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Stalked, accosted by man on Glen road

The sheriff's department is looking into a claim by a minor female that she was stalked by a male subject while walking home on Ridge Estates Dr. the afternoon of January 22, and that the suspect threw an oil filter that struck her in the head.

The girl, 10, said she first spotted the suspect, who she described as either black or Hispanic, as he followed her slowly in a silver van while she walked toward home after getting off a school bus. When she got to her yard, she said the suspect got out of the vehicle and walked toward her.

She then ran to her house and shortly after looked outside and the van was gone.

The location is off Reid Stafford Rd. south of Interstate 10 between Smoky Rd. and CR 229.

Later the girl told Deputy Michael Clark she rode her bike to a friend's on Stafford because she was scared, then headed back because the friend was not there. Again, the van approached her as she rode north, and moved over to get close to her. She then steered the bike into a ditch and ran after tossing a stick in the direction of the van.

The man tossed the filter at her as she ran to another residence on Ridge Estates and called police.

The deputy and other officers returned to the scene and recovered the used oil filter, along with the bicycle and backpack the girl left there.

Deputy Clark noted the girl had bruising on her head, and she was treated at the scene by a rescue team.

She further described the suspect as medium build with light facial hair wearing a green hat with a "clenched fist icon." He had on a green long-sleeve shirt and blue jeans tucked into tall black boots.

An alert turned up no vehicles or suspects matching that description.

In other reports, a criminal complaint for battery was filed January 27 naming Allen Yonn, 33, for allegedly dragging Stacie Harris, 26, by the hair from his parked pickup and throwing her to the ground. Both are from Macclenny.

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Felon nets six years for shooting in south Macclenny

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Some of the 179 marijuana plants seized from a Macclenny home last week by the sheriff's office.

PHOTO BY BRAD WEEKS

Second story pot farm Friend of suspect dies of overdose

The sudden arrival of a critically ill Georgia man at the Fraser Hospital emergency room the evening of January 24 led local deputies to a central Macclenny residence that housed a second-floor hydrophobic marijuana farm and yielded the largest seizure of pot in recent years.

The occupant of the house on Morris St. directly behind the Macclenny fire station, Tony Barber, 49, is in jail charged with producing and possessing marijuana, both second degree felonies. The charge is more serious because of the proximity to the First United Methodist Church a block west.

The acquaintance he brought to the hos-

pital, Raymond Mark Crews, 50, of Hilliard, died two days later at St. Vincent's Medical Center of "severe intoxication and poly-drug abuse," according to an attending physician.

Mr. Barber told sheriff's investigators that Mr. Crews, who he had earlier picked up in Folkston, GA and brought back to Macclenny, collapsed outside the residence and was unresponsive when taken by car to Fraser Hospital several blocks away. He was in respiratory failure when admitted to the emergency room and was later transported by helicopter to the Jacksonville hospital.

When deputies later brought Mr. Barber back to the address to learn more de-

tails about Mr. Crews' collapse, Investigator Matt Yarborough said he acted "extremely nervous" at being close to his residence. He allowed the officers in, and the investigator clearly heard what he believed to be large fans operating on the second floor.

The odor of marijuana was "extremely strong" as he and others mounted the stairs and the temperature rose. The upstairs bedrooms contained 179 plants in various growing stages and sophisticated lighting, irrigating and ventilation systems.

The inventory of seized equipment included water pumps, circulating filter units,

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Tony Barber

Eyes repairs at ballfields

MIKE ANDERSON
PRESS STAFF

With baseball season just around the corner the county's Little League facilities in Macclenny soon may get a much-needed facelift, including new fencing, bleacher repairs and better rest rooms.

The rundown condition at the complex stirred considerable discussion at the Baker County Commission meeting on January 22, during which officials said shoddy fencing, deteriorated bleachers and embarrassingly subpar bathrooms call for immediate attention.

Commissioner Adam Giddens said he and County Manager C.J. Thompson visited the fields on the afternoon prior to the board meeting to get a close-up look at some of the deficiencies. He said what he saw was alarming, particularly the condition of the bleachers.

"The bleachers were far worse," Mr. Giddens said. "Some of the boards were rotting and there were no backrests. Somebody's going to bust their butt."

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Above: the bleachers at the baseball fields; below: other seating in disrepair nearby.

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Perspective needed on new gun curbs

Some thoughts on the current debate over stricter gun control.

First, don't ever underestimate the proclivity of government to over-act to crises, particularly those on the national stage like the Newtown, CT school massacre in December.

National tragedies are often a signal for uninspired and stale elected representatives and bureaucrats to "act" as if the public demanded it. A cynic might even suggest that bodies like the US Congress are apt to fall into this trap to give the impression they are doing something.

Something, as opposed to "nothing" about the real crises that face this republic in 2013. You know, things like the national debt, spending money we don't have on programs that, well, prove over the years to be little more than "doing something."

As pointed out last week in a thoughtful essay by Sam Harris in *The Week* (my favorite!) magazine, 55 million children went to school the day 20 of them were killed at Newtown.

Not to diminish the value of those dear souls and the adults who perished, but the horrendous circumstances of the shootings and resulting media attention slotted the actual danger to the rest of America's school children on a perch far above what it merits.

For my money, let's spend the estimated \$10 billion annually to put trained, armed personnel in the schools instead of what would surely be the outlay to enforce a whole new set of gun control laws that won't be enforced.

Just like many of the laws on the books now are not enforced.

Contrast all this, Mr. Har-

ris points out, to the 564,452 homicides in the United States since 1982, the vast majority of them involving guns, and an ever greater majority with guns that would not be banned by anything proposed by Congress.

During the same period, Mr. Harris notes 70 mass shootings in the country with a toll of 543 (we have to assume his figure is accurate.) So there's a perspective on

the scope of the real problem facing us as a nation. We look at ourselves in a collective mirror and have to admit that we have a problem, a massive one.

I simply don't see anything proposed in the wake of Newtown that will address it.

Take Jacksonville, real close to home. Killings on the north side and, now more frequently, on the westside. Some knives, but mostly guns are the homicide method of choice.

The law abiding people in these neighborhoods march in front of TV cameras and talk

about curbing the violence. What nobody, and I mean nobody, wants to talk about is that the majority of these killings are the direct result of the breakup of the family unit.

Parents are largely absent from the lives of their children; kids roam the streets unsupervised from a young age; their only role models are the graduate-level thugs.

So I ask myself. What will more gun laws do to curb this scourge? And how ironic is it that the loudest mouths in this debate come from officials in a

government that did more than any of us to create this "culture of death."

So is the NRA too powerful? Do we need better background checks for legal gun ownership? Better screening of the mentally unbalanced?

Perhaps. But forgive me for thinking it's all a band-aid over a chain saw wound. All sound and fury with little substance.

Look at the public's reaction since Newtown — buying guns and ammo at a record pace. I feel I'm not alone.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Goodness comes out of the bad

Dear Editor:

Often times we don't take the time to let people know how we appreciate them for the kindness and service when something bad happens to us and others come to our aid.

The church I serve as pastor was recently broken into and robbed, and there was also some water damage as a result of the robbery. The broken water line caused a lot of flooding inside the church because it happened over the holidays when no one was there.

Thanks to all the people that came to our aid when we needed it, including the young men at the Family Dollar Store in Macclenny who loaned us the only box fans I could find at the time to help dry up all the water in our church.

Thanks also to the Baker County sheriff's department for their professional response. We live in a county where love and compassion still move people to go out of their way to help one another.

Eddy Sanders
Macclenny

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Did you ever wonder what babies are thinking?

Call this column random jottings of a troubled mind — things I've always wondered about or that just struck me as odd. There's no real rhyme or reason to them, they just are what they are.

✓ Ever wonder what babies are thinking? I do. I can't figure it out. Babies think — they must. But how? They have no language. I think in English, but if I had no language at all what would I think in? Pictures? Some sort of default "language" that children know in the womb and then lose as they get older?

They respond to stimuli — if they are hungry or wet or sick they cry to get their momma's attention. But there must be more to it than that.

I'm not saying they are ready to use the E-Trade app on their dad's cell phone to buy and sell stocks, but something is going on.

I've even asked little kids, "Do you remember when you were a baby?" None of them ever did.

That's kind of sad in a way. I'd like to know what they were thinking about as they were

getting ready to be born.

"Whoa! Here we go. It's roller coaster time. Move toward the light. Move toward the light. Hey, it's cold out here. I want to go back. Who are those people? Help. I want to go back!! WAAAAAAAAAAAA!!!"

My earliest memory was from 3 or 4 years old. I was walking around in the bathroom of our apartment in Tonawanda, New York and hit my head on the sink. Ouch. I looked at the sink and smiled because it occurred to me that a week earlier I could walk under it without hitting my head. So I must be growing. For some reason that stuck with me.

✓Here's another one that used to bother me as a kid. I always wondered what would happen to me if I pulled the tag off the mattress.

I hated taking a nap, as opposed to now when I wish I could take a nap. I rarely ever slept. I just rolled around for an hour and invariably I'd hang off the bed and there would be that tag warning me I'd better not remove it under penalty of law.

I was always sorely tempted to tear off that tag. When you are 8 years old there are lots of temptations — sneaking a hot cookie fresh out of the oven, eating a piece of the Thanksgiving turkey before it reaches the dining room table, sticking your finger in your sister's birthday cake, pulling the dog's tail. But nothing is more tempting than that tag.

I never did it, of course. Too risky. It was the first step in a life of crime.

In my 8-year-old head I pictured screaming sirens, helicopters landing in the front

lawn and being dragged away to the kid version of Guantanamo. Some grizzled to year old would stare at me from his beady black eyes. "What ya in for, kid?"

"Tearing the tag off the mattress."

"Hey, Spike. We got a liver here."

"What are you in for?" I'd sheepishly ask. "Not eatin' my broccoli. There are starving kids in China who kill for my broccoli."

"Yeah, I've heard about that. Chinese kids must really like broccoli."

✓Here's another one along the same line of thought. I'm standing in the break room at work talking with friends about the AFC championship game. We're talking about the upcoming Super Bowl matchup between John Harbaugh, coach of the Baltimore Ravens, and his brother Jim Harbaugh, who coaches the San Francisco 49ers. It's the first time brothers have been matched up as coaches.

The guy next to me says, "Did you hear what the commentator Joe Buck was saying about the parents? He said Jack Harbaugh and his wife were watching the game alive in their house. That way nobody else could see their pain if their sons lost."

Seconds later the door is kicked in and black clad policemen with badges and NFL logos on their sleeves grab him and throw him up against a table.

"Hey, what's going on? What did I do."

"You know the rules," a grizzled sergeant with black eyes

says as he slaps the cuffs on my friend. He takes out a card and reads: "The use of pictures and descriptions of this game is prohibited without the express permission of the National Football League."

"Take him away boys. And let that be a lesson for the rest of you."

The adult version of the tag on the mattress.

Facebook fans 'What you had to say ...'

With immigration reforms looking more and more likely to become a reality, we asked our Facebook peeps for their thoughts on the issue. Here's a look at what our friends online had to say:

Robert Thompson: Maybe I'll go out and commit a crime and see if they're willing to give me a pass too since they are in such a forgiving mood.

Jason Randall: You'd be amazed at how difficult it is to get a green card with even a misdemeanor on your record. It's also wildly expensive. If you don't have \$10,000 or so, you're not becoming legal.

Theresa Rhoden: No other country would consider amnesty ... We are 16 trillion + in debt and counting. More people, more entitlements. Both sides are pandering for votes.

Clayton Yarbrough: This will allow all of those who give the free ride to access to an already broken system. T Danny Norton: Just think about the money that we could save, if we would just secure our borders. In the long run it would save us money in entitlements and don't forget healthcare and our prison system.

Hannah Going Woodruff: I hon-

estly don't think many of them will want to be citizens. As far as I know, the people who are here are very thankful to be here, but they still love their homes even if they're not very safe or easy to live in. I don't believe they mean any disrespect, but imagine if your home was no longer a safe place to live for your family and you had to move to a different country. Would you still want to be considered an American? Of course. It's the same with them. Also, I do not know many who even take advantage of food stamps or healthcare. From what I've seen they don't look for handouts. I worked at a grocery store for a year and a half and I very rarely ever saw a Hispanic person pay with food stamps. I don't think it's as big of a problem as it's made out to be. They're not here to use us, anyone can be violent or have a record, no matter the race, and they are people looking for a better life. Who wouldn't want that? Richard Clark: They want to give citizenship to people who have already broken the laws of our land. Shows the respect they have for our country. What's next, granting amnesty to all the other criminals?

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Seven Day Forecast	
Thursday	Sunny High: 62 Low: 33
Friday	Sunny High: 67 Low: 35
Saturday	Sunny High: 67 Low: 39
Sunday	Mostly Sunny High: 68 Low: 39
Monday	Mostly Sunny High: 69 Low: 38
Tuesday	Partly Cloudy High: 66 Low: 40
Wednesday	Mostly Sunny High: 68 Low: 42

Today's High & Low Temperatures

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tue, 1/22	63	32	67/43	0.00"	Normal precipitation0.83"
Wed, 1/23	63	28	67/43	0.00"	Departure from normal-0.83"
Thu, 1/24	72	36	67/43	0.00"	Average temperature55.4"
Fri, 1/25	72	45	67/43	0.00"	Average normal temperature55.0"
Sat, 1/26	73	45	67/43	0.00"	Departure from normal+0.4"
Sun, 1/27	68	54	67/43	0.00"	
Mon, 1/28	77	48	67/43	0.00"	

Data as reported from Cecil Field Airport

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Phase
Thursday	7:19 a.m.	6:05 p.m.	2/17
Friday	7:19 a.m.	6:06 p.m.	
Saturday	7:18 a.m.	6:07 p.m.	
Sunday	7:17 a.m.	6:07 p.m.	
Monday	7:17 a.m.	6:08 p.m.	Full
Tuesday	7:16 a.m.	6:09 p.m.	2/25
Wednesday	7:15 a.m.	6:10 p.m.	

St. Mary's River Levels

Now	Change
Moniac, GA	4.98 ft. -0.01 ft.
Macclenny	2.33 ft. -0.02 ft.

Hunting/Fishing Times

Day	AM	PM
Thu	2:06-4:06	2:36-4:36
Fri	2:55-4:55	3:25-5:25
Sat	3:45-5:45	4:15-6:15
Sun	4:39-6:39	5:09-7:09
Mon	5:35-7:35	6:05-8:05
Tue	6:34-8:34	7:04-9:04
Wed	7:34-9:34	8:04-10:04

Weather History

Jan. 31, 1911 - Tamarack, Calif. was without snow the first eight days of the month, but by the end of January had been buried under 390 inches of snow, a record monthly total for the United States.

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CIRCUIT COURT

6 years for south city shooting

A Macclenny man drew a six-year prison term in circuit court on January 22 after pleading no contest to multiple charges stemming from shooting at an occupied house in a south city neighborhood in March, 2011.

Frederick Marshall Jr., 26, has been in county jail since his arrest and gets credit for that time off the state sentence. He entered the same plea to ten related counts, the most serious of which were attempted shooting into an occupied building, aggravated assault with intent to commit a felony and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Mr. Marshall fired several rounds from a .22 caliber rifle into a Grisholm St. residence occupied at the time by a couple, and then turned the gun on another female and threatened her. He had earlier been beaten by relatives of a man he had slapped.

Judge Phyllis Rosier, who recently left the criminal bench here, retained jurisdiction in the case and levied lesser terms or time served for remaining counts of battery, discharging a firearm in public and firing a gun while impaired. Mr. Marshall had been in jail 682 days.

His criminal record includes burglary, ag-

gravated assault with a deadly weapon and resisting arrest.

In other sentences during that court session, Frederick Hurchins received a year and one day in prison after pleading no contest to tampering with physical evidence. The state

dropped a count of marijuana possession and Judge Moseley allowed the 173 days he was in county jail as the penalty for possession of paraphernalia.

Mr. Hurchins, 28, of Havanna, FL, was arrested last June after he was stopped for speeding on Interstate 10 and tried to eat the marijuana he had in the vehicle. The judge ordered the sentence to be concurrent with other, unspecified, ones.

Steven Thomas Sr., 45, of Glen St. Mary will be on probation two years after pleading no contest to

blinking the state out of \$5210 in unemployment compensation during a five-month period in 2011.

Court records show he collected the money while employed by a Jacksonville construction company, where he earned \$8778 during the same period. Judge Moseley ordered him to repay the amount and withheld adjudication of guilt.



Frederick Marshall Jr.

The judge ordered a one-year probation in the case of G.W. Jefferson, who pleaded no contest to drunk driving resulting in serious bodily injury.

His driver's license is suspended for six months, he must attend DUI school and pay a \$500 fine in addition to doing 50 hours of community service.

The probation term of Amanda Carter was terminated and she agreed to a 10-month jail sentence for obtaining prescription drugs by fraud.

The sentence imposed on her last month included in-patient drug treatment, but Ms. Carter, 31 and from Jacksonville, was unable to secure a slot at a treatment center. She gets credit for 91 days in county jail.

James O. Williams Jr. admitted to violating probation in 2011 for domestic battery and violating a protective order, and will serve 180 days in county jail, less 49 days credit.

Brett Johnson admitted to violating probation in 2010 cases for lewd battery and obscene communication. He will serve 90 days in jail and gets credit for 34 days.

Arrest warrants were issued for two defendants who failed to appear in court that day: Chelsea Bollinger for issuing a worthless check and Teresa Stokes for child neglect and grand theft.

Tracks may connect two break-ins

A county deputy says foot and tire marks found at the scene of two west county burglaries may be similar, and thus the same person may be responsible. Both occurred between the evening of January 26 or early the next morning.

Deputy Chad Montean said he first noted the similar boot tracks when investigating break-ins at

two utility sheds on the property of Barbara Carroll off Hoss Keller Rd. west of Sanderson.

The owner said she awakened about 2 am and saw a vehicle on the road in front of the residence. Later she discovered that one of the sheds had been forcibly entered. The inventory of stolen property included a pressure washer,

power saw, drill and fishing tackle with a combined value of \$700.

Later, Deputy Montean found similar evidence off Cow Pen Rd. on the property of Keith Johnson, where a fuel tank was removed from a boat and fishing tackle taken. He also interviewed a possible suspect whose pickup truck was spotted in the area and had a matching tire tread pattern.

In other property crimes, a building at the Macclenny maintenance yard on Hartline Dr. was forcibly entered over the MLK holiday weekend and two backpack blowers and a pole power saw taken.

The equipment was valued at \$1370.

Deputy Jacob Satterwhite said it appeared a city truck had been moved from its parking spot and a hand-held blower stolen during

the same period. The perimeter fence was locked and the keys were in the vehicle.

Alphonso Brown of Macclenny reported property stolen on a vacant tract near Greedford Williams Rd. west of Glen between January 11-24.

He told Sgt. James Marker the missing property included a utility trailer with a boom, truck tires and rims, trailer siding and an air compressor. He placed the loss value at \$2900 and named a possible suspect.

Kristen Gray reported property taken from a storage unit on US 90 in east Macclenny on January 23 or 24.

The stolen items include a washer and dryer, lawn mower, weeder and cooler. Deputy John Hardin noted Ms. Gray resides in an adjacent storage unit.



USPS operations manager Keith Pierle (right) as Sanderson residents sign in.

USPS cuts seen at Sanderson office

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noon to 12:30.

Other options were talked about, however, like shaving 15 minutes off the weekday opening and closing times to achieve the half-hour reduction. That plan may be more likely, according to officials, because smaller tweakers are less likely to disrupt customers' routines.

Mr. Pierle said moving the lunchtime is not preferable for the same reason — customers are accustomed to the current schedule.

A number of patrons at the meeting this week expressed concerns that the reduction in hours was just the beginning, and that the Sanderson post office would be abandoned in the future.

"We are not closing this post office," Mr. Pierle pledged. He said for that to happen, a majority of the customers would have to vote in favor of the closing.

"It would have to be almost unanimous."

He told the group that their comments will be taken under advisement when his superiors finalize the changes, which will be announced in the coming months.

But, he said, first class mail volumes have plummeted nationwide by 43 percent in the last six years and the postal service must scale back to survive with much less revenue.

"The post office is in serious financial trouble," said Mr. Pierle, affirming what has become common knowledge throughout the United States.

The biggest cuts will come at processing plants in Jacksonville,

power saw, drill and fishing tackle with a combined value of \$700.

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Eyes ballfield repairs ... Stalked by man on Glen road

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Commissioner Jimmy Anderson said he's embarrassed by the condition of the county's recreational facilities, especially at the thought of visitors coming from other counties to watch their kids play sports here.

"I don't even want to go to the bathroom at our parks. I'd rather hold it till I get home."

The discussion began when the county manager presented price quotes from three companies for fence repairs at the senior league field.

The commission authorized Mr. Thompson last month to seek the quotes, which ranged from \$12,229.99 to \$14,625.19.

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been purchased but need to be installed.

✓ Covered and lighted batting cages on the boys' fields.

✓ Remodeled bathrooms at the senior and minor league fields.

Board members made no promises, but said they would see about funding the requests and asked the Little League officials to come up with cost estimates.

Afterward, the commission voted 4-1 to begin the fence repairs at the senior field, using a portion of \$25,000 that was repaid to the county by Florida Power & Light Co. last year for billing errors during two previous years.

In other business commission:

• Approved a change in the monthly meeting schedule from the first Tuesday and third Monday of each month to the first and third Tuesdays. The new schedule, which will begin in March, was recommended by Commissioner James Croft to avoid conflicts with holidays that typically fall on a Monday.

"The current meeting schedule often conflicts with county holidays and other governmental meetings in our county," Mr. Croft said. "This current meeting is a good example as it was moved (from January 21 to January 22) due to the Martin Luther King holiday. The rescheduling of meetings during the year can easily result in confusion and result in lower attendance by the public."

Mr. Croft's recommendation also called for meeting agendas to be made available by the end of business on Thursday of the week prior to the upcoming board meeting.

"This would allow adequate business days for commissioners to research agenda items," Mr. Croft said. "The ultimate goal is to offer consistency in our meeting schedule and to encourage greater participation by citizens."

• Approved a recommendation by the Baker County Code Enforcement Board for a 50 percent reduction in a \$3061 fine levied against property owned by James F. Barton on Myrtis Barton Lane. The fine and resulting lien stemmed from a code violation issued to Mr. Barton for a mobile home that was moved onto his vacant property without the required permit in March 2010.



Pot was being grown on the second floor of this Morris St. residence.

2nd story pot farm

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grew bulbs and blocks, fertilizers and circulating fans.

Mr. Barber admitted to police that he brought Mr. Crews to the hospital instead of calling for a rescue unit because "I didn't want anyone to come here."

Oddly, the house is adjacent to one on North College that was raided in October, 1999 when police learned it contained a large indoor marijuana growing operation. The couple living there at the time had re-located to Macclenny from Neptune Beach and

police seized 197 plants of varying sizes.

The house at that time was rented from a St. George, GA woman.

The house raided last week is owned by Virginia Barber of Macclenny. It is not known if she is related to the occupant.

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Wanted man had a crack pipe

A Glen St. Mary man questioned on the property of a neighborhood store in Cuyler during the early morning hours of January 25 was wanted in California for violating parole on a burglary charge.

Clinton Andrews, 36, was also charged with possession of a smoking pipe with cocaine residue, a misdemeanor. Deputy Clements Leo found the pipe in his pants pocket during a routine search.

The deputy also arrested Mr. Andrews' girlfriend Angel Hunter, 29, of Glen after she produced another crack pipe from under her clothing. She told the deputy they had been to Jacksonville the previous evening to purchase crack and smoked it all.

Deputy Leo said he spotted the couple just before 2 am in and around a 2001 Chevrolet pickup driven by Nicholas Gaines, 37, of Glen, who said he picked them up after their vehicle broke down. Mr. Gaines was not charged with an offense.

In another warrant-related case, Travis Johnson, 24, of Macclenny was linked to the theft of a \$600 cell phone from an employee at the China Dragon restaurant on South 6th the afternoon of January 26.

An employee of Baker Gun and Gold Pawn called police when the suspect attempted to pawn a phone belonging to Jin Li for \$225. The employee recognized the owner from a photo when he examined the phone and declined to purchase it.

Deputy Johnny Hodges said he questioned Mr. Johnson after he was brought to jail on a warrant for possession of marijuana with intent to sell and he admitted taking the phone. Ms. Li said he entered the restaurant seeking to use a rest room and the phone was taken from a counter about the same time.

In other arrests:
• A 17-year-old male was charged with misdemeanor marijuana possession after a vial of it and cash were found in his pants pocket by

Deputy Robert Simpkins, who went to a north Macclenny address of the suspect's mother investigating the theft of prescription drugs. The deputy was directed to the residence on North Boulevard the morning of January 27 as the possible location of another male juvenile. Both he and the 17-year-old denied knowledge of the drug theft on Lower St. earlier.

Floyd Lyons Jr., 70, of Macclenny was taken to jail charged with disorderly conduct following a disturbance at the Moose Lodge on Lower the evening of January 22.

A bartender refused to serve Mr. Lyons after he entered the bar intoxicated, said Deputy Brandon Kiser, and he became agitated when told he had to leave.

Joshua Thornton, 27, was arrested on a bond surrender at county jail the afternoon of January 23 on dual charges of driving on a suspended license.

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Ex-chief's truck torched

Deputies investigated two vehicle thefts that past week, including a pickup belonging to a former Macclenny fire official that was found burning in a remote parking area near Oak Grove Church early on January 22.

Joel (Joey) Mathis reported later that morning that a 2003 Chevrolet Avalanche was taken from in front of his Blueberry Lane residence in the north city. He made the report about six hours after county fire units were dispatched to extinguish a similar vehicle that burned so severely the identification numbers were not initially discernible.

The fire off CR 23D also ignited a small area of nearby woods that was extinguished as well.

A state fire marshal was summoned and the next day obtained a vehicle ID from the frame matching that of the Mathis truck.

He told Deputy Robert Simpkins a second vehicle at the residence that night, a 1993 Chevrolet Camaro, was found with a

door open and the contents of a center console scattered about the interior. Mr. Mathis said the vehicle was locked, and the officer said it bore no signs of forced entry and there were no smudge marks or fingerprints on the pollen-covered exterior.

The officer said he noted a small burn mark in Mr. Mathis' front yard and a partially smoked cigarette laying inside it. A small container of gas was on a front porch nearby, as were floor mats the owner said were from the pickup.

The former division chief left the city department in December after 18 years, said Chief Buddy Dugger this week. He was assigned to administrative duty handling payroll and reports the past year and a half after it was learned he did not obtain firefighter certification.

The city gave Mr. Mathis until the end of 2012 to get certified or lose his job. Chief Dugger said he was physically unable to complete the certification course.

Free help to quit smoking

If you are ready to get the help you need to quit smoking or other tobacco use, the North-east Florida Area Health Education Center (AHEC) offers a free "Tools to Quit" Program at the Baker County Health Department.

A two-hour class meets on February 9 conducted by a trained facilitator. Participants receive a workbook, a "quit bag" with educational tools and nicotine replacement therapy (patches, lozenges or gum).

The program has helped many clients quit smoking or tobacco use successfully. Participants must register in advance in order to receive free replacement therapy items. Register by calling (904) 482-0189.

Stolen property recovered on 4th St.

A Macclenny couple face felony burglary and theft charges after property stolen in early-January from a College Ave. residence was found at their address on North 4th St.

Sheriff's investigators served a search warrant at the home of Benjamin Cline, 24, and his girlfriend Autumn Steiger, 21, on January 14 after learning that a valuable beach bike was pawned by Ms. Steiger on January 9.

The bike valued at \$800 was among property taken between December 26 and January 2 from the home of Stacy Smith while he was away on vacation. Mr. Cline at one time lived at the address and police think he entered using an old front door key.

Investigator David Morgan said he learned the bicycle was taken at Cash America on Normandy Blvd. in Jacksonville and he went to the couple's residence the morning of January 14. No one answered the door, but the investigator located a covered safe near the back door that matched the description of one taken from the Smith bedroom.

The safe contained important papers, a business checkbook and \$1000 in cash.
The investigator obtained a search warrant and along with several other officers entered the residence where they also found costume jewelry, designer hats and perfume that had been reported stolen.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LARGE SCALE AMENDMENT TO THE BAKER COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Baker County Land Planning Agency will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 14, 2013 at 7:00 PM in the Baker County Administration Building, 55 North Third Street, Macclenny Florida, to consider for recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners a proposed amendment, by ordinance to the Baker County Comprehensive Plan. Amendment request was submitted by Dietrich Planning, LLC, as agent for Baker County Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Commission and Plum Creek Land Company. Copies of said ordinance may be inspected by any member of the public in the Commissioners office, address stated above. On the above mentioned date, all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinances which are titled as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2013

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, MAKING A LARGE SCALE AMENDMENT TO THE BAKER COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY RECLASSIFYING APPROXIMATELY 140 ACRES OF PROPERTY, OWNED BY BAKER COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND IDENTIFIED BY BAKER COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 19-3S-20-0000-0000-0020, CONSISTING OF 93 ACRES AND PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 24-3S-19-0000-0000-0012, CONSISTING OF 47 ACRES FROM, AGRICULTURE AG A TO INDUSTRIAL ON THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP; PROVIDING FINDINGS BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING DIRECTION TO THE CODIFIER AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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A copy of said ordinance may be inspected by any member of the public in the Commissioner's office, address stated above. In accordance with Section 286.0105, F. S.: "If any person desires to appeal any decision made by the county Commission with respect to any matter considered at this scheduled meeting or hearing, the person will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purposes the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based."

According to the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Administration Department at (904) 259-3613 at least 48 hours prior to the time of the hearing.

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Christopher Steiger	103
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA. CASE NO.: 02-2012-CF-36

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF: EARL M. GREENE, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The Ancillary Administration of the estate of EARL M. GREENE, deceased, whose date of death was November 20, 2011 and whose Social Security Number is xxx-xx-5554, is pending in the Circuit Court for Baker County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 1338 Macclenny Ave., 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 or 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.

Notice of Earl M. Greene Estate to Creditors Case No. 02-2012-CF-0036

The date of first publication of this notice is January 31, 2013.

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All work must be performed by a licensed person and in compliance with State and local codes. Bids shall be submitted to the Baker County Board of Commissioners, Baker County Administration Building, 55 North Third Street, Macclenny, FL 32063 on or before 3:00pm on February 15, 2013. Bids should be marked "Health Dept AAOH Condenser" on the outside of envelope. Any questions regarding the project may be addressed to Sara Little at (904) 259-3613.

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

CASE NO. 02-2010-CA-000154

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICES, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICES, LP, Plaintiff,

vs. EDWARD C. ALFORD AKA EDWARD ALFORD; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF EDWARD C. ALFORD AKA EDWARD ALFORD; CRYSTAL S. ALFORD AKA EDWARD ALFORD; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CRYSTAL S. ALFORD AKA CRYSTAL ALFORD; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED; THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LEGATORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S), UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; Defendant(s)

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Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 9th day of January, 2013.

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Commissioners share vision for 2013

Goals range from preserving reserves to cleaner roads

MIKE ANDERSON
PRESS STAFF

Most Baker County commissioners are predicting, or at least hoping, that 2013 will be a good year for county government and its 28,000 residents.

Their visions for the new year include a more efficient, fiscally sound government, a balanced budget, low taxes, a renewed emphasis on economic development, encouraging greater public participation in government and civic affairs, and cleaner parks and roadsides.

All five county commissioners were asked by *The Baker County Press* in early January to elaborate on goals. Commissioners Adam Giddens and James Croft responded via e-mail within a week or so, while Commissioner Jimmy Anderson waited until the January 22 board meeting to reveal his.

Cited by each commissioner was achieving a balanced budget for 2013-14, hopefully without having to dip into the county's reserve fund again to make up for a deficit created by a shortage of revenue.

Mr. Anderson, as part of a five-point plan, called for public workshops with constitutional officers, department heads and staff, as well as input from citizens and employees.

"Together we can balance the budget," Mr. Anderson said, adding, however, that it must be done intelligently because, "We've got a county to run and services to provide."

Any budget can be balanced as long as sufficient revenues exist to match outgoing expenditures. In the past few years, however, the county has transferred millions of dollars from the reserve fund to make sure it had enough revenue to pay the bills.

At least one commissioner isn't convinced the reserve fund can't be used again.

"I think the reserve fund is sufficient enough to continue another year or two to help us balance the budget," Mr. Giddens said. "But I do not think we should rely on it 100 percent because when it runs out, we'll all be stuck with tax increases at one time."

The wise thing to do, he said, is to start planning now ways to prevent too much dependence on the reserve fund, which is supposed to be used for real emergencies, not meeting everyday obligations.

"We need to start phasing down relying on it fully so it doesn't hit us all at once in the coming years," he said. "I think the board will have no option but to work together on a combination of three things in order to find the \$1.5 million we are short on."

Those three things, Mr. Giddens said, will be the reserve fund, spending cuts and adopting a property tax rate that would produce the same amount of tax revenue as the previous year — the so-called "rollback rate."

"First, we will cut as much as we can while providing essential services," he said. "People will pay the same in taxes as they did the previous year, and then we will reach in to the savings for the rest as a last resort."

Commissioner Giddens, the chief financial officer of Jacksonville-based Giddens Security Co., said budgetary control would be further enhanced by shifting some of the responsibilities from the clerk of court to the county manager.

"Personally, I think that if we could move more of the accounting functions into the same building as (County Manager C.J. Thompson), instead of the courthouse, C.J. would be able to have



Jimmy Anderson



James Croft



Adam Giddens

a more hands-on approach to the budget throughout the year," said Mr. Giddens.

"He would be closer to the money coming in and out, so to speak. And with him more involved, it would help him keep the commissioners more precisely informed of our finances."

The restructuring of personnel to accomplish the change could be accomplished relatively easily, Mr. Giddens said.

"This is a move that would not cost any jobs, and I do not think there are any performance issues in the accounting and financing personnel. I just think this is a minor restructure that could help us run more efficiently," he said.

Mr. Croft, who was elected in November but served on the county commission a quarter century ago, said one of his goals this year will be to encourage more citizen input at board meetings, including budget workshops.

"I would like to have the meetings more accessible to the citizens," said Mr. Croft, who led a move at the January 22 meeting to change the commission meetings schedule to "offer more consistency and reduce the number of schedule changes due to holidays."

Instead of the first Tuesday and third Monday of each month, commission meetings starting in March will be held on the first and third Tuesday.

Mr. Croft said he also hopes to eventually have commission

meetings videotaped for online viewing, similar to what other government bodies have been doing for years in surrounding counties on cable TV.

"I also believe in holding workshops to work out details on legislation or major projects," Mr. Croft said. "This would provide for an opportunity for more involvement. The exchange of ideas by the commissioners should help with creativity in dealing with major issues."

As for the county budget, Mr. Croft offered several ideas for consideration. "I strongly believe with the amount of funds being utilized from our reserves we need to approach the budget process from a different direction this year," he said. "A line-by-line examination of expenditures should be undertaken by the commission in budget workshops."

"This would offer interaction between commissioners and department heads, the county manager, agency directors and constitutional officers to understand what is actually in the budget and to work on solutions to help reduce expenditures or, if needed, discuss possible increases."

The final budget, he said, should be a policy statement by the commission as to the level of services and future needs.

"We must think outside of

the 'norm,' and be as creative as possible to continue providing services with less revenue," Mr. Croft said. "Our reserves are dangerously low and so, too, are the ability of our citizens to pay more in increased taxes."

"Drastic times require a drastic departure from the way we've always done it, and I believe a line-by-line examination before the public will go a long way in proving we sincerely want the best for our county."

In addition to fiscal matters, Commissioner Anderson's five-point plan for 2013 included:

- Define the types of businesses the county would like to attract and then "work aggressively" with the Chamber of Commerce to promote economic development. Also, lobby state lawmakers for more funding for "better infrastructure for our county to make it more attractive to businesses."
- Form a committee to develop a plan for cleaning up the county, comprised of at least one commissioner and representatives from each county department,

constitutional officer, the City of Macclenny and citizens. "I'm tired of driving around Baker County and seeing all the trash," Mr. Anderson said at the January 22 board meeting.

Work with staff, commissioners, Baker County Little League, parents and citizens to improve all county ball parks and "make them something the whole county can be proud of."

"Our kids deserve it," Mr. Anderson said. "These activities not only make them healthier, it will make better citizens and leaders one day."

Seek funding for a new Council on Aging building that could also be used as a disaster shelter and get construction going on the new transportation center on COA's property behind Winn Dixie.

Commission Chairman Mark Hartley and Commissioner Gordon Crews did not respond to *The Press* request.



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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.

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Dewey Bridges, 69, of Macclenny

Dewey Wayne Bridges, 69, of Macclenny died at his home on Saturday, January 26, 2013. He was born in Shannon, Georgia to the late Paul Alfred and Birdie Mae Pierce Bridges. Mr. Bridges was a long-time resident of Baker County and member of the First Baptist Church of Maxville.



Dewey Bridges

He was a graduate of Baldwin High School's class of 1963 and retired in 2005 as a custodian at Baker County High School. Mr. Bridges enjoyed traveling with his wife Joyce and together they visited every state in the United States. He preceded in death by son Donald Allen Bridges.

Survivors other than his wife include son David Bridges (Kim) of Valrico; daughter Connie Bridges of Jacksonville; brothers Clyde Bridges of Alabama and Frank Bridges (Diane) of Ralford; sister Mildred Williamson of Baldwin; step-sons Alvin Lambert (Lisa) of Clermont, Bobby Lambert (Julie) of Orlando and David Lambert (Tookie) of Macclenny; step-daughters Martha Jo Davis (Wes) of Taylor and Brenda Daniels of Macclenny; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The funeral service for Mr. Bridges was conducted on Tuesday, January 29 at 2 pm in the chapel of Guerry Funeral Home in Macclenny with Revs. Eddie Griffiths and David Collins officiating. Interment followed at Brandy Branch Cemetery.

Jody' Burnham funeral Thursday

Joseph "Jody" Burnham, 49, of Macclenny died on Monday, January 28, 2013. He was a lifelong resident of Baker County and a caregiver who loved working with special needs children. He also loved cooking on the grill and spending time with his family and friends.



Joseph Burnham

Mr. Burnham is survived by his wife Mary Burnham of Macclenny; adopted daughter Zamariah Burnham of Macclenny and step-son Jerome Pender of Macclenny; step-daughter Kimberly Stephens of Jacksonville; brothers Pete (Audrey) Lauramore of Macclenny, John Lauramore of Sanderson, and Frankie (Lynn) Burnham of Tifton, GA; sisters Patty (Donald) Brantley of Taylor and Rita (Eugene) Hodges of Sanderson; five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by parents John and Doris Starling Burnham.

The funeral service will be held at 11 am Thursday, January 31, at the Glen Friendship Tabernacle in Glen St. Mary with Pastor Albert Starling officiating. Interment will follow at Macedonia Cemetery, Macclenny. The family will receive friends from 6-8 pm on Wednesday, January 30 at the church. Forbes Funeral Home of Macclenny is in charge of arrangements.

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'Buck' Davis, 75, dies January 25

John Randall "Buck" Davis Jr., 75, of Macclenny died on January 25, 2013 at his residence with family by his side. He was born in Pierce County, Georgia on November 9, 1937 to the late John Randall Davis Sr. and Sina Hickox Davis. Buck was a lifelong resident of Macclenny and graduated from Baker County High School in 1956, the first year it became consolidated. He was the owner and operator of Davis Utilities, Inc. for 40 years and retired in 2005. Buck was an avid John Wayne fan and collector. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and traveling to the mountains with his family. He was preceded in death by sisters Pauline Ogilvie, Lois Mobley and Eloise Harvey.



John Davis Jr.

Mr. Davis is survived by his loving wife of 55 1/2 years Wanda Loadholtz Davis and daughter Dee Dee Johnson, both of Macclenny; granddaughters Sedaira and Taylor Johnson, both of Macclenny; sisters Estell Green of Taylor and Evelyn Crews of Macclenny.

The funeral service for Mr. Davis was held on Tuesday, January 29 at 2 pm at the Christian Fellowship Temple with pastors Timmy Thomas, Buddy Combs and Carl Cowart officiating. Interment followed at Oak Grove Cemetery. V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.

Florence Grimes, 92, of St. George

Florence Estelle Grimes, 92, of St. George, Georgia, died on Saturday, January 26, 2013 at home. She loved attending church and spending time with her family. Mrs. Grimes will always be remembered as a wonderful mother to all her children and grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Frank Dominic Dolce; son Frank Alberto Dolce; father William Augustus Erlich and mother Hazel Givens Erlich; siblings Raymond, Ethel, Violet, Ruthie, Suzie, Lucy and Mabel; grandson Frank Dolce Jr.

Mrs. Grimes is survived by daughter Dolores Yokom of St. George; sister Martha Smith of Virginia Beach, VA; brothers Walter Erlich of St. Petersburg, FL and Bobby Erlich of Lords Valley, PA; 10 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 1 pm on Saturday, February 2 at Mt. Zion NC Methodist Church on State Road 121 with pastors Tim Cheshire and Pastor Bobby Griffin officiating. Giddens-Reed Funeral Home of Baldwin was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Lundquist of Glen St. Mary

David Leslie Lundquist, 85, of Glen St. Mary died on January 25, 2013. He was preceded in death by wife Inez and son David Leslie, Jr. and is survived by children Jan Lundquist and Dana (Jan) Lundquist of Glen St. Mary and Cindy (Roy) Coleman of Jacksonville; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, January 29 at 11 am at the First United Methodist Church in Macclenny.

Stacy Mosley dies January 25

Stacy Renee Mosley, 33, of Jacksonville died on January 25, 2013 at her residence. She was born in Jacksonville on September 24, 1979 to Lexie Mosley and the late Janet Patricia Roberson Mosley. Stacy was a loving and caring daughter, sister and friend, a person who welcomed you with open arms. She was a very giving person; if she had it to give, it was yours. She loved fishing, camping, swimming and boating. She was an animal lover and loved her cats very much. Stacy was preceded in death by her mother Janet Patricia Roberson Mosley and her sister Michelle Mosley.

She is survived by sisters Karen (Darrell) Sumner of Jacksonville and Barbara (David) Lemons of Middleburg; brother Lee (Robin) Mosley of Jacksonville; grandmother Ramona Roberson of Jacksonville; several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

The funeral service will be held at noon on Friday, February 1 at V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services chapel in Macclenny with Pastor Torran Dismuke officiating. Interment will follow at Long Branch Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 10:30 until the time of the service.

Mr. Thompson dies in W. Va.

Norman Lee Thompson, 65, of Macclenny died at Bowers Hospice House in Beckley, West Virginia on January 28, 2013 following an extended illness. He was born in Starke to the late Charles Cooper Thompson and Lola Conway Combs and lived in Baker County all his life. Mr. Thompson was a US Army veteran who served two tours in Vietnam. He gave his life to the Lord two years ago at Taylor Church.

He is survived by son Devin S. (Reina) Thompson of Macclenny; daughters Kayla and Myriam Thompson, both of West Virginia; eight grandchildren; sister Sheila Thompson Griner of Glen St. Mary; brother Stephen (Marsha) Thompson of Sanderson.

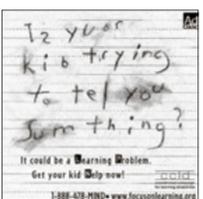
A memorial service will be held at 2 pm on Sunday, February 3 at Taylor Church with Rev. Mark Woods officiating. Guerry Funeral Home of Macclenny was in charge of local arrangements.



Happy Birthday! Tessa Lynn Godwin
02/2/1990-05/04/2003

Twenty-three years ago, my heart was forever changed. May you dance with Jesus this year as we celebrate your birthday.

I LOVE YOU, MOM



Mrs. Vardaman, 76, of Macclenny

Norma Jean Vardaman, 76, of Macclenny died on January 28, 2013 at Macclenny Nursing and Rehab Center. She was born in Elizabeth, West Virginia on October 14, 1936 to the late George Archibald Bain and Edna Stella Evans Bain and was a resident of Macclenny since 1978 after moving from Tallahassee. She was a Christian woman who enjoyed crocheting, working on puzzles and plastic canvases. She also enjoyed volunteering and helping others. Norma was once employed by the Council on Aging assisting with the home health care program. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother who will be missed. She was preceded in death by her son Ray Hyman; brothers and sisters Lawson Bain, Virginia Wehrkamp, Deloris Patterson, Blanche Freeland, Juanita Howard and Betty Watkins; half-sisters Adelia Learned and Gladys Cutler.

Mrs. Vardaman is survived by her loving husband of 34 years, William George "Bill" Vardaman of Macclenny; children Bill (Amy) Hoelscher and Mary Lynn (Kevin) Meyer of Celina, OH, Sandy (Pat) Vardaman of Gainesville, Anita (Paul) Patterson of Jacksonville and Sharon (Kenny) Vardaman of Clearwater; 10 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; sister Glenola (Skeet) Eddy.

The funeral service will be held at a later date, and interment will be at South Prong Cemetery. V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.

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



Sanderson School 1st graders-1934

Recognize anyone you know here from the first grade class of 1934 taught by Florence Stevens (rear) at the old Sanderson School? Nancy Crews submitted this photo recently of (back row, l-r) E.J. Wiggins, Charles Stafford, T.J. Batten, Robert L. Dobbs, unknown, Carlton Davis, Williams Varns, Wilton Davis, unknown, (middle row) Mallory Dorman, Eloise Taylor-Davis, Ernestine Bryant, unknown, Edith Davis, Iris Rogers, unknown, Earl Burnett, (front row) Jeff Crews, Hazel Harvey-Taylor, Blanch Mann-Pierce, Helen Dowling, Erma Dowling, Minnie Prevatt-Crews, Kitty Williams, Mary Harvey and Anglis Davis.

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Plays at inauguration

JOEL ADDINGTON NEWS EDITOR
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High school junior James Justice of Baldwin returned from Washington, D.C. last week after playing with the Boston Crusaders drum and bugle corps during the presidential inauguration parade.

The 17-year-old euphonium player called his trip to the Capitol "a very big honor equally matched with great pressure."

Mr. Justice has been involved with music since the sixth grade and played a tune by George Ryan in the January 21 parade. "I have always loved playing and listening to music," he said. "My mom tells stories of me as



James Justice



In loving memory of William David Harrell
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Thanks so much

With heartfelt gratitude, the family of Sylvia Faye (Harris) McCollum thanks everyone for the kind and thoughtful expressions of sympathy. They are deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged. Glenda Register and Paulette Kirkland are truly angels sent by God. Rev. David Thomas and Rev. Justin Griffiths, we could not have asked for a more perfect service. Our love and prayers are with you always. Thanks also to the Christian Fellowship Temple and the Sanderson Congregational Holiness Church.

Sincerely,
Faye's Ronnie: Randy, Ricky, Bonnie and Chad

Surplus food

USDA surplus commodity food is available at the Samaritan on US 90 between Macclenny and Glen St. Mary on Monday through Friday, 10 am-1 pm, and on Friday and Saturday from 11 am-1 pm.

For other details, phone Mitch Rhoden at 305-2131.

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A one-day timberland security workshop will help landowners become more aware of security risks and address ways to minimize illegal activity on their land.

The workshop will be held on February 7 from 9 am to 2 pm at the Columbia County Extension Office, 164 SW Mary Ethel Lane, Lake City, Florida 32025. Registration is \$10 and covers instruction, a resource manual and lunch.

To register, call the Columbia County Extension Office at 386-752-5384.

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Speeding motorist arrested for theft of shoes at beauty store

A Macclenny woman sought for shoplifting in a downtown store was arrested after a county deputy stopped her for speeding on Woodlawn Rd. four days later.

Police had been looking for Carol Parker, 22, after she was identified via a surveillance video as one of two persons involved in the theft of two pairs of shoes from My Beauty on South 6th St. on January 22.

Her cohort was identified as Lewis Steven Churchville II, 26, also of Macclenny. He is still sought. Deputy Katy Crews recognized Ms. Parker in her 1987 Chevrolet the afternoon of January 26 when he stopped her going 55 mph in a 45 zone on Woodlawn. He learned via a computer check that she was driving on a license with four suspensions, and he also charged her with having an expired license tag.

The shoes were valued at \$25, and Ms. Parker was observed setting them aside in a remote part of the store, where minutes later Mr. Churchville allegedly picked them up. The two drove off in Ms. Parker's vehicle as owner Myong Horton attempted to stop them.

In other traffic-related arrests, Danielle Braddock, 20, of Glen St. Mary was charged with leaving the scene of an accident with property damage in the early morning hours of January 25.

Deputy Robert Simpkins said her 1999 Ford Explorer was found damaged and stalled in a ditch on Deerfield Rd. near the intersection of Southwood in the Blackbottom section off SR 228.

Her wallet and identification were in the vehicle, and nearby property owner Natasha McCaul told the deputy she was awakened by Ms. Braddock about 3 am seeking assistance. It appeared the SUV ran a stop sign, traversed two steep ditches and left the ground before colliding with a chain link fence and some trees.

The officer interviewed Mrs. Braddock later at her residence off Rufus Powers Rd. and she admitted being intoxicated and calling a friend to drive her home. She had facial injuries she said resulted from hitting the steering wheel and rear view mirror.

Empty bottles of tequila and beer were also found in the SUV. Melissa Nance, 35, of Glen was arrested in the early afternoon of January 23 for driving in south Macclenny on a license with four suspensions.

Deputy Daryl Mobley said he stopped Ms. Nance's 1993 Chevrolet on South Boulevard because she wasn't wearing a seat belt and failed to stop at the intersection with 8th St.

He ticketed her for having an expired tag and no proof of insurance.

NOTICE
A Special Called Board Meeting will be held by the New River Solid Waste Association Board of Directors on Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. (noon) at New River Regional Landfill. Please be advised that future notices and agendas for Regular Board Meetings and Special Called Board Meetings will be published on our website www.nrswa.org.

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Aubrie and Paislie

Twin girls arrive for Olustee couple

Kodie and Raishell Mellette of Olustee are proud to announce the birth of twin daughters on December 19, 2012.

Aubrie Louise weighed 4 lbs., 4 oz. and Paislie Michelle weighed 4 lbs., 8oz.

The proud maternal grandparents are James and Sabra Rhue, also of Olustee. The paternal grandparents are Scott and Ashley Mellette and JR and Tracy Marshall, all of High Springs.



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Pictured from left are State Secretary Matt Cantrell, Shelby King, BCHS FFA president Clayton Lyons and BCMIS FFA sponsor Ashton Norman.

King wins public speaking contest

Baker County Middle School FFA member Shelby King won the middle school extemporaneous public speaking contest at a district contest January 24 at Ralford Road Church.

King had won the sub-district contest in December to qualify on the district level. King will be representing the district and BCMIS at the state convention in June to compete for the state title.

The contest is designed for FFA members to express themselves on a given agricultural topic without having prepared or rehearsed content in advance. Contestants have 30 minutes to prepare, and the speech must be three to five minutes, with five minutes allowed for questions asked by the judges.

King spoke on the topic, "What is urban agriculture, and why is it important?" She discussed the benefits of urban agriculture, its importance for food production and economical use, and gave examples of crop production in an urban agricultural setting.

BCMS FFA sponsor Ashton Norman said of King's achievement, "I am extremely proud of Shelby's hard work and dedication."

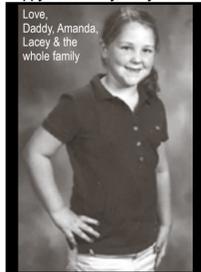
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Honorable mention in art show

BOB GERARD | STAFF

BCHS senior art student Seth Clarkson was awarded \$50 and an honorable mention at the Northeast Florida Scholastic Art Awards on January 26 at the Jacksonville Public Library.

Clarkson, a four-year student of BCHS art teacher Tiffany Armoreda, was recognized from among hundreds of submissions from Duval, Baker, Clay, St. Johns, Nassau and Volusia counties.

His winning entry was titled "The Seven Deadly Sins" using female portraits to illustrate them.

The ceremony was hosted by newly hired Duval Superintendent Nicolai Vitti, who praised art education as "crucial to developing the whole child and therefore essential in education."

Keynote speaker Preston Haskell of The Haskell Corporation also lauded the place of art in schools. "The skills which you learn about — composition, use of materials, critical decisions, putting together disparate elements into successful compositions — are skills which you apply in everyday life and all your work."



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WC gets personal with 'DISC' program

The GFWC Woman's Club of Macclenny Night Networking Club event on January 24 with speaker Dr. Sydney Ferreira (pictured) introduced the ladies to the DISC Personality Program, which instructs participants how to recognize people's personalities in order to advance socially and in business. "We had an informative hour determining our own personality types, understanding other personality types and how to best interact with other types," said club member Shirley Padgett. The next day meeting of the Woman's Club will be February 21 at 10 am at the clubhouse on S. 5th St. in Macclenny.



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Keller Valentine dance

Keller Intermediate held a Valentine-theme dance the evening of January 25 to coincide with the end of the grading term. The dance was emceed by school faculty, some of whom received a "pie in the eye" like teacher Brad Smith at left. The gag was the result of a contest to celebrate literacy week in which students caught reading would receive a ticket on which to they wrote their names and the names of teachers they wanted to watch eat pie, so to speak, at the dance. The four lucky winners: Mr. Smith, Gail Griffin, Jennifer Hite and Suzanne Sapp.

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Tuesday, February 5

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Wednesday, February 6

Breakfast: Breakfast chicken patty on a biscuit. Warm applesauce or fruit juice.

Lunch: Baked chicken nuggets with a roll or pork ribette on a bun. Sides: banana, fruit juice, romaine garden salad, baked sweet potato, baked beans. Cold plate of the day: yogurt with mozzarella cheese stick, fruit and Dick & Jane cookies.

Thursday, February 7

Breakfast: Breakfast pizza. Banana or fruit juice.

Lunch: Taco beef with hard/soft shells or chips or beef & bean burrito. Sides: lettuce/tomatoes, corn, red/green grapes, fruit juice, and cookie. Salad of the day: Cobb salad with crackers and croutons.

Friday, February 8

Breakfast: Ham & cheese biscuit. Pears or fruit juice.

Lunch: Chicken alfredo with fettuccini or pepperoni pizza slice. Sides: Assorted fruit juices and fruit, roasted broccoli with cheese sauce, romaine garden salad. Cold plate of the day: yogurt with mozzarella cheese stick, fruit and muffin.

Lifters sending 4 to state

Four Lady Wildcat weight lifters qualified for the state championships in Kissimmee on February 9, lifting last week against top competition from around the area at the Section 3 State Qualifier in St. Augustine.

Laken Head won the sectional with a first place total of 195 pounds in the 101-pound weight class. Ashley Wheeler also took the sectional title with a 290 pound total in the 139 class. Sydney Watson qualified with a third place finish in the 101 class with a lift of 175 pounds. Madyson Perry also took third place to qualify in the 110 class with a 230 total.

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Rowdy win v. Forrest

BOB GERARD | SPORTS

The Baker High varsity basketball Wildcats got a pair of big wins over district opponents the past week to help move them into the second spot in the district race. The Cats defeated Forrest on January 22 and Terry Parker three nights later in the BCHS gym. The wins moved the Cats to 16-4 overall and 2-2 in the district race.

To call the 75-66 win over Forrest hard fought would be an understatement. This was a chippy game that saw the visitors hit with technical fouls and a delay of game warning.

It was a battle under the basket with an excess of physical play. At one point the benches cleared when a scuffle broke out involving CeCe Jefferson and other players.

The Wildcats and Rebels went basket for basket in the early going. Forrest nailed shots from the outside, including a trio of three pointers. Jesse Gardner and Johnny Lamb answered with long range shots of their own and at the end of the first period the score was knotted 16-16.

The Rebels continued to shoot the ball well in the first half and slowly pulled ahead of their hosts. They broke the tie and went into the intermission up by three points.

The quality of a good team shows in its ability to make adjustments to what an opponent is doing, and the Cats came out in the third period to shut down the Rebels' top three scorers. None of them scored in the period and BCHS went on a 15-7 run that gave them a five-point edge going into the final quarter of the game.

That's when things got raucous.

The tempo of the game picked up as Forrest began pushing and shoving the Wildcat players, in particular CeCe Jefferson. The referee called a technical for the way Jefferson was being manhandled and Jesse Gardner calmly sank the free throws. Gardner's prowess from the line was to prove the difference in



PHOTOS BY JUD JOHNSON

CeCe Jefferson gets a rebound and a basket.

the game. He scored 10 of his 15 points from the free throw stripe in the fourth period and nailed all but one of his attempts as the Cats pulled ahead to stay.

Charles Ruise Jr. had 22 points to lead all scorers. Lamb had 17, Gardner had 15, Brandon Lewis 7, Jefferson and Adrian Robinson 6 points.

The Cats had another comeback win on Saturday versus Terry Parker. The 70-64 victory was tight from the opening whistle. Ruise, Gardner and Cameron Mack all hit three point shots as BCHS edged to a two point lead after the first period.

Parker got hot in the second period and went on an 18-12 run to go into the locker room up 31-

27. Coach Charles Ruise worked some blackboard magic and when BCHS emerged from the intermission they looked like a different team.

They picked up the pace and showed some defensive muscle, with a 20-6 run that the Braves were unable to recover from despite a strong fourth period.

Gardner again shot well from outside the three point stripe with three long range shots to lead the Cats with 17 points. Ruise and Lamb threw in 15 points and Mack had 10 points. Lewis added 8 and Jefferson 4 points.

The Cats are home for Trinity on January 31 and Interlachen on February 1.



From left are Wildcats Johnathan Lamb, Jesse Gardner and Charles Ruise.

Marini opts for Rutgers

Having lived in the heat of the Orlando area all his life, Lake Mary High tight end Taylor Marini will be heading to the ice and snow of New Brunswick, New Jersey, to play college football at Rutgers.

Marini, the son of Tony Marini and Kelly Sands Marini and grandson of Betty Sands and Ralph Sands of Macclenny, chose the Scarlet Knights of the Big East over hometown UCF, South Florida, Louisville, Minnesota, Memphis, Temple, Massachusetts and Florida International.

Marini was All District, All Conference and FACA All Star and ranked 29th among tight ends nationally. A receiver with good hands and a good blocker, Marini traveled to Rutgers this weekend to sign his letter of intent.

He came to the spotlight naturally. His mother Kelly was a cheerleader at BCHS and UCF and his father Tony played basketball for the Orlando Magic.

The Scarlet Knights played the first organized college football game against Princeton in 1869.



Taylor Marini

Lee, CeCe MVPs

BOB GERARD | SPORTS

Falon Lee and CeCe Jefferson will share the title of Most Valuable Player, honors bestowed at the annual BCHS football banquet on Saturday, January 26 in the BCHS auditorium. The MVP award was one of two dozen presented to team members before a capacity crowd.

Coach Ryan Sulkowski and his coaches lauded the team and players who captured the district title and advanced to the second round of the state playoffs.

Lee was one of only a handful of players in the state to gain more than 2000 yards rushing and had five consecutive 200 yard games. The All State running back is committed to Miami of Ohio.

Jefferson had a dozen sacks and over two dozen tackles behind the line of scrimmage and the All State player received his second All America award.

Other awards presented at the ceremony were as follows:
JV awards: Most Improved Skill Position-Owen Register/ Most Improved Lineman- Corey Paine; Most Valuable Line-Boo Crawford; Most Valuable Skill Position-Vic Givens; Most Valuable Player Offense-Deangelo Thomas; MVP Defense-Mondrell

Softball tryouts

Tryouts for the 18 and under girls' softball travel team will be held on February 2 and 9 at the softball field in north Macclenny. Starting time on both dates is 4 pm.

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