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Friday, February 15
9 am to 2 pm: Class tours for school children.
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Saturday, February 16
12 pm: Period music in demonstration area.
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Mann guilty of battery; placed on probation

Judge: actions 'intentional, sinister'

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The nearly three-year-old criminal case against a City of Macclenny computer technician for predatory sexual activities with minor females came to a close on February 6 when he pleaded no contest to a charge of simple battery on one of them back in March, 2002.

Marshall Mann, 48, was acquitted in a jury trial last October of felony sexual battery and lewd acts on another young victim. The state attorney's office last month downgraded the sole remaining pending count against him to battery, and transferred the case to county court.

County Judge Joey Williams refused a defense request to withhold adjudication of guilt during last week's hearing, ignoring Mr. Mann's denial that he touched the

victim in a sexual manner.

The judge termed the defendant's actions "intentional and sinister."

"You're in a pickle," asserted the judge. "You've told the court and community 'I'm

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—County Judge Joey Williams

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He placed Mr. Mann on a year's probation with a condition he avoid contact with the victim and her family. The state alleged the defendant, then 39 years old, fondled the breast of a 13-year-old girl.

During the judge's pointed comments that lasted several minutes prior to sentencing, he told Mr. Mann, who has retained his \$50,000 a year job at city hall since his arrest in March, 2010, that the plea was sufficient for jail time.

Assistant State Attorney Ralph Yazdiya, the prosecutor in the October trial, sought adjudication of guilt and did not press for incarceration.

"What you're accused of is a nasty, de-

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Mr. Mann (center) with attorneys Mr. Andux and Ann Finnell during October trial.

\$18K approved for bleacher fix

Croft sole opponent

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The Baker County Commission agreed to spend money that wasn't budgeted for recreational improvements after publicly acknowledging that some of the old bleachers at the Knabb Sports Complex fields in north Macclenny had deteriorated to the point of being dangerous.

Commissioners approved County Manager C.J. Thompson's recommendation to spend \$18,194 to repair or replace most of the wooden bleachers after expressing concerns for public safety at the ball fields.

Commissioner James Croft, who was elected in November, cast the only dissenting vote, saying this was the first time he had heard of any safety issues with the bleachers. He said the time to discuss expenditures for repairs was before the 2012-13 budget went into effect on October 1.

"I doubt very seriously that those bleachers got that way since October 1," Mr. Croft said, adding that mid-year is not the

time to increase expenditures in a deficit budget that was only balanced last year after an infusion of about \$1.6 million in reserve funds.

"I'm not anti-Little League and not anti-safety, and I'm not anti-youth," he said. "But this board has got to face reality. We are on a downhill pull."

Officials estimate the county's reserve fund is down to about \$3 million, far less than it once was a few years ago before the fund became a regular source of dollars to shore up sagging revenues.

Other commissioners disagreed with Mr. Croft's assessment, including Gordon Crews who said now was the time to fix bleachers when they're most critically in need just before the spring baseball season begins, "instead of budget time in six months."

Besides, Mr. Crews said, Little League officials complained about the condition of bleachers in the past, as well as other needs they said needed to be addressed. In fact, he said they "were screaming about it last year."

"Maybe, but not when the budget was being prepared," Mr. Croft replied.

Jerry Carter, president of the Baker County Little League Association, listened to the debate for several minutes before he walked to the podium and urged the board to do something to help improve the ball

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Ballfield bleachers.



Macclenny firefighters pump water under the hood of this 1995 Buick Century, which was severely burned by an engine fire last week.

Towed vehicle erupts in flames

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A smoldering electrical fire under the hood of a 1995 Buick Century erupted while being hauled on a tow truck heading through Macclenny the morning of February 6.

The driver was heading north on S. 5th St. near Minnesota Avenue when black smoke began billowing from the vehicle's engine.

Another truck driver Derek Tippins was trailing the first

and used a fire extinguisher to quell the flames enough for the tow truck driver to unhook the burning vehicle and remove it from the truck.

Nobody was injured in the fire but the Buick was completely destroyed.

Seven firefighters from the City of Macclenny used 650 gallons of water to fully extinguish the blaze, which had engulfed the front of the vehicle.

The Buick was valued at \$500.

The vehicle's owner Kayla

Bennett and Andrea Perry, along with her two daughters ages 3 and 5 months, were entering the interstate in Macclenny shortly before 11 am when the engine began smoking.

"We got everybody out because it was like really bad," said Ms. Perry at the scene.

Deputy Clements Leo drove the stranded motorists to pick up another vehicle at Ms. Perry's residence where a tow truck was called to the scene of the disabled Buick. Then they

followed the tow truck back through Macclenny when embers started falling.

"And that was it," said Ms. Perry.

The flaming vehicle was still chained to the tow truck when Mr. Tippins exited his truck to start assisting.

"Commercial trucks are supposed to carry extinguishers and there's a good reason for it," he said.

"Thank you and God bless you," Ms. Perry told the driver before he left the scene.

Police crackdown on synthetic marijuana retailer

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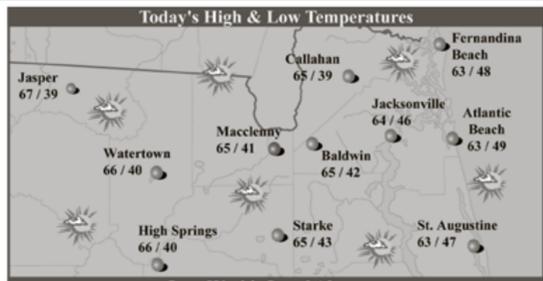
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From page 1 fields where some 700 kids play yearly.

"We don't run down here every year asking for money," Mr. Carter said, adding that "the bleachers have to be replaced one way or another. It's a safety issue. My concern is the safety of those fields."

Mr. Thompson told the board that Road Department Director Robert Fletcher gave him a \$4,600 check from the sale of scrap metal and suggested the funds go towards bleacher improvements.

Chairman Mark Hartley, current chairman of the New River Solid Waste Association, also noted that the county received \$300,000 as its share of revenue from the regional landfill last week.

"I would like to use some of this money to get the ball fields in good shape," Mr. Hartley said.

Again, Mr. Croft objected. He said the \$300,000 could put a significant dent in the county's deficit.

"That just means we're \$1.3 million in deficit instead of \$1.6 million," Mr. Croft said.

The only thing all five commissioners agreed on was to match a \$750 contribution from the Little League Association to fund a \$1,500 long-range plan for the ball park complex. Mr. Croft said such a plan is needed to get away from the "piecemeal" approach to improvements that have been the policy in the past.

"My goal is to one day turn it over to the Little League and get the county out of the ball park business," Mr. Croft said. "Who knows a ball field better than the organization that runs it?"

Commissioner Jimmy Anderson said he agreed with Mr. Croft about the need for a long-range plan, but took exception to his continued refusal to vote for bleacher upgrades.

"I don't agree that you just don't do anything when you know without a doubt that there are tons of safety problems over there," Mr. Anderson said. "I am

surprised that we have not had a tragedy at our ball fields. I would feel responsible if someone got hurt because I knew it was like that and I turned my head."

At one point, the county manager told commissioners the decision was up to them.

"You guys have got to figure it out," Mr. Thompson said, adding that two bleachers were in such bad shape they're beyond repair and need to be replaced.

The vote to spend the \$18,194 to get the work started came after County Attorney Terry Brown said the county could be liable if knowingly unsafe bleachers are not repaired or replaced.

"I have not seen the bleachers but if they are in fact unsafe, as some of you have represented, then if you decide not to replace those bleachers my recommendation would be to pull them out. That is where you are in terms of the liability perspective."

Mr. Anderson said six bleachers need to be replaced, but the others can be repaired. He agreed with the county attorney that "if we're not going to fix them we need to take them out."

Commissioner Adam Giddens said he supported the long-range plan and the immediate need to repair or replace the worst bleachers, possibly with aluminum instead of wood. Existing stands are unsafe and an embarrassment, he said.

"I think this is something we need to spend money on," Mr. Giddens said.

Sharon Padgett, a Macclenny resident seated in the front row facing commissioners, said she had sat through budget workshops for five years and seen the county's reserve money "dwindle" under deficit spending. She agreed with Mr. Croft's assertion that funds should not be approved for things that were not discussed during budget negotiations last year.

"If it is a necessity it should be planned," she said. "I was hoping we could come to a compromise that maybe the Little League could raise a third of the funds

and the county a small part and then go to the businesses in the county for a third. We have to work together."

In other business commissions: • Approved Fire Chief Richard Dolan's request to spend \$41,580 in federal Title 3 funds to buy a new trailer and equipment to expand the county's Firewise Program, aimed at protecting properties from wild fires.

"It's been very successful up in Taylor," Chief Dolan told the board. "That's why we decided to go countywide."

In addition to a trailer, the appropriation includes nearly \$32,000 for a new brush chipper, chain saws, protective gear, hand tools and power tools. Mr. Thompson said the county's Title 3 fund balance was about \$350,000.

Increased the size of the county's medical rescue fleet by accepting a 2003 Ford ambulance donated to the county by Century Ambulance. David Richardson, the county's rescue operation's chief, said the vehicle "would make a good addition to our service," noting that one of the county's primary vehicles is currently out of service and awaiting replacement of a blown engine.

The donated ambulance, he said, is "really in good shape" and would make a reliable backup unit. He said it's been well maintained and has 130,000 miles on a new engine installed in 2006.

"All we would need to do is the graphics and stock the unit (with rescue gear and medical supplies)," Mr. Richardson said. "I feel safe saying we could accomplish both for less than \$4,000."

From page 1 spicable thing; this cannot be allowed to go unaccounted for," declared Judge Williams.

"You say it didn't happen, but you're going to be responsible as a matter of public record. It's one of those things that leaves a permanent stain on a person's character, and leaves permanent damage on the victims," concluded Judge Williams.

He gave Mr. Mann credit for 35 days in jail, and he is also liable for court costs.

Also submitted by defense counsel Gonzalo Andux of Jacksonville were 14 letters written by the defendant's parents, friends and co-workers at the city, many portraying him as a church-going Christian of high character.

A letter by his boss, City Manager Gerald Dopson, spoke glowingly of Mr. Mann's job performance over the years and steered clear of areas outside of employment.

The city's fire chief Buddy Dugger wrote that Mr. Mann has "strong religious beliefs and is a man of good character." Mr. Dugger's assistant chief Scott Crews echoed similar sentiments with the exact wording.

Acquaintance Georganna Griffith of Sanderson praised Mr. Mann's "good Christian beliefs and morals" and declared that "he has raised his children in a good, loving Christian home."

Judge Williams acknowledged the letters, calling them "flattering and glowing," but cautioned, "We can make mistakes that can wash all that away."

The six-member circuit court jury in October took mere minutes before declaring Mr. Mann not guilty of the felonies that could have sent him to prison for the rest of his life.

He never took the stand and his defense attorneys argued that the case was tainted by an ex-wife motivated by revenge.

The jury discounted state witnesses, including the victim and

her mother, two marriage counselors and sheriff's investigators recounting incriminating statements made by the defendant during therapy sessions and just prior to his arrest.

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The stench blowing off the Rayonier deal

It doesn't pass the smell test. It doesn't even pass the "sewer sludge" smell test.

The past few weeks we've been treated to the spectacle of the City of Macclenny suing one of the largest real estate companies in the world.

Why? Because Rayonier balked at selling the city 114 acres north of the city limits for a "sludge field." That's where sewer plant waste is deposited and worked into the soil.

Now we're looking at the prospect of throwing taxpayer funds down a rat hole seeing the lawsuit through, or alternatively, throwing taxpayer money down a rat hole pursuing an eminent domain condemnation of the property so it can be used as a sludge field.

Some choice. So, why is Rayonier bent on defending itself? The company believes it was deceived (hornswoggled if you will) by a go-between real estate guy named Lewyn Boyette into a buy-sell agreement it never would have entered into had it known what the real plan was.

Did I mention the fact that Mr. Boyette was going to purchase the land for \$399,000, yet the city was prepared to pay him a total of \$479,000 for his trouble.

That's a nice payday of about \$80,000 for being a front man, or as Rayonier might put it, being the "man in front of the man behind the curtain."

And the city's defense so far is that neither Mr. Boyette nor city officials ever lied about what the intended use of the tract was supposed to be.

They just didn't disclose it. We used to do that a lot — when we were adolescents. We never actually lied when our parents believed we were one place, and we were actually somewhere else doing things we weren't supposed to do.

They never asked afterward, and we never told them. See? No lies.

Rayonier insists Mr. Boyette indicated he intended to use the land for "recreation and family." He now denies that.

The city is also standing behind a logic that goes something like this: it's Rayonier's fault for not asking, or neglecting to place a restriction on future land use for things like, oh, stinky sludge fields.

There's probably a reason

that Rayonier didn't. I'm just guessing, but it might have been because they trusted that

Mr. Boyette was "up front" when he discussed the potential unsolicited purchase of 114 acres off Steel Bridge Rd.

That is, if he said what they say he said.

See where this is going? Many of us would feel a lot better if the City of Macclenny had launched an open and above board land search for its sludge field.

Sure, anyone living in proximity to a site is going to oppose it. It's reasonable to assume, though, that with the thousands of acres of remote timber property in Baker County, a suitable site is available.

City Manager Gerald Dopson was quoted last week saying a sludge field is still an agriculture use, so Mr. Boyette's representation isn't that far off.

Really? Then why wasn't he, and the city, up front about it?

And how about this? Who made the decision to in effect "hire" Mr. Boyette as the front man? Were other real estate people operating in the county considered — or notified? And who decided that \$80,000 was a fair price for locating and securing the property?

Macclenny in its pleading argues the buy-sell pact is ironclad because there are no restrictions on future use of the land.

Perhaps a judge will agree, but a decision in the city's favor won't blow away the stench that surrounds the city's behavior up to this point.

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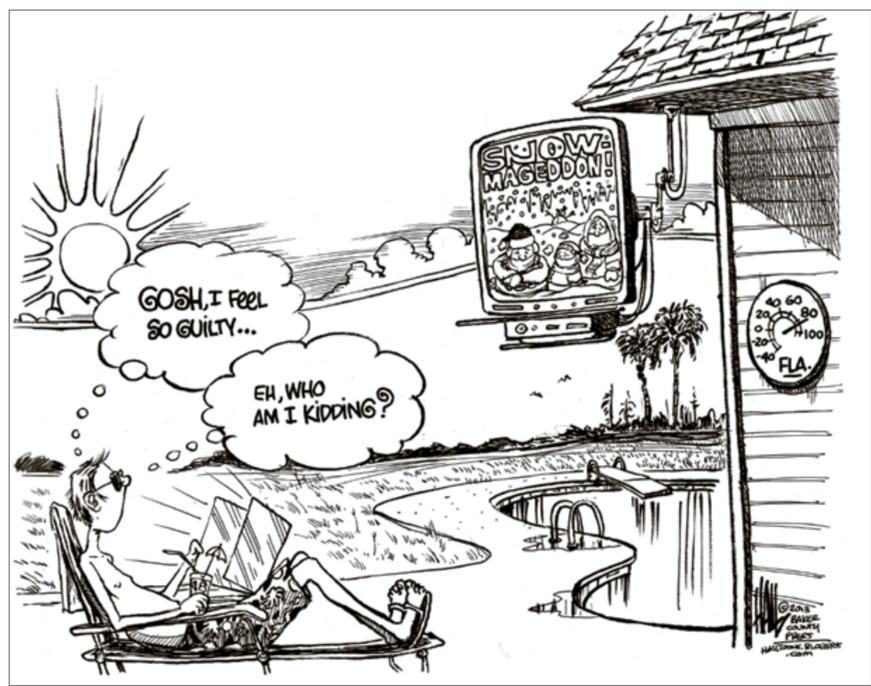
An article in the January 24 edition of The Press erroneously stated that Bobby Bennett Jr., 36, of Sanderson was arrested earlier that month for killing a doe deer in the Osceola National Forest.

Game officials issued him a citation for the offense, and he recently appeared in county court, where he was given a deferred prosecution on February 7.

Terms of that agreement include payment of court fees, admission of guilt, an apology letter to the game officer and attending a hunter safety course.

Mr. Bennett's dogs ran down and killed the doe.

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A Valentine impresario he's not

Why am I awful at Valentine's Day?

I wish I could explain to you why I am so horrible at doing something special for my wife on Valentine's Day — or in fact, any major holiday.

It's not that I don't care. I care a lot. But I somehow can't manage to pull off anything special.

My son Spencer is celebrating Valentine's Day with a wonderful meal for his girlfriend Myrrhanda. Spencer is cooking a nice meal. He decorated the patio of his apartment with white lights so that it looks like an Italian bistro.

After dinner they are going to make Valentine's Day heart-shaped sugar cookies.

As I write this, I can already hear the heartfelt "Awwwws" escaping from all my female readers. It's great. It's personal. It's not over the top.

What have I got? Zip. Nada. Nothing."

I should have written this column last week. Then, all of my clever readers could have sent me suggestions about fabulous Valentine's Day gifts and romantic do-dads to impress my wife.

Instead, I'll concoct another in my long line of loser holiday gifts.

I am awful as a present buyer, the Charlie Brown of present buying. I always manage to pick the wrong gift.

If you've been reading this column for a while (I have been writing it since the mid-1980s) you'll remember that I once bought my wife a fabulously romantic gift. At least I thought it was a great gift. From the look on her face as she opened it, however, I saw how wrong I was.

I was baffled. How can you go wrong with a food processor?

That food processor is still in its original packaging, shoved somewhere back in a cabinet in the kitchen. Kelley refuses to use it and brings it up on occasion when the need arises and she has to point out to me things never to buy her.

So guys, a word of warning — practical gifts like food processors, air dehumidifiers, Snuggles, vacuum cleaners are all great gifts — just not on Val-

entine's Day.

Other things I've learned the hard way not to purchase include most items of clothing. Though my wife is constantly buying me articles of clothing and I wear them, I almost never buy her clothes.

Why? I have no taste. That's not exactly true. It's just bad taste. So I will invariably purchase

things in colors I love like purple or green, and that she hates. Or I will buy something I think is in an intriguing, cutting edge style and she thinks looks like

the kitchen curtains.

Buying clothing is a very delicate line in the sand you have to cross when purchasing for a woman. If you don't buy exactly the right size, you are in big trouble.

No matter what the woman looks like, if you buy the item too small it will make her depressed. If you buy it too big it will make her mad because you thought she was bigger than she actually was.

Steer clear. I once thought that lingerie would be a good gift for a major holiday. So I bought my wife a skimpy little item only to find that I had mixed up the presents and it got thrown in with

the ones going down the street to be opened at my in-laws.

Surprise! Jewelry is usually good, but once again, I have bad taste. I'm not a very good cook, so that's out.

My wife says flowers are a waste of time. Besides, if I buy her flowers she usually looks at me like I've done something wrong and I'm apologizing for it. And she's usually right.

I guess I'll just buy her a nice card and tell her how much I love her and how awful my life would be without her. You can't go wrong with that. I hope.

Facebook fans 'What you had to say...' Timmy Harrell: I always hear support your local business and keep it in the county. Don't seem right contracting to an outside carrier. Chelsea Olivia Moore: What is this garbage pick-up you speak of? I live in Sanderson. Not too familiar with these first-world luxuries. Bubba Lucas: The letter I got said I will be charged an additional monthly charge for the can. Another letter stated that the city would save money. Where is the savings at? Joshua Forth: They never got mine or my neighbor in my apartment complex on Lowder Street. I complained to city hall and asked is there a certain way to set them out because maybe they can't get in? Lady in office had no clue about where to set them out. Jennifer Fraser Sr.: We live in Taylor and have been using them for a few years. No complaints here. At first I thought once a week wasn't going to be enough but it's just fine. The only time we ever flow is from Christmas. Jennifer Fraser Spaw: And for all of the people who live outside the city limits, you can get the same service. We pay only \$45 every 3 months. I'm sorry but you can't beat that. You spend more gas driving to the dump and no one likes nasty trash. Join us Facebook.com by searching for The Baker County Press. We post reader questions, breaking news updates and links to content on www.bakercountypress.com and other web sites.

Slashes man on chest Fighting in east city over liquor

An east Macclenny man was arrested the evening of February 1 and charged with slashing another man across the chest with a knife during a fight over liquor.

Deputy Jeremiah Johnson said he added a felony count of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon against Virgil Loonsfoot, 42, after taking statements from victim Jack Jarvis, 48, also of Macclenny and other witnesses at Deerwood Circle where the altercation took place around 5 pm.

Initially Mr. Loonsfoot, who was described as intoxicated, told the deputy he was fighting with live-in girlfriend Lora Addison, who later insisted Mr. Jarvis was cut while he and her boyfriend were "playing with their knives."

The deputy said he had taken Mr. Loonsfoot to county jail for disorderly intoxication when he learned the victim had gone to the residence of Kenneth Barron Sr., 52, who lives in the same neighborhood. While Mr. Jarvis initially told the officer he was injured falling down stairs, Deputy Johnson affirmed the wound appeared to have come from a knife.

Mr. Jarvis was treated at Fraser Hospital. In other incidents, a criminal complaint for domestic battery was filed against Maurice Givens, 37, for allegedly attacking his estranged live-in girlfriend Pamela Jefferson, 31, at their residence on Gaskins Circle the evening of February 10.

Ms. Jefferson told Deputy Robert Simpkins the accused burst into her bedroom about 10 pm angry because she danced with another man. She denied it and Mr. Givens then straddled her and struck her in the upper torso and head.

The couple have three children together, including a 14-year-old son who intervened before his father fled on foot. Ms. Jefferson said her assailant was under the influence of alcohol.

Tried to kick out window

County deputies made a trio of arrests for disorderly intoxication in the Macclenny area during a three-day period early last week, including a woman who had to be restrained when she attempted to kick out the rear window of a patrol car.

Deputy Jeremiah Johnson said he answered a disturbance call at the address of Linda Culvyhouse on Rhoden Dr. the evening of February 4 and confronted Linette Barron, 39, who was visibly intoxicated and said she had nowhere else to go.

She refused to calm herself and was cursing loudly at the property owner while she resisted officers' attempts to place her in handcuffs. They also had to secure her legs with irons when she began to kick at the window.

Ms. Barron was cleared at Fraser Hospital because of her level of intoxication and jailed on the disorderly charge and resisting police.

Deputy Earl Lord and other

officers arrested Benny McMurrin, 30, of Twin Lakes, MN outside the Travelodge motel on South 6th early on February 7.

The suspect and a female companion created a disturbance at the Exxon Store across the street about 2 am shortly after leaving the Country Club Lounge, and the store clerk said he damaged a towel dispenser before heading toward the motel.

There, officers found Mr. McMurrin shirtless and throwing trash cans in the parking lot. He was also charged with criminal mischief.

Dylan Strickland, 19, of Macclenny was arrested the afternoon of February 4 for creating a disturbance on Tom Wilkerson Rd. and making threats to family members and a girlfriend before they left the area.

Deputy Michael Clark said Mr. Strickland refused to calm himself and had been walking up and down the road attempting to goad others into fighting.

Deputy Chris Walker said he was aware that Dennie Fields, 52, of Sanderson did not have a driver's license when he spotted him driving on Odys Yarbrough Rd. about noon of February 6.

Mr. Fields' license expired in 1989.

Cpl. Randy Davis arrested Nicholas Hopman, 31, at a residence on Wildcat Alley in Glen St. Mary the evening of February 6 on a New Jersey warrant for failure to appear in court on a probation violation.

He went to the address to check on the well being of Melissa Diomedes at the request of a caller, who was aware that Mr. Hopman was there and also knew of the warrant.

Kameron Morris, 19, of Macclenny was already in county jail on February 7 when authorities learned he was wanted in Clay County for failure to keep a court date.

Active warrants on two in vehicle

Sheriff's investigators stopped a vehicle on South 6th in Macclenny the afternoon of February 7 because the driver was wanted on a warrant, and ended up arresting a passenger as well when it was learned he was wanted on multiple warrants in Georgia.

Investigator Matt Yarbrough said Salina King, 36, of Macclenny was at the wheel of a 1990 Isuzu when he stopped it about 3 pm in a store parking lot. Ms. King was wanted on two Baker County warrants for drug trafficking. She was also charged with possession of Oxycodone and Hydrocodone pills without a prescription. They were in a pill bottle lying atop a purse.

Deputies then arrested passenger Robert Starrett, 38, of Glen St. Mary on Georgia warrants for four counts of credit card fraud and a single count of theft by deception.

In a second felony arrest, a Macclenny man involved in a bar fight the evening of February 2 was arrested on a Georgia warrant for failure to appear in court and possession of both cocaine and marijuana with intent to sell.

Deputy Jeremiah Johnson responded to Mac's Liquors on US 90 in Macclenny about 9 pm and questioned Deron Palmer, 42, who had been involved in a fracas with another man. The officer then learned via a routine check of the warrant from Tift County, GA.

He found a magnetic key holder on Mr. Palmer during a security search, and it contained eight small baggies of powder and crack cocaine.

He also faces local charges of felony possession with intent to sell.

Brandon Ruise, 19, of Macclenny was charged with felony possession of marijuana with intent to sell after Deputy Trey McCullough found several small baggies on him during a security search the afternoon of February 4.

The officer and Deputy Robert Simpkins went to a residence on Quail Lane in the south city armed with a warrant for Dorian Surrency, who fled through a rear door after being warned by Mr. Ruise, who was also charged with obstructing justice.

The charge against Mr. Ruise was upgraded because of the proximity to a nearby church and Keller Intermediate School.

Larry Rhoden, 27, of Macclenny was arrested for possession of various items of drug paraphernalia found in his 1995 Chevrolet after he was stopped the evening of February 9 in a parking lot off South 6th St. for not wearing a seat belt.

Deputies Simpkins and McCullough said passenger Kayla Blackburn, 24, of Sanderson stuffed a bag under her seat that had two spoons with scorch marks and white residue. She said Mr. Rhoden asked her to conceal it.

Other items inventoried from the vehicle included alcohol pads, a needle bag, plastic tube and rubber strap. Mr. Rhoden also had several containers of pills prescribed to him.

Mavis Mobley, 31, of Macclenny was charged with misdemeanor possession of marijuana after a small amount was found inside her residence on Big Blvd. the morning of February 9.

Several deputies went there on a well-being check after a third party noticed her front door open.

Refuge now open seven days

The Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge's midwinter-spring visitation is on the upswing, and the east entrance's Richard S. Bolt Visitor Center is now open seven days a week from 9 am to 5 pm. It will remain open seven days a week until the end of June, when it will return to five days a week for the slower summer season.

Visitors can take a guided tour boat ride into the swamp, or rent a kayak or canoe from Okefenokee Adventures adjacent to the visitor center. There is a seven-mile auto/bicycle road with stops along the way for hiking or watching gators and birds, as well as exploring the Chesser Island Homestead. And there are ranger-led programs every Saturday.

The east entrance to the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge is located approximately seven miles southwest of Folkston, Georgia, off Okefenokee Pkwy South (GA121/23). The visitor center is approximately four miles west of the entrance at the road's end.



PHOTO BY JOE ADOXATION

Century donates an ambulance ...

Jacksonville-based Century Ambulance donated a 2003 unit to the county's Emergency Medical Services department, delivering it the afternoon of February 12 to the Emergency Operations Center on US 90 to waiting county officials. The truck has some 400,000 miles on it, but the engine was replaced in 2006. Century CEO John C. Glover said the company, which boasts the largest volume of non-911 calls in the region, donates old equipment to area governments and nonprofit organizations. The county typically has three primary ambulance units and two backup units, which are used for special events or when a primary unit is out for repairs. EMS director David Richardson (left) said one of the primary units blew its engine last December and he began contacting private and public ambulance services to inquire about the availability backup units that could be loaned to Baker County in an emergency. Century, he said, offered to do even better by donating one of its old units. "It gives us a better safety net more than anything," he said of the newly-acquired vehicle. At right is company representative Keith Lowstetter.

Walmart shoplifters nabbed

Two people were arrested for shoplifting the past week, and a criminal complaint was filed against a third suspect whose image was caught on a surveillance camera.

Store security watched as Scott Schneidmeyer, 43, of Port St. Lucie walked around Walmart in the late morning of February 10 placing merchandise in a shopping bag. He then went to the toy department where he unpackaged merchandise and again placed it in the bag.

Deputy Michael Clark said he and several other officers waited at the request of a store security worker near the garden center exit, and when Mr. Schneidmeyer caught sight of the deputies he set the shopping bag down on the floor.

The value of the stolen merchandise inside the bag, which the suspect admitted he brought into the store, was \$383.

Brandy Jones, 29, of Sanderson was arrested the previous afternoon at Walmart after she was observed by security taking makeup and jewelry items from the inventory and placing them in her purse.

She then left via the north entrance and was detained until Cpl. Tony Norman arrived. Value of the stolen items was \$78.

A complaint was filed on February 9 naming Andrea Mann, 41, of Macclenny as the person caught on surveillance tape stealing a pair of children's shoes from the My Beauty store on South 6th St.

Deputy Jeremiah Johnson said he recognized Ms. Mann when he viewed the tape. She and several other females were inside the store about 2 pm that day. The shoes were valued at \$10.

A clerk at the S&S Store on South 6th called police late on February 5 when he realized he was bilked by a customer who presented eight rolls of dimes that turned out to be pennies.

The clerk told Deputy Johnson a white male wearing a black beanie entered the store about 11 pm and represented the coins were worth \$40. He purchased cigarettes and was given the difference in change.

The coins were worth \$3.85.

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TO ALL CITY BUSINESS OWNERS:

Over the next few weeks members of the City of Macclenny Fire Rescue Department will be conducting in-service fire pre-plans of all commercial structures within the city limits.

This is not a fire code enforcement action or inspection. These fire pre-plans are required to ensure as safe of a working area for firefighters during a fire as possible. Knowledge of the type and number of resources it will take to handle a fire within the structure and a requirement by the Insurance Service Office for a lower ISO Rating for fire protection insurance costs within the city.

Firefighters conducting these pre-fire plans will be glad to discuss any fire safety issue you may have, but are not there to conduct a fire code inspection. These fire pre-plans will contain owner contact information, building construction type, closest water supplies, building square footage, street and traffic conditions, if the building has a fire suppression system or alarms, and other information which will allow firefighters arriving to combat the fire faster and safely while saving property and lives.

Only city firefighters in uniforms and in a city marked apparatus will be conducting these pre-fire plans. Anyone not in uniform and a marked city owned vehicle should not be allowed to inspect your building or property for a fire code violation or fire pre-plan.

If you have any questions please call 259-3331 about the pre-fire plans or if you wish to have a fire and life safety code inspection please call 259-0978.

Buddy Dugger, Director/Fire Chief
Macclenny Fire Rescue

Wallets stolen, cards used

Three thefts of wallets and contents from vehicles were reported to the sheriff's department the past week, and in all cases bank cards were quickly used to make purchases and get cash at locations in Macclenny, Baldwin and Jacksonville.

The first theft occurred overnight on February 5 when a 2010 Chevrolet belonging to Heather Gipson was entered while it was parked at her residence on Nutty Buddy Lane near Glen St. Mary.

Deputy Johnny Hodges said three purchases in Macclenny and Baldwin were reflected on the victim's bank account.

A wallet belonging to Cassie Yarbrough was stolen from her 2002 Honda parked on E. Michigan Ave. in Macclenny the evening of February 7. Her card was used for a \$23 purchase at the Kangaroo store in Baldwin.

Investigator Mike Hauge said a surveillance tape at the store caught the image of a male subject in a dark pickup with a silver tool box using the card about 1:30 am on February 8. Several store cards and a bank card belonging to the victim were found in a trash can next to the gas pump.

Shannon Cyr of St. George, GA reported a purse taken from her 2007 Chrysler sometime February 8 or 9. Her bank ac-

count was debited three times at Jacksonville locations, two ATMS and at the Pilot store in Baldwin for a total of \$150.

Two pistols valued at \$700 were taken from a 2006 Chevrolet pickup belonging to Benny Leonard and parked outside his residence on Blackberry Lane near Sanderson the morning of February 6.

Mr. Leonard told Deputy Brandon Kiser he surprised someone standing near his truck when he walked outside about 1:40 am. He believes there were

two suspects, and they fled along nearby Bill Davis Rd. on a four-wheeler.

Deputies searched the area, including a K-9 sweep, with no results.

Three of four tires on a 1996 Ford SUV belonging to Allen Ingram were slashed overnight on February 10 while it was parked on North Lower St. in Macclenny.

Mr. Ingram gave Deputy Michael Clark the name of a potential suspect.

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BAKER COUNTY CODE ENFORCEMENT

Grants month to remove remnants

The Baker County Code Enforcement Board gave the Clay County owner of a nearly demolished mobile home a month to remove it or face daily fines of \$10.

Owner Robert Griffiths, who lives in Fleming Island, appeared before the board at its February meeting on Monday evening and said he'd likely have the remnants of the trailer cleared by this weekend.

He said the trailer on South Prong Cemetery Rd. south of Sanderson had once been owned by an occupant who leased the property from him, he had contracted earlier to remove it. Mr. Griffith told the board he was unaware it was still there until two weeks ago.

In other cases, Building Official Robert Hathcox said he allowed another month for removal of another dilapidated trailer from the property of Iona Fish off CR 122 near Taylor.

The owner obtained a demolition permit on January 11 and requested the additional time.

Mr. Hathcox reported refuse and abandoned vehicles had been removed from the property of Tommy Smith on Gilford Davis Rd. west of Glen St. Mary as of February 11, negating the need for the board to hear the case.

An appreciation plaque was presented to ex-member David Theus, who served on the volunteer board from October 7 to July 2012. Mr. Theus resigned before moving to Fleming Island.

Please be advised Macclenny City Hall will be closed on Monday, February 18 in observance of President's Day.

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Vacant residences targeted by vandals

The sheriff's department responded to several instances of theft and vandalism at unoccupied residences the past week, including one where a neighbor identified two men who allegedly attempted to remove an electrical panel box.

John Jacobs called police the afternoon of February 9 when he notified the box at his property on Klein Rd. west of Glen St. Mary had been tampered with. Deputy Koty Crews said a witness saw Jimmy Laumore Jr., 33, of Glen and Ira Thompson III, 39, of Macclenny on the property earlier that day and confronted them.

They claimed to be examining the box to determine how it was assembled. The deputy named them in complaints for criminal mischief.

In other reports: • Teresa Laumore told Deputy Chad Mouton two hens valued at \$250 and a \$500 rooster were taken from her property on Minnie Lane in Glen on February 4 between 6-10 am. Also missing was a \$100 carrying box.

There is a suspect, and a relative said a white male came to her residence that morning seeking money for gasoline.

• Two pistols valued at \$600 were reported taken from the residence of Mannie Freeman on Freeman Rd. south of Sanderson the morning of February 6.

A rear door was pried open, and Deputy Chris Walker indicated a relative named as a suspect denied involvement.

• Tina Mobley reported on February 7 that siding valued at \$5000 was removed from a residence owned by her mother and vacant since last summer. The property is located on God's Acre Ave. in the north county.

• Carol Ingram called police on February 10 after learning a residence on Mulberry St. near Macclenny that she is vacating was vandalized sometime after February 2. A witness told Deputy Tony Norman two males were seen leaving the property the evening of February 3.

• John Mann reported that a mobile home he is refurbishing on Hazel Mac Rd. near Glen was ransacked and vandalized between February 5-10. Electrical wiring was removed from behind walls and 18 metal hurricane anchors were stolen.

Storage unit thefts

A Macclenny woman reported to police that her storage unit on Lower St. was looted of an estimated \$6200 in property between New Year's Day and February 2.

Any Mills told Deputy Brandon Kiser her unit in the P&R storage complex was locked and there was no sign of forced entry. She noticed footprints on a couch and other property indicating someone had been there.

The inventory of missing property ranged from furniture and home furnishings to jewelry, clothing and a wedding dress. In other recent thefts from commercial property, copper was stripped from a rooftop air conditioning unit at Baker Vision on South 6th St. in Macclenny overnight on February 6. It is the latest in a series of similar thefts that have occurred in the downtown area in recent weeks.

• An air conditioning unit was stolen from a vacant residence on Shelly Lane south of Macclenny sometime in recent months.

A neighbor called police on February 9 when he noticed open gates on the property that had been unoccupied for about a year. Deputy Tony Norman said an inspection revealed the \$200 unit was taken and only the cover remained.

The home is under foreclosure.

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 02-2012-CA-00034
U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF MANUFACTURED HOUSING CONTRACTOR SENIOR/SUBORDINATE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATE TRUST 1999-6, Plaintiff,
vs.
UNKNOWN HERNS, DEWESSES, GRANITES, ASSOCIATIONS, CREDITORS, LENDORS, TRUSTEES OF LORNE E. PLUMMER, DECEASED; GLENDA MARTIN, HER; GLORIA BRAZON, HER; DONNA MCCOOL, HER; RONNIE STUBBS, JR., HER; HARLEY SYDROS, HER; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OR SAID DEPENDANTS; IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HERNS, DEWESSES, GRANITES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LENDORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANTS.
(Defendants)

NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled case, in the Circuit Court of Baker County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Baker County, Florida, described as:

COMMENCE at the Southwest corner of said Section 20; thence South 89°54'14" East on the South line of said Section 20, a distance of 654.62 feet to a point on the East right-of-way line of Tom Wilkinson Road (a 59.75 foot right-of-way as now established); thence North 00°39'44" East on said East right-of-way line, a distance of 430.76 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continue North 00°39'44" East on said East right-of-way line, a distance of 103.35; thence North 89°40'30" East, a distance of 438.11 feet; thence South 00°10'30" East, a distance of 103.35; thence South 89°40'30" West, a distance of 437.62 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.
To include as:
1999 BELL VIN G8MM52546 080038447

At/A/K/A- 11825 John Wilkinson Rd., Macclenny, FL 32083

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, East door of the Baker County Courthouse, Macclenny, Florida 32083 at 11:00 AM, on March 6, 2013.

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

Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 1st day of January, 2013.

TA: "AL" FRASER
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Tabitha Wilson
Deputy Clerk

THIS INSTRUMENT PREPARED BY:
Law Offices of Daniel S. Cosgrove
3204 King Palm Drive
Tampa, FL 33619-1328
Attorneys for Plaintiff

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES (ADA) REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS NOTICE OF COURT PROCEEDINGS:
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 Ms. Jen Phillips, ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Family and Civil Justice Center, 201 East University Avenue, Room 410, Gainesville, FL 32601 at (352) 337-6237 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call 711.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2010-CA-000147
BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, P/A COUNTRY-WIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, Plaintiff,
vs.
SCOTT SWENSON; DONNA SWENSON; ROLLING MEADOWS OF MACCLENNY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., ET AL.
(Defendants)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 30, 2013, and entered in Case No. 2010-CA-000147, in the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, P/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP (hereinafter "Plaintiff"), is Plaintiff and SCOTT SWENSON, DONNA SWENSON, ROLLING MEADOWS OF MACCLENNY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the EAST DOOR of the Courthouse, 339 East Macclenny Avenue, 1st Floor, Macclenny, at 11:00 a.m., on the 6th day of March, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 136, ROLLING MEADOWS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGES 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, AND 101 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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Dated this 31st day of January, 2013.

AL FRASER
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Tabitha Wilson
As Deputy Clerk

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Deerfield Beach, Florida 33442
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Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

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Notice of public sale: Miracle Towing & Recovery gives notice of foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles at public auction on March 22, 2013 at 12:00 pm at Miracle Towing & Recovery, 10510 Duval Lane, Macclenny, FL 32083, pursuant to subsection 173.178 of the Florida Statutes. Miracle Towing & Recovery reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

**VIN #1B7FL2KX5S183883
1995 DODGE
VIN #2G1FP23K9W143976
1996 CHEVROLET**

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF BAKER
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day of February 2013.

AL FRASER
Clerk of Court
Baker County, Florida
By: Julie B. Combs
As Deputy Clerk

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 **Lawns and Landscapes of North East Florida** whose principle place of business is: 12960 Chaney Rhoden Rd., Glen St. Mary, FL 32040 and the extent of the interest of each is as follows:

NAME EXTENT OF INTEREST
James A. Rhoden SR 100%
Signature

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF BAKER
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AL FRASER
Clerk of Court
Baker County, Florida
By: Julie B. Combs
As Deputy Clerk

Following vehicle will be sold at public auction March 2, 2013 at 12:00 pm at Miracle Automotive & Towing, 10510 Duval Lane, Macclenny, FL 32083.

**VIN #CC1E82F127528
1972 CHEVROLET**

2/14c

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 02-2011-CA-00068
TO BANK, N.A., as successor by merger with Carolina First Bank, as successor by merger with Mercantile Bank of Florida, as successor by merger with CNB National Bank,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ANTONIO MITCHELL, et al.
(Defendants).

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 30, 2013 entered in Civil Case No. 02-2011-CA-0068 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit, in and for Baker County, Florida, wherein TO BANK, N.A. is Plaintiff and ANTONIO MITCHELL, et al., are Defendants. I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at the front door of the Baker County Courthouse, 339 E. Macclenny Ave., Macclenny, FL, at 11:00 a block a.m., on the 29th day of April, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

Lot 1 and 2, Block 30, TOWN OF GLEN ST. MARY, FLORIDA, according to plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 1, of the Public Records of Baker County, Florida.

Street address: 5781 Lincoln Avenue, Glen St. Mary, FL 32040

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

DATED this 31st day of January, 2013.

AL FRASER
Clerk of Circuit Court
By: Tabitha Wilson
Deputy Clerk

Daniel S. Mandel, Esq.
DANIEL S. MANDEL, P.A.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
1900 N.W. Corporate Blvd., Ste. 305W
Boca Raton, FL 33431
Tel: (561) 626-1740
Fax: (561) 626-1741

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 02-2012-CA-0229
RICHARD INVESTMENT PROPERTIES, LLP, A Florida Limited Liability Partnership,
Plaintiffs,
vs.
MICHAEL S. WHITTY, JR. and KASEY D. WHITTY, et al. and UNKNOWN TENANTS and UNKNOWN HEIRS of MICHAEL S. WHITTY, JR. and KASEY D. WHITTY, his wife, et al.,
(Defendants).

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above styled case, in the Circuit Court of Baker County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Baker County, Florida, described as follows:

Parcel ID# 07-15-21-0000-0000-0060
A portion of land lying in the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 7, Township 1 South, Range 21 East, Baker County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 7; thence S 00°04'27" E, on the West line of said Section 7, a distance of 463.48 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence N 88°07'15" E, a distance of 1013.52 feet to the Northwest County Maintained Right of Way line of Bennie Joe Bennett Road (a County Maintained Right of Way as now established); thence on said Northwest Right-of-Way line of the following 3 courses and distances: S 15°04'17" W, 238.62 feet; thence S 1°00'07" W, 862.00 feet; thence S 23°47'30" W, 30.33 feet to the Northernly County Maintained Right of Way line of O.C. Bone Road (a County maintained Right of Way as now established); thence N 77°52'43" W, on last said Northernly Right of Way line, a distance of 752.27 feet to the aforementioned West line of said Section 7; thence N 00°06'27" W, on last said West line, a distance of 601.44 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 31st day of January, 2013.

TA: "AL" FRASER
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Tabitha Wilson
Deputy Clerk

Frank E. Maloney, Jr., P.A.
Attorney for Plaintiff
445 East Macclenny Avenue
Macclenny, FL 32083
2/7-14c

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CASE NO. 02-2012-CA-0219
PATRICIA L. FISH as Trustee of the BENJAMIN F. FISH REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST, AND PATRICIA L. FISH, as Trustee of the PATRICIA L. FISH REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST, Plaintiffs,
vs.
FRANCES WARD, and all Unknown Tenants and Unknown heirs of Frances Ward, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above styled case, in the Circuit Court of Baker County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Baker County, Florida, described as follows:

Parcel ID# 07-15-21-0132-0000-0000
Lot 6, Family Oak Estates Subdivision, a recorded subdivision, as recorded in Plat Book 2, Pages 97 and 98 of the current public record of Baker County, Florida, TOGETHER WITH 1995 BELUC Single Wide Mobile Home, ID# 68HML51578, Title # 80372733.

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the front door of the Baker County Courthouse, Macclenny, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 5, 2013. WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on this 31st day of January, 2013.

TA: "AL" FRASER
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

Tabitha Wilson
Deputy Clerk

Frank E. Maloney, Jr., P.A.
Attorney for Plaintiff
445 East Macclenny Avenue
Macclenny, FL 32083
2/7-14c

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 02-2012 CA 0158
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U.S. BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR MANUFACTURED HOUSING CONTRACT SENIOR/SUBORDINATE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATE 2001-3, acting by and through GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC, in its capacity as Servicer
7360 S. Kyrene Road
Tempe, AZ 85283,
Plaintiff,
vs.
DONALD F. GREEN, JR., IF LIVING, BUT IF DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HERNS, DEWESSES, GRANITES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LENDORS, AND TRUSTEES OF DONALD F. GREEN, JR., DECEASED, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT, SYDNEY RUTH GREEN, and the UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION OF 432 BURLINGAME AVENUE W., MACCLENNY, FLORIDA 32083
n/k/a RICHARD L. GREEN and JESSICA GREEN,
(Defendants).

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Infant Bramuchi dies February 3rd

Infant Brianna Hope Bramuchi died on February 3, 2013 at Wolfson Children's Hospital in Jacksonville. She was born on February 2, 2013 in Orange Park, and will be missed by many. She was preceded in death by her maternal great-grandmother, Linda McCrary and cousin Annistyn Weber.

Brianna is survived by her loving parents Linda Blackshear of Macclenny and Anthony Bramuchi of Jacksonville; sisters Keirstan Blackshear and Braylen Bramuchi; maternal grandmother Pam McCoy; and paternal grandparents Delina (Robert) Bramuchi.

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

'Petey' Haygood funeral Saturday

Kyler Jamil Haygood, lovingly known as "Petey," died peacefully on February 5, 2013. He was born on July 8, 2009 to Kelly Marie Haygood and James Thompson Jr. His brief life was a gift that will live on in our hearts and memories forever. Petey always brought joy and smiles to all who knew him, and touched many lives with his laughter and dazzling smile.



Kyler Haygood

He is survived by a host of siblings; grandparents Gail Haygood, Melinda Thomas, Anne Thompson, Ethel Thomas, George Roberts and James Thompson Sr.; aunts, uncles, cousins and loving friends.

The funeral service will be held at noon Saturday, February 16 at Faith Bible Church on US 90 west in Sanderson with Pastor Videll Williams officiating.

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

Thanks so much

The family of Robert Combs Sr. would like to thank everyone for their prayers, food, cards and kind words during the passing of our husband, father and Papa. There are too many to name, but you have not gone unrecognized in our hearts. A special thank you to Bros. David and Timmy Thomas for the beautiful service. Also, to the singers — you did a wonderful job. Thank you also to Mr. Todd Ferreira and staff for the amazing job. Please know that every one of you are in our continued thoughts and prayers.

Wife Rachel Combs
Son Robbie Combs and family
Daughter Rachelle Crews and family

DINKINS NEW CONGREGATIONAL METHODIST CHURCH

CR 127 N. of Sanderson
Sunday School 10:00 am
Sunday Morning Service 11:00 am
Sunday Night Service 6:00 pm
Wed. Night Service 7:30 pm
Pastor Allen Crews
Assistant Pastor Timothy Alford

Sanderson Congregational Holiness Church

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

Marian Parker, 83, of Bryceville

Marian Shirley Bivins Parker, 83, of Bryceville died on February 9, 2013. She was born on January 24, 1930 in Jacksonville to the late Cecil and Ruth Brown Bivins. She lived most of her life in Bryceville and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Bryceville, where she played the piano for many years. She had previously been the pianist at the Beaver Street Baptist Church. She was a loving wife, mother, sister, grandmother and friend. Mrs. Parker was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Royce Chandler "Sonny" Parker Sr. in 2002.



Marian Parker

Survivors include children Nancy Parker West and Royce Chandler Parker Jr., both of Bryceville, and Frank Milton Parker (Debbie) of Jacksonville; sister Catherine Good (George) of Winter Haven; grandchildren Steven West (Lynn), Teresa West Turner and Sarah Parker; great-grandchildren Gage, Colby and Dalton Turner, Madison and Hannah West.

The funeral service was held on Wednesday, February 13 at 11 am at her church with Revs. Mark Hodges and Paul Brown officiating. Interment followed at Verdier Cemetery. Guerry Funeral Home of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.

Wanda, DeeDee, Sedaira and Taylor

Thanks so much

The family of John R. "Buck" Davis would like to express its appreciation for all the love and support we had during our time of need. Our hearts are filled with love and peace for all the blessings God gave us through it all. Thank you for all the prayers, food, flowers, cards and calls of kind words of sympathy. A special thanks to the Christian Fellowship Temple, Pastor Timmy Thomas, Buddy Combs, Marshall Combs and Carl Covart for making the celebration of Buck's life a lasting memory. Thank you to V. Todd Ferreira and his staff for their professional and caring service.

Wanda, DeeDee, Sedaira and Taylor

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Margie Westberry, 80, of Glen St. Mary

Margie Louise Westberry, 80, of Glen St. Mary died on February 7. She was a native of Live Oak and resided in Jacksonville before moving to Glen St. Mary 38 years ago. She was the daughter of the late Sam Buster and Catherine Cribbs Griffis and the widow of Clinton Westberry. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church of Sanderson. She enjoyed fishing at her lake place.

Mrs. Westberry is survived by daughters Patsy (Wendell) Vinzant of Glen St. Mary, Freda (Lee) Harris of Keystone Heights and Margie Elaine (Tommy) Britt of Cave Creek, AZ; sisters Myrtle Johnson of Valdosta and Betty J. Howard of Glen St. Mary; brother Willie Griffis of Sanderson; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held on Monday, February 11 at her church with Pastor Bob Christ-mas officiating. Interment was in Prospect Cemetery, Jasper, FL. Guerry Funeral Home of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.

Thanks, class!

The family of Buck Davis would like to give a special thanks to the Class of 1956. It was so comforting to see his classmates come together to help us celebrate his life. Words cannot describe how honored we were for your participation in his service.

Wanda Davis

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In Loving Memory of my Daddy
Garrett Scott Harris
3-23-80 ~ 02-14-07
Happy Valentine's Day, Daddy!
I wish you were here so you can play with me.
Love, Your Daughter, Gabby Shae Harris

New Hope Church, Inc.
23-A to Lauramore Rd. & Fairgrounds Rd.
Sunday
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Children's Church 11:00 a.m.
Evening Services 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.
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In Loving Memory of our son
Happy Valentine's Day!
Garrett Scott Harris
03/23/1986-02/14/2007

If anyone looked in my heart, only broken pieces they would see. Since the day I lost you, my heart's been full of pain. Love for a child is without measure. You are always missed, forever loved and never forgotten.

LOVE, MOM, DAD, KAYLA AND JUSTIN



In Memory Michael (Mike) Higginbotham
1970-2005

On this eighth anniversary of Michael (Mike) Higginbotham's home going, we want to say we still miss and love him. It never gets easy, but joy will come in the morning. He was not perfect, just forgiven. Remember, you will reap what you sow.

LOVE, MOM AND GAGE

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Macedonia youth a top Clay volunteer

JOEL ADDINGTON NEWS EDITOR

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Ryan Hall of Macedonia was named the Clay County Humane Society's Youth Volunteer of the Year award recently.

Mr. Hall, a fifth grader at Keller Intermediate School whose mother works at the Orange Park facility, was chosen for the honor because of his long-time dedication to the organization, said Linda Welzant, the humane society's executive director.

The humane society operates a low-cost spay and neuter clinic, but does not shelter animals. It also offers education, wildlife rehabilitation and disaster response programs.

Ms. Welzant estimated the youth spends about 15 hours a week at the shelter or assisting with humane society events.

"Ryan is a huge animal lover," said the director. "He's donated his time since he was very young."

The youth works at fundraisers and other events setting up

and decorating, or manning information booths at the county fair, for example.

He also fosters domestic animals and those in the wildlife rehab program, nursing small mammals and birds back to health after injuries.

"He continually helps out," she said. "Kids have so much to do nowadays and he chooses to spend his time here helping the animals of Clay County."

Mr. Hall, soon to be 11 years old, received his award at the humane society's volunteer appreciation dinner at the Magnolia Point Golf and Country Club on January 26.

"There was a time when he had little choice in being involved — he had to because his parents were," said Mr. Hall's mother, Claire Hall.

"However, he has had the option of opting out of the volunteer opportunities over the last three years, but has, instead, remained eager to be involved and help wherever he is able," she said. "He truly has a unique love for animals of all kinds and genuinely wants to help them however

he can."

Mr. Hall says his love of animals is probably inherited.

"My mom won't even kill a spider, she takes them outside!" he said. "Plus I know animals need help and can't really ask for it. Someone has to help them. They love us so much, I think it's my job to pay them back for that."

The family keeps one cat, Boo Kitty, and four dogs — including a blind chihuahua named Goliath and a retired narcotics K-9 and labrador named Ferro. All are rescues.

When asked about his favorite animal, Mr. Hall said he likes them all, but really likes deer.

"We can't play with them or anything but I like to watch them running and eating and stuff. They're fast and really, really neat to watch grow and learn to survive on their own," he said.

Mr. Hall also enjoys hanging out with his cousins, playing with his dogs and playing video games. One day he hopes to become a video game developer or concept planner for a gaming company.



Ryan Hall with his award and mother Claire Hall.

Couple hosts Chinese teen for year

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Qianyu Huang, or Sylvia as she's known to her host family, is a 17-year-old foreign exchange student from China living with a north Macclenny couple and their two poodles.

Sylvia started attending Baker County High School shortly after arriving in the country last August. She enjoys her history, art, culinary and agriculture classes and takes calculus online at home because it's not offered at BCHS.

"[School here] is different," Sylvia said during a recent interview with The Press. "I pick my schedule. In Chinese school, the schools pick the schedule for you. You have subjects you must learn, so it's different."

And the differences don't end there.

Her native city — Wenzhou — in southern China is home to eight million people, big buildings, many streets and the hustle and bustle of commerce. NPR called it China's "Capital of Capitalism" and reported that Wenzhou manufactures 70 percent of the world's cigarette lighters and 60 percent of its buttons.

"Our city is different from Macclenny because Macclenny is more like a countryside," said Sylvia, who was joined for the interview with her host parents, Sandi and Ryan Brannan. "In my city we have tall buildings and the traffic is terrible, and we have a lot of people."

She arrived in Jacksonville late in the evening following a layover in New York City. So the next morning, after the sun came out, she was enthralled by what she saw here — trees everywhere, birds chirping and squirrels scurrying.

Sylvia described China's environment in bleaker terms, saying the country is still developing and has a lot of pollution problems. "I really like the environment here," she said.

The biggest challenge for Sylvia has been adjusting her diet to the foods here.

A self-described picky eater, Sylvia has been eating the same ham and lettuce sandwich for lunch for the last five months. She loves spaghetti, brownies, tiramisu, pork chops, steak and chicken and dumplings. She's not so wild about cheese, mayonnaise, fried food or American salad dressings.

Otherwise Sylvia, the only daughter of a lawyer and school teacher, has settled in well here.

Exchanging cultures

At first it was hard for her to communicate with other students at the high school. She couldn't understand what they were saying and they couldn't ignore her obvious accent.

But overtime her English improved and the outgoing teen made many friends at BCHS while learning about American culture and exposing other stu-



Chinese exchange student "Sylvia" with host parents Ryan and Sandi Brannan.

dents to Chinese culture.

She won first place and \$25 in the table-setting competition at the county fair with hand-painted flower plates and a gold fish centerpiece. She's also experienced American Christmas and Thanksgiving traditions with the Brannans and her classmates.

Sylvia is the couple's third foreign exchange student since 2008. The first two girls hailed from Venezuela and Norway.

"With the other students we had, they were very similar to us, so there wasn't any drastic changes," said Mrs. Brannan, a juvenile justice probation officer.

"But with [Sylvia] there were quite a few changes," she said. "The food I didn't expect that to be so different and challenging to figure out what she would eat. Customs — she's not used to hugging — so that was something we gave her a heads up on; that we hug here and strangers will hug you and that's okay."

Sylvia's been attending church with the Brannans at the Glen Church and with friends at other local churches, including First Baptist in Glen. Comprehending Christianity, however, has not been easy for Sylvia, whose family is Buddhist.

"I'm not a Christian," she said. "But I don't know if I'm really a Buddhist or not ... I can't understand why Jesus, he needs to die for the people, because he himself is a God. Why can't God just change it or delay your sin? That's something I can't understand."

The houses of worship here stand in stark contrast to Buddhist temples in China. They've been eye-opening for her as well.

"They are quite serious," she said of the temples. "You can't talk loud or play games or sports in the temple. But in church it's different. The preacher is close to you. People here, they just want you to be a Christian. But the Buddhists, I don't think they want you to be a Buddhist."

Sylvia's daily routine involves school, homework and chores, but she tends to spend her free time at home on the Internet communicating with friends and family or surfing the web.

She recently joined Facebook, which is blocked in China, but did so mostly because Mrs. Brannan was posting photos of her on

didn't do, said Mrs. Brannan.

"She wrote a very sweet letter I thought," added Mr. Brannan, who manages the teen court program here. The couple, married 12 years, got to know Sylvia through e-mail and Skype before her arrival. She'll depart for home in June.

"It goes by fast," Mr. Brannan said. "The goodbyes are rough." "They are horrible actually," said his wife. The last time, she began crying two weeks before her arrival. She'll depart for home in June.

The couple has kept in touch with their previous two students and their families. "The relationship you develop with these kids — I feel like [Sylvia] is now apart of our family and she will be for the rest of our lives," said Mr. Brannan.

For more information about hosting an exchange student, contact Mr. Brannan at (904) 424-5085 or brannanryan@yahoo.com.

To watch video from The Press' interview with Sylvia and the Brannans, please visit www.bakercountypress.com.

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Christopher Brighten Mosley

Born February 8th

Christopher and Michalah Mosley of Macclenny are pleased to announce the birth of Christopher Brighten Mosley on February 8, 2013 at Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville. He weighed 6 lbs., 3 oz. and was 19 3/4 inches long.

Grandparents are Tonya and Turk Frame, and Delila and Jerry Foerman, all of Macclenny. Great-grandparents are Amanda Delk and Robert and Debra Winkler, all of Jacksonville; special aunts Kelci Frame and Cheley Foerman of Macclenny.

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February 1-28

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Thursday, February 14
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Lunch: Turkey sandwich with cheese or cheese pizza; Sides: fruit juice, grapes, french fries, lettuce & tomato slices; Cold plate: Yogurt with mozzarella cheese stick, fruit and muffin

Friday, February 15
Breakfast: Scrambled egg, toast, potato rounds; Choose 1: fruit juice, fruit choice

Lunch: Chicken poppers with macaroni and cheese or hamburger; Sides: fruit choices, romaine garden salad, garbanzos; Salad of the day: chef salad

Tuesday, February 19
Breakfast: Pancake/Sausage on a stick; Choose 1: Box of raisins, fruit juice

Lunch: Breaded spicy chicken sandwich or roast pork slice with dinner roll; Sides: Apple, peaches, romaine garden salad, mashed potatoes with gravy; Salad of the day: chicken caesar

Wednesday, February 20
Breakfast: Waffle; Choose 1: apple slices or assorted fruit juice.

Lunch: Chicken parmesan or beef fingers; Sides: fruit juice, grapes, Romaine garden salad, green beans; Cold plate of the day: yogurt with mozzarella cheese stick, cookies.

Thursday, February 21
Breakfast: Enriched cold cereal with a slice of cinnamon toast, fruit juice.

Lunch: Turkey corndog or hamburger on a bun; Sides: banana, assorted fruit juice, lettuce/tomato slices, baked beans, baked french fries, and a Million Dollar cookie; Salad of the day: Cobb salad with crackers and croutons.

Friday, February 22
Breakfast: Grilled cheese tortilla; Choose 1: Chilled peaches or assorted fruit juice.

Lunch: Sweet and sour chicken with brown rice and dinner roll or beef and cheese quesadilla; Sides: Assorted fruit choice, chilled mixed fruit, Romaine garden salad, oriental vegetables with red/yellow peppers; Cold plate of the day: yogurt with mozzarella cheese sticks, fruit and muffin.



Wade Ellis

100th birthday fete for Mr. Ellis

A celebration is planned for this Saturday, February 16 honoring Wade G. (Jet) Ellis of Jacksonville, who is observing his 100th birthday the day before.

It will be at the Ag Center on US 90 beginning at noon.

Mr. Ellis owned the Ellis Dairy in Jacksonville and was one of the original members of 4-H when he was about 12 years old.

He worked at the Duval County extension office for years, and also owned a house moving business. It is believed that Mr. Ellis was the first person to use a barge to move a structure on the St. Johns River.

Mr. Ellis was an experienced race horse trainer whose quiet nature coaxed most horses to do anything for him, and may have been the first person to bring a registered quarter horse into Florida.

Among the attendees this weekend will be Mr. Ellis's daughters, Debora Kay Bailey and Toni Palmer, along with their cousins Pam Williams, Ann Harrell, Gary and Henry Ellis, all Baker County residents.

Mr. Ellis currently resides in Clay County. His wife Gladys died five months ago.



Grant Joseph McIntosh

Born January 12

Garrett, Gage, and Gavin are excited to introduce new baby brother Grant Joseph McIntosh, born on January 12, 2013 at Baptist Medical Center Downtown. She weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Allen and Kim Crews of Sanderson. Paternal grandparents are Tina (Elton) Stone of Glen St. Mary and the late Robert Newmans of Sanderson.

He weighed 6 pounds 1 1/2 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long. Proud parents are Jason and Alicia McIntosh of Macclenny. Paternal grandparents are Joe and Patsy McIntosh of Glen St. Mary. Maternal grandparents are Helen Padgett of Macclenny and the late Robert Fulgham Sr. of Hampton, FL.

Paternal great-grandparents are Sam Radabaugh and the late Myrtice Radabaugh of Glen St. Mary. Maternal great-grandparents are Louise Stirling and the late Lonzo Stirling of Lawtey.

Miss BCHS pageant February 15

The 2013 BCHS Scholarship Pageant is February 15 at the high school starting at 7 pm. General admission is \$5 and for children under 12, it's \$2.

Competing in the pageant, which will consist of speech, interview, talent, on stage questioning and evening gown contests, will be juniors Cindi Fisher, Kelsey Longnecker, Taylor Matthews, Whitney Moore and Sydney Willford.

One of them will be crowned Miss BCHS, receive a college scholarship and entry into the Miss Senior High Scholarship Pageant in Jacksonville next October. For more information, please call 307-8442.

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Lyleigh Kay Newmans

Daughter arrives

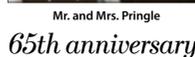
Joshua and Andrea Newmans of Sanderson are pleased to announce the birth of Lyleigh Kay Newmans on January 18, 2013 at Baptist Medical Center Downtown. She weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Allen and Kim Crews of Sanderson. Paternal grandparents are Tina (Elton) Stone of Glen St. Mary and the late Robert Newmans of Sanderson.

The Terrific kids were as follows:

Westside Elementary, first grade: Colby Sutton, Rheagan Patterson, Trenton Crawford, Camron Givens, Abril Nolasco, Colton Clardy, Daniel Westinghouse, Ashlyn Gunter, Amber Williams, Lily Newlin, Lynsay Rewis and Baleigh Lewis; second grade: Katie Anderson, Emma Mobley, Ian Touchton, JJ Hobbs, Aubrey Fuller, Shayla Stewart, Anna Mae Gardner, Elizabeth Martin, Hailey Poturich, Daegan Gainey, Jamila Johnson and Harrison Muncy; and third grade: Malayna Loadholtz, Jude Buckminster, Harrison Chapman, Colton Crews, Aidan Henley, Brody Ireland, Jared Fryer, Benjamin Davis, Derrick Ruise, Makayla Johnson, Brenton Barton and Hannah Davis.

Macclenny Elementary, first grade: Tanner Bridges, Abbie Rhoden, Kenyon Dolison, Madison Blankenship, Taya



Mr. and Mrs. Pringle

65th anniversary!

Albert and Mattie Ruth Pringle of Baldwin celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on February 7 at Wells Nursing Home in Macclenny attended by family and friends.

The Pringles were married on that day in 1948 in Folkston, GA. Their children are Judy, Wayne, Everett and Windle Pringle, Ruthie Silcox and Vickie Dobson.

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Kiwanis terrific kids

Westside Elementary, Macclenny Elementary and Keller Intermediate schools honored the students selected as Terrific Kids for the second quarter of the school year. Terrific Kids is a program sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Baker County to promote character development and good citizenship among students.

Each student recognized receives a certificate, a note from the teacher as to why the child was selected, a book and a bag of items supplied by the Kiwanis Club and businesses and individuals.

The Kiwanis Club of Baker County recently changed their meeting schedule. The clubs now meet on the first and fourth Thursdays of each month at noon at Firehouse Subs.

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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

February 14
BCHS: Boys Basketball Regional Tournament; Tennis @ Bradford, 3:30 p.m.; Softball @ Middleburg, 4:30 p.m.; Miss BCHS Pageant, 6:00 p.m. // WES: Good Morning Show Club, 8:00 a.m.; Family Reading Night, 4:00 p.m.

February 15
District-Wide: Progress Reports // BCHS: Wrestling State @ Lakeland; Softball @ Fernandina, 6:00 p.m.; Baseball vs. Ridgeview, (H) 6:00 p.m. // WES: Cookie Dough.

February 16
BCHS: Wrestling State @ Lakeland

February 18
District-Wide: President's Day, No School // BCHS: JV Baseball vs. Paxon, (H) 4:00 p.m.

February 19
District-Wide: School Board Mtg., 6:30 p.m. // BCHS: Softball Home Var. Only, 6:00 p.m.; JV Baseball vs. Fernandina, (H) 6:30 p.m. // BCMS: Softball vs. Richardson, (H) 4:00 p.m.; Baseball vs. Richardson, (H) @BCHS 4:00 p.m.

February 20
BCHS: Boys Weightlifting @ Suwannee, 3:00 p.m. // MES: J u s t Say No Club, 8:00 a.m. // WES: Merrie Melodies Club, 8:00 a.m.

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BCHS draws Nease in playoffs

BOB GERARD | SPORTS

Despite making an exciting 12-2 run at the start of the second half, the Wildcat basketball team lost 68-47 on February 9 to host Bishop Kenny in the finals of the district basketball tournament. The Wildcats travel to Nease February 14 in the first round of the playoffs as district runners-up.

The Cats struggled offensively against a much taller Crusader squad. Center Brian Dawkins' size advantage on the inside kept the Cats at bay in the early going. Leading scorer Charles Ruise Jr. was held to just 2 points in the first period as the Crusaders went on a 14-6 run.

They continued to pile on the offense in the second period. Dawkins hit 9 points from the paint and guard Brennan Sullivan nailed a pair of three-pointers to give Kenny a sizable 33-14 lead at the half.

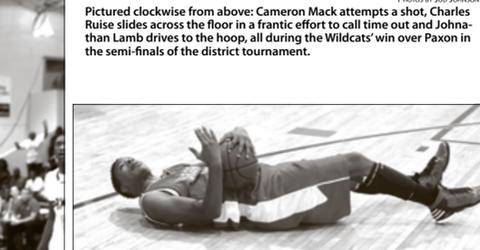
The Cats were not content giving the district crown to the Crusaders and went on a 12-2 run to open the third period. Dawkins was on the bench with some early fouls and BCHS picked up the pace. The momentum slowly shifted to the Wildcats and at one point midway through the period they narrowed the gap to 7 points.

Kenny called a time out and re-instated Dawkins and the fickle momentum shifted back to Kenny. Ruise got red hot in the final period, scoring 13 of his game-high 30 points in the final stanza. It was not enough, however, as the Crusaders shifted to a control game and slowed the pace to a standstill.

The Wildcats moved



Pictured clockwise from above: Cameron Mack attempts a shot, Charles Ruise slides across the floor in a frantic effort to call time out and Johnathan Lamb drives to the hoop, all during the Wildcats' win over Paxon in the semi-finals of the district tournament.



Jacob Milton pitching above. Below, Mikal Flores attempts to pick the runner off at first.

Cats clinch two pre-seasoners

BOB GERARD | SPORTS

The Wildcat baseball team tuned up for the start of the regular season with a pair of pre-season wins this past week. The Cats defeated Bishop Snyder 16-5 on February 5 and Eagles View 3-1 on February 7 at their home field.

Jacob Milton pitched three innings for the Cats with Jared Crews and Dylan Hall coming in relief. Ethan Wilkerson had a trio of hits and a pair of RBIs for the Cats. Hunter Bell had two hits and two RBIs and Jacob Milton added a pair of hits.

"Our defense was a little sloppy, as Snyder didn't have an earned run," said Coach Fred Matricardi. "We made four errors and that's not us. I'm sure nerves had something to do with it as we had four guys who have never started a varsity game before."

Last Thursday the Cats beat Eagle's View 3-1. Hunter Hanks threw four no-hit innings, striking out seven. Hanks also led the offense at the plate going 3-3 on the afternoon. Hunter Bell added an RBI single.

"We did a great job running the bases and being aggressive both games last week," said Matricardi. "We pitched well, swung the bats okay, but need to clean up the defense. We take pride in defense, pitching, running and swinging the bats.

We can be a complete team down the road if we continue to work hard."

The Cats' home opener is Friday at 6 pm versus Ridgeview.

Bobcats explode, beat Tigers 12-2

BOB GERARD | SPORTS

The Lady Bobcat softball team got off to a positive start in its first game of the season, exploring offensively and handing Union County Middle School a 12-2 drubbing at the soggy BCMS softball field on February 7.

The B-Cats then clinched a second win at Callahan on February 11. The B-Cats got off to a slow start but broke through in the third inning for a 6-2 result. Morgan Smith pitched well for BCMS. Sixth grader Allie Crumme came in to play first base for injured starter Hayleigh Mulkey and was solid.

"The offense deserves credit for the win," said Mobley. "Once the bats woke up, we were able to get a lead and hold on for the win."

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Baker County High School
had eleven wrestlers qualify for
regionals at The Bolles School on
February 8 and 9, though for the
first time in recent years no one
qualified for state.

It was a culmination of an
intense week for Coach Adam
Brunner, who was faced with en-
tering the competition missing
two of his qualifiers out with in-
juries while at the same time go-
ing against the best grapplers in
the area.

The Cats opened the first
round with James Carter (182)
and Lenny Carter (195) advanc-
ing by beating wrestlers from
Mariana and Bozman high
schools.

BCHS was put on the back
foot, however, when six of its
entries lost in the first round,
throwing them into the losers'
bracket. The Carters both lost in
the second round, tossing all the
BCHS wrestlers into the bottom

half of the bracket.
In the second round, BCHS
came away with wins in the 166
pound weight class (Cody Miller),
and 160 pound weight class
(Sean Mulkey). Both won their
rounds with pins. Miller contin-
ued to advance in the consolation
round winning by pin, and Lenny
Carter won by pin in his consol-
ation match. With the other wes-
tlers losing, Miller and Carter
were Baker County's last hope
for a state qualifier going into the
second day of competition.

Miller lost his first match of
the day on a controversial call
that had Brunner questioning the
referee. With time running out
in a match against Mariana,
Miller was pinned with the clock
showing no time left. The referee
allowed the pin despite time hav-
ing expired.

"Needless to say, I was fur-
ious with the call," said Brunner.

"They reviewed with the ref at
the table, and Cody was defeated
by pin in the first round. I hate
to see the ref make a judgment
call with insufficient evidence.
Cody deserved to wrestle at state,
but he will return next year with
higher hopes and experience un-
der his belt."

Lenny Carter had a tough
match with a wrestler from South
Sumter and lost in a pin at the
end of the second period. Brun-
ner was pleased with his team's
finish, despite not moving wes-
tlers on to the state tournament.

"Our team accomplished a lot
this year, finishing with a 10-4
record, fifth place at districts,
and 20th place at regionals. We
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work hard this summer, and be
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