



Sentencing Hearings Announced

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The Geneva County District Attorney's Office has announced several recent sentencing hearings held in the Geneva County Courthouse.

Grady White Sent to Prison

Grady White, 35 of Slocumb, pled guilty to 6 counts of breaking and entering vehicles and one

count of theft of property 2nd degree and one count of receiving stolen property 2nd degree and received 95 months in prison. Grady White applied for probation which was considered by Judge Quattlebaum on November 21, 2006. Judge Quattlebaum denied White's application for probation and remanded him to the custody of the Sheriff to serve his sentence with the Department of Corrections.

Smith Goes to Prison for Production or Porn

Kenneth Wayne Smith, 58, of Geneva who was found guilty in September by a Geneva County Jury of three counts of producing obscene material containing visual reproduction of persons under the age of 17 (production of porn) which is a Class A felony was sentenced on November 21, 2006. Smith was sentenced by Judge Quattlebaum 10 years in prison on each

count and his sentence was split to serve two years. Smith's Counsel requested probation and an appeal bond which were both denied by Judge Quattlebaum. Smith was remanded to serve his sentence and gave notice of his appeal continuing to claim his innocence. Chief Assistant District Attorney Bill Filmore spoke on behalf of the State during the sentencing hearing and asked the Judge to consider the loss of innocence of these

three little girls ages 9-10 in rendering his judgment on the sentence.

Andrew Newsome to Prison on 10 Year Sentence

Andrew Newsome, 45 of Enterprise, who pled guilty on October 16, 2006 to Robbery 2nd Degree was denied probation by Judge Quattlebaum on November 21, 2006 and remanded to the custody of the Sheriff to serve his sentence with the De-

partment of Corrections.

Raymond F. Pierce Pleads to Rape Second

Raymond F. Pierce, 49 of Enterprise, pled guilty to Rape 2nd Degree for having sexual intercourse with a girl under the age of 16 years old. Pierce pled to a 3 year sentence before Judge Quattlebaum on November 21, 2006 and made application for probation which will be heard after his probation report is completed.

Slocumb Receives Grant to Replace 1930's Sewer Line

Ann Henderson Geneva Newspapers

A state grant to replace one of the main sewer lines will help keep rate increases to a minimum.

Slocumb was awarded a Community Development Block Grant for Community Enhancement of \$250,000 to replace the sewer lines on Washington, Foster and Slocumb streets.

"This grant was the key to keeping any rate increase to a minimum," said Guy Miller, utilities director.

Miller said the town has been working to find funding for this project for seven years. This was the first year the town was able to apply for this type of grant.

"It is one of the oldest sections of town and one that drains a major portion of the central part of town, including city hall and the fire station and Alatech," he said. "There is on-going problems especially with heavy rains when sewer lines get backed up."

The grant will replace old concrete pipe. "The pipe has become too deteriorated to repair," he said. "Slocumb was one of only a few towns to receive a community enhancement grant for a rehabilitation project."

The local match will be \$25,000 and be paid through the Water and Sewer Board. Miller said the board has not raised water or sewer rates in eight years.

He said there are three sections of town that need to have major work on the sewer system. One is at the wastewater treatment plant. But there are not grants available to pay for the work there, he said.

Mayor Vickie Moore said the grant will eventually benefit about 300 residences.

"We are having a great year," she said of the grant announcement.

Slocumb was awarded a housing rehabilitation grant to upgrade about 20 homes along South Kelly Street. "The paperwork has been submitted by the landowners," she said. "They are waiting for word from the Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission to begin the work."

The estimates were low enough that she hopes the target area may be expanded.

"I talked with the council at the last meeting (Nov. 20) and they agreed for me to ask if we could add more homes," she said. She will contact the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, the state agency that approved the grant, to see if the zone area can be amended.

Shoppers on the Hunt for Perfect Gift

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It's hunting season across Geneva County. But animals, for the most part, are safe from the people who ventured into stores following their Thanksgiving day off.

Crystal Reid and her son, Dawson and Luke, were looking for household cleaning supplies when they stopped at the Dollar General in Samson. Dawson also selected a race track and miniature cars. He likes to watch Dale Earnhardt Jr.

At Peeble's, the after-Thanksgiving crowd was looking for clothing and home decor bargains.

Samantha Owens and her mother, Robbie, both from Geneva, were looking in the home decoration section for lamps and vases. Samantha recently became engaged to Paul Pollard and she is getting their double-wide mobile home ready for the April wedding.

"It has blues and tans," Samantha said. She would like gifts for a contemporary home. "Or gift certificates."

Robbie found a Christmas tree that opens to hold candy and a black skirt.

"We will have good sales throughout the season," said Peeble's manager Kerry Bradley. "The percent off increases in the weeks prior to Christmas."

"And if a customer opens a credit account, they get 15 percent off one item and 10 percent off the other purchases," said Bradley. Robbie took the offer and saved on the Christmas tree.

Bradley said there was a rush when the store opened at 7 a.m. and steady customers throughout the day. By 2 p.m., about 500 shoppers had been in the store.

"We've been well-received," she said of the change from B.C.



Home Decor Shopping

Peeble's Store Manager Kerry Bradley, left, discusses the home decorations with Samantha Owens, of Geneva, on Friday afternoon on Nov. 24. Samantha was recently engaged to Paul Pollard, of Hartford, and was looking for home accessories in blues and tans. (Photo by Ann Henderson)

Moore's to Peeble's. "It was a slow start. But we are getting more customers every day."

Having some of the same staff and a similar arrangement of merchandise as Moore's also helped, she said. "They were accustomed to Moore's and seemed to carry on the loyalty to Peeble's."

Camouflage attire is big this season, she said. So is John Deere.

Camouflage was also the choice for Joshua Chambliss, 9, who was shopping at Pope's Sporting Goods, Media & More, with his dad, Robert.

He chose a cap with an orange and blue "AU" embroidery. They had bought a deer stand and his dad suggested he make "one more round."



Ready for Target Practice

Will Parmer, of Bonifay, found the perfect Diamond bow in Pope's Sporting Goods, Media & More in Geneva on Friday, Nov. 24. The bow has a peep site, stabilizer and string silencer. Will and his dad, Stephen, were browsing hunting clothing and ammunition. (Photo by Ann Henderson)

"Most people are looking for husband's and kid's gifts," said Shawna Pope, the co-owner with her parents, Cindi and Gregory.

Camouflage caps, shirts and pants can be found in the store located next to City Auto Parts on E. Town Avenue.

"We also have camo lingerie," she said. "But I'm not at liberty to give out names. I don't want to spoil Christmas gifts."

Stephen Parmer and his son, Will, had driven to Geneva from their home in Bonifay to buy ammunition at Pope's. They also brought Will's bow to be repaired. "He's soon going to start shooting at targets," said Stephen.

"We have a bow technician," said Shawna.

The Parmers were going to use the ammunition for a dove hunt near their home. "I've always said any young hunter has to be accompanied by an adult," said Stephen. "It's safety first."

Stephen chose Pope's because the families are friends.

"It's loyalty of our customers," said Shawna.

The store is set up with men's camouflage on one side and women's wear on the other. "Men don't often veer to the women's side," she said.

Most gifts can receive a personal touch with embroidery or screen printing at Pope's.

Women were in evidence at Geneva Florist, some getting a start on their Christmas gift buying, while others were looking for fresh flowers.

Vanessa Kealoha was in the florist Friday afternoon with her daughter, Anela, to pick up a fresh flower bouquet for her daughter-in-law, Susan Okeefee. The arrangement had been ordered by her son, Allen, who is in Maryland with the Alabama Air Guard Reserve studying to become a machinist.

While waiting for the bouquet, Anela found a "Bama" duffle bag she will put on Santa's list.

Charlotte Wright said the customers at the florist were asking for Alexandria fragrance lamps, Arthur Court silverware and Fenton figurines and vases.

The Thanksgiving arrangements and some Christmas wreaths that are on display are on sale.

"Some of the Thanksgiving decorations can easily be changed to be used for Christmas just by adding some sparkle," said Charlotte, co-owner with Cristie Stephenson and Forrest Wright.

"We usually put out Christmas early. But we had the unique opportunity to have Thanksgiving this year," said Charlotte. "We wanted people to remember to be thankful and enjoy that holiday."

Christmas Parade Schedule

- **Samson Christmas Parade - December 2 at 10:00 A.M.**
(Parade Lineup Will Begin at 9:00 A.M. at Samson High School)
- **Hartford Hometown Holidays Parade - December 2 at 11:00 A.M.**
(Parade Lineup Will Begin at 10:00 A.M.)
- **Coffee Springs Christmas Parade - December 2 at 4:00 P.M.**
- **Geneva Christmas Parade - December 2 5:00 P.M.**
(Parade Lineup Will Begin at 4:00 P.M. at the Courthouse)
- **Slocumb Christmas Parade - December 9 at 11:00 A.M.**
(Parade Lineup Will Begin at 10:00 A.M. at Slocumb Elementary)

