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Pre-K center has top performance Among ten local preschools

By
Joel Addington
Press Staff

The Baker County Pre-K Center remains the top preschool program in the county when it comes to making sure children are ready for kindergarten.

According to scores recently released by the Florida Department of Education for the 2007-08 year, a higher percentage of children from the Pre-K center passed tests measuring knowledge of the ABCs and overall skill and behavior level than any of the other nine preschool programs here.

"We have highly qualified teachers — two with their bachelors in elementary education and three with associate degrees in early childhood education," said the school district's pre-K coordinator Naomi Anderson.

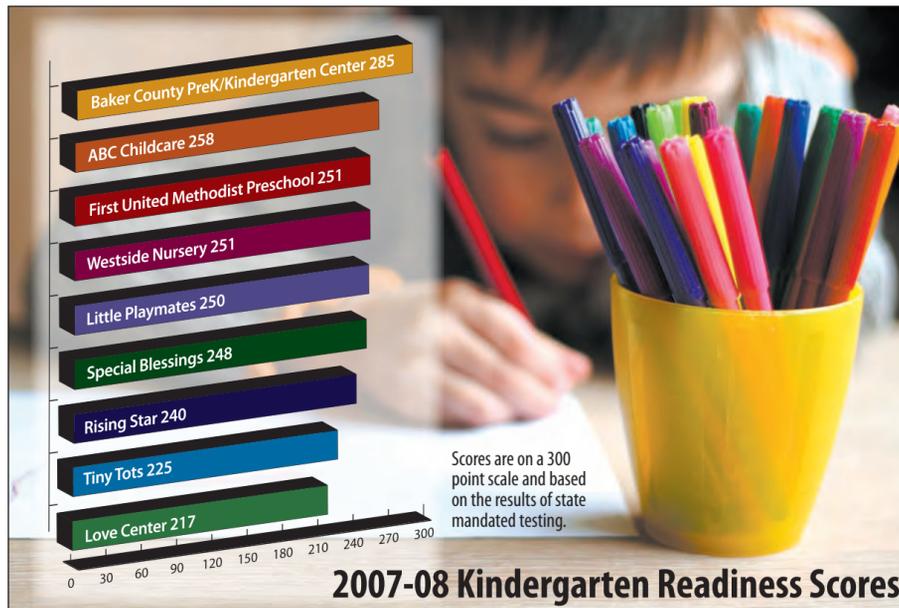
Five other teachers are certified in childhood development, the minimum amount of training the state requires for preschool educators.

"They are highly motivated. We do work for the public school system so we have leaders pushing us for professional development," Ms. Anderson said.

Another factor is the retention rate of pre-K center instructors, who today oversee the early education of about 160 local children.

"Some places have higher turnover so they're constantly having to retrain," said Ms. Anderson.

Each year area preschools report to



the state how many students they serve, how many are tested and how many score high enough to be considered "ready" to begin kindergarten.

Three tests are given — one measures skill, knowledge and behavior; one tests the ability to identify letters of the alphabet and a third accounts for the ability to sound letters out aloud.

The numerical percentages of "passing" students, those performing at or above the acceptable level, on each of the three tests are then added together to make the preschool's kindergarten readiness rate for the school year.

The same process occurs during the summer sessions so some schools will

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Suggests scrutiny for waste in budgets

BY JOEL ADDINGTON
Press Staff

Commissioner Michael Crews used his closing remarks during this week's meeting of the Baker County Commission to get something off his chest.

"It's weighed on my mind for some time now," he said, prefacing his call for the county to eliminate needless spending. "If we don't address the spending issue now, we're going to have a hard time a year from now."

"Just because it's budgeted, it doesn't mean the money has to be spent," he said. "We're allowing some unnecessary spending."

One way to cut back, said County Manager Joe Cone, was to leave vacant positions on the county payroll unfilled and institute a hiring freeze.

Mr. Crews also asked for reactions from fellow commissioners.

Most agreed in principle and talked about ways of tracking county spending beyond the monthly expenditure reports board members receive already.

Commissioner Mike Griffin said a key spending indicator used in business is the percentage of a department's budget that's been spent at various points throughout the year.

"That's a way of tracking," he said. "That'd be a good report to share."

Commissioner Alex Robinson commended Mr. Crews for his comments and called for more detailed spending reports from county staff.

When asked after the hearing for examples of wasteful county spending, Mr. Crews talked about small frugal steps employees could take like reducing phone company charges and not using credit cards, but also larger purchases like new vehicles that could've been delayed.

"We should make sure we're buying what we need, not what we want," he said.

There are limits in place now capping how much county staff can spend without the board's approval.

Any expenditures totaling more than \$3500 require sealed bids be submitted for the commission's review.

Spending between \$1000 and \$3500 can be approved by the county manager after obtaining at least three price quotes from vendors, either over the phone or in writing when time permits.

The manager must also approve any expenditures by department heads greater than \$250.



Commissioner Crews

Arrest for peddling drugs — in courthouse

A 59-year-old Macclenny man was arrested on a felony drug trafficking charge this month after selling 24 hydrocodone pills to a confidential informant of the sheriff's office whom he approached inside the courthouse after being sentenced to probation on a different drug-related charge.

Walter Hunt of 205 N. 2nd St. offered to sell the informant 30 tablets of the pain medication at \$4 apiece, according to police records.

Sheriff's investigators set up audio and video recording

equipment to monitor the buy, which took place that afternoon after the informant called Mr. Hunt, went to his residence and purchased 24 pills. The medication was later identified by a pharmacist as hydrocodone and weighed 19.4 grams.

Mr. Hunt was taken into custody and is being held on a \$250,000 bond.

In other drug-related cases



Walter Hunt

this week, complaints for both felony and misdemeanor drug possession were filed March 13 on the basis of contents found in the jacket of a suspect who fled on foot from a county deputy in south Macclenny.

Deputy Erik Deloach said he recognized Willie Lous Dempsey Jr, 19, of Macclenny as the person walking west on South Boulevard about 10:30 that

night. As the officer parked his cruiser, he said Mr. Dempsey ran south on Grisholm St., tossing his multi-colored jacket on the pavement.

Deputy Deloach found a cigarette pack in the right outside jacket pocket that contained a plastic baggie with several "rocks" of crack cocaine. He also found a marijuana cigarette.

The officer sought arrest warrants after failing to find the suspect. The neighborhood is known for frequent drug-related activity.

In another arrest, Rodrick Roberts, 22, of Macclenny was charged with misdemeanor marijuana possession the afternoon of March 16 after he and two others were found seated in a parked car on the former Pineview golf course property.

Deputy Matt Sigers said he questioned the trio about 1:40 after sighting Mr. Roberts' 2006 Ford parked near overgrown foliage off Golf Club Dr. He smelled the odor of marijuana smoke and summoned a drug-

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Wariness, praise on easing land rules

BY JOEL ADDINGTON
Press Staff

An ordinance exempting large-acreage land divisions

— those resulting in tracts of 40 acres or more — from subdivision regulations, and introduced to the Baker County Commission March 16, was met with uneasiness by some board members and praised by others.

Subdivision rules apply to properties divided more than twice and call for landowners to file professional plans with the county and make

improvements like the paving of dirt roads, which is typically a costly proposition.

"We have a lot of large tract ownership in the county," explained planning director Ed Preston. "It just doesn't make sense that if you peel off 500 acres to sell to this guy and 500 acres to another guy, you've created a subdivision. Yet our regulations don't allow us to say it is anything else but a subdivision."

However, he said, the county has had problems with smaller parcels being divided and redivided without improvements like paved roads or drainage.

"We just felt like 40 acres was a good size in between those," Mr. Preston said.

Commissioner Alex Robinson likes the new ordinance and suggested the board host a workshop to further hash it out.

"This has been an issue of mine," he said. "I don't think 300 acres divided into 100-acre tracts is a subdivision ...

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Gas station clerk is stalked by Macclenny man

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Jeffery Burnsed shows off some of his Elvis collection.

PHOTO BY KELLEY LANNIGAN

'Elvis lives' in this house His love affair began as a 10-year-old

According to Sol and Sara Burnsed, the small house in Glen St. Mary they share with their son rocks and rolls almost constantly with the music of "The King."

"That boy loves Elvis Presley more than anything in this world," says Ms. Burnsed.

Jeffery Burnsed, sporting a commemorative

By
Kelley Lannigan
Press Staff

Elvis T-shirt and a pompadour hairdo, struts into the kitchen, looking very much like his music idol. He loves anything to do with the famous 50s rock 'n roll icon and has amassed a sizable personal collection of Elvis memorabilia.

His love affair with Elvis began as a 10-year-old boy when he happened to see a broadcast of the last concert Elvis performed before he died in

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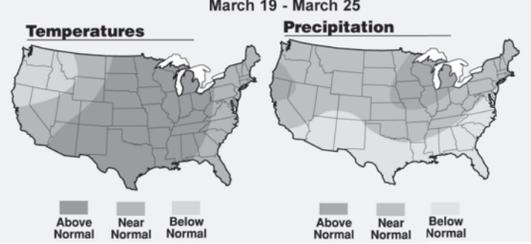
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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Mostly sunny and delightful	Sun and some clouds	Breezy with some sun	Partly sunny	Mostly sunny	Sunny to partly cloudy	Partly sunny
High: 78° Low: 52°	High: 67° Low: 46°	High: 66° Low: 45°	High: 67° Low: 48°	High: 72° Low: 51°	High: 76° Low: 58°	High: 76° Low: 57°

Temperature and Precipitation Outlook



Tides

Location	Mar. 19	Mar. 20	Mar. 21	Mar. 22	Mar. 23	Mar. 24	Mar. 25
Cedar Key	10:16 a.m. 2:52 a.m. 8:06 p.m. 1:51 p.m.	11:44 a.m. 4:28 a.m. 9:46 p.m. 3:49 p.m.	12:27 p.m. 5:40 a.m. 11:09 p.m. 5:21 p.m.	12:57 p.m. 6:28 a.m. — 6:23 p.m.	12:12 a.m. 7:04 a.m. 1:22 p.m. 7:09 p.m.	1:03 a.m. 7:36 a.m. 1:45 p.m. 7:49 p.m.	1:47 a.m. 8:07 a.m. 2:08 p.m. 8:26 p.m.
Jacksonville Beach	2:48 a.m. 9:33 a.m. 3:02 p.m. 9:33 p.m.	3:48 a.m. 10:27 a.m. 4:03 p.m. 10:31 p.m.	4:48 a.m. 11:18 a.m. 5:03 p.m. 11:27 p.m.	5:42 a.m. 12:06 p.m. 5:57 p.m. —	6:31 a.m. 12:20 a.m. 6:46 p.m. 12:51 p.m.	7:16 a.m. 1:09 a.m. 7:31 p.m. 1:33 p.m.	7:58 a.m. 1:55 a.m. 8:13 p.m. 2:12 p.m.
Mayport	3:31 a.m. 9:56 a.m. 3:48 p.m. 9:50 p.m.	4:34 a.m. 10:49 a.m. 4:51 p.m. 10:47 p.m.	5:32 a.m. 11:38 a.m. 5:48 p.m. 11:41 p.m.	6:22 a.m. 12:23 p.m. — —	7:07 a.m. 12:31 a.m. 7:24 p.m. 1:04 p.m.	7:48 a.m. 1:17 a.m. 8:06 p.m. 1:40 p.m.	8:28 a.m. 1:59 a.m. 8:46 p.m. 2:15 p.m.
St. Augustine	2:54 a.m. 9:35 a.m. 3:08 p.m. 9:35 p.m.	3:54 a.m. 10:29 a.m. 4:09 p.m. 10:33 p.m.	4:54 a.m. 11:20 a.m. 5:09 p.m. 11:29 p.m.	5:48 a.m. 12:08 p.m. 6:03 p.m. —	6:37 a.m. 12:22 a.m. 6:52 p.m. 12:53 p.m.	7:22 a.m. 1:11 a.m. 7:37 p.m. 1:35 p.m.	8:04 a.m. 1:57 a.m. 8:19 p.m. 2:14 p.m.

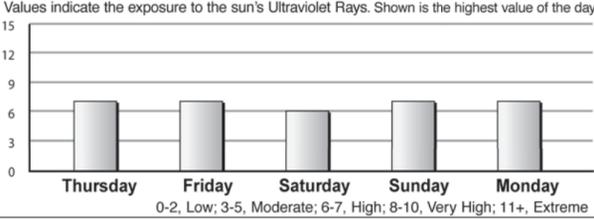
Sun and Moon

Sunrise Thursday	7:34 a.m.
Sunset Thursday	7:39 p.m.
Moonrise Thursday	3:10 a.m.
Moonsset Thursday	1:18 p.m.
Last	Mar 18
New	Mar 26
First	Apr 2
Full	Apr 9

Almanac

Jacksonville week ending Monday, Mar 16.	
Temperature	
High/Low for the week	87°/53°
Normal high/low	73°/49°
Average temperature	69.1°
Normal average temperature	61.3°
Precipitation	
Total for the week	trace
Total for the month	1.03"
Total for the year	5.03"
Normal for the month	2.03"
Normal for the year	8.87"

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Date	Major	Minor	Major	Minor
Mar 19	6:20 a.m.	12:06 a.m.	6:45 p.m.	12:32 p.m.
Mar 20	7:10 a.m.	12:57 a.m.	7:34 p.m.	1:22 p.m.
Mar 21	7:56 a.m.	1:44 a.m.	8:20 p.m.	2:08 p.m.
Mar 22	8:40 a.m.	2:28 a.m.	9:04 p.m.	2:52 p.m.
Mar 23	9:21 a.m.	3:10 a.m.	9:44 p.m.	3:33 p.m.
Mar 24	10:01 a.m.	3:50 a.m.	10:23 p.m.	4:12 p.m.
Mar 25	10:39 a.m.	4:29 a.m.	11:01 p.m.	4:50 p.m.

River Levels

Location	Flood stage	Monday	24-hour change
St. John's at Jacksonville	10.93	10.93	-0.47
St. Marks at Newport	7.0	5.97	-0.01
Aucilla at Lamont	9.0	5.82	+0.31
Santa Fe at Fort White	24.0	21.23	none
Suwannee at White Springs	77.0	51.43	+0.08



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Pre-K center tops

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receive two scores in the same 12-month period.

Since the department began tracking kindergarten readiness in 2005-06, the pre-K center at 362 E. South Blvd. in Macclenny has consistently scored higher than most others. The program is also the most attended.

Only in the first year of tracking did the Special Blessings School Readiness Center, 590 N. 7th St. in Macclenny, top the center's readiness rate, and only by one point, 265 to 264, records show.

Special Blessings had the second highest number of children served last year with 43. Twenty-seven of them were tested to secure a kindergarten readiness rate of 248.

Last year, the pre-K center had the highest rate at 285. The next closest was ABC Childcare & Learning Center, 627 5th St. in Macclenny, at 258. It served 30 students while the remaining preschools served between five and 12 students.

The Love Center at 574 W. Minnesota Ave. had the lowest readiness rate at 217, well below the 240 score during its 2007-08 summer session.

Of the three tests given, children often scored lowest in sounding out letters of the alphabet. Eighty-nine percent of students at the pre-K center passed that portion, while 60 percent did so at the Love Center.

"They are four years old," said Ms. Anderson. "Some have never been exposed to formal education. In rural communities, sometimes children are exposed less to literature-rich environments or having parents read to them at home."

She said that's something pre-K center faculty often encourage parents to do.

Each year the state's Department of Education sets a minimum readiness rate, which is the lowest rating in the top 85 percent of ratings statewide. For the 2007-08 school year the minimum was 214, just three points below the Love Center's rating.

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implement the improvement plan with quarterly updates.

And if that doesn't work, after the fourth consecutive year as a low provider, the state revokes the preschool's eligibility as a volunteer pre-K program. Roughly 733 of the state's 4892 preschools were identified as low providers for the 2007-08 school year. That number is up from 689 the previous year.

Advertising Deadline
Monday
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Easing large-tract rules...

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It [the ordinance] would be a big help in resolving issues that might not need to come before us."

But further consideration was likely needed for the measure, said Commissioner Mark Hartley.

"It feels like there might be problems with dirt roads and private roads. It seems like there's always an issue with those," he said.

Roads were also a potential concern for Commissioner Mike Griffis. "There's got to be some stipulation for building or maintaining roads," he added.

The board set the workshop for April 7 at 4:00 pm in the commission chambers behind the courthouse.

Under other business, the commission approved the following:

- Roger Raulerson's low bid for the installation of a well at St. Mary Shoals Park for \$5800.
- County Manager Joe Cone said staff would verify that Mr.

Raulerson has the proper insurance and licenses. If not, the job would be awarded to the next lowest bidder, Dependable Well & Pump, at \$7874, he said.

• Certificates of need to allow private ambulance transportation services, Liberty and Century, and the county's in-house service to operate here.

• A \$1800 change order on a housing rehabilitation grant project by Foster Construction. The project was bid with the expectation of installing a gravity sewer system, however; Mr. Cone said there isn't enough slope for a gravity system and a pump will be needed.

• Appointing Commissioner Gordon Crews to serve as the county's representative in a regional economic development coalition of rural counties in North Central Florida.

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Garden, yard clinics

By Alicia Lamborn
 Horticulture Agent
 Extension Service

The Baker County extension service has a number of clinics and classes planned this month and in early April to assist the

spring gardener and landscaper. Each Saturday in March, local master gardeners will be on hand to answer your questions — at a different location each week. The hours are from 10:00 am-2:00 pm.

Drug arrest

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sniffing canine unit when the driver declined to allow a vehicle search.

The dog alerted to the presence of drugs, and police found a plastic baggie with three smaller ones inside — two of them containing marijuana — in the console. A partially smoked marijuana cigarette was in an ashtray.

The other occupants of the car were not charged.

On March 21 it is at Bennett's Feed and March 28 at Walmart Supercenter.

✓ March 24 - **Turfgrass workshop**; from 6:00-7:30 pm at the ag center. Best management practices for maintaining beautiful and hearty turf. There is a \$3 fee for materials and refreshments; pre-register by March 23.

✓ April 4 - **Spring garden-fest**; 8:00 am-noon at the ag center. Something for everyone: plants for sale, gardening demos, master gardener plant clinic and children's activities.

For questions on any of these events, please call 259-3520.

ATTENTION

Pursuant to City Council Resolution No. 08-19 the College Street railroad crossing will be closed as of March 28, 2009. Alternate crossings are available at Fourth and Fifth Streets.



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The evolution of Barbie Musings on the doll's 50th birthday

Barbie turned 50 this year. The anniversary has been observed by the issuing of a special 50th anniversary Barbie Doll (surprise!) and pictorial publications that highlight the history of the world's most famous doll.

Models with bodies the width of a yardstick have been sporting Barbie-inspired designer couture on runways. Hollywood, in its over-the-top Tinseltown style, threw the doll a birthday party attended by fashion mavens like Heidi Klum. Pink drinks flowed and one celebrity arrived in a pink Barbie convertible.

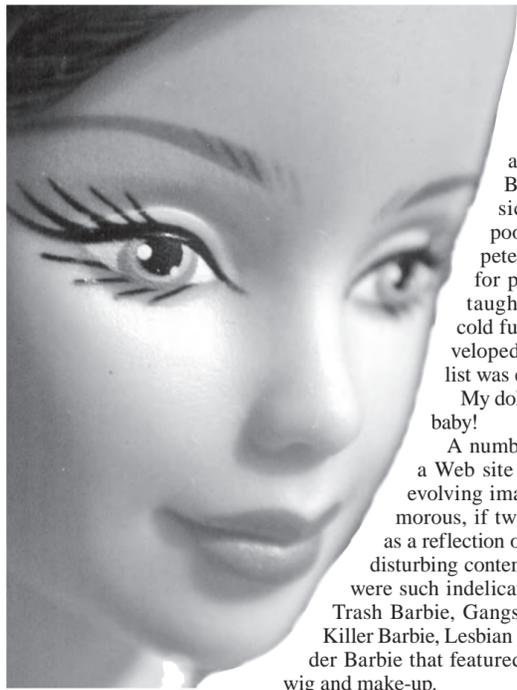
The official Barbie Web site describes the doll as a world-wide fashion icon, pop culture princess and global brand powerhouse.

I had one of the original dolls that sported eyes heavily painted with aqua shadow and black eyeliner. Her plastic molded hair even had a blue hair band as part of the design. I repeatedly dressed and undressed her in her now famous black and white striped bathing suit and loved fitting her permanently arched, nearly microscopic feet in tiny, plastic high-heeled sandals.

I remember when the dolls became movable, pivoting at the waist and with bendable legs.

According to Barbie trivia, two Barbie dolls are sold every second. The sheer volume of Barbie editions issued over the decades is staggering. The doll's career path has taken many divergent routes since I knew her as a seven-year-old girl back in 1966.

I never had the fixation with dolls most little girls possess and so my preoccupation with Barbie



THE BACK PORCH KELLEY LANNIGAN

didn't last long. I was actually more interested in spying on my brother and his friends playing Tarzan and G.I. Joe. While the other little girls were expanding their Barbie collections, I was spending a good part of my day being shot at by soldiers and

Many, many years later, Barbie crossed my radar again when I was in a Toys R Us store shopping for a birthday present for my niece. I stumbled upon the doll section and was dumbfounded. There was a Barbie for every conceivable occasion, reason and occupation.

There were celebrity and movie star Barbies, Barbies that healed the sick and cared for the poor, drove race cars, competed in the Olympics, ran for president, flew planes, taught college, discovered cold fusion, cured cancer, developed stock portfolios. The list was endless.

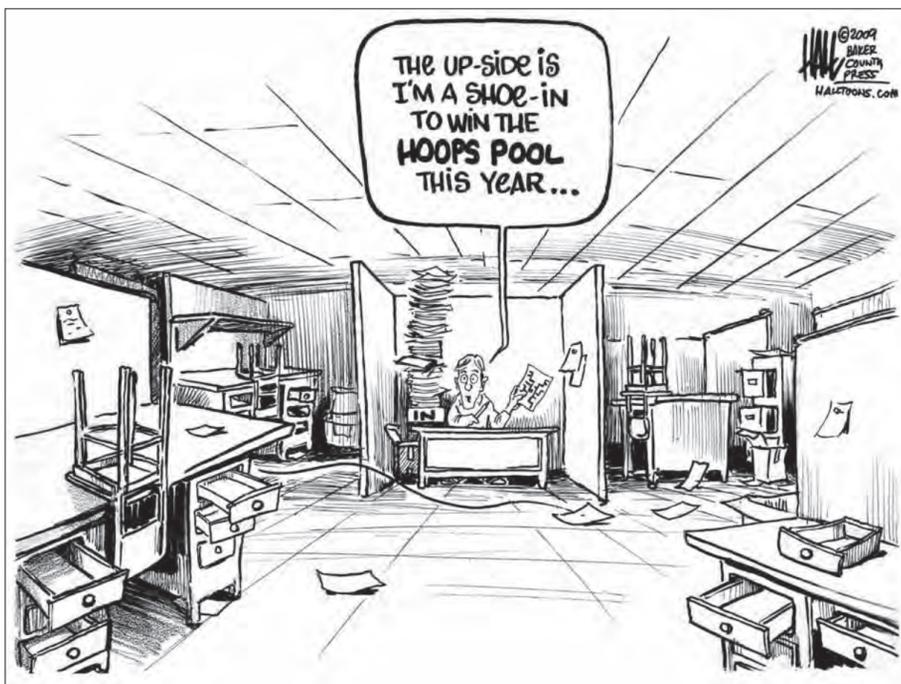
My doll had come a long way, baby!

A number of years ago, I saw a Web site that spoofed Barbie's evolving image and featured a humorous, if twisted, take on the doll as a reflection of changing, sometimes disturbing contemporary culture. There were such indelicate examples as Trailer Trash Barbie, Gangsta Girl Barbie, Serial Killer Barbie, Lesbian Barbie and a Transgender Barbie that featured Ken in a mini-dress, wig and make-up.

Barbie was invented by Ruth Handler, who co-founded the Mattel Toy Company. She named the doll after her daughter. Ken, Barbie's male companion, a mere shadow of his famous girlfriend, was named for Ms. Handler's son.

I bought my original Barbie at the dime store with \$3 I saved from my allowance. She came in a cardboard box. I wish I still had the old girl, for nostalgia's sake.

Actually, I wish I had her boobs.



Compared to other ethnic galas, he's going to stick with St. Pat's

Today is St. Patrick's Day and as usual I am wearing green. For many years I was under the misconception that one whole branch of my relatives came from Ireland. So I had an affinity for this holiday.

Then my intrepid sister did some genealogy research and discovered that they were actually Dutch or maybe German, and I was bereft of a holiday.

Real Irish are a bit perturbed with the Amateur Irish who take over the holiday as an excuse to drink and party and throw a lot of food color into rivers to turn them green. Real Irish don't need an excuse.

St. Patrick, as we all know, brought Christianity to the island and supposedly, as a demonstration of the religion's great power to the pagan Celts, drove all the snakes from Ireland. It is not true that he invented Guinness and leprechauns. It is only speculation that he invented Riverdancing as a way to keep from stepping on all those snakes as he drove them out of the Emerald Isle.

Though I have nothing against either the Dutch or the Germans, I am a little upset I am no longer Irish. Despite wooden shoes, the Dutch are not nearly as quaint as the Irish. Despite having pretty good beer of their own, the Germans can't match Guinness and their accents aren't nearly as much fun.

So, although we are all Guest Irish on St. Patrick's Day, I need to start scouting around for another holiday I can adopt as my own.

St. Valentine's Day is okay,

MY SIDE OF THE MATTER ROBERT GERARD

but it already belongs to Hallmark and the Russell Stover Candy company. Besides, I don't look good in pink.

I like trees, but Arbor Day just doesn't have much punch to it. The same is true of Flag Day.

So, I think I will search for odd and obscure holidays to adopt as my own. I dare you to try and discover which are real holidays and which I've made up.

In South Korea there is the Mud Festival in July. For a full week in July, those of us who are hygienically carefree can enjoy mud skiing, mud soccer, mud arts and crafts and yes, even mud wrestling. However, being South Korea and not Baxter, it is missing one very important element of mud. I speak of course of Mud Boggin'. No Mud Boggin'? Forget it, I'll move on in my search for the ultimate holiday.

Since I'm now covered in mud, I think I'll stick around in Southeast Asia for a couple of days and go to the Thai Songkran Festival. This traditional festival started as a celebration of water in some vaguely religious way. People would sprinkle each other with water as a way of greeting and a wish for prosperity and good health. However, it developed — probably as the result of drunken college students — into a gigantic water fight. Passersby get doused with buckets of wa-

ter, splashed by water hoses and hit with water balloons. It's got promise but I hate to be damp and pruned so I'll move on.

I have an affinity for the French so I kind of like the French La Pourcailhade Festival. It honors that most noble and misunderstood of creatures, the pig. I think the pigs would prefer the Mud Festival, but the French honor their swine with pig squealing competitions, in which competitors vary their squeals to imitate birth, death and other major events in a pig's life — though I'm at a loss to think of what those may be. Once again, however, I have to shake my head in amazement that those French have left out the obvious festival competition, the greased pig chase, so it too falls short.

So, too does the Mexican Radish Festival. This pre-Christmas observance has Mexican artisans carving the root into entire nativity scenes and likenesses of the saints (including St. Patrick?).

The weak of stomach need not even show up for the New Zealand Hokitika Wildfoods Festival. Chefs come up with their own definition of "cuisine" from foods found — well — just about anywhere in the backyard. You can sample that tasty wasp larvae ice cream or lamb cheek kebabs. Tasty and tempting I admit, especially when washed down with plenty of Guinness.

Oh, well. I guess I haven't found the perfect replacement for St. Patrick's Day. So I'll throw green food coloring in my toilet, eat some corned beef and cabbage and practice saying *Erin Go Bragh*.

Are we at the bottom already?

I don't want to jinx it, but join me in crossing your fingers because I think the economy may have sunk so deep so fast, that there's only one way left to go and that's up.

And if we are at the proverbial basement bottom, could the economy ricochet back off the floor like a rubber ball? I believe I heard an economist (boy do they come out of the woodwork in tough economic times) say last week that the quicker the pace of the downturn, the faster the upswing will be.

He could be right, judging by the positive economic news of late. Housing starts in February were up from January and the Dow Jones industrial average

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has been steadily climbing. It was up 2.5 percent while the broad-based Standard & Poor's 500 had risen 3 percent as

of press time.

Could be this be the market stabilization that investors have been waiting for? Land developer Avery Roberts of Lake Butler said this week interest in a few thousand acres he's setting up for an industrial park near Sanderson has slowed in the last year, but he's still getting inquiries.

"Nobody wants to be the first to jump back in, but it will come back," he said of the real estate market.

Such hesitancy can be a good sign. People are being more careful and smarter with their

money. They know that saving for stability is just as important as investing aggressively.

Young people, my generation, now know what the bad times look like. We can't depend on easy credit to finance everything we can't afford.

Maybe people are even more educated about interest rates, banking and the stock market. Could these hard times demonstrate the any more the importance of keeping close watch on government and industry, especially during times of excess and abundance?

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Two get 18-month prison terms

Two defendants were ordered to serve 18-month sentences in state prison after entering no contest pleas in circuit court on March 16.

Albert Weatherly's sentences will run concurrently for sale and possession of prescription medication, purchase of the same and possession of cocaine. He entered no contest pleas and was adjudicated guilty by Circuit Judge James Nilon.

Mr. Weatherly, 48, of Macclenny both bought and sold cocaine and the prescription drug Xanax to sheriff's investigator Scotty Rhoden posing as a drug dealer in south Macclenny in October and December of 2008. He has a past record of drug offenses, drunk driving and resisting police. The defendant gets credit for 89 days already served in county jail.

Robert Burnsed Jr. of Glen St. Mary entered a similar plea to theft of a firearm and drew an 18-month term to be served concurrently to a federal sentence.

Mr. Burnsed had recently been released from federal custody serving time for drug offenses when he was re-arrested in January of this year for theft and felony possession of a firearm, and grand theft. The possession and grand theft counts were dropped by the state as part of the plea agreement.

In other cases:

- Mark Criss will go to state prison for 17 months minus 198 days he has been in county jail following his arrest for burglary and grand theft of a house along the St. Marys River during Tropical Storm Fay

last year.

Judge Nilon ordered 200 hours of community service and a ten-year probation following release. Mr. Criss and a co-defendant who has already been sentenced were caught wading through flood waters with jewelry and other property taken from a home that had been evacuated.

- Judge Nilon ordered a two-year probation for Kenneth Betts for aggravated fleeing of police and a one-year probation for drunk driving after accepting a no contest plea and adjudging the defendant guilty.

Mr. Lee was given time served for driving on a suspended license and having an incorrect tag on his vehicle when he was arrested in February of this year.

- Lashawn Farmer will be on drug-offender house arrest six months and submit to mental health counseling in return for her no contest plea to carrying a concealed weapon and possession of prescription drugs.

- Jerome Anderson pleaded no contest to possession of cocaine and a small amount of marijuana, and took a sentence of one year and two days, less 110 days served in county jail since his arrest.

- Michael Myers will be on probation for five years and was ordered to pay restitution to his victim for two felony theft cases. The cases were petty theft, but upgraded to felonies because of earlier offenses on his record.

- Judge Nilon withheld adjudication of guilt for possession of cocaine and felony driving on a suspended license by Jaleel

Ruise, but determined he is guilty of resisting police. The state dropped a charge of sale and possession of a controlled substance.

He was also given a four-month county jail sentence with credit for 47 days.

- Leslie Starling admitted to violating probation on an earlier conviction for dealing in stolen property and was placed on house arrest for six months.

- Anthony Williams admitted to violating probation for two earlier fraud cases and will serve a sentence of one year and five days, with credit for 120 days.

- The judge withheld adjudication of guilt in the case of Derrick Williams for habitual driving with a suspended license. The charge was downgraded from a felony as part of the plea agreement, and the defendant will be on probation one year, plus assessed a \$500 fine.

- Dustin Crews will serve a county jail sentence of 120 days, less 48 days served, after pleading no contest to grand theft and dealing in stolen property.

- An 18-month probation and counseling were ordered for Reese Estep in return for his plea to felony battery as a repeat offender, domestic assault on his wife and disorderly intoxication.

Arrest warrants were issued for two defendants who failed to appear for the regular criminal docket day this week: Stephanie Chandler for welfare fraud and Barbara Jeffries for possession of cocaine and drug paraphernalia.



Work begins on library addition...

Construction began last week on the addition to the Emily Taber Library at the corner of McIver and 5th St. in Macclenny. The expansion includes 2700 more square feet on the one story structure joined to the south end of the historic old courthouse. It will house bookshelves and a children's programming area, plus handicap accessible elevator. Cost of the project is \$500,000.

PHOTO BY JOEL ADDINGTON

New River 'lightens' rule on project bidding

BY JOEL ADDINGTON

Press Staff

About a month after exempting certain construction work from formal bidding, the New River landfill's board of directors further amended the exemption last week to make its use more public.

The bidding exemption pertains to purchases of supplies, materials, equipment and services on approved and budgeted construction projects. On purchases costing less than \$10,000, it calls for quotes to be obtained over the phone — not in writing — while those above that threshold need at least three written prices from vendors, whenever possible.

Under the old procurement rules, formal bidding was mandatory for all purchases above \$10,000. However, last month landfill staff recommended the change to eliminate potential project delays from that process, which can run as long as 120 days in some cases, New River's executive director Darrell O'Neal said February 12.

Any expenditures above \$25,000 still require approval from the New River board.

During its meeting March 12, the board voted unanimously to add another provision to the exemption policy requiring landfill staff explain any use of the exemption, albeit after the fact, to the board.

The change states that any purchases of more than \$10,000 will mean a report to the board, "explaining the reason for the purchase, the quantity and type of materials, supplies, equipment or services purchased and the source from which the purchase was made."

"This happens so rarely, I think two times in the last 14 years," Mr. O'Neal said of the need to exercise the expedited purchasing process. "But [the new provision] adds another layer of transparency."

"It's making it public, is exactly what we're doing," he added.

Also during this month's regular meeting, the tri-county landfill — which is governed by representatives from Baker, Bradford and Union county commissions — moved ahead with work associated with landfill's gas collection activities.

Once work on the collection system is complete, the facility can begin to burn landfill gas to obtain carbon credits that can then be sold to generate revenue.

The board approved advertising for bids to drill between 40 and 50 gas collection wells, totaling about 1500 linear feet.

Assistant landfill director Perry Kent said the gas collection system is nearing completion and the last step will be to fire up the flare system and begin burning gas. However, he said two blowers, which are about eight years old, have gone bad and need repairing.

The cost, which was not budgeted, will be about \$5000 per blower versus \$30,000 for re-

placement.

"At the gas flow we're at now, the [carbon] credits would be about \$55,000 per year," estimated Mr. Kent.

The board also approved requesting proposals from a flare maintenance and repair contractor.

Mr. O'Neal said he's been satisfied with the current contractor, but there's never been a written contract in place.

The matter sparked a suggestion from board member Eddie Lewis of Bradford County: the landfill should give preference to local contractors, even if they don't submit the lowest bids.

"I understand times are hard, but we need to help Baker, Bradford and Union counties," he said. "Is there anything wrong with saying if somebody is in the tri-county area and they're close [to the lowest bid], we can help them?"

Baker County has such a policy in place to benefit contractors here. If a hometown bidder is within five percent of the lowest bid, they can still be selected.

Other board members agreed and Mr. O'Neal said he'd draft a policy for consideration at a later date.

The director also presented a report from banking consultant Reed Dearing of Macclenny

analyzing the health of 31 community banks in the region.

The report ranked the banks using a number of key factors like loans to asset and capital to asset ratios, and explained what kinds of ratios to look for when investing.

"This is valuable information to use to steer our dollars to where they're safest," said Mr. O'Neal.

The analysis and instructions to staff on how to compile similar reports in the future cost the landfill \$950.



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LPA wants opposing sides to settle dispute over road closing

BY JOEL ADDINGTON
Press Staff

Members of a north Sanderson neighborhood have two weeks to resolve a dispute about closing a portion of E.J. Paige Circle before the Land Planning Agency makes a decision on the matter later this month.

The LPA heard from residents along that road March 12 after Leroy Givens Jr, who owns a lot off Gaskins Circle, requested the county close the northern 220 feet of E.J. Paige Circle that runs directly through his land.

The dirt road provides access to 10 parcels and connects Gaskins Circle to CR 229.

Mr. Givens told LPA board members a good deal of traffic runs through his land. "I never gave the okay for a road to go through there," he said.

Although there is no deed or document granting the county ownership of the road, planning director Ed Preston said the county has prescriptive rights to it because the county has maintained it for more than seven years.

Mr. Preston said the county's development review committee, which is made up of various department heads, considered the closure request as well and recommended moving the road, at the county's expense, so that it doesn't cut directly through neighborhood properties.

Outright closure of the northern portion of the 12-foot wide road would mean only one way in and out for large emergency vehicles like fire trucks and ambulances.

That worries emergency services director David Richardson, who noted calls to that area are common due to the high number of elderly residents.

"If the road is closed, we need a way to turn around safely," said Mr. Richardson. "It's a tight road."

He suggested instead of closure to gate off the northern end and giving rescue and fire personnel a key for access.

"It might work, it might not," Mr. Richardson said.

Resident Anita Givens said most everyone in the neighborhood is related and has lived there all their lives. She opposed the closure, citing the medical needs of aged family members and neighbors.

"We do use emergency services a lot," she said.

"I never gave the okay for a road to go through there."

—Leroy Givens Jr.
Property owner

Morris Paige, who owns property in the area but lives outside the county, called on the neighbors to work together to find a solution. He called realigning the road along property boundaries "a win-win."

Applicant Mr. Givens also said he would support moving the road around his property and not through it.

The LPA board voted unanimously to table the matter and give residents time to work with one another and county staff to identify a new route for the road or come to another resolution on the closure.

The board will resume its discussion of the case March 26.

In other business, the LPA recommended the Baker County Commission take the following actions:

- Approve rezoning a 5.2-acre parcel owned by David and Sharon Parrish west of SR 121 on the south side of Edna Manning Rd. from 10-acre agricultural zoning to 7.5-acre agricultural zoning.

- The move makes the lot eligible for one home.

- Approve an agreement with the state's Department of Community Affairs (DCA) regarding the enlargement of the Olustee Industrial Development Node (IDN) from 1130 acres to 4362 acres around the US 90 interchange with I-10.

The IDN is an overlay district identifying where the county intends to encourage industrial development and job creation.

The county approved the Olustee IDN expansion in 2006 but the department objected, asking the county to, among other things, demonstrate the need for expansion and address wetlands protection.

That led the county to negotiate the agreement outlining restrictions placed upon the county and owners of large tracts located inside the overlay district, namely Roberts Land & Timber and South Prong Plantation LLC.

For instance, nonresidential uses must account for a minimum of 60 percent, but no more than 80 percent, of developments in the overlay area. The county must also update its comprehensive plan with a new policy to protect and conserve wetlands.

The Baker County Commission later approved the agreement and overlay during its meeting March 17.

"It's been a long haul with a lot of work and cooperation with a lot of people," said developer Avery Roberts of Lake Butler.

Arrest for stalking, groping store clerk

Police arrested Charles Hadley, 54, of Shaves Bluff Rd. north of Macclenny after he allegedly grabbed and restrained the female clerk at the BP convenience store in the west city as she opened up about 6:00 am March 10.

Lisa Thomas of Glen St. Mary said a black male approached her that morning and stated he knew what she did every morning and described her activities, according to Deputy Thomas Dyal's report.

The woman said she opened the store and the man followed her inside, wrapping his arms around her and telling her "he had feelings for her and wanted to do things with her," the officer said.

The suspect eventually left the store but returned about 11:00 am when Ms. Thomas called the sheriff's department.

Sgt. Dyal saw the suspect standing on the west side of the building and placed him under arrest. Mr. Hadley faces charges of battery and stalking, both misdemeanors.

In other incidents reported this week:

- Officers were called to a fight outside of Mac's Liquors about 2:00 am March 15.

Deputy Matthew Riegel observed three males — later identified as James Davis, 24, of Rufus Powers Rd., Michael Larue, 25, with an Olustee P.O. Box, and Edward Larue, 33, with the same address — involved in the altercation, which had drawn a large crowd.

Mr. Davis was ordered to the ground and told to stay put while the officer assisted other deputies in identifying the other subjects involved in the fight.

The suspect attempted to flee but was apprehended after a short foot chase. Michael and Edward Larue were also taken into custody.

All three face disorderly conduct charges while Mr. Davis faces an additional charge of resisting an officer without violence.

Complaints were filed with the state attorney's office against both parties in another battery incident on South Boulevard in Macclenny March 10 about 2:00 pm.

Christina Jones, 20, of Macclenny told police she was standing by the road when Carmus Shaw, 28, of Dolphin Circle in Sanderson grabbed her hair, slammed her head into a vehicle and struck her in the face.

Mr. Shaw told Deputy Wil-

liam Starling he was approached by Ms. Jones while driving on South Blvd. He said she was angry about him being with another woman and followed him home, where they began to argue and fight.

Mr. Shaw claims Ms. Jones bit him in the chest.

The officer noted a small cut to Ms. Jones lip as well as a bite mark to Mr. Shaw's chest. There were no witnesses to the incident.

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Addicted man linked to thefts

A Glen St. Mary man who confessed to police that he steals to fund a drug and alcohol addiction now faces multiple counts of burglary and grand theft.

John Holloman, 26, is accused to stealing four power saws, a nail gun and air compressor from the residence of Roy Brown on Ohio Ave. in north Macclenny between March 4-11. He had been recently staying at the address, the victim's wife Stephanie told Deputy Matt Sigers.

Police got a break in the investigation when the unidentified boyfriend of one of Mr. Holloman's alleged victims, Christine Raulerson, said he saw the suspect deposit two of the stolen tools in the backyard of Daniel Bell on Chipshot Dr., also in the north city. They were a jig saw and the nail gun; both were recovered.

Deputy Sigers noted also that Mr. Bell was wanted for a probation violation, and was arrested March 11 after a brief struggle.

Three other power saws belonging to Mr. Brown were recovered from Baker Gun and Gold Pawn in west Macclenny, where Mr. Holloman allegedly pawned them.

He is also accused of stealing two digital cameras and food March 10 from the home of his sister Jessica Lauramore on Linda St. in Macclenny. She told police the theft occurred while she was gone that day, and that her brother had access to the home via a key pad entry.

And Mr. Holloman is also believed to have stolen a \$100 bicycle from the residence of Christie Raulerson on North Blvd. in Macclenny, also on March 11, and a second bike valued at \$175 from the Linda St. residence of Deborah Tow. That theft was reported March 10.

Value of the tools taken from Mr. Brown was placed at \$910.

The suspect is charged with burglary, twin counts of grand theft and petty theft.

In other home burglaries, Andrea Crews reported the theft of a \$600 television from her residence off North Boulevard in Macclenny on March 14. She had left the trailer unlocked that evening while she was at work, and named ex-boyfriend Cody Guernsey, 27, of Macclenny as the likely suspect.

In a related item, Ms. Crews

earlier this month sought a domestic violence injunction against Mr. Guernsey after he allegedly blackened her eye during an altercation. The state attorney's office will decide whether to charge the boyfriend with domestic violence battery.

- Ralph Self reported someone took a .25 caliber pistol the evening of March 10 from the bedroom of his residence, also on North Boulevard.

- Pamela Manuel reported damage to a bathroom window and screen, ostensibly caused when someone attempted to enter her residence off South Boulevard in Macclenny in the early morning hours of March 14.

She also told police someone has tried to kick down her rear door on several occasions in the weeks prior to her report.

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Teen injured at city park when hit to the ground, then kicked

A 14-year-old Glen St. Mary boy was left with a fractured rib, torn foot tendon and torn spleen following an attack March 9 at the Macclenny city park on West Boulevard.

The victim said just before noon he got into an argument with an 18-year-old male known only as "Rashad," who punched him in the side before they began fighting. The boy fell to the ground and a second unknown black male started kicking him in the chest, he said.

The victim, a student at the alternative school for disruptive youth, complained of severe pain in the ribs and stomach and EMS was summoned to the scene. The boy's mother drove him to the Fraser Hospital emergency room for treatment.

In other battery cases involving juveniles this week:

- A 17-year-old Sanderson male and three others were accused of attacking David Evans, 26, of Doyle Williams Rd.

- Mr. Evans told Deputy John Hardin the 6-foot-tall, 200-pound teenage suspect, also of Doyle Williams Rd., and three

other assailants attacked him the evening of March 8. The victim and suspect were first involved in a physical altercation at a pond off Doyle Williamson Rd. that was broken up.

The accused said that fight occurred because Mr. Evans grabbed his sister's buttocks.

Mr. Evans said he was chased home by a vehicle and once there, the juvenile suspect, along with Johnny Barton, 38, a second 17-year-old male and another unknown male, attacked him. The victim said he sustained a broken nose and cut to the forehead during the fight.

Two witnesses, Issac Davis and Amanda Cox, confirmed Mr. Evan's account of the incident and said Mr. Barton threw an unknown object at their vehicle, cracking the windshield.

Upon questioning, the suspect and two of the other males alleged to have taken part in the beating all stated the suspect was the only one who fought with Mr. Evans. Mr. Barton adamantly denied involvement or throwing any objects at a vehicle, Deputy Hardin said.

Charges against Mr. Barton for property damage and against the juvenile suspect for battery were filed with the state attorney's office.

- A third battery case involving two 15-year-old high school students took place March 2.

The victim alleged a fellow student punched him in the right side of the face about 12:30 pm.

He said his assailant asked, "Why you messing with my girlfriend?" before throwing the blow, according to Deputy Tracie Benton's report.

The campus officer spoke with the suspect, who admitted to the battery and said he has previously warned the victim to leave his girlfriend alone, and that the young man continued to flirt with her.

The victim was reported to have suffered two broken facial bones and the suspect said his hand was swollen and purple after the attack.

A battery complaint was filed with the state attorney's office against the suspect.

Photographic proof convinces man to admit to theft of a puppy

A criminal complaint for petty theft was filed against a Macclenny man who admitted to police he stole a puppy after he was shown a photograph that depicted him with the animal.

Homar Blackburn Jr, 24, initially denied to Deputy James Marker that he had the puppy, then admitted it when confronted with a photo that had been sent to Tannah McCollough of Glen St. Mary, who sold him a dog from the same litter on February 25. Mr. Blackburn paid \$250 for the dog.

Ms. McCullough told police she noticed a second puppy missing shortly after the initial sale took place, then received the picture. She identified the animal before it was returned to her.

In other petty theft cases, someone took a metal dog box valued at \$350 from aside a building at the county animal pound off Steel Bridge Rd. The theft likely occurred overnight on March 11.

- Two archery targets valued at \$250 were taken the same night

from the yard of Thomas Roberts off Short Putt Dr. in northwest Macclenny.

- A soft drink machine stored outside the New Life Mission Church was vandalized during the night March 12. The door of another building was open when police arrived, but nothing appeared to be missing.

- A criminal complaint March 7 named Tiara Robertson, 20, of Macclenny as the person responsible for scratching the paint of a 1985 Oldsmobile belonging to Roderick Roberts and parked outside his residence on South Boulevard in Macclenny.

The vandalism allegedly took place during an argument that evening.

Toxic roundup

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Mother, two sons erupt in fracas

In one of two domestic violence cases reported this week, a mother and her teenage sons face battery charges after an argument between them was reportedly over both the sons' desire to go to their father's house.

Police were called to the disturbance at 8105 Ponsell Nursery Rd. about 3:15 pm March 13.

The mother, Daisy Stewart, 31, advised Deputy Darrin Whitaker that while she argued with her sons, ages 12 and 14, they broke items in the house and physically attacked her.

At one point, she said one of them pushed her over a computer desk and she began pushing him back by the neck. The officer noted scratches to Ms. Stewart's right arm.

One of the brothers said his mother attacked his brother by grabbing his neck after their verbal argument and that he himself did not touch anyone.

Auston had several scratches to his neck and one on his upper lip, said Deputy Whitaker, and confirmed his brother's account.

An investigator from the Department of Children and Families was notified about the incident and suggested the boys stay with their father. Ms. Stewart agreed and her brother took their children to her mother's house so the father could pick them up.

Battery charges were filed through the state attorney's office.

The same day another case of domestic violence was reported in Sanderson about 9:00 pm.

Deputy Claude Hurley took the report from complainants Derrick Crosby, 28, and his wife Rebba, 20. Ms. Crosby said her brother-in-law hit Mr. Crosby and grabbed her by the throat during an argument over alleged threats to Ms. Crosby's grandmother earlier that day.

The officer noted redness and swelling on the wife's neck.

Attempts to contact the brother-in-law, Thermon Walker, 33, were unsuccessful.

Charges of domestic violence battery were filed with the state attorney's office against the suspect.

Mr. Crosby also filed a complaint March 14 against Roger Lilly, 57, of Gilford Davis Rd. in Glen for allegedly threatening him with a pistol.

The victim said he'd met his wife's grandmother and her boyfriend, Mr. Lilly, at the Waffle House in Macclenny about 1:00 pm so the suspect could pay him money that was owed.

Mr. Crosby said after he took the cash, Mr. Lilly said, "If you come around again, I will pump eight holes in you."

Mr. Lilly was contacted by police and said he was armed when he met with the victim, but that he threatened Mr. Crosby with harm from his foot, not the firearm, said Deputy Tony Norman.

He showed the officer his concealed weapons permit as well as the .38-caliber pistol.

An assault charge was filed with the state attorney's office against Mr. Lilly.

Weaving motorist charged with DUI

A Jacksonville woman whose westbound vehicle was weaving erratically on Interstate 10 the evening of March 13 was arrested for drunk driving.

Laura McDonald, 44, whose blood alcohol level at county jail following the 10:00 arrest was .146, nearly twice that considered intoxicated in Florida.

Deputy Matt Riegel said he spotted the motorist after receiving a careless driving complaint from an I-10 motorist, and observed it swerving in and out of both lanes of traffic. The vehicle exited at the westbound rest area near Sanderson, and struck a curb before coming to a stop.

Ms. McDonald failed several field sobriety tests, and after animal control was summoned to tend to her dog, she was taken to jail. She was also ticketed for following too closely behind other vehicles.

In other cases, Jason Parish, 22, of Macclenny was arrested for driving on a license that had been suspended four times for failure to pay traffic fines.

Deputy Chris Walker said he pulled Mr. Parish's 1992 Buick over on North Lowder the afternoon of March 12 because it had no license tag. A computer check confirmed the earlier suspensions, and Mr. Parish was also cited for the tag violation.

- Two men were arrested for disorderly intoxication in the early morning hours of March 11 after they were warned several times to return to their rooms at the Econolodge motel near SR 121 and the interstate south of Macclenny.

Deputy Curtis Ruise said he found Donato Bonifacio, 31,

and Clemente Mosso, 25, in the parking lot of the Country Club Lounge about 3:30 after receiving a complaint from the nearby Exxon Store.

The officer said he earlier warned the two about unruly behavior, and had spoken to their boss. Both men are believed to be from Mexico.

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After honeymooning in Cocoa Beach following their April 18 wedding, the couple will reside in Glen St. Mary.



Gatlin-Starling

Wed February 20

Blair and Janet Gatlin of Glen St. Mary are pleased to announce the marriage of daughter Karissa to Doug Starling, son of R.L. and Kathy Starling of Macclenny. The couple wed on February 20.



Sister arrives January 5

David Dugan II would like to announce the birth of sister, Savannah Lee Strickland. Born January 5, 2009 weighing 7 lbs. 7 oz. and measuring 19" long. Proud parents are Bobby & Scarlett Strickland. Grandparents are Cheryl & Michael Michell.



Look who's graduating from Pre-K~

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We'll always love you, **Darlene**



Phillips to celebrate 50th anniversary

David and Vonnie Phillips of Macclenny will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary March 22, 2009. They will be honored at a party Sunday evening with family and friends. The couple has four children: Kathy Padgett of Middleburg, Stephen Phillips of Macclenny, Vicki Prevatt of Glen St. Mary and Amy Foley of Oceanway. They have seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Godwin reunion

The Alfred and Mary Godwin family reunion will be held this Saturday, March 21 at Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church on 231A north of Lake Butler.

Bring your favorite dishes; ice and paper goods will be furnished. For more information contact Estelle Walker at 386-755-5580.

Benefit pageant

The annual Little Miss Smile and Miss Teen Macclenny scholarship pageant will be held March 30 at 7:00 in the Baker County Middle School auditorium. The Westside Merrie Melodies and Fabulous Footwear will entertain.



It's a Girl!!!

Ethan Paul Hodges is proud to announce the birth of his baby sister Madalynn Belle Hodges. She was born January 27, 2009 at 2:27 p.m. weighing 7 lbs. 1 oz. and was 19 1/4 inches long at St. Vincent's Medical Center.

Proud parents are Paul and Noel Hodges. Maternal grandparents are Scott and Lorie Jones of Glen St. Mary, paternal grandparents are Rick and Brenda Hodges of Sanderson. Great-grandmother is Lois Crews of Sanderson.

Thanks for support

A month ago, a very special friend was severely beaten and robbed by thugs who simply took advantage of a situation.

Bob Crammer neither asked for nor provoked the onslaught that he experienced, but the end result was numerous hours of facial reconstructive surgery.

By the grace of God and his own perseverance, he has healed wonderfully and moves on with his life.

A benefit was held this past weekend and the turnout was great. Many local businesses as well as the Macclenny Moose Lodge #2412 showed their support and generosity during this benefit and for this I say thank you!

Shaun Stewart
Macclenny

Seeks nominations for Gazdick award

Nominations are sought by March 31 for the annual Michael J. Gazdick Award for community service, particularly in the areas of youth recreation and sports.

The winner for this year will be announced at a ceremony April 25 at the Macclenny Park west of Memorial Stadium.

Please submit nominations in care of Ms. Joy Chapman at the City of Macclenny, 118 E. Macclenny Ave., Macclenny, FL 32063 by the deadline.



He was lordy when he was 40 and he may not be so swifty but he sure is nifty now that he is 50.
Happy Birthday, Honey
I love you!

Test registration

Registration for the April GED tests will be held at 6:30 pm on March 31 at the Baker County Middle School cafeteria. The tests will be given April 6, 7 and 8. Testing fee is \$70 and due at time of registration.

Discounted testing fees are available to Baker County adult education students currently enrolled in the GED preparation program with a minimum of 12 hours class time.

For more information contact Tonnie M. Blakely at 259-0403.

Firewise events

The Taylor Firewise group will have its second annual community yard sale and fire prevention day April 4 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Taylor fire station. Come out and find some great deals and learn how to keep your home and property safe from fires.

To reserve your spot to sell your items, or for more information, call Nancy Oliver at 259-7061.

Epilepsy awareness

Thursday, March 26 is Epilepsy Awareness day. Please wear purple to honor those with a seizure disorder.



To my daughter Jasmine, I am so very proud of you and what all you have already accomplished. Congratulations on your award. Honey, I love you!
Mom

Driver ed class

The Baker County School District is offering a non-credit Driver Education course this summer to individuals 15 years of age or older. The class includes DATE (Drug, Alcohol and Traffic Education) information and students will be tested for a learner's permit or for an operator's license.

The class will begin June 8 at 7:30 am until 12:45 pm. Registration is limited to 21 students, first come, first served. Parents must complete the registration form and pay a non-refundable fee of \$80.

Registration is being taken at the Baker County Vocational and Adult Education Office, 270 South Boulevard East, Macclenny. For more information call Tonnie Blakely at 259-0403.

Retiree names are sought for NEFSH anniversary event

The committee charged with putting together a program marking the 50th anniversary of Northeast Florida State Hospital seeks the public's help collecting the names of longtime employees who have retired.

Their names, along with those of others who are deceased, will be included in a luncheon program on September 18.

Please contact Sam Kitching, the program chairman, by calling 259-6911 during regular business hours.

The committee is also interested if you have any items of historic value related to the construction and opening of the state hospital in 1959.

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Ms. Alexander, 93, retired civil worker

Dorothy G. "Granny" Alexander, 93, of Moniac, Georgia died Tuesday, March 17, 2009. Dorothy was born in Columbus, GA to Jessie A. Goodman and Lela Pearl Gray Goodman on April 26, 1915. She was a resident of Moniac since 1989 after relocating from San Antonio, TX.



Ms. Alexander

Mrs. Alexander worked several jobs in her lifetime, including a textile worker and a bookkeeper in Columbus. After traveling and living abroad with her husband in the military, they moved to San Antonio where she worked as a procurement clerk at Kelly AFB and at Lackland AFB, where she was responsible for processing new recruits into the military. She then retired after 30 years of civil service.

After retirement, she assisted her son at Alexander's Photography. She was a member of the Moniac Baptist Church and a member of the San Antonio, TX branch of the Eastern Star. She loved to travel and spend time with her family, especially the grandchildren.

Mrs. Alexander was predeceased by her loving husband Forrest R. Alexander, CWO USAF (RET); brothers William, Herman, Arthur and Horace Goodman; sister Lucille Snow and granddaughter Cheryl Soward.

Survivors include children Carolyn Sue (Gene) Crawford of Moniac, Forrest "Ed" (Jo Beth) Alexander of San Antonio; brother Kenneth M. Goodman of Pell City, AL; sisters-in-law Mattie and Dorothy Goodman; four granddaughters; five great-grandchildren; one great-great grandson; numerous nieces and nephews.

The funeral service will be held March 20 at 11:00 am at V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services in Macclenny with Pastor Bill Joris officiating. The family will receive friends and family on March 19 from 7:00-9:00 pm at the funeral home. Interment will follow on March 24 at 1:30 pm at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio.

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'AJ' Johnson, 91, avid gardener dies

Arnold J. Johnson "AJ", 91, of Jacksonville died Monday, March 16, 2009. Mr. Johnson was born September 23, 1917 in Nassau County, the son of David Edee Johnson and the former Stella Green. Mr. Johnson was an avid gardener who enjoyed many years of playing guitar and singing country music that he loved so much. He was preceded in death by granddaughter Regina Green.

Survivors include son Bud Johnson; daughter Delaine (Tony) Nolan-Creppel; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; 13 great-great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

The funeral service for Mr. Johnson was held at 11:00 am on March 19 at the chapel of Prestwood Funeral Home with Pastor Billy Worthington officiating. Serving as pallbearers were Reggy Nolan, Eric Nolan, David Johnson, Devoy Johnson, Arthur Renshaw and Johnny Johnson. Interment followed in Conner-Green Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Community Hospice of Northeast Florida.

Norman Johnson, 68, of Lawtey dies

Norman Keith Johnson, 68, of Lawtey, died on March 13, 2009 following a lengthy illness. Mr. Johnson was born December 5, 1940 in Jacksonville, the son of the late Woodrow Johnson and the former Sadie Ree Crews. Mr. Johnson was a retired Jacksonville fire and rescue department engineer.

Survivors include wife of 47 years, Hilda Johnson; sons Grady Norman Johnson and Woodrow Keith Johnson; daughter Patricia (Donnie) Hinds; step-daughters Brenda (Mike) Crawford and Susan (Edward) Christmas; step-son Floyd Roberts; sister Patsy (Herb) Rodgers; brothers Jerry (Nancy) Johnson, Sammy (Yvonne) Johnson and Tommy (Nancy) Dale; 14 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at 2:00 pm on March 16 at Raiford Road Church with Pastor Eddie Griffis officiating. Interment followed in Oak Grove Cemetery, Sanderson. Pallbearers were grandsons Dustin, Grady, Jarrett, Joshua, Justin, Dillon and Sammy. Arrangements were under the direction of Prestwood Funeral Home.

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Coy Shumate Sr., 76, Korean war vet

Coy Mervin Shumate Sr, 76, of Sanderson died March 15, 2009 at St. Vincent's Medical Center. Mr. Shumate was born in Algoma Hollow, WV on April 23, 1932 to Ira and Ora Mitchum Shumate. He retired from Millwright Local union #2411 following 46 years of service and also retired from Occidental Chemical Corp. in White Springs, FL, where he was a maintenance superintendent.

Mr. Shumate was a member of Dinkins New Congregational Methodist Church where he served as assistant Sunday school superintendent, Sunday school teacher and steward. He was a member of Sanderson Masonic Lodge #122 and a Navy veteran of the Korean War. Mr. Shumate will be remembered for his service to God and the love he expressed for his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; great-granddaughter Gracey Faith Crews; son-in-law Jeffrey Burned Sr.; sisters Myrtle Quessenberry and Marie Harris; brothers Elbert and Estel Shumate.

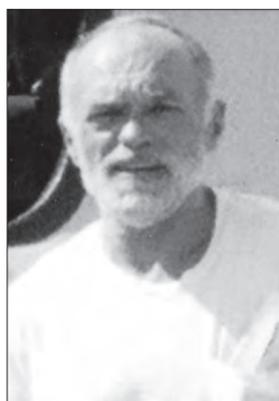
Survivors include wife of 55 years, Pearly Davis Shumate of Sanderson; sons Mervin Jr. (Nancy) of Athens, TN, Steve (Michelle) and Wayne (Pete), both of Sanderson; daughters Kim (Allen) Crews, Sharon Perdue and Connie (Ernie) Terrell, all of Sanderson, Denise (Keith) Walker and Linda (Joey) Giddens, both of Glen St. Mary; brothers Robert and William Shumate, both of Bryceville, Melvin Shumate of Salisbury, NC and Ray Shumate of Bluefield, WV; 19 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at 2:00 pm March 18 at his church with Revs. Ernie Terrell and Allen Crews officiating.

Serving as pallbearers were grandsons Timothy Alford, Zary Alford, Charles Perdue Jr., Coy Shumate III, Sgt. Raymond Shumate, Derrick Shumate and Jeffrey Burned Jr. Masonic rites were conferred at Cedar Creek Cemetery, Sanderson. Arrangements were under the direction of Guerry Funeral Home.

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Church block party

The First Baptist Church of Olustee is hosting a block party on Ocean Street in Olustee on Saturday, March 21, from 4:00-6:00 pm. Come and join us for some free food and soft drinks, games and a pie-tasting contest.

Ocean Street is one block west of the old train depot.

Emmanuel musical

Emmanuel Church of God in Christ will be having a musical on March 21 beginning at 7:00 pm.

Everyone is invited. For more information call 259-4759.

Family grateful

We would like to say a special thank you to Sheriff Dobson and staff, Les Stone (L.V. Hiers) and the many friends and family for all of their prayers and thoughtfulness during the loss of our dad and husband, Red Mixon. And a very special thank you to Rev. Tim Cheshire and our pastor David Thomas for being there on the day our dad went home to be with the Lord. To Mandy Covington and Debi Brothers from the Macclenny Nursing and Rehab Center, thank you so much for taking such excellent care of our dad.

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This Elvis fan has been smitten since he was 10...

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1977. Young Jeffery was smitten and became a big fan of the late star's music.

In 1986 when he was attending Baker County High School, he made the pilgrimage to Graceland, the famous Presley estate in Memphis, Tennessee.

"I made a deal with my parents," Mr. Burnsed said. "I asked them if they would take me to Graceland if I pulled my grades up."

The ardent Elvis fan kept his end of the bargain and soon after, the family traveled to Tennessee. A photo album with pictures of the visit is one of his most prized possessions.

The album contains images of the excited Mr. Burnsed looking at Elvis' many vehicles such as his motorcycles, a dune buggy, snowmobile and other cars the singer owned. Included is the pink Cadillac Elvis bought for his mother and a turquoise Cadillac that was once used as a bar in a restaurant.

There are shots of the Graceland mansion and the Lisa Marie, a large plane Elvis named after his daughter that ferried the singer and his entourage around the country.

Mr. Burnsed pointed to one photo.

"This is the meditation garden where Elvis and his family members are buried," he said. "I'm really glad I got to see that."

Mr. Burnsed, who is adopted,

didn't start seriously collecting memorabilia of the singer until he was 26 years old, when he met his birth mother for the first time.

Interestingly, his real mother was also a devoted Elvis fan. After their first meeting, she gave her son many of the Elvis photos she kept in her home, as well as an album of clippings of events in the singer's life. She even presented her son with a prized plaster plaque that featured the singer wearing one of his signature 1970s bell bottomed jump-suits.

After that visit, the collecting bug bit Mr. Burnsed hard. Today his collection includes magazines, post cards, photos, statues, 45 records and 33 LPs, eight-track tapes, cassettes, CDs, movies, books and souvenirs of every sort.

He pulls a couple of LP records aside and looks at them fondly. One cover has a very young Elvis seated at a piano. The album is a collection of gospel tunes.

"He recorded gospel before he became a big rock and roll star," said Mr. Burnsed. "And this one, 'Elvis in person at the International Hotel in Las Vegas' was recorded live."

There is also an unusual Elvis angel statue in the collection.

"I once told a friend of mine that I wondered what Elvis looked like up in Heaven with his angel wings," said Mr. Burnsed. "And darned if he didn't find

this statue and give it to me."

Some of the souvenir items include a pocket knife, guitar picks, stamps, candles, candy tins and beach blankets.

One item, an Elvis pen, has its own storage case, a wood box with a hinged lid carved in the shape of a guitar.

Over the years, friends have donated items to the collection. Mr. Burnsed's parents support their son's hobby and good-naturedly tolerate the collection which is spread all over the house.

"I wish Elvis could have stuck around a little longer," said Mr. Burnsed. "If he'd seen all this stuff I've collected, he might have written a song about me!"

"There's so much of this stuff all over," said his mother, laughing. "We've got a storage shed for some of it and that's full, too."

She urges her son to put on

his Elvis sunglasses and do an impersonation.

"Jeffery, show us how Elvis did his leg!" she shouts.

Mr. Burnsed jumps up, puts on the song *All Shook Up*, strikes a pose and begins vibrating his left leg rapidly.

"Elvis said if he couldn't have moved his leg, he would never have kept rhythm with the band," he said.

The collector loves to share his admiration of Elvis with other people. He frequently takes his music to the Council on Aging Center and hosts an Elvis morning for the senior citizens. He provided the music for their recent 50s sock hop dance.

When the seniors compliment him on his generosity and enthusiasm he smiles and replies the same Elvis would have done.

"Thank you," he says in a deep, baritone voice. "Thank you very much."

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Softball team's lead evaporates against 'Dogs; posts 2 more wins

The Lady Wildcat softball team experienced its second loss of the season this past week, dropping a heartbreaking road game to Suwannee 4-3. The loss soured an otherwise outstanding week, as the girls notched a home win over Hilliard and a big district win at home versus Ridgeview.

The Lady Cats started the week on a high note, defeating Hilliard on the road in a 5-4 thriller March 9. The Cats had to twice battle from behind to scratch out the win.

The Flashes got on the board first with one run in the second inning before BCHS took the lead in the third. Bridget Williams singled and Ashley Curry brought her in with a two-run homer.

The Flashes regained the lead in the fourth inning, scoring a pair. But Ashley Holton tied the game in the sixth with a last gasp solo home run to send the contest into extra innings.

In the eighth inning, the Flashes scored what looked like the winning run, but BCHS rallied to get a pair of scores to win the game. Ashley Holton walked with two outs in the inning and Tiffany Smith came up to bat and hit a walk off two-run homer to secure the win.

The girls had a much easier time March 10 as they stopped Ridgeview 5-1 at BCHS. It was a big

win for the district leader. The Cats scored two runs in the second to edge out on top. Heather High singled and Jordan Hand doubled to bring her in. Ashley Curry brought Hand home with a double.

Ridgeview pulled closer in the third with a single run, but BCHS got an insurance run in the fourth when Cami Craig doubled and was brought in by Curry.

The girls put the game away in the fifth with a pair of runs. Smith singled and Ashley Brownlee ran for the pitcher. Krista Smith tripled to bring in Brownlee and Craig brought Smith home.

The Cats squandered a three-run lead on March 13 in Live Oak to lose their first district game this season. The Wildcats went up 3-0 in the fifth after a pitching duel between Cami Craig and the Bulldog hurler.

Kristen Wilkinson singled and was replaced on the bag by Haley Crews. Craig singled and Krista Smith brought them in with a triple. She came home on a throwing error.

Live Oak then rallied in the sixth inning for four runs to seal the victory and hand the Cats their first loss in a month

of play. The girls will travel to Santa Fe on March 19, before taking on Suwannee in a rematch at home the following night at 6:00 pm.



Ashley Holton hits successfully to first against Hilliard.

Wildcat bats slam sizzling 33 runs against opponents' 3; advance to 10-0

The Wildcat varsity baseball team continued their outstanding run of form with three wins this past week. The Cats moved to 10-0 on the year with district wins over Ridgeview, Santa Fe and Bradford County.

Baker High continued to hit the ball with devastating effect as they defeated the trio of teams by a dominating 33-3 margin of victory.

Coach John Staples had challenged his team to pick up their offensive output. The Cats responded to his call for more offense by pounding out 40 hits in the three games.

"They pretty much told the fat guy to sit back, we got this,"

Brad Griffis pitched the 13-1 win over Ridgeview on the road Tuesday, and freshman Chris Waddell got the win in relief against Santa Fe. Cameron Crews struck out 14 in five innings for the win over Bradford.

In all it was an outstanding effort from the pitching staff.

Johnny Elasiak had seven hits and Chris Waddell had six to lead the Cats offensively in the three contests. Elasiak is leading the Cats with a .571 batting average, while Travis Tyson follows at .480.

The Wildcats pounded out 19 hits on the road against Ridgeview and defeated the Panthers by a score of 13-1. Klate Duval was 3-3 and numerous Cats had multiple hits.

The Cats collected 10 hits in the 5-1 game against Alachua at home on Friday, blowing open a tight game in the fourth inning with timely hitting and some key bunts. Chris Waddell was 3-3 at the plate while also earning the win on the mound.

The Cats walloped the Bradford Tornadoes 15-1 at home on a rare Saturday afternoon game with the Elasiak brothers leading

the charge. Johnny Elasiak was 2-2 and Cory Elasiak was 3-3 with a trio of doubles. Chad Schroer had a big game with two doubles and three RBI's. Cameron Crews only allowed a pair of hits, while striking out a season-high 14 batters.

Wildcat pitching still remains the dominant element with a team earned run average of 0.67. The big offensive output over the last three games helped as the team batting average soared to .350. The Cats have only committed nine errors in 10 games and average seven runs per game versus one for opponents.

"We had as good a week of baseball as I've been around in a very long time, if ever," said Staples. "We have to continue to realize what got us here and maintain that discipline and focus. Trust me, the swagger and confidence is not a problem."

Braddy in weightlifting nationals

Wildcat senior Thomas Braddy is traveling this weekend to San Francisco to compete in the USA Weightlifting Junior Nationals.

Braddy qualified for the nationals by winning the State of Florida USA Weightlifting Federation meet a few months ago in Orlando. Braddy ranks second in the nation in the Olympic competition consisting of the clean and jerk and the snatch.

Coach Bobby Johns and Coach Garrison began training Braddy in the snatch to prepare him for the meet in Orlando. Garrison worked for several weeks teaching Braddy the technique



Thomas Braddy

used in the snatch and he has continued to work with the Accel team out of Jacksonville to prepare him for this weekend.

If Braddy were to place in the top three at the Junior Nationals, he could possibly be selected to compete in the Junior World games. "This is a huge undertaking for Thomas and he has shown great determination in taking on the challenge of competing on the national level," said Johns. "Thomas is hoping to pursue Olympic lifting in the future while playing football at JU and has all the tools and work ethic to possibly compete on the world stage at some point in the future."

Wiseman to Oregon Tech

Wildcat basketball star Josh Wiseman will be playing his trade with a national champion next season. Wiseman signed a letter of intent with Oregon Institute of Technology in Klamath Falls, Oregon. The Owls are the NAIA Division Two basketball champions and Wiseman is excited to be stepping on the court.

"It's a winning program and I have family there," said Wiseman about his decision.

Wiseman attracted the interest of Owls head coach Danny Miles when he attended the OIT basketball camp. Miles followed his performance with the Cats and offered him a scholarship.

"I'll probably be red-shirted my first year, but the coach says I should get significant playing time after

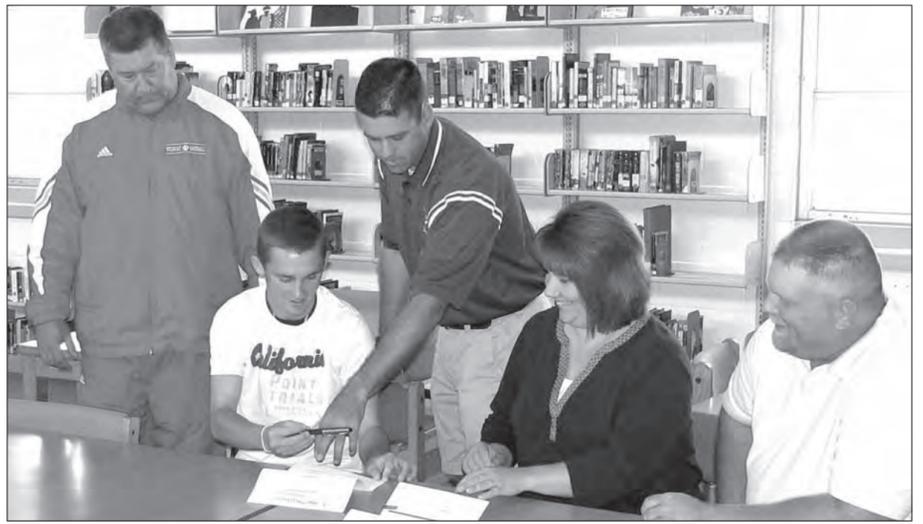
that," said Wiseman. Wiseman is a guard/forward for the Wildcats but expects to play shooting guard for the Owls. He averaged 18 points, 4 assists, 8 rebounds and 3 blocks this season for BCHS.

"As a coach I hate to see him leave but in the same token I welcome this challenge for him," said Coach Charles Ruise. "He's an example that hard work pays off if you stick with it. We appreciate him for his dedication and hard work and wish him the best."

The three-year starter will enter a storied program at OIT. They are two-time national champs and have made ten trips to the national tournament. Coach Danny Miles is a former national NAIA Coach of the Year.



Josh Wiseman



Wildcat shortstop Tyson commits to Lake-Sumter...

Last week BCHS senior baseball player Travis Tyson signed to attend Lake-Sumter Community College in the fall as his coach John Staples (left) and soon-to-be coach Rich Billings (right) looked on. "I've seen him play a couple of times and I really enjoy the way he plays the game," said Mr. Billings, Lake-Sumter's head baseball coach. "He's a small kid, but he plays very big." Mr. Tyson will receive a scholarship covering tuition and books.

PHOTO BY JOEL ADDINGTON

Girls' tennis runs record to 8-0

The Wildcat tennis teams moved further into a strong season as the girls remained undefeated with a 7-1 victory over West Nassau on March 12 to run their record to 8-0. The boys dropped a hard-fought match to the Warriors 3-4 to move to 5-2 overall.

Coach Chris Armoreda realizes that the team is going into its most difficult part of the season.

"The boys' team needs to be more focused and play their game," said Armoreda. "Some of the sloppy play was attributed to playing down to the competition. We just did not stick to what was working and when we got the lead we just did not finish."

Boys' results are as follows: singles, #1 seed Lew Boyette lost 8-3; #2 seed Spencer Norman-Gerard won 9-7; #3 seed Corey Cavannaugh lost 8-5; #4 seed Spencer Brunnette won 8-1; #5 seed Thomas Swartz lost 9-7.

Doubles: #1 seed Lew Boyette and Spencer Norman-Gerard lost 8-6; #2 seed Corey Cavannaugh and Spencer Brunnette won 8-1.

The girls results are: singles, #1 seed Ale Camargo - Valbuena won 8-4; #2 seed Destiny De La Pena won 8-3; #3 seed Carissa Ward won 8-4; #4 seed Kari Crummey won 8-3; #5 seed Jessica Rhoden lost 9-7.

Doubles: #1 seed Ale Camargo-Valbuena and Destiny De La Pena won 8-3; #2 seed Carissa

Ward and Kari Crummey won 8-5.

The Wildcats will face their toughest test this week as they take on Fernandina Beach and Bishop Kenny.

Benefit clay shoot

The Baker High FFA Alumni organization is sponsoring its third annual "Shooting for FFA" clay shoot tournament on March 21 at the Bradford Sportsmen's Farm in Graham, FL.

For information on entry fees and other details, contact Charlene Geiger at 904-838-8988. All proceeds go to the local FFA chapter.

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Lifters toss away Keystone Hghts.

The Baker County Wildcat weightlifting team continued to dominate the opposition by defeating Keystone Heights by a score of 68-22 at home March 11. Although Keystone put up a hard fight in several weight classes, there was not much doubt that the Wildcats were the dominant team.

Winners by weight class: Ryan Young in the 119 class with a 450 total, which ties the 119 class school record he set last season. In the 129 class, Malone Hadley was the winner with a 365 total and freshman Mardreikus Ford won the 169 weight class with a 515 total in just his second ever meet as a Wildcat.

Greg Williams has been nursing a chest injury and posted a 595 total — all he needed to win.

In the 199 class, Harold Moore had a great day with a 600 total to take first place. Coach Bobby Johns will most likely be moving Moore down to the 183 class to join Williams for the state finals in hopes of garnering two point

scorers in the class.

In the 219 class, sophomore Tymechee Givens posted a solid 570 total to win his class.

In the 238 class, Thomas Braddy continued to dominate with a 780 total. Braddy posted a 430 bench, only 10 pounds off a long-time school record of 440 pounds held by Mike Washington since 1996. Along with his bench, Braddy attempted a 390-pound clean and jerk. He cleaned it solidly but missed the jerk. Had Braddy completed that lift, it would have tied the overall state total record for his weight class of 820 pounds.

“Thomas is flirting with some unimaginable records this year and with his work ethic, I am certain he will rewrite the record books,” said Johns.

In the heavyweight class, Ethan Munson looked to be headed back toward his true form after missing a few weeks due to a strained quad muscle. Munson posted a school record-tying 415 bench and a 335 clean for a 750 total.

“Munson has a great chance

of winning his weight class at the state finals and we are also hoping for an 800-pound total from him,” said Johns. There have been four lifters to post an 800-pound total in the history of weightlifting in Florida.

“There has never been two on the same team. We could make history this year if these two young men could accomplish that feat,” Johns said.

Remaining point scorers for the Wildcats were Brandon Tuten, third place in the the 119 class; Tucker McCullough, second place in the 129 class; John Ford, second place in the 139 class; Denzel Mack, third place in the 139 class; Milton Baker, second place in the 154 class; Dustin Davis, third in the 154; Kendrick Singleton placed second in the 169 class; Dikemby Hogan locked up a third place in the 183 class.

In the 199 class, William Wheeler took second place; Darvin Ruise posted a second place finish in the 219 class; Trace McCullough and Ray Mangiafico rounded out the scoring for the Cats by placing second in the 238 and heavy-weight class respectively.

On March 18, the Wildcats travel to Bradford County to face Bradford, Fernandina Beach, Ponte Vedra High and West Nassau. On March 27, they host the first state qualifier at the BCHS gym. The meet will begin at 4:00 and made up of the 18 teams in the district.



Richard Moore

Top speaker

Baker High senior Richard Moore finished first in the state among career education students in extemporaneous speaking in a meet held last week in Orlando.

Mr. Moore, 18, had mere minutes to prepare brief talks on these topics: what he'd do if he found \$300, and how his current goals affect future career advancement.

He earned the right to compete by winning the district title in the CECF meet in Jacksonville last month.

The son of Richard and Tammy Moore of Macclenny, the honor student plans to attend Jacksonville University next fall.

Ms. Rohde among few selected for honors camp

BCHS sophomore Alexandra Rohde was selected from a competitive pool of 107,000 students nationwide to attend the Aerospace and Technology Honors Camp sponsored by the US Air Force at the University of Oklahoma in July.

Applicants were selected on a range of issues including their academic excellence, leadership, community involvement and extracurricular activities. Only the top one-half of the top 1 percent



Alexandra Rohde

are chosen. Rohde is one of only 432 students in the nation selected and one of the 176 females selected.

The Air Force will fund transportation to and from Oklahoma, meals, lodging in the college dorm, books, fees and tuition for the honors camp.

“Alex is the first Air Force JROTC cadet in Baker County to win such a highly prestigious honor,” said Major Joseph Chiafalo, head of the high school's JROTC program.

Track teams over Tigers

The BCHS boys' and girls' track team cruised to victory in its opening meet of the year, defeating Union County at home on March 12. The boys won 41-31 and the girls won 42-32 over the Tigers.

The 4 X 100 relay team of Harold Moore, Milton Baker, Thomas Dorsey and Jarvis Simmons took first place in 42:42. Luke Kennedy won the 800 meters in 2:27. Moore, Dorsey and Baker swept the 100 meters, with Moore running an outstanding 10:97. Ashton Meredith won

the 1600 meters in 5:58.

Ryan Young placed second in the 200 meters and Chris Robinson was third. Robinson was third in the high jump and Darrion Carter third in the shot put. Dylan Kett was second in the 1600 meter and Marquise Ruise second in the long jump.

Rachell Sorrells won the discus with a throw of 68.5 for the girls. The relay team of Tatum McCollough, Ellie Helms, Chelsey Ruise and Jazmine Cooper won in 53:6.

Adult ed testing

The Test for Adult Basic Education will be given on March 11, April 22 and June 3 from 9:00 am-1:00 pm at the Family Service Center adjacent to Keller Intermediate School. The testing fee is \$15.00, and please bring the exact amount in cash.

Please register two days prior to the test date given; no one arriving late will be admitted. For more information call 259-4110 or 259-0403.

DKG scholarship

A Delta Kappa Gamma scholarship in the amount of \$500 will be awarded to a female pursuing a degree in education with intent to teach. It is not a requirement for the applicant to be a 2008-2009 BCHS graduate. Applications must be submitted to the Vocational and Adult Education office, 270 South Boulevard East, Macclenny or to any DKG member no later than March 31. BCHS seniors can submit the application to the guidance office.

To obtain an application, or if you have questions, please see Garlon Webb at the Vocational and Adult Education office or call 259-0406.

GED graduation

The annual GED graduation will be held on April 3 in the Baker County Middle School auditorium at 7:30 pm. Graduates are asked to please contact the vocational and adult education department at 259-0407 to confirm their participation in the ceremony.

Complimentary caps and tassels along with an individual photograph will be furnished to graduates courtesy of NEFCOM. They will also receive a complimentary 2009 charm courtesy of Jostens.

All GED graduates from March 2008 through December 2008 are invited to participate and family and friends are invited to attend.

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School Calendar

March 19
 District-wide: FCAT Testing. BCHS: Junior Varsity Baseball (H), 6:00 p.m. Key Club Charter Night Banquet, Auditorium, 6:00 p.m. Junior Varsity and Varsity Softball @ Santa Fe, 4:00 p.m. BMS: Band parent Mtg., 7:00 p.m. WES: Good Morning Show Club Mtg., 8:00 a.m. PK/K: Student Advisory Council Mtg., 8:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. (Open to public.)

March 20
 District-wide: FCAT Testing. BCHS: Junior Varsity and Varsity Softball (H), 4:00 p.m. Junior Varsity and Varsity Baseball (H), 4:00 & 7:00 p.m. BMS: Softball @ Lake City, 4:15 p.m. KIS: Spring Dance, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

March 21
 BCHS: Track @ Suwannee, 9:00 a.m.

March 23
 District-wide: Teacher's Planning Day. BCHS: Baseball @ Bradford, 7:00 p.m.

March 24
 BCHS: Junior Varsity and Varsity Baseball @ Clay, 3:30 & 6:00 p.m. Junior Varsity & Varsity Softball @ Lake City, 4:00 p.m. Track @ Hamilton County, 4:00 p.m. BMS: Softball @ Yulee, 4:15 p.m. WES: SAC Mtg., 8:00 a.m. "Just Say No" Club Mtg., 8:00 a.m. KIS: Fourth Grade Field Trip.

March 25
 BCHS: Club Day. Junior Varsity Baseball (H), 6:00 p.m. KIS: Fourth Grade Field Trip. WES: Merrie Melodies Club Mtg., 8:00 a.m.

BCMS assembly

Baker County Middle School will hold an assembly on March 18 at 1:15 pm for eighth grade students to learn about the Take Stock in Children Scholarship Program. Students selected for participation in this program must be eligible for free and reduced lunch and have a 2.0 grade point average.

During their high school years, students must maintain the same GPA and remain drug and crime-free. Upon completion of high school, they will receive a two-year Florida pre-paid college scholarship to Lake City Community College. Applications for the program will be sent home with students after the assembly.

School Lunch MENU

March 23 - March 27

Offered everyday:
 Cold lunch plate, chef salad or pasta salad w/wheat roll or crackers and dessert (when offered), 1% lowfat white milk, 1/2% lowfat flavored milk, orange juice.

Monday, March 23
 Teacher planning day - no school

Tuesday, March 24
Breakfast: Ham and cheese biscuit, fruit juice, milk
Lunch: Sliced turkey roast or beef nuggets both served with rice and gravy, choice of 2 sides: seasoned cabbage, chilled fruit or juice choice, tossed salad with dressing and a slice of cornbread

Wednesday, March 25
Breakfast: Cereal with slice of toast, fruit juice, milk
Lunch: Tuna salad with rotini with a homemade wheat roll or pizza burger on a bun, choice of 2 sides: baked potato rounds, ole beans, chilled fruit or juice choice

Thursday, March 26
Breakfast: French toast with syrup, fruit juice, milk
Lunch: Shepherd's pie with a homemade wheat roll, choice of 2 sides: whipped potatoes, steamed broccoli, lettuce and tomato slices

Friday, March 27
Breakfast: Scrambled eggs with backed potato rounds, fruit juice, milk
Lunch: Cheese pizza slice or BBQ on a bun, choice of 2 sides: baked potato rounds, seasoned blackeyed peas, chilled fruit or juice choice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

CASE NO.: 02-2009-CA-0001
 GREEN TREE SERVICING, LLC, F/K/A/ CONSECO FINANCE SERVICING, CORP., 7406 Fullerton Street, Suite 201 Jacksonville, Florida 32256 Plaintiff,

v. MICHAEL R. RAYBURN, AMY W. RAYBURN, CITIFINANCIAL EQUITY SERVICES, INC., CLAY AND BAKER KIDS NET, and STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION
 TO: MICHAEL R. RAYBURN, AMY W. RAYBURN

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a civil action has been filed against you in the Circuit Court, County of Baker, State of Florida, to foreclose certain real property described as follows:
SEE EXHIBIT "A", TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1999 BELLCREST HOMES INC., 32 X 76 MOBILE HOME, VIN #GBH1M52583AB.

You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Timothy D. Padgett, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 2878 Remington Green Circle, Tallahassee, Florida 32308, at least thirty (30) days from the date of first publication, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated this 10th day of March, 2009.
 T.A. "AL" FRASER
 CLERK OF COURT
 BY: Jamie Crews
 Deputy Clerk

3/19-3/26
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Pat Mobley (CM REV TR) the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERTIFICATE NO: 02-00114
 YEAR OF ISSUANCE 2002

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
 CORRECTED LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
 Lots Five (5) and Six (6) of Block Thirty Three (33) of Lincoln Park, a subdivision of a part of Section Thirty-Five (35) Township Two (2) South Range Twenty (20) East, as per map of plat of said Lincoln Park on file in the Office of the County Clerk of said Baker County, Florida being the same premises conveyed to me by Deed of E.J. Calkin et al. Recorded in Baker County, Book "V" of Deeds page 537 May 16, 1927.

ALL OF SAID PROPERTY BEING LOCATED IN BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: David Benton Moore

Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law, the property described herein will be sold to the highest bidder at the East door of the Baker County Courthouse, Macclenny, Florida on April 14, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 13th day of February, 2009.
 AL FRASER
 CLERK OF COURT
 BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
 BY: Bonnie M. Palleschi
 Deputy Clerk

2/26-3/19
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The following units containing household items such as furniture, appliances, etc., will be sold by public auction at 1:00 pm March 28, 2009 to satisfy back rent. The following tenants can claim their property back if rent is paid before this date:

Name	Unit #
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Lauren Stewart	40
Sylvia Watts	44
Tina Davis	48
William Rogers	49
George Rogers	51

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The Baker County Board of County Commissioners are currently accepting proposals from interested parties regarding the purchase or lease of County owned property consisting of approximately 10 acres located at the Northwest corner of the CR121 bridge and the St. Mary's River. This property is located in the State of Georgia and consists of primarily of pine and hardwood forest and is in the floodplain of the St. Mary's river. If sold the minimum acceptable price will be the appraisal value and subject to the provisions of Florida Statutes Chapter 274 pertaining to the disposal of surplus property.

It is the desire of the County to lease or sell the property to any responsible firm, corporation, company, individual or other entity that will propose to utilize all or a portion of the property for public use subject to any applicable rules and regulations of Charlton County, Georgia. Because this property is located in Georgia, interested parties should contact The Charlton County Georgia Authority at 100 3rd Street, Folkston Georgia 31537 or call (912) 496-2549 for information on the rules, regulations, zoning or building requirements for this property.

All proposals should be submitted to the Baker County Board of County Commissioners at 55 N. 3rd Street, Macclenny Florida 32063. Any questions regarding this request for proposals should be directed to Joe Cone, County Manager at (904) 259-3613 or jcone@bakercountyfl.gov.

All responses are due no later than Thursday April 2, 2009 at 3:00pm. The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and discontinue this solicitation for any reason.

3/19-3/26
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 02-2009-CA-00017
 DIVISION:

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

v. STEVEN A. MIDYETTE, et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: STEVEN A. MIDYETTE
 LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 4423 Birch Street Macclenny, FL 32063

CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEE, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in BAKER County, Florida:

LOT 13, BLOCK D, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF MACCLENNEY II, UNIT II, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGES 64 AND 65 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on Florida Default Law Group, P.L., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 9119 Corporate Lake Drive, Suite 300, Tampa, Florida 33634, and file the original with this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition.

This notice shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in The Baker County Press.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on this 12th day of March, 2009.

Al Fraser
 Clerk of the Court
 By: Jamie Crews
 As Deputy Clerk
 3/19-3/26

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The following units containing household items such as furniture, appliances, etc., will be sold by public auction at 10:00 am March 28, 2009 to satisfy back rent. The following tenants can claim their property back if rent is paid before this date:

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Ruth Worthington	21
Wondalen Jackson	55
Tessa Lombardie	60
Mandy Tedder	73
Vivian Rhodes	83

3/19-3/25

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Baker County District School Board will hold the following **PUBLIC HEARING** on Monday, April 6, 2009 in the Baxter Volunteer Fire Department Station #60 located at 27310 CR 127, Baxter, Florida beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Approval of Revised School Board Policy: 6.20 (Years of Service Defined for Administrative and Instructional Personnel) (revised)

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

The documents will be available for preview at the Baker County School Board Office located at 392 South Boulevard East, Macclenny, Florida beginning Wednesday, March 4, 2009 (8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.).

Sherrie Raulerson
 Superintendent of Schools

3/5-4/2
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO.: 02-2009-CA-0057

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,

v. SHEILA BIJEAUX, not known to be dead or alive, And all unknown grantees,

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: SHEILA BIJEAUX, not known to be dead or alive

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Verified Mortgage Foreclosure Complaint has been filed against you on the following described property:

Parcel ID# 08-1S-21-0127-0000-0100
 A parcel of land lying, being situated in the Northeast 1/4 of Section 7, Township 1 South, Range 21 East, Baker County, Florida, more particularly describe as follows: Commence at the Southwest corner of the North 1/2 of Southwest 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 of Section 8, Township 1 South, Range 21 East; thence run S 00o41'13" W, along the East line of said Section 7, a distance of 99.22 feet; thence run S 88o38'25" W, a distance of 50.82 feet; thence run N 36o08'35" W, a distance of 460.02 feet to the Point of Beginning of the hereinafter described parcel of land; thence continue running N 36o08'35" W a distance of 135.89 feet; thence run N 35o21'35" W a distance of 216.88 feet; thence run N 17o05'35" W a distance of 39.94 feet; thence run N 62o36'14" E a distance of 351.46 feet; thence run S 27o23'46" E a distance of 218.14 feet to the point of curvature of a curve to the left; thence run Southeastly along the arc of a curve concave Northwesterly with a radius of 328.88 feet, through a central angle of 14o58'24" an arc distance of 85.89 feet; thence run S 47o37'50" W a distance of 330.26 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing a total area of 2.71 acres, or less. LESS AND EXCEPT therefrom a 30 foot non-exclusive easement for ingress and egress and over and across the Northeastly 30 feet thereof.

and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on FRANK E. MALONEY, JR., P.A., Attorney, whose address is 445 East Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, Florida 32063; (904) 259-3155, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of the notice and on or before the 17th day of April, 2009, and to file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on FRANK E. MALONEY, JR., P.A., attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on this 12th day of March, 2009.

T.A. "AL" FRASER
 CLERK OF COURT
 By: Bonnie Palleschi
 Deputy Clerk
 3/19-4/9

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For Sale

Antique furniture close out: chairs, French style, Hitchcock, pair of transitional style, mahogany desk, large narrow French style table, Duncan Phyfe buffet with matching top, Victorian buffet, black wicker table, pair of end tables, rattan plant stand and more. All greatly reduced. Southern Charm, 110 South 5th Street, Macclenny. 259-4140.

Two Goodrich truck tires P235-70-R16, \$40 pair. Sears Kenmore dryer, like new \$65. 755-4456. 3/19p

25'x36' garage trusses \$1500 OBO. 259-3300. 3/12tfc

1984 Targa motor home with 5000 watt generator, sleeps six, 75,000 miles, ready for road, \$5,000. 755-4456. 3/19p

Artists! Oils, acrylics, water colors, canvases, drawing pads and much more! The Office Mart, 110 S. Fifth Street, 259-3737. tfc

Stag for sale, 10-wheeler dump truck load. Also, A-1 field dirt, cheap. Delivered and spread if needed. 653-1656. 3/19c

Visit the historic Franklin mercantile, offering affordable antiques, collectables and home furnishings. Open Fridays and Saturdays. At the railroad crossing in Glen. 259-6040. 3/19tfc

Plants for sale at wholesale price, 400-500, three-gallon Aztec grass at \$4.99 each. 904-626-8359. 3/19p

1990-91 Astro bass boat 150hp outboard motor, drive on trailer, good condition, \$2900. 259-3028. 3/19p

Automobiles

1996 Honda Accord LX, very dependable, runs great, everything works, 235K miles, 4 cyl. automatic, 30mpg. \$2000. 275-3007 lv. message. 3/12tfc

1987 Toyota pickup, five speed, low mileage motor, new tires, runs great \$1800. Call 571-0913. 3/19p

1998 Nissan Altima, four door, four cylinder, automatic, A/C, \$2200 OBO. 591-2916. 3/19c

1995 Dodge Avenger, teal green, four cylinder, five speed, runs good, 95,000 on second engine \$1500. Call 259-6591. 3/12-3/19p

Miscellaneous

Brickyard Hunt Club established 1971 in Hilliard is looking for new members! Prime location next to White Oak Plantation. Family oriented, clubhouse and camping facilities, still hunt only 40+ bucks harvested last year over six points. \$1000 for dues by May 1st, on first come first serve basis. Call Tom at 904-307-6070 for more information. 3/19-4/30p

Do you have a junk car or truck to sell or haul off. Call 259-7968. 1/10tfc

Drum lessons Learn to play the drums for a reasonable price. 1/2 hour lesson each week just \$50/month, or full hour lesson each week for \$75/month. Call RJ 653-1794 or email jenksdrummer@necom.net 3/12-3/26p

Babysitting in my home, near 125 and 127, reasonable prices, hot meals, snacks, all ages, any hours Monday-Friday, will keep overnight if needed. 838-2287. 3/5-3/26p

Greatest shopping mall, shop at over 40 major stores; Radio Shack, Office Depot, Macys, Toys-R-Us, Walmart, Zales. Jeremy Anderson, owner. Call 259-5052. www.jeremynsonsmall.com 3/5-3/26p

Animals

Dogs: all types from puppies to adults. Animal Control, \$65 adoption fees will apply. 259-6786. 11/20tfc

AKC Lab puppies, \$100. 912-614-2671. 3/12-3/19p

AKC Blockhead Lab puppies, yellow, black and chocolate. Parents on premises, shots, wormed, health certificates. Ready March 18, \$350-\$450. Call 904-727-7882 or 904-635-4365. 3/5-3/19p

Lost

Three year old Yorkshire Terrier "Elvis". Approximately five pounds, brown and black, lost on Sunday, March 15 around Macedonia store. Reward! JD Smith 259-9370, 868-3022 or 868-1697. 3/19p

Help Wanted

Notice to readers:

The newspaper often publishes classified advertising on subjects like work-at-home, weight loss products, health products. While the newspaper uses reasonable discretion in deciding on publication of such ads, it takes no responsibility as to the truthfulness of claims. Respondents should use caution and common sense before sending any money or making other commitments based on statements and/or promises; demand specifics in writing. You can also call the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-FTC-HELP to find out how to spot fraudulent solicitations. Remember: if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. - The Baker County Press

Route driver, Reddi Ice in Jacksonville, 21 years of age minimum, one year experience, clean MVR, apply at 4671 Edison Avenue, Jacksonville. 3/19-3/26p

Passed up a few golden opportunities before? Don't miss this one. We're looking for stay-at-home moms, inactive MLM distributors or anyone looking to start a home-based business. This company is in a pre-launch stage with a solid financial opportunity at absolute ground-floor level. Contact Jeff 838-1150. 3/12-3/19p

Children's Elite is seeking a hard working, mature person that likes to work with children. 259-1373. 2/19-3/19p

Sales Associate, Job Description: Answers customer questions, and billing inquiries with the highest degree of courtesy and professionalism. Handles transactions in connection with activation of new customer accounts and service orders. Proficient in data entry skills, spelling and grammar. Qualifications: HS Diploma. Experience and some college beneficial. Proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook. Possess good analytical and organizational skills. Broad working knowledge of Business Office/Call Center practices and operations. Comfortable at multitasking. Benefits: Health, life, 401 (k), Retirement plan, vacation, holidays. To Apply: Mail, fax or e-mail resume on or before March 25th to: Northeast Florida Telephone Company, Sales Associate Position, 130 N. 4th St., Macclenny, FL 32063, Fax: 904-259-1200, e-mail: stennell@necom.net EOE M/F D/V and Drug Free. 3/12-3/19c

RN - Well established local home healthcare agency seeks experienced RN for PRN position. Must have one year Med/Surg. Flexible hours, competitive pay. Call 259-3111 or fax resume to 259-5176. 3/5 tfc

Tire and lube technicians, pay based on experience. TA Travelcenter in Baldwin. Apply to Mark Holmes 904-266-4281 ext. 22 or email resume to ta125shop@morrisholdings.com 9/11tfc

Keyboardist and/or Pianist needed for Sundays and one night during week for Taylor Church; Heart for God and people; great attitude; all types Gospel Music; talented and in love with God; Team focused only; work with choirs, band, praise teams; Excellent part time pay for right person. Call Donna Cox 259-7074 or 259-7324 Ext. 1 to discuss your qualifications and availability. 3/12-3/19c

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Real Estate

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FSBO, open house this Saturday, March 21, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, 17598 CR 127, intersection of 127 and 125, look for signs. 904-306-6707, email cylherhomeforsale@gmail.com 3/19p

Owner financing, 3 BR, 2 BA, brand new, great location, \$5000 down. 904-334-1902. 3/12-4/2c

Two lots in Copper Creek, Unit III. Call 813-1580. 12/11tfc

2003 4 BR, 2 BA mobile home, large open floor plan with split bedrooms, 1612 SF sits on 1.70 acres of land all for \$110,000. 259-9022 3/12tfc

For sale or lease with option to buy, house in Macclenny, 4 BR, 2 BA, remodeled brick home with fenced back yard and porch, hardwood floors throughout house, new roof, \$130,000. Call for appointment 904-338-4651. 2/26-3/19p

3 acres, high and dry, fish pond, homes or mobile homes, set-up included, owner financing or cash discount. 912-843-8118. 2/22tfc

FSBO 2005 3 BR, 2 BA, 25x25 two-car garage on one plus acre in Hunter's Ridge. 1800 SF, reduced \$30,000, now \$210,000. Shown by appointment. 904-662-7952, 259-6153. 3/19-3/26p

.72 acre homesite, houses only. At entrance to Macclenny II subdivision, \$39,900. 904-219-0480. 1/29tfc

3 BR, 2 BA house on one acre, gas heat plus fireplace, city water, \$118,000. 6765 East Andrews Street, Glen. By appointment only 259-6679. 3/5-3/26p

1985 60x28 doublewide, 3 BR, 2 BA, family room and den, front and back porches on one acre near Macclenny Elementary. Asking \$72,500, owner financing available, excellent investment opportunity. 904-476-7136. 2/26-3/19c

You wanted to sell, now you need to sell. I buy Baker County houses. 904-219-0480. 1/29tfc

FSBO 3 BR, 2 BA home and garage apartment, 3 BR, 1 BA package on .86 acre in established Macclenny neighborhood. Block construction with hardwood \$300,000. 259-4455. 2/26-3/19p

MacGlen Builders, Inc. Brick homes in Macclenny from \$145,000-\$210,000. 813-1580. 11/13tfc

FSBO, 4 BR, 2 BA 4.82 acres at 17598 CR 127, Cuyler. Fixer-upper listed at \$75,000. No owner financing. Contact 904-306-6707, email cylherhomeforsale@gmail.com 3/19p

Reduced to \$59,900, seller motivated. 1997 40x24 doublewide Redmond mobile home, 2 BR, 2 BA, one acre, new 4" well, septic tank and drainfield, one mile north of Glen, shown by appointment only, \$59,900 firm. 259-6546 day or 219-2842 evening. 2/19tfc

Brick 3 BR, 1 BA house in Sanderson on one acre, nice open floor plan with attached covered carport, offers an additional hook-up site for mobile home at back of lot, \$149,000. Call 859-3026. 9/25tfc

Lot 23 Deerwood, \$45,000. Owner financing available. 813-3091. 3/5tfc

For sale or lease with option to buy, Macclenny II, 3 BR, 3 BA house with large bonus room, stone fireplace and hardwood floors, \$189,000. Call for appointment 904-233-3262. 2/26-3/19p

FSBO 4 BR, 2 1/2 BA on 2 acres, all brick, fish pond, fireplace, 2 car garage. Five miles north of Glen. Selling under appraised value, \$299,000. 502-7408. 3/5-3/26p

For Rent

1 BR, 1 BA apartment, great location, \$500/month, includes utilities, plus first and last month's rent. Call Janet Teague 259-7766, 910-7273. 3/19p

4 BR, 3 BA block home, lots of space, 2200 SF, two-car garage, peaceful country lane, very private, \$1200 deposit, \$1200/month. Call 259-6555 or 476-8907 or 545-5485. 3/19p



YARD SALES

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 8:00 am-? End of Woodlawn Cemetery Road. Huge sale

Friday, 8:30 am-3:00 pm, 1445 S. 5th Street. Woman's Club. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. Inside sale

Friday and Saturday, 7:30 am-? 713 Chipshot Drive. A little bit of everything.

Friday and Saturday, 8:00 am-? 541 Laverne Street, behind school board. Toys, household items, furniture, baby items, etc.

Friday and Saturday, 8:00 am-? 3527 E. Tallpine Rd. off N. Lowder. Kids toys, tools, glass, clothes, electronics, kitchen, computers, etc. 904-334-5526 Pam. Huge sale

Saturday, 8:00 am - ?, 562 N. 5th Street. Variety of items.

Saturday, 7:00 am-noon, 8043 Stewart Road off Woodlawn, brick home; red mailbox. Lay z boy recliner, two chests, wooden rocker swing, eight wood kitchen chairs, patio set, four chairs, glass top table and lounge chair, mens L shirts, 32/34 pants, Ladies size 6-10 clothes, girls size 8-16 clothes.

Saturday, 8:00 am-?, 9801 Glenwood Drive, Glen St. Mary. Sectional sofa, furniture, toys, bicycles, clothing and more.

Baldwin 4 BR, 2 BA, 1876 SF, .33 acres, wood/tile floors, attached carport, \$179,900 OBO. 904-553-5996. 3/19-4/9p

2 BR, 1 BA central H/A, washer/dryer hook-up, fenced yard, downtown Sanderson, \$650/month plus deposit. Andy 923-6661, leave message. 3/12-3/19p

Homes and mobile homes for rent from \$750-850 monthly. 259-3343. 11/13tfc

3 BR, 2 BA doublewide on 1.5 acres in Macclenny, \$800/month, \$800 deposit. Service animals only, no smoking. 259-7412. 3/19-3/26p

4 BR, 2 BA off 90 in Glen St. Mary, \$500 deposit, first and last month's rent. 904-716-9769. 3/19p

2 BR mobile home furnished and completely remodeled \$495/month plus first and last month's rent. Call Janet Teague 259-7766, 910-7273. 3/19p

2 BR, 2 BA garden tub in master bedroom, clean, good neighborhood, available March 1, \$600/month, first, last \$300 security deposit. Service animals only. 259-5877. 2/5tfc

2 BR, 1 BA 2007 mobile home, central H/A, garbage pickup and lawn maintenance. \$600/month, \$300 deposit. Service animals only. Leave message if we're not home. 259-2880. 3/19p

2 BR, 2 BA mobile home like new, \$700/month, first month plus \$500 deposit. Glen area, service animals only. 259-2121. 7/24tfc

Small 2 BR, 1 BA home \$600/month plus deposit, near Cecil Field. 2 BR mobile home in Macclenny \$500/month plus deposit. 912-843-2093. 3/19-3/26p

New waterfront 4 BR, 2 BA block in Cypress Point, 2000 SF two-car garage, screened porch, \$1195. 904-860-5564. 3/12-3/26p

3 BR, 2 BA home, 504 Islamorada Drive, living room and den, \$1095/month, \$1000 deposit. 408-9146. Monarch. 3/19p

2 BR, 1 BA, mobile home \$525 month, \$525 deposit. 904-334-1902. 3/12-4/2c

2 BR mobile home, very nice, \$300 deposit, \$600/month. 259-2787. 3/19-3/26p

3 BR, 2 BA mobile home, garbage pickup, water & lawn maintenance provided, \$450-\$585. 912-843-8118. 9/18tfc

2 BR, 2 BA brick home on fenced city lot, 661 Laverne Street, \$800/month, first, last and \$500 deposit. Washer/dryer included. 813-5558 or 259-2078. 3/19-3/26p

3 BR, 2 BA doublewide mobile home, \$700/month rent and \$700 deposit. 259-9022. 3/12tfc

Mobile homes. 2 and 3 BR, A/C, service animals only, \$500-\$575 plus deposit. 904-860-4604. 3/17tfc

Trailer or camper lot for rent \$200/month. 251-4130. 3/19-3/26p

2 BR, 1 BA mobile home, central H/A, \$565/month, first, last plus \$300 deposit. Includes water, lawn service and trash. 259-7335. 6/12tfc

2 BR, 1 BA apartment for rent in downtown Macclenny. Good, quiet neighborhood, close to everything. No smoking, service animals only, \$575/month plus deposit and last months rent. Call 904-859-3026 or 259-2417. 3/5tfc

2002 3 BR, 2 BA doublewide mobile home on private 2.27 acres in Georgia two miles from state line. Pool, fresh paint, very clean with access to river. No smoking, references required, \$850/month, first and last and \$500 deposit. Lease to own option available. Call 275-0714 or 677-6151. 3/19p

3 BR, 2 BA doublewide on 1/2 acre on corner of 125 South and Mudlake Road. \$750/month, \$1050 deposit. Call 904-259-9066. Available March 1st. 2/5tfc

3 BR, 2 BA mobile home, large yard, \$750/month, first and last plus \$500 deposit. 259-6849. 3/19-3/26p

Efficiency apartment, all utilities included \$525/month, first, last, \$300 security. 259-7335. 2/12tfc

2 BR, 1 BA central air with water softener, large kitchen on shady acreage in Macclenny, \$600/month, \$250 deposit. 863-602-1264 after 5:00 pm, 259-7657 after 7:00 pm. 3/12-3/19p

3 BR, 2 BA trailer, Cedar Creek Drive, Sanderson, \$650/month, first and last months rent, \$600 deposit. 251-4130. 3/19-3/26p

2 BR duplex for \$600/month, Katie Court Drive. 3 BR single wide trailer on two acres for \$650/month. 259-6616. 3/19p

YARD SALE

Saturday, March 21
7:00 am - 2:00 pm
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As a Realtor for several years and lifetime resident of Baker County, Tammie Gray of Watson Realty Corp. has become an expert on Baker County Real Estate as well as many other areas in the Northeast Florida region.



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Vacation Rental

Smokey mountain cabin, trout stream, near Cherokee, NC, Gatlinburg, TN, Pigeon Forge and Dollywood, \$350/week. 386-752-0013. 3/12-4/30p

Commercial Rental

Small office, utilities included, \$400/month. 259-9022. 3/12tfc

Office space for rent, prime location, downtown Macclenny, \$588.50 per month plus deposit. Call 259-6546. 1/8tfc

1000 SF office space located on 121. 259-9022. 11/20tfc

Commercial building for lease with 4,000 SF available, on main Macclenny intersection with plenty of parking space, call 259-2417. 10/16tfc

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Have you checked it out lately?

Clean-up day on the St. Marys

Saturday, March 21 marks the 13th annual St. Marys River clean-up where volunteers police the area around the Boy Scout Camp landing off Steel Bridge Rd.

The four-county event over the years has resulted in more than a half-million pounds of trash extracted from the river and its tributaries from Baker and Charlton counties east through Nassau and Camden counties to the mouth at St. Marys, Ga.

Activity in Baker County is confined to the Boy Scout Camp. Volunteers are asked to bring a rake, dip net or trash stick to the landing about 8:00 am. The collection ends around noon. Trash bags are furnished.

For more information call Dean Woehrlé at 904-879-3498.

GOP meeting

The monthly meeting of the Baker County Republican Party will begin at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, March 24 at the historic Mathis House on the Glen St. Mary Nursery.

All local Republicans are invited to attend. For more information or directions, call Don Marshall at 259-9668.

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Pursuant to Rule 62.708, Florida Administrative Code, the Board of County Commissioners of Baker County Florida, discloses the following Full Costs of Solid Waste Management for residential and non-residential users during the 2007-08 fiscal year.

2007-2008

Number of Residences - - - - -	6820
Number of Businesses - - - - -	+146
Total - - - - -	6966
Charge per Residence - - - - -	\$55.00
Charge per Business	
(Based on square footage of building) -	\$55.00 - \$2,200.00
Solid Waste Management Cost for County - -	\$888,327.00
Solid Waste Special Assessment Collections from Residences and Businesses - - - - -	\$358,646.00
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GREAT STARTER! MLS#461526 Move in ready 3BR 2BA home with bonus /office on almost 1/2 acre. All appliances included. \$142,000

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BRING EVERYONE! - MLS#423992 Bring family, pets and all the neighbors! This property will take care of all. Seller will give an allowance for any painting & updating of house. Price has been drastically reduced. Bring all offers! \$550,000

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BRING YOUR HORSES! MLS#459119 Beautiful 4BR/3.5BA cedar home on 9.3 acres. Four car garage, 3 fenced grazing areas and pool with spa & much more! \$449,900

JAX RANCH CLUB - MLS# 452129 Get away from city by owning this spectacular vacant lot of 2.53 acres. Come canoe & ride horses. \$100,000

NEW HOME SITE! MLS#416006 Heavily treed lots, no building time frames, 2400 SF, min. home, 1 horse per acre allowed.

JUST REDUCED! - MLS#404867 6/3 Offers 3001 SF, 1 acre lot, commercial kitchen, indoor utility, fenced back yard & more!

COUNTRY SETTING - MLS#467440 1 home per 7.5 acres. Build your dream home on 15 acres completely cleared and waiting for you! \$299,900

HIGH & DRY! MLS# 428488 5.63 acres for you to build your dream home! Surrounded by gorgeous homes. Large pole barn. Homes only.

DREAMS COME TRUE! MLS#416031 Build the home you have always wanted on the beautiful land with lots of trees. Why wait?

SECLUDED ACRES! - MLS# 438950 Thirteen private & secluded acres. Partially fenced with water & power already installed. Close to everything!

IDEAL COMMERCIAL PROPERTY - MLS#397003 On interstate 50, 41 acres & seller will consider to build to suit. Don't miss this great opportunity!

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A to Z Pre-K center students use innovative method of 'hanging hats' on the alphabet

BY KELLEY LANNIGAN
Press Staff

In Tara Thompson's class at the PreK-Kindergarten Center, teacher and students have been busy creating an unusual and fun collection of hats.

No two are alike and each represents a letter of the alphabet. A for Apple, B for Bat, C for Chameleon, D for Dragon ...

"We're still working on a few like the letter X," said Ms. Thompson. "It won't be long before we have the complete alphabet."

The hats are a fun way to introduce and familiarize kids with the alphabet and help them identify words that begin with specific letters. It's proven to be effective because the hats are entertaining and give visual reinforcement.

For the letter S, Ms. Thompson used an actual sombrero. Crawling up the side of the hat is a big hairy spider. This design represents two words that begin with the same letter: the spider crawls up the sombrero.

Where did she get the idea to teach children the alphabet using hats?

It all started a few years ago during a vacation to the Dollywood theme park in Tennessee.

"They had this unbelievable hat store," she said. "Almost anything you can imagine, they had a hat to match it. I wanted to get one to use in my class just for fun."

Her first purchase was a pizza hat so colorful and crazy she couldn't pass it up.

"The kids are gonna love this," she thought.

Ms. Thompson began noticing more interesting hats as she visited other stores in the area and soon the alphabet idea was born. More purchases followed and the collection began to grow.

"At first I was buying the hats. Then I started involving the kids more and turned making hats into part of the project,"



Ms. Thompson's class models their alphabet hats.

PHOTO BY KELLEY LANNIGAN

said Ms. Thompson. "Even my friends got involved."

One of them found a construction worker's hard hat on the side of the highway and brought it to her. She wasn't sure how to use it because the letters C and H were already represented.

Ms. Thompson was shopping in Walmart where she saw zippers on sale and realized the kids could use the hard hat and zippers for the letter Z.

Back in the classroom, students attached the multicolored zippers to the hard hat with glue. It worked out great.

Someone gave the class a big plastic nose glued to an old fishing hat for the letter N. The nose hat is too big for the kids, so Ms. Thompson usually wears it.

When a neighbor gave her a quilt square, she knew immediately it could be used to create the Q hat. The decorative square was backed by a stiff board to make it stand up.

The hat for letter K was a labor of love to create, but well worth the effort.

"We collected a heap of those little plastic packets of ketchup and cut each one open, washed them out and glued them back together again. Then we used them to cover a baseball cap."

The class is still developing the design for the X hat. They plan to use an actual x-ray negative lighted from behind by a battery-powered bulb. Now they're trying to figure out the best way to construct it.

Some of the hats came from the Dollar Store, like the fish hat. "I keep my eyes open," said Ms. Thompson. "You just never know where a great one will turn up."

The kids love to wear all the hats and some are more popular than others. The bat hat is a particular favorite.

Nearly every day, Ms. Thompson wears a different hat while teaching.

"I wear them all day, even when I go out of the classroom," she said. "My husband filmed me in the classroom for my video submission when I applied for Teacher of the Year, and there I am wearing the bat hat."

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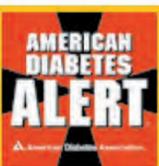
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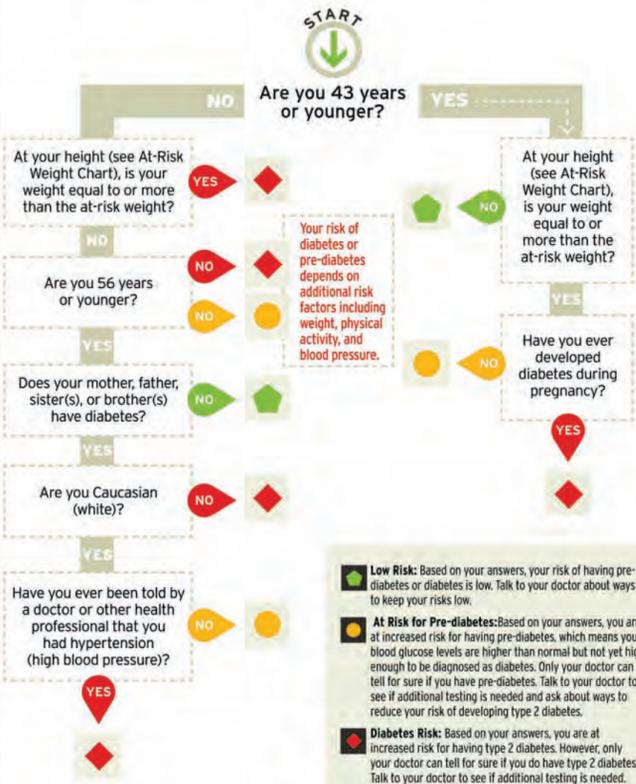
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