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## Felon had gun when threatening two others

A Macclenny man was named in a criminal complaint for multiple offenses including possession of a firearm by a convicted felon after he allegedly initiated a fight in the west city during which he was seriously injured.

Police say Roy Prevatt, 38, brandished a pistol at Hosea Ruise, 31, and his brother-in-law Ricky Tisdale, 29, at an address on MLK Blvd. about 10:39 pm on September 7.

The brothers-in-law then wrestled the gun away from Mr. Prevatt, and in the process inflicted a serious injury to his eye and lacerations to his head, for which he was later flown to Shands Gainesville.

Mr. Ruise and Mr. Tisdale, along with another witness, told Deputy Rodney Driggers the assailant showed up at the address attempting to entice Mr. Ruise into a fight with a cousin of Mr. Prevatt. When Mr. Ruise declined an argument ensued, and Mr. Tisdale intervened.

That is when the two said  
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## CIRCUIT COURT

## Two years for pair of burglaries

A circuit judge sentenced a Baker County man to two years in prison for his role in two home burglaries south of Sanderson in April of this year.

Christopher Wheeler, 30, who court records indicate had addresses in Glen St. Mary, Macclenny and Jacksonville, pleaded no contest on September 6 to twin counts of burglary, grand theft and criminal mischief.

In addition to the prison term, Judge Phyllis Rosier ordered Mr. Wheeler to pay \$2882 restitution for property taken April 20 from a residence on CR 229 S. during a daytime burglary.

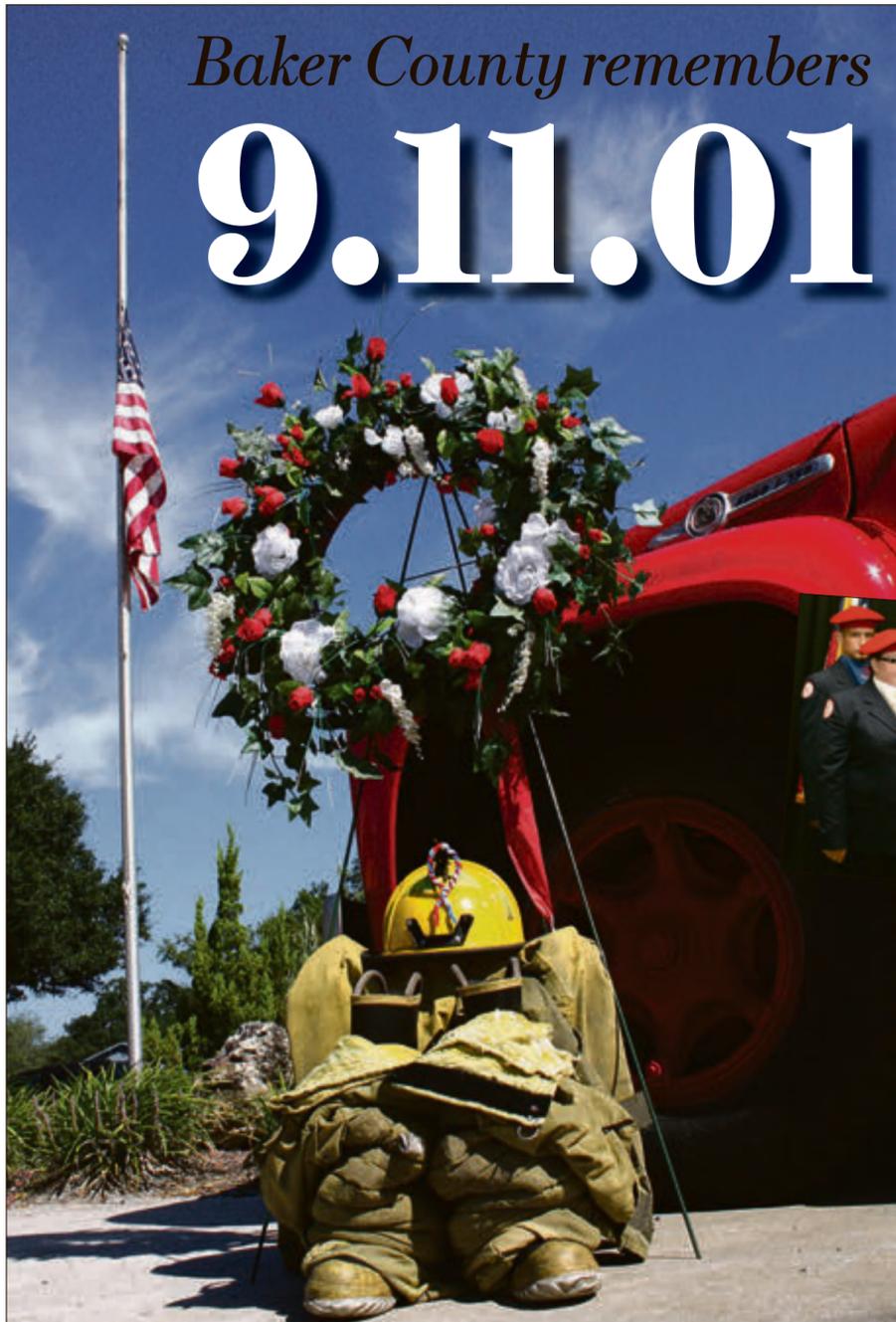
The restitution amount tallied at \$8500 for the second one, on April 22 off Mud Lake Rd.

Mr. Wheeler and a codefendant were arrested in Macclenny when the vehicle they were in was recognized at a conveyance.

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## Landfill inks pact for gas to energy project 10 years in the making

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*Baker County remembers*

# 9.11.01

A number of local churches and other groups recognized the 10-year anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks last week. Pictured clockwise from the top: the wreath and memorial arranged at the fire station in downtown Macclenny on the anniversary, JROTC cadets from the high school (front row from left) Mallory Campbell, Sabrina Seaman, Miranda Barker, (back row from left) Stephen Willing, Kristin Cox and Larry Matthews, who performed the flag folding ceremony at the JROTC's 9-11 observance the evening of September 8 at the middle school; and Paul Vickers of Macclenny holding the American flag during a community prayer organized at the courthouse steps Sunday at 7 am by Robert Demers of Raiford Road Church. They were joined by 20 other participants (bottom), most saying a short prayer of remembrance in turn.

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## County had to borrow a rescue unit

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The county has ordered two new ambulances expected to arrive sometime in November, and that day can't come soon enough for county officials and citizens.

Two weeks ago, for only the second time in at least 30 years, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel were using an ambulance on loan from another county — the Jacksonville Fire Rescue Department.

After three of Baker County's five rescue units were taken out of service on August 30 due to unrelated mechanical problems, the borrowed ambulance

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Tow truck pulls Rescue 33 to Miracle Automotive on US 90 last week.

PHOTO BY JOEL ADDINGTON

## Infant mortality rate here takes dive

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It's been a year since a group of local health officials formed a task force to reduce the county's high infant mortality rate, and though the group's action plan was unveiled this week, new data suggests they've gotten a head start.

Florida Department of Health statistics show that Baker County's infant mortality rate, the number of newborns who die before their first birthday per 1000 live births, dropped 38 percent — from 18.5 to 11.5 — between 2009 and 2010, the latest year for which data is available.

The rate was on a steady decline from 19 in 2005 to 2.5 by 2008, before it jumped back up into the high teens in 2009.

"I believe the consistent effort to educate the community about infant mortality and specifically sleep-related death causes have contributed to the decline," said Shelley Crawford, a registered nurse on the Baker County Infant Mortality Task Force formed in August, 2010 to respond to a spike in newborn fatalities in 2009.

The infant mortality rate here remained nearly twice as high as the statewide rate of 6.5 deaths per 1000 live births in 2010, however.

Since being created, the task force, which meets quarterly at the county health department, has been compiling and reporting information about factors that contribute to the deaths of newborns, including dangerous sleeping practices, a lack of early and consistent prenatal care, teen pregnancy and obesity.

There were four infant deaths and one fetal death here in 2010. Four of the five babies had mothers with overweight or obese BMIs (body mass indexes) and three of the five pregnancies were conceived less than 12 months after a previous birth, according to preliminary data recently released by the state.

Public health officials say the optimal "baby spacing" period — between birth and conception — is 18 months.

The task force also launched a campaign last May to coincide with Mother's Day called Moms Matter, which distributed to local churches hand fans listing 100 acts of kindness for expectant mothers.

Its latest effort to spread the word about infant mortality and what can be done to reduce the risk of sleep-related deaths is handing out Safe Sleep tent cards to local businesses and organizations containing the ABCs of safe sleeping habits for babies: sleeping alone, on their

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# Infant mortality rate here takes dive

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backs and in a crib. "Education is key," said Ms. Crawford. "Public awareness of preventable causes can potentially impact the numbers significantly ... Family members and caregivers having the knowledge to implement something as simple as putting a baby on their back to sleep can make a huge difference."

The tent cards, provided by the task force and the Northeast Florida Healthy Start Coalition of Jacksonville, were also distributed to public health officials September 12 at the monthly meeting of Healthy Baker, Inc., the local nonprofit striving to improve the quality of life and health of local residents.

The task force operates as a subcommittee of Healthy Baker.

The tent cards are part of the task force's 2011-12 action plan, which was released that day to coincide with National Infant Mortality Month in September.

During that last five years, 40 percent of all infant deaths were found to be sleep-related, including two of the four deaths last year, states the action plan.

To reduce those incidences, the plan also calls for the health department to distribute safe sleep information in OB (obstetrics) bags given to new mothers receiving services there, with



PHOTO BY JOEL ADDINGTON

Safe sleep tent cards being distributed to businesses and other organizations.

the materials being supplied by Healthy Start.

The agencies are also partnering to began a training program for new or soon-to-be new fathers, which teaches safe sleeping techniques as well as other parenting skills.

The action plan targets six areas in all, including breast feeding, with various activities associated with each area, like "addressing the breast feeding policies of the county's major employers."

But much of the ongoing ef-

orts involve applying downward pressure on the county's high teen pregnancy rate, and particularly repeat teen pregnancies.

To that end, the task force intends to review a faith-based curriculum known as "Our Whole Lives" with local churches, consider options for comprehensive sex education, including information about contraception, to teen parents and implement a curriculum aimed at parents and improving their communication with teens about sex and pregnancy.

The health department is also continuing an abstinence-based sex education curriculum for seventh and eighth graders this year. An abstinence-based high school sex ed curriculum has also been funded here through 2016 as part of a University of South Florida study [Editor's note: See next week's edition for further information about the study].

"Teen pregnancy will prove the most challenging topic to tackle," Ms. Crawford said. "The varying opinions on sex education curriculum in our schools, religious views and moral beliefs all play a big part. Our goal is to decrease the teen pregnancy rate, specifically repeat teen pregnancy. The question is how do we do this effectively."

"Lunch and learns" with local pediatricians are planned in 2012 to increase the number of moms who attend their six-week postpartum visit and funding will be sought for grief counseling to families who have experienced an infant or fetal death.

The full action plan is available at nefhealthystart.org under the "saving babies" section.

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# Felon was armed with a pistol...

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Mr. Prevatt pulled the gun on them.

Deputy Driggers said the pistol was retrieved from the ground nearby, and he soon learned Mr. Prevatt is banned from having it because of his felon status. The gun's serial number had been filed off.

The complaint also alleges aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and altering a firearm.

In another incident in west Macclenny, Joshua Going, 27, of Glen St. Mary said he was walking on South 7th St. between 9-10 pm on September 8 when he was attacked by four or five black males who beat him and took his wallet.

Mr. Going did not report the incident until two days later, according to the report by Deputy Koty Crews, and said the attack left him with bruises about the face and knees.

- Beverly Shreve, 56, of Jacksonville was arrested for disorderly conduct after an altercation with her aunt, Frances Boyd, 70, at the latter's residence on Clinton Ave. in Glen.

Deputy Tony Norman was called to the address about 1 pm on September 11 and said Ms. Shreve, who appeared to be intoxicated, became unruly and uncooperative when questioned.

Her aunt said Ms. Shreve pushed her off the porch and created a disturbance inside the residence by throwing furniture and other property.

- Kevin Kaiser, 27, of Jacksonville was named in a complaint for misdemeanor possession of marijuana and a smoking pipe, both found in a backpack inside a vehicle he was riding in when it was stopped for speeding on Interstate 10 near Sanderson.

Deputy Robert Simpkins said he stopped the 2005 Hyundai driven by Jessica Kaiser, 24, about 1:15 am on September 6 and found the items during a consent search.

He issued Ms. Kaiser a ticket for speeding.

- Deputy Chris Walker arrested Crystal Rowland, 28, of Glen in Cuyler on CR 125 the morning of September 7 for driving on a license with five prior suspensions.

The officer said he stopped her 2005 Chevrolet after recognizing her and being aware of the previous violations.

- Brock Christie, 19, of Glen was already in county jail the afternoon of September 11 when he was served with warrants from Duval County for forgery and Clay County for grand theft auto and a worthless check felony.

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## County's 150th will turn out just peachy

### IMPRESSIONS

Jim McGauley

Several people, two of them involved as organizers, commented the past week that no one seems to know about the upcoming Sesquicentennial Celebration on September 24.

Maybe that's because so few of us attempt to *pronounce* the word (Cess-kwa-centennial) and thus have pushed the one-day event back in the nether regions of our consciousness.

No, it's not a celebration of some primitive era when the dinosaurs roamed. It means Baker County is celebrating the 150th anniversary of its founding in April, 1861, a month when there wasn't much going on — except, oh, for the shelling of Fort Sumter and the start of the Civil War.

Talk about being overshadowed by events. It's on par with choosing December 7, 1941 (or 9/11 for that matter) as your wedding day.

Why aren't people talking about the Sesquicentennial?

I submit because it's still two weeks off, and since it's a one-day event people just aren't paying any attention yet. That's what happens when one competes in a world with a million diversions. It's not like we're all living on Cracker farms and can't wait to hitch up the buckboard and ride on into town for the "event of the year."

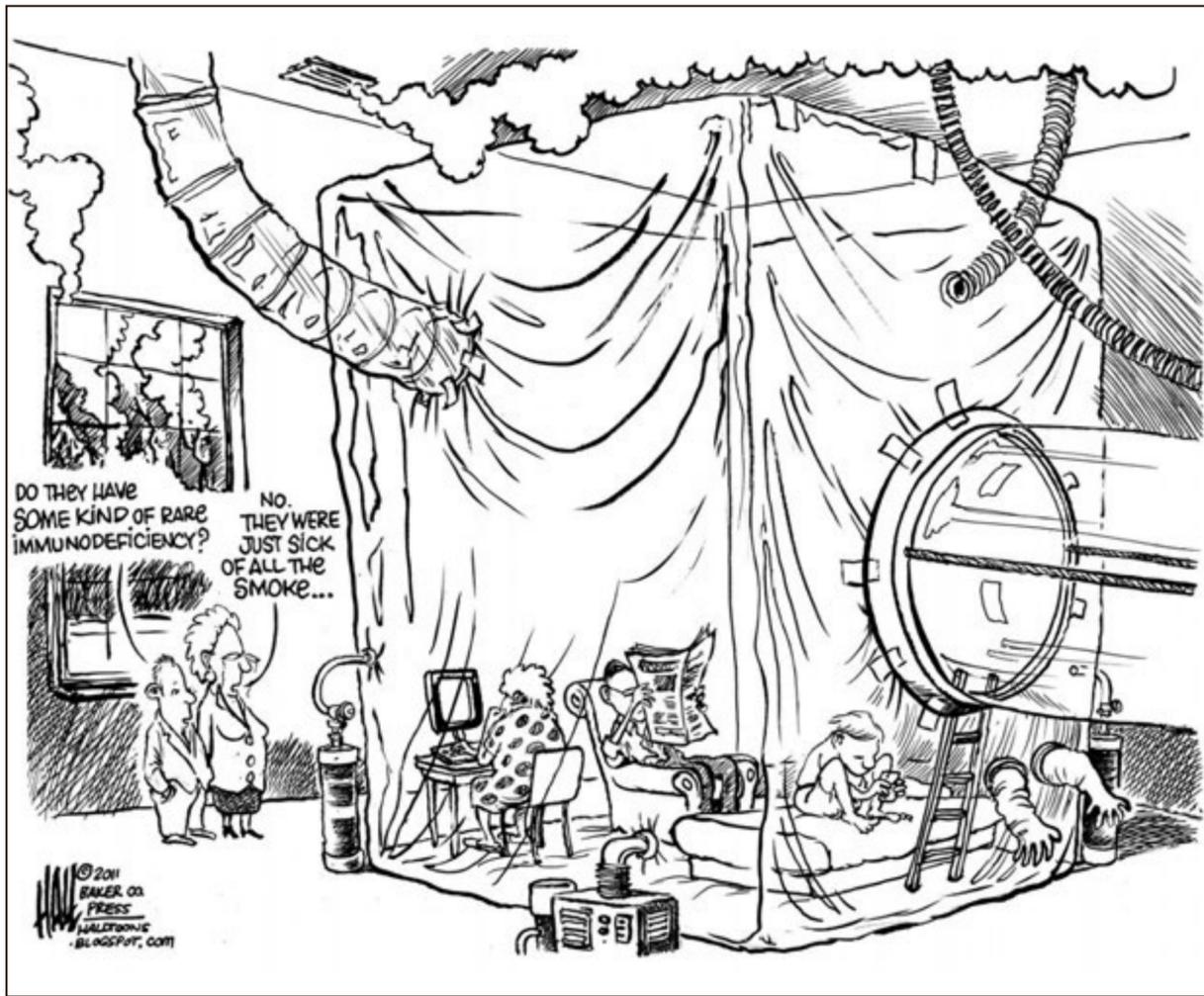
For those who aren't "from here," a phrase that used to carry with it a stigma, maybe they aren't motivated to get excited about the Sesquicentennial because their "folks" are from points distant.

That shouldn't matter; the county still has a history — everywhere does — and history in any form should be of interest to citizens of any locale. You don't have to become a walking encyclopedia of Baker County's history, but you should be at least mildly curious.

Plus, it's a celebration, with closed off streets, speeches, a street dance, a day's agenda of live entertainment. For those who complain there's nothing to do here on weekends, no reason to come downtown anytime, here's a reason.

A small but dedicated group of people, some with deep roots here, some not so deep, has worked hard to put together the celebration that was wisely cancelled from earlier this year.

Their efforts will pay off. People will show up, and it'll be worth their while — and yours.



## Capt. McClenny's inmate revenge

With the Sesquicentennial coming up on September 24, I've got a really fun story about the our county seat's namesake, Capt. C.B. McClenny. The story was again collected by Gene Barber. Gene couldn't attest to its

complete veracity, but it's one that the captain told over and over, so he at least claimed it was true.

I read this story and immediately snatched it up for my drama production of the history of the county, Baker County, Fla. 1861-1961. It just has so much dramatic flair about it.

It seems that during the Civil War, Capt. McClenny managed to get himself captured by the Yankees. Nobody knows for sure whether C.B. McClenny actually was a captain, but that is what he called himself and had everyone else call him so I'm inclined to think it probably wasn't a Col. Sanders situation.

Capt. McClenny was quite a character.

After they latched onto him, the Yankees promptly sent him north to Ft. Delaware, a notorious Union prison camp. It wasn't nearly as bad as the Confederate camp at Andersonville, Georgia, but it was no picnic.

Some 13,000 CSA troops were housed there on Pea Patch Island in the Delaware River. Many of them died.

General Albin F. Schoepf was commandant of the prison, a "sharp talking, red faced, sadistic type." The prisoners were fond of calling him "General Terror."

He lived up to his name. He patrolled the grounds with his bulldog Brutus and threw prisoners into "the hole" for the least offense. The hole was a ... well ... hole the size of a grave over which they would fasten a piece of tin. It got brutally hot in the hole and Capt. McClenny seems very familiar with it.

He was also very familiar with Brutus. The pit bull was vicious and took to wandering the camp at night and attacking prisoners if he took a shine to it. The general doted on the dog and the prisoners hated Brutus nearly as much as the general.

Prisoners lived cramped together with 13,000 in a space meant for 4,000. Disease was rampant, with smallpox, measles, dysentery and scurvy a constant worry. At most times there were over 1,000 prisoners sick from one scourge or another.

Food was scarce and what they got was poor quality. The biscuits were filled with worms and what little meat was scrawny or going green.

The prisoners took to organizing a Rat Detail. The quickest among them chased the rats that were plentiful on the island and cooked them up to supplement their diet. It wasn't long before the rats became very scarce.

Things could get particularly bad, and McClenny had numerous run ins with the warden, who made frequent tours of the camp, berating the prisoners for being Secessionists and threatening them with Brutus.

McClenny, a bit of a character who had a difficult time holding his tongue, was forever getting in trouble. After a particularly bad spell of punishment he decided he wanted a little revenge on "General Terror." He came up with a plan that was to make him something of a legend among the prisoners.

McClenny convinced Charlie

Burns, one of the Rat Detail, to loan him a fat rat he had caught over by where they buried the dead prisoners. Burns reluctantly agreed, but was worried that the captain would lose his rat.

Late that night, McClenny, Burns and another prisoner named Frank Belton lay in wait. When Brutus made his nightly rounds, McClenny called him by name and held up the fat rat.

I can picture it looking something like the scene in *Pirates of the Caribbean* when the prisoners are trying to get the keys from

the dog's mouth.

Brutus spotted the rat dangling from McClenny's fingers and came over. Belton jumped him and held his mouth shut while Burns hit him with a big rock. That night, McClenny and his friends had a tasty fricassee of pine needles, acorns and stewed Brutus.

Tastes like chicken.

Gen. Schoepf searched the camp high and low for his pet but never found a single trace of him. McClenny had his revenge.



### Facebook fans

#### 'What you had to say ...'

*In the lead up to the 10-year anniversary of the terrorist attack of 9-11, we the asked our followers on Facebook September 6, "Do you feel the events of September 11, 2001 receive the attention they deserve, not enough, or too much?" Here's what they had to say ...*

**Louise Curtiss Smith:**

"With the exclusion of any clergy, it's going to be nothing more than a photo opportunity for Bloomberg! Shameful! Without God, we wouldn't be here today!"

**Alyssa Nicole Fernandez:**

"I think the media goes over board sometimes. I feel so sad for those who lost family and loved ones. My dad was on a flight to Tennessee that day, and I was scared out of my mind. I can't imagine that loss. But I think we should celebrate how far we've come from that day."

**Janet Rigney:**

"This is a very sad day for everyone in America, more should be done on this day in history. They all said when it happened, never forget. In my view most did. I know I never will. As a New Yorker they took a part of me with the attack. God bless all those who lost and gave there lives on this day and our NYPD and NYFD and our service men and women for what they did afterwards."

**Jay Cannaday:**

"Not enough of the truth and too much peripheral and ancillary stuff gets reported."

**Mike De Baecke:**

"I agree with Jay. Although it's a very sad event and we should never ever forget that day and those that lost their lives and the loved ones left behind, I feel there is not enough of the truth of what really happened."

**Buddy Dugger:**

"I personally feel a lot of people do not remember. We should know what led up to this attack on our people and nation. Did passive attitudes lead up to this from a lack of will to protect our nation and more the concerns of not offending other nations from acting before the attacks happened? Today, could we be looking at a repeat in history as with the attacks on Pearl Harbor from these same passive attitudes before WWII, with the buildup of China's Navy, and the buildup of China, Russia and North Korea jointly building their armed forces?"

**Jay Cannaday:**

"They need to show the clips of the planes hitting the towers daily and remind Americans who hijacked those planes."

**Christopher Aptomollo:**

"I think that what is done is adequate in memory, respect and honor to those who willingly and unwillingly gave their lives on September 11. We as a country should never forget the events that occurred that day as I believe it brings us a lot closer and reminds us all that we are in fact the greatest country in the world."

*Then, after we posted a photo from ABC News of a waterfall at the Ground Zero memorial that formed the shape of a cross, we posted, "There has been so much con-*

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Deserving of praise

Dear Editor:

In the times we live in today too often unnoticed are those who steadily work for inspiration, mentoring, righteousness and goodwill to the community.

Bob Gerard still inspires today as he did years ago for the students of our county by way of a column in our local paper, a man of his family and community that he often writes of. Why he has not run for a local office is a mystery.

Another example is our long time (county) Judge Joseph Williams. He makes the extra effort and stands by his word and decisions.

And with community growth generally comes an increase of crime as well. The safety of our county in comparison to our neighboring ones is a testament to our sheriff and his deputies, as well as the efforts made by persons like assistant state attorney Josh Kuhlmann.

Recently, we had the "National Night Out" event. Perhaps we should have a "County Day Out" so our officials and representatives can be acknowledged and thanked for their efforts over the years.

We can claim pride in Baker County.

David Yale  
Macclenny

### Correction noted

An article in last week's *Press* incorrectly stated that Deputy Jeremiah Combs was suspended pending an investigation of a September 6 accident with a patrol car on the way to a burglary call.

Deputy Combs resumed shift work after the accident, pending the investigation.

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*trovery over Christian symbolism, particularly the cross being present at the site the 9/11 memorial. Here's a photo during this morning's television coverage of the service. Look what appeared on the surface of the water in one of the waterfalls that now mark where the Twin Towers used to stand — a cross. Now, that's interesting." It sparked the following comments:*

**Kimberly Atwood:**

"God is much bigger than anything we can imagine. This is proof that God is there and we are the better for it!"

**Katherine Tidwell:**

"It just goes to show that God is there, even when some don't want him to be!"

**PJ Lefebvre III:** "I guess people will see what they want to believe."

**Ashley Marie Nicholson:**

"A cross should be there. And all the atheists out there spend money I bet, and that says in God we trust. I bet they don't raise hell about money."

**Aaron Scott:**

"If you don't like Christianity in the public arena, try this new thing they call tolerance. It's a two-way street, and I, for one, am tired of doing all the yielding."

**Barbara Blackshear**

"Awesome."

**Lorie Williams:**

"Very interesting, but not surprising! God will make Himself known!"

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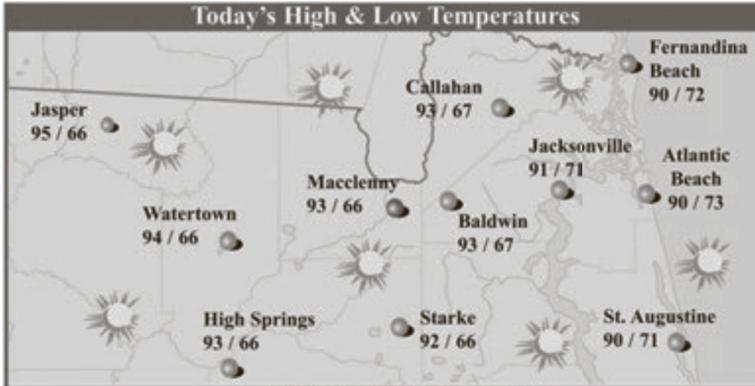
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	<b>Friday</b> Isolated T-storms High: 89 Low: 65
	<b>Saturday</b> Isolated T-storms High: 86 Low: 63
	<b>Sunday</b> Isolated T-storms High: 85 Low: 63
	<b>Monday</b> Isolated T-storms High: 86 Low: 68
	<b>Tuesday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 90 Low: 69
	<b>Wednesday</b> Isolated T-storms High: 92 Low: 71



Sun/Moon Chart This Week				
Last	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	First
9/20	Thursday	7:12 a.m.	7:34 p.m.	10/3
	Friday	7:13 a.m.	7:33 p.m.	
	Saturday	7:14 a.m.	7:32 p.m.	
	Sunday	7:14 a.m.	7:31 p.m.	
	Monday	7:15 a.m.	7:29 p.m.	Full 10/11
9/27	Tuesday	7:15 a.m.	7:28 p.m.	
	Wednesday	7:16 a.m.	7:27 p.m.	

Last Week's Local Almanac				
Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Tue, 9/6	81	68	90/71	0.17"
Wed, 9/7	82	66	90/71	0.00"
Thu, 9/8	84	59	90/71	0.00"
Fri, 9/9	82	59	89/71	0.00"
Sat, 9/10	90	66	89/71	0.00"
Sun, 9/11	93	68	89/71	0.00"
Mon, 9/12	91	64	89/71	0.00"

Precipitation .....0.17"  
 Normal precipitation .....1.69"  
 Departure from normal .....-1.52"  
 Average temperature .....75.2°  
 Average normal temperature ...80.2°  
 Departure from normal .....-5.0°  
 Data as reported from Cecil Field Airport

St. Mary's River Levels			Hunting/Fishing Times		
	Now	Change	Peak Times		
Moniac, GA	4.25 ft.	0.00 ft.	Day	AM	PM
Macclenny	1.21 ft.	-0.01 ft.	Thu	12:40-2:40	1:10-3:10
Weather History			Fri	1:24-3:24	1:54-3:54
Sept. 15, 1752 - A great hurricane produced a tide along the South Carolina coast that came close to inundating downtown Charleston. However, just before the tide reached the city, a shift in the wind caused the water level to drop five feet in 10 minutes.			Sat	2:10-4:10	2:40-4:40
			Sun	2:58-4:58	3:28-5:28
			Mon	3:48-5:48	4:18-6:18
			Tue	4:39-6:39	5:09-7:09
			Wed	5:32-7:32	6:02-8:02
			www.WhatsOurWeather.com		

## Borrowed rescue...

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 lance responded to 9-1-1 calls to the dismay and confusion of residents, who soon began calling County Manager C.J. Thompson for an explanation.

Mr. Thompson said he was disappointed the callers couldn't see past the red ambulance with the Jacksonville Fire Rescue emblem and recognize it was still local paramedics and EMTs in uniforms with the Baker County seal helping them.

Rescue 36, the primary ambulance stationed in Macclenny, its back-up unit, Rescue 32, and Rescue 33, the transport unit that shuttles patients from medical facilities here to those in Jacksonville, all broke down at the same time.

EMS director David Richardson said Rescue 36 busted a hose and Rescue 32 suffered from a malfunctioning air bag, both of which were repaired and back in service the following day.

Rescue 33, the transport unit with more than 200,000 miles on it, broke a crankshaft, making the engine worthless, he said.

The director made inquiries to the unit's manufacturer, Chevrolet, about trading in the truck's box, the rear section that carries patients, but had not received a response as of September 12.

"It could be stripped for replacement parts," said Mr. Richardson. "We should get something out of it, but I can't put a dollar amount on it yet."

The figure he did have was the county's bill for repairs and maintenance on the rescue fleet, some \$30,000 this year.

Mr. Richardson said most of the work is completed by Miracle Automotive and Truck Service Center of Macclenny, but Gear & Wheel Mobile Repair on N. SR 121 and other mechanics in Jacksonville do the more specialized repairs on occasion.

"Yeah, [Miracle] runs into some problems from time to time, but not so much that we don't want to use them," he said, adding that the shop often does minor service or diagnostic work like battery checks at no charge. "They do several little things like that ... It's just a good relationship. They work nights and weekends to get the units back to us. You don't get that in town."

The director also rejected any notion that the county is not properly maintaining its rescue units.

"We've never, ever neglected our vehicles," said Mr. Richardson. "We try to save as much money for the county as we can, but not at the detriment of the public."

The maximum life of a rescue unit is generally about 200,000 miles, he said.

The two new units scheduled for delivery in November are manufactured by Dodge. The purchase will cost the county \$282,518, or \$141,259 each.

## BAKER COUNTY COMMISSION

# \$27.4 million budget passes

JOEL ADDINGTON  
 NEWS EDITOR  
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With no one from the public attending the Baker County Commission's first public hearing on its 2011-12 budget and property tax rate, three commissioners took about five minutes to vote their approval.

Commissioners Jimmy Anderson and Adam Giddens were not present for the hearing.

"We've been through this four or five times so we're all pretty familiar with the intricacies of the budget," county manager C.J. Thompson told the board while presenting an overview of the \$27.4-million spending plan for the coming fiscal year.

"This is pretty much a high-level overview," he said.

It showed the proposed property tax, or millage, rate unchanged from this fiscal year's rate of \$7.1459 per \$1000 of tax-

able property value. At the proposed rate, a home with a taxable value of \$100,000 would pay \$714.59 in county property taxes, excluding school district, Macclenny, hospital and water management district levies.

Mr. Thompson's overview also noted the expected dip into reserves to balance the budget at \$2.2 million, compared to \$1.7 million this year.

The total budget, however, is down some \$4.6 million, or 14 percent.

The overview also included a breakdown of department budgets and each department's percentage change from last year.

Seventeen of the county's 24 departments reduced their anticipated spending by as little as .37 percent (Supervisor of Elections) to as much as 51.66 percent (grants). The latter cut as well as a 36.33 percent drop in the planning and zoning department's budget came as a result of

two layoffs announced in early August.

"The majority are downward trends," said Mr. Thompson.

Some increases in expected spending were explained in the document's footnotes, including about \$35,000 in the solid waste department for a new roll-off truck, \$477,868 in corrections from a change in the number of inmates presumed for budgeting purposes and \$9000 for animal control from the county assuming service in the City of Macclenny.

Mr. Thompson said the latter increase will be offset, however, by revenue from the city.

A second hearing for final approval of the budget and millage rate is scheduled for September 19 at 5:01 pm.

Press Advertising  
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## ARC kickoff lunch

A luncheon is set for this Thursday, September 15 at noon to observe the name change of Comprehensive Community Services to The ARC of North Florida.

The luncheon is co-sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the ARC organization. It will be held at the ARC headquarters at 678 W. Macclenny Ave.

ARC serves handicapped adults in several northeast Florida counties and is based in Live Oak.

## Benefit dinners

A dinner benefit will take place at Moody's parking lot on September 16 beginning at 11 am to support the family of Marcie Taylor Pinkston.

She is a wife and mother of three beautiful girls diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. She is unable to work due to the nature of her illness.

An account has been set up to offset medical expenses at Vystar Credit Union. Donations can be made in her name.

## 2 years for burglaries

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nience store. They apparently attempted to enter other houses in the neighborhood but were thwarted when they discovered the addresses were occupied.

In a second sentencing that followed a no contest plea, Kyle Williamson of Glen St. Mary drew a two-year probation with night curfew for trafficking in stolen property and grand theft.

The defendant, 28, and two codefendants were arrested for stealing property valued at \$2360 from an unoccupied residence off CR 120 in the north county in May and June of this year. Some of the items were recovered from Scrapy Pappy's salvage yard near Macclenny where the defendants had sold them.

Judge Rosier also ordered Mr. Williamson to do 100 hours of community service and enroll as a full time student or get a job as conditions of probation.

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NEW RIVER LANDFILL

# Turning 'gas' into a cash cow

## New River signs pact with California firm

MIKE ANDERSON  
PRESS STAFF

The New River Regional Landfill has been gassy for a long time. However, there has never been a commercial market for the fumes produced by huge mounds of decaying garbage and trash at the multi-county dump.

Until now, that is.

The 500-acre facility could reap profits exceeding \$7 million over 15 years under the terms of a contract with a California-based company that received the final go-ahead last week to begin the process of converting landfill gas to a marketable energy product for sale to power companies.

At a meeting of the New River Solid Waste Association's board of directors on September 8, Darrell O'Neal, executive director, announced that attorneys had completed a review of the contract documents and all parties had signed it.

"The clock starts now, with the first check being written in the next few weeks," Mr. O'Neal said, referring to a \$150,000 non-refundable deposit that Janecek & Associates agreed to pay within 30 days after execution of the contract.

Janecek will be responsible for building a processing plant at the facility to extract carbon dioxide from gas generated by the landfill and transfer it to a local pipeline for ultimate distribution to the West Coast to power company customers.

Board members expressed relief to finally have the Landfill Gas-to-Energy project off the ground after many months of negotiations.

"It's been a long time coming," said Baker County Commissioner Mark Hartley, one of six members of the New River governing board, which represents Baker, Union and Bradford counties.

Plans actually began in 2001 in a partnership arrangement with the Hinkley Center for Solid and

Hazardous Waste Management, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the University of Florida and University of Central Florida to construct and monitor the New River Bioreactor.

The bioreactor, designed by consulting engineers Jones Edmunds & Associates of Gainesville, speeds up the decomposition process of waste from 25 to 30 years to five to 10 years by injecting liquid and air into the landfill cells. In addition to extending landfill life, this process, which includes collecting and burning landfill gas, generates methane gas for energy use.

The \$150,000 deposit check is the first step in a series of scheduled events spelled out in the contract with Janecek & Associates. The contract also includes the following milestones:

- Execute transmission and interconnection agreements with owners of pipeline systems from Florida to California, 180 days.
- Start construction of Janecek & Associates LFG Recovery and Treatment Facilities, 360 days.
- Achieve substantial completion of the facilities within 450 days.
- Begin commercial operation within 480 days.

New River Landfill, located in Union County, became the first multi-county regional landfill in Florida in 1998. Today, the facility receives nearly 1,000 tons of waste each day from its three member counties and Alachua and Gilchrist counties.

In other business last week, the New River board:

- Reviewed proposals from current service providers seeking new contracts and their competitors. In the end, the board chose to stick with seven of eight current contractors for everything from auditing services and landscaping to computer maintenance and pest control.

The board took no action on a proposal for equipment repair

and maintenance services currently provided by Florida Tractor Repair Inc., which submitted one of three bids. The item was tabled pending further information from one of the competitors, Vanzant Auto and Diesel Repair Inc., after a third bid was rejected outright because it did not comply with bid specifications.

Although Vanzant did not furnish proof of general liability or workers compensation insurance, nor did the owner possess required certifications to work on the type of heavy equipment the landfill owns, board members agreed to keep him under consideration pending further review.

Some board members seemed to lean in his favor because its prices were considerably lower

than Florida Tractor, which bid \$82.50 an hour for heavy equipment repair and \$70 an hour for light equipment repair. By comparison, Vanzant said it would do the work for \$60 an hour and \$50 an hour.

"Vanzant is a lot cheaper," said board member Michael Crews, a Baker County commissioner.

"A lot cheaper," echoed Mr. Hartley, who had called for competitive bids last month.

However, Mr. O'Neal said Florida Tractor had given excellent service for years and he didn't know if Vanzant had the manpower to adequately take care of the entire landfill fleet.

"This requires a lot of time. We have a lot of equipment," he said.

# Annual 4-H kick-off

Baker County 4-H will hold its Fall Kick Off September 20 from 6-8 pm at the Baker County Agricultural Center on US 90 in west Macclenny.

4-H is a worldwide community of youth learning citizenship, leadership and life skills. The 4-H program is for youth ages 5 - 18 (as of September 1 each year and not graduated high school).

The Fall Kick Off will be held in the auditorium and 4-H will furnish hot dogs, chips and drinks while supplies last. The 4-H club leaders will have tables set up to explain their club and recruit members. New and continuing members can complete registration forms.

There are many project areas for youth to explore from outdoor technologies and environmental education to forestry and clogging and just about everything in between. For more information about 4-H in Baker County visit <http://baker.ifas.ufl.edu> or <http://florida4h.org>.

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# Attacks her mother; mother attacks son

Police investigated two domestic violence cases the past week, the first involving a mother allegedly attacking her son and the second a daughter attacking her mother.

Deputy Brad Dougherty filed a battery complaint against Marie Johns, 55, of Glen St. Mary after interviewing both her and her son Justin Johns, 27, of Sander-son about an altercation in the parking lot of Murphy Oil on SR 228 the afternoon of September 8.

Mrs. Johns, irate because her son prevented her from visitation with his young child, confronted him about 5:30 and the two argued briefly after Mr. Johns refused to exit his vehicle.

One of the victim's step-sons videoed the confrontation with a cell phone, according to Sgt. Dougherty, and it depicts the mother reaching in and striking her son about the face.

During a later interview, the officer said Mrs. Johns freely admitted striking her son, adding, "... I told Justin next time I see him I'll do it again."

When advised that a criminal complaint was being filed based on the evidence, Sgt. Dougherty said the mother replied: "I don't care, I will put my hands on him if I want. I brought him in this world, I'll take him out."

In the second incident, Bethany Bates, 30, of Macclenny was arrested for domestic violence on her mother Kathy Dorminey, 54, at the latter's residence on Sunny Lane near Glen.

The mother told Deputy Daryl Mobley her daughter became irate when she refused to allow her to leave with her two children after coming home intoxicated about 6:30 the evening of September 8. She had asked the mother earlier to baby sit while she went out with friends.

The officer said he detected

a strong odor of alcohol when he questioned Ms. Bates. He also noted scratch marks on the mother's arm and an abrasion on her chest where she claimed the daughter pushed her.

Complaints for domestic battery were filed against Cassandra Amerson, 27, and her husband Jason, 28, following a fight at their residence on Ben Rowe Circle early on September 10.

The couple returned from a night of drinking about 2 am and Deputy Johnny Hodges heard differing versions about how the fight started. Both parties bore signs of a struggle.

A 16-year-old ex-boyfriend was named in a second complaint for violating a protective order keeping him away from his ex-girlfriend, 17, and the mother of their child.

Deputy Tony Norman was called to the 3rd St. residence in Macclenny of the girl's present boyfriend Billy Irish, 20, the afternoon of September 10, where he was present for a profanity-laced telephone call from the accused.

The girlfriend also showed the deputy records of the ex-boyfriend's attempts to call her on her cellphone. Mr. Irish said he received 30-40 threatening calls from the accused the past month.

Clayton Williams, 21, of St. George, GA was arrested the morning of September 6 for violating a court order to stay away from estranged girlfriend Heather Robinson.

Deputy Norman said he was patrolling on CR 125 south of Glen when he spotted Ms. Robinson's parked vehicle with Mr. Williams as a passenger.

He also charged the boyfriend with resisting arrest by giving a false name, and learned Mr. Williams is wanted on a Baker County warrant for failure to appear in court.

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10:30 am	Parade begins
11:45 am	WWII P6 Flyover (2 passes)
12:00 pm	Opening Ceremonies
1-1:45 pm	Junior Combs (Southern Joy)
2-7:00 pm	Gospel Sing at First Baptist Church of Macclenny
2-2:45 pm	Natural Truth
2:45 & 3:45 pm	Dynamic Dance Cloggers
3-3:45 pm	Natural Truth
4-5:00 pm	Sounds of Baker County (Mark Carpenter)
5:00 pm	Dynamic Sounds of Brit and Blair
5:30-6:30 pm	Third Wheel (SSM Nashville Recording Group)
7-8:00 pm	Kevin Denny (Lyric Recording Artist)
8:30 pm	Fiddling Champion - Dave Becnel
9-10:00 pm	Street Dance with Branch and Dean

### Gospel Sing Schedule

2:00 pm	Southern Triology
2:15 pm	Dan Gibbs
2:30 pm	Rushing Wind Quartet
3:00 pm	Second Crossing
3:30 pm	Camela Hodson
3:45 pm	Dave and Sherrie
4:00 pm	Gail Moore
4:15 pm	Raiford Road Youth Choir
4:30 pm	Pure Heart
5:00 pm	The Harper Brothers
5:30 pm	River City
6:00 pm	Thomas Family Eand
6:30 pm	Southern Joy
7:00 pm	Image Breakers

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# Made threats with knife Barges into woman's Olustee home

An Olustee woman faces several felony counts for kicking her way into the home of another woman the afternoon of September 7 and threatening to kill her with a knife.

Demetria Dinkens, 28, allegedly first went to the residence of Miquelle Jones, 35, on Robinson Lane in Olustee where the two argued and engaged in a physical confrontation.

Ms. Jones told Deputy Chris Walker that Ms. Dinkens returned a short time later, forced her way into the front door and brandished the knife, which she then used to slit four tires on Ms. Jones' 1993 Buick parked outside.

Deputy Walker interviewed the accused at her home on Derek Arline Rd. and she admitted the allegations, saying she returned to Ms. Jones' address to

"do her damage."

She was booked for aggravated assault, battery and in a subsequent criminal complaint, aggravated battery because Ms. Jones is pregnant and her assailant was aware of it. The victim's two children, ages 3 and 6, were present during the incident.

In another assault complaint, Allen Yonn, 31, of Macclenny is accused of threatening landlord Jeffrey Lucas, 50, of Glen St. Mary during a confrontation at a residence on Grant St. the afternoon of September 7.

Mr. Lucas told Deputy Brad Dougherty he went to the property about 5:25 to collect past due rent, and Mr. Yonn screamed and cursed at him before leveling threats against him and his property. He also noted that the tenant was bleeding from the bridge of his nose and appeared to be

under the influence.

That was the same inference drawn by Deputy Jared Satterwhite when he visited Mr. Yonn shortly after and noted other scratches and cuts on his person. Police also talked to his live-in girlfriend, who had a facial bruise.

The couple insisted the cuts and bruises were from cutting up a tree earlier.

A 15-year-old boy said he was attacked while at the Macclenny Park with his brother, age 16, the evening of September 7.

Deputy Dougherty noted the youth had a lip laceration he claimed was caused when his assailant, who he described as black male between 13-14 years old and wearing a bright orange shirt, struck him repeatedly about the face.

# Damaged contractor's vehicles

A Macclenny man employed by a contractor on the Manntown Bridge replacement south of Glen St. Mary on CR 125 has been named in a criminal complaint for using and damaging two pieces of equipment stationed at the construction site.

Victor Crow, 39, owns property on the east side of 125 nearby, and allegedly took an excavator and front end loader over the Labor Day holiday.

He is also charged with theft of diesel worth \$300 in addition to the estimated \$2400 damage to the machinery.

Mr. Crow told Deputy Tony Norman he obtained permission from a supervisor with K and L Land Clearing of St. Augustine to move the excavator if it obstructed the entrance to his property.

He said the contractor had pushed trees onto his property and he used the front end loader to remove them from trees situated on raised platforms. In the process, the loader bogged down and he then used the excavator to push it free.

Mr. Crow is employed by another contractor on the project.

Daniel Duncan, the supervisor for the land clearer, said a battery box, tail lights, front fenders and a handrail were damaged. The equipment belongs to NEFF Rentals of Jacksonville.

In other cases reported to the sheriff's department the past week, an ex-boyfriend was named in a complaint for burglary and theft at the residence of Lajoya Evans between September 8-10 while she was away.

Ms. Evans told Deputy Patrick McGauley she returned to her residence on Thomas Sweat Rd. in Sanderson and found the front door had been forced open and an estimated \$500 in clothing taken.

She named Jarius Holcomb, 30, of Jacksonville as the like-

ly suspect. Deputy McGauley learned from Yellow Cab in Jacksonville, the suspect's employer, that the GPS system on his cab indicated it was at the residence for about an hour the evening of September 8.

The complaint also alleges trespass and criminal mischief for the door damage.

An employee at Camp Tracey in north Baker County named one of the youthful residents in a complaint alleging he vandalized the counselor's 2005 Chrysler the morning of September 9.

Jeffrey Kresch, the counselor, told Deputy Koty Crews the 15-year-old boy did so in retaliation for being punished for running away. Camp Tracey boards troubled youths who have run afoul of the law or have other behavioral problems.

Deputy Crews said the youth admitted the act when questioned, and said he did so because the counselor banned him from eating breakfast or wearing shoes to the on-premises school.

Cindy Sanders reported two bicycles valued at \$100 each stolen from the front yard of her residence off CR 127 north of Sanderson. She told Deputy Steven Smith she was away for about three hours the evening of September 10.

# Blood drive set

The Baker County Historical Society is hosting a community blood drive on September 24 at the Sesquicentennial event. It will be set up somewhere along south 5th Street.

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# Legal Notices

## NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Writ of Execution issued in the County Court of Baker County, Florida, on the 18th day of August, 2011, in the cause wherein, COUNTRY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, was plaintiff, and DONALD FARMER, was defendant, being Case No. 2006-108-SC in said Court, I, Joey B. Dobson, as Sheriff of Baker County, Florida have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the party named in the Writ of Execution, Donald Farmer, in and to the following described personal property, to-wit:

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I shall offer this property for sale, at Higginbotham's Towing & Recovery, 7611 W. Mount Vernon St., Glen St. Mary, FL, County of Baker, State of Florida, on September 27th, 2011 at the hour of 11:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. I will offer for sale all of the defendant, Donald Farmer's, right, title and interest in the aforesaid personal property, at public auction and will sell the same, subject to taxes, all prior liens, encumbrances and judgments, if any, to the highest and best bidder for CASH IN HAND. The proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and the satisfaction of the above described execution. (NOTE: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Baker County Sheriff's Office at (904) 259-0245 prior to the date of the sale.

JOEY B. DOBSON,  
Sheriff of Baker County, Florida  
By: Pamela L. Davis, D.S.

## 8/25-9/15 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 02-2008-CA-000141 DIVISION:

BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWABS,  
INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-16,  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
TAMMY FISH A/K/A TAMMY L. FISH, et al,  
Defendant(s).

## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated and entered in Case No. 02-2008-CA-000141 of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH Judicial Circuit in and for BAKER County, Florida wherein BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWABS, INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-16 is the Plaintiff and TAMMY FISH A/K/A TAMMY L. FISH; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TAMMY FISH A/K/A TAMMY L. FISH; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the FRONT DOOR OF THE BAKER COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00 AM, on the 26th day of September, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

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April Groff	157
Cathy Mixon	159
Gage Griner	175
Eden Branch	184

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## REQUEST FOR BIDS - SHOALS PARK TIMBER SITE PREP & PLANTING

The Baker County Board of Commissioners is seeking proposals from certified firms to provide timber site preparation and planting services at St. Mary's Shoals Park in Glen St. Mary, FL.

The proposed site preparation and planting activities will be performed in Sections 1 & 2, Township 2 South, Range 21 East and Section 35, Township 1 South, Range 21 East. Total acreage for site preparation and planting is estimated to be 220 acres.

Services to be performed on all 220 acres will include chopping, raking, and burning of piles. Approximately 88 acres will be planted with longleaf pine. Longleaf planting acreage will be harrowed. Approximately 132 acres will be planted with slash pine. Slash planting acreage will be bedded. All planting will be conducted by hand-planting with containerized seedlings at an industry standard of 726 trees per acre and 5 x 12 foot spacing. All site preparation and planting activities will be conducted in accordance with the State of Florida Division of Forestry's Silviculture Best Management Practices.

Please contact the Baker County Grants Office at (904) 259-9825 or mauricep@bakercountyfl.org for a bid packet and information on visiting the project site.

This is a sealed bid sale; no faxed, e-mailed or verbal bids shall be accepted. All bids shall be submitted by **1:30 pm on September 27, 2011** in a sealed envelope addressed to:

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Baker County Board of County Commissioners  
55 North 3rd Street  
Macclenny, FL 32063

## 9/15-9/22 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 02-2011-CA-0051

VYSTAR CREDIT UNION  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
JOSEPH W. PETERS; ET AL,  
Defendant(s).

## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated the 11th day of October, 2011, and entered in Case No. 02-2011-CA-0051, of the Circuit Court of the 8th Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida, wherein VYSTAR CREDIT UNION is the Plaintiff, JOSEPH W. PETERS; CINDY N. PETERS; and JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS are Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door of the Baker County Courthouse, 339 E. Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, Florida 32063, at 11:00 a.m. in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes on the 11th day of September, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

Lot 14, part of the North half of the SE 1/4 of Section 2, Township 3 South, Range 20 East, Baker County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Southwest Corner of said North half of the SE 1/4; thence N 87°16'41" E, along the South line of said North half of the SE 1/4, a distance of 302.07 feet to a point on the East line of a 60 foot wide road right-of-way; thence N 22°47'36" E, along the East line, 24.71 feet to a bend in said line; thence N 03°29'56" E, still along said line 00°03'50" E, 77.83 feet; thence N 03°29'56" E, 21.15 feet; thence S 87°21'53" W, 275.83 feet to the aforementioned East Right-of-Way line; thence S 03°29'56" W, along said East line, 100.15 feet to the point of Beginning.

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A strip of land 60.00 feet wide laying 30.00 feet each side of the following described centerline:

Commence at the SW corner of the North half of the SE 1/4 of Section 2, Township 3 South, Range 20 East, Baker County, Florida; thence N 87°16'41" E, along the South line of said North half of the SE 1/4 a distance of 88.00 feet; thence S 04°09'15" W, 41.62 feet to a point on the North Right-of-Way line of a 60.00 foot wide public road known as Gaskins Circle South, said point being on a curve concave to the South, having a radius of 411.67 feet and a central angle of 21°04'06" and being subtended by a chord having a bearing of S 72°27'17" E, and a chord length of 150.52 feet; thence Southwesterly along the arc of said curve and North Right-of-Way line an arc distance of 151.38 feet to a 3/4" iron pipe stamped LB 2392 and being the Point of Beginning of the herein described centerline; thence N 22°47'36" E, along said centerline, 140.27 feet to a bend in said line; thence N 03°29'56" E, still along said centerline, 386.40 feet to the point of termination of said centerline.

The said lines of the above described easement are to be lengthened or shortened as necessary to create a continuous corridor 60.00 feet in width from the North Right-of-Way line of Gaskins Circle South (A public right-of-way) to the North line of the lot described herein.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodations in order to participate in the proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration at the Baker County Courthouse, 339 E. Macclenny Ave., Macclenny, FL 32069, and whose telephone number is (904) 259-0209 within two working days of the receipt of this notice.

Dated this 8th day of September, 2011.

AL FRASER  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
BY: JULIE COMBS  
Deputy Clerk

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.02-2009-CA-0124

HARVEY SCHONBRUN,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.

RUTH WORTHINGTON and DAVID WORTHINGTON, wife and husband,  
Defendants.

## NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure and an Order Resetting Foreclosure Sale entered in the above styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Baker County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in Baker County, Florida, described as:

**Lot 1 in Block 55 of the Town of Macclenny according to plat of said Town on file in Deed Book "D", Page 800 of the Public Records of Baker County, Florida.**

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the main entrance of the Baker County Courthouse, 339 East Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, Florida, at 11:00 a.m., on the 26th day of September, 2011.

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

Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

AL FRASER  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
s/ Jamie Crews  
Deputy Clerk

## 9/8-9/15 NOTICE TO BID

Notice is hereby given that the Baker County Board of Commissioners and the City of Macclenny Commissioners will receive written, sealed bids for the following:

**"Furnishing Propane Gas for the County and City of Macclenny"**

All bids must be sealed and have "Propane Gas Bid" clearly marked on the outside of bid packet. All bids must be received by 3:00 p.m. Friday, September 23, 2011. Bids may be mailed or delivered to the Baker County Administration Building, 55 N 3rd Street, Macclenny, Florida 32063. For more information regarding size and number of propane tanks needed please call Ann Yarborough at (904) 259-3613. The Baker County Board of Commissioners and the City of Macclenny Commissioners reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

## 9/15-9/22 CITY OF MACCLENNY

The City of Macclenny will now be accepting bids for the demolition of several condemned structures. Please contact Joy Chapman at City Hall, 118 E Macclenny Avenue, for addresses and further information. Bids will be accepted until September 30, 2011.

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## 9/15 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 02-2010-CA-264

GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC,  
7406 Fullerton Street, Suite 201,  
Jacksonville, Florida 32256,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.

JOHN DEANE MILLS, and  
CHARLOTTE COMBS MILLS, IF LIVING, BUT IF DECEASED,  
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS,  
LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES OF CHARLOTTE COMBS MILLS,  
AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANTS,  
Defendants.

## NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to Plaintiff's Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-captioned action, I will sell the property situated in Baker County, Florida, described as follows, to-wit:

**Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 30, Township 3 South, Range 21 East, Baker County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 30; thence North 86 deg. 46 min. 58 sec., East on the North line of said Section 30 a distance of 179.0 feet to the Easterly line of a graded county road; said point also being the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continue North 86 deg. 46 min. 58 sec., East on said North line 210.0 feet; thence South 00 deg. 06 min. 43 sec West 210.0 feet; thence run South 86 deg. 46 min. 58 sec. West 260.0 feet, more or less, to the Easterly line of the above referred to graded county road; thence run North 13 deg. 55 min 57 sec East along said Easterly line of said graded county road, 210.0 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, excepting therefrom that portion thereof, if any, lying within any public road right of way as established and maintained by Baker County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida. Together with that certain mobile home bearing identification numbers: 34620586hA/B**

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash at the inside the front doors of the Baker County Courthouse, 339 E. Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, Florida 32063, at 11:00 AM (EST), on the 11 day of October, 2011.

If you are a subordinate lien holder claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the Clerk of Court no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim, you will not be entitled to any remaining funds.

Notice to Persons With Disabilities: 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 the Court Administrator's office no later than seven days prior to the proceeding.

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## 9/15-9/22

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Jacksonville-based Child Guidance Center resumed taking appointments in Baker County last week after closing its former location on W. Lowder St. in the spring.

A licensed clinical social worker, Ellen Fisher, is available for therapy from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm on Wednesdays at Baker Community Counseling Services, which is located in office space at the former county jail on 2nd Street in Macclenny.

Ms. Fisher will also provide psychiatric referrals to doctors in Jacksonville when appropriate.

Child Guidance pulled out of the county after failing to reach an agreement with the state on funding, but has been given a temporary contract to operate here one day a week through December 1.

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## Heavy smoke settles over county

Shown above is the view of US 90 looking west toward the Little St. Mary's bridge the morning of September 12. Smoke from multiple wildfires burning in the region blanketed Baker County periodically throughout the week. Florida Division of Forestry spokesman Kurt Wisner said that atmospheric conditions kept the smoke low to the ground, particularly in the morning before temperatures begin to rise. "These conditions usually improve as the day warms," he said. Mr. Wisner attributed most of the smoke early this week to the resurgent Honey Prairie Fire in the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge in Georgia. Inside Baker County, the so-called Road 205 Fire encompassed some 138 acres as of September 13 and the Road 72 Fire about 91 acres. Mr. Wisner said both remained within fire lines. "There is no significant rain forecast for our area and conditions are very dry once again," said Mr. Wisner. "We are seeing a significant amount of re-burn in areas of fire which had been contained. This is caused by fresh fuels falling onto still-hot areas." He urged residents to exercise caution when burning outdoors due to the dry conditions.

## Pet shelters on the way? Law mandates evacuation places

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Baker County has six designated emergency shelters, all located at local schools, which can accommodate people who evacuate their homes due to flooding, forest fire or some other natural disaster.

But what about pets? Can they come too?

The county, at present, does not have a pet-friendly shelter. However, according to Adam Faircloth, director of the Emergency Management Division of the sheriff's office, sometime in the near future the answer to that question should be yes.

Identifying and designating one of the six emergency shelter facilities as a "pet-friendly shelter" was a topic of discussion at the Local Mitigation Strategy Task Force meeting September 12.

"It's not a state mandate, but the Florida Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan's section on sheltering cites the Florida statute that strongly urges all counties to establish one or more designated emergency shelters as pet-friendly," said Mr. Faircloth.

And it's something of a requisite if an agency or entity accepts Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA, funding.

In the past, the county's emergency management plan has utilized the services of Baker County Animal Control to house animals during situations involving evacuation.

"There has been an agreement between the two entities to accommodate larger animals like livestock," said Mr. Faircloth. "For example, when Hurricane Fay came through the county, horses were evacuated to the fairgrounds, which is generally a high and dry area. That agreement will continue."

According to Mr. Faircloth, the ongoing process of designating a shelter will include input from the school district and the

task force anticipates feedback and suggestions from Denny Wells, the school district's director of facilities and maintenance.

Once a location has been settled on, the specifics of accommodation will need to be decided.

For instance, will people and pets be sheltered together? Would pets be housed separately? Or would pets be housed separately, but in the same facility?

"That is certainly something that will take some consideration," Mr. Faircloth said, "as some people have allergic reactions to animals."

Will the shelter provide food and water for pets and for how long?

"Our thinking is that in the midst of a crisis like a hurricane or fire, a pet owner may only be thinking of getting himself and the pet to safety and not stop to pack supplies," said Mr. Faircloth. "It's possible the shelter could provide food and water temporarily, especially during the first 24- to 36-hour time frame."

Any future pet-friendly shelter will likely follow basic guidelines used for similar shelters already established in other counties such as the need for pet owners to show proof of registration and vaccination before pets can be accommodated.

Owners will also be respon-

sible for the care of the animal while at the shelter and pets will need to be properly crated according to the type of animal.

"The type of pets that can be housed, that's another thing that will need to be decided," said Mr. Faircloth.

The majority of pet owners have dogs and cats, but some have birds, fish, snakes and even more exotic species. What if a pet owner showed up with a llama?

"I guess we will figure out how to deal with something like that through time and experience," he said.

Although all of Florida's counties don't yet have pet-friendly shelters in place, the number of such facilities is growing.

Florida's statute on accommodating people with pets at emergency shelters has its origins in the Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act of 2006, which was signed following the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

At that time, statistics showed that given a choice between their own personal safety or abandoning their pets, a significant number of people chose to risk their lives in order to remain with their pets.

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## More GED classes in prisons

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A new grant to the school district's Career and Adult Education department is expanding literacy and GED classes at Baker Correctional Institute and the county jail.

The grant, administered by the Florida Department of Corrections, will, for the first time, give inmates serving time at BCI's work camp an opportunity to sharpen their reading and writing skills and obtain the equivalent of a high school diploma.

The \$51,665 award from the federal government's Adult and Family Literacy Corrections Project will also allow the district to offer education programs during the summer months at the county jail.

The programs have been offered there during the fall and spring for several years.

The school board approved the grant agreement with the Florida Department of Corrections during its regular meeting the evening of September 6.

The education programs at the prison near Olustee have existed for some time, but they take place during the day when work camp inmates are in northeast Florida counties picking up trash or landscaping right-of-ways. The grant will pay for a teacher in the evenings when those prisoners can attend.

There are approximately 220 inmates at the work camp in need of a high school diploma and within three years of release to communities in the region, said Ann Watts, director of the Career and Adult Education, in an August 22 letter to Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson.

For the last year, BCI has been the region's designated re-entry prison, a facility that provides education, vocational training and behavioral counseling to inmates in the lead up to their release into nearby counties.

The grant will fund two part-time teaching positions for 10

hours a week at \$24.90 per hour for 42 weeks, plus supplies, equipment and teacher training.

At the county jail, 73 percent of federal inmates and 49 percent of local inmates don't have high school diplomas, according to a letter from Sheriff Joey Dobson in support of the grant.

"Ann Watts has done a great job for the school district and we're pleased they're working with us to educate our inmates," he said this week by phone. "We think it will make a big difference when they get out. It's definitely a worthwhile program."

BCI's new warden Chris Southerland, who assumed the post last April, is also pleased to partner with the school district.

She said only 60 percent of the 285 work camp prisoners hold high school diplomas.

"It's huge," said Ms. Southerland. "They can work during the day and work on getting their GED at night. It can only help for when they go home. I would like for everybody to have a GED

before they go home. This partnership is just a win-win for the institution, the inmates and the public."

Continuation of the three-year agreement with state corrections officials is contingent upon available grant funding.

## Girl Scouts are forming troops

Interested in Girl Scouting?

Girls and their parents are invited to a Girl Scout information meeting, Tuesday September 20, at 7:00 pm in the Macclenny Elementary School cafeteria. Meet your local troops and volunteer leaders, and find out how you can join the fun.

If you cannot attend but are interested, contact Carol Forslund cforlund@girlscouts-gatewa.org or call 904.388.4653. Scouting is available to all girls in grades K-12. Annual membership fee is \$12 and financial assistance is available.

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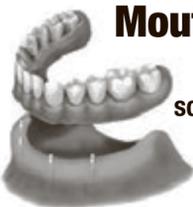
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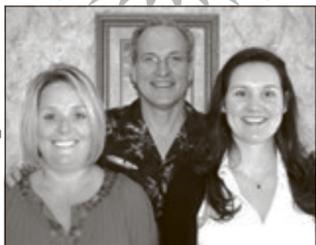


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# A 'Grease monkeys for God' ministry

## First Baptist of Glen mechanics service vehicles for ladies

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He works for Mercedes-Benz in Jacksonville, but one Saturday each month Derek Crawford is a grease monkey for God.

Around 7 am the first Saturday of each month, he is often among a group of volunteer mechanics who are all members of the First Baptist Church of Glen St. Mary that gather at a small garage on the church property for a very special in-house church ministry.

These dedicated men take care of basic vehicle maintenance for the widows and single women of the church's congregation. They usually service around six vehicles and have done as many as 16 in one day.

"Some of these ladies here have been serving the Lord for over 50 years," said Mr. Crawford. "So we can surely do this to serve them in return."

Oil changes and brake work are the most common types of service they perform, but the men tackle just about anything they have the tools for. If a vehicle needs attention beyond what they can do, they make recommendations on local garages they believe are reputable. They can also weigh in on whether an estimate is fair.

Mr. Crawford has been donating his service during the nearly decade and a half since the ministry was started.

"There's guys besides me, like Doug Coffin, Marty Connors and Steve Dixon, who have been here since day one," he says. "Besides them, Ernie St. Johns and Wade Raulerson help out too."

While a student at Baker County High School, Mr. Crawford took auto mechanics under instructors Dickie Ferry and Cecil Wilkerson, then entered the US Army where he trained as a mechanic and worked on M1 tanks.

For more than two decades he has worked for Mercedes in Jacksonville, mostly as a mechanic.

"Ladies sometimes get taken



PHOTO BY KELLEY LANNIGAN  
From left, Joey Walker, Derek Crawford and Wade Raulerson repair a mirror. At right, Mr. Walker and Mr. Crawford.

advantage of," he said. "We try to prevent that from happening if possible."

Mr. Crawford says they also sometimes take care of the car maintenance for elderly members when extenuating circumstances warrant it.

"If someone who usually does their own car work is recovering from surgery or becomes physically unable to maintain their own car, we can help them out," he said.

The morning of September 3, assisting Mr. Crawford were Mr. Raulerson, his son Dylan, 15, and first time volunteer Joey Walker.

"It's my first time helping out," said Mr. Walker as he checked the pressure in a car tire. "Today, I'll get started learning the ropes."

Mr. Walker met Mr. Crawford in a Sunday school class. When the latter helped him with a car problem, he learned about the



volunteers.  
"Derek helped me out with a problem I had with my Jeep," he said. "When I found out what they were doing for these ladies,

I decided I could help out too."

It was Dylan Raulerson's first time helping as well.

"I decided it was a good time to break him in," said his dad, smiling.

"All this got started about 14 years ago," said Mr. Crawford. "A church member, Pat Thomas, was distressed to learn a lady had been charged over \$100 at one of those commercial oil change places for things her car did not need and he wanted to do something about it. This ministry is the result."

The mechanics are busy changing the oil in two vehicles when they get called to do something a little different. Someone needs the passenger side rear view mirror on their van replaced.

The men finish up the oil change then go outside to confer with the van's owner.

"It got knocked off when my daughter was backing out of our garage," she explained.

"Well, let's see what we can do about it," said Mr. Crawford.

While the men work in the garage, Rose Jowers, Bessie Martin and Marion Prevette are in the church's kitchen whipping up a delicious breakfast, the mechanics' reward for their

mornings service.

They are among the group of ladies served by the mechanic ministry and take turns with the breakfast preparation.

Member Francis Godwin coordinates the teams of ladies and the cooking schedules, makes sure the kitchen is stocked with breakfast items and sees to anything else needed to make the operation run smooth.

"Bernice Yates is our gravy lady," Ms. Godwin said. "She makes homemade gravy for the biscuits. Been doing it for the mechanic's breakfast for years."

After all the cars are serviced, mechanics and ladies sit down for a wonderful meal and fellowship, something everyone looks forward to.

When asked about the importance of the mechanics ministry, Mr. Crawford looks at it as part of a bigger picture.

"People are good at different things and everybody has a part to play. It takes every part of a car working in unison for it to run. The church is like that too. Some people sing. Some clean. Some preach. Some handle the business end. Some comfort. This (cars) is my little piece of the whole," he said.

Mr. Raulerson believes Mr. Crawford was called for the mechanics ministry.

"He has such a good heart," he said. "I believe this is where God wants him, right here."

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the proposed ordinance, whose title hereinafter appears, will be presented to the Baker County Local Planning Agency for review on Thursday, September 22, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Baker County Administration Building, 55 North Third Street, Macclenny, Florida. Copies of said ordinance may be inspected by any member of the public in the Commissioners' office, address stated above. On the above-mentioned date, all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance which is titled as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2011-**  
**AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, REZONING 7.23 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY RICHARD M. DAVIS II, PRESIDENT OF R. H. DAVIS OIL COMPANY, FROM AGRICULTURAL (AG 7.5) TO COMMERCIAL HIGHWAY (CH); PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CODIFIER, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

The subject property is located at the northwest quadrant of CR 125 and I-10

If any member of the public desires to appeal any decision made at this public hearing, he/she will need a record of the proceedings and for that purpose may need to ensure the transcription is a verbatim record of the proceedings, which record would include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. According to the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Administration Department at (904) 259-3613 at least 48 hours prior to the time of the hearing.

# Macclenny his T-shirt 'inspiration'

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Josh Wheeler has traveled the world, but now finds himself back home in Macclenny, a place he calls "A Screenwriter's Rembrandt" and the inspiration for the first T-shirt he's ever created.

"The screenwriters in Hollywood, if they ever run out of material, they could come to this town for a week and write the greatest comedy known to man," Mr. Wheeler says in a video he posted online at Kickstarter.com, one of the newest ways for artists and designers to raise funds and gain exposure for their projects.

Mr. Wheeler plans to launch a T-shirt line for men soon, but the idea for his first T-shirt — a tribute of sorts to his hometown — came more than a year ago.

Mr. Wheeler, 30, often finds humor in the seemingly random events he's encountered or heard about since moving back to Macclenny in 2008. The Jacksonville native came to the area in 1998 as a teenager and graduated from Baker County High School before joining the Coast Guard.

He's visited Europe, the Caribbean, Mexico, Croatia and South America and lived in Maryland, Virginia and Texas, where he met his wife. They now reside in north Macclenny with their two children, ages 4 and 5.

"It cracks me up, some of the really unique things that happen out here," Mr. Wheeler said.

He recounted, for instance, how an inebriated man on horseback sauntered up to his friend's apartment building at the corner of College Street and Railroad Avenue at 4:30 in the morning on his way to Baxter.

"It's just funny. You couldn't make that up, but because it's real, it's even funnier," said Mr. Wheeler.

He enlisted the help of that friend, Macclenny-based graphic designer Jeremy Beasley, to illustrate the T-shirt.

The two met at the shop of Mr. Wheeler's father where Mr. Beasley, 21, was getting his truck repaired.

"I was talking to Josh, boasting a bit, about artists I've worked with who were pretty big," said the Chicago-native. "I'm sure he just thought I was full of it."

The men, both young fathers who spent time overseas before settling here to be near their families, soon developed a business relationship and friendship. Then last summer, Mr. Wheeler needed help with his T-shirt.

"He asked me to make something with a cool touristy design and palm trees and these words in it," Mr. Beasley explained.

Those words: Macclenny, Florida. A Screenwriter's Rembrandt.

It's an homage to "the crazy crap that happens here that doesn't seem to happen anywhere else," said Mr. Beasley.

He remembers the evening he gave a middle-aged woman a ride home after finding her sitting Indian-style in the middle of the roadway. Then there was the drunken fellow who slipped through his cracked garage door early one morning.

"He was on his way home from the 121 club," Mr. Beasley said.

Each story in itself is not that unusual, he conceded, but the frequency in which they occur in such a small town is what they find so uncommon.

"And it's not that we dislike these people or anything, they're just hilarious stories, and a lot



Josh Wheeler

of the hilarious stories have to do with drunk people," Mr. Beasley said.

He also described the T-shirt's design as a parody.

"It's made to look like a gas station T-shirt, but of course, you would never see Macclenny on one of those T-shirts," said Mr. Beasley.

While the design was finished in June 2010, it wasn't until August 30, 2011 that Mr. Wheeler posted it on Kickstarter.com in an attempt to raise \$500 by September 16.

The website is billed as "the largest funding platform for creative projects in the world." It gives creators complete control and ownership of their projects and asserts that it's not for investment or lending.

"On Kickstarter, a project must reach its funding goal before time runs out or no money changes hands," reads the website. "Why? It protects everyone involved. Creators aren't expected to develop their project without necessary funds, and it allows anyone to test concepts without risk."

With three days left before his deadline, Mr. Wheeler had garnered two "backers" pledging \$50 total.

"I'm just kind of seeing what happens," he said, adding later that project funding tends to spike the day or two before the deadline.

But if it doesn't?

"I'll just include it with the others when I launch my line," said Mr. Wheeler.

After printing a few of the

Macclenny T-shirts early this month, he was able to wear his own creation for the first time.

"It's pretty cool to see it finally come to fruition," said Mr. Wheeler.

He hopes to launch a website within the next two months to market a line of "manly, indie-looking" T-shirts called Grizzly Wheeler.

The name came to Mr. Wheeler, who stands 6-foot-5, when he grew out his beard and his co-workers at the Walmart Distribution Center began calling him Grizzly Adams.

"I didn't even know who that was, but I googled it and thought, 'That's pretty funny,'" he said.

The self-described goof ball realizes that starting a clothing line, especially in the crowded T-shirt market, won't be easy.

Mr. Wheeler said it can take two to three years of building a brand before it takes off nationally.

"I'm just an ordinary dude who has unique ideas sometimes," he said.

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MACCLENNY CITY COMMISSION

# Approves \$7.3 M budget Signs contract for housing rehab grants

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Homes in low-income neighborhoods in Macclenny are in line for major face lifts next year after the city commission approved a contract with the state for a \$700,000 Community Development Block Grant the evening of September 13.

The grant had tentatively been awarded by the state last month and was included in the city's proposed \$7.3 million 2011-12 budget, which was the subject of a public hearing on the previous evening. The city next will hire a consulting firm to administer the grant program.

"We have designated about 12 homes we feel are in need of rehabbing," City Manager Gerald Dopson said after commissioners unanimously approved a contract with the Florida Department of Community Affairs.

A citizens advisory task force will review all applications for funding assistance and make recommendations for appropriating the grant money after applicants have been screened to ensure they meet eligibility requirements, including income guidelines, the city manager said.

Mayor Gary Dopson credited Florida's Community Development Block Grant program with helping clean up rundown properties and improve the appearance of neighborhoods in decline for years.

"It has really, really helped bring blighted areas up to standards," he said.

The \$700,000 grant boosted the city's proposed budget for next year to \$7,300,706, including \$3,940,993 for the general fund, which finances most municipal services except water and sewer utilities.

Except for city officials and one newspaper reporter, nobody else attended this week's public hearing on the budget and proposed property tax rate, which is the same as last year's 3.60 mills, or \$3.60 per \$1,000 of taxable property value. Maintaining the current tax rate actually will result in a 3.74 percent tax reduction because of declining property values countywide.

The city could have elected to go with a "rolled-back" rate of 3.7397 mills, which would have generated the same revenue as last year, but commissioners decided against it.

The tax bill on a home with a taxable value of \$150,000, after deducting the \$50,000 in homestead exemptions, would be \$360, in addition to levies by the county, the school district and other taxing authorities.

The final budget hearing will begin at 6 pm on September 26. The new fiscal year begins October 1.

In other business during the board's regular meeting commissioners:

- Amended the city's personnel policy to allow employees to voluntarily donate sick leave time to coworkers facing serious illness or lengthy recovery from injuries. The revised policy will allow employees who have used up all their accrued sick leave, vacation time and any other earned compensatory leave to dip into a pool of banked sick leave hours.

To be eligible to receive sick leave credits, an employee must also have documented proof of an illness or injury and certification from his or her treating physician that the employee will be unable

to work for at least five days.

Employees will not be eligible for the assistance if they are receiving workers' compensation or disability leave pay, nor if they have used more than 1,040 hours of transferred sick leave credits in the preceding 12-month period.

- Received a report from Joy Chapman, code enforcement officer, stating that the city very soon will begin enforcing condemnation notices by ordering the demolition of several sub-standard houses that have not been brought up despite several warnings.

"Some of these places are going to start to come down the first of October," Ms. Chapman said. "We've bent over backward trying to accommodate these people."

The owners of condemned properties were given 30 days to pull permits and begin necessary repairs. But the deadlines passed long ago.

"Some have gone way over 30 days," Ms. Chapman said.

- Adopted a resolution declaring September Muscular Dystrophy Association Firefighter Appreciation Month as a show of gratitude to city firefighters who stand on street corners for hours in all kinds of weather collecting donations from motorists to aid in the fight against muscular dystrophy and other neuromuscular diseases.

## Seeks photos of ex-commissioners

The Baker County Commission is seeking photographs of past board members to hang on walls at its present chambers and offices, and at a new administration building if one is constructed.

Families of deceased members and past commissioners still living should contact Sara Little at the board office, 259-3613, for more details.



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## Hodges national forestry queen

Jillian Hodges of Macclenny (above) was crowned Miss U.S. National Forestry Junior Miss Queen September 3 at the U.S. National Forestry Scholarship Pageant held at Tifton County High School in Georgia. She was among six Baker County girls, all Miss Florida Forestry State Queens, competing in the pageant. Morgan McDuffie, State Miss Queen; Shirley Duran, State Teen Queen; and Chloe Alford, State Little Miss Queen, were each crowned third runner up in their respective divisions. Isabella Gray, State Tiny Miss Queen; and Madalynn Hodges, State Teeny Miss Queen, also competed that day. They will participate in the 56th annual Florida Forest Festival on October 22 in Perry, FL. The Miss Forestry Scholarship Pageants are designed to bring attention to the use and protection of forests, including more than 30 state forests and three national forests in Florida. For more information about the festival, please visit to [www.floridaforest-festival.com](http://www.floridaforest-festival.com).

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Bill Dearing held up this hand-lettered greeting to his mother Judy of Macclenny recently less than 100 nautical miles from the North Pole. Mr. Dearing, a graduate of Georgia State University, is a Navy aerographer (weather forecaster) assigned to the Coast Guard cutter *Healy* that is currently charting the Arctic Ocean floor along with a Canadian vessel. The son of Reed and Judy Dearing, he has been in the Navy eight years and is one of two from that branch of the service on board.

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# OBITUARIES

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**Wilma Bryan, 84, retired bookkeeper**

Wilma Virginia Bryan, 84, of Macclenny died September 6, 2011.

Wilma was born in Niceville, FL to the late James Ralph Earley and Hattie Alice Gainey Earley on September 16, 1926. She was a resident of Baker County since 1998 and attended the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Macclenny.

She retired after many years as a bookkeeper at the Army Air Force Exchange Services. She enjoyed sewing, knitting, crocheting, genealogy, cooking and singing. She was predeceased by sister Willie Jean Inez Earley and brother Lawrence Franklin Earley.

Survivors include three children; eight grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held on Saturday September 10, at 10:00 am at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Crestview, FL with Bishop Roberts officiating. Interment followed in Live Oak Memorial Gardens Park in Crestview. V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.

**JoAnn Wilkinson, a NEFSH retiree**

Josephine "JoAnn" Ann Wilkinson, 67, of Middleburg died September 7, 2011 at Earl B. Hadlow Hospice Center in Jacksonville after a long battle with cancer. She was born in Raiford on January 24, 1944 to the late Maxie Wilkinson and Effie Mae Harris Wilkinson.

JoAnn was raised in Lawley and lived in Atlanta for over 20 years with her daughter, and she recently moved to Middleburg. She retired from Northeast Florida State Hospital after many years of dedicated service and in her spare time she enjoyed gardening both flowers and vegetables and being outside.

JoAnn attended Arbor Heights Baptist Church in Douglasville, GA. She was preceded in death by her parents; her sister Audrey Inez Cawthon; brothers Kenneth L. Wilkinson and John Lewis Wilkinson.

She is survived by her daughter Rhoda Ann Martin of Middleburg; grandsons David Bradley Martin of Middleburg and Bryan Chadrick Martin of Fleming Island; granddaughter - in - law, Laura Kendall Martin of Fleming Island, FL; her great-granddaughter Kyndall Faith Martin; sisters Lula Mae Crawford of Lawley, Marjorie Dobbs of Raiford, and Gloria Dean Hickman of Perkinston, MS; and brother Douglas Maxie Wilkinson of Lawley, FL.

The funeral service was held on Friday, September 9 at 10:00 am at Pine Grove Congregational Methodist Church with Pastor Darrell Wilkinson officiating. Interment followed at Pine Grove Cemetery. Arrangements by Archie Tanner Funeral Services in Starke.

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**Heartfelt thanks**

The family of Marylou Burned wants to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and flowers during the loss of our sister. Thank you to the Macclenny Primitive Baptist Church for the beautiful service and delicious meal after the funeral. Also thank you to the staff of Guerry Funeral Home.

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**Memorial for Mr. Belford**

The public is invited to attend the opening of the first phase of a memorial park in honor of Rashard Belford, who died after being run over by a vehicle during a fracas in his west Macclenny neighborhood last April.

It will be September 16 at 4:30 pm at the corner of Minnesota Ave. and MLK Drive. For more information, please call Tommy Rollins at 312-8336 or Marissa Rollins at 316-9680.

**Regional survey on the economy**

Baker Countians are asked to participate in an online survey on the future of the economy in this corner of Florida.

Sponsored by the JAXUSA Partnership for Regional Economic Development and the Northeast Florida Regional Council, the survey seeks to get a collective vision and action plan for economic growth in the region.

The survey takes about 10 minutes; access it on your computer at [www.innovatenortheastflorida.com](http://www.innovatenortheastflorida.com) and follow the links.

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Although there have not been any reported cases of human or veterinary cases of mosquito-borne illness in Baker County in 2011, 12 cases of human West Nile virus have been reported in Jacksonville and have the potential to occur here, said Terry Graham, the county's environmental health director.

While the director is not issuing a mosquito-borne illness alert or advisory at this time, he said residents should still take precautions by removing any standing water that could support mosquito larvae.

"I go to a lot of properties for inspections and things and see a lot of mosquito larvae in bird baths, pet water bowls and tire swings," Mr. Graham said. "The worst I ever saw ... was an outdoor bathtub half full. There must have been tens of thousands of mosquito larvae in there."

Dressing in clothes that cover arms and legs and wearing socks and shoes also minimize the chance of mosquito bites.

"Using a repellent which contains DEET is very important," said Mr. Graham.

Avoiding the outdoors during dawn and dusk, when mosquitoes are most active, is recommended as well.

For further information about preventing mosquito-borne illnesses, visit [www.myfloridaeh.com/medicine/arboviral/Pprevention.html](http://www.myfloridaeh.com/medicine/arboviral/Pprevention.html).

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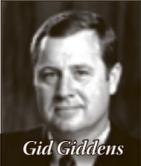


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# Lifelong wish comes true for writer

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"My mom was always writing her memoirs and short stories. I guess her influence rubbed off on me," said Patsy Rivera, whose first book for children, *Sarah and the Mystery Pot*, will be released by Tate Publishing in the spring of 2012.

Ms. Rivera, 40, is the daughter of Miguel and Diane Rivera of Macclenny. She is the mother of two grown children and lives in Valdosta, GA., where she works as a legal assistant for a defense attorney.

"My family is excited about the book and I certainly am as well," she said.

Written with a Halloween theme, the book is the story of a young girl, Sarah, whose curiosity about a neighborhood witch brings her face to face with the spell-casting crone.

When Sara is caught trespassing in the witch's house, she must figure out if the witch means her harm or is actually friendly.

The book's surprise ending is what caught the attention of the publishing company.

"They told me it was the last thing they expected as they were reading the manuscript," said Ms. Rivera.

The talented writer says she has always felt compelled to write but short of a poem she published over two decades ago, she never really pursued it.

Then, a short story contest six years ago caught her attention and she decided to enter.

"You had to write a story based on one sentence," she said.

That sentence: "The last ingredient is always the hardest to find."

She wrote the story and entered, but didn't win the contest.



Illustration from Ms. Rivera's book.



Patsy Rivera.

It helps them understand that anything they want to do is a possibility."

The new author will also use the book as a way to give back to the community.

She has created a Facebook page to update people on progress of the book's publication as well as inform them about other publication projects

she has in the works, including another children's book, a book for teens exploring the problem of bullying and a crime novel for adults.

For every 500 fans the site reaches, a box of her books will be donated to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

The book will be available through Amazon.com and Tate Publishing's website as well as some bookstores.

Still, she always felt the story was good.

"I sat on it for a few years, then used it to create *Sarah and the Mystery Pot*," she said.

Two years ago she started pitching the story for publication. She sent it to about 50 publishing companies but there were no takers.

One year passed. Then she received notice that one company, Tate Publishing in Oklahoma, was interested. More time passed. Then came the phone call that changed everything.

"I'll never forget the day I got the call and they told me it was

accepted for publication," she said. "I was jumping for joy. It had been a lifelong dream to have a book published and suddenly it was happening."

The company would also contract an artist to create illustrations for the story.

Ms. Rivera says she always read to her children when they were small and believes it's an important bonding experience between parent and child.

"I think our society has gotten away from that and I want to encourage people to return to the practice," she said. "Reading is a valuable tool for children.

## Science Mike will be here Sept. 17th

The public is invited to meet and enjoy Science Mike at the Macclenny Woman's Club on South 5th on Saturday, September 17 at 10:00 am.

The program is free and sponsored by the Emily Taber Public Library as part of Library Card Sign-up Month.

Science Mike has been collecting fascinating science toys for over 20 years. They include a 3D hologram that you can put your hand through, dancing robots, optical illusions, flying objects and more.

Enjoy the show while you sign up for a library card, update yours, check out books and DVDs and use the computers.

## Colleges on hand at Gateway

Florida Gateway College will host the 25th annual College Night on Wednesday, Sept. 28 at the college's Howard Conference Center.

The event, which highlights colleges and universities throughout the southeast, will take place from 5 to 7 p.m.

It is open to all FGC and area high school students, parents and individuals who want to explore educational opportunities in higher education.

Colleges and universities from throughout Florida, Georgia and Alabama will be represented, among them Saint Leo University, the University of Florida, Florida State University, University of Central Florida, University of South Florida, Florida School of the Arts, and Tuskegee University.

Guests can speak one-on-one with college representatives, including those from a variety of the excellent programs offered at FGC.

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## GED test dates

Registration for October GED test will be held at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, September 27 at the Baker County school district's career and adult education building at 523 West Minnesota Avenue in Macclenny.

Registration will be limited to the first 30 people. The GED test will be given October 17, 18, and 19. Please allow a minimum of two hours for registration.

The testing fee of \$70, a valid picture ID, and social security card are required at registration. Discounted testing fees are available for Baker County adult education students who are currently enrolled in the GED preparation program with a minimum of 12 hours class time.

The next scheduled test will be administered in December. For more information about GED registration, contact Wanda Conner at 259-0403.

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**Tuesday, September 20, 2011**  
**5:01 p.m. at the**  
**Baker County**  
**Chamber of Commerce**  
20 E. Macclenny Ave.  
Macclenny, FL 32063

### BUDGET SUMMARY FISCAL YEAR 2011 - 2012 Baker County Hospital Authority

GENERAL FUND	
<b>CASH BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD</b>	\$100,000
<b>ESTIMATED REVENUES</b>	
Taxes:	
Ad Valorem Taxes: Operating (Millage 1.0571)	\$825,650
Special Act Revenue	25,000
Interest Income	2,500
Interest Income on Capital Lease	<u>406,025</u>
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES</b>	<b>\$1,359,175</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES / EXPENSES</b>	
Hospital/Nursing Home Fees	\$775,000
Property Appraiser Fees	33,500
Tax Collector's Fees	18,750
Interest Expense	406,025
Administrative & Professional Fees	<u>35,000</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES / EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,268,275</b>
Future Medical Needs of Baker County Residents	25,000
Internal Administration Fund	65,900
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND RESERVES</b>	<b>\$1,359,175</b>

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### AMENDED BUDGET SUMMARY FISCAL YEAR 2010 - 2011 Baker County Hospital Authority

GENERAL FUND	
<b>CASH BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD</b>	\$100,000
<b>ESTIMATED REVENUES</b>	
Taxes:	
Ad Valorem Taxes: Operating (Millage 1.0571)	\$844,161
Special Act Revenue	25,000
Interest Income	2,500
Interest Income on Capital Lease	<u>427,955</u>
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES</b>	<b>\$1,339,616</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES / EXPENSES</b>	
Hospital/Nursing Home Fees	\$775,000
Property Appraiser Fees	35,000
Tax Collector's Fees	18,500
Interest Expense	427,955
Administrative & Professional Fees	<u>31,000</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES / EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,287,455</b>
Future Medical Needs of Baker County Residents	25,000
Internal Administration Fund	87,161
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND RESERVES</b>	<b>\$1,399,616</b>

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Above: the clean up volunteers. Below: (l-r) Sabrina Seaman, Cheyanna Wallace, Sarah Theus and Stephanie Wheeler.

## Baker High contingent helps out in clean-up

**JOEL ADDINGTON**  
NEWS EDITOR

reporter@bakercountypress.com

BCHS students joined St. Johns River Water Management District volunteers to clean up the Steel Bridge Road boat ramp on the St. Mary's River September 10.

"Clean-ups are great because they bring so many groups together," said Cheryl Bell-Abbott, the district's outreach contractor for Baker and Duval counties.

Twenty-one volunteers in all, including another outreach worker for Nassau and Duval counties, Felicia Boyd, picked up beer bottles, cigarette butts and other trash from the shoreline, trails and right-of-ways around the boat ramp and park area.

Inmate crews had recently picked up litter inside the park, but the group was still able to fill 17 garbage bags of assorted refuse, including a syringe, lawn chair, stop sign, clothing and armadillo skeleton.

District volunteers Anne Corum of Callahan and Matt Bumgardner, 17, a student at Ed White High School in Jacksonville, uncovered the day's most unusual object, a vehicle bumper.

"It kind of blended into the dirt and bushes," said Ms. Corum. "That was definitely the strangest thing we found. That's something that usually doesn't show up by the river."

Ms. Bell-Abbott said she contacted teacher Stephanie Wheeler at the high school, who in turn solicited volunteers at the campus.

"She organized everything," said Ms. Bell-Abbott. "She was fantastic."

Cross country coach Chris Armoreda, JROTC (Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps) faculty sponsor Liz Law-Wallace, art teacher Tiffany Armoreda and their students were among the high school's volunteers.

"It only took a couple of hours, but the good feeling of having done something to make a difference will last a long time," said Ms. Law-Wallace.

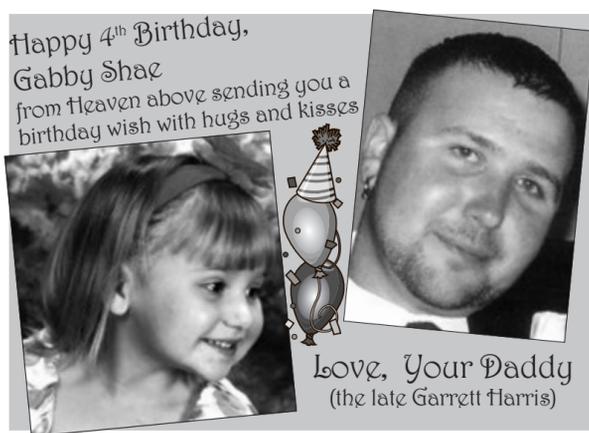
They started at 8 am and left the park pristine about 10:30 am.

"It was a very pretty place to clean up," Ms. Corum said.

### Need it built?

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## School Lunch MENU

September 19 - September 23

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*Monday, September*

**Breakfast:** Turkey sausage pancake wrap, orange or pineapple juice, milk  
**Lunch:** Golden corn dog or Ham with Macaroni and cheese. Choice of 2 sides: baked beans, crispy coleslaw, chilled peaches with a schoolmade cookie, milk choice

*Tuesday, September*

**Breakfast:** Breakfast sausage pizza, tropical fruit juice, milk  
**Lunch:** BBQ ribbette on a bun or baked lasagna with a slice of homemade italian bread, choice of 2 sides: garden salad with dressing, garden green peas, seasonal fresh fruit and fruit cobbler, milk choice

*Wednesday, September*

**Breakfast:** Chicken biscuit, apple juice, milk  
**Lunch:** Hamburger or Hot dog on a bun, choice of 2 sides: sweet potato rounds, lettuce and tomato slices, creamy coleslaw, fruit crisp, milk choice

*Thursday, September*

**Breakfast:** Ultimate breakfast round, pineapple juice, milk  
**Lunch:** Slice of pepperoni pizza or chicken noodle soup with a homemade whole grain roll, choice of 2 sides: tossed salad with dressing, mixed vegetables, peach cup, milk choice

*Friday, September*

**Breakfast:** Enriched cereal with slice of toast, orange juice, milk  
**Lunch:** Breaded chicken patty on a bun or chicken fajitas on a corn tortilla, choice of 2 sides: sweet potato rounds, lettuce and tomato slice, seasonal fresh fruit with fruit cup, milk choice###

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Hours: 11:30 am to 3:00 pm, Luncheon at 12:30 pm

In Lake Butler, off State Road 100 turn north on Lake Avenue at the courthouse.  
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## BUDGET SUMMARY

BAKER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS - FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012

ESTIMATED REVENUES:	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE	TRANSPORTATION	HEALTH DEPT.	TOTALS
TAXES 7.1495 MILLAGE PER \$1000					
AD VALOREM TAXES	2,046,674	3,419,798		55,299	5,521,771
SALES AND USE TAXES	1,661,506	17,500	1,121,731		2,800,737
PERMITS, FEES & SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	768,000	570,229			1,338,229
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	3,697,290	1,142,932	1,767,994		6,608,216
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	891,000	51,000			942,000
FINES AND FORFEITS	1,500	10,000			11,500
COURT RELATED REVENUE	23,000	206,300			229,300
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	1,133,878	360,530	65,500		1,559,908
OTHER SOURCES	110,000	5,000			115,000
<b>TOTAL SOURCES</b>	<b>10,332,848</b>	<b>5,783,289</b>	<b>2,955,225</b>	<b>55,299</b>	<b>19,126,661</b>
LESS 5% per F.S. 129.01	-439,708	-205,356	-123,752		-768,816
TRANSFERS IN		4,034,209			4,034,209
FUND BALANCES/RESERVES	2,578,028	2,139,325	360,229		5,077,582
<b>TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS &amp; BALANCES</b>	<b>\$12,471,168</b>	<b>\$11,751,467</b>	<b>\$3,191,702</b>	<b>\$55,299</b>	<b>\$27,469,636</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	3,328,472	974,000			4,302,472
PUBLIC SAFETY	1,501,783	8,294,999			9,796,782
PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT	551,868	853,451			1,405,319
COURT RELATED	257,249	840,617			1,097,866
TRANSPORTATION		67,500	3,191,702		3,259,202
ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT	52,992	352,000			404,992
HUMAN SERVICES	1,878,336			55,299	1,933,635
CULTURE/RECREATION	742,459	342,700			1,085,159
OTHER USES/CONTINGENCY	150,000				150,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>8,463,159</b>	<b>11,725,267</b>	<b>3,191,702</b>	<b>55,299</b>	<b>23,435,427</b>
TRANSFERS OUT	4,008,009	26,200			4,034,209
FUND BALANCES/RESERVES					
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES/RESERVES</b>	<b>\$12,471,168</b>	<b>\$11,751,467</b>	<b>\$3,191,702</b>	<b>\$55,299</b>	<b>\$27,469,636</b>

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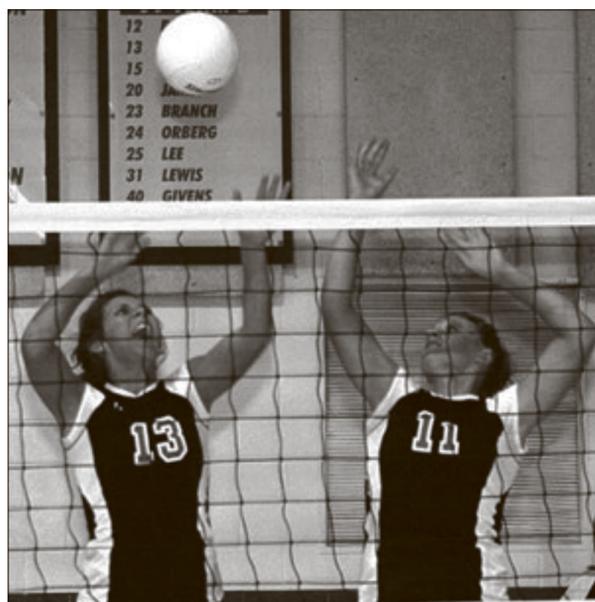
Wildcat varsity volleyball team: (kneeling l-r) Logan Raulerson, Brooke Roberts, Cati Frazee and Kallie Raulerson, (standing l-r) Tori Paulson, Callie Wheeler, Kayla Holland, Malory Osteen, Stephanie Collett, Caitlyn Smith and Chelsey Ruise. Not pictured is Reagan McKendree.

## Wildcat netters' record now 3-1

The Lady Wildcat volleyball team cruised to a 1-3 win over visiting Columbia High September 6. The home win gave the girls a 3-1 record.

The Cats got off to a good start, winning the first two games 22-19 and 25-20. But CHS made a match of it, coming back to win the third game 23-15. Baker High sealed things with a 25-16 win in game four.

Kayla Holland had 15 kills and 6 digs to lead the way offensively. Logan Raulerson had 24 assists



and 3 aces.

Callie Wheeler had 9 digs defensively and Cati Frazee had 12 digs.

The girls will host Bishop Kenny September 15 at 5:30 and 6:30 pm and travel to Paxon the following Monday before returning home to host Trinity September 20.

## Top Bassmasters

The Baker County Bassmasters held its annual awards dinner August 16 at Cracker Barrel, awarding the team of Freddy Bennett and Shannon Mobley the title of 2011 Anglers of the Year.

It's their fourth title in more than a decade with the club. A meeting for new members will take place in mid-November at Extreme Outdoors. Call Mr. Bennett at 371-0209 for more information.

## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

**September 15**  
BCHS: Volleyball vs. Bishop Kenny, 5:30 pm BCMS: Volleyball at Fernandina Beach, 5:30 pm KIS: FAIR testing, 12:00 pm, Yankee Candle sales MES: GATES testing

**September 16**  
BCHS: FFA Chapter President's conference, TBA

**September 17**  
BCHS: Neff to take jacket orders, 7:30 am, Phase 2, cafeteria, 7:00 pm BCMS: Back to school dance, 7:00 pm KIS: Yankee Candle sales MES: GATES testing

**September 19**  
District-wide: School board meeting, 6:30 pm BCHS: Volleyball at Paxon, 5:30 pm BCMS: Fall pictures, 7:30 am, Volleyball at Yulee, 5:30 pm KIS: Celebrate Freedom week, ThinkLink reading test, 9:15 am, Yankee Candle sales MES: ThinkLink test

**September 20**  
BCHS: Volleyball vs. Trinity, 5:30 pm BCMS: Football at Lake City, 6:00 pm KIS: ThinkLink math test, 9:15 am, Celebrate Freedom week, Yankee Candle sales, Family reading night, 4:00 pm, School advisory committee, Media Ctr, 8:00 am MES: ThinkLink test, School advisory committee, Media Ctr, 8:00 am

**September 21**  
District-wide: Early dismissal BCHS: Club day BCMS: One-half accelerated reading points due, Club day KIS: ThinkLink Science test, 9:15 am, Celebrate Freedom week, Yankee Candle sales MES: ThinkLink test, Cookie dough money due PK/K School Improvement Plan follow-up meeting, 2:00 pm

## Hunter safety

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is in need of volunteer hunter safety instructors in Baker County to teach hunter safety. All instructors are volunteers.

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## Nurse promoted to Army captain

Tina Battles of Macclenny was recently promoted to the rank of captain in the US Army. She is a reservist assigned to the 345th Combat Support Hospital in Jacksonville and employed at Northeast Florida State Hospital as a nursing supervisor.

Capt. Battles, the wife of Walter Battles Jr., has been on active duty for two years at Ft. Stewart, GA working with the Wounded Warrior Battalion as a nurse case manager and officer in charge of the clinic.

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# MLB's 9/11 rule was dumb

Here's a sports item I just don't understand. Major League Baseball (MLB) denied the New York Mets' request to wear special baseball caps on 9/11. The Mets wanted to wear caps honoring the fire department, police and port authority.

MLB denied the request, saying it wanted to keep "uniform policy consistent" throughout all the teams. I bet if they had polled all the teams not a single one would have complained. In fact, I wouldn't have been at all surprised if the other teams would have wanted to wear the caps themselves.

Sometimes people just don't have an iota of common sense.

Here's an interesting tidbit for Gator fans. Offensive coordinator Charlie Weiss was quoted as saying that he had never coached anyone as fast as Jeff Demps and Chris Rainey. That included his stint in the NFL. They are pretty quick fellas.

Boy, the Jaguar game resembled Friday night's Wildcat football game. After getting up in the early going, the Tennessee Titans came back to nearly upset the Jags. Just like on Friday night, it took a late interception to seal the win.

I wonder if what we saw on Sunday is going to be the trend for the season for the Jaguars. The game looked like it could have been played in 1958 with a dominant running game the focus of the play. I think it was pretty smart for Jack Del Rio to keep the onus of the game off new quarterback Luke McCown's

shoulders. Del Rio seems to be letting McCown grow into the starting role and he looked pretty good with the throws he did make. He only had one or two errant tosses, and many of the drops were just that. They hit the receivers in the hands and they dropped them.

I'm not sure how I feel about the release of David Garrard. I liked Garrard and thought he was a pretty good quarterback. I also believed a lot of Garrard's problems stemmed from having a mediocre receiving corps. He was never going to be a marquee quarterback like Peyton Man-

ning or Aaron Rodgers. But then, he didn't have Reggie Wayne or Donald Driver like they have.

Speaking of Peyton, the Colts aren't the same team without him. The 34-7 loss to Houston demonstrates that the team is built around Manning's skills. Kerry Collins is a veteran but he isn't Manning.

Since we've mentioned Collins, allow me to grumble. I didn't attend the Jaguars game in person on Sunday for the sheer reason that I have never been to a Titans game that the Jaguars won. The last one I attended, the Jaguars went up big and Jeff Fisher benched Vince Young in favor of Collins. Collins promptly came back and won the game.

# How Cat opponents fared last weekend

As the varsity football Wildcats collected their second straight win over ranked opposition, here's a look at how their opponents fared.

Receiver/defensive back Ahmad Fullwood scored two touchdowns and intercepted a pass to lead Bishop Kenny to a 28-14 win over Fletcher. The Crusaders held the Senators to 182 yards total offense.

Bolles traveled to Delray Beach to take on the state runners-up American Heritage, but it was more of the same as the Bulldogs won 28-17 to give Coach Corky Rogers his 400th win. Milton Revell scored a pair of touchdowns for the win.

LeReginald Veals had 146 yards rushing and led the Ed White Commanders to a 68-21 win over Forrest. Devante Fudge led the Rebels with 128 yards to-

tal offense and a pair of touchdowns.

Atlanta Westminster rebounded from last week's loss to the Wildcats by beating a Florida school. They handed Providence a 27-21 loss in Atlanta.

The Baldwin Indians got their first win of the season in a big way, defeating Stanton Prep 49-29. The Indians amassed 350 yards in total offense on the night.

Clay bounced back last week with a 34-27 win over Ridgeview. The Blue Devils had two runners go over the 100-yard mark in the game.

Bradford pounded Hawthorne 50-14.

Atlantic Coast shut out the Paxon Eagles 49-0.

Ribault held Terry Parker to 140 total offense on the way to a 21-0 win.

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# Cats stave off Trinity's surge

## Interception seals 31-28 win over powerhouse

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It was definitely a tale of two football halves on Friday night at Memorial Stadium as the Baker High Wildcats ran up a 31-7 lead in the first half and then clawed their way to a 31-28 win over the defending state champion Trinity Conquerors.

The win brings the Cats to 2-0 against ranked opponents to start the season.

It was nearly impossible to shoe-horn another fan into the stadium September 9 as BCHS faced off against the #4 ranked Conquerors. Both teams were primed and ready for the game. BCHS beat Trinity on the road last fall and the visitors wanted desperately to return the favor.

From the start, however, it looked like it might be a cakewalk for Baker High. Everything the Cats tried seemed to work. Trinity had obviously prepared for the passing game, and instead Coach Ryan Sulkowski hit them in the mouth with the running game.

Where Thomas Sirk and Kendrick Singleton connected in the 34-6 win over Atlanta Westminster, on Friday Sirk used his legs to run up, over, around and through the Conquerors in the first half.

The Wildcat defense came out of the chute fired up and aided by the penalties that plagued Trinity all night long, shutting down the Conquerors. The Wildcats moved the ball easily, with Sirk and Falon Lee cracking off 15-yard runs.

Sirk was a little off all night throwing the ball and overshot his receivers on the first possession. But his legs made up for it as BCHS drove to the 19-yard line before the drive stalled. Normally reliable Jeremy Wannamaker pulled the ball wide to keep the game scoreless.

But the Cats shut down Trinity in two more possessions and Sirk connected with Singleton in the corner of the end zone midway through the first quarter for a 7-0 score. That opened the floodgates.

Freshman CeCe Jefferson caused a fumble on the kickoff and the Wildcats got the ball back deep in Trinity territory at the 20-yard line. Sirk followed Brandon Grey and Jordan Parker to the 5 and three plays later ran it in for the 14-0 lead.

Despite sacks from Wannamaker and Jefferson, quarterback Oshay Carter found Nick Washington to cut the lead to a touchdown at the start of the second quarter.

Wannamaker, who had touched the ball very little in the first game and in the first period, made the most of his carry on the next BCHS possession, breaking free for a 52-yard touchdown run.

The Cats added to the lead a couple of minutes later when Jared Lee picked off an errant Carter pass to give BCHS the ball at the 44-yard line. Sirk kept the ball on



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Pictured clockwise from top: Hunter Sullivan sacks Trinity's Oshay Carter, Kyle Alexander sacks Carter and Thomas Sirk runs for the first down.



the first snap from center and out raced the defense for a 56-yard score and a 28-7 lead.

The Wildcats got the ball right back when Jefferson forced another fumble on the kickoff at the Trinity 16. The drive went nowhere, but Wannamaker converted a 28-yard field goal to put BCHS up 28-7.

Trinity gave a taste of what was to come in the second half when Lynn Griffin scored on a run from the "Wildcat" formation where the running back takes a direct snap from center.

Much of Friday's Wildcat game was a mirror image of the Jaguar/Titans game on Sunday. In the first drive of the second half, BCHS marched all the way to the Trinity 5-yard line before the drive stalled and Trinity got the ball back on an interception in the end zone.

From then on it was all Conquerors.

You don't get to be state champions by lying down and playing dead, and the stop revitalized the visitors. They found a hole in the Cat defense with the "Wildcat" formation and ran it again and again throughout the half for good yardage. Marvel Taylor got



the first score on a 10-yard run and Nick Washington a second with 2:15 left in the game. The Conquerors went for two and got it to narrow the game to a field goal at 31-28.

Everyone in the stadium knew to expect the on-side kick except, it seemed, the officials. The ball bounced off a Trinity player before it went 10 yards but the officials gave the ball to the Conquerors.

The miscue fired up the BCHS defense. Kyle Anderson sacked Carter, and with the clock running Carter rolled out and threw the ball down field. Falon Lee stepped in front of the intended receiver and pulled in the interception to save the game for the Wildcats.

Sirk finished with 213 yards on 16 carries. Jefferson had an outstanding game with a pair of fumble recoveries and 2 1/2 sacks.

The Cats have an open date this Friday before opening their district play on the road versus

Clay County, a 34-27 winner over Ridgeview last weekend.

# Cats get boost in polling numbers

BOB GERARD | SPORTS

Amazing what a couple of wins can do. After defeating state champion Trinity Christian 31-28 on Friday and Georgia's #5 team Westminster the week before, the Wildcats shot up in the power polls.

The Cats are ranked #2 in the state in the power polls in their classification. They are ranked #12 in all classifications and Max Preps ranks them #405 nationally, or in the top 5 percent in the country.

Coach Ryan Sulkowski was also named Coach of the Week.

Not too shabby.

But don't look for Sulkowski to rest on his laurels. He knows that it will all go away just that fast if the Wildcats lose to Clay County next week in Green Cove Springs.

"You don't win state titles with power rankings," said Sulkowski. "You do it by winning games."

The Wildcats found out a lot about themselves during the Trinity game. They also found out that state champions don't give up, even when they are trailing by 24 points.

Trinity came back to shut out the Cats in the second half, some-

thing that Sulkowski attributes to Trinity "knowing how to win," and to fitness.

"We literally scored too quickly in the first half. That meant our defense was out there all the time. By the second half our guys were gassed," he said.

Sulkowski traces the Trinity comeback to its touchdown with the Cats up 21-13. "If they hadn't have scored that touchdown right before the half, they wouldn't have been in the game," said the coach.

But they did score, and that along with a blown assignment inside the 10 yard line that cost the Wildcats a score, gave Trinity the momentum it needed to make a game of it.

"They showed that they knew how to overcome adversity, but so did we. We made the plays when we had to, particularly Falon Lee's interception at the end of the game. Lee's pick off of an Oshay Carter pass sealed the win for BCHS," said Sulkowski.

Lee was one of many standouts for the Wildcats. Thomas Sirk showed his rushing ability, something that didn't come as a surprise to his coach.

"It was in the game plan," he

said. "If a team focuses on your passing game we go with the run, and it looked like Trinity planned to defend against the pass."

Though there were a lot of defensive standouts, freshman CC Jefferson had an outstanding game.

"He's had five sacks in two games and the record is 12. If he keeps it up he can have the school record," Sulkowski said. One of the freshman's major advantages besides his 6'5" 250-pound frame is his willingness to be coached.

"From the first day of pads we knew he was a special guy," said Sulkowski. "We keep harping on 'imagine where you'll be if you keep working - imagine where you could be in four years.'" The Cats came out of the titanic battle with no major injuries and have two weeks to get their energy back.

"We have to refocus for Clay. It's a district game - they're the ones that count. You don't win those and you don't go to the playoffs," he said.

Power polls and rankings aside, that is where Ryan Sulkowski and the Wildcats want to be.

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### Player of the Week #1



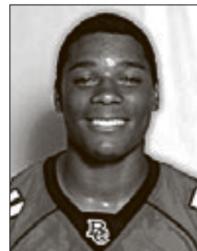
#### Thomas Sirk QB

Already committed to Duke, Sirk was the stand out player in the game against Westminster High School. Thomas led the Wildcats to victory with 16/22 passing for 289 yards, 3 TD's, 11 rushes for 42 yds. and 2 TD's.



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### Unsung Hero of the Week #1



#### CC Jefferson DL

Playing in his first varsity game against Westminster in Georgia, CC Jefferson dominated the defensive front and wreaked havoc on the opposing offense.



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### Player of the Week #2



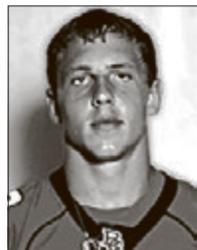
#### CC Jefferson DL

CC helped the Wildcat defense control the first half against Trinity by harassing and sacking the opposing quarterback. CC's efforts against Trinity were a big reason why the Wildcats were able to get the big win.



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### Unsung Hero of the Week #2



#### Jared Lee LB

Jared Lee had two interceptions in two games and led a defensive unit against Trinity who helped the Wildcats get off to a fast 2-0 start to open the 2011 season. Jared is a big hitter who loves playing on the defensive side of the ball.



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