted in the bed.

In other recent cases involving vehicles, Robert Brown of Macclenny reported a rifle scope and mount worth \$307 taken from the rear seat of his Ford pickup while it was parked at a Dogwood Ave. address for about an hour the morning of December 4.

Michael Deyton called police the afternoon of December 5 when he learned that two ve-

hicles he purchased to scrap had been stolen.

Deputy Brandon Kiser said he went to Mr. Deyton's residence on Forest Rd. 732 near Oluette and confirmed that the 1995 Chevrolet Suburban and 2002 Saturn were listed as stolen by Jacksonville police.

Ronald Canaday of Sanderson gave Deputy Chad Montean the names of two persons who might be responsible for stealing his wife's 1999 Pontiac on December 6.

The vehicle was left with the engine running and on fire in front of a residence on CR 122 near Taylor that evening, and a nearby resident told police she heard a car door slam and saw a second vehicle drive off.

The vehicle was towed from the scene and the case turned over to the state fire marshal's office.

Mr. Canaday indicated the suspects may have torched the vehicle in retaliation for his involvement in a drug investigation.

# Alert for scam on big checks

If you receive a check in the mail made out to you, and then you're asked to cash it and send back most of it, you might suspect that something is amiss.

Sheriff Joey Dobson said several Baker County residents have received the checks made out for large amounts of money. The scam artists are using small mail, e-mail and social media to contact people soliciting participation. One such check was written on Rabobank, N.A. of Imperial, California from the account of Columbia College Hollywood in Tarzana, Cal. It was for \$1850.

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# Hosts Christmas party

The Annual District 4 Christmas party of the General Federation of Women's Clubs was hosted by the Woman's Club of Macclenny. The event was held December 7 at the Glen St. Mary farm of Terry and Trilby Crews. Representatives of many of the 14 district clubs were in attendance. Guests enjoyed horseshoes, made pine cone bird feeders, recycled Christmas cards for soldiers in Afghanistan, collected toys for underprivileged children at the Marjorie Lord's Christmas party, observed a cane grinding and syrup boiling and had a delicious luncheon. Pictured above in the turkey shoot is GFWC Woman's Club of Macclenny member Carla Williams assisting District 4 President Veronica Gucklean.

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**Crime watch for South 6th St. area**

A neighborhood crime watch effort open to people living and working on South 6th St. from Lowder north to the CSX railroad has organized and will hold a meeting at Baker Manor Apartments on December 17 at 6:30 pm.

Regina Cody said the organization in conjunction with Northeast Florida Community Action Agency on Lowder has already met twice, and is extending its reach northward.

Operations chief Maj. Gerald Gonzalez is expected to be at the upcoming meeting at the apartment clubhouse.

For more details, contact Ms. Cody at 259-6008.

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## Marshal Alridge, 84, of Olustee dies

Marshall Alridge, 84, of Olustee died at home on December 9, 2012 after an extended illness. He was born on January 4, 1929 to the late Grant and Susie Alridge, and was educated in the public schools of Ellaville, GA. He worked in the pulpwood industry for over 35 years and with the U.S. Forestry Department in Olustee under the Older American Program. Mr. Alridge was a member of the Body of Assembly Church of God in Christ.

He was predeceased by his parents; sister Alma Alridge; brother Haver Alridge; daughters Marshalene and Norma Jean Alridge; grandson Daniel Thomas.

Mr. Alridge is survived by his devoted wife Nancy; daughters Evangeline Linda (Joe) Thomas, Johnnie Mae (Julius) Dinkens, Kimberly (West) Dryden, Nichole Brown, Nettie (Reginald) Tisdale and Catherine Harris; sons Travis (Samantha), Marshall Jr., Jerome (Lisa) and Jeffery Alridge; numerous godchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and special friends Earnestine Broomfield and Brenda Jackson.

The viewing and visitation will be on Friday, December 14 from 6-8 pm at Jerusalem Baptist Church in Olustee, and the funeral service the following day at 11 am at New Day Spring Missionary Baptist Church in Lake City. Interment will be at Quitman Cemetery in Sanderson.

Mizell Funeral Home of Lake City is in charge of arrangements.

## Alton Crews, 67, funeral Thursday

Alton J. Crews, 67, of Glen St. Mary died on Monday, December 10, 2012 at his home after a long illness. He was born in Jacksonville on March 19, 1945 and was a lifelong resident of Baker County.



Alton Crews

He was the son of Andrew Jackson Crews Sr. and was preceded in death by his father and brother Andrew Jackson Crews Jr. He was a carpenter and enjoyed wood working in his retirement. He was a Navy veteran of the Vietnam War.

Mr. Crews is survived by sons Allen (Kim) Crews of Sanderson and Alvin H. Crews of Lake City; his mother Mabel Irene Crews of Glen St. Mary; granddaughters Brandi (Matt) Funk and Andrea (Josh) Newmans; great-grandson Maddox Jagger Funk; great-granddaughter Lyleigh Newmans (expected in January); sisters Margaret Watson of Baldwin, Jeanette (Alvin) Best of Fernandina Beach and DeLois (Tommy) Crews of St. George, Ga.; brothers Bobby Gene (Betty) Crews, Woody (Charolette) Crews, Harold Crews, Archie Crews and Paul Crews, all of Glen St. Mary.

The funeral service for Mr. Crews will be conducted at 3 pm Thursday, December 13 in the chapel of Guerry Funeral Home in Macclenny with Rev. Bobby Gene Crews officiating. Visitation will be held one hour before the service. Final disposition will be by cremation.

### New Hope Church, Inc.

23-A to Lauramore Rd. & Fairgrounds Rd.

Pastor J. C. Lauramore welcomes all

## Shirley Fagin, 75, of Macclenny dies

Shirley Mae Fagin, 75, of Macclenny died on December 5, 2012. She was a lifelong resident of Baker County.



Shirley Fagin

Mrs. Fagin is survived by daughters Delbra Scott (Clemson) and Sharon Fagin; grandchildren Rose Walton (Kelvin), Jermaine Fagin, Clayton Scott and Clinton Scott (Yolanda); nine great-grandchildren; sisters Dr. Wilma Bright (Paul) and Mildred Washington; numerous nieces, nephews and other loving relatives and friends.

The funeral service for Mrs. Fagin was held on Saturday, December 8 at 12:30 pm at St. James Baptist Church in Macclenny. Burial was in Mt. Hermon Cemetery in Macclenny. Harry Brown Funeral Directors of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.

## Harry Hickox, 50, dies December 7th

Harry I. Hickox, 50, a lifelong resident of Baker County, died on December 7, 2012 at his residence. He was born in Folkston, GA on December 18, 1961 to Hershel Harry Hickox and the late Alma Doris Crews Hickox.



Harry Hickox

Harry enjoyed playing the guitar, fishing, boating and riding his motorcycle. He was preceded in death by his mother and sister Tammy Marie Crews.

He is survived by his father of Brunswick, GA; step-brother Clifford Dixon; sisters Rose (Jeffery) Creekmore of Glen St. Mary, Pam (Dennis) Lipnick of Macclenny and Myra (Tommy) Eades of Bruswick.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, December 13 at 1 pm in the chapel of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services Macclenny with Pastor Oral Lyons officiating.

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573 S. 5th St. 259-6059  
Sunday Bible Study 9:45 am  
Fellowship 10:30 am - 11:00 am  
Worship Services 11:00 am  
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm  
Minister Sam F. Kitching

**Sanderson Congregational Holiness Church**  
CR 127 N., Sanderson, FL  
Sunday School 10:00 am  
Morning Worship 11:00 am  
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
Wed. Evening Prayer Serv. 7:30 pm  
Pastor: Oral E. Lyons

## Donald W. Frazee dies December 5

Donald W. Frazee, 77, a 22-year resident of Baker County, died on December 5, 2012 at Ed Fraser Memorial Hospital. He was born in Topeka, KS on April 9, 1935 to the late Donald L. Frazee and Ethel S. Smith.



Donald Frazee

Donald served his country proudly in the United States Army from 1952-1955 as a field radio operator and in the United States Air Force from 1955-1963 as an electronics technician. He earned an associate degree in science degree in accounting from Jones Business College in 1976, and for the past eight years he was employed by the Baker County Sheriff's Office as a crossing guard.

Mr. Frazee was a pastor and minister for 26 years. He enjoyed bowling, playing computer games and spending time with his family. He was preceded in death by his parents; step-father Ralph S. Smith and brother John D. Smith.

He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Lucille K. Frazee; brother Richard (Earlene) Frazee Sr.; sister-in-law Joyce; children Lori M. (Mark) Wilkinson, Robin L. (Tommy) O'Neal, Chris L. (Sheri) Frazee and Wayne D. (Meike) Frazee; 15 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren (three on the way); nieces and nephews and a great-grandchild on the way.

The funeral service for Mr. Frazee was held on Tuesday, December 11 at 11:30 am at V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services with Pastor Sheila Houston officiating. Interment followed at Jacksonville National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations for funeral expenses.

## Louis Edwards, 97, of Glen dies

Louise P. Edwards, 97, died on December 6, 2012. She was a native of Starke and moved back to Florida from her home in Sinclairville, NY in 1997. She resided in Glen St. Mary and attended First Baptist Church of Glen St. Mary. She spent the past seven years in Frank Wells Nursing Home.

She was preceded in death by her husbands Eustace Parnelle and George Edwards.

Mrs. Edwards is survived by step-daughters Opal and Mary and step-son Eustace, Jr.; nieces and nephews June and Sam Alderman of Land O' Lakes, Carl and Sara Norman of Macclenny, Barbara and Tom Hall of Fairfax, VA, Pansy Gordon of Whitehouse and Hester Richie of Jacksonville; numerous great-nieces and nephews.

A graveside funeral service was held at 2 pm on Tuesday, December 11 at Evergreen Cemetery in Gainesville with Rev. Perry Hays officiating.

## Infant Johnson dies December 8

Infant Lacey Leigh Johnson died on December 8, 2012 at St. Vincent's Medical Center. She is survived by parents Robert and Courtney Johnson; sister Madison Johnson and brother Hunter Johnson, all of Macclenny; maternal grandparents Chris (Katherine) Sineath and paternal grandparents Randy (Karen) Johnson, all of Jacksonville.

V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.

## Joseph Mann, 64, dies December 4

Joseph E. Mann 64, of Glen St. Mary died on Tuesday, December 4, 2012 at the Veterans Medical Center in Lake City after an extended illness. He was a lifelong resident of Baker County, the son of Funston Mann, who preceded him in death. He was a long distance truck driver, a member of the VFW, American Legion and DAV.

Mr. Mann is survived by his loving wife of 39 years, Thelma Louise Stephens Mann of Glen St. Mary; daughters Lisa Manning (Richard) of Sneads, Edna Jo Medina (Elvin) of Sanderson and Crystal Summey (Joseph) of Jacksonville; son Roscoe Stephens (Dawn) of Callahan; mother Hazel Richard of Sanderson; brothers John Paul Mann of Sanderson; William Richard of Glen St. Mary and Douglas Funston Mann; sisters Margaret Salie (Jean) of Sanderson and Mary Waters (Roger) of Middleburg; 16 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service for Mr. Mann was held Saturday, December 8 at 2 pm at Archer Funeral Home Memorial Chapel in Lake Butler. Burial followed at South Prong Cemetery.

## Gracie Poitevint was a minister

Gracie Lee Poitevint, 80, of Macclenny died on Saturday, December 8, at St. Vincents Medical Center in Jacksonville following a brief illness. She was born in Bainbridge, GA and lived in Lake City, Macclenny and Callahan for most of her life. She was the daughter of the late Henry Outer and Ruby Corine Yown Poitevint. She was a former business owner and ordained minister, and a member of the Jacksonville Word of Faith Church.

She was preceded in death by siblings Dallas and Monty Poitevint. She is survived by daughter Simone (James) Fouraker of Jacksonville; sons Gary (Hilda) Harrington of White Springs, FL and Rocky Harrington of Lake City; sister Betty Boston of Lake City; brothers Edgar (Marion) and Ben Poitevint, both of Branford, FL; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at 11 am on Wednesday, December 12 in the chapel of Guerry Funeral Home in Macclenny with Rev. Jim Kasemann of Tampa officiating. Interment was in Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens in Lake City.

## Yule play, caroling

New Hope Church will present a Christmas play on December 15 at 7 pm, and is holding an outdoors old fashioned Christmas caroling event on December 19. It is at 7 pm also.

The church is located on Lauramore Rd. near the county fairgrounds.

## The Road to Calvary

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Rev. Tommy & Doris Anderson  
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Sunday School: 10:00 am  
Sunday Morning Service: 11:00 am  
Sunday Evening Service: 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Night: 7:30 pm

## Saint Peter's in the Glen

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10:00 am Sunday Worship/Holy Communion  
7:00 pm Wednesday Study/Holy Communion  
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Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 pm

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Wed. Night Service 7:30 pm  
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Assistant Pastor Timothy Alford

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## Canning class on January 11

Do you have a pressure canner at home? Do you have any idea how to use it, or are you just plain afraid of it?

There is no need to worry any longer. The Baker County Extension Service is offering a food preservation class on Friday, January 11th from 9:30 am - 2:00 pm at the extension office at the Ag Center in Macclenny.

The program will emphasize how to safely can fresh produce. Come and learn the newest rules and techniques for keeping your family safe while preserving foods. Cost of the program is \$7 per person.

Participants will receive the newest food preservation information along with freshly made jam or jelly. The latest edition of *So Easy To Preserve* will also be available for purchase.

Stop by the Baker County Extension Office to register and pay by Tuesday, January 8 before 5:00 pm or call Melanie Thomas at (904) 259-3520 for more information.

## 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](mailto: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.

## Annual toy party Saturday

The annual Christmas party and toy giveaway to less fortunate children in Baker County will be held at the Macclenny Woman's Club on Saturday, December 15.

The event starts at 9 am and runs through 2 pm.

All children are welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult. In turn, all adults must be accompanied by a child. Call Frances Frost at 259-5888 for more details.

The party is sponsored by Margie Lord Ministries.



## New sergeant...

Rick Robinson of Macclenny was promoted to the rank of sergeant at Union Correctional Institution at Raiford. He had been filling a variety of positions as a utility officer since 2009. He will now be either a building or area supervisor. The pinning ceremony was held on November 27 at the prison.

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## BCMS Yule concert

The combined Baker County Middle School bands will host a Christmas concert the evening of Tuesday, December 18 in the school auditorium. It begins at 7 pm.

On hand will be the beginning band, concert band, symphonic band and the jazz band.

The jazz ensemble will appear at Calendar's in downtown Macclenny at 6 pm on December 15.

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## Meteorologists talk weather at PreK Center

Two Jacksonville TV weathermen, including meteorologist and reporter for First Coast News Lewis Turner (above), visited the PreK-Kindergarten Center on December 10 to teach children about the weather and field their questions about lightning and other weather-related phenomenon. Action-NewsJax's meteorologist Mike Buresh also visited the school that day.

## CoA gift tree up at Walmart

The Baker County Council on Aging has set up an Angel Tree for home bound and frail elderly clients.

Walmart again this year graciously allowed the council to put it up near the pharmacy entrance to its store. The tree has paper ornaments with names and gift ideas for specific seniors. Members from the community are encouraged to pick an ornament, purchase the gifts, and return them, wrapped or unwrapped, to Walmart's customer service counter, or to the CoA's Friendship Center at 101 East Macclenny Avenue next to the fire station.

This year our CNA's will deliver the gifts as they come in. Our elderly citizens need to know that we care. What a wonderful way to give back to our precious seniors, who have done so much for us in their lifetimes. Please call Darlene at the CoA with questions.

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Mr. and Mrs. Reece Crews

## Wed December 12

Roy Reece Crews II and Marie Annette Scheider were married on December 12, 2012 in a ceremony witnessed by their immediate families. Rev. Roy Crews (the groom's father) performed the ceremony at the home of Tammy and Mike Menke.

The bride is the daughter of Ruby Scheider and the late Edward Scheider of Glen St. Mary. The groom is the son of Sylvia and (Robert) Perdue and Roy and (Gayle) Crews, all of Macclenny.

The newlyweds will honeymoon in Mexico and reside in Glen St. Mary.



## Born October 15

Jesse and Eileen Wolfe of Cantonment, FL are pleased to announce the arrival of son Fred William on October 15, 2012. He weighed 7 lbs., 11 oz. and was 19 inches long.

Paternal grandparents are Tom and Renee Wolfe of Atmore, AL and maternal are Dottie and Bill Rhoads. Paternal great-grandmother is Faye Combs of Atmore, formerly of Sanderson.



Mr. Crews

## December 7 grad

Brandon Crews received a bachelor of arts degree in Christian studies from the Baptist College of Florida in Graceville on December 7.

Mr. Crews plans now to seek a master's degree through Liberty University.

A 2003 graduate of Baker County High School and former member of the Glen Baptist Church, he is the son of Rick and Angie Crews of Glen St. Mary and the grandson of Chuck and Nancy Clark and Hester and Joe Johnson, all of Macclenny.



## 'Fast track' nursing graduates at FGC

These Baker County students graduated on December 7 from Florida Gateway College's 'fast track' associate of science in nursing program. They are: (back, l-r) Shinye Bergeron, Ginger Crews, Haley Rhoden, Kashanda Smith, Lauren Bennett, (front) Kerl Carrigg, Brandi Funk and Patricia Jenkins. The college admits licensed practical nurses into the program that preps them for taking the test to become registered nurses.

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Winning team: (l-r) sponsor Cacee Ford, Jesse Lambricht, Garrett Stavelly, Bethany Richardson and Hunter Burnsed

## Food science team is first!

The BCHS FFA food science team captured first place in the state this past weekend at the University of Florida as 27 high school and 15 middle school teams competed for the title to be awarded at the annual Florida FFA State Convention in June.

Freshman FFA members Hunter Burnsed, Jesse Lambricht, Bethany Richardson and Garrett Stavelly made up the winning team. First year ag teacher Cacee Ford coached the team.

"Their work ethic and sincere dedication in preparing for this career development event was inspiring," said Ford. "I am so proud of them."

The team will compete for the national title in Louisville, Kentucky next October. The competition tests the skills of students in the areas of new food product development and marketing, food sensory and food safety and quality. To prepare for the contest, the team held practices twice a week to master skills in developing and marketing new food products, understanding sensory analysis and conducting food safety analyses on potential food hazards.

BCHS biology teacher Rick Yaras helped prepare practice tests to get them ready for the exam portion of the event.



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## Pee Wee all-stars 3-1 in post-season tourney

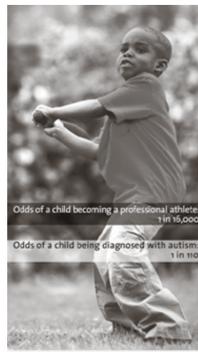
Baker County Touchdown Club's pee wee all-star team, the Wildcats, coached by Matt Avera, Lamar Jones and Mark Ray, finished as runners-up in a post-season football tournament in Waycross, GA 3-1 on November 17-21. The Wildcats demonstrated a strong offensive line and a defense that only allowed two scores for 12 points through four games. Pictured with the coaches above are players (from left, back row) Logan Crews, Landen Hickman, Easton Stevens, Noah Ray, Colton Avera, Gabe Lewis, Chase Crews, Hunter Nordstrom, (from left, front row) Tyce Moore, Hunter Whitehead, Jamil Jones, Walker Avera, Logan Andrews and Ian Doyle.

## Adult basic skills tests December 14

An adult basic skills test will be given on December 14 at the Baker County school district's Career and Adult Ed Center on West Minnesota Ave. in Macclenny.

Registration opens at 8:45 am and the testing will be from 9 am to 1 pm. There is a \$20 fee and a valid photo ID is required at registration.

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## Girls beat Warriors, Parker

The BCHS Lady Wildcats captured a pair of wins this week on the hard court, defeating West Nassau 71-61 on December 6, and the next night by defeating district foe Terry Parker.

The game was closer than the score indicates as BCHS ran out to a 6-point edge in the first period and then held the Lady Warriors at arm's length. Both teams had dominant scorers with West Nassau's Humphries and BCHS freshman Delicia Washington each racking up 27 points.

But as the top scorers cancelled each other out, it was the strong offensive play of Shanice Paige and the inside game of Candace Clack that made the difference. Paige was particularly strong in the second period, throwing in 12 of her 25 points. Clack had a strong first half as well scoring 9 of her 11 points in the first two periods.

The Wildcats had an easier time of it on Friday at home versus district foe Terry Parker. They got a huge first period from Washington, who tossed in 16 of her game-high 33 points in the opening stanza. From there on it was cruise control for the Lady Cats, and a 57-38 win.

Washington led all scorers with 33 and Paige was in double figures with 11 points. The girls have three home games this week, hosting Forrest, Baldwin and West Nassau on three successive nights starting Wednesday, December 10.



Cierra Martino reaches for the ball above. At far left is Shay Jonas rising for a 2-point shot and at left is Delicia Washington shooting a 3-pointer.



## Boy wrestlers are 1-1-1 out of gate

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The Baker County High School wrestling team expects to be competitive this year, and recently started a new season 1-1-1. They defeated Raines 71-12, lost to Sandalwood in a 35-48 squeaker and tied Sandalwood 18-18 at the Sandalwood Invitational last weekend.

"We are a young team, with a very talented group of wrestlers," said Coach Adam Brunner. "We return our 126 pound weight class state qualifier Brandon Harvey as well as many others from last year's team. With leadership from our upperclassmen and physical preparation everyday, this team will fight for a district title."

The team's strongest component is in the lighter weight classes. The 113, 126, 145, 195, and 220 pound classes are where they have the most potential.

"We have wrestlers that can get the job done early," said Brunner, "and others that are physically capable to go round for round with the best."

In practice there has been a lot of competition in the 106, 145, 152 and 160 pound classes with wrestlers battling to get the starting slot.

Along with Harvey, Brunner expects 113 pound weight class wrestler Cody Miller to compete on the state level and for Harvey to continue to be competitive.

"The Carter twins, James and Lenny, will also play big roles in this year's team," said Brunner. "They provide a smart, athletic style type of wrestling that will help them make strides to punch a ticket to Lakeland and join Harvey."

## Girl lifters post loss to Broncos, Tiger win

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The Wildcat girls' weightlifting team is 1-1 with a loss to Middleburg and a win versus Columbia High on the road December 4 and 6.

The girls defeated CHS 42-32 with Madyson Perry (110 class), Ashley Suggs (119), Kristian Burnham (129), Ashley Wheeler (139) and Mekenzi Hand (154) taking first place. Second place

finishes went to Bridget Higginbotham, Jackie Anderson, Glenna Godwin and Lacey Nettles. Rebekah Long, Rachel Chambers and Bethany Greer placed third.

Though the Cats lost to Middleburg 46-42, Perry topped the state total for her weight class in the clean and jerk with a 125-pound lift. Wheeler had the best bench press in the area with a 160-pound lift, and Nettles posted a 120-pound bench press.

Perry, Wheeler, Hand and Chambers took first place. Laken Head, Greer, Burnham, Godwin, Nettles and Yarbrough placed second. Jackie Anderson and Long took third.

## 'Surprise' Wildcats with six straight wins

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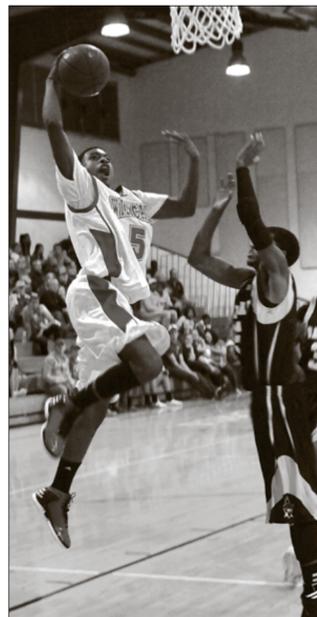
In the latter stages of basketball practice as Coach Charles Ruise got ready to tip off the new season, he gave a sly grin and said, "I think we're going to surprise some people."

Six games later, the Wildcats are undefeated and a lot of opponents are taking notice.

The Wildcats have won both close games and blow outs. So far this season they have done whatever was necessary to get the win.

The Cats chalked up three more victories this week with big wins over Oakleaf and Clay and a close contest over West Nassau. The have away games at Interlachen and Middleburg on December 13 and 14 of this week.

The Cats got the week started off right by defeating Oakleaf 72-66 on December 4 in the BCHS gym. Charles Ruise kept up his strong scoring run with 21 points from the guard position.



Charles Ruise on a dunk.

Ruise's 10 second-period points helped break open a one-point Knight lead and put the Cats on top 31-23 at the half. From there, BCHS kept the Knights at arm's length.

It was an interesting game with contrasting styles. Most of the Cats' baskets came from the outside while Oakleaf pushed the ball inside with their taller forwards.

But a second period surge was enough to give the Cats the 11-point win. Ruise led all scorers with 21 points. Jesse Gardner had 13 and Johnny Lamb 11. Cameron Mack added 7 points.

Last Thursday's home game against West Nassau was an exciting affair, with the Cats snatching a 77-76 win over the Warriors. The first half was a game of two distinct quarters, with the Cats opening strong behind Charles Ruise's four three point shots.

BCHS jumped out to a 13-point lead at the end of the period, only to see West Nassau battle back in the second and narrow the lead to 37-34 at the halftime break.

The Wildcats got back in the groove in the third period as Jesse Gardner threw in 10 of his 21 points. But in the fourth period the Warriors exploded with 11 points from Timothy Melton and Keith George. The Cats managed to hold off the furious Warrior run to secure the victory.

Ruise led all scorers with 24. Gardner had 21 and Lamb 12. Mack and CeCe Jefferson added 8 points.

The Wildcats cruised to a huge win over Clay County on Saturday, December 8 at home. Ruise had 24 points as the Cats bulldozed the Blue Devils 66-22. It was never close as BCHS ran out to a 22-3 lead behind Ruise's 11 first quarter points. From then on it was all BCHS.

The pace slackened in the second period and the Cats led 29-11 at the half, but they came back on a 23-7 run to seal the victory.

Ruise led all scorers as the defense kept all Clay players from double figures. Mack had 12 points and Lamb and Gardner 6 points.



Jesse Gardner drives to the hoop.

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Steve Moran after taking the checkered flag.

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# Third Moran inducted

Steve Moran of Macclenny joined his father and grandfather in the Jacksonville Stock Car Racing Hall of Fame December 8.

He was among five to be inducted during the hall of fame's awards banquet in Jacksonville that day.

Mr. Moran, 58, is the son of the Faye Moran and the late Jerry Moran.

He began his racing career at 16 years old as a junior in high school in the Late Model Class, driving a 1955 Ford for his dad and grandfather Everitt Moran. They built their own cars for about six years.

Mr. Moran won his first race in 1973 at the Ocala Speedway and continued to race at local tracks for eight years before competing elsewhere.

Between 1979 and 1999, with the late Billy Knabb as his sole sponsor, Mr. Moran raced in Florida, Georgia, Alabama,



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Steve Moran

North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia on chassis from Jig-a-lo, David Roberts, Snow Brothers, Barry Wright and CJ Rayburn. His father, mother and twin brothers joined in his trav-

els. Mr. Moran won the Governor's Cup in 1980 and two Florida State Championships in 1984 and 1987, all at the Volusia County Speedway. He also won the Track Championship at Columbia County Speedway in Ellisville, FL in 1979. He set numerous track records along the way and has around 200 Late Model Feature wins.

He has three brothers: Ricky and the twins, Ronnie and the late Donnie. He is married to Sonya Moran. His son is Geoffry and daughter-in-law Emily.

He has two granddaughters, Kentee and Savannah.

Last week's induction marked the first time three generations were selected for the Jacksonville Stock Car Racing Hall of Fame.

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# Cowboys 2012 pee wee champs

The Cowboys beat the Eagles in early November to win the Baker County Touchdown Club's pee wee division championship. The team of 6-8 year olds was led by third-year coach Matt Avera, David Carver and Stephen Crews (shown above), who got their second title in the division in as many years. Also pictured are Cowboys players from left (back row) Dylan Mathews, Logan Andrews, Josh Carver, Logan Crews, Colton Avera, (middle row) Kyle Danko, Kelly Harris, Kash Addy, Trey Dugger, Walker Avera, Colton Brogdon, (front row) Landen Gaines, Braxton Burnsed, Peyton Dugger, Cole Prevatt, Jackson Dugger, Marques McKenzie and Jaylen Maiden.

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"It is a time when we find ourselves shopping, decorating and planning a joyful holiday gathering for family and friends," says Sheriff Dobson. "Criminals, unfortunately know this all too well and are preparing for the same."

Many times criminal acts can be prevented if we all do our part and follow a few of these common sense safety tips and precautions.

Make a plan for shopping trips, go with family or friends, there is safety in numbers, and if you do go alone, advise someone where you are going and what time you expect to return. Keep your doors locked while driving and always maintain 1/2 tank of gas.

Try to shop during daylight hours and if you have a cell phone, carry it with you. If shopping after dark, park in well lighted, busy areas and lock door each time you exit car. Always, always, always place purchases in trunk. Never leave them in car where they are visible to would be criminals.

If possible leave all valuable items at home before shopping and if not always lock items, GPS, IPOD, Cables in glove compartment before leaving auto. Be sure to store loose change, briefcases, backpacks, gym bags, laptop computers and day planners in trunk before leaving home. These are among the most stolen items from vehicles.

Upon exiting car, keep keys in hand until you enter shopping area. Also have keys in hand when you exit shopping area. Upon approaching your car, check the back seat and under car before you get in.

Using a credit/debit card is much safer than carrying a lot of cash. Be sure to copy the back and front of cards and keep that information in safe place in case they are lost or stolen.

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