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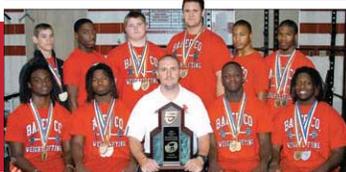
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Ladies advance in regionals...

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Stretch Excursion slams into rear of semi

Maj. Gerald Gonzalez (in dress shirt) and other officers inspect the demolished front end of this 2005 Ford extended limousine after it slammed into and up under the rear of a semi-truck and trailer on Interstate 10 the afternoon of April 24. Driver Mark R. Stephens, 41, of Jacksonville was flown from the scene by Trauma One helicopter to Shands Jacksonville with serious injuries. He was charged with careless driving for failing to yield to the semi driven by Indrit Hallani, 29, also of Jacksonville. Trooper H.J. Chichoski Jr. said the semi had just entered the outside eastbound lane from the shoulder when the collision occurred. Mr. Stephens apparently did not see the merging truck and failed to slow down. The limo remained attached to the trailer and both vehicles came to a stop on the shoulder. The accident occurred just before 4:00 and tied up the busy east lanes of the interstate for nearly two hours.



Cedar Creek group meeting

BY JOEL ADDINGTON
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Representatives from the New York investment group that has taken over management of the 1600-acre Cedar Creek development met with county officials April 23 for what was described as a fact-finding mission.

"They just wanted to talk with us to make sure they were understanding everything," county planner Carolyn Bissontette said of the group, Oracle Partners.

Oracle's majority investor Carl Bouckaert, its president Sudhin Roy and Stacy Patton of the Atlanta-based real estate development firm hired by Oracle, Minerva USA, attended the meeting along with County Manager Joe Cone, county planners, County Commissioner Mike Griffin and Economic Development Commission (EDC) director Darryl Register.

Local officials had previously forwarded a number of documents to Minerva outlining agreements made between Baker County and Adrian Development.

The Coral Gables-based developer had committed to more than \$65 million in transportation improvements during Cedar Creek's 15-year build-out period, about \$250,000 of which was due to the county in mid-February but never arrived.

Roughly \$325,000 of \$1.3 million that Adrian also agreed to pay the EDC is past due as well.

Minerva was hired in light of litigation between Oracle and Adrian that led to the transfer of control over four of Adrian's projects in Florida, including Cedar Creek, to the investment group.

According to court documents, Oracle gave Adrian Development \$25 million in January, 2007 in return for a share of the developers' profits.

When Adrian fell behind on payments to creditors in 2007 and 2008, Oracle sought to exercise protective rights in the profit sharing agreement signed between the parties, records show.

Oracle has yet to announce any plans for the future of the Cedar Creek project, however.

"We are in the process of (See page 2)

Riders eagerly await opening of Shoals park Thursday

BY JOEL ADDINGTON
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Since Mary Pegler first heard about St. Mary's Shoals Park and its multi-use trails more than a year ago at her garden club, the former competitive horse rider has eagerly awaited the park's completion.

"I've been looking at it everyday when I drive by," said Ms. Pegler, whose been riding horseback for more than 35 years. "It's just beautiful; gorgeous back there. I was drooling."

Though the park isn't totally finished yet, her wait is now over.

About half of the 34-mile trail system will be opened to equestrians, bicyclists and hikers during a noon ceremony set for April 30, the deadline set by the state agency that granted the county funds for purchasing the 1600-acre property in 2004.

The recreation grant mandated that five picnic pavilions, the multi-use trails and bathroom facilities must be ready for public use by the deadline.

Board plays 'musical bids' on SHIP grant contractor awards...

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The park entrance is located north of Odis Yarbrough Road just west of the intersection with Bob Burnsed Road, not far from Ms. Pegler's home off Turner Cemetery Road.

"I'm even thinking I might find a way to hack over," said the five-year county resident who owns an Appaloosa and an Hanoverian, a German horse breed.

"It's just getting out into the country and being

in nature more than anything else," Ms. Pegler said of why she rides.

But for those who delight in piloting off-road vehicles like four-wheelers and dirt bikes, and have been anticipating riding the western half of the trail system that's dedicated to such vehicles, their wait could stretch into next year, said Maurice Postal, the county's grants coordinator.

A future entrance with parking for both horse and off-road vehicle trailers is planned closer to the CR 125 intersection. That work includes turn lanes, resurfacing, a safety realignment and drainage facilities.



Modular rest rooms being positioned on site by a crane.

However, there will be no entry fee for the park until it opens to off-road vehicles, said

Mr. Postal. That's also when the county (See page 2)

Memorial tree for young cancer victim



BY KELLEY LANNIGAN
Press Staff

A special tree for a special little girl is now growing on the playground of the PreK-Kindergarten center.

The "Emily" tree, as the children of Jana Crews' preK

class call it, was put into the ground during a ceremony on the morning of April 24.

It will become a living memorial to one of their classmates, 4-year-old Emily Hope Fernandez-Harrison, who died of cancer April 10.

According to employees at

Hagan Ace Hardware, who donated the red maple, it should grow to a height of 35-40 feet.

The children sat in a circle around the tree while Faye Sinclair, principal of the PreK Center, spoke about the occasion.

"Emily was a joy, a friend



Children hold hands during the ceremony. PHOTO BY KELLEY LANNIGAN

and a great playmate," she told the children. "We will miss her, but this tree will help her memory grow and grow in our hearts."

Afterwards, each child placed a pink paper heart with a special message or decoration among the exposed roots of the tree. Then, they all got into a kneeling position. At Ms. Crews' signal, they began pushing dirt over the roots and

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Sunshine and some clouds	Mostly sunny	Sunny to partly cloudy	Times of clouds and sun	Mostly sunny	Partly sunny	Partial sunshine
High: 86° Low: 62°	High: 85° Low: 63°	High: 86° Low: 64°	High: 87° Low: 64°	High: 87° Low: 64°	High: 87° Low: 67°	High: 81° Low: 67°

Temperature and Precipitation Outlook



Tides

Cedar Key	Apr. 30	May 1	May 2	May 3	May 4	May 5	May 6
First high	7:35 a.m.	8:46 a.m.	9:51 a.m.	10:42 a.m.	11:23 a.m.	11:59 a.m.	12:53 a.m.
First low	12:43 a.m.	1:48 a.m.	2:58 a.m.	4:08 a.m.	5:08 a.m.	5:58 a.m.	6:41 a.m.
Second high	6:00 p.m.	7:22 p.m.	8:08 p.m.	10:37 p.m.	11:53 p.m.	—	12:52 p.m.
Second low	12:15 p.m.	1:35 p.m.	3:09 p.m.	4:37 p.m.	5:46 p.m.	6:39 p.m.	7:24 p.m.

Jacksonville Beach	Apr. 30	May 1	May 2	May 3	May 4	May 5	May 6
First high	12:42 a.m.	1:41 a.m.	2:42 a.m.	3:46 a.m.	4:47 a.m.	5:44 a.m.	6:36 a.m.
First low	7:13 a.m.	8:15 a.m.	9:17 a.m.	10:15 a.m.	11:09 a.m.	12:01 p.m.	12:42 a.m.
Second high	1:11 p.m.	2:13 p.m.	3:19 p.m.	4:25 p.m.	5:25 p.m.	6:20 p.m.	7:09 p.m.
Second low	7:24 p.m.	8:32 p.m.	9:40 p.m.	10:45 p.m.	11:45 p.m.	—	12:50 p.m.

Mayport	Apr. 30	May 1	May 2	May 3	May 4	May 5	May 6
First high	1:21 a.m.	2:23 a.m.	3:29 a.m.	4:35 a.m.	5:36 a.m.	6:30 a.m.	7:21 a.m.
First low	7:29 a.m.	8:35 a.m.	9:36 a.m.	10:33 a.m.	11:27 a.m.	12:03 a.m.	12:58 a.m.
Second high	1:54 p.m.	3:01 p.m.	4:10 p.m.	5:15 p.m.	6:14 p.m.	7:06 p.m.	7:53 p.m.
Second low	7:37 p.m.	8:50 p.m.	9:59 p.m.	11:03 p.m.	—	12:17 p.m.	1:04 p.m.

St. Augustine	Apr. 30	May 1	May 2	May 3	May 4	May 5	May 6
First high	12:48 a.m.	1:47 a.m.	2:48 a.m.	3:52 a.m.	4:53 a.m.	5:50 a.m.	6:42 a.m.
First low	7:15 a.m.	8:17 a.m.	9:19 a.m.	10:17 a.m.	11:11 a.m.	12:03 p.m.	12:44 a.m.
Second high	1:17 p.m.	2:19 p.m.	3:25 p.m.	4:31 p.m.	5:31 p.m.	6:26 p.m.	7:15 p.m.
Second low	7:26 p.m.	8:34 p.m.	9:42 p.m.	10:47 p.m.	11:47 p.m.	—	12:52 p.m.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise Thursday	6:46 a.m.
Sunset Thursday	8:06 p.m.
Moonrise Thursday	11:48 a.m.
Moonset Thursday	1:15 a.m.

Phase	Day
	May 1
	May 9
	May 17
	May 24

Almanac

Jacksonville week ending Monday, Apr. 27.

Temperature	High/Low for the week: 89°/51°
Normal high/low	80°/56°
Average temperature	69.6°
Normal average temperature	68.3°

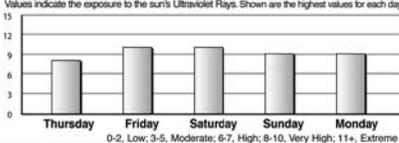
Precipitation	Total for the week: trace
Total for the month	5.90"
Total for the year	14.69"
Normal for the month	2.84"
Normal for the year	13.61"

Solunar Table

The solunar period schedule allows planning days so you will be fishing in good territory or hunting in good cover during those times. Major periods begin at the times shown and last for 1.5 to 2 hours. The minor periods are shorter.

	Major	Minor	Major	Minor
Apr. 30	4:14 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	4:45 p.m.	11:01 p.m.
May 1	5:20 a.m.	11:35 a.m.	5:50 p.m.	—
May 2	6:21 a.m.	12:04 a.m.	6:48 p.m.	12:34 p.m.
May 3	7:14 a.m.	1:01 a.m.	7:39 p.m.	1:27 p.m.
May 4	8:01 a.m.	1:48 a.m.	8:25 p.m.	2:13 p.m.
May 5	8:43 a.m.	2:31 a.m.	9:05 p.m.	2:54 p.m.
May 6	9:22 a.m.	3:11 a.m.	9:44 p.m.	3:33 p.m.

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River Levels

Statistics are for Jacksonville through 7 a.m. Monday

Location	Floodstage	Monday	24-hour change
St. John's at Jacksonville	11:11	+0.14	
St. Marks at Newport	6:69	-0.09	
Auclita at Lamont	4:59	+0.31	
Santa Fe at Fort White	23:80	-0.33	
Suwannee at White Springs	68:24	-0.82	



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Mediation May 4 for Glen St. Mary lawsuit

The Town of Glen St. Mary is headed May 4 toward mediation of a two-pronged lawsuit filed last year alleging the town acted retroactively when charging a commercial builder for separate water meters in 2006, and the following year when voting council members and employees into the Florida retirement system.

The five-member board convened a strategy session after its regular monthly meeting the evening of April 21, presumably to discuss how much Glen St. Mary is willing to pay Savage Enterprises of Margareta to settle the suit.

State law permits such meetings to be closed to the public, though their content is open for inspection after the suit is settled.

The Savage action, brought in the name of Mary Jean Smith of Margareta, claims the town illegally charged her husband Bill \$19,000 in connection fees on a commercial building he renovated on US 90 east. At the time, the town had no ordinance requiring separate connections and meters in commercial buildings — only multi-residential.

The town council later adopted an ordinance for separate hook-ups and meters, but the Smiths argue it was done retroactively, hence a denial of due process.

As for the retirement portion, the plaintiffs say the council acted illegally in late 2007 bringing in its five members and a handful of Glen employees into the retirement system. Glen St. Mary had to pony up \$15,437 to do so, based on initial dates of service on the governing board.

Joel Foreman, the town's contract attorney, said during the open portion of last week's meeting that Circuit Judge Phyllis Rosier of Starke recused herself from the lawsuit. She was Glen's attorney before assuming the bench.

The action is now under jurisdiction of Judge James Nilon of Gainesville.

Either side can walk away from the mediation and put the case on track for trial. Mr. Foreman told the council that costs of defending the suit will likely escalate if it is not settled next

month. Chief among the added expenses will be regular status conferences before the judge.

Terry Brown of Starke is the attorney for the plaintiffs. He is longtime counsel for the Baker County Commission.

In other business last week, no one appeared during public hearing portions on proposed ordinances on accounting for Glen St. Mary's fixed assets, and a second banning the use of parked commercial vehicles, recreational vehicles or recreational equipment as living quarters.

The only exceptions to the second ordinance would be via a medical hardship approved on an individual basis by the town council.

The board later in the meeting voted unanimously to adopt the fixed asset rules, and it will be slated for adoption next month.

A good portion of the regular meeting was taken up by matters surrounding application for a CDBG grant to complete the town's water system north of US 90.

Most likely the council will soon allow Jordan and Associates of Orange Park to apply for the \$550,000 grant. Glen's application last year didn't make the cut, even though the town has already funded the engineering portion.

Planner Tim Robbins advised the town may have to come up with \$250,000 or so of the estimated \$840,000 project cost, and cautioned that the detailed allotment process for low- and moderate-income utility customers can influence the grant-cash needed for such projects.

Detailed neighborhood surveys are conducted to determine income levels of residents on a given street, and Glen St. Mary is responsible for connection costs to those above the minimum levels.

Blount Armstrong, vice-president of the newly reorganized Jordan firm, in his first appearance before the council predicted the spring of next year or later before the town will know whether it is approved for the grant. The application will need to be in next fall.

Memorial tree planted

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packing it down. That done, they stood and held hands, saying in a unified voice, "We love you, Emily."

After a closing prayer by Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson, the group sang *Jesús Loves Me*.

Emily's grandmother Selma Harrison and her aunt Lori Harrison attended the tree planting together. Both said the event made them very proud.

"That was so very sweet," Selma Harrison told the children afterwards. "Emily would have loved all the little hearts."

According to her grandmother and aunt, Emily was a child that readily showed her affections for others.

"She was always loving and hugging on us," said her aunt.

Emily was a big fan of Tinkerbell and wanted to visit Disneyland. She loved collecting Disney princess character stickers and arranging them on the inside windows of the back door of her grandmother's house. The little girl had so many toys that they were kept in an outside storage area when she wasn't visiting.

According to her grandmother, Emily once fussed at her for this practice.

"Now, Grandma," the little girl said, "Don't you go putting

my toys out in that shed!" Today, those toys are displayed in the china cabinet.

Emily loved the beach, too, although illness kept her from being able to visit it. She was also enthralled with sliding boards.

"She wanted to go down one so bad," her grandmother said. "One day, I took her out and helped her. I had to hold onto her the whole time, but she loved it."

"Emily was special," said her aunt. "I really miss her."

Minerva

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fact finding at this time and will be in touch soon to give a report to keep the community informed," said Ms. Patton, Minerva's development director, by e-mail.

When proposed previously, the Cedar Creek project included 5500 age-restricted (55 years or older) residential units, another 500 apartments, a golf course and commercial space between Glen St. Mary and Sanderson north of US 90.

Shoals Park

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will begin full-time enforcement of park rules with regular security patrols of the property.

The Shoals will be open 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, seven days a week.

Rules for the multi-use trails will be posted at the trail head and include typical prohibitions for alcohol consumption and traveling off marked trails.

For more information, contact Mr. Postal at 259-3613.

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OPEN LETTER TO NEFSH STAFF AND THE BAKER COUNTY COMMUNITY

NEFSH detractors had to argue 'cheaper, faster, better'

As I write this message to staff and the community, it is only befitting to reflect on the past six weeks and how it has affected us individually and collectively as a community.

In the days ahead when our story is told, it will describe how we, as a Nefsh family, rose above the rhetoric and politics. If one asks how this was accomplished, it started with the vision of our community forefathers who dedicated this site in service to our fellow man. From that vision, generations have dedicated their lifework in caring for our fellow Floridians who suffer from the devastating effects of severe and persistent mental illness. From a community that has embraced this hospital from day one, there is no script or strategy plan; it is simply a way of life.

Because we embrace the ethos of selfless service to our fellow man and rest each day in fulfillment of this calling, our detractors had to build the perception that they are cheaper, faster and better than we are. When the Nefsh community filled the galleries of the Florida House and Senate chambers, we experienced unjust assaults on our integrity and performance. For this very reason:

✓ We have and will continue to demonstrate that this issue is not about quality and compassionate care; we stand on our accomplishments in improving the lives of those entrusted to our care.

✓ We have and will continue to demonstrate that this issue is not about fiscal responsibility and fiduciary accountability to the taxpayers of Florida; we stand on our 15-year history of cost savings and Tax Watch productivity awards.

✓ We have and will continue to demonstrate that this issue is not about quality service delivery that is data-based and outcome-oriented; we stand on our Governor's Sterling Award.

✓ As we approach application for national accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitative Facilities (CARF), we stand ready once more to demonstrate our community stewardship. We stand ready to demonstrate to outside reviewers that this hospital's community relationship is the gold standard for other facilities to attain.

I challenge any privately managed facility in this country to come forward and show the Nefsh family what they do with their community and what their community does for them.

Should anyone ask if there is something else we could have done, they need only to examine our unity and our commitment to protecting those we serve from unnecessary interference in meeting their life needs and, most importantly, maintaining an atmosphere that provides for their individual recovery. On behalf of those we serve and cannot speak to the issues, we are indebted to your commitment and passion.

For these reasons and so many more, I am indebted to every member of our hospital team. To all of the citizens of Baker County, I am humbled by your commitment to Northeast Florida State Hospital and stand proudly with you. Please accept my heartfelt appreciation.

Sincerely,
Joseph A. Infantino, Administrator
Northeast Florida State Hospital

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR...

The 'empty bed' fallacy

Dear Editor:

The argument for privatization of NEFSH is centered on one issue and that is the cost per year per bed. NEFSH costs are \$120,000 a bed and GEO's (the likely private management group) is reportedly \$105,000 a bed, but how is that being calculated? The proponents of privatization claim it will save the state \$9 million a year.

If the state is currently paying GEO for empty beds, then technically GEO's facilities are at full census. They are paid for each day GEO does not have the expense of staffing the empty bed and has no variable expense of an admitted patient. In fact, not paying for empty beds at all of GEO's facilities would, most likely, be a greater savings.

GEO maximizes profit by keeping beds empty. GEO's cost per bed should have total costs calculated on only the occupied beds and less any payment received for the empty beds the state pays them for. Paying for empty beds is guaranteeing GEO a profit. If the beds were not funded, GEO's interests would turn to filling every bed to maximize its profits.

Having worked for the largest psychiatric hospital corporation, Charter Medical, which at its peak ran 100 facilities, I can assure you the prime motivation is profit above all else. Charter Medical no longer exists. During its heyday, it was "fill beds at all costs."

NEFSH is a well-run, efficient, public psychiatric facility that has shown its excellence as a winner of the Governor's Sterling Award. The idea that a private company can do a better job for less money is fantasy and has never occurred when public money has been funneled to private corporations.

As long as the state is willing to pay for empty beds, there will be a GEO company looking to get paid for doing nothing. How do you think they pay for constructing those hospitals? Do you think their benefit plan is better than the state's or that they pay better?

This is a bad idea being made under false assumptions that will only serve to benefit a private company at the expense of the taxpayer.

I would be willing to accept payment for any of our empty beds from any governmental agency that would like to have inpatient beds reserved should they need them!

Dennis R. Markos, CEO
Baker County Medical Services

(The writer's non-profit entity manages both Fraser Memorial Hospital and Wells Nursing Home.)

Coerced money for non-profit?

Dear Editor:

With all the recent controversy surrounding the Boy Scout Camp, I decided to weigh in with my own story.

Two weeks ago my son and three other members of the BCHS Wildcat football team left my house heading to the Boy Scout Camp to go swimming. Twenty minutes later the boys returned — dry.

I asked the boys why didn't they go swimming and they replied that a man (unknown to them) told them it would cost one dollar each to go swimming. The boys thought the man was joking and kept walking toward the river. The man confronted the boys and asked them if they had any money.

The boys replied that they hadn't brought any money with them. The man then told the boys, "If ya'll don't have any money then get the f--- off my property!" The boys complied and returned to my house.

After reading last week's article headlined "Campground Clash," I found it quite ironic that a non-profit group called the "Baker Bunch" (whose mission is to "help abused and neglected children") could accept money coerced from children who just want to go swimming, then give it to children who are abused.

Perhaps the Baker Bunch isn't aware of these strong-arm tactics to raise donations, but it should be. This is a classic oxymoron, with the latter part being the operative word.

David (Sub) Jackson
Macclenny

Re-thinking view on vampires

I finally took the plunge and watched the movie *Twilight* based on the first of the best selling series of books by author Stephanie Meyer.

I mentioned in a previous column that I have not been a fan of the whole contemporary vampire trend which started back in the mid-seventies with Anne Rice's book *Interview with a Vampire*.

Actually, *Interview* is a well-written, complex story with a confessional tone which draws readers toward empathy with its main character, 200-year-old vampire Louis, who was initially repulsed by the idea of feeding on humans and refused to do so, surviving by getting his meals from animals.

The story was made into a movie in 1994 and was a success. After that a slew of vampire theme movies and television programs began to emerge on the scene, ranging from repulsive, gratuitously gory and violent to campy, silly and utterly ridiculous.

The Hollywood version of the un-dead gave us the stereotypes most of us older than 40 have been familiar with — dark gothic castles, the red-lined

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high collared black capes and widow's peaks, sleeping in coffins during the day, instant transformation into a bat to fly, and the inability to withstand the sunlight. And don't forget the garlic.

That the one always got me; that something so ferocious with superhuman strength could be rendered helpless by a few cloves of garlic seemed disreputable at best and idiotic at worst.

I knew people who were fascinated with the whole mythology that surrounded these creatures of the night. A professor at my college taught a course in the basics of vampirology and took his students on a summer travel trip to Transylvania where the whole thing is supposed to have originated.

As for me, I couldn't buy it at all. It just seemed so goofy a premise. And I certainly wasn't scared of something that itself was scared to death of garlic.

The *Twilight* books were almost literally an overnight cultural sensation when they appeared on the scene last year. The persona of the vampire in contemporary society, at least according to the newest group of authors who write in this genre

and the media that adapt it, is undergoing a massive transformation.

Last year's HBO series *True Blood* introduced many new concepts and offered clever explanations that dispelled what modern vampires contend have been long held misconceptions.

The TB vamps still couldn't take the sun and had to find shelter out of the destructive rays during the day when they slept. The series showed these denizens of the dark to be of two distinctly different camps. There were good vampires and there were really, really bad ones. They often went to war with each other.

Twilight takes it much further and introduces even more "facts" that have now completely reversed the old stereotypes.

Vampires never sleep, they are super strong and fast — though they cannot fly, have hyper hearing and sense of smell and are not affected adversely by sunlight.

They can also be intelligent, sensitive, caring, loving, sophisticated, amazingly good looking, provocatively passionate and sexy.

They can fall in love with humans, refrain themselves from feeding on them and be fiercely loyal and protective.

About as different as you can get from the blood-sucking monster in that old creepy black and white movie *Nosferatu*, which scared the absolute bejezus out of me when I saw it as a kid.

For what it is, *Twilight* the movie is good. It's actually extremely good. The cinematography is excellent, the script intelligent and well-written, the setting beautiful, as is some of the music. The actors are superb and convincing.

I have to say, in roles that are hard to give credibility, these folks deliver. And the baseball scene is great. I'd have never thought of that.

My only beef with the film is that my DVD player decided to die while I was watching it for the second time. It's practically never, been gently used and has never shown any hint of a problem.

Perhaps I should have put out some garlic after all.

We want to know!

Write a letter, sign and submit it to:

editor@bakercountypress.com



County needs better health habits

Baker County has a lot going for it, but the overall health of its roughly 25,000 people is not one of those bright spots.

I've been hearing about this since I began working here more than a year ago, so it's no secret. If you live here, you're more likely to suffer from a myriad of health problems.

Figures from the Department of Health tend to prove this generally accepted assumption. In practically every health indicator measurable, Baker County ranks poorly when compared to the rest of the state, and many times when compared to neighboring counties.

The department's statistics show higher rates locally for obesity, smoking, diabetes, disabilities, heart disease and lung disease than Florida as a whole. Local residents are also more likely to die from the latter two diseases than those living in other areas in the region.

The birth rate for teenage mothers, ages 15 to 19, is unusually high in Baker County, too. There's about 35 percent more teenage mothers per capita here than in Duval County and 78 percent more per capita than statewide.

Perhaps the most sobering statistic is the disproportionate amount of "years of potential lost life" per 100,000 people. Baker's is 13,300 years; Bradford's at 9,239 years; Jacksonville's is 9,271 years and Florida's is 7,846 years.

ON POINT IN PRINT JOEL ADDINGTON

When so many families are struggling to keep food on the table during these hard financial times, considering whether that food is healthy or not probably takes the back seat. When people are having to take extra shifts to keep the lights on, that 30 minutes of cardio a day probably isn't so feasible.

But the negative health outcomes have been developing over decades — they're likely grounded in the cultural, socio-economic and environmental norms of the area. As such, the trend will probably take decades to reverse, and the collective will of most everyone in the community.

One group's taken a good first step. UF and the local health department are doing a 21-year study that will account for the above factors, and a plethora of others, to discover how they affect children's health through adulthood.

It's a commendable endeavour that will not succeed without support from the public at large. Shouldn't we be asking what can make us healthier and attempting to understand why we're so prone to poor health?

I'm forever hearing talk about folks who are suffering from one illness or another. But there's never enough discussion about why things are the way they are, and that needs to change.

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Five-year sentence after plea to trafficking in prescription drugs

A Glen St. Mary defendant drew a five-year state prison term in circuit court last week for trafficking in prescription medication.

Joe M. Levister Jr., 25, was arrested after a controlled purchase of 30 Lorabac for \$5 each to an informant working for the Baker County sheriff's department. The sale took place at a residence on South 6th in Macclenny on December 1 of last year.

Mr. Levister was also ordered by Judge James Nilon to pay a \$50,000 fine upon release and serve a five-year probation as part of a plea agreement accepted April 20. He has a prior record that includes grand theft, dealing in stolen property and driving without a valid license.

In other cases, Judge Nilon sent James A. Coody off for 30 months for burglary while armed and dealing in stolen property, along with sale and possession of the prescription medication Xanax, and possession without a prescription. The state dropped a

charge of grand theft as part of the plea agreement.

The defendant, 19, stole a .9 mm pistol from the residence of Jeffery Davis in Ridge Estates in December, 2008. Court records indicate Mr. Coody was arrested two months earlier on the drug charge, and for giving a 12-year-old girl several tablets at a residence in east Macclenny.

Counts of disorderly intoxication and contributing to the delinquency of a minor were dropped also.

Judge Nilon sentenced him as a youthful offender, and ordered a three year probation following release from prison.

Mr. Coody has to serve six months of that on more stringent drug-offender probation.

Floyd Williams Jr., 47, of Jacksonville will serve two consecutive one-year terms in county jail after entering pleas to trafficking in stolen property, felony drunk driving and driving on a suspended license. He gets 192 days



Mr. Levister



Mr. Coody

Probations, house arrest sentences in other cases

The past two weeks, a number of defendants got probation or house arrest in return for guilty or no contest pleas in circuit court. They are:

- Tommy Lee Bryant received a four-year probation, a ten-year driver license suspension and a \$1000 fine. The plea was to drunk driving with property damage, aggravated fleeing police and driving while license suspended.

Two of the probation years will be on drug-offender status.

- A similar probation term and one-year license suspension were given to Joshua Bradley in return for his plea to aggravated fleeing and driving on a suspended license.

- Mary Ruth Martin got a three-year probation and 50 hours of community service in return for pleas to three counts of burglary. Michael Cason will also be on probation three years and was ordered to pay \$3000 to his victim after pleading to a reduced charge of felony petty theft. He was originally charged with grand theft.

- Two defendants will be on house arrest one year: Jeremiah Wexler for grand theft, battery and possession of drug paraphernalia, and Michael Hamilton for grand theft, escape, resisting arrest and two driving offenses.

Mr. Wexler will be on drug-offender probation an additional year.

- One-year probationary periods were ordered for Marcus Jackson for obtaining prescription medication by fraud and attempted cheating via false pretenses; for Richard Ellis for tampering with a witness, battery and no valid driver's license; and for Brock Brooks for felony battery. In the latter case, the defendant was ordered to take classes for anger management.

- Arrest warrants were authorized for the following defendants who did not appear as ordered: Troy Harris for a status review, Bobby Joe Hyatt for burglary and grand theft, Barbara Jeffries for an earlier failure to appear, and Justin Brady for three counts of burglary.

credit for time already served.

Mr. Williams was arrested in October of last year, first for drunk driving on Interstate 10 and several days later for sale of construction equipment stolen in Taylor County, FL. He has a prior criminal record that includes tampering with evidence, drunk driving, aggravated assault and possession of a controlled substance.

The court ordered a \$4000 fine and a five-year probation upon release.

- County jail sentences of 364 days were ordered for Timothy Grantham for delivery of a controlled substance, dropped from a trafficking charge, and for Jason Perry, who admitted to violating probation on earlier grand theft cases.

Man wrecks pickup in field; returns to retrieve lost parts

The driver of a truck that became mired in the mud of Bryan Crews' Glen St. Mary property was trespassed from the site April 24 after allegedly running down trees and causing other damage three days before.

The victim reported finding two men in a red Chevy stuck near his home at 11514 Cedar Creek Farms Rd. the evening of April 21. He pulled the vehicle out only to watch it drive erratically, strike several trees, and get stuck once again.

According to Deputy Matthew Reigel's report, Mr. Crews said he believed the males to be intoxicated and attempting to hunt on his land. Nonetheless, he pulled them out again and the truck left.

After leaving the scene, the officer was called back to the address when Mr. Crews reported the driver of the Chevy had

returned to pick up a headlight that was knocked off the truck during the collisions.

Mr. Crews later identified the driver by photo line-up as Tyler Payne, 23, of Glen St. Mary, and said he wanted to pursue charges against him for property damage.

A complaint for the misdemeanor offense was filed with the state attorney's office.

The prosecutor will also decide whether to charge Jason Larry, 25, of Macclenny with the same crime after he allegedly damaged a door at the S. 6th St. Kangaroo station.

The clerk there told Deputy Curtis Ruise that Mr. Larry became angry after she wouldn't accept his broken and taped ID as proof he was old enough to purchase cigarettes the morning of April 21.

Youth car wash

Vineyard of Love youth will hold a car wash May 2 starting at 9:00 am at Advance Auto Parts in Macclenny. Proceeds will fund youth summer activities.

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Traffic backups of westbound vehicles on US 90 in downtown Macclenny are common in late afternoons.

Industrial tract plans a step forward; traffic fears on hold

BY JOEL ADDINGTON
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Although uneasy about increased traffic from an industrial park planned east of Macclenny, the Baker County Commission voted April 20 to alter the site's future land use to move the project ahead.

Commissioners' concerns stemmed from the lack of any proposed transportation improvements during the first five-year phase of the 750-acre park, when 2.5 million square feet of industrial warehouse space is expected between Interstate 10 and US 90 on the county's eastern border from Texas-based real estate developer Jackson-Shaw Co.

"Over 100 trips an hour at my red light at [US] 90 doesn't sound like a good idea," said Commissioner Gordon Crews after hearing the amount of traffic expected from the project.

Jackson-Shaw's traffic engineer said the park is expected to generate about 467 additional vehicles per hour during peak traveling times, typically weekday afternoons, and about 2570 additional trips on average each day.

It's also anticipated that 55 percent of that traffic will turn west on US 90 to catch the interstate, he said.

With most of the vehicles heading into Macclenny, Commissioner Mark Hartley feared that traffic backups at signals in downtown could worsen with the additional vehicles. He asked if a turn lane could be installed at the intersection of US 90 and 5th Street to help relieve the congestion.

That would be difficult, said County Manager Joe Cone, because the road isn't wide enough for another lane without purchasing additional right-of-way.

Jackson-Shaw's regional partner Thomas Jones said the company hopes to eventually construct a new interchange to the interstate, but that isn't planned during the project's first phase and will require a study to demonstrate to federal regulators there's no feasible alternative.

Commissioner Alex Robinson asked if the interchange could be completed any sooner.

"That would alleviate all the problems for downtown Macclenny," he said.

Mr. Jones responded saying he couldn't commit to a \$40 million interchange at this time.

"It's a pretty tall order," he said, adding that the project would depend largely on the success of the park's first phase.

"If we land a big company or two [leasing space], we'll be pushing for the interchange sooner," Mr. Jones said. "The interchange is our marketing hook ... That will get us the kind of users we really want to have."

Although the board unanimously approved changing the property's future land use from agricultural to industrial, commissioners were confident they'd have an opportunity to address traffic issues again, later in the review process.

Still to come are requests from Jackson-Shaw for rezoning the property and the commission's consideration of a proposed site plan.

During site plan approval, the county could negotiate for specific traffic controls, like a right-

turn only signal at the park's exit to direct vehicles toward Baldwin instead of Macclenny, for instance.

Next, and with far less discussion, commissioners unanimously approved land use and zoning changes requested for another industrial project planned near Sanderson called Woodstock Park.

Property owner Roberts Land & Timber of Lake Butler sought an industrial future land use designation and similar zoning for 1600 acres located northwest of the I-10 interchange with US 90.

The land could one day be the location to 10 million square feet of industrial space and more than 4000 new jobs, said Roberts' consultant Mike Brown, a planner with England Thims and Miller of Jacksonville.

In other business, the commission also passed rezoning and re-designating the future land use on a 72-acre property owned by James Yarborough north of Glen about a half-mile south of Bob Burned Rd.

The moves from agricultural to residential land use and zoning will support development of the land into three-quarter-acre

lots with individual septic systems. Wetlands on the eastern end of the site will remain undeveloped.

Commissioners also approved the appointment of C.J. Thompson, chairman of the Land Planning Agency, to serve as one of three Baker County representatives on the Northeast Florida Regional Council.

The other local representatives are Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Darryl Register and real estate attorney Hugh Fish.

Feud leads to the arrest of four Including a father-son and two brothers

Four participants, including a father and son and two brothers, ended up facing criminal charges after the latest episode in a long-simmering feud the afternoon of April 22.

Police were summoned to a neighborhood off Woodlawn Rd. in response to a complaint by Janet Lauramore, 50, of Macclenny, who went to the county jail alleging her daughter Jessica Cannon, 31, and her son's girlfriend, Shirley Harris, 23, were nearly run off Woodlawn and harassed by brothers Quentin Griffiths, 28, and Jared Griffiths, 26. All are from Macclenny.

Ms. Lauramore is described in the police report as "extremely upset and crying" at the jail, and told BCSO employee Lorina Fish "... there was going to be a killing on Woodlawn Rd."

Sgt. Greg Burned said he initially went to a residence off Ben Rowe Circle looking for the Griffiths brothers, then headed east on Woodlawn where he encountered three westbound vehicles driving erratically and some of the occupants waving arms outside windows to get his attention.

The officer also noted that a red Ford truck driven by Tommy Lauramore, 53, was attempting to ram a white Chevrolet occupied by the brothers, including

a final swipe as the Chevrolet turned into the Griffiths driveway off Ben Rowe.

Sgt. Burned, now joined by Deputy Michael Hauge, intervened in a loud shouting match that erupted among the occupants of the three vehicles. He threatened to taser Tommy Lauramore Jr., 34, and the father was brought to the ground and handcuffed by Deputy Hauge when he threatened to kill Sgt. Burned if he did.

Police learned in subsequent interviews that the incident was fueled by the Griffiths brothers, who earlier had confronted Ms. Cannon and Ms. Harris after cornering their vehicle on Glenn Williamson Rd., a dead-end lane off Woodlawn.

They allegedly threatened the women, who were in the company of their small children.

Jared Griffiths was booked on four counts of aggravated assault with a motor vehicle and two counts of assault. Quentin Griffiths was charged with two counts of assault and one of battery for poking Ms. Harris in the face during their confrontation.

Tommy Lauramore's charges include two counts of aggravated assault with a motor vehicle, assault on a police officer, and resisting arrest without violence.

His son faces a single count

of resisting police without violence.

Sgt. Burned said the incident stems from a months-old domestic spat between the Lauramores and Griffithses.

In a related matter, a criminal complaint was filed later that day against Mason Bryant, 20, of Glen St. Mary for allegedly threatening Aaron Salts, 24, of Macclenny. The accused allegedly threatened the threats over the phone and Mr. Salts was witness to the events earlier that afternoon.

Blood drive

There will be a blood drive April 30 from 2:00 to 6:00 pm at Ed Fraser Hospital to benefit Timothy L. Folsom. He was recently diagnosed with leukemia and is going to be requiring several blood transfusions during the course of his treatment.

Anyone interested in helping can mention account #5441 and donate blood for him. For every pint of blood donated on his behalf, a pint of his blood type will be set aside for him.

There has also been an account opened at VyStar Credit Union for anyone who wants to make a monetary donation.

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Two arrests in separate cases of alleged threats with firearms

A Macclenny man was jailed the evening of April 26 after he allegedly pointed a pistol at his father-in-law during an argument, then punched his mother-in-law as she ordered him to leave the residence off Seaward Way.

Leslie Manalo, 32, was jailed on multiple charges after he returned about a half-hour after the 5:30 pm incident to the residence of in-laws Kenneth and Alicia Musgrove, ages 48 and 42.

According to the couple, Mr. Manalo earlier had brought back an air compressor he allegedly took without permission, and an argument broke out. He walked to his nearby silver SUV and returned with a 9-mm pistol he was pointing when he allegedly threatened to kill Mr. Musgrove.

The couple's 7-year-old daughter was present during the confrontation, and Ms. Musgrove told Deputy Jeffrey Dawson the accused also struck her husband when he walked away from Mr. Manalo because the daughter was upset.

The deputy arrested the suspect after statements by the Musgroves, and Mr. Manalo denied having a gun and insisted the couple was lying. He was booked for

aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and battery.

Deputy Dawson's report also noted that the pistol was found by a canine dog assigned to game officer William Giles near where police believed it had been tossed by the intersection of Southern States Nursery Rd. and SR 121.

The Ruger pistol, believed stolen from the residence of Shawn Knight in Jacksonville and valued at \$450, was in a plastic bag with a loaded magazine.

In another case involving allegations of threats with guns, criminal complaints were filed against three Macclenny men involved in a confrontation the evening of April 22 at South Boulevard and MLK Dr. in the west city.

George Jackson, 30, and Phillip Jackson, 21, are accused of blocking the path of a vehicle driven by Freddie Smith, 28, about 6:35. Mr. Smith and his sister both told Deputy Matt Sigers the Jacksons had bricks in their hands and acted in a threatening manner. They also said the younger suspect pointed a shotgun at the 2000 Ford driven by Mr. Smith.

The incident occurred about 6:15 the evening of April 26.

The Jacksons and one of their relatives denied that, and said Mr.

Smith had a pistol in his possession. One was later confiscated from his residence and kept for possible evidence.

The state attorney's office will decide whether all or any of the three will be charged with aggravated assault with deadly weapons.

- Roseanna Singletary, 35, filed a complaint against boyfriend Damon Lee, 36, alleging he slammed a car door on her leg during an argument at Mr. Lee's west Macclenny residence the evening of April 26.

The complainant said she went to the address about 8:45 to collect their three children when the argument broke out. Mr. Lee denied the allegation, insisting Ms. Singletary initiated the argument and cursed at him in front of the children.

- County jail inmate Robert Porterfield, 31, of Glen St. Mary filed a complaint for battery against fellow inmate Joshua Blackburn, alleging the latter spit on him and attempted to strike him through cellblock bars.

The store security employee said Bonnie Padgett, 23, and the girl

Cashier is victim of 'quick change' con

A cashier at the Walmart Supercenter apparently fell victim to a time-honored "quick change" scheme which netted an unknown man in excess of \$100.

A store surveillance tape shows the black male in the check-out line about 10:30 the night of April 18 purchasing two packs of gum. He then presents a \$50 bill seeking change, and the video allegedly shows him surreptitiously take the money back, and repeat the process numerous times. The haul amounted to \$1047, according to the report by Deputy Jerald Peterson.

The same man is shown on tape unsuccessfully attempting the same ruse at another check-out station moments earlier. The employee became suspicious and closed her cash drawer.

Con men practiced in the art of "quick change" confuse their victims by presenting high-denomination bills in quick succession hoping the person soon loses track of the money flow.

In other cases involving Walmart, a Middleburg woman was named in a criminal complaint for shoplifting and enticing a 14-year-old female to do so on April 24.

A store security employee said Bonnie Padgett, 23, and the girl

placed clothing valued at \$140 into a large bag, and the woman then allowed the teen to attempt stealing several items from the CVS Pharmacy downtown about 1:30 am on April 24. A store employee said she obtained a bag, then placed items in it before exiting the store and re-entering after placing the bag outside.

The report did not specify what merchandise was in the bag when Deputy Chris Walker found it, but he noted Ms. Raulerson was eating peanuts and had a soft drink when she was questioned, and she refused to pay for them.

The two were observed concealing items in a hoodie and purse about 8:00 pm, and claimed a third female named Michelle gave them the items. A search of the premises turned up no such suspect.

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Wallet cash is stolen

Two hundred dollars of the \$500 in Karen Balas' wallet inside her purse was missing after she had company at her home in west Macclenny the evening of April 22.

The victim said she and Hannah Sweeney, 18, were at the 55 W. Macclenny Ave. residence when Jared Carter, 21, of Macclenny and Daryl Tyson, 21, of Glen St. Mary arrived about 8:00 pm, according to Deputy James Marker's report.

The group talked for about an hour and a half before the men left and Ms. Balas noticed the missing cash. She advised the officer the male visitors were the only two with access to her purse although she didn't see either suspect take the money.

When Deputy Marker contacted Mr. Carter by phone, he said he'd driven Mr. Tyson and Benjamin Cline, 20, to the residence. The latter subjects couldn't be located for questioning and the case remains under investigation.

Another theft victim lost \$220 in cash after leaving his bank card in an ATM machine the evening of April 24.

According to the report from Deputy Tony Norman, Clinton Hodges said he went to Wachovia Bank on S. 6th St. about 4:30 pm to withdraw money, but after viewing his balance decided to withdraw it from a bank teller instead.

A few minutes after going

inside the bank, Mr. Hodges realized his card was still in the ATM. He checked his account again and saw that someone had withdrawn the money.

Surveillance video from the machine was not immediately available, though Deputy Norman said he'd attempt to retrieve it when the bank re-opened.

In other thefts of property this week valued at less than \$300:

- David Arnett reported his wallet stolen from the dashboard of a vehicle he'd been working on about 9:00 pm April 19 at 478 W. Railroad Ave. in Macclenny. The 1984 Buick's driver-side door was unlocked and its window down when Mr. Arnett checked it the following morning. His wallet contained \$10, his identification and social security cards, and birth certificate.

- Kaila Givens said somebody used her credit card information to pay for prepaid phone service sometime between April 1 and April 22, the day she made the discovery. She contacted the phone company, Metro PCS, about the \$96 charge, but it hadn't maintained personal information about the owner of the phone.

- Rosa Williams reported that an unknown suspect removed the decal on the tag of her 2003 Ford sedan overnight April 19-20. The vehicle was located at her residence, 241 W. Michigan St.

Truck found in Taylor Co.

After allegedly stealing a 2003 Chevy S-10 from Mac's Liquors on W. Macclenny Ave. the evening of April 21, Christopher Cole, 19, of Woodlawn Rd. was arrested for grand theft in Taylor County the following day.

The truck's owner, William Rhoden, reported the vehicle stolen about 1:00 am and responding deputy Claude Hurley was later contacted by the bar's manager, who said the theft had been recorded by a security camera.

The video showed an unidentified suspect attempting to start the truck before it left heading west on US 90. Two more subjects had entered the vehicle, but one later returned to the bar, according to the officer's report.

A bulletin was issued to regional law enforcement agencies on the stolen truck, which was recovered April 22 when it got stuck in a marsh near Hwy. 361 in Taylor County while Mr. Cole was at the wheel.

Further investigation here revealed the suspect was at Mac's Liquors the night of the theft, said Investigator David Morgan in a follow-up report. A warrant for grand theft was submitted to

Taylor County for Mr. Cole.

In other crimes involving vehicles reported this past week:

- Jacksonville resident Norman Allen reported April 25 that two four-wheelers and a dirt bike were stolen from a locked storage container at his isolated Sanderson property off CR 127, where he's building a home.

The combined value of the red 1999 Polaris Sportsman 500, 2001 blue and silver Yamaha Raptor and motorcycle was more than \$6000. Mr. Allen said the theft occurred sometime between April 18-25.

- Rachel Hodgson's neighbor notified her the morning of April 26 that someone had damaged her 2004 Ford Focus while it was parked near her apartment at 10065 George Taber Blvd. in Glen St. Mary.

Ms. Hodgson left the car about 8:00 pm the previous night and found it just after 5:00 am with four flat tires, the windows broken out, the paint scratched and the seats cut.

According to Deputy Tony Norman's report, the victim advised her ex-husband was very upset after an argument the previous day about child support.

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CCS: special needs adult training

Center and group home

BY KELLEY LANNIGAN
Press Staff

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CCS also operates adult day training centers in Live Oak and Jasper as well.

Clients receive instruction for basic living skills such as how to grocery shop, cook, manage their money and take care of their health.

A portion of each day is spent on state-mandated educational curricula such as math and reading. Music, drawing and crafts are part of the client's experience as well as recreational and social activities like going out to eat, shopping trips or a walk in the park.

"We serve the clients in three main focus areas," said CCS executive director Bobbie Lake. "We educate, give experience and expose."

According to Mr. Lake, new clients typically have not had much involvement in the community. They have been protected most of their early life by their families who shield them from physical and emotional injury.

Many have attended specialized classes in public school, which in Florida will retain them until they are 22 years old. Beyond that they may need additional training and education to help them live more independently if they choose to.

The center helps provide such an opportunity.

"Many of these folks do want to live on their own at some point," said Mr. Lake. "The main purpose of programs like those offered through CCS is to help empower them to make that transition and have a meaningful life on their own."

Residential services

Clients attending adult day training either live with their families or are residents of a supervised group home in the Owens Acres section of northwest Macclenny. It presently houses five.

Clients put in six hours daily at the center, five days a week. A bus picks them up in the morning and delivers them home again in the afternoon.

Renee Brumfield is the Macclenny center's supervisor and oversees the daily activities.

"They do a lot of their required educational work on computers," said Ms. Brumfield. "A software program they really enjoy is the interactive Wild West Math. It has a cowboy theme and they love the loud *Whoa Hoo!* shout it gives when they perform a problem correctly."

A weekly health program is part of the curriculum also. A recent class conducted by adult education instructor Gary Taylor focused on the importance of personal hygiene, doctor's visits and nutrition. Such classes include a lot of interaction between clients and instructors and emphasize question and answer sessions.

The instruction clients receive at the training center is supplemented by their group home living experience.

Yolanda Lissade, manager of CCS programs in Baker County, lives on site at the group home.

"The first thing they do when they arrive is clean out their lunch carriers and put them up in the proper place in the kitchen," she said.

Residents then typically spend time sitting on the outdoor porch, chatting about their day. Some watch television or videos. Laundry, housework or other duties come next. Later they get supper, their bath and any medications they need.



Gary Taylor conducts a health class at the adult day training center.

PHOTO BY KELLEY LANNIGAN

A community room is used for socializing as a group. There is a television in each bedroom if they want to watch different programs or their own videos. Like anyone else, residents enjoy expressing themselves and put a personal spin on their bedrooms.

One is a big Gator and Jaguar fan and has filled his room with sports decor. Another loves anything to do with the cartoon character Betty Boop.

"This house is one hundred percent the residents' home," said Ms. Lissade. "We (staff) are here because they want us and need us. I tell them my job is to make sure they are absolutely safe and out of harm's way."

Mr. Lake dropped by the home recently to check on the progress of interior painting in the community room. He greeted one resident, Patrick, who had just arrived home from the center.

"Patrick, how was your day?" "Good!" "Did you do anything interesting today?" "Yep. Computer stuff!"

After greeting all the residents, Mr. Lake searched for the switch to the overhead kitchen light. Resident Kimberly Rhude, who has lived at the home since 2001, watched him hunting all around with an amused look on her face. Finally, he asked for guidance.

"I'm the director and I'm the one who needs the help," he said with a laugh.

Ms. Rhude stopped washing dishes long enough to show him where to find the switch.

"I know everything about this place and what goes on around here," she said, smiling. "They need to hire me to help keep these folks straight!"

She is on a waiting list to move into an apartment next year, and hopes to live independently with some help from a supportive living coach.

"I can't wait to be on my own," she said.

What's in store for CCS

Mr. Lake is enthusiastic about the future expansion of programs at the adult day training center.

"Our folks here really want to work. They like earning a pay-

check."

Clients at the Live Oak facility have successfully taken on tasks like document collating or shredding and assembling complimentary gift packages for a company's customers.

"We're currently looking for such employment opportunities for our Macclenny center clients," said Mr. Lake. "The work would be performed here at the center and our rates would be competitive."

The staff is excited also about implementing more in-depth extracurricular activities for clients such as woodworking course taught by a trained craftsman. Mr. Lake says the other goal he hopes to see become a reality is the ability to provide more advocacy services to families in Baker County.

"We've been in Macclenny since 1994, but so many people aren't aware of the center's existence, its purpose or how to go about the process of getting their family member with special needs involved. We would like to change that."

Mr. Lake and assistant Kelly

Woolley teamed up to help develop marketing and public relations strategies to raise community awareness about CCS. They also hope to engage local businesses and organizations in creative fund raising events.

For more information about CCS services, contact work opportunities for clients or to suggest fund raising ideas, please contact Bobbie Lake at 386-362-7143 or 386-688-1440. The website for Comprehensive Community Services is www.ccsnfl.com.



Gosnell-Coffell

May 3rd wedding

Steven and Misty Schedlbauer of Brunswick, Maine are proud to announce the engagement of daughter Tiffany Marie Gosnell of Brunswick to Eddie R. Coffell, Jr. of Glen St. Mary. Eddie is the son of Eddie and Tina Coffell Sr. of Glen St. Mary.

Family and friends are invited to celebrate the couple's wedding on May 3 at 2:00 pm in Brunswick, Maine. After honeymooning in Brunswick, the couple will reside there.

Thrift reunion

The annual Thrift family reunion will be held May 3 at the Georgia Bend farm of Felton Thrift. Take 121 north to 185, go to mile marker 3 and turn left on Alfred Thrift Road.

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Pauline Byrd, 67, funeral on April 24

Pauline Barton Byrd, 67, of Macclenny died April 21, 2009. Mrs. Byrd was born in Macclenny on February 2, 1942 to Ressie Barton and Agnes Griffis Barton. She enjoyed gardening, fishing, hunting, going to yard sales, and most of all spoiling her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by brother Alvin Barton.



Ms. Byrd

Survivors include her loving husband of 36 years, Muriel Byrd of Macclenny; daughter Debbie (Lonzie) Laumore; sister Hester (Joe) Johnson; brothers Charles (Dot) Barton, Arlie (Peggy) Barton, John (Wanda Lee) Barton, Clifton (June) Barton, Phillip Barton, and Edward Barton; sisters-in-law Shirley Barton and Jean Barton; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; dear friends Merline Knabb, Ronnie Tyson, Doris Griffis, Katie Lou Quick; numerous nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was held April 24 at 3 pm at the chapel of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services with pastors Clifton Barton, Jr. and Tommy Anderson officiating. Interment followed in Macedonia Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Charles H., Dustin, Randall, Jeff, Travis and Jamie Barton.

Russell Combs Jr., 77, Navy veteran

Russell Jackson Combs Jr., 77, of Sanderson died Saturday April 25, 2009 at home. He was the son of Russell and Agnes Olvoosky Combs and native of Taylor and Baker County. Mr. Combs was a Navy veteran and a retired carpenter and cabinet maker. He was preceded in death by stepmother Corine Raulerson; brothers Willie Elmer Combs, Fred Combs Jr., John Parnell Combs; sister Betty Lou Hallmark.

Survivors include daughter Holly Creek of SD; brothers Elbert (Carolyn) Combs, Louis (Mary) Combs, Lonnie (Lanita) Combs, Wendell Ray (Janice) Combs and Donald Neal (Kay) Combs; sister Lyvonne "Lynn" Baxter; former wife Flo Ella Combs; sisters-in-law Elizabeth Combs and Faye Combs; five grandchildren.

The funeral service was held April 29 at 11:00 am at the chapel of Guerry Funeral Home with Rev. Oral Lyons officiating. Interment followed at Taylor Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Guerry Funeral Home.

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Sara Saucer, 75, was retired teacher

Sara Lillian Raulerson Saucer, 75, died April 22, 2009 after an extended illness. She lived in Jacksonville for most of her adult life and retired from the Duval County Public Schools (Whitehouse Elementary) after thirty years.



Ms. Saucer

Mrs. Saucer believed in Christ and was a charter member of West Meadows Baptist Church. She was an active member of the Republican Women's Club of Duval Federated and currently served on the board as corresponding secretary. She loved her Republican Party, and most of all her family and friends. If you met her or knew her, you loved her. When Sara couldn't personally visit her friends or family she would be on the phone or computer, just to stay in touch. When someone in her family or any of her friends were sick, she helped care for them. She was called the "Florence Nightingale" of the family.

Sara also enjoyed traveling in her spare time. She graduated from the former Macclenny-Glen High School in 1952, where she was an all-state basketball player and the former Miss Macclenny.

Mrs. Saucer was preceded in death by husband of many years Clyde Saucer Jr.; sisters Lorene Stokes, Opal Taylor, and Myrtle King; brothers Hubert Raulerson, James Raulerson, T.J. Raulerson and Violice Raulerson.

Survivors include sister Gedone (Chuck) Prachar; son Larry (Jennifer) Saucer; daughters Lynn (Jack) Earnest and Gina (Ed) Saucer Cole; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was held April 25 at 3:00 pm at her church, with Pastor John A. Raulerson and Bernie Armstrong officiating. Interment followed at Brandy Branch Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services.

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Other survivors include maternal grandparents Angela and Tony Holloman of Glen; paternal grandparents Van and Deanna Forrester of Tallahassee, Alabama; sister Cally Whitehead; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

The funeral service was held April 29 at 11:00 am at Taylor Church with Pastor Jim Cox officiating. Interment followed at Taylor Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services.



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'Ginny' Tucker, 77, Glen St. Mary native

Katherine Jeanette "Ginny" Tucker, 77, of Yulee, died peacefully at her home with her husband on Tuesday evening, April 21, 2009. She was born June 1, 1931 to Robert Barry Griffis and Cassie Viola Manning-Griffis in Glen St. Mary and raised in St. Petersburg where she graduated from St. Petersburg High School before attending the University of Florida.



Ms. Tucker

Mrs. Tucker moved to Bedford, Ohio where she met and married her husband Bill. While living in Bedford, she worked as the registrar for the City Bedford for 34 years. She retired in 1995, and moved with her husband to Yulee in 1998 to be near family.

An avid flower gardener, she loved any type of fishing (whether she was catching anything or not) and the fellowship of Yulee United Methodist Church. Known by the neighborhood children as the "Cookie Lady," she looked forward to the daily visits of her special "Munchkins" - Garrett, Brenden and Triston.

Mrs. Tucker was preceded in death by sisters Wilda and JoAnn and brothers Hubert and Bob.

Survivors include husband William "Bill" Tucker; children Dennis, David, Patricia, Kathryn, Deborah, Jeff; sisters Dorothy and Rosemary; brothers Richard and Alvie; very special and dear friend Lou; 11 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

The funeral service will be at 11:00 am on May 2, at the Yulee United Methodist Church, with Pastor Mark Stiles officiating. Interment will follow at a later date in the family section of South Prong Cemetery in Baker County.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Yulee United Methodist Church Building Fund, Hwy. A1A, Yulee, FL 32097. Arrangements are under the direction of Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors, Fernandina Beach.

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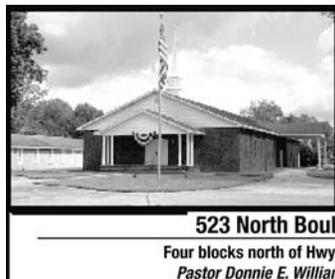
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Special thanks to Sheriff Joey Dobson and staff, Ferreira Funeral Services, Emmanuel Baptist and Raiford Road churches, and to Macclenny Nursing and Rehab for the excellent care and expressions of love given to her.

We will face the days that lie ahead embracing the assurance that we will one day see her again and spend eternity with her in Heaven.

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Madeline Whelan, 91, dies April 3rd

Madeline Mary Whelan, 91, died in her sleep April 3, 2009 in Appleton, WI. She was born on April 6, 1917 to Joseph and Anna (Guckenberger) Endrich in Mount Vernon, NY. After graduating from high school at the age of 16, Madeline spent a year in Willamette, Germany, with her father's family.



Ms. Whelan

She graduated from the College of New Rochelle in 1938 with a degree in education, and did post-graduate work at Fordham and Columbia Universities. In 1941, Madeline married Patrick Whelan in Madison, Connecticut. She taught Latin and French there until she and Dennis, their oldest child, joined Patrick in Madrid, Spain, where he was stationed at the end of WWII.

After returning to the states, Patrick and Madeline settled in La Crosse, WI where their youngest two children were born. Madeline taught at St. Thomas More Elementary School between 1955 and 1981. A few years later she moved to Glen St. Mary to be closer to her son Timothy and his family.

Mrs. Whelan was the Volunteer of the Year at Westside Elementary School (1996-97) and was known as the Reading Grandma. Most recently, Madeline lived in Appleton, WI near her daughter Evelyn and her family. Her love of education came from her parents who saw it as a way to a better life. Madeline shared that love with her family and students.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Patrick; oldest child Dennis; and brother George Endrich.

Survivors include children Heide Whelan, Hanover, NH; Timothy Whelan and Karen Thomas, Macclenny; Evelyn and Mike Rudolph, Appleton, WI; Christopher and Anna Whelan, West Chicago, IL; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Velma Endrich; beloved cousin Anna Guckenberger Keel, and other cousins in Germany and the United States, as well as many nieces and nephews. Madeline had many dear friends in Glen St. Mary as well as La Crosse, WI.

A private service was held in Appleton.



Clothesline is prelude to victims' rights observance this Thursday

Victim Advocate Julie Martin of the State Attorney's Office in the Baker County Courthouse hangs a portion of The Clothesline Project, a national effort opposing violence against women in communities across the country. A larger clothesline display will be on exhibit as part of an event to observe National Victims' Rights Week April 30 at 5:30 pm at Celebration Park in Glen St. Mary. Organizations such as Hubbard House, MADD and Compassionate Families will be present and speakers from the State Attorney's Office and the Baker County sheriff's department will be featured. Refreshments will be served and a candlelight vigil will conclude the event.

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2009 1A state weightlifting champ Wildcats: (front row, l-r) Harold Moore, Greg Williams, Coach Bobby Johns, Darvin Ruise, Hank Farmer, (back) Brandon Taten, Milton Baker, Thomas Braddy, Ray Mangiafico, Jonathan Ford and Ryan Young. Missing is Ethan Munson.

Lifters repeat as state champs; 3 individual titles in Lakeland

The Baker High Wildcat weightlifting team dominated all comers this year and continued its domination through the state championships on the way to their second straight state Class 1A title.

The Cats also garnered three individual titles in the meet held last weekend in Lakeland.

Coach Bobby Johns' team left opponents shaking their heads and rubbing sore muscles as the Cats powered their way to a 15-point defeat of Panama City Arnold, their nearest opponents.

The Cats amassed 34 points while Arnold could only manage 19. It was an exclamation point on an outstanding season that saw the lifters pound opponents and qualify close to a dozen lifters.

Individually, the Wildcats had an even stronger showing than the banner 2008 year. Last year, the Cats had one individual medalist. This year they had three.

Ryan Young topped the 119-pound class with a 220 bench press and a 210 in the clean and jerk for a 430 total. That gave him a 20-pound edge on his

closest competitor, Hakeem Bess of North Marion.

The Cats were dominant in the higher weight classifications too. Thomas Braddy won the state title in the 238-pound class with a 425 bench and 345 clean and jerk for a 770 total. He decimated his nearest competitor Jamal Leonard of Interlachen by a whopping 70 points.

Ethan Munson won the heavyweight classification with a 415 bench and a 320 clean and jerk for a 735 total. Cody Danna of Arnold also matched that weight, but outpaced Munson in body weight by close to 60 pounds.

The Cats also had outstanding showings in other weight classes. Harold Moore and Greg Williams were second and third in the 183 class. Moore matched the winner's 645 total, but outweighted him by a little over a pound. Williams lifted 630 pounds.

Darvin Ruise placed fourth in the 219 class and Milton Baker was ninth in the 159 class. Jonathan Ford was eighth in the 139 class.

Lady Cats advance in regionals Beat Kenny Tuesday; Clay for district crown

The Lady Wildcats softball team ended Bishop Kenney's season April 28 with a 3-1 victory to become one of the top 16 teams in the state.

They'll head into the second round of the regional playoffs Friday against Stanton Prep in Jacksonville.

The Cats ended the game on a high note with Tiffany Smith's home run in the sixth inning and a diving catch from Jordan Hand to send the Crusaders packing.

"That's huge," said assistant coach Steve Houston.

Bishop Kenney's only score came off one of only two errors committed by Baker High during the game.

The Cats won the district championship last week blanking Alachua Santa Fe and winning a close one against host Clay County as well.

The Cats will face Bishop Kenny in the regional quarterfinal on Tuesday at home.

The 2-0 shutout was a pitcher's dual in the first game of the tournament April 20. Tiffany Smith allowed three hits and Santa Fe's hurler allowed two as the game went scoreless over five innings.

But in the sixth the Cats got the chink in the armor that they needed when Jordan Hand walked. Ashley Curry singled to move Hand to second and she stole third to put herself into scoring position.

The Cats then got the runs they needed when Ashley Holton cracked a double. Her long ball brought in Hand and Curry for the sole winning runs.

It was a different story on Thursday, April 23, in the final when Baker County had to scratch a score from behind 3-2 extra innings thriller. Cami Craig and Smith combined for a four-hitter, but despite Clay giving up 10 hits the game was knotted at 2-2 after regulation.

The Cats went down 1-0 to the host Blue Devils before Hand reached on a bunt. She moved to third on a bunt and then scored on a Curry double.

The Cats went ahead 2-1 in the fifth. Heather High doubled and Ashelee Brownlee scored on a



Hayley Crews runs home for the first score of the game.

wild pitch, but Clay came right back in the sixth to tie the score. The game was scoreless until the tenth inning when Ashley Holton tripled and then ran in on a wild pitch to win the game in a heartbreaker for the Devils and a heart-stopping but gratifying win for BCHS.

Wildcats advance in district tourney

The Baker County Wildcats brought home another win in the district tournament. Adam Holland hit the game winning homer in the 3rd inning to give the Wildcat baseball team a 5-3 win at Clay County High.

They will take on the winner of the Clay High/Middleburg game in the district championship Thursday at 7 pm.

Brad Griffis was the starter and left the game in the seventh inning with the bases loaded. Freshman reliever Chris Waddell came into the game and shut down the opposition, not conceding a run. Waddell, who will start the championship game, had a pair of hits in the win, as did Corey Elaski.

The Baker High Wildcat baseball team defeated Bradford County 10-2 in the first round of district play on Monday evening, April 27. With that win, the Cats break the record for the most vic-

tories in a season with 22, versus just four losses.

Freshman Chris Waddell hit two home runs and had five RBIs, while Klate Duval added a pair of hits to put the Cats over the first rung of the district title ladder.

Travis Tyson drew four walks in the lead off position to put pressure on the Tornados. Cameron Crews moved to 8-1 on the season, pitching a two-hitter while striking out 15 Bradford batters.

"We got going late but did what was expected against that team. We play Santa Fe on Tuesday and they are the hottest team going right now, but when you are 22-4 you haven't exactly had cold streaks," said Coach John Staples.

The district tournament is at Clay High School this week, with the championship game slated for Thursday at 7:00.

The Wildcats closed out the regular season with an impressive 21-4 record. The Cats didn't finish on quite as high a note as they would have liked as they were upended in the last game April 21 by Episcopal, 2-1.

Brad Griffis pitched seven innings, allowing only three hits, but the Cat bats never got going despite amassing seven hits and only allowing the Eagles a trio of hits.

"We just couldn't put the hits together and their kids did a good job of spotting the fastball," said Coach Staples.

"We've had a good year and it will be a great year if we make it into the playoffs," added Staples. "Day in and day out we are the best team there, we just have to take care of business. They will earn great team status with a playoff appearance."

FFA sales team places third in state

The Baker County High FFA continues to have an outstanding year in state competition. The poultry team recently won the state title and this past weekend, the ag sales team placed third in the state for the second straight year.

The contest was held Friday at the University of Florida. Students compete in a team sales situation consisting of a written test, sales call and sales situation. The team will be recognized at state convention in June and receive its trophy.

The purpose of the agriculture sales career development event is to learn basic skills to take advantage of the career opportunities offered in the agricultural sales field. Sales are an essential part of a market economy. Agricultural products benefit from sales skills, both for inputs for production and the marketing of the products.

Sales team members are Austin Gibson, Bobby Gage, Chelsea Crews, and Kyndall Brooks.

Five Baker County FFA members will also be receiving their state degree at this year's state convention. They are Gibson, Charlie Burnett, Hannah Master-

son, Katelyn Lankford and Brianna Stewart. This is the highest degree that can be earned at the State level, and the senior stu-

dents have met all the requirements and been very active over the four years.



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Straight A students feted...



Hannah Mathews was one of 59 Baker County Middle School students (see accompanying list) feted with a banquet and ceremony the evening of April 23 in the cafeteria. In a tradition started 16 years ago by then-Principal Glenn McKendree, sixth, seventh and eighth grade students with straight A grades through the first three quarters of the school year are invited to the banquet, where they hear from the valedictorian and salutatorian of the Baker High class that year. Last week it was Edwin (Corey) Cavanaugh IV, the 2009 valedictorian, and Halle Nichole White, the salutatorian. Principal David Davis presented the students with awards at the conclusion of the evening, and Mr. McKendree is honored each spring as a special guest.

Here's a list of Baker County Middle School students recognized last week for straight A's through the first three quarters of the school year:

Jacqueline Anderson, Melissa Baker, Robert Brannan, IV, Grason Cain, Caleb Carter, Victoria Chisholm, Keith Combs, Haley Crews, Karlie Dopson, Sydney Dopson, Hawke Forbes, Mariah Givens, Ashton Goethe, Brandi Harrison, Mary Hart, Clara Harvey, Austin Hostler, Shelby Kuhr, Johnathan Lamb, Hannah Mathews, Summer McCray, Reagan McKendree, Devin Norman, Hannah Nowlen, Malory Osteen, Karlie Payne, Alice Pringle, William Raulerson, Graceyemie Rhoden, Caleb Rodgers, Hannah Rodgers, Morgan Ruehling, Samantha Simon, Paige Smola, Sarah St. John, Jayson Steven, Brooke Taylor, Genie Taylor, Amber Wagstaff, Forrest Waldron, Allison Welborn, Ashley Wheeler, Callie Wheeler, Ethan Willerson, Donelle Williams, Hunter Williams, Videll Williams II, Mackenzie Wingard, Ashley Zawolick.

'Oz' begins two weekend run

This weekend it's time to travel down the Yellow Brick Road to see *The Wizard of Oz* with the BCHS Drama Department. The family musical will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm and Sunday at 2 pm. All tickets are \$5.

Taylor Hartley is the intrepid young girl who gets swept away from her farm in Kansas "over the rainbow" to the land of Oz with her dog Toto, played by twins Claire and Amelia Knabb. Along the way Dorothy meets up with a Scarecrow (Trey Orberg), Tin Man (Spencer Norman-Gerard) and a Cowardly Lion (Sarah Nichols) and is plagued by a pesky witch (Kailee Raulerson) out for her ruby slippers. She is aided by Glinda the good witch (Sarah Davis) and with her help finally reaches the Wizard (Garrett Lucas).



The Wicked Witch (Kailee Raulerson) threatens Dorothy (Taylor Hartley), Toto (Amelia Knabb), Scarecrow (Trey Orberg), Tin Man (Spencer Norman-Gerard) and the Cowardly Lion (Sarah Nichols). Photo courtesy of Bob Gerard

The show has great songs like *Over the Rainbow*, *If I Only Had a Brain*, *Merry Old Land of Oz*, *Ding Dong the Witch is Dead* and *We're Off to See the Wizard*. The production features everything you expect from the famous movie and some scenes that never made it to the screen, including the song Jitterbug.

Other people with lead roles include Ana Tomas, Cameron Kirkland, Corlis Raulerson, Wesley Combs, Daniel King, Jamie Buford, Amberly Lewis, Staci Allen, Ashleigh Thick, Jeweli King, Cara Overstreet, Melissa

Stagers, Jamie Lee Norman, Haley Thigpen, Keke Bowden, Megan Crawford, Leah Wheeler, Harli Livingston, Rex Hester, Tyler Orberg, Hayden Stevens, Abby Hinson, Kelsey Ray, Alyssa Guidash, Camryn Payne, Karlie Payne, Alaina Crawford, Marcie Davis, Brook Guilanti, Karlie Davis, Noah Schatz, Mary Elizabeth Elledge, Caitlyn Crawford, Elizabeth Reagan, Collin Crews, Steven Walker, Lucas Kish, Emily Griffis, Taylor Orberg, Tanner Orberg, Grace Crawford, Bayley McRae, Emily Davis, Kellen Dopson, Julia Archambault, Emily Schatz, Allie England, Samantha Hinson, Landon Prevatt and Tucker Kingham.

The Wizard will run two weekends at the BCHS auditorium.

School Calendar

- April 30**
 BCHS: "Wizard of Oz", Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. KIS: Westside Elementary Third Graders' Orientation, WES: Gates MacGinzie Testing, Good Morning Show, 8:00 a.m. Third Grade Orientation @ KIS, PK/K: "Under the Big Top" Play, 6:30 p.m., BCMS Auditorium (Wilkinson, Betros, Hand, S, Combs)
- May 1**
 District-wide: Progress Reports
 BCHS: Spring football begins. "Wizard of Oz" in Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- May 2**
 BCHS: SAT Test, Auditorium, 7:30 a.m. "Wizard of Oz" in auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- May 3**
 BCHS: "Wizard of Oz" in Auditorium, 2:00 p.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes to Orlando
- May 4**
 District-wide: School Board Mtg., 6:30 p.m., BCHS School Auditorium. Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week. KIS: ThinkLink Testing, Reading, MES: DIBELS & ThinkLink Testing, PK/K: Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills. (D.I.B.E.L.S.) Testing for Kindergarten
- May 5**
 District-wide: Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week BCHS: Footbal Practice. Cheerleading Tryout Practice, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. KIS: ThinkLink Testing, Math. WES: "Just Say No!" Club Mtg., 8:00 a.m. MES: DIBELS & ThinkLink Testing, Mrs. Rentz's Class Play, Cafeteria, 6:00 p.m., PK/K: D.I.B.E.L.S. Testing for Kindergarten
- May 6**
 District-wide: Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week. National School Nurse Day. BCHS: Junior Meeting with Cady & Cady, Auditorium, 8:15 a.m. KIS: ThinkLink Testing, Science, WES: Merrie Melodies Club Mtg., 8:00 a.m. MES: DIBELS & ThinkLink Testing, PK/K: D.I.B.E.L.S. Testing for Kindergarten

4-H is offering myriad local and regional camps

A wide variety of Baker County 4-H camps are scheduled for the summer:

- ✓ **June 8-12 Camp Cherry Lake**: This residential overnight camp is full of fun environmental activities, archery, canoeing/kayaking, swimming and more. Held at 4-H Camp Cherry Lake near Madison, Florida. Cost is \$200.00 for ages 8-13.
- ✓ **June 23-25 shooting sports day camp together with Union County**. Archery, .22 rifle and more in the Oolustee area. Cost is \$50 for ages 9-18.
- ✓ **June 29-July 2 junior master gardener day camp**. Learn about plants, growing things and the nature of plant living things. Fun day camp hosted with horticulture extension agent and Baker County master gardeners. This camp will be held at the Baker County Agricultural Center. Cost is \$50 for ages 8-18.
- ✓ **July 20-24 environmental day camp**. Guest speakers, environmental activities, archery and afternoons on the St. Mary's River exploring the aquatic environment and fishing. Held out at Shoals Park; \$50 for ages 8-18.
- ✓ **August 3-7 crafty campers day camp**. Explore arts and crafts, sewing fun and creative expression through art for everyone. Held at the Baker County Agricultural Center; cost \$50 for ages 8-18.

Several other state 4-H sponsored camps offered at various 4-H camping facilities:

- ✓ **June 14-19 horsemanship school**; cost \$310.

✓ **June 22-26 OMK operation military kids camp**: \$50 for dependents of military personnel.

✓ **July 20-24 shooting sports/sport fishing camp**: \$220 for ages 10-18.

✓ **July 20-2 Gator adventures week 1 senior camp**: \$220 for ages 13-18.

✓ **July 20-24 and July 27-31 Gator adventures week 2**: \$220 for ages 8-13.

✓ **July 27-31 marine camp**: \$220 for ages 8-13.

Pick up registration forms from the Baker County Extension Service (located at the Baker County Ag Center) or you can download registration forms at: <http://bakercity4h.org>

For more information contact Renee Gore, Baker County 4-H Agent, at 904-259-3520 or email rgore@ufl.edu. All ages as of 9/1/08.

Banquet marks 25 years of BCHS drama

The BCHS drama department is celebrating its 25th year of producing plays in Baker County and will be holding its annual Thespis Awards drama banquet on May 16 in the BCHS auditorium.

Drama directors Bob Gerard and Kelley Norman invite all former award winners to attend. The event begins at 7:00.

Join us and help celebrate 25 years of drama at BCHS.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO.: 02-2009-0071-CA

RE: GENE HARVEY, as TAX COLLECTOR OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA

NOTICE OF ACTION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition for Validation of Tax Warrant issued for unpaid 2007 Baker County Personal Property Taxes has been filed by Gene Harvey, Baker County Tax Collector, in which you are named as a party for nonpayment of 2007 Personal Property Taxes as assessed against you. Upon ratification and confirmation of the petition by the Court, the Tax Collector shall be authorized to issue a tax warrant against you, and levy upon, seize and sell to satisfy the delinquent taxes, plus costs, interest, attorney's fees, and other charges.

YOU WILL BE DISMISSED AS A PARTY TO THIS ACTION WITHOUT ANY COURT APPEARANCE BY YOU IF YOU PAY SAID DELINQUENT TAXES OWED BY YOU AND COSTS TO THE TAX COLLECTOR AT: 32 North 5th St., MACCLINTY AVENUE 32063, PRIOR TO THE FINAL HEARING SCHEDULED IN THIS MATTER.

You are further notified that a Final Hearing will be held in this matter on the 28th day of May, 2009, at the Baker County Courthouse in Macclinty, Baker County, Florida, at 10:00 a.m. before the Honorable Phyllis M. Rosier, Circuit Judge, at which time you or your attorney may present your objections, if any, to issuance of the Tax Warrant against you. The amount of the assessment or amount of taxes levied have been paid on.

A copy of the Petition filed herein may be obtained at the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in Macclinty, Baker County, Florida upon request.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this court on this 9th day of April, 2009.

LIST OF DEFENDANTS

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 FRASER CARPET CLEANING
 6166 Adams Rd.
 Macclinty, FL 32063
- 07-5002285
 BRUCE GRIFFIS
 12222 Mud Lake Rd.
 Jacksonville, FL 32040
- 07-5002285
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 Jacksonville, FL 32040
- 07-5005499
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 Macclinty, FL 32063
- 07-5006477
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 10499 Mud Lake Rd.
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- 07-5006666
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 P.O. Box 1218
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- 07-5007493
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 Jacksonville, FL 32234

AL FRASER
 As CLERK OF THE COURT
 BY: JAMIE CREWS
 Deputy Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO.: 02-2009-CA-0050

COUNTRY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, A Federal Credit Union.

Plaintiff,
 vs.
 JUSTIN GRAY,
 Defendant.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: JUSTIN GRAY

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

Parcel ID# 20-25-22-0160-0000-0440
 Part of the South 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 20, Township 2 South, Range 22 East, Baker County, Florida, more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Southeast corner of said Section 20, thence South 89°54'14" East, on the South line of said Section 20, a distance of 694.62 feet to a point of the East right of way line of Tom Wilkinson Road (a 59.75 foot right of way as now established); thence North 00°29'44" East, on said East right of way line, a distance of 327.39 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue North 00°39'44" East on said East right of way line, a distance of 103.72 feet; thence North 08°40'30" East, a distance of 457.62 feet; thence South 00°10'30" East, a distance of 103.36 feet; thence South 89°54'30" West, a distance of 439.18 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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 Macclinty Avenue, Macclinty, Florida 32063; (904) 259-3155, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice and on or before the 15th day of May, 2009, and to file the original of the Copy of this Court order 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 9th day of April, 2009.

TA: AL FRASER
 CLERK OF COURT
 By: Bonnie Palleschi
 Deputy Clerk

School Lunch Menu- May 4 - May 8

- Offered everyday: Gold lunch plate, chef salad or pasta salad with wheat roll or crackers and dessert. OR choose 1 main dish and 2 sides with dessert (when offered).
- Monday, May 4**
 Breakfast: scrambled eggs with baked potato rounds, fruit juice, milk
 Lunch: Cheese pizza slice or BBQ on a bun, choice of 2 sides: baked potato rounds, seasoned blackeye peas, chilled fruit or juice
- Tuesday, May 5**
 Breakfast: Egg and Cheese burrito, fruit juice, milk
 Lunch: Peppercorn pizza hot pocket or ham with pinto beans over rice, choice of 2 sides: raw veggies with lowfat ranch dressing, steamed green beans, fresh fruit or juice choice with a homemade wheat roll
- Wednesday, May 6**
 Breakfast: Sausage biscuit, fruit juice, milk
 Lunch: Spaghetti with meat sauce with a slice of homemade cheesy Italian bread or fish crisp on a bun, choice of 2 sides: baked potato rounds, creamed colelaw, steamed broccoli and a homemade cookie
- Thursday, May 7**
 Breakfast: Cereal with slice of toast, fruit juice, milk
 Lunch: Beef stroganoff with a homemade wheat roll or breaded chicken patty on a bun, choice of 2 sides: golden corn, lettuce and tomato slices, chilled fruit or juice choice
- Friday, May 8**
 Breakfast: Pancake and sausage on a stick, fruit juice, milk
 Lunch: Tasty chili with beans and a homemade wheat roll or deli ham and cheese sandwich, choice of 2 sides: baked potato rounds, fresh veggies with dressing, fruit or juice choice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO.: 02-2009-CA-0075

Legal Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
 PROBATE DIVISION
 FILE NO. 02-2009-PR-12
 DIVISION:

RE: ESTATE OF GLENDA LOUISE CLINE a/w/a GLENDA THIGPEN CLINE, deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of GLENDA LOUISE CLINE a/w/a GLENDA THIGPEN CLINE, deceased, File Number 02-2009-PR-12 is pending in the Circuit Court for Baker County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 359 East Macclinty Avenue, Macclinty, Florida 32063. The names and addresses of the joint-personal representatives and the joint personal representatives' attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturing, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this Court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

IN NO EVENT SHALL ANY CLAIM BE FILED LATER THAN TWO YEARS AFTER THE DECEASENTS DATE OF DEATH.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is: April 23, 2009.
 The date of death of the decedent is: February 16, 2009.

Attorney for the Joint Personal Representatives
 Sandra W. Johnson
 Florida Bar No. 353884
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 Jacksonville, Florida 32204
 (904) 388-9800

Joint Personal Representatives
 Aaron S. Cline
 5902 Hershaba Circle
 Breville, Florida 32009

Keri D. Cline
 673 W. Minnesota Avenue
 Macclinty, Florida 32063

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

Case No. 02-2009-CA-00034
 Division

ROSE ACCEPTANCE, INC.
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 JAMIE D. STACKHOUSE, DARLENE JOHNSON, UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS AND TRUSTEES OF CLARICE STACKHOUSE, DECEASED, ET AL.,
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION
 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Baker County, Florida:
 LOT 11, RIVERVIEW ACRES, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAN THEREOF, AS SHOWN ON PLAT NUMBER 2, PAGE 72A OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH A BURN DEST MOBILE HOME, SERIAL #F36001

commonly known as: 23406 HASSIE JOHNS RD., SANDHURST, FL 32067 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Michelle Garcia Gilbert of Kess, Shuler, Solovson, Spector, Foyle & Singer, P.A., plaintiff's attorney, whose address is: P.O. Box 800, Tampa, Florida 33601; (813) 229-9900, on or before May 20, 2009, or 30 days from the first date of publication, whichever is later; and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated: April 23, 2009.

CLERK OF THE COURT
 Honorable Al Fraser
 539 E. Macclinty Avenue
 Macclinty, Florida 32063

By: James Crews
 (COURT SEAL)
 Deputy Clerk

IF you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Jan Phillips at (352) 374-3848 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771.

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 Bid #99-03
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NRSWA is located 2.5 miles north of Rialto, Florida on State Road 121 in Union County, Florida. Bid packages and information can be picked up at the New River Regional Landfill located at 24272 NE 157th Street, Rialto, FL 32083. All bids must be submitted to the Bid Room provided. Completed bids are to be mailed to the New River Solid Waste Association, P.O. Box 647, Rialto, Florida 32083-947 or delivered to the NRSWA Administration Office. After the IFB opening, the bids will be examined for completeness and preserved in the custody of the Executive Director. New River Solid Waste Association reserves the right to reject any or all bids or a portion thereof and to award any bids received after the specified time and date will not be considered. For additional information contact NRSWA at 386-431-1000. DEADLINE FOR BIDS: Bids must be received by the specified time and date will not be considered. For additional information contact NRSWA at 386-431-1000. IFB is Tuesday, May 12, 2009, at 9:00 p.m.

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Miscellaneous

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Board plays 'musical bids'

Low bidders shuffled in grant projects

BY JOEL ADDINGTON
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Confusion with prices submitted by a first-time bidder on five grant-funded housing projects led county commissioners April 20 to reconsider decisions they made 10 days earlier when making the original project awards.

The awards turned out somewhat similar, but one contractor lost a project and another, who wasn't awarded any the first time around, got one.

The mix-up was caused by Don Burnsed Construction's bids.

The contractor received three awards previously — Arnold Miller's new three bedroom, one bath home, Vickie Given's room addition and renovations to Hazel Mann's home.

Although the total bid prices turned in by Mr. Burnsed represented his intended prices, the estimates for each portion of the work, when added together, didn't equal those prices.

The mistake became apparent when county staff notified Mr. Burnsed that his bid of \$47,000 for Mr. Miller's new home had been accepted. That figure was the sum of his estimates for each part of the job — roofing, HVAC, plumbing, etc. — as calculated by county staff and used in the bid tabulation sheets presented to county commissioners April 10.

The board didn't consider his bid based on the figure shown in the total bid price section, \$51,800.

"This [\$47,000] was my direct cost," he explained to the board during the follow-up hearing last week to sort out the matter. He said the price, as considered, didn't reflect any profit.

"This is my first bid process. By no means do I want to cause any trouble," said Mr. Burnsed.

But even at \$51,800, the contractor was still the lowest bid on Mr. Miller's home, so Commissioner Gordon Crews moved to accept the amended price and award the projects the same as previously: the Miller home and two rehab jobs for Mr. Burnsed, Michael Harris' new home to Foster's Contracting, and the last rehab, Ora Starling's home, to Prescott Construction.

The commission voted 5-0 to do so, but shortly thereafter Mr. Burnsed informed them that all his bids were miscalculated in the same manner as the Miller job.

Bidding confusion...

Prescott Construction lost a SHIP project after county commissioners shuffled bid awards due to confusion on prices from Don Burnsed Construction. Here's the five SHIP projects as first awarded April 10 and as awarded April 20:

STARLING REHABILITATION		
10th	Prescott Construction	\$28,751
20th	Burnsed Construction	\$26,804
Miller's new home		
10th	Burnsed Construction	\$47,800
20th	Burnsed Construction	\$51,800
Harris' new home		
10th	Foster's Construction	\$39,700
20th	Burnsed Construction	\$39,700
Mann Rehabilitation		
10th	Burnsed Construction	\$28,700
20th	Taylor Made Construction	\$32,560
Givens addition		
10th	Burnsed Construction	\$29,200
20th	Burnsed Construction	\$32,450

County attorney Terry Brown advised the board to only consider the figures shown in the total bid box, not the sum calculated by adding up estimates for each portion of the project.

The board re-awarded the projects following that guidance.

Mr. Burnsed again received three projects, but this time they were Mr. Miller's home, Vickie Given's room addition and Ora Starling's renovation, which had gone to Prescott Construction before.

During the first bid consideration meeting, Prescott was the second-lowest bidder on the Starling job, next to Burnsed's lowest bid.

However, Burnsed already had three projects, the maximum number allowed per contractor at one time, so Prescott won the job despite being one dollar outside the 15 percent range, up or down, from the county's estimate, and not being the lowest. Bids not within the 15 percent range are typically not accepted.

When reconsidered though, Mr. Burnsed's price went up and he lost Hazel Mann's rehab job to the new lowest bidder, Taylor Made Construction. In losing it, Mr. Burnsed also became eligi-

ble for the Ms. Starling's rehab, his third project, on which he was as the lowest bidder as well.

Foster's Contracting kept its project, Michael Harris' new two bedroom, one bath house.

The vote to accept the new awards passed 4-1 with Commissioner Michael Crews dissenting. He said he preferred re-bidding the three projects that originally went to Mr. Burnsed.

"Everyone already knows everyone else's prices," commented Chairman Mike Griffis, suggesting that new bids might not represent accurate prices to perform the work.

County Manager Joe Cone said in the future, due to all the confusion the county will limit the number of projects bid to only one or two at a time.

"This has gotten so discomfuted. We're not going to do a bid this large in the future," he said.

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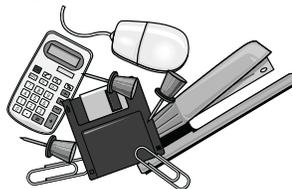
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