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Says house looted of \$150K + in jewelry

The victim of a home burglary off CR 125 north during daylight hours on December 12 estimates the haul was valued at least \$150,000 — all of it valuables from a former family jewelry business in Macclenny.

Based on a list compiled by victim Kimbra Lane and given to the sheriff's department, the 74 pieces taken from a jewelry cabinet in the master bedroom of the residence ranged in value from an heirloom wedding band worth \$48,000 and heirloom gold locket valued at \$25,000 down to a \$50 watch and an equal amount in dimes.

The remainder included rings, bracelets, earrings, charms and chains.

Deputy Randy Davis said it appeared rear double French doors were pried open to gain entry between 8:30 am and 4 pm when Ms. Lane's son returned. Ground imprints suggested that a vehicle was driven down the driveway to the rear of the house.

It appeared from Cpl. Davis' report that the inventory was incomplete.

In other recent burglaries and thefts, someone lifted a hood and front grill assembly of a 2004 International box cargo truck parked along the fence line of Interstate 10 off Woodlawn Rd. overnight on December 14.

Owner Jody Thrift of Thrift Log Homes in Macclenny estimated the assembly was worth \$5000.

Deputy Robert Simpkins said a fence on the southeast corner of the lot was cut and peeled back, and there was a visible path where brush was flattened, likely by a vehicle used in the heist.

Mr. Thrift parked the truck emblazoned with his business name by the fence as an advertising tool to passing motorists on the interstate.

• Michael Dennard called police when his son returned

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Shoals ATV trails to reopen in Jan., fees may be on horizon

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Hikes school police profile

In wake of Conn. killings

Hoping to quell lingering fears that a repeat of the December 14 mass shooting at an elementary school in Newtown, Connecticut could happen in any community, the Baker County sheriff's department and school administration decided to post deputies at all six area schools, at least for the remainder of the week until the start of Christmas break.

In addition, both agencies planned a morning meeting on Wednesday to review and fine tune security-related procedures in the event the unspeakable were to happen in Baker County.

"We have a system of procedures in place already, but after this (the Newtown killing of 20 elementary-age students and six adults) we want to make sure what we have is adequate," said School Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson early this week.

"We want to see if there's anything we need to tweak in our crisis planning."

Mrs. Raulerson said she asked the sheriff's department for "a beefed-up presence" this



Allen Markley, already the campus deputy at BCMS, keeps watch as classes change on Tuesday.

week and it responded with added officers patrolling both in vehicles and on foot near schools in Macclenny and Glen St. Mary.

Campus deputies have for years been posted full-time at both Baker County High School and Baker County Middle School. The school board shares a portion of that expense with the sheriff's department.

The two deputies, and those augmenting them this week, are armed.

"We want that increased presence around the schools; we want the officers to be seen without causing a panic," said BCSO opera-

tions chief Maj. Gerald Gonzalez early this week. "It's making people feel better and makes us feel better about having a handle on the situation."

It's unclear at mid-week if the extra presence will continue after classes resume in January, but given the traumatic effect the Newtown massacre has had on school systems around the nation, it's likely that elements will be added to school security that has already been tightened considerably in recent decades.

School grounds are fenced and locked, and entry is restricted mostly through front offices in Baker County schools. Identification is required to collect children and visitors are issued passes.

There have been a smattering of instances where parents have raised alarm over the years, mostly via threats rooted in domestic and custody matters. At both BCHS and the middle school, police have arrested unauthorized trespassers — mostly students who have been expelled and banned from the property.

"People know they're going to be ID'ed, and in many cases we know the parents and the grandparents when they come on campus," observed Mrs. Raulerson. "That's the

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Dies in crash of an ATV

A Macclenny woman died after being thrown from an ATV in Hamilton County the evening of December 15.

Courtney Brooke Treece, 20, was riding as a passenger on a 2010 Polaris Ranger driven by her husband, James Allen Treece, 21, about 9 pm when Mr. Treece over-corrected on a left turn on SE 62nd Drive, according to the Florida Highway Patrol.

Ms. Treece struck her head when she landed on the roadway and died at the scene, Master Corporal Linda Albritton's report of the incident states.

Neither the driver nor the passenger was wearing a helmet and a traffic homicide investigation, including whether alcohol played a role in the accident, is ongoing.

FHP public affairs officer Sgt. Tracy Hisler-Pace said authorities drew blood from Mr. Treece at the scene and sent the sample to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for analysis. She said the results are expected in four to eight weeks.

The couple was taking a ride to an unknown location while visiting family in Hamilton County when the accident occurred, according to the sergeant.

Art of gingerbread 'housemaking' at Westside



Students at Westside Elementary School were joined in the cafeteria by parents and teachers the afternoon of December 18 in crafting miniature houses of gingerbread, candy, frosting, pretzels, cereal and other tasty materials to bring home with them. Pictured at left are students from Peggy Hand's third grade class, including Pypier Pendleton (right) and Damarea Lee (middle) with Ms. Hand (rear). Below is David Prosch, 8.

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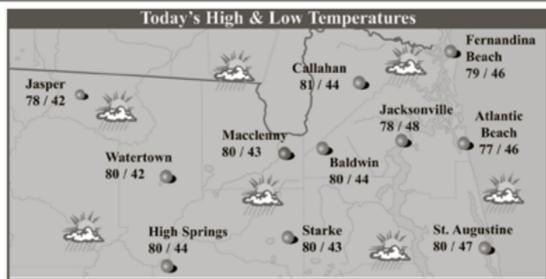
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Sun/Moon Chart This Week table with columns for day, sunrise, and sunset.

St. Mary's River Levels and Hunting/Fishing Times tables.

Weather History table for Dec. 20, 1836, listing various weather metrics.



Police presence at schools hiked

From page 1 nice thing about a small community; we don't have people we don't know roaming around our campuses.

Deputy arrests both parties in a domestic brawl

Both parties involved in a domestic dispute in the southeast county the afternoon of December 13 were arrested and charged with battery.

\$150K in jewelry is stolen

From page 1 to a residence on CR 125 south about 5 pm on December 11 and found a rear door had been pried open.

Quit smoking classes in Jan.

Northeast Florida Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) is offering a free 6-week Quit Smoking Now program in Baker County.

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We're all a bit more vulnerable

I don't know what to think. It's been such a terribly difficult few weeks for the county and the country in general. We've had car wrecks that kill and injure young people and now the devastating shooting of those poor babies in Connecticut.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Deputies made her son's Christmas

Dear Editor: I wanted to tell you my story in order to properly thank 14 of the big-hearted men and women who work with Joey Dobson in the Baker County sheriff's department.



Eliminate insurance for board

Dear Editor: At the last county commissioner meeting, County Commissioner Gordon Crews proposed eliminating the health insurance benefit extended to all county commissioners as a way of saving money and cutting unnecessary expenses.

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right to bear arms? Cheri McLelland: I feel like taking guns from everyone is idiotic. I mean, who is going to abide by this law? The law abiding citizens, that's who. And then we will be helpless against the criminals.

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We shared our condolences for the victims of the Newtown shooting and their families on Facebook last week and later asked readers for their thoughts on gun control.

Sees need for 'vision' at Shoals Park

MIKE ANDERSON
PRESS STAFF

Equestrian and ATV trails at the 2,300-acre St. Mary's Shoals Park are expected to be reopened in January following repairs necessitated by extensive flooding during Tropical Storm Debby a few months ago.

County work crews were busy this week spreading soil onto the trails to stabilize them following storm damage that County Manager C.J. Thompson recently said was more extensive than he could have imagined.

"I was shocked that storm water could do that much damage," Mr. Thompson said during a December 4 county commission meeting.

Mr. Thompson's remarks came during a report on the park that was requested by the newest board member, Commissioner James Croft. The county manager noted that the original grant for Shoals Park was sought by a different county manager and a different county commission in 2003.

Meanwhile, the future of the park has become somewhat cloudy as its original vision has changed over the past decade and no one seems to have a clear handle on what its vision should be going forward.

"You're sharing a vision of people who are no longer here," Mr. Thompson told commissioners. However, he said, the grant was sought with a vision "but without an operational plan."

Since those early developmental stages, the park has evolved slowly.

Once idealized as a passive park with nature trails, picnic facilities, camp grounds and a canoe launch, Shoals Park has morphed into a more active venue with other recreational pursuits, such as ATV and horse-riding trails.

"I'm not sure we should put in 10 more miles of trails," Mr.



PHOTO BY JOEL ANDERSON

A county road department crew spreads dirt to stabilize the ATV trails at Shoals Park the morning of December 17.

ing trails.

Plans for a 40-acre section for softball, basketball, football and volleyball remain on the drawing board, but likely will not be developed, at least not in the foreseeable future.

A \$500,000 grant that had been approved by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the next phase of development, including 10 more miles of ATV trails and a regional ATV training course as well as fencing to separate ATV and horse-riding trails, expired on December 16.

The county manager said about \$50,000 of the grant had been spent or earmarked for improvements, mostly trail stabilization, but the other \$450,000 would be lost. He said he county would have had to come up with a 25 percent match anyway, which it could ill afford, and it was struggling to maintain the existing trails.

"That's tough to give back that kind of money," he said. "Seems to me somehow, some way, the ball was dropped."

On the other hand, Mr. Croft said, he wouldn't be in favor of "sinking a pile of money" into building additional trails.

"What is this park ultimately going to be? Has the focus changed?" Mr. Croft asked.

What the park will look like

and be in the years to come, the county manager said, must be determined by those in office today.

"We'll have to workshop it, it has to come from you guys," he told commissioners.

Commissioner Hartley, the only county official who was in office during the early developmental stages of Shoals Park, said the original vision focused on a passive recreational theme, including hiking trails, campgrounds for Boy Scouts and other groups, and mainly to save the river for future generations.

"Access to the river was the first theme that sold me," Mr. Hartley said.

One thing all seemed to agree on was that enough money has been spent on ATV and horse-riding trails, especially since the park's only potential income is from the sale of trees for timber.

Officials had talked about implementing a fee structure for admission and use of the park facilities years ago, but no fees have ever been imposed. Some commissioners said now may be the time to do so.

"We're going to have to find a way to fund the park," Mr. Croft said. "There should have been a fee attached to it. I'm not anti-recreation. I'm just concerned about the operating costs."

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advice on how the county could cut expenses, told the board that she's had concerns about Shoals Park for years.

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would like to see camp grounds developed for tents and recreational vehicles. He also said he thinks visitors would not object to paying "reasonable fees" to camp or ride the trails.

Commissioner Crews agreed that charging an admission fee is a good idea. He also said the future development of the park needs someone to be the guiding force.

"It needs a driver," he said. "Somebody who has that vision and can move it forward."

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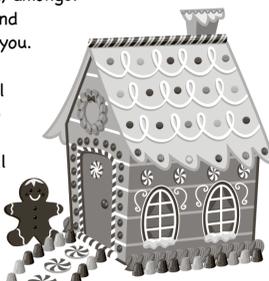
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Phone, travel stipend intact Reaffirms option on whether members take it

MIKE ANDERSON
PRESS STAFF

After failing on his first attempt to eliminate \$150 monthly stipends for county commissioners to help defray cell phones and travel expenses, Commissioner James Croft took another stab at it this week and ended up in a draw.

He failed to make his budget-cutting proposal mandatory but was joined by two other commissioners — Jimmy Anderson and Adam Giddens — who said they would no longer accept the stipend.

Chairman Mark Hartley and Commissioner Gordon Crews remained silent, indicating they will continue receiving the \$1,800 annual stipend.

Mr. Croft began by appealing to the board to make the personal sacrifice for the good of the county and to let taxpayers know they take the financial affairs of the county seriously.

"With the budget situation we've got drastic measures are needed," Mr. Croft said. "We only have two alternatives: cut spending or raise taxes. I don't think anybody is in favor of raising taxes."

As he did two weeks ago, Mr. Croft said doing away with the stipends would send a clear signal to department heads, constitutional officers and Baker County residents that commissioners are willing to make sacrifices to help reduce the need to use reserve funds every year to balance the county budget.

"This is one item, one budget cut, that will only impact five individuals out of 27,000 people," he said before restating his motion to abolish the monthly payment to save the county \$9,000 a year.

Commissioner Anderson started to comment on the proposal but was cut off when Mr. Hartley said a second was needed to the motion before discussion could ensue.

Mr. Anderson then seconded the motion and said giving up the stipend "is not a problem to me." However, he said he would not vote to make it mandatory on all commissioners.

"I lean more toward making it voluntary and let each commissioner make up their own mind," he said, like when commissioners declined annual pay raises offered by the state the past few years. "We all decided not to take the raise and I think we did the right thing."

Mr. Croft said budget cuts imposed on department heads are not voluntary, left up to them to decide if they'll do it or not, and neither should the issue of stipends be voluntary. Besides, he said, commissioners are not even required to provide receipts to prove their cell phone and travel expenses meet or exceed \$150 a month — \$50 for cell phone and \$100 for fuel.

"I think it's time we start sending a clear cut message (to cut expenses) — not if you decide to do it," he said.

Mr. Anderson said he uses his personal cell phone to conduct county business, including receiving and sending text messages, which must be retained under Florida's public records law. He further stated that the \$100 he receives monthly for fuel "doesn't even scratch the surface of what I spend on my vehicle (on government business) out of the county, not just in the county."

Commissioner Crews agreed with Mr. Anderson's suggestion that commissioners should choose for themselves whether to keep or decline the stipend.

"We haven't taken a raise the past four years," Mr. Crews said. "It's voluntary. I think that does speak volumes. They (county employees) haven't gotten a raise; we haven't taken a raise."

Increases in salaries for county commissioners are based annually on population growth. Since Baker County's population has remained relatively stagnant the past several years, the annual raises have been meager, including one year when Mr. Hartley said it was "about \$60."

The discussion ended in a 3-2 vote against making the stipend elimination mandatory, with Mr. Croft and Mr. Anderson casting the dissenting votes. Mr. Anderson went on record as seconding the motion, at which point Commissioner Giddens announced his decision to join the majority in choosing to give up the stipend.

In other business commissioner:

Authorized County Manager C.J. Thompson to proceed with plans for repairs at the senior Little League ball field complex using \$25,000 recently received from Florida Power & Light Co. as reimbursement for billing overcharges detected by his administrative assistant Ann Yarbrough.

FPL had erroneously billed the county over two years for electricity that should have been paid by the school district. Mr. Thompson said he would seek price quotes for the materials needed for repairs but county employees would do the work, which will include new fencing, dugout repairs and, if possible, new aluminum seating for bleachers.

He said the fence is in such bad condition that an out-fitter could be injured if he had to slide into the fence to catch a ball, and replacing wood with aluminum seats would save money over the long haul, he said.

The only vote against the measure was cast by Mr. Croft, who said the \$25,000 reimbursement should be placed in the budget to help reduce a fiscal deficit that required \$1.6 million in reserve funds to balance the budget this year.

Others disagreed.

"I don't call it a windfall. I call it a mistake by FPL," said Commissioner Anderson. "I look at it (need for repairs) more for safety than beautification. I support the county manager's request to get three quotes."

Ensured the continued comfort of courthouse employees by renewing a \$28,150 annual service agreement with Trane to maintain all the heating, air conditioning and ventilation equipment.

The county manager said he had sought bids from at least two other companies and "neither would touch it" for the price Trane charged, adding that the company recently replaced a compressor at no charge as part

of the regular maintenance agreement.

Commissioner Jimmy Anderson agreed that the county was getting its money's worth with Trane.

"I don't see how they do it," Mr. Anderson said. "The scope of what they cover under warranty is phenomenal."

Agreed to consider an opportunity to have a new county government website created by a company that has selected Baker County as a finalist in an Extreme Website Makeover contest. In a press release, CivicPlus identifies itself as "the leading provider of government websites and community engagement software."

Commissioners authorized the county manager to continue with the application process, which includes an assessment of the county's current website and posting a link to the Digital Citizens Engagement Survey for feedback on what citizens want and to allow people to nominate their community for the makeover.

If selected, Mr. Thompson said the county will receive "a complete overhaul of our website," free on-site training and free maintenance and upkeep of the system for two years.

What's in it for CivicPlus, commissioners wanted to know?

In addition to using the county "as a customer to get other customers," Mr. Thompson said, CivicPlus probably will seek a three-to-five-year contract, which likely would include fees after the initial two-year period.

"Other communities pay \$250 to \$750 a month for hosting and support," he said.

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Gift wrapping

Girl Scout Junior Troop 235 of Macclenny will be wrapping Christmas presents in the parking lot of CVS Pharmacy downtown this Saturday, December 22 from 10 am-3 pm.

The girls will also hold a craft and bake sale during the event.

Toy giveaway

A Christmas toy giveaway will take place on Saturday, December 22 from 3-6 pm in the parking lot of Sports Shak on US 90 in west Macclenny.

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Arrested for cussing out county's sheriff

It's not nice to cuss out the sheriff.

Kristopher Legg, 20, of Macclenny found that out late on December 10 when he was arrested after creating a disturbance at the Wendys restaurant on South 6th in Macclenny.

He and two other occupants of a vehicle were pulling away after being refused service because they cursed at the restaurant staff, and Mr. Legg decided to vent his anger by flinging an obscene invective at an officer of the law standing nearby.

That officer was Sheriff Joey Dobson.

The report by Deputy Koty Crews notes that the sheriff, seated in the drive-thru line with family members, was advised by the restaurant that Mr. Legg, Matthew Blodgett, 23, of Macclenny and Kevin Combs, 19, of Sanderson were being disruptive and were asked to leave after the staff refused to serve them.

Earlier, workers said they became abusive while in the drive-thru line after being told about 10:20 they would have to wait for their order.

Sheriff Dobson then identified himself and repeated the request that the trio leave the premises. That's when their vehicle suddenly stopped and Mr. Legg jumped from the rear seat and hurled the verbal obscenity.

He was arrested for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest without violence. The officers were given verbal warnings.

In other arrests:

• Jovita Staley, 39, of Macclenny was jailed for disorderly intoxication and resisting without violence after she was cleared at Fraser Hospital the evening of December 14.

Deputy Robert Simpkins said Ms. Staley was doused with pepper spray when she refused to calm herself en route to county jail following a domestic disturbance at the residence she shared with boyfriend Tommy Dyer on J.B. Hines Rd.

The officer described Ms. Staley as highly intoxicated and noted she also resisted attempts to handcuff her. She had to be

shackled while in the patrol car to prevent her from kicking windows and the ceiling.

She also resisted jail personnel and workers at the hospital, who restrained her with straps during an examination.

• Dustin Martin, 20, of Glen St. Mary was charged with disorderly intoxication for refusing to leave Mac's Liquors about midnight on December 15.

Deputy Chad Montean said he was called to the US go bar in downtown Macclenny and told the underage patron also was picking fights. He found Mr. Martin walking on nearby West Boulevard and arrested him for safety concerns.

He was also charged with resisting arrest without violence.

• Deputy Shawn Bishara arrested Joshua Blackburn, 27, of Macclenny for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

The officer said he was on patrol when he spotted the suspect walking along the CSX railroad near Lowder St. the afternoon of December 16. Mr. Blackburn said he had been sighting the weapon in along the tracks.

He has three prior felony convictions.

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City may seek advice on slowing traffic

MIKE ANDERSON
PRESS STAFF

Concerns over speeding vehicles in some Macclenny neighborhoods could lead to additional stop signs being installed to force motorists to come to a halt at least for a few seconds before taking off again.

There has been talk among city commissioners of possibly imposing four-way stops at some intersections, or at least changing the flow of traffic to force motorists to stop in places where they now are permitted to travel unimpeded down narrow residential streets.

Commissioners decided to conduct a traffic study, which may include seeking expert advice from the Florida Department of Transportation, during a board meeting at city hall on the evening of December 11.

"We've had some requests, particularly in areas near schools, to add four-way stop signs," City Manager Gerald Dopson said, explaining that most streets that run north and south have no stop signs while those that extend east and west have stop signs at just about every block.

Some drivers "get to going pretty good after about three blocks," meaning in excess of the posted speed limit of 25 miles per hour on the streets without stop signs, he said.

And those speeding vehicles have captured the attention of residents who live along those streets, some of whom have called city hall to voice their concerns for the safety of neighborhood children walking to and from school.

While the study may extend to other neighborhoods eventually, it's being focused initially on the four-block area between Railroad Avenue and 16th Boulevard in front of the school district headquarters and the middle and kindergarten schools.

"It's more complicated in school districts, but city-wide



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The intersection where city officials are interested in slowing down traffic.

concerns have been expressed as well," Mr. Dopson told commissioners. "I'm just open for ideas."

The city manager said he drove through the neighborhood Monday of this week to get a first-hand impression of the problem and to kick around some ideas in his head for a possible solution.

"I don't want to do anything just for the sake of doing something," Mr. Dopson said, adding that whatever the city tries to do hopefully will improve the safety of motorists and pedestrians in the area.

During the commission meeting last week, officials discussed the need to do something particu-

larly on 2nd Street. But Mr. Dopson said this week that he thinks a better approach would be to make some changes on 2nd and 3rd streets.

He said the stop signs on Michigan Avenue could be turned to stop traffic flowing south or north on the two intersecting streets and allow vehicles on Michigan to continue through the intersections without stopping.

During his many years as the city manager, Mr. Dopson said, he was aware of no serious accidents in that neighborhood but said if "somebody gets run over the city is open to somebody saying we should have done something."

Commissioners expressed concern about motorists who have grown accustomed to the traffic flow in the neighborhood suddenly being confronted with stop signs for the first time.

"After years of the same downtown traffic pattern it gets habit-forming and some might forget that it's been changed" and accidentally run through the new stop signs, Mr. Dopson said. Commissioner Phil Rhoden suggested flashing yellow lights or possibly signs could be in-

teracted a block or so ahead of the intersection to advise drivers of the new upcoming stop signs. Mayor Gary Dopson said he was in favor of a traffic study but suggested it be limited initially to "one section of town for two or three months to see how it works out."

Small flashing lights to get motorists' attention about upcoming stop signs could be employed until people get used to the new traffic scheme, the mayor said, as long as they "don't keep neighbors awake."

Dennis Collins, a local real es-

tate broker, attended the meeting and suggested informing residents of the proposed changes by inserting an advisory notice in their utility bills.

"The more information you get to residents the more beneficial it's going to be for you folks," Mr. Collins said.

Mayor Dopson is the one who suggested seeking input from DOT traffic safety experts before implementing any changes.

When his brother, the city manager, asked if the mayor was suggesting that the state transportation bureaucracy was more

qualified than the city to determine the safest traffic safety patterns on local streets the mayor had a one-word answer: "Yes."

At that, Commissioner Tommy Johns moved to approve the city manager's recommendation for a traffic study and to seek DOT's advice, upon which the city manager would be "authorized to take action based on that."

The city manager said he did not anticipate any changes being made until sometime after the holidays are over and the year 2013 has begun.

We want to know...
WEDDINGS & BIRTHS
4 week deadline

LEGAL NOTICES

Registration of Fictitious Names
I, the undersigned, being duly sworn, do hereby declare under oath that the names of all persons interested in the business or profession carried on under the name of **distilled enterprises** whose principal place of business is: **21229 Oak Moss Trail, Sanderson-malling, Williams Arena County Rd. 122, Sanderson, FL**, and the extent of the interest of each is as follows:

NAME	EXTENT OF INTEREST
Homer N. Rogers	100%
Homer N. Rogers	Signature

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF BAKER
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of December 2012.

Al Fraser
Clerk of Court
Baker County, Florida
By Julie B. Corbin
As Deputy Clerk

A, RAR, INC
10529 DUNAL LANE
MACCLENNY FL 32063
Phone (904) 259-4774

The following vehicle will be sold at public auction January 4, 2013 at 10:00 am at A, RAR INC, 10529 Dunal Lane, Macclenny, FL 32063.

2004 Toyota Camry
VIN # 4T1BE26X0U030388

INGHOBTOMAS'S TOWING & RECOVERY
7611 WEST MIL VERNON STREET
GLEN ST. MARY, FL 32040
PHONE (904) 259-5751 FAX (904) 259-6146

The following vehicle will be sold at public auction January 11, 2013 at 10:00 am at Ingobtomas's Towing & Recovery, 7611 West Mil Vernon Street, Glen Saint Mary, FL 32040.

1992 Geo Prizm
VIN # 1Y1SK5465N039874
2002 Saturn I4
VIN # 1G0JUS464T514222

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AS CLERK OF THE COURT
By: Tabitha Wilson
As Deputy Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 02-2012-CA-000228

R.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR RASC 2005-KS2, PLAINTIFF,
VS.
INA FRANCES DAVIS, ET AL, DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE OF ACTION
(Constructive Service - Property)

TO: ONA FRANCES DAVIS
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS
18458 NOAH RAULERSON RD
SANDERSON, FL 32087

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following real property, lying and being and situated in Baker County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

A PART OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF SAID NE 1/4 AND THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF NOAH RAULERSON ROAD (A COUNTY GRADUATED PUBLIC ROAD) AND RUN S 0°22'00" E ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE 65.00 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE S 82°02'42" E 227.00 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE S 1°06'10" W 330.00 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE S 82°02'42" E 158.70 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT ON THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SAID NOAH RAULERSON ROAD; THENCE N 0°29'30" E, ALONG SAID WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE 303.26 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; SAID LANDS BEING THE SAME LANDS AS DESCRIBED IN OR BOOK 32, PAGE 197, PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 18458 Noah Raulerson Road, Sanderson, FL 32087
Attorney file number: 12-02792

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, if it is on Pendergast & Morgan, P.A., the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 115 Perimeter Center Place, South Terrace South Terrace Suite 1000 Atlanta, GA 30346 Telephone: 678-534-3844 12/20/12.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following real property, lying and being and situated in Baker County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court at Macclenny, Florida, on the 13th day of December, 2012.

Al Fraser
Clerk of Court
Baker County, Florida
By: Tabitha Wilson
As Deputy Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 02-2012-CA-000228

IN THE INTEREST OF: B.T.
DOB: 05-20-2011
MINOR CHILD

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF ADVISORY HEARING FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS AND GUARDIANSHIP

TO: Rebekah Lee Ray (address unknown)

WHEREAS a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights under oath has been filed in this Court regarding the above-referenced child, a copy of which is on file with the Clerk of the Court.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO APPEAR before the Honorable Joseph M. Williams, Acting Circuit Judge, at the Baker County Courthouse, Macclenny, Florida, on January 30, 2013, at 9:20 A.M., for a Termination of Parental Rights Advisory Hearing.

TIME SPECIFIED HEREIN.

FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR AT THIS ADVISORY HEARING CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THIS CHILD. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED, YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD NAMED IN THE PETITION ON FILE WITH THE CLERK OF THE COURT.

Under the American with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at (352) 337-6237, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call 711. If you are deaf or hard of hearing and require an ASL interpreter or an assisted listening device to participate in a proceeding, please contact Court Interpreting at interpreter@circa10.org.

12/13, 20, 27-1/3/13:

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Private garbage collection in city by February?

MIKE ANDERSON
PRESS STAFF

Advanced Disposal Services could begin picking up garbage in Macclenny as early as February 1, pending final review of a contract tentatively approved by the city council on the evening of December 11.

If the deal goes through, as expected, the city's sanitation department will turn over responsibility for automated trash pickup once a week for about 2,100 residential customers and 179 commercial accounts.

The upside for the city is a savings estimated at around \$35,000 a year based on a weekly charge of \$5.93 per household. Also, Macclenny will not have to concern itself with sanitation workers filing insurance claims for back injuries caused by tossing heavy garbage cans around.

Prior to the projected February 1 start-up date, Advanced will be required to place advertisements in the newspaper informing residents of the new services, pick up dates and areas divided into service zones. The company also must deliver new 95-gallon containers with labels containing contact information and informing residents as to where the containers must be placed on their respective pickup days.

Advanced, a Callahan-based solid waste collection company, further agreed to offer backyard pickup service for physically disabled residents who are unable to

carry the trash container to curb side. The resident must furnish a written statement from a physician attesting to their disability.

Any complaints received by the city or by Advance must be recorded in complaint logs and shared with each other. Advanced will be required to investigate each complaint and inform the city of the final resolution.

Although city officials said they were confident that the contract will be implemented, City Attorney Frank Maloney said he had only received the draft agreement a day before the commission meeting and needed more time to review it in its entirety.

Council member Phil Rhoden also expressed some concerns about a few items that were not clearly outlined in the document. He and the city attorney said they needed a little more time to discuss contractual issues with Advanced and the city's consulting engineer.

"We think it's all going to work out," said Mr. Rhoden, adding that he needs clarification on a couple of points in the contract.

City Manager Gerald Dopson also expressed confidence that Advanced Disposal will be the city's new sanitation contractor in the very near future.

"We all feel it's very doable," Mr. Dopson said. "There's just something in the contract that Advanced has already agreed to but for some reason wasn't specifically included in the contract." For one thing, he said, the

contract was supposed to have included wording about a \$1 million performance bond that would protect the city in case the partnership fell apart down the road.

"It shouldn't be a problem, but we need to get it in writing," the city manager said.

Later during the meeting Mayor Gary Dopson asked the city attorney for an update on a legal dispute with Rayonier over 114 acres of land off Steel Bridge Road that the city wants for a sludge disposal site. The city offered to buy the property in June from Leyvin Boyette, a real estate investor who had a contract to

buy the land from Rayonier. However, after Rayonier learned that Mr. Boyette planned to sell the land to the city, Rayonier cancelled the deal with Mr. Boyette. That led to a decision by the city last month to have Mr. Maloney acquire Mr. Boyette's contract through a legal procedure assigning the document to the city, which could then sue Rayonier for breach of contract.

Mr. Maloney said the contract contained no provision requiring Rayonier's permission to resell the land. "I have talked to Mr. Boyette's attorneys and they've agreed to assign the contract (to the city),

We're awaiting Mr. Boyette's signature," Mr. Maloney said. "I anticipate it any day."

The city manager said he would like to avoid a legal battle with Rayonier but said the company left the city no choice.

"It's backed us into a corner," Gerald Dopson said. "After spending \$25,000 to \$30,000 (on site development, engineer-

ing and other costs) they left us no choice but to do that."

At one point a few months ago, he said, two Rayonier officials visited city hall to discuss the matter and agreed to sell the city an alternative site in the same vicinity. Later, he said, they changed their minds and denied making such an agreement.

Letters are from the Baker County PreK/K Center, Westside Elementary, Macclenny Elementary and Baker County Middle School and a few by email.

Dear Santa, My Christmas list is...Pup, cat, DeS Love, Tammy

Dear Santa, My Christmas list is...Pogo stick, Halo, Jrem it, Love, Hudson

Dear Santam
My Christmas list is...Dohaus, a fr-bee, puppy in a kaj.
Love, Raelyn

Dear Santa, This is my Christmas list is...Dols, bod, gms, JeDe
Love, Avery

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year, and some things I would love for Christmas are Batman DE and a Batman game four it; cat; puppy.
Love, Nate

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year, and some things I would love for Christmas are quen, crdn, toy cat, Love, Dakota W.

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year, and some things I would love for Christmas are Brb Dol, toy ran dir, raslig grl.
Love, Emma

Dear Santa, I have been very good. For Christmas I would like brprnn bess.
Love, Annabelle

Dear Santa, My name is Will and I have been very good this year. I would please like for you to bring me some things. Here is the list: fire firer, dtrt btk, 4 wlr, kap gun.
All my love, Will

Dear Santa, My name is Alexa and I have been very good this year. I would please like for you to bring me some things. Here is the list: Tran, pup, cat, dote.
All my love, Alexa

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Dear Santa, I would want one of those V slide things because my scooter is getting too little. Can you get something for my mom & dad & sister? If you can you get my dad some new shoes and my mom some jewelry and my sister a new teething ring? How are you Mrs. Claus and the reindeer? Please send me a video and please give me some new crayons.
Love, Keirstan Blackshear
PS- I hope you don't get stuck in the fog. There has been a lot of fog lately.

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas! I've been good in school. I've made very most days. I would like a ipad, dirt bike and a phone for Christmas.
Sincerely, Pearceorton Milton

Dear Santa, Can you give me a furby and don't put me on the naughty list. I have been behaved and give me a American girl clothes and 4 Justice clothes. Please give me Justice clothes because I want to be stilen then the girls and give my sister a cinderella dress.
Love, Amelia Gonzalez

Dear Santa, I would like a bog toy and a penses. Love, Alaina

Dear Santa, Are you ready for Christmas? I hope you are, Santa. I want a razer flash rider and a flash rider 360. I want a flashrider 360 because my brothers Jake and Bailey had two but they broke them. Why I want a razer flash rider is because I rode one and it was my friend's razer scooter.
Mason Rhoden

Dear Santa, Hey, how are you doing, Santa? Are you getting ready for Christmas? This year I want pencils because my class is almost out. Next I want more double A batteries. Last, I want everyone to have a Merry Christmas.
Love, Lason Lloyd

Dear Santa, How is Dasher this year? For Christmas I would like a iPad. I know you come at night. Why do you come at night? Dasher, Dancer, Rudolph fly your sleigh? I know elves help you wrap the presents for Christmas every year. You fly the sleigh and the reindeer pull the sleigh.
Love, Gabriel Finley

Dear Santa, How are you today? Are you ready for Christmas? This year I would like a DS for my brother. He does not have one. Also, can I have some sort of fame like banana grams. I am going to give it to my grandmother for Christmas.
Love, Emma Hunt

Dear Santa, Are your elfs nice? Is your factory big? Do you make peppermint? Do you like candy? Is the North Pole cold? Is Mrs. Claus old? Are presents hard? How are the rein deer. You are nice. Thank you for the doll house. Barbie likes it. It is fun. tankyuu.
Love, Kelsey

Dear Santa, Dear Mrs. Claus help you more? I want a pool table because I want to practice so I can get better at it. I want a computer because I never get to write a letter to you every year. Most of all I want a bike because mine rusted out.
Love, Austin Smith

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is a electric guitar, The Rise of the Gardines video game and the Ben 10 Omenvers video game.
Sincerely, Ryan Webb

Dear Santa, My name is Siva. How are reindeer? I wawd like a kitten, Santa. I love you.

Dear Santa, My name is Dayton. I want a foznd dols (thousand dollars). I lfvfo, santa.

Dear Santa, How are you and the reindeer? I have been helping my papa do the laundry. For Christmas I would like an p5p, an tablet and a pellet gun.
Love, Robert Dadd

Dear Santa, Havethe elves been working hard? I have been nice to my friends. I've been saying nice things. I want a new puppy, a helicopter that shoots BBs and an iphone.
Love, Andrew Courson

Dear Santa, How are you doing at the North Pole? I have been doing fantastic. I have tried to do my best to share. I would like to have a Ipod, PS3 and bath and body works lotion.
Love, Payton Barnes

Dear Santa, I hope you are doing great. I only want a 3DS and a new Wii for Christmas and just a little bit of stuff in my stocking. But what I really want is for my family to get what they all want for Christmas. And I rally want my elf to bring a friend with him.
Love, Lexey Dopson

Dear Santa, I hope you fill good! I love you Santa! I am waiting for crismas! I hope my elf dos not get in any trobl! You are the best! I want a EpsOn and a elmo.
Love, Katie

Dear Santa, I hath been good this year. I would like a wii and fourwheeler please bring these things to me for Christmas.
Love, Javent

At This Season Of Enlightenment

May your faith be rekindled by the light of His love, and your spirits warmed by the love of family members and friends this holiday season. Thanks!

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Dear Santa, My name is Brayden. Ol I wot is a monstr truck. I love U, Santa.

Dear Santa, My name is Dalton Johnson. I think I have been a very good boy this year. Sometimes I get 4's in class but I try real hard not too. Mama said that if I'm good you would bring what I requested for. So I want a new bee bee gun like Josh, my very own play grill and a shark attack game. Can you get my little brother Hunter a vacuum cleaner so he will leave mama's alone.
Love, Dalton Jmann

Dear Santa, Do you really have elves and why do you wear red? I would like a Karoke set for Christmas please. I love you! Thank you.
Love, Kalena Sealey

Dear Santa, How are you Santa? I would like a Barbie house for Christmas please. Thank you.
Love, Kaylee Heppner

Dear Santa, How do you make Your raindeer fly? I would like a ten dollar dill for Christmas please. Thank you.
Love, Dylan Jurovski

Dear Santa, I have tride to be good this year. I would like a 3DS IPod touch elf, please bring these things to me for Christmas.
Love, Marley L.

Dear Santa, I have tried to be good this year. I would like to have a DS3 IPod Drt bk please bring these things to me for Christmas.
Love, Noah C.

Dear Santa, My name is Brett Taylor, but you probably already knew that I've been a really good boy this year. I might have hit my sister a few times, but just pretend you didn't see that. here are some things I want for Christmas. I would love a 3DS. I would also like a craola crayon maker, a fortune cookie maker, and a angry brids play set, and could you please make my cat better, she is really sick. I dont expect you to get me all of this stuff. But I would like you to get me some stuff. I will leave you some cookies and I know you might be tired of milk, so I will leave you some root beer. I'm so exited for christmas! Sincerely, Brett Taylor

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OBITUARIES

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DECEMBER 20, 2012

CHURCH AND OBITUARY NOTICE INFORMATION

Obituaries must be submitted in a timely fashion and have a local connection. Pictures are printed with obituaries free of charge. The newspaper reserves the right to publish photos based on quality. It is requested that all news items be typed or emailed to insure accuracy in print.

CONTACT US

By phone at 904.259.2400 or by fax at 904.259.6502. You can stop by our office located at 104 S. Fifth Street, Macclenny, FL or mail your submission to PO Box 598, Macclenny, FL 32063. We are available online at www.bakercountypress.com

Leila Aughtry, 85, of Macclenny

Leila Lee Aughtry, 85, of Macclenny died on Tuesday, December 11, 2012 at Macclenny Nursing and Rehab. She was born in Columbia, SC on September 26, 1927 and resided in Charlotte, NC most of her life. She moved to Baker County in 2001 and resided with her daughter. She was the daughter of the late Charles and Sadie Hooker, a Baptist and a homemaker.

Mrs. Aughtry is survived by daughters Shirley Collins of Macclenny and Linda Lee of Midland, NC; son Richard Aughtry of Indian Trail, NC; five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

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

Emery Bennett, native of county

Emery Gayle Bennett, 73, of Jacksonville died on Friday, December 14, 2012. He was born October 22, 1939 in Baker County to the late William Taft and Jewell Johns Bennett and was preceded in death by his wife Nona.

Mr. Bennett is survived by daughter Nola (Justin) Bonner of Jacksonville; sons Emery (Cheryl) Bennett and Michael (JeanAnn) Bennett, both of Jacksonville; sister Elaine (George) Mazoch of Jacksonville; grandchildren Brandon Shupe, Bethany Brown, Will and Emily Bonner, and Michael John Bennett; great-grandchild Kathryn Shupe; other relatives and friends.

The funeral service was held on Tuesday, December 18 in the chapel of Cedar Bay Funeral Home in Jacksonville with Rev. Manny Keyser officiating, assisted by Rev. Micah Strickland. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery, Jacksonville.

Ellen Byrd, 79, was retired nurse

Ellen Loree Byrd, 79, of Macclenny died Tuesday, December 11 at Macclenny Nursing and Rehab Center following a long illness. She was born in Archer, FL and lived in Florence, SC before coming to Macclenny in 1974. She was a registered nurse for over 50 years, having positions at McCLOUD Hospital, Florence, SC, Methodist Hospice, Alachua General Hospital and Northeast Florida State Hospital. She was a member of the Road to Calvary Church in Glen St. Mary and a graduate of the University of Florida School of Nursing in 1952 and did post-graduate work at John Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD in 1953.

She was preceded in death by her husband Burley Harold Byrd. She is survived by her daughter Bettye Burlea Byrd of Macclenny; son Thomas Alan "Tab" Byrd of Taylor; sister Betty R. Thomas and niece Martha Rain, both of Macclenny; great-nieces Lynn Rain and Dodie Ryder; great-nephew Randy Rain.

The funeral service for Mrs. Byrd was held at on Sunday, December 16 in the chapel of Guerry Funeral Home in Macclenny with Rev. Tommy Anderson officiating. Interment was in Manntown Cemetery, Glen St. Mary.

MACCLENNY CHURCH OF CHRIST
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

Russell Spear of Hilliard dies

Russell Jordan Spear, 89, of Hilliard, FL died December 12, 2012 at Baptist Medical Center with family by his side. He was born in McMechen, West Virginia on April 3, 1923 to the late Clarence Spear and Clara Jean Jordan Spear. Russell has been a resident of Hilliard since 1972 after moving from Jacksonville. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Callahan and retired in 1982 after many years of serving as a heating and air conditioning technician.



Russell Spear

Mr. Spear enjoyed woodworking, watching football, especially the Jaguars and Gators, doing word search puzzles and spending time with his family and two dogs, Angel and Doodlebug. He was preceded in death by sons Jeffrey Allen Spear Sr. and John Russell Spear Sr.; daughter Darlene Menendez; his granddaughter Christi Anna Spear.

He is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Carol Ann Spear of Hilliard; his son Timothy George (Pat) Spear; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, December 16 at Gateway to Life Ministries in Hilliard with Pastor Bruce Cubbedge officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations to assist with funeral expenses would be greatly appreciated. V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.

Other than her parents, she is survived by her high school sweetheart and loving husband James Allen Treece II of Macclenny; best friend and sister Brianna Rhoden of Macclenny; mother- and father-in-law James Kurt and Cynthia Elizabeth Treece of Macclenny; sister and brother-in-law Lauren and Brett Bennett of Macclenny; nephew Parker Bennett; paternal grandparents Randall and Carolyn Rhoden of Macclenny; paternal grandmother-in-law Joyce Treece of Fitzgerald; maternal grandparents Johnny and Clarice Tillman of Glen St. Mary; maternal grandmother Faye Tillman of Macclenny; her maternal grandparents-in-law Floyd and Jimmie Crews of Jasper, GA; numerous friends and family.

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Courtney Treece, 20, of Macclenny

Courtney Brooke Treece, 20, of Macclenny died as the result of an accident on December 9, 1992 to Randall G. Rhoden Jr. and Tammy Lynn Tillman Rhoden. Brooke was a lifelong resident of Macclenny where she was a member of Hilliard since 1972 after moving from Jacksonville. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Callahan and retired in 1982 after many years of serving as a heating and air conditioning technician.



Courtney Treece

Mr. Treece was employed at St. Vincent's Medical Center as an associate care provider. Brooke was very goal oriented and crafty, and enjoyed studying, cooking, shopping with friends and recently found a love for hunting. She was known for wearing flip-flops in any weather. She was preceded in death by her great-grandfather-in-law Col. James A. Treece of Fitzgerald, GA.

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Thanks so much

The Foster family would like to thank each and every one for their prayers, cards, flowers and food during our time of sorrow. Special thanks to the Christian Fellowship Church, David and Timmy Thomas, and a special thanks to Wells Nursing Care for the gentle, loving care given to my mother.

Dickie and Debbie Foster

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Mark Willis, 50, a retired foreman

Mark Anthony Willis, 50, of St. George, GA died on Tuesday, December 18, 2012. Mr. Willis was a member of the Moniac Baptist Church and a retired construction foreman. He enjoyed traveling, farming and spending time with his friends and family, especially his grandchildren.



Mark Willis

He is survived by his wife Mary Willis of St. George; sons Mark (Meagan) Willis Jr. of Bryceville, James Storey of St. George and Matt (Julie) Davis of Palm Coast; daughters Meagan Willis of Nicaragua and Brittany Willis of Bryceville; his mother Maxie Townsend of Glen St. Mary; father Donald Willis of St. Augustine; brothers Keith Willis of Macclenny, Chris (Ann) Townsend of Taylor and Scott Russell of St. George; sisters Kim (Bobby) Brown of Macclenny, Patricia Gunter of Jacksonville, and Tammy (David) VanNoord of Blossom, TX; grandchildren Michael Davis, Faith Storey, Charlie Davis, Saul Storey, Jed Davis, Colbie Willis, Wyatt Davis and Tanner Willis.

A memorial service will be held at 1 pm Saturday, December 22, 2012 at his church with Pastor Bill McCloud officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa or the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society. Forbes Funeral Home of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.

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Merry Christmas to my brother Danny Johns

December 17, 2008 'Someone special'
As I see your picture upon the wall, I think of what we could have done that would have changed us all. It's not the same without you down here on Earth. But up there in Heaven, I'm sure is the best. You are someone special, that is why I miss you. I wish you were here to share this special gift - a gift of life, a gift of love. And a great big gift of hugs.

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Pastor: Oral E. Lyons

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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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WITH ALL MY LOVE, DEBBIE ANN/BABY GIRL 12/25/2012

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In loving memory of Windell Richard Davis 02/02/1948-12/25/2009

You never said "I'm leaving." You never said "Goodbye." You were gone before I knew it, and only God knows why. There are no words to tell you just what I feel inside. The shock, the hurt, the anger - might gradually subside. A million times I'll need you; a million times I'll cry. If love alone could have saved you, you never would have died. In life I loved you dearly. In death, I love you still. In my heart you hold a place that no one could ever fill. It broke my heart to lose you, but you didn't go alone. For part of me went with you, the day God took you home. Things will never be the same, and although it hurts so bad - I will smile whenever I hear your name, and be proud you were my Dad.

DADDY'S GIRLS - TERESA, MANDY



Merry Christmas Mama and Daddy R.B. and Sissy Lauramore 'Together Again' Missing y'all always

Y'all never said "I'm leaving." Y'all never said "Goodbye." Y'all were gone before we knew it, and only God knows why. A million times I've needed y'all, a million times I've cried. If love alone could have saved you both, you never would have died. In life I loved y'all dearly, in death I love y'all still. In my heart I hold a place that only y'all can fill. It broke my heart to lose y'all, but y'all didn't go alone. As part of me went with the both of you the day God took y'all home.

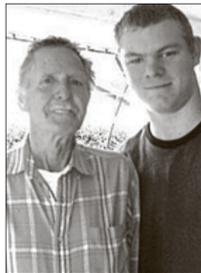
WITH ALL MY LOVE, DEBBIE ANN/BABY GIRL 12/25/2012



Happy Birthday Mama 12/18/1939-02/28/2012

My Mom has made me laugh, made me cry, wiped my tears, hugged me tight, watched me succeed, saw me fail, cheered me on, kept me going strong - and drove me crazy. Moms are a promise from God that you will have a friend forever. If you still have your Mom, call her every day just to say "I love you."

I LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU EVERY DAY ... MY BEST FRIEND BABY GIRL (DEBBIE)



In loving memory of Leroy Sweat and Michael Ray Tetstone

Another year has come and gone; another Christmas without you is upon us. As the memories come flooding back of Christmases past, our hearts are full of mixed emotions. We're thankful and blessed for the times we had together, yet there will always be an emptiness knowing there are no more memories to be made and joyous times shared with you on Earth. We all miss you, and wish you a Merry Christmas in Heaven.

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In loving memory of Frederick L. Perry Sr. 01/13/1930-12/18/2007

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5th annual 'Shop with Cop' benefits 36 kids

Thirty-six children participated in the Baker County Sheriff's Office 5th annual Shop with a Cop charity last week, the most ever for the program that benefits unprivileged youths in the community, said Sheriff Joey Dobson. Supported by some \$3600 in donations from businesses and private individuals, Shop with a Cop gave the children, selected by local schools, \$100 gift cards to spend at the Macclenny Walmart while accompanied by sheriff's deputies as well as other personnel from the sheriff's office. "For some, one of the first things they went to buy was something for their parents," said Sheriff Dobson, adding that one young man headed straight for the cosmetics section to shop for his mother. Sgt. Jody Dyal and Sgt. Buck Dyal coordinated the event. Pictured above at Walmart are Deputy Chad Montean (left) and Sgt. Brad Harvey, who is handing out gift cards to the kids.



PHOTO BY JOEL ADDONINGTON

South Glen neighbors supply gift donations

Residents of the Old Nursery Plantation subdivision south of Glen St. Mary amassed a pile of toy donations, including games, sports balls, stuffed animals and 15 bicycles for the City of Macclenny Fire Department's Christmas-4-Kids toy drive. The home of Larry Porterfield served as the collection point. Three fire department personnel, Chris Stokes, Chris Harvin (pictured above loading gifts into boxes in Mr. Porterfield's foyer) and Bret Higginbotham picked up the donations December 18. "I thought it would slow this year, but last weekend people really stepped up," said Mr. Porterfield.

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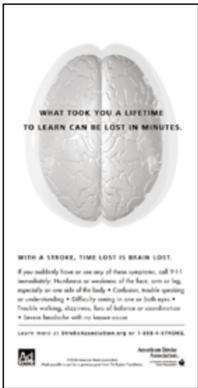
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Outlook better for Christmas tree farm

JOEL ADDINGTON
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Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin

60th anniversary
 Shirley and Ronald Goodwin of Sanderson celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on December 19 with a family dinner.

The couple wed on that date in Wilson, N.C.

Their children include Deborah Dowling, Richard Goodwin and Ronald Goodwin Jr., all of Sanderson, Kenneth Goodwin of Orange Park and the late Randy Goodwin.

The Goodwins also have 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.



Mr. and Mrs. Norman

Wed December 1

Kaleigh Miller of Jacksonville and Wesley Norman of Macclenny were married on December 1 during a ceremony at Latyn's Land-N in Yulee, FL.

The bride is the daughter of Randy and Beth Miller of Jacksonville and the groom is the son of Bo and Kathy Norman of Macclenny.

Following a honeymoon in Jamaica, the couple is residing in Macclenny.

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heavier ornaments. The cedars are known for their smell and range between 5-18 feet tall. The leyland cypress can reach up to 20 feet, though they're difficult to manage at that size.

"Transportation is a problem, and of course, getting them in the house and decorating them," said Ms. Fraser, who grew up on the O.C. Horne Road property when it was a livestock farm.

The farm takes its name Rudolph from Ms. Fraser's mother.

"My dad passed away and we got the farm," she said. "We named it in honor of her as well as something children could identify with."

As one might expect, the farm has seen a lot of repeat customers over the year. Children who came to the site are now returning as parents with their own kids to pick out Christmas trees.

Ms. Fraser said there's also "new, younger people" who have moved into the area and learned of the popular supplier, or perhaps found Rudolph's location online.

"We have a lot of people that have moved down from the northern states accustomed to going out and cutting their own tree," she said. "They're surprised they can find a tree farm in Florida where they can do that, even though we can't grow the spruces and furs and stuff like that," she continued. "But the kids get to run around and experience the things they did as children."



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Wyatt Griffith, above, looks on as Trenton Joiner and others saw a Christmas tree. At left (l-r) are Gene Hobson, Mandy Wainright and Christopher Shuler.



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Paxon delivers first loss for boys

The Wildcat varsity boys' basketball team upped its season mark to 9-1, absorbing its first loss at Paxon with a 87-62 drubbing on December 11.

Nonetheless, the Cats are in the midst of the best start in a decade.

It wasn't an easy start to the week for Coach Charles Ruise and his players as they ran into the Paxon buzzsaw at Paxon. The Eagles exploded out of the gate and four of their starting five were in double figures as they locked up the win to stop what was until that night the Wildcats' six-game winning streak.

The Paxon forwards pushed inside and their guards hit from the perimeter as they ran out to a 23-15 first-quarter edge. The Eagles kept up the pressure with run and gun and took a 41-32 lead into the locker room at the half.

If anything, they upped the pressure in the second half with a quick transition game and a strong presence in the paint. The Eagles out scored BCHS 23-16 in the third quarter and the Cats couldn't make up the ground.

Charles Ruise Jr. led BCHS with 19 points and Jesse Gardner had 12 points. Wildcats Combs and CeCe Jefferson had eight apiece.

The Wildcats bounced back on December 13 with a commanding 75-52 win on the road at Interlachen. The Cats spread around the scoring with five players in double figures. They penetrated to the basket all

night long and were effective with their outside shooting as well. At one point in the third period, Ruise hit four straight three point baskets.

The Cats came out gunning and Brandon Lewis had his best quarter of the season. Lewis was unstoppable, with 11 first period points as BCHS took a 23-15 lead.

The pace slowed somewhat in the second period but the Cats led by 15 at the half. They kept the Rams at arms length throughout the second half.

Ruise and Lewis led the scoring attack with 16 points. Johnny Lamb had 12 points and Gardner and Jefferson added 10 points.

The Wildcats traveled to Middleburg on Friday, December 14 winning a slow-paced game 43-30 over the Broncos. The Broncos were never in the game and played a very deliberate style of ball. BCHS got most of its points on the inside with Lamb leading the way.

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At left, Johnathan Lamb shoots the lay-up. At right, Charles Ruise goes for two.

Ladies take close match at Fleming



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Bethany Greer finishes a clean and jerk as teammates look on.

The Wildcat girls' weightlifting team won an exciting match on the road at Fleming Island on December 13, squeaking by 47-43 in a hotly contested match.

Laken Head (101 class), Madison Perry (110), Kristian Burnham (129) and Ashley Wheeler (139) took first place. Head finished with the top three in the district with a 195 total. Perry's 130 in the clean and jerk is one of the best totals in the state so far this season.

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in second place in the district and Wheeler has one of the top totals in the state at 300 pounds.

Bethany Greer, Ashley Suggs, Reagan McKendree, Mekenzi Hand, Glenna Godwin, Lacey Nettles and Brianna Yarbrough placed second. Bridget Higgenbotham, Haleigh Crawford, Rebekah Long, Aimeelee Crite, Rachel Chambers and Brooke Adams had third place finishes.

The girls won't lift again until after the holiday break.

Eighth place finish

The Wildcat wrestling team turned in a good showing at the Sandalwood Invitational on December 13 and 14. Three of the wrestlers medaled and the Cats finished eighth in the 16-team field.

Coach Adam Brunner had hoped for a stronger finish for the Cats but was happy with the second place showing by Lenny Carter.

"Lenny Carter displayed a great effort against the team who won the tournament, Fletcher High School," said Brunner. "He battled with Fletcher until the last minute of the last round, but ended up coming just a little short in points."

Brandon Harvey and Sean Mulkey also medaled, finishing third and fourth, respectively. Harvey won his first round but lost on points to go to wrestle-backs.

Cody Miller, Awsten Yonn, CJ Thomas and Collin Green also posted wins in the tournament. The Cats wrestled well against

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Girls go to 6-2 with pair of home wins

It was a busy and productive week for the Lady Wildcat basketball team as it chalked up three wins to run its season record to 6-2.

The girls started off the week with a 71-55 defeat of the Bradford Tornadoes on their home floor on December 10. The Cats had three girls in double figures in the game.

Delicia Washington caught fire with a dozen second-period points to power the Cats to a 43-26 halftime lead. But she wasn't alone in her scoring prowess as Shaniece Paige continued to shoot the ball well and Candace Clack had her best shooting night of the season.

Bradford had some good athletes but couldn't keep up with the Wildcats' pace and inside game.

Washington had 23 that night and Paige 18 points. Clack had 16 and Joshaly Brown and Sierra Martino seven points.

A 29-point effort from Washington overwhelmed the Baldwin Indians on Thursday, December 13, at home. The hosts were not polite to the Indians and Washington scored all but two of her

points in the first half on the way to a 58-16 win. Paige added 12 points. Chantel Jonas added a half-dozen.

The girls got their second victory over West Nassau with a 59-39 win the following day, also at BCHS. The Warriors held it relatively close in the first half, trailing by 10 points, but the Cats relentlessly put on the pressure and their inside/outside game beat West Nassau down as the game progressed.

Washington led all scorers with 27 points. Clack had another solid offensive game with 14 and Brown had nine points.

BCHS moves on to Bishop Snyder starting on Thursday, December 20 to take part in the Cardinals' Christmas tournament.

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Saban visits BCHS

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Baker County High School had a rather prestigious visitor last week. Alabama football coach Nick Saban showed up at the school office to pay a visit to the Wildcat coaches. It is assumed that Saban is interested in defensive end CeCe Jefferson but the coaching staff is very closed mouthed because of the labyrinth of NCAA rules regarding what can and cannot happen during recruiting — or not recruiting, whatever the case may be.

"We have to be very careful in the coming months and years about the nature of the visits from these coaches," said Wildcat football coach Ryan Sulkowski. "Coaches are not allowed face-to-face contact with prospects on our campus while they are out recruiting. These coaches are simply visiting our school and speaking with the coaches and the administrators and guidance staff regarding potential prospects."

If Saban was inquiring about Jefferson he won't be the first. The sophomore defensive end's stats are impressive. He was an All-American as a freshman. This year he is first team FACA All-District. He has 22.5 tackles for a loss, 14 sacks and 3 blocked punts. He has also been used on the offensive line and as a fullback.

Reading the NCAA recruiting rules is similar to trying to understand the US tax code and is just about as long.

Jefferson or any other Wildcat football player is not allowed to be photographed with Saban or any college coach outside the university setting. Players not allowed to meet with Saban or any other coach outside of a proscribed official visit and coaches are only allowed to visit a school site once a year.

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