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CIRCUIT COURT

One year for role in overdose death in '07

A north county woman charged with manslaughter in the 2007 drug overdose death of her daughter-in-law has served nearly all of the one-year sentence she received November 8 after entering a no contest plea in circuit court.

Sheila Bijaux, 52, when she was arrested last December, has been in county jail ever since and will remain there less than one month before beginning a two-year probation.

She also pleaded to giving Methadone to victim Amanda Marie Bijaux, then 29, the night of September 24, 2007 in sufficient quantity to cause what an autopsy determined as the cause of death — drug intoxication.

The accused initially told police her daughter took the drug accidentally, and that she was accustomed to taking Xanax.

The case lay dormant until October of last year when sheriff's investigator Steve Harvey interviewed Mrs. Bijaux's son in prison. He was married to the victim and said he believed his mother planned to kill his wife by switching the drugs before she went to sleep that night at their residence on Frank Combs Circle.

In another sentencing, a co-defendant charged with a series of vehicle burglaries in an east Macclenny neighborhood will serve three years in prison.

Andrew Cardenas, 20, of Macclenny will be on probation two years following release and was credited 181 days for time he has been in county jail.

Circuit Judge Phyllis Rosier also ordered him to pay \$2900 restitution to several victims

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Sheila Bijaux



Andrew Cardenas

Tip led to arrest of robbery suspect

A Callahan man was arrested the afternoon of November 15 and charged with the armed robbery of the Raceway station near I-10 and SR 121 earlier that morning.

Deputies converged on a red Toyota pickup driven by Brandon J. White, 30, as it entered the eastbound entrance ramp from CR 125 onto the interstate about 2 pm. Minutes earlier, police had been alerted that Mr. White had told acquaintance Tabitha Courson that he intended to rob another store that afternoon.

Earlier that day, Mr. White showed

up at an Eastwood Dr. residence off Woodlawn Rd. and told Ms. Courson, 26, that he held up Raceway for \$120. Police later learned that he telephoned her about 4:30 that morning and invited her to go along with him when he committed the robbery.

Sheriff's chief investigator Chuck Brannan said a surveillance camera picked up the image of the robber that morning at 6:18 and he was wearing a black mask. He was armed with a pistol believed to be the pellet



Brandon White

gun found in his pickup by arresting deputies.

The female clerk was unhurt, and quoted the bandit as saying, "I'm sorry I have to do this, but I have a sick baby."

Late Tuesday, police say the suspect does not have a criminal record showing on the computer network, but has a record of pawning property. They are also not aware of a sick baby.

Ms. Courson told police she met Mr. White on November 13 near her residence on Ponsell Rd.

south of Glen, and they met several others at the Eastwood Dr. address of her boyfriend Michael Johnson and spent the evening there. The next time she heard from him was the phone call early the next morning.

She told him she wanted no part of the holdup, and she called police dispatch that afternoon when Mr. White left after telling her he intended to rob another store. After the arrest, the suspect said he was heading to Walgreens on South 6th in Macclenny.

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PRIDE in our VETS

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Westside and Macclenny Elementary Schools and the PreK-Kindergarten Center sponsored programs last Thursday to celebrate and pay tribute to local veterans who have served or are actively serving in the military.

The programs included music and recognition of past and present veterans.

According to Pre-K Center principal Bonnie Jones, this year's salute to Veterans Day was a bit more ceremonious than in past years.

It was part due to special guest Winton Stokley. The 89-year-old Navy veteran from Macclenny was part of the Normandy

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Pictured from Veterans Day programs held November 10 are (clockwise from left) Westside Elementary first graders singing, National Guard veteran Cory Nielsen with WWII Navy veteran Winton Stokley at the PreK-Kindergarten Center, students during the Macclenny Elementary program, and Khai Chrome with Army veteran Tommy Fiser at MES.

MACCLENNY CITY COMMISSION

'No dice' on fee plan

MIKE ANDERSON | PRESS STAFF

A week after county and Macclenny city officials sat down to begin discussing a plan to rely more on special assessments and less on property taxes for government services in the future, city officials folded on the issue.

The city commission unanimously decided to reject the idea on the evening of November 8 after expressing concerns about possible adverse impacts to city residents, who already pay county taxes as well as municipal taxes, and other unanswered questions.

"I'm not for giving anyone a blank check," said Commissioner Phil Rhoden. "If we endorse the assessment fee tonight we would be handing them a blank check."

For one thing, Mr. Rhoden and other commissioners said, they would want to know specifically how much county property taxes would be reduced for city residents if an

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Who doesn't pay? Nearly 400 parcels are tax-free

JOEL ADDINGTON | NEWS EDITOR

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Carmen Bryan's 26-year-old mobile home on half an acre north of Glen St. Mary has a taxable value of zero.

While its market value is \$29,648, according to the county property records, Ms. Bryan said she qualifies for two exemptions that reduce the taxable value to nothing.

The Baker County Commission's recent proposal to establish additional special assessments for public services like emergency medical services, or EMS, could mean property owners like Ms. Bryan would pay more.

Property owners outside the Macclenny city limits already see two special assessments on their tax bills for the county fire department at \$30.50 and solid waste disposal at \$55.

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Arrests in city park on the rise, latest for gun, drugs and fight

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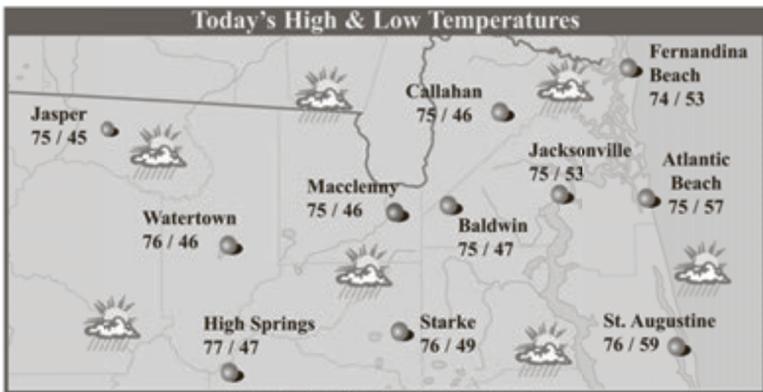
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Seven Day Forecast	
	Thursday Few Showers High: 75 Low: 46
	Friday Partly Cloudy High: 70 Low: 52
	Saturday Partly Cloudy High: 77 Low: 56
	Sunday Partly Cloudy High: 80 Low: 57
	Monday Partly Cloudy High: 80 Low: 56
	Tuesday Mostly Sunny High: 81 Low: 58
	Wednesday Mostly Sunny High: 77 Low: 51



Sun/Moon Chart This Week				
	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	
Last 11/18	Thursday	6:55 a.m.	5:31 p.m.	
	Friday	6:56 a.m.	5:31 p.m.	
	Saturday	6:57 a.m.	5:31 p.m.	
New 11/25	Sunday	6:58 a.m.	5:30 p.m.	
	Monday	6:59 a.m.	5:30 p.m.	
	Tuesday	6:59 a.m.	5:30 p.m.	
	Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	5:29 p.m.	

Last Week's Local Almanac				
Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Tue, 11/8	77	57	76/54	0.01"
Wed, 11/9	75	46	76/53	0.00"
Thu, 11/10	77	41	76/53	0.00"
Fri, 11/11	63	32	75/53	0.00"
Sat, 11/12	68	28	75/53	0.00"
Sun, 11/13	75	39	75/52	0.00"
Mon, 11/14	81	43	75/52	0.00"

St. Mary's River Levels			Hunting/Fishing Times		
	Now	Change	Peak Times		
Moniac, GA	4.72 ft.	-0.02 ft.	Day	AM	PM
Macclenny	1.53 ft.	0.00 ft.	Thu	3:53-5:53	4:23-6:23
Weather History					
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Veteran salute at schools

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Invasion in France in 1944 during World War II.

"He was there," said Ms. Jones. "He flew over Normandy on D-Day."

The children got into the spirit by making patriotic banners to celebrate the occasion and to welcome and thank veterans for their service. Particularly striking was a special three-dimensional flag.

Children traced their hands on colored construction paper, then cut out the shapes with scissors. The cutouts were used to create the red and white stripes and the blue field with stars. The curled fingers of the cutouts gave the impression of movement, as if the flag were waving in the breeze.

At the sight of the banners, Mr. Stokley became very emotional. "He literally had tears in his eyes," said Ms. Jones.

Macclenny resident Joyce Peterson is a close friend of Mr. Stokley. She and husband Gunnar take the veteran to church in Jacksonville each Sunday.

"To the best of my knowledge, this is the first time he has ever been publicly recognized for his military service and it means everything to him," she told *The Press* by phone on Veterans Day.

According to Ms. Jones, Mr. Stokley reflected on his life and expressed heart-felt sentiments about his homeland when he addressed children and adults in attendance.

"What a blessing to grow up in the greatest nation in the world," he told them.

Sanderson resident Cory

Nielsen, a National Guardsman and veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom was also a guest at the program. The vet brought back an American flag from Afghanistan which flew over his camp. He presented the flag to the school last spring.

That flag was formally dedicated to the Pre-K Center during the program and is now on permanent display in a custom made mahogany frame designed and constructed by Macclenny resident Ken Lankford.

Macclenny Elementary's Veterans Day Celebration program opened with school superintendent Sherrie Raulerson thanking veterans for their self-sacrifice and service.

"Which is why we can be here celebrating Veterans Day and taking advantage of all the opportunities this country offers," she stated.

Music teacher Kanita Bishop did an outstanding job directing students as they performed the unique "Allegiance Rap."

From the stage students positively wowed spectators with their call and response version of the verses of the American Pledge of Allegiance set to music.

Veterans attending the program were recognized, including Macclenny Elementary's very own Ellie Cumpston, who served in the Air Force and now teaches third grade. The veterans were presented with small American flags by some of the students.

Special displays were created in the front office and in the lobby of the school as well. The office display was courtesy of local veteran First Class Petty Officer

Robert Dodd and reflected his tour of duty in Iraq.

It included a gas mask, manuals for an M16A1 rifle and a grenade launcher, native crafts and money, a patch that said "Operation Enduring Freedom" and photos of Mr. Dodd in a village street with Iraqi children. There was even a photo of him climbing up a coconut tree.

The lobby display highlighted every branch of military service, through WWII to the present.

Westside Elementary's program was kicked off by an appearance of the Baker County Sheriff's Office color guard. The Merry Melodies choir then led the audience in the national anthem, followed by readings of expository stories written by first graders on the subject "Proud to be an American."

Second graders presented traditional and contemporary patriotic songs such as "Yankee Doodle Boy," "This Land is Your Land," and "Thankful for the USA."

The meanings of United States symbols were also highlighted and veterans present were recognized and honored.

"One of the main messages we wanted to get across to the children is that their roots run deep and that people have sacrificed so they can live in a land that is free," said Westside principal Lynne Fort.

One year for overdose death

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whose property was damaged. Mr. Cardenas pleaded no contest to seven coupled counts of burglary of vehicles, grand and petty theft.

Six cases against his co-defendant Connor McLean of Glen St. Mary have yet to be adjudicated.

A number of other defendants were sentenced to terms in county jail during the same court session:

- Randall Barton Jr. pleaded no contest to battery and felony battery on a pregnant woman and got a year in jail followed by 2½ years on drug offender probation. The state dropped a charge of disorderly intoxication.

- Aaron Wilkerson entered a no contest plea to burglary and theft of a firearm and was allowed 114 days credit against his sentence of 364 days in jail. Judge Rosier ordered two years of supervised probation following release.

- The state dropped counts of aggravated assault and failure to appear in court in the case of Clayton Williams, who pleaded to three counts of violating a domestic violence injunction.

He will serve a 232-day sentence and be on probation a year following release.

- Jade Matteson was ordered to pay \$381 restitution to his victim in addition to serving six months in jail for burglary and

grand theft auto. He will be on probation two years following release.

- Karissa Garcia pleaded no contest to bringing contraband into Baker Correctional and will be on house arrest six months, followed by 18 months on drug offender probation. Judge Rosier withheld adjudication of guilt and ordered her to pay a \$500 investigatory cost.

- A restitution order of \$615 for both victims was part of the sentence handed down to Cody Hodges in return for a no contest plea to grand theft. He will be on house arrest six months and probation for another year.

The state dropped counts of criminal mischief and burglary as part of the plea pact.

- Oscar Dyer will spend a year on drug offender probation and do 50 hours of community service work after pleading no contest to felony possession of marijuana and a controlled drug.

- Johnie Jackson will be in county jail two months, followed by 10 months on house arrest after pleading to felony driving on a suspended license.

- Gary Markham will enter inpatient drug treatment and be on drug offender probation four years for sale and possession of marijuana. The state dropped

charges of growing pot and Judge Rosier ordered him to pay a \$300 investigatory cost.

- Michael Mamula also will be in drug treatment followed by two years on drug offender probation for felony possession of marijuana and having drug paraphernalia.

Three defendants admitted to violating probation: Troy Melton, who got two years on house arrest; Amanda Fields, who drew a six-month jail sentence; Chasity Fleming, who got 11 months in jail.

Arrest for robbery...

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He told Ms. Courson he parked his truck at the Econolodge before entering Raceway, then sped back onto the interstate to Jacksonville. Ms. Courson told police she had heard about the robbery before the suspect drove to the Eastwood Dr. address about 1:30.

Mr. White was taken to Fraser Hospital following the arrest and treated for a head laceration he received when taken into custody.

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Schools rolled it out for the veterans

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The Baker County Community Theatre production of *A Star Spangled Salute*, a tribute to military veterans, wrapped up its four-day run on Sunday and I was lucky to have been a part of it.

My father was a Navy veteran who throughout his life was involved in music. He always urged me to do more with my voice and I promised him before he died last April that I would. This unique musical salute to military veterans seemed the perfect way to begin to act on that promise.

Taking the plunge back into community theater after an absence of two decades was a little intimidating. The music part was a breeze, but I haven't done any acting in so long, I wasn't sure I still knew how.

The last time I hit the theater stage I played a young Hollywood ingenue conniving to undermine the performance of a more famous and experienced actress.

Skip 20 years forward and I'm playing the part of a mother whose soldier son is sent home temporarily from Afghanistan to recover from an injury.

Both parts required a real shift in mental gears since I have no experience with either situation. But, that's why it's called acting.

What didn't involve any acting was the very real emotion the entire cast experienced night after night as we performed in the presence of so many genuine heroes.

What a special privilege to entertain these folks, from a 90-year-old Pearl Harbor survivor to young men currently serving in Afghanistan and Iraq.

I'd like to give a special salute to the members of Baker County High School's JROTC who attended each performance and performed their precision drill demonstration during intermission. Their presence on stage was most impressive. They are a special group of young people and I'm very proud of each of them.

It is also my great privilege to report in a different section of *The Press* this week on the Veterans Day programs put on by some of our local schools.

I wish everyone could have been present to witness the unique musical pledge of allegiance performed by the students at Macclenny Elementary. I won't forget that, ever, or the photo I shot of student Khai Chrome handing a small American flag to Army veteran Tommy Fiser.

From time to time I've come across amazing stories involving

veterans throughout this country.

I once read an account of one of these people in *Reader's Digest* which to this day astounds me. A Vietnam veteran who lost his eyes and both legs to a land mine was at home one day when he heard a woman screaming at the house next door.

He rolled his wheelchair out to the back yard fence and began calling out, trying to get a response.

None came and the screaming continued. His military training, long dormant, kicked in and he went into combat mode.

Using his arms, this blind and crippled vet pulled his leg-

less body up, maneuvered himself over the top of the fence and dropped to ground below. Then he dragged himself in the direction of the screaming woman who he found clutching the motionless body of her small child she had found floating face down in the swimming pool.

He sent the woman inside to

call 911 and began performing CPR on the child. Emergency rescue personnel arrived and later stated the child would never have survived without the vet's intervention.

Once a soldier, always a soldier.

God bless America. God bless our veterans.



Saying 'thanks' on stage

I had the most wonderful experience this past weekend.

Normally I don't write about our drama productions after they are over, but what we had happen this weekend was just so special.

This past weekend we presented *A Star-Spangled Salute*, our Veterans Day show. About a year ago, Bobby Hart, a Lt. Colonel in the Army Reserve, suggested that we do a show for Veterans Day and we decided to take him up on it.

I was excited by the prospect of the wide variety of music I was going to be able to use. We decided on music from World War II until today.

We based the first act on an Armed Forces Radios Service

broadcast in 1942, a Frank Sinatra USO show in Korea, a radio show from Vietnam and a scene at Thanksgiving, 2011. We were anxious to perform it.

There was a great turnout on opening night, and the show went as expected. We got a good response to the first act and the second. But it was at the end of the show that something very unique took place for actors and audience alike.

We sang *Tie a Yellow Ribbon*, the theme song for the Gulf War of the early 90s. At the end of the song, my wife Kelley Norman stepped up and invited all the veterans in the audience to step forward to the stage.

The first night we had 22 come forward. Kelley had them introduce themselves and tell the audience their branch of service and when they served. But before we could even do that, the audience rose to its feet and gave these veterans a standing ovation.

It was at that point that it all became very emotional for all of us. The veterans choked up as they told of their service. The audience wiped tears from their eyes. Some openly cried.

As the last veteran handed off the microphone, Sarah Davis sang *God Bless the USA* and we began a slide show of local veterans, some of whom were standing in front of us. As we sang the chorus, the actors came off stage and joined in with the veterans as the audience sang along.

It caught us all by surprise. My dozen actors and actresses were having trouble singing the song because they were sharing so much emotion with the veterans and the audience. Very few people were dry-eyed by the end. The veterans lingered near the

front after it was over and many hugged one another, though they were very different in age and most did not know one another. The phrase "brothers in arms" came to mind.

It was an amazing moment; what I like to call "lightning in a bottle," something that you never expect to get back again.

Except it did. Every night. In rehearsals, one of the actors asked, "What if no one comes down front?" I replied that we just sing, but that they would come.

They did. Each night the veterans, some in full uniform, shared with the audience and the audience honored them.

On Saturday night, a survivor of the Pearl Harbor attack, 92-year-old Hoyle Shields, was in the audience.

"I was having breakfast when they attacked," he told the audience. "We were given a Springfield rifle and a handful of cartridges to shoot at the planes."

As Sarah Davis sang, "... and I'd gladly stand up next to you and defend her still today," the audience rose en masse and joined hands to sing.

It's a good thing that I didn't have to say anything at that point, because I wouldn't have been able to utter a word.

After the show was over, the veterans gathered around Shields and many had their photos taken with him.

Our intention for doing the show was to entertain and give back. Hopefully we did entertain.

But one thing became absolutely certain to us as actors and performers. The veterans who came down front gave us much more than we ever gave them. It was a special moment for all of us.

It was a chance to say thank you.

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Facebook fans

'What you had to say ...'

Last week we got an ear full about various Christmas decorating traditions. This week we turn our attention to the feasts that families are no doubt planning for the Thanksgiving holiday. We asked our Facebook faithful the morning of November 14, "What is your favorite Thanksgiving dinner food?" Here's what they had to say ...

Laura Wright Cline:

"Ham, ham ham!"

Kimberly Crews Atwood:

"I would have to say the pies — pumpkin, pecan, sweet potato!"

Robert Thompson:

"Turkey, dressing, potatoes, gravy, cranberries, rolls, corn, pies. Sorry, can't list just one."

Donna Hare Ruis:

"Dressing :)"

Brad Waltman:

"Squash Casserole."

Jennifer Fraser Sapp:

"My mom's homemade dressing that was passed down from her grandmother!"

Katrina Woodard Collins:

"All of it!"

Jessica Lauren Hudnall:

"My mama's home made macaroni and cheese!"

Kenny Lawrence:

"I like it all."

DeeDee Hauge:

"Pumkin pie with lots and lots of cool whip!"

Tammy Crawford McFarland:

"Home made dressing and mac and cheese!"

Jeanne Marie Todd:

"Turkey and dressing, of course!"

Jess Davenport:

"Moms homemade apple stuffing!"

Lynne Bolen:

"Tie between stuffing and pumpkin pie ... I make both from scratch."

And with the state's proposed changes in scoring on the always controversial FCAT, we asked our Facebook fans November 15 for their input on the bar being raised for younger students and lowered for high schoolers.

Alyssa Nicole Fernandez:

"Well, I agree with lowering the standards for FCAT a bit, but I wonder if that would make students not try as hard? Hmm."

Jess Davenport:

"I don't agree with lowering it at all. I graduated from BCHS in 2008 and walked with students who read at what was probably a 4th grade level, and their spelling wasn't much better either. Students are learning that if they're stubborn and stop trying as a whole, they will eventually lower the standards and skip through. They need to be held to a higher standard — and not a 'high for Baker County' standard."

Robert Thompson:

"Why would they want to lower standards? It's like they're saying the kids are too stupid to achieve the standard so let's dumb it down some. Oh well, the world will always need McDonald's employees."

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L.J. Frederick
Macclenny

400 homesteads are free of property taxes

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The special assessments are flat fees charged to each parcel with a single-family residence or business within the county's jurisdiction, save those owned by the government or churches.

Because Ms. Bryan resides on her property, she's eligible for a \$25,000 homestead exemption and an additional \$50,000 exemption for low-income seniors, she said.

She purchased the property for \$6500 in 1990 after her husband died, property records show.

Ms. Bryan said she's called 9-1-1 only once since moving in. When asked if she thinks she's getting a free ride, Ms. Bryan said, "I don't think so."

County commissioners have talked about exempting elderly, disabled and low-income homeowners from proposed special assessments, but no specifics have been released regarding the amount of the assessment or who would be exempt.

The plan has another hurdle to clear, too — the Macclenny City Commission [see related article in this edition].

Discussions on the potential EMS assessment stalled after the city commission's attorney, Frank Maloney, advised the board that special assessments for EMS run afoul of previous court rulings. Still, the county commission's chairman Michael Crews is not giving up.

He said the county has requested an opinion from Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi on Mr. Maloney's contention that because EMS benefits people, not property, the special assessment is illegal.

The existing special assessments are levied in addition to ad valorem property taxes that fluctuate based on a number of factors.

The tax rates set by the county and other taxing authorities are applied to the value of a particular property as calculated by Property Appraiser Tim Sweat's office using state law and whatever value exemptions the property is assigned.

There are up to \$50,000 in value exemptions available for homesteaded properties. The first \$25,000 in value is exempted from taxation and another \$25,000 is exempted from the value above \$50,000.

A homesteaded property with a taxable value of \$100,000, for instance, would be taxed at \$50,000, while one with a value of \$50,000 would be taxed at \$25,000.

There is also a \$50,000 value exemption for low-income seniors and others exemptions for the disabled, widows and other circumstances.

How many aren't paying county taxes?

Nearly 10 percent of properties county-wide don't produce county property taxes because they have taxable values of zero, and about 5 percent of all parcels with buildings have no taxable value and no county tax burden, according to estimates from Mr. Sweat's office.

Mr. Sweat cautions, however, that within those 597 properties with buildings and no taxable value there is property owned by the government or religious organizations exempt from taxation.

There are 59 churches listed in the phone book and property records indicate there are 168 parcels owned by the state, county, City of Macclenny, school district, hospital authority or Town of Glen St. Mary. Some in the latter group could be vacant, but most have structures.

That leaves an estimated 370 properties with buildings under non-religious, non-government ownership and no taxable value. Yet, despite paying no county property taxes, the residents who occupy these properties have just as much access to EMS or law enforcement as everyone else.

Records from the county's EMS department show that of 13 randomly chosen privately-owned residential properties from the 597 parcels with buildings and no taxable, EMS has responded to seven, and one on Lewis Covin Road in southeast

Macclenny seven times.

The late Linda Sover's 1-acre parcel with a 1981 mobile home in northeast Macclenny is in probate and also carries no taxable value.

Her son, 31-year-old Michael Sover, has lived there for 22 years.

Mr. Sover said they've called for EMS in the past, "but not a lot," and that he wouldn't mind paying an annual EMS assessment in addition to those for solid waste and the fire department.

Faye McCollum, 68, is another homeowner whose property has no taxable value. She lives south of Macclenny in a conventional, single-family home built in 1959.

Ms. McCollum said she's called for rescue more frequently in the last two years due to pulmonary disease, but she's not supportive of the proposed EMS assessment.

"Of course I don't want to pay anymore," she said.

Rex Holloway's 33-acre tract on Milfordale Road is exempt from county taxes due to his disability from military service. Regardless, the 73-year-old Vietnam veteran and retired Army colonel said he would support a fee-based approach for public services.

"I'm in favor of everybody paying something for services," he said. "It doesn't seem fair to make some people pay for services that everybody uses. What I'd like to see is whoever uses a service to pay, but I know that's not always possible."

Few options lay ahead

The current property tax system greatly reduces the taxable value of all homesteads, even if it's not all the way down to zero.

County board chairman Crews said estimates from the property appraiser showed 46 percent of county taxpayers pay less than \$500 in county taxes. Revenue from more broadly levied special assessments, he argues, could help reduce budget deficits the county's been facing in recent years.

The county anticipates using some \$2.2 million from reserves to make up the short fall this year. The deficit in the EMS department alone was \$440,921 last year.

Mr. Crews said he proposed a sweeping plan during budget workshops last summer to cut county spending across the board. The plan included department consolidations, layoffs and furloughs, but failed to gain the approval of fellow commissioners.

"That ship has sailed," said Mr. Crews, adding that special assessments are one of the few options left to reduce the deficit.

The most recent proposal for an EMS assessment was coupled with a pledge to reduce the county's property tax rate enough to offset the fee, Mr. Crews was quick to note.

That way, he reasoned, those with the highest property values, now paying their fair share, wouldn't see a substantial increase overall, while those with the lowest property values, paying no county taxes under the current system, would start contributing.

County property taxes are levied county-wide while the assessments for fire and solid waste services only apply to areas outside Macclenny city limits. The city, which levies municipal property taxes within its jurisdiction, has its own fire and solid waste departments.

But without the city commission's agreement on the proposed EMS assessment, Mr. Crews said he would not support it because, under the proposal, property owners in the city may see a reduction in their overall tax bills while those outside the city may not.

He said that if the Attorney General's opinion favors the proposed EMS assessment, he intends to seek the city commission's cooperation once again. Should the opinion be unfavorable or city commissioners remain opposed to assessments, he said the county isn't left with many options. "We can always let the county go broke," Mr. Crews said, "or we can start cutting services."

'No dice' on fees, says Macclenny

From page 1

assessment fee were levied. Secondly, they said, they would want assurances that the city would be part of any decision-making process to consider future assessment increases.

But even more troubling to city officials was the question of legality. Currently, the only special assessment under consideration is for emergency medical services and City Attorney Frank Maloney said that, in his opinion, such a fee would not be legal.

He read portions of court cases, including a unanimous ruling in 2002 by the Florida Supreme Court, which he said held special assessments for rescue services to be illegal because the fees are supposed to benefit properties only.

"Such services benefit people, not property," Mr. Maloney said, adding that a district court of appeal case in 2003 in Marion County arrived at the same conclusion and that the top attorney for the Florida Association of Counties has also expressed doubts about the proposed fee's legality.

"I would not want to defend such a special assessment," he said. "I don't think it would fly."

He said the Florida Supreme Court has upheld the validity of special assessments for fire pro-

tection and solid waste disposal, both of which the county has in place today, and for law enforcement, which county officials also are considering for another special assessment down the road.

The issue of special assessments, which function as flat fees paid by property owners, arose a few months ago when county commissioners were battling a budget deficit and eventually planned to pulled \$2.2 million from emergency reserves to plug a gap in the 2011-12 budget to fill a revenue shortage.

Mayor Gary Dopson said he understands the financial dilemma the county faces and knows it must find a way to balance budgets in the future without having to continually draw down the reserves. But that's the county's problem, he said.

"They've got to solve the deficit somehow. But not at our expense," said Mayor Dopson.

County officials point to widespread disparities in property tax bills throughout the county, which allows some owners to pay much less than others with similar properties.

Assessments, county officials argue, would be the same for all property owners regardless of

property value, and many people who currently pay no property taxes due to property value exemptions available for homesteaded properties, would be subject to the assessment fees.

That's the aspect of the county's proposal that city officials favored, saying the cost of government services should be spread across a broader spectrum of property owners. But putting the legal issues aside, they still had far too many questions that remain unanswered for them to move forward with the county on the issue.

"There's a lot of questions I need answered," Mayor Dopson said. "I don't want to add to what we're already paying to help fund the county's deficit."

At one point during the meeting, the mayor asked if anyone in the audience was in favor of special assessments. Of about a dozen spectators, no one responded to the question.

But several spoke in opposition to any increases in taxes or fees.

"I am adamantly opposed to the special assessment — period!" said Jack Baker, a Macclenny resident and business owner. "There is no end to this recession. This

economy is terrible."

Mr. Baker owns several rental properties not eligible for homestead exemptions.

While residential property owners may receive up to a \$50,000 exemption on the value of their properties, Mr. Baker said, "business owners get no break."

Several other residents expressed similar sentiments, including Don Gaines, who said he owns property in the city and in the county.

"We're already having a hard time surviving out here," he said. "We can't afford this kind of stuff."

After about an hour and a half of discussion, which became repetitious, commissioners voted in favor of a motion by Mr. Rhoden to take no action unless further advised by the city attorney.

In naval exercise

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Michael P. Pitt, son of Cynthia L. Pitt of Macclenny, and fellow crew members aboard *USS Samuel B. Roberts* recently completed the final portion of an anti-piracy exercise in the Somali Basin region.

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CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD

CEB acts on Glen violator

Clean-up of residence on US 90

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The owner of a highly-visible residential property on US 90 in downtown Glen St. Mary was given a 10-day grace period on November 14 to finish bringing the property up to code or face running fines that could eventually max out at \$1850.

Carolyn Wiggins was cited by the Town of Glen St. Mary in September for debris under and around a carport and overgrown grass around the 55-year-old home.

She was given until November 13 to correct the violations before an \$85 administrative fee is assessed and a hearing set before the Code Enforcement Board.

Glen's code enforcement officer Donna Loadholtz testified that code violations have been ongoing at the property for the last two years, though some progress was made on the carport area before the CEB meeting the evening of November 15.

"I've had several complaints about the smell and the looks of the property," Ms. Loadholtz told the seven-member CEB. "We've been working with her, but it's still [in violation] ... Under the carport there's a big difference, but around the carport is still overgrown."

The CEB handles code violation cases for Glen.

She said she smelled a urine odor, likely from cats, from the US 90 sidewalk where she took additional photos of the home on the day of the CEB meeting.

The board voted 7-0 to find the property in violation.

The vote to wait 10 days before fining Ms. Wiggins, who was not present for the hearing, passed 6-1 with board member David Theus dissenting. After the grace period, fines of \$50 and \$10 per



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE TOWN OF GLEN ST. MARY
The overgrown weeds at Carolyn Wiggins residence above led the county's Code Enforcement Board to find the property in violation of county codes November 14.

day until the property comes into compliance, for up to 180 days, will be assessed.

Ms. Wiggins was also charged an \$85 administrative fee, which offsets the town's costs to investigate and process code enforcement cases.

In other cases heard by the CEB that evening, two property owners — one found in violation of mobile home skirting rules and another in violation of zoning regulations, were given one month and six months, respectively, to come into compliance.

Jessie Johnson and his wife Lisa appeared before the board regarding the lack of skirting on a mobile home at 4299 Southwood Rd. in the southeastern county's Black Bottom area.

The property was cited for the violation in September after a routine inspection in July revealed the violation. A mandatory inspection is part of the county's permitting process for mobile homes.

The county's code enforcement officer and chief building official Bob Hathcox said neither a mailed notice of violation nor a hand-delivered notice were

received by the property owners, Mr. Johnson and his mother Alice Crawford, so notices were posted at the property and courthouse.

Mr. Johnson told board members he's been unemployed for about 10 months, but has found temporary work to get the approximately \$330 needed to install the skirting.

After finding the property in violation, CEB members unanimously approved member Waldo Brock's motion to allow Mr. Johnson 30 days to come into compliance before fines begin. Failing to do so triggers a fine of \$50 plus \$10 per day until the property is in compliance, for up to 180 days.

The owners were also assessed the \$85 administrative fee.

In the final case in the nearly hour-long meeting, Benny Leonard addressed CEB members regarding the RV repair and maintenance business he operates from his south Sanderson home on 11400 Blackberry Lane.

The 15-acre property's agricultural zoning does not permit such businesses.

Mr. Leonard said he's been

working on RVs for more than 30 years, but vacated a commercial property in Jacksonville after 11 years due to the economic downturn. Now, he said, he does mobile repair work and occasionally works on RVs at home.

A complaint prompted the code enforcement case, Mr. Hathcox explained. Upon inspection, he found four RVs at the residence a few hundred yards from the road and obscured by trees.

Mr. Leonard said two of the RVs belonged to customers and were undergoing repairs. He owns one and the other was being stored for a friend.

The property owner could file an application with the county's Land Planning Agency to rezone a portion of the tract to commercial general, which would permit the RV repair business. However, the application fee is more than \$1000 and the application could be turned down by county commissioners.

Mr. Leonard said it would take about two months to fix and remove his customer's RVs from his property.

CEB members voted 6-1 to approve new board member Christopher Gazes' motion to give Mr. Leonard six months to come into compliance or face fines identical to those in the previous cases.

Member Danny Burger dissented.

The property owner appeared pleased with the outcome, saying, "It gives me some breathing room to find out what I want to do."

Mr. Leonard will be assessed the \$85 administrative fee.

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Two wallets stolen

A criminal complaint was filed November 10 against a Glen St. Mary woman who allegedly stole two wallets and contents from employees at the Dollar General Store on South 6th in Macclenny on November 10.

Deputy Earl Lord said he recognized Leslie Perryman, 29, as the person caught on a surveillance video entering an employee room at the store about 12:30 pm and taking wallets belonging to Amber Goldsmith and Syretha Taylor, both of Macclenny.

The following day, a clerk at the Exxon Store on South 6th on the other side of Interstate 10 reported that a white female used Ms. Goldsmith's credit card to purchase \$148 in merchandise.

She signed the name Brenda Love to the credit ticket and was accompanied by a white male. Police were expecting a surveillance video of that transaction.

In other thefts, two males are believed responsible for stealing boots, shoes and costume jewelry from the men's dressing room at the Baker High auditorium. The rooms are used by the drama department, whose sponsor Bob Gerard, told Deputy Matt Yarborough he confronted the suspects in the area early the afternoon of November 8.

The pair said they were working on the building air conditioning system, and police later

learned from the contractor that only one worker was assigned to the project that day.

A semi-truck parked for a day at the Citgo station at Interstate 10 and US 90 west of Sanderson turned up stolen from Jacksonville on November 6.

Deputy Rodney Driggers said a store employee flagged him the next day when he became suspicious because the vehicle was unlocked.

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Cell phone photo triggers an arrest

A photo on a cell phone left at the scene led to the arrest November 10 of one man for a home burglary north of Sanderson and a criminal complaint against his brother.

Winchee Coleman, 20, of Sanderson insisted to Deputy Robert Simpkins that he broke into the residence of Sheila Sullivan that evening, and that his brother, 15, was not involved.

However, the phone at the scene, which was on a pre-paid plan with no remaining minutes, had a picture of the younger brother and Mr. Coleman could not explain why it was at the residence on Tony Givens Rd. when the owner returned. He was arrested for burglary, a second-degree felony and felony criminal mischief.

The younger brother is subject to a criminal complaint for burglary.

Ms. Sullivan told police a watch valued at \$100 and a pellet gun worth \$50 were taken. A rear window was shattered with a rock to gain entry, and Deputy Simpkins said it appeared the intruders made a hasty exit when Ms. Sullivan returned home about 8 p.m.

The break-in was one of seven reported the past week to the sheriff's department.

- Prescription drugs, a digital camera and a ring were taken from the residence of Katrinia Morgan on Doyle Williams Rd. north of Sanderson the afternoon of November 12.

The victim's son returned to the residence and a motor home belonging to Ralph Keenan of Jacksonville parked nearby about 4:30 to find they were entered and ransacked. The owners were out riding four-wheelers at the time.

Ms. Morgan told Deputy Daniel Nichols her purse, \$24, credit card and a checkbook were taken as well.

- Two burglaries at the same Joan St. residence in south Mac-

clenny were reported, the first on November 7 when Dahloan Hembry said a printer valued at \$40 was taken from a bedroom.

Four days later, Ronnie Hembree called police when he said he found that \$2375 in jewelry items were taken from a bedroom dresser. Deputy Earl Lord said there was no sign of forced entry.

- Keri Cline told Deputy Lord that three rings valued at \$2900 and prescription medication were taken from a safe in the bathroom of her Jule Rd. residence in Macclenny the evening of November 5.

Entry was through a front window. Ms. Cline reported the incident three days later.

- Two rifles valued at \$1150 were removed from the residence of Wayne Rhoden on Martin Rhoden Rd. north of Macclenny overnight on November 4. Mr. Rhoden told Deputy Matt Yarborough he delayed reporting the crime until November 7 because both he and the second victim, a juvenile, believed the other had possession of the firearms.

- Faye Bryant called police on November 7 to report that a necklace and bracelet valued as high as \$800 were taken from a bedroom at her residence on Ben Rowe Circle.

She told Deputy Yarborough the theft occurred during the night on November 4 and she suspects relatives who had been staying at the residence.

Incorrect name

An article in last week's edition incorrectly identified Genaro Harris, 25, of Macclenny as the person arrested November 1 for driving on a suspended license and possession of a marijuana smoking pipe.

The person arrested was Todd Sark, 28, also of Macclenny. Mr. Harris was a passenger in the vehicle stopped by police.

The Press regrets the error.

Drugs and license offenses

Police arrested a St. George, GA man the evening of November 8 for felony possession of prescription medication after his vehicle was stopped following a disturbance at Murphy Oil on South 5th St. in Macclenny.

Deputy Daniel Nichols said Frederick Yokum, 36, was driving a 1996 Honda away from the scene when stopped at South Boulevard and 6th St. The officer learned via a computer check that the driver's license had been suspended in Florida as an habitual offender.

He also learned that Mr. Yokum was wanted on a warrant for obtaining a Georgia license while his Florida one was under suspension.

During a search of the vehicle, police found six pills in a cigarette pack for which Mr. Yokum did not have a prescription. He was also ticketed for having an open container of alcohol in the vehicle and an expired license tag.

The earlier disturbance also involved Tammy Moreno, 24, of the same St. George address. She was stopped in a second vehicle but not arrested.

In other drug-related arrests, Jacely Morris, 26, of Fort White,

FL was jailed for felony possession of pills after they were found in her purse during a routine search the morning of November 8.

Sheriff's investigator Tracie Benton said she stopped a vehicle driven by Ms. Morris on CR 125 south of Glen St. Mary because she knew the woman to be the boyfriend of Justin Sands, wanted by police.

Ms. Morris gave officers permission to search the vehicle because items belonging to Mr. Sands were inside. She was also charged with misdemeanor possession of a small amount of marijuana.

- Adam Mallett, 24, of Glen was named in a complaint for misdemeanor possession after a marijuana cigarette and small baggie of the drug were found in his vehicle the evening of November 12.

Deputy Scotty Rhoden stopped him about 10 o'clock in a 1997 Nissan near Estates and SR 121 south for failure to maintain a single lane.

- Deputy Jacob Satterwhite arrested Grant Hembree, 25, of Macclenny at the same location the evening of November 12 for driving on a license with four

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The officer said he pulled over the 1998 Hyundai because of an inoperable headlight.

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CASE NO.: 02-2011-CA-0169

DENNIS J. CHAPMAN and CYNTHIA N. CHAPMAN, Plaintiffs,

vs.
J.E. MCCLENNEY, deceased, et al., Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: J.E. McClenny, whose last known address is unknown including any unknown spouse of said Defendant, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or other claimants by, through, under or against any of them, and all unknown natural persons, if alive, and if dead or not known to be dead or alive, their unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors or other persons claiming by, through or under them, and against all persons claiming any right, title or interest in and to the lands described herein.

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DATED: November 1, 2011
As Clerk of the Court
By: Jamie Crews
As Deputy Clerk

11/10-12/1
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NUMBER: 02-2011-DR-#298
DIVISION:

MATTHEW I. SLOAN
Petitioner
and
SHAUNA L. SLOAN
Respondent,

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

TO: Shauna L. Sloan, 425 N. Thompson #68 Murfreesboro, TN 37129

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Matthew I Sloan, whose address is 10146 N. Glen Ave. Glen St Mary, FL 32040 on or before December 9, 2011 and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 339 E. Macclenny Ave. Macclenny, FL 32063, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915). Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

Dated November 4, 2011. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Jamie Crews
Deputy Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE
The quarterly meeting of the Baker County Local Mitigation Strategy Task Force will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 12, 2011, at the Baker County Emergency Operations Center, located at 1 Sheriff's Office Dr., Macclenny, Florida. All interested persons are invited to attend.

11/17
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 02-2011-CA-0170

ARIE GWENDOLYN DEWITT, WILLIAM RAY COMBS, MARY CAROLYN COMBS PARISH And DEBORAH MARLENE COMBS GRIFFIS, Plaintiffs,

vs.
ARTHUR COMBS and SUSIE COMBS, his wife, not known to be dead or alive; presumed to be dead; And all unknown grantees, creditors, and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against them, and if dead, their unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against them; and all unknown grantees, creditors, and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against them, and if dead, or not known to be dead or alive, their several and respective estates, unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees and creditors, or other parties claiming by, through, under or against those unknown natural persons, and the several and respective unknown assigns, successors in interest, trustees, creditors, lienors or any other party claiming by, through, under, or against any corporation, existing or dissolved, or other legal entity named as defendant, and all claimants, persons or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under any of the above named or described defendants or parties, or claiming to have any right, title, or interest in and to the lands hereafter described.

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BAKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010 - 2011			
GENERAL REVENUE			
REVENUE			
001-334240	Byrne Grant	\$	70,157.00
001-334760	Arboretum Grant	\$	11,852.00
001-389920	Cash Forward	\$	1,929,402.00
001-334740	Library Historical Grant	\$	42,217.00
			\$ 2,011,411.00
EXPENSES			
21-54601	Byrne Grant Expenses	\$	70,157.00
29-56010	Arboretum Grant Expenses	\$	11,852.00
35-57300	Loan Payment/Post Office	\$	419,499.00
35-57400	Loan Payment/Bank Building	\$	292,964.00
35-59102	Transfer to Fire Fund	\$	167,914.00
351-54990	Medicaid/Nursing Home	\$	245,541.00
351-58208	Choose Life/Transfer to Agency	\$	8,913.00
27-56400	EMS/Equipment	\$	277,078.00
35-54100	Communications System	\$	40,277.00
35-54910	Refund FEMA	\$	23,904.00
35-59103	Transfer to Fine & Forfeiture Fund	\$	453,312.00
			\$ 2,011,411.00
	Original Budget	\$12,961,229.00	
	Amendment	\$2,011,411.00	
	Amended Budget	\$14,972,640.00	
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND			
REVENUE			
103-389920	Cash Forward	\$	135,000.00
EXPENSES			
55-55300	Road Materials	\$	135,000.00
	Original Budget	\$2,949,967.00	
	Amendment	\$135,000.00	
	Amended Budget	\$3,084,967.00	
FINE & FORFEITURE FUND			
REVENUE			
104-337200	City of Macclenny	\$	39,308.00
104-334241	JAG Grant	\$	4,258.00
104-334246	Bullet Proof Vest Grant	\$	3,960.00
104-381000	Interfund Transfer	\$	453,312.00
104-311100	Delinquent Taxes	\$	143,836.00
104-341520	Excess Sheriff Fees	\$	4,536.00
104-361100	Excess Interest	\$	300.00
104-369000	Excess Miscellaneous Revenues	\$	7,541.00
104-369300	Excess Miscellaneous Refunds	\$	11,100.00
104-386400	Transfer from Sheriff	\$	5,951.00
			\$ 674,102.00
	Original Budget	\$7,510,302.00	
	Amendment	\$674,102.00	
	Amended Budget	\$8,184,404.00	
FIRE DEPARTMENT			
REVENUE			
105-331504	Rural Fire Grant	\$	17,965.00
105-381000	Interfund Transfer	\$	167,914.00
			\$ 185,879.00
EXPENSES			
54-54602	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	\$	15,000.00
54-55211	Fuel	\$	15,000.00
54-57100	Principal	\$	137,914.00
54-56400	Equipment	\$	17,965.00
			\$ 185,879.00
	Original Budget	\$305,165.00	
	Amendment	\$185,879.00	
	Amended Budget	\$491,044.00	
DRIVER'S ED TRUST FUND			
REVENUE			
120-348540	Additional Court Costs	\$	3,348.00
EXPENSES			
67-58111	Transfer to Agency	\$	3,348.00
	Original Budget	\$24,010.00	
	Amendment	\$3,348.00	
	Amended Budget	\$27,358.00	
SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND			
REVENUE			
121-389920	Cash Forward	\$	97,042.00
EXPENSES			
95-58191	Transfer to Constitutional Officer	\$	97,042.00
	Original Budget	\$32,100.00	
	Amendment	\$97,042.00	
	Amended Budget	\$129,142.00	
ROAD PAVING FUND			
REVENUE			
600-334495	SCRAP Funds	\$	209,244.00
600-334496	SCOP Funds	\$	911,513.00
			\$ 1,120,757.00
EXPENSES			
75-54622	SCOP Resurfacing	\$	911,513.00
75-54625	SCRAP Resurfacing	\$	209,244.00
			\$ 1,120,757.00
	Original Budget	\$5,073,183.00	
	Amendment	\$1,120,757.00	
	Amended Budget	\$6,193,940.00	
EMS GRANT FUND			
REVENUE			
108-334210	EMS Grant	\$	2,396.00
EXPENSES			
271-56430	EMS Grant Expenses	\$	2,396.00
	Original Budget	\$0.00	
	Amendment	\$2,396.00	
	Amended Budget	\$2,396.00	
COURT INNOVATIONS TRUST FUND			
REVENUE			
139-381001	Interfund Transfer	\$	13,545.00
EXPENSES			
939-55210	Operating Expenses	\$	13,545.00
	Original Budget	\$45,500.00	
	Amendment	\$13,545.00	
	Amended Budget	\$59,045.00	



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Car fire chars engine at Food Lion

When the Chevrolet Impala (above) driven by Leo Jefferson arrived in the Food Lion parking lot on South 6th Street about 4:45 pm on November 7, he noticed smoke coming from the vehicle. He said it wasn't until he stepped out and walked away, however, that he saw flames emanating from underneath the car. Mr. Jefferson immediately dialed 9-1-1 on his cell phone. Macclenny firefighters from Station 1 in downtown Macclenny arrived about five minutes later and extinguished the fire. Mr. Jefferson said he was coming from Robbie's Car & Truck, which had sealed a blown gasket in the engine. The Chevrolet is owned by Annetta More of Macclenny, who said at the scene it was insured. One of the responding firefighters, Chris Bonds, said the gasket sealant was not likely the cause of the fire because it isn't flammable after it cures.

License and drug offense after stop

Police arrested a St. George, GA man the evening of November 8 for felony possession of prescription medication after his vehicle was stopped following a disturbance at Murphy Oil on South 5th St. in Macclenny.

Deputy Daniel Nichols said Frederick Yokum, 36, was driving a 1996 Honda away from the scene when stopped at South Boulevard and 6th St. The officer learned via a computer check that the driver's license had been suspended in Florida as an habitual offender.

He also learned that Mr. Yokum was wanted on a warrant for obtaining a Georgia license while his Florida one was under suspension.

During a search of the vehicle, police found six pills in a cigarette pack for which Mr. Yokum did not have a prescription. He was also ticketed for having an open container of alcohol in the vehicle and an expired license tag.

The earlier disturbance also involved Tammy Moreno, 24, of the same St. George address. She was stopped in a second vehicle but not arrested.

In other drug-related arrests, Jacely Morris, 26, of Fort White, FL was jailed for felony possession of pills after they were found

in her purse during a routine search the morning of November 8.

Sheriff's investigator Tracie Benton said she stopped a vehicle driven by Ms. Morris on CR 125 south of Glen St. Mary because she knew the woman to be the boyfriend of Justin Sands, wanted by police.

Ms. Morris gave officers permission to search the vehicle because items belonging to Mr. Sands were inside. She was also charged with misdemeanor possession of a small amount of marijuana.

• Adam Mallett, 24, of Glen was named in a complaint for misdemeanor possession after a marijuana cigarette and small baggie of the drug were found in his vehicle the evening of November 12.

Deputy Scotty Rhoden stopped him about 10 o'clock in a 1997 Nissan near Estates and SR 121 south for failure to maintain a single lane.

• Deputy Jacob Satterwhite arrested Grant Hembree, 25, of Macclenny at the same location the evening of November 12 for driving on a license with four suspensions.

The officer said he pulled over the 1998 Hyundai because of an inoperable headlight.

Passenger wanted for grand theft in Bradford

A passenger in a vehicle involved in a disturbance in west Macclenny the evening of November 12 turned up wanted in Bradford County for grand theft.

Jennifer Brooks, 29, of Macclenny was in a 1993 Ford van stopped by Deputy Jacob Satterwhite just after 10 pm at the Exxon station on US 90 west at Lowder.

The driver, Sheila Griffis, 47, of Macclenny was charged with disturbing the peace and resisting arrest without violence.

Deputy Satterwhite said Ms. Griffis became angry and belligerent while he was questioning Ms. Brooks and refused to calm herself. She also resisted being handcuffed.

In other warrant-related arrests, Adam Swisher, 26, of Jacksonville turned himself in at county jail on November 18, charged with possession of a controlled drug.

Tarrance Riley, 33, of Macclenny was already at county jail when served with a Duval County warrant for failure to appear in court on a suspended license charge.

Arrests at city park on rise

It's a stretch to call it a crime-ridden part of town, but police officers are finding themselves more often in recent months called to Macclenny Park between 8th St. and West Boulevard north of US 90 in the north city.

A week ago, a Maxville man was arrested there in possession of crack cocaine, drug paraphernalia and residue. He was in the company of a Macclenny woman described as unresponsive and high on drugs.

Police also found a pistol in the rear seat of his vehicle.

In the past two years, Macclenny Park has been the scene of several muggings involving younger persons, arrests for drug possession, disorderly intoxication and vagrancy (sleeping in the rest rooms). They have occurred during both daylight and night hours.

In the recent case, Bradley Griffis, 20, of Maxville was arrested on multiple charges just after noon on November 8 after police responded to a disturbance call on the park's west side bordering 8th St.

Deputy Chris Walker said Jennifer Brooks, 29, was seated in Mr. Griffis' 2005 Chevrolet passed out and with purple coloring about her face and lips. She was taken to Fraser Hospital for treatment and observation after an apparent drug overdose.

The deputy got permission to search the car and found a plastic baggie with needles and a spoon with what appeared to be pill residue. On the suspect he found the cocaine, \$485 in cash, two cell phones, steel wool, an ATM card and two checkbooks belonging to someone else and the handgun.

He was booked for felony drug possession, carrying a concealed weapon and display of a weapon while committing a felony. A witness told police that Mr. Griffis earlier attempted to sell him the Ruger pistol.

The next day, Deputy Johnny Hodges filed criminal complaints for disorderly conduct against two 16-year-old BCHS students who went to Macclenny Park to fight. They had been suspended the previous day for a verbal confrontation on campus and agreed to meet at the park to settle matters.

Sheriff Joey Dobson said this week he will seek a meeting with Macclenny officials about setting a dusk to dawn curfew at the park — aimed at cutting back illegal activity.

"Some people are certainly using it for the wrong reasons," he noted. "We consistently are having to stay over in that area, especially at night when people really aren't supposed to be there."

He acknowledged that deputies are often called during daylight hours, as in the above mentioned instances, but if a curfew is enacted they would have cause to clear people out at night.

"There's been drug use, transients sleeping and the like. It's going to get worse. Most of these people we're dealing with are adults, not just kids," he said.

Macclenny opened up a several block area for the park, ballfields and a fitness trail in phases during the past decade. The section where most of the illegal activity takes place is on the north portion where shelters and the duck pond are located.

The city also maintains Heritage Park on Lowder south of US 90, but it is little used except for special events and enclosed in a perimeter fence. The park is locked at night and during some daylight hours.



Bradley Griffis

Chokes ex-girlfriend

A warrant for felony domestic battery will be sought for Danny Mathis, 33, of Macclenny charging him with an attack on his estranged girlfriend at his residence on Bob Kirkland Rd. the morning of November 12.

Jennifer Burnsed, 30, was interviewed by police at her Ohio St. address in Macclenny following the incident. She told Deputy Matt Yarborough she went to Mr. Mathis' residence about 1 am at his request, and shortly after she arrived he became enraged, knocking her down and striking her head against the floor.

He then allegedly choked her when she attempted to leave and began again striking her about the head, refusing to allow her out of the residence until he left about 10 am.

Deputy Yarborough said Ms. Burnsed, who said she had been in a three-year relationship with the accused until February of this year, bore signs of the attacks about her head and neck.

The deputy later telephoned Mr. Mathis, who said he was out of town working and would turn

himself in at county jail early this week.

He will be charged with battery by strangulation, domestic battery, false imprisonment and criminal mischief for destroying Ms. Burnsed's cell phone.

In a second case, a criminal complaint was filed November 13 against another former boyfriend for two counts of aggravated assault.

Brandon Coffin, 22, of Macclenny allegedly threatened ex-girlfriend Dawn Browning 18, and David Harvey, 21, with a kitchen knife at an address on John Allen Lane southeast of Taylor.

Ms. Browning told Deputy Robert Aberly the accused came to her residence to bring her an application for unemployment benefits and an argument ensued.

The suspect left when confronted by a neighbor who heard commotion inside the residence. Deputy Aberly filed the complaint after failing to make contact with Mr. Coffin at his Blair St. address in Macclenny.

Steals four GPS's at Walmart

Police have surveillance photos but little else to go on to identify a white male who stole four GPS systems from the Macclenny Walmart the afternoon of November 8.

Store security observed the man retrieve clothing items and the electronic devices from the inventory shortly after 6 o'clock, then wheel his cart to the front of the store where he took two of the units into the men's room before leaving the store.

He returned several minutes later and removed the remaining two from the cart and again entered the rest room before exiting. A security worker attempting to catch him saw the suspect enter a beige SUV that headed south on SR 228.

The license number he gave to Deputy Daniel Nichols was assigned to a Jacksonville woman and a different-styled vehicle.

The GPS units were valued at \$600.

Another white male dashed out of the S&S convenience store on South 6th in Macclenny about 1:30 am on November 13 after snatching two 18-packs of beer.

A store clerk told Deputy Jacob Satterwhite the suspect drove off south toward the interstate in a silver pickup truck.



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Two collide at perilous 90 and I-10

A Michigan man was flown to Shands Jacksonville with serious injuries the morning of November 14 after his 1975 Chevrolet pickup (left, background) pulled out of the Citgo station at US 90 and the interstate into the path of an eastbound 2006 Dodge truck (right). The driver of the second vehicle, Troy Hancock, 58, of High Springs, was wearing a seat belt and was not injured as the truck flipped over onto the shoulder. Eugene Baldwin, 48, was not wearing a belt. The collision occurred at 10:55. The interchange has been the scene of numerous mishaps in years past, several of them fatal.

Likely swan song for Dean at legislative team meeting

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The annual state legislative delegation meeting the morning of November 9 ended with a heartfelt farewell from Florida Senator Charlie Dean to his constituents in Baker County.

"I'm a realist ... I know the real deal is that I won't be back in your area. But I've never served a finer community," he said, pausing to gather his emotions.

Baker County is expected to be carved out of Sen. Dean's District 3 during the once-a-decade redistricting process now underway in Tallahassee.

The district, which stretches as far north as Baker and Hamilton counties and as far south as Citrus and Marion counties, is about 25,000 over the population needed to keep roughly the same number of people in each of the state's 40 senate districts.

Baker County's population, according to 2010 US Census data used for redistricting purposes, is about 27,000.

Before a group of nearly 20 attendees at the delegation meeting held in the county commission's chambers, the one-term Republican senator spoke about how much he respected the county and its commitment to helping Floridians with mental illness through Northeast Florida State Hospital.

"It takes commitment from you and this community to do what you do for the State of Florida with that state hospital," Sen. Dean said. "It's second to none. Wherever I end up going, as long as I'm voting, you got one."

At that, the audience erupted in applause.

Sen. Dean has remained a staunch opponent of privatizing management of the state hospital. His position has often put him at odds with the Republican-led chamber's leadership.

"You've been well served," said Florida House Representative Janet Adkins, who also represents Baker County in the state legislature and joined Sen. Dean for the delegation meeting last week.

Rep. Adkins (R-Fernandina Beach) was in the senate chamber last spring when Sen. Dean corralled enough votes to remove privatization language proposed in the 2011-12 state budget.

She left the chamber after the vote and spotted a group of lobbyists working on behalf of an international prison management company, GEO Group, to privatize Florida's state-run hospitals. She said they were standing in front of a TV monitor outside the chamber looking despondent.

"They were in disbelief. They thought they'd won," said Rep. Adkins.

She said she also opposed privatization measures because they didn't require that privatization save the state money.

The 2011-12 session of the Florida legislature runs January to March.

During the rest of the hour-long meeting, constituents



PHOTO BY JOEL ADDINGTON

ElderSource's Pat Collier asks for more funding from legislators.

shared with the legislators their desires for the coming session.

Baker County Commission chairman Michael Crews asked for funding to construct dual-purpose facilities like the new senior center and transportation center being planned in southeast Macclenny by the county and the Council on Aging.

ElderSource board member and local resident Pat Collier asked that legislators increase "community care" funding by \$10.5 million statewide. The funds help to provide services to seniors in their homes, rather than in assisted living facilities.

"This program has remained flat for the last 11 years," she said.

Ms. Collier also requested \$4.4 million more for "Alzheimer's respite care," which assists people caring for loved ones with the disease in their homes.

"That's just to keep the program going," she said.

Another nonprofit representative, Bobbie Lake, director of The Arc North Florida, not only sought funding help for services targeted to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, but also for the state to remove references to mental retardation in state laws and regulations.

"The people we serve would really appreciate that," he said. "And it's something that doesn't cost any money."

During the last seven years, Mr. Lake said, state funding for The Arc North Florida, which seeks to avoid institutionalizing the intellectually disabled, has been cut.

The state's payment rate for residential services has fallen 20 percent in that time while the CPI, or Consumer Price Index, has grown 18 percent, he said.

The director implored the legislators to not "balance the budget on the backs of people with developmental disabilities."

Ted McPetridge, an administrator with the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida in Gainesville, thanked the legislators for emergency loan funding for the state's court system this year on behalf of the circuit's Chief Judge Martha Lott, who couldn't attend due to an illness.

Still, he said, a \$40 million deficit is expected state wide by the end of the fiscal year in June 2012.

"Unless it's fixed, we're con-

cerned and we'd like to pass that concern onto you ... " Mr. McPetridge told them, adding that court funding is so precarious because it's tied to court filing fees that are not materializing as predicted.

Macclenny resident Kate Svagdis asked for the legislators help in ending corn ethanol subsidies from the federal government as well as efforts to bring high-speed rail to Florida.

Jay Jacobs, a drywall contractor from Glen St. Mary and member of the Baker County Tea Party, urged the legislators to stop the state from wasting money on school construction, namely high ceilings and architectural, engineering and attorneys fees.

"What we're building are Taj Mahals," he said, referencing a St. Johns County elementary school with 28-foot ceiling heights.

Mr. Jacobs said the state should mandate what school districts can build to save money that could help retain teachers or buy books and equipment.

"It will help put money back into the state that we need," he said.

Sen. Dean suggested Mr. Jacobs seek support from the Florida School Board Association for more efficient design standards that could be brought to the legislature's education committees. Those in use today, the senator noted, were developed "when we were fat."

Rep. Adkins, who sits on the House PreK-12 education appropriations committee, agreed.

"I think this is an important issue," she said. "If we turn it into dollars, I think we can get some traction."

Macclenny business owner Jack Baker stood to voice his opposition to any increase in fees or taxes, adding that the \$300 court fee to evict tenants is exorbitant, particularly when tenants aren't paying rent.

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NEW RIVER LANDFILL

Disposal fees revised 'White goods' per piece, not by weight

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Disposing of refrigerators, water heaters and other household appliances at the New River landfill will now cost citizens a flat rate per item rather than a tipping fee based on the weight of the appliances.

Trashing "white goods," as they're referred to in the landfill business, has been costing Baker County residents \$25 a ton, but at the recommendation of landfill director Darrell O'Neal the facility's board of directors, including Baker County Commission chairman Michael Crews, approved a flat fee of \$7.50 per unit during the board's regular monthly meeting the evening of November 10.

The new rate became effective immediately.

New River landfill in Raiford is owned by the New River Solid Waste Association, which is governed by county commissioners appointed from each county in the association — Baker, Bradford and Union counties.

The landfill accepts white goods and sells them for scrap by the truckload. Mr. O'Neal said with the \$7.50 per unit dumping fee for such waste, the landfill would be able to cover its costs

regardless of shifting prices of the scrap-appliance market.

The change also makes the process of dumping white goods faster and easier for citizens, who previously weighed a container with the items, dumped them and then reweighed the container to obtain the net weight of the white goods for which they're then charged.

The landfill board also approved that evening four work orders from the association's engineering consultants, Jones Edmunds & Associates of Gainesville, for routine engineering services expected to be rendered this fiscal year.

The work orders were for permit compliance monitoring (\$66,620), engineering services related to construction of the landfill's newest containment area known as Cell 6 (\$75,000), Title V gas collection system services (\$175,000) and miscellaneous services (\$125,000).

The work order amounts are "not-to-exceed" limits. Mr. O'Neal told the board that Jones Edmunds' billed for 85.8 percent of all its work orders last year.

The firm's project engineer

Carol Sawyer presented the work orders and an update on Cell 6 construction. She said the project remains on schedule with the liner recently finished and construction of a pump station moving ahead in the next few months.

Completion of the new cell is expected in Spring 2012, Ms. Sawyer said, when a final report will be submitted to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

During the hour-long gathering, the board also:

- Hired M&R Construction of Hampton, FL to build a concrete slab for the Cell 6 lift station for \$15,750. The company was the lowest of four bids that Mr. O'Neal said varied considerably in price.

- Donated old recycling balers to the Florida Department of Corrections. The balers were declared surplus last year and would've been sold for scrap had the state not requested them, likely for parts or to repair for use, Mr. O'Neal noted.

- Waived a \$51.12 tipping fee for the remains of a burned home from Bradford County.

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To enroll in local arm of National Children's Study

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In a final push to actively enroll expectant mothers in the National Children's Study, the study's Macclenny headquarters is offering \$75 worth of incentives just to get them in the door.

Advertising for the incentives began this week in print publications, on the radio and through the mail to entice pregnant women 18 years or older to visit the study's office on S. 6th St. by November 23 to speak with outreach workers and take a survey.

If they do so, the women will receive a \$25 VISA gift card and a \$50 donation will be made in their name to the Baker County School district.

Should they decide to enroll in the study, they'll receive more gift cards for signing up and for each visit with research nurses, said Dr. Mark Hudak, the lead investigator of the 21-year nationwide research project taking place in four Florida counties including Baker.

Dr. Hudak, who is also the head of neonatology at UF-Shands Jacksonville, said approximately 150 pregnant women have enrolled in the study since recruitment began nine months ago.

The three other Florida counties participating in the study — Miami-Dade, Hillsborough and Orange counties — are among more than 100 doing so across the country to gain a better understanding of what causes childhood diseases like asthma, autism and dia-

betes. The study is sponsored by the federally-funded National Institutes of Health [NIH] and designed to examine a wide-range of factors that contribute to a child's health through adulthood, both before and after birth. Children and mothers who participate in

Ohio-based science and technology research corporation, which is charged with laboratory and data storage duties.

Dr. Hudak explained that three different outreach strategies were employed to recruit women at various study sites nationwide.

The Baker County site used what he called "the enhanced household scheme," which was a combination of knocking on doors in the community, attending community events and traditional advertisements.

"It was always anticipated that after a sufficient number of women were in the study, that the study would pause its active recruitment while the effectiveness of each strategy was assessed," said the doctor.

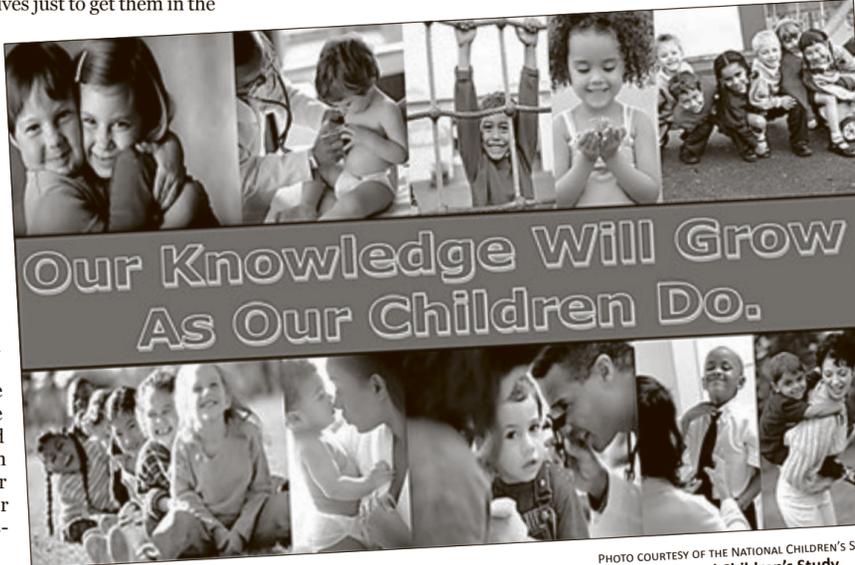
Other sites recruited study enrollees through their healthcare providers or did outreach by phone and through the media.

"[NIH] will look at what the success was for each and after a year or so come out with a main strategy," Dr. Hudak said.

The study team here will still enroll women in the study after the November 23 deadline, but they will not be actively recruiting enrollees to comply with NIH's directive.

"We're trying to finish with a sprint here and get as many women as possible to be aware of the study," Dr. Hudak said of the recent advertising push and incentives.

Post cards with information about the incentives and the study itself are being mailed to each household in the county and ads will air on the local radio station and appear in *The Baker County Press*.



The post card being mailed out to Baker County households to spur interest in National Children's Study.

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S STUDY

research will be asked to submit personal medical information and undergo testing and monitoring for more than two decades. Researchers will also take samples from the natural and man-made environments in which children grow up, all in an effort to better understand children's health.

Data collected from study sites nationwide will be examined and correlated in hopes of uncovering the root causes of childhood ailments. The results could impact children's health worldwide.

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Fire ignited after semi-trailer hits power pole on dead-end dirt road

Truck driver James Franklin Moore of the Tampa-area was attempting to turn around his semi-truck and flatbed trailer the morning of November 11 when the right rear tire of the trailer knocked down a power pole as the vehicle navigated a sharp curve on Griffin Court off W. Lowder St. in southwest Macclenny. The live wires ignited a small brush fire about 11:30 am that City of Macclenny firefighters extinguished using dirt and water. Damage to the Florida Power & Light pole was estimated at \$5000, states the sheriff's office crash report. The semi-truck was insured by its owner, Penske Truck Leasing of Tampa.

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Roland Dumas of Glen St. Mary

Roland Edward Dumas, 61, of Glen St. Mary died November 11, 2011 at the Acost-Rua Center for Caring.

Mr. Dumas was a resident of Baker County for the past six years. Prior to living in Baker County he resided in St. Louis, Missouri for most of his life. He was a machinist working with heavy equipment and had been employed at Walmart Super Center in Macclenny for the past six years. He was a member of the Moose Lodge of Macclenny.

Survivors include daughters Crystal (James) Bizelli, Hillsboro, MO and Cynthia (Jerry) Daniels, Mountain View, MO; brothers Jack (Sue) Dumas, DeSoto, MO, Danny (Mary) Dumas, Eminence, MO and Larry (Linda) Dumas, Glen St. Mary; grandchildren Kristan, Jamie, Timothy, Jeffrey, Bethany and James, and also nieces and nephews.

A private funeral service will be conducted at a later date. Guerry Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Gloria Kicklighter of Jacksonville

Gloria Dean Rhoden Kicklighter, 75, of Jacksonville died November 14, 2011. She was born in Baker County to the late Russell Rhoden and Beatrice Williams on March 31, 1936. Gloria was raised in Baker County and moved to Jacksonville after school.



Gloria Kicklighter

She returned to Baker County in 1997. She was a Primitive Baptist.

Gloria enjoyed gardening, bowling, going to yard sales and going on cruises. She was predeceased by her husband of 47 years Donald Raymond Kicklighter Sr. and son Jimmy Lamar Kicklighter.

Survivors include children Diane Widner, Donald Raymond Kicklighter Jr., Debra Smith, Thomas C. Kicklighter, Wanda Turner, Barbara Hartzog, Polly Wooten and Daniel Roy Kicklighter; brother Garland "Pee-Wee" Rhoden; 21 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Wednesday, November 16 at 11:30 am at the Primitive Baptist Church in Macclenny with Elders David Crawford and Gordon Smith officiating. Interment followed at Taylor Cemetery in Sanderson. V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

35th homecoming

First Baptist Church of Cuyler, 11226 Osceola Rd., will have its 35th annual homecoming November 20 at 11 am. Dinner on the grounds following services.

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Lorene Owens, 84, of Macclenny

Lorene Wynn Owens, 84, of Macclenny died November 5, 2011 following an extended illness. Better known as "Granny" to all who knew and loved her, Lorene always put family first. She loved her friends, traveling, and eating out, or as she would say, "Let's go boogity." She was preceded in death by her husband of 33 years, Carl D. Owens, two sons, one great-grand daughter, two brothers, and four sisters.



Lorene Owens

Survivors include daughters Betty (Jimmy) Gatlin of Macclenny, Debra (Larry) Hughes of Inglis, FL, six grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great-grandchildren, and several beloved nieces and nephews.

A celebration of her life was held at 1 pm on November 12, 2011 in the chapel of A.M. Seigler Funeral Home in Mulberry, FL with Pastor Derrell Owens (nephew) and Pastor Bob Christmas officiating. Interment followed at Beulah Cemetery in Keyville, FL with her grandchildren serving as pallbearers.

LOVE,
JENNY AND FAMILY

Lois Pringle, 84, a NEFSH retiree

Cecilia "Lois" Beasley Pringle, 84, of Middleburg died November 13, 2011. She was born in Olustee to the late Laury Beasley and Lettie Viola Sweat Beasley on June 15, 1927. She was a life long resident of Baker County and retired in 2002 from Northeast Florida State Hospital where she worked for 55 years as a nurse.

Lois loved her dog, cats, birds and painting with oil paint. She was predeceased by her husband Roy Pringle; twin brother Cecil Beasley; sister Jeanette Combs; brothers Elzy Beasley and Dewey Beasley.

Survivors include brother Elic Beasley of Orange Park; sister Betty Jean (Pete) Peters of Sanderson and numerous nieces and nephews.

Final disposition will be cremation with a burial at Olustee Cemetery at a later date. V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services is in charge of arrangements.

Skeet, turkey shoot

First Baptist Church of Cuyler is having a skeet (\$10) and turkey (\$2.50) shoot November 19 and 26 from 10-2. Take O.C. Horne Rd., follow signs to Leaman Rd. Proceeds will go to the youth fund.

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In loving memory of my brother-in-law Michael Shane Crawford

10/22/1972 - 11/17/2006

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The world is a little quieter now and the sun doesn't shine as bright. The sky isn't as blue.

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You may be gone but you are certainly not forgotten.

LOVE,
JENNY AND FAMILY



In loving memory of our son-in-law Michael Shane Crawford

10/22/1972 - 11/17/2006

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Happy Birthday, Brandon

11/17/1984 - 6/18/2011

Brandon,

Today you would have turned 27. You were killed at such an early age. My heart hurts to think that you are not here with me any longer. The boys ask about you often and they miss you a lot. I will always cherish the times we talked, laughed, cried and prayed together. Thoughts and memories of our times together will remain in my heart forever. I will see you again. Rest in peace.

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In loving memory of Gene Graves

3/1/1957 - 11/17/2009

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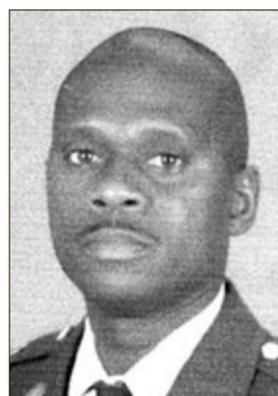
The family of Annette Mash would like to thank everyone for their donations and for participating in the fund raiser. We appreciate all of you, so thanks for your generosity because it will directly benefit her.

Annette Mash and Family

Clothing giveaway

The First Baptist Church of Glen St. Mary college clothing ministry has clothes and shoes available monthly for all ages.

Everyone is invited to come and look through the clothes November 19 from 10 am - 4 pm at the college and career building named "Escape."



Happy Veteran's Day Ardris Paige

10/13/1967 - 11/16/2010

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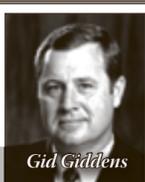
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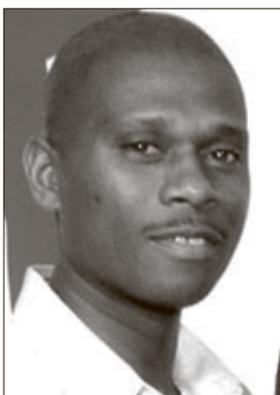
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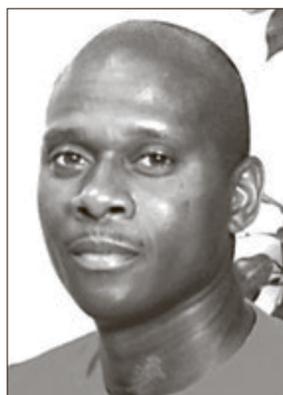
When those we love go away, they never really leave us. They are with us now wherever we are.

Those whom we have cherished live on forever, for love wraps itself around the heart.

Although it's difficult now, someday beyond our tears and all the world's wrongs: beyond the clouds and all that we can see and touch, we shall all understand.

-Written by RuShawn Johnson

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"We Thought of You Today"

We thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new. We thought about you yesterday, and days before that too.

We think of you in silence, we often speak your name. Now all we have is memories, and your picture in a frame.

Your memory is our keepsake, with which we'll never part. God has you in His keeping, we have you in our heart.

-Written by: RuShawn Johnson

LOVE,
TREASE, LATRESE, DELANO,
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In loving memory of Ardris Paige
10/13/1967 - 11/16/2010

If tears could build a stairway and memories were a lane, I would walk right up to Heaven to bring you home again.

No farewell words were spoken, no time to say good-bye. You were gone before I knew it, and only God knows why.

My heart still aches in sadness, and secret tears still flow. What it meant to lose you, no one will ever know.

You are with angels around God's happy throne. I would have held you closer if I had known.

LOVE ALWAYS,
YOUR BABY BROTHER ROD



In loving memory of Deanna Christine Waldrup
3/31/1967 - 11/15/2007

It's been four long years since you left us, yet the pain of losing you is still fresh.

We miss your beautiful smiling face and your hearty laugh.

You live on in our hearts and the faces of your children. We will see you again in Heaven.

LOVE,
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The Lord had a plan and work for you to do. You were a soldier here on Earth, now you are a soldier in God's army up in Heaven.

I miss our walks and talks, and your smile. The family has lost a dear friend, brother, nephew, uncle, father, husband and cousin. Rest in peace my child, we love you but God loves you best.

YOUR FAMILY,
THE PAIGES, WESTS AND WADLEYS



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"Only the Best"

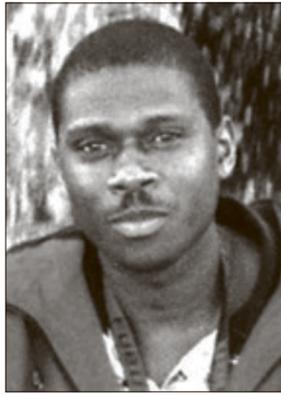
A heart of gold stopped beating, two shining eyes at rest. God broke our hearts to prove He only takes the best.

God knows you had to leave us, but you did not go alone. For part of us went with you, the day He took you home.

"To some you are forgotten, to others just part of the past, but to us who loved and lost you, the memory will always last."

-Written by RuShawn Johnson

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In loving memory of Ardris Paige
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"Garden in Heaven"

There was a special garden in Heaven waiting for someone as wonderful as you. So, the Master took your hand and gave you eternal life brand new.

The angels, we can hear them singing. Small children are telling Jesus the news. There is a new rose in Heaven, picked by God, that precious rose is you.

It's hard for us to let you go, to realize your life on earth is through. But we're thankful for all the memories, seeds of love, planted in our hearts, by a man whose life was honest and true!

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Love is stronger than death even though it can't stop death from happening. But no matter how hard death tries, it can't separate people from love. It can't take away our memories either.

In the end, life is stronger than death. When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure.

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Griffis - Oglesby

Married Nov. 11

Lisa and Chris Milton are pleased to announce the marriage of daughter Kayla Griffis to Mahlon Oglesby, both of Macclenny. Mahlon is the son of Donnie and Arlene Griffis of Sander-son.

The wedding took place November 11, 2011 at 11 am at Taylor Church with Pastor Mark Woods officiating.

Following a honeymoon on Hilton Head Island and Elijah, GA the couple will reside in Glen St. Mary.



Event planners open shop in Macclenny

Owners (from left) Barbara Blackshear, Travis Jay and Audrey Kennedy stand amid floral arrangements the evening of November 10 during the open house and ribbon cutting at Moonlight Blessings on US 90 east in Macclenny. The trio set up shop with event planning and rentals (weddings, anniversaries, etc.) and it is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30 to 8 pm and Saturdays from 10 am-2 pm.

Youth programs specialist at helm for Baker NFCAA

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Tamekia Jackson is the new family and community services manager at the Northeast Florida Community Action Agency (NFCAA).

Ms. Jackson, 29, is a native of Bolivar, Tennessee and attended the University of Tennessee. After moving to Jacksonville in 2008 she completed a bachelor's degree in social science at Jacksonville University.

Before coming to the Macclenny office, she worked with NFCAA in Jacksonville as a youth development specialist. Her work involved after-school programs featuring tutoring and mentoring and as well as the Data Busters program that partners with local businesses and government offices to teach computer and office skills to teenagers.

Ms. Jackson will oversee all agency programs in the county, including two the low-income home energy assistance program and the family self-sufficiency program.

The first assists families with heating and utility bills. The second helps people return to school to earn up to an associate's de-

gree and assists with resume writing, job interview and other skills.

"The overall mission of this agency is to eradicate poverty," said Ms. Jackson. "NFCAA strives to meet that goal through a combination of education, empowerment and assistance."

She particularly enjoys equipping people with the tools to accomplish the mission.

"It's important to instill in people an understanding that a combination of education and employment are the tools that will help them pull their family out of poverty," she said.

Ms. Jackson says she has been looking forward to the prospect of working in a small town like Macclenny.

"Being from a small town myself, I identify with this lifestyle and was excited about coming here to work," she said.

One thing she finds pleasing is the attitude of friendliness that small towns so often exude.

"I love going to the local Walmart and having people greet me and be so friendly," she said. "I'm very accustomed to that sort of warmth and I'm thrilled to find it here."



PHOTO BY KELLEY LANNIGAN

Tamekia Jackson.



Waylon Gene Henderson

Son born Oct. 25th

Tim and Kylie Graves Henderson are pleased to announce the arrival of son Waylon Gene Henderson on October 25, 2011 at Baptist Medical Center in Jacksonville.

Waylon weighed 7 lbs., 2 ozs. and measured 20 inches long.

Proud grandparents include Debbie and the late Gene Graves of Sanderson and Dennis and Helen Henderson of Callahan.

Holiday luncheon

The Riverside Garden Club in Jacksonville is hosting a "Home for the Holidays" luncheon December 8 from 10 am-1 pm.

Tickets are \$18 and include lunch and demonstrations on holiday decorations that will be given away as prizes.

Tables for 10 are available for large groups. Call 355-4224 to reserve.

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Beef update

The Baker County Extension Service will host the tri-county beef update on December 1 from 6-8 pm at the Ag Center auditorium.

This is an ongoing program of updates for beef producers in Baker, Bradford and Union counties. Topics for this session include fall and winter forage, beef cattle marketing and beef cattle nutrition. The registration cost is \$5 per individual.

The Baker County Farm Bureau is sponsoring a meal during this event. Registration deadline is 5 pm on November 28. To register or for more information, please call (904) 259-3520. You can also visit our website at <http://baker.ifas.ufl.edu>.

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Reunion Nov. 25

The Hurst, Kirkland and Mikell families will hold their annual family reunion on Friday, November 25 at 2 pm at the home of Ronnie Kirkland. Dinner is at 3 pm.

School Lunch MENU

November 21 - November 25

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Monday, November 21

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Lunch: Chef's Choice

Tuesday, November 23

Breakfast: Chef's Choice

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Wednesday, November 23

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Thursday, November 24

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GED testing December 12-14

Registration for the December GED test will be held at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, November 22 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. Please allow a minimum of two hours for GED 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 GED test will be given December 12, 13 and 14. The next scheduled test will be administered in January. For more information about GED registration, contact Wanda Conner at 259-0403.

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'Wild Man' goes public using social media

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NEWS EDITOR

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Baker County's very own bogeyman — better known as the Taylor Wild Man — has emerged from the shadows and found an Internet connection.

"You know you were my worst nightmare growing up," commented Pauline Faye Gibbs on the Taylor Wild Man's Facebook page. "Now you don't seem so scary. Happy Halloween Taylor Wild Man."

To get better acquainted with the once illusive terror that's plagued local children's imaginations for generations, *The Press* contacted the Taylor Wild Man via social media to request an interview.

The interview and his posts to Facebook and Twitter show him to be a straight-talkin' hunter and lover of the great outdoors, and a fan of the Florida Gators. He appears to have a crush on Miranda Lambert as well.

The following are excerpts from the interview. The full interview will be available at www.bakercountypress.com later this week.

Taylor Wild Man: I just got a message on the Facebook from a young lady that said ya'll might want to interview me. I reckon that sounds like a good idea. I don't really know what ya'll want to know about me, but if you wanna send me some questions I can try to answer them the best I can. Ya'll could try to come out here and find me, but most of the time when someone sees me I wasn't looking to hold a meet and greet. I pretty much keep to myself for obvious reasons.

Joel Addington: Excellent. I guess my first question is how should I address you? Taylor? Mr. Wild Man?

TWM: You can call me the Wild Man an I guess.

JA: OK, Wild Man, how long have you been part of the Twitter-verse and what prompted you to join?

TWM: I decided to get on Twitter and Facebook basically because that's what everybody does now. I also thought it would be cool to connect with the younger folks. I've been around quite a long time, but I have kind of become irrelevant. There's a whole new generation of people that don't know nothing about the Wild Man.

Baker is also getting a lot of newcomers like the ones mov-

ing in from Jacksonville and all. Baker is a place that has a wealth of history and I'm a part of it. I thought it was real funny when the skunk ape or whatever it was got sighted a few years back. Some people said they saw it, some people didn't believe it at all and some folks said it was me.

I also reckon that seeing how I'm a public figure and all, I should have my voice and thoughts heard because I been here longer than almost anyone.

JA: I've only been here for a few years but I've heard whippers here and there about the Taylor Wild Man. When I first heard your name, I thought you were akin to Bigfoot. I've since been schooled that you're more the hermetic-type, living off the land and so forth. So, Wild Man, exactly how old are you? Where did you come from? And what can you tell me about you're day-to-day life-style?

TWM: Many of the claims about what I am and ain't have been greatly exaggerated. I'm not 10 feet tall and I don't have antlers. Now I might have stolen a chicken or two in my day. A man's gotta eat. I also hunt for deer, wild hogs, gator and rabbit. I'll even eat a little squirrel from time to time. I hunt and fish. I make my own shine and muscadine wine. I ain't a drunk but I like a drink or two every now and again. That's pretty much the long and short of it.

I ain't sure how old I am but I been out here for years. I reckon I'm in my 60s. I get my exercise hunting and what not so I stay in pretty good shape. I been out in the woods since I was a youngin'. I used to live with my grandma when I was a kid but when she died I didn't want to go live with nobody else so I ran out to the woods and I been here ever since. I don't even know her name. I just know she was me grandma.

And I know they call me the Taylor Wild Man but that's jut because that's where people have seen me. But I don't stay in Taylor all the time. I go up into the Okefenokee from time to time. There's a lot of room to roam around here. A lot of land that ain't got no houses and people. Land that ain't been developed. True swamp wilderness.

I hope it stays just like this forever. I'm glad the state and

country protects this land. That's important because so much of our woods and swamps is getting taken away. I heard a song called *Lochloosa* that was wrote and sung by some boy from around here, JJ Grey. You listen to that song and you got to agree with

be. We do gotta kill animals because if we don't nothing will. Deer ain't got no more predators. We killed all the panthers and we killed all the wolves and coyotes, etc. And that ain't just a Florida thing, that's an America thing. So basically what I'm saying is

keep and that kind of stuff really makes me angry.

JA: Getting back to you're life-style. Where do you sleep? Under a tent? In a tree? On the ground?

TWM: Mostly on the ground. I found an old canvas tent that I sleep in when the weather gets bad. When it gets real bad, I find me some sort of shelter. When your dogs are barking for no reason early in the morning, that might be me slipping out of your barn or shed.

JA: What do you do when you're not hunting, fishing or bathing in the St. Mary's River?

TWM: Besides scaring people and killing goats? Ha, ha. No, I just do my thing. That pretty much sums it up. I think a lot. I read the newspaper. If you didn't get your Sunday paper one week, it might have been because of me. I like to hear music when I get a chance to and here lately I figured out I like to write. I'm getting pretty old now and I've seen a lot so I like to write about what I see in the paper. Computers are crazy but they're a sign of the times. Heck, even I got one. What's the world coming to?

JA: Have you ever been in love?

TWM: Not until here recently. I saw a picture of Miranda Lambert and it was love at first



The profile picture from the Taylor Wild Man's Facebook page.

what it's about. Our land is getting stolen by developers and such. It's a crime if you ask me.

JA: *Lochloosa* is a great tune, a must listen for anyone who treasures the real Florida — what was here before plastic, pink flamingos and Mickey Mouse.

So it sounds like you're somewhat of a conservationist. Do you feel any kinship to the critters with which you share a habitat, save the ones that end up your dinner, and/or the wilderness? And if so, what should the outside world do to help protect them?

TWM: Yeah, I think that we as people have a responsibility to take care of the environment around us. We are just guests here and I feel to some extent we aren't grateful for what we've been given. As far as the animals and such, I know that God put them here for us to eat. However, God also gave us the intelligence and the resources to manage what he's provided for us. Killing a deer for me ain't about hanging something on a wall somewhere. It's pretty spiritual. I'm taking life to provide for my own. It's not a sport, you know. But sport hunting is important too, when it's done like it should

that I think it's pretty un-Godly and un-American not to respect the nature around you and throw trash and beer cans wherever and leave furniture on the side of the road and what not. It ain't right to kill or catch more than you can

sight. Well, on my end of things anyways.

JA: Speaking of celebrities, one of your tweets mentioned Tim Tebow. How do you think he's doing in the NFL?

TWM: I am a big Gators fan and I feel Timmy will do alright. They just got to let him play his game. He's got heart and he always says the right thing. He has never thrown anyone under the bus. He has skills you can't teach and I think they can teach him the rest.



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Mick Jagger

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

November 17
BCHS: Underclassmen Yearbook Picture Retakes, Senior Panoramic Picture, Boys' Basketball Preseason Classic at Baldwin, 6 pm BCMS: Basketball vs. Suwanee, 5 pm WES: Good Morning Show Club Meeting, 8 am PK/K: Fall Picture Retakes

November 18
BCHS: Boys' Basketball Preseason Classic at Baldwin, 12 pm WES: Positive Behavior Support Club Meeting, 8 am, Jump Rope for Heart

November 19
BCHS: Florida High School Activities Association Final Meet at Everglades Ranch, TBA

November 21
BCHS: Girls' Varsity Basketball vs. Yulee, 6 pm WES: Positive Behavior Support Movie

November 22
District-wide: School Board meeting, 6:30 pm, District School Board Room BCHS: Special Olympics at Gym, 8 am, Boys' Basketball at Baldwin, 6 pm BCMS: Club Day, SOFL BB at HS, Basketball at Richardson, 5 pm KIS: Accelerated Reading Goal #3 due WES: Positive Behavior Support Movie MES: Florida State/University of Florida dress-up day

November 23
District-wide: Thanksgiving Holiday - No School

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YARD SALES

Friday only, 8:00 am - 7, 236 Ivy St. off 121 N., look for signs, lots of household items, nice clothes, all kinds of stuff.

Friday only, 8:00 am - 7, 930 Red Fox Way in Fox Ridge. Last sale of the year, everything must go! Furniture, TV, jogging stroller and much more.

Friday and Saturday 8:30 am - 7, 592 N 5th St (228), multi family, scrubs to saws.

Friday and Saturday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm, 6280 N River Cir, in Macclenny, clothes, furniture, Christmas items, etc. Too much to list.

Friday and Saturday 8:00 am - 1:00 pm, Hillside Dr. off River Circle. 2nd house on left. No early birds.

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Friday and Saturday 8:00 am - 7, 151 W Stansell Ave., Multi family.

Friday and Saturday, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm, 586 W. Railroad Ave. in Macclenny.

Friday and Saturday, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm, 405 Linda St., Macclenny. Multi-family, clothing of all sizes, furniture, lots of everything

Friday and Saturday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm, 12514 N CR 23A, on Lowder past Emmanuel Baptist on left. Men's, women's and boy's clothing, toys, housewares, some furniture.

Friday and Saturday 8:00 am - 2:00 pm, end of Glynn Allyn off 125 south, between I-10 and Mud Lake. Desk, table, recliner, Disney movies, baby monitor, diabetic supplies, Christmas items, lots of warm clothes.

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Saturday 8:00 am - 2:00 pm, 6080 Copper Dr. Moving sale, furniture, tanning bed, area rugs and clothes.

Saturday 7:30 am - till we get tired, Lucy & Laverne - 6030 South River Circle and Suzanne Dr. off Milfordale Rd. Nice, clean clothes for all the family, plus newborn boys to 24 mos, new Nascar items for gifts on your list, housewares, Christmas decor, Christmas t-shirts, teacher gifts and much more. Something for everyone, even men folk, no junk.

Saturday 8:00 am - 2:00 pm, Kalea's yard sale, 134 E. Blvd north in Macclenny. Lots of kids stuff.

Saturday 8:00 am - 7, 10451 N Clinton Ave in Glen. Multi-family, name brand clothing, toys, household goods, saddle and tack. Rain cancels.

Saturday 8:00 am - 7, 161 W. Ohio Ave, huge yard sale, lots of baby stuff, toys, adult clothing, shoes, household items, etc.

Saturday 8:00 am - 7, 6385 Bob Kirkland Rd., boy clothes to 3T, girls 8-10, some adult clothes and toys.

Saturday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm, 9924 Barber Loop, Macclenny. Toys and household items.

Saturday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm, 6204 Michelle Rd in Whispering Pines.

Saturday 8:00 am - 2:00 pm, 2228 Glory Rd. in Allen Acres, solid oak kitchen cabinets and bathroom vanity, antique bed and table, microwave, Hot Point oven range, boy's Huffy bike, porcelain doll molds and lots more.

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Lady Cat basketball team opens vs. Paxon

The Lady Wildcat basketball team will be kicking off hoops action this week and Coach Aaron Summers has been working hard during the off-season to build his team's strength and stamina and get them ready to play.

Summers is in his second year and hopes to build on last season's 6-17 record. He sees a lot of improvement in this year's edition of Lady Wildcat basketball program, particularly on the defensive side of the ball.

Summers still has a relatively young team although he is very enthusiastic about its prospects. "We have one more year of experience behind us," said Summers. "I do as a coach and they do as a team and it has made a lot of difference."

Summers had a strong summer league that saw the Wildcats beat Paxon and Forrest, two of their district rivals. He thinks Bishop Kenny will be his main challenge this season and points to the Wildcats road test with Kenny on December 6 as a measuring stick of the team's progress.

Overall, the biggest strides have been defensively for the young Wildcats. "We probably spent 75 percent of practice on defense," the coach said. They

honed their defensive press and ball skills.

He praised the strength and consistency of Stephanie Collett, Jocelyn Brown, Rondeshia Clayton and Sharonda Braziel.

Offensively, Summers has been very pleased with the addition of Marnae Gaskins to the team. The sophomore has transferred from Columbia High and provides the coach with a small, fast guard coming off the bench, what Summers calls a "thrasher."

Chelsey Ruise is the team's top scorer from last season. She has improved her three point shooting and particularly he full speed layups in the off-season. Ruise is an all around athlete who was recently selected to a state volleyball All-Star team.

Coach Summers described Shanice Paige as a phenomenal number 2 guard with a pure outside shot. "She handles the ball well and can see the open pass. She's very smart with the ball," he said.

Tianna Raysor and Caitlyn Smith are hard working, dependable and versatile players on the court. Niesha Givens has strength and quickness and is fast to the ball.

Summers hopes that the off-season work will pay off, particularly in the fourth quarter, where the Wildcats struggled. Several games were lost just from running out of steam in the late going.

The ladies open the season at home on November 16 at 6 pm versus district foe Paxon.

Jags, Tebow rush well

I shake my head in anguish at the whole sordid Penn State story. As big a fan as I have always been of the Lions and Joe Paterno, whatever the program suffers pales in comparison to what the eight young victims of Coach Jerry Sandusky's abuse have suffered.

The Jaguars carved out a win over the hapless Indianapolis Colts on Sunday, but didn't look stellar doing it. The team once again relied on the prowess of running back Maurice Jones-Drew as the passing game looked anemic.

Jones-Drew had 114 yards rushing as he bulled his way through the Colts, a team he loves to run against. He had originally thought the Colts might be the team to draft him out of UCLA, and takes it out on them every chance he gets. He has over 1,000 yards rushing in his career against the Colts.

Other than MJD there was little else to be pleased about on either side of the ball. That is, unless you are a fan of the kicking game. There were 12 total punts in Sunday's game in Indianapolis.

It amazes me how the loss of one key player - Peyton Manning - can turn a perennial playoff team into a team with an 0-10 record and the worst offense in the NFL. It goes to show you how important the quarterback spot can be.

Speaking of quarterbacks, Tim Tebow won another game for the Broncos on Sunday. That puts his record at 3-1 and ties the Broncos for second place in the division.

You'd think that would silence his critiques. Nope. They are as loud as ever.

Last week, he was voted the NFL's Most Overrated Player, supposedly by NFL players, though I can't imagine that ballot going around the locker rooms. Boomer Esiason keeps blasting him, as does Dan Marino. He answers by winning.

The Broncos have sort of accepted that he is a "special" player who may not have all the skill sets of Peyton Manning or Tom Brady. They've installed a college option-style offense that relies on the run and allows Tebow to make run/pass decisions.

In this week's win over the Kansas City Chiefs he threw the ball just twice, though one of them was for a 56-yard touchdown. He ran for another. Tebow's probably content to keep winning, no matter how ugly it is.

Come to think of it, most Bronco fans probably feel the same way.

How opponents fared

The BCHS Wildcats wrapped up the football season with an impressive 41-24 win over traditional rivals the Bradford County Tornadoes. Here's a look at how their opponents did on the final weekend of the regular season.

Two of the areas more prestigious private schools squared off as Bolles whipped Episcopal 41-27. Bolles rushed for 300 yards and Luke Del Rio threw for over 300 before a hard hit from the Bulldogs sent him to the hospital. Fans clashed with Coach Corky Rogers and players with each other in an ugly scene at the end of the game.

St. Augustine quarterback Sandon Mims threw for three touchdowns as the Yellow Jackets stopped Palatka 24-6. Panther quarterback D'Aubrie Smith was sacked six times by a swarming St. Augustine defense. A late touchdown pass from Jon Wolford to Ahmad Fulwood

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broke open a very close game and gave Bishop Kenny a 21-10 win over West Nassau. The Warriors kept it close throughout until Wolford found his favorite target with two minutes to go.

An intercepted pass by Baldwin's Kevin James gave the play-off bound Indians a 40-34 win over Terry Parker. Jordan Mullis threw for 127 yards. Middleburg quarterback Kory Williams had 134 yards rushing and three touchdowns to lead the Broncos to a 36-35 upset over the Clay County Blue Devils in Green Cove Springs. The Broncos had a 90-yard fumble recovery for a touchdown to key the victory.

Trinity Christian got a big win over Orange Park thanks to the strong arm of O'Shay Carter, who threw for close to 200 yards as the Conquerors stopped the Raiders 28-14.

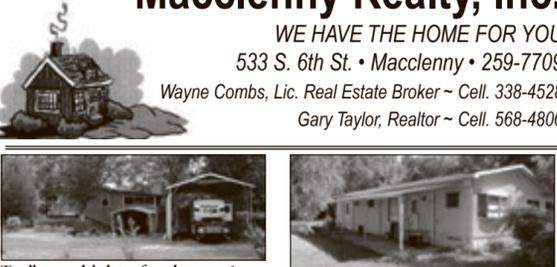
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Season ends on a high note

Cats best Bradford; 8-3 record

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Last week's away game between the BCHS Wildcats and their rivals the Bradford Tornadoes was all about redemption and pride.

They were a handful of points away from being the district champions, posting a perfect record and looking to the post season. Instead, after the 20-14 loss to Bishop Kenny November 4, they were about to play their last game of the 2011 season.

So the Cats, and particularly the seniors, were treating the game against Bradford as their playoff game. It definitely showed in their play, as they rolled over Bradford County 41-24 in Starke.

"I was a little bit worried Monday and Tuesday about how we'd respond to the loss," said head coach Ryan Sulkowski. "But I told them that time heals all wounds and by Friday we had stopped feeling sorry for ourselves and were ready to play."

Bradford came into the game having lost six in a row to the Wildcats and with a playoff date against the Raines Vikings this Friday.

Over the past two games, Bradford looked like an offensive juggernaut. They shutout their previous two opponents and outscored them 89-0. They won a playoff berth by defeating Mt.

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Pictured clockwise from top left: No. 2 Jeremy Wannamaker on the carry, No. 18 Kendrick Singleton jumps for a touchdown reception, No. 4 Roland Gaskins attempts to elude Bradford's No. 3 and a pair of Bradford defenders tackle Wannamaker. Also shown in the latter photo are Wildcats No. 4 Roland Gaskins and No. 50 Blake Mills.



Dora 7-0 in a three-way tiebreaker the Monday before they faced the Wildcats.

It was clear from the early going that Bradford was caught back on their heels. As the game progressed, the Wildcat defense began to impose their will on the Tornado offensive line.

Kendrick Singleton, who had perhaps the best game of his career with 14 catches for 201 yards and 4 touchdowns, opened the

scoring with a 91 yard touchdown jaunt on a short pass from Thomas Sirk on the third snap of the game.

The Tornado's top player, quarterback Austin Chipoletti, played well, and responded to the first Wildcat score with one of his own. But Coach Derek Chipoletti's son was harassed by the Elijah Lee and CeCe Jefferson as the game progressed.

BCHS took the lead at the end

of the first period on a 36 yard Jeremy Wannamaker field goal. From that point on, the game belonged to the Wildcats. Chipoletti was still able to move the ball, but the Tornado defense were unable to stop the Cats, and Sirk in particular, who threw for over 400 yards in the game.

In the second period Sirk tossed the ball all over the field and connected with Singleton for a 16 yard score and Malone

Hadley for a 30 yard touchdown. Both players were over double figures in receptions.

The Wildcats went up 31-10 early in the second half on an 11 yard Sirk to Singleton strike. Sirk hit his wily receiver for an 8 yard score later in the game.

Wannamaker finished the scoring with a booming 42 yard field goal.

For the Cats it was a record setting night. Forty-one points was the most the team has ever scored against the Tornadoes and extended the win streak to seven games.

Sirk broke the school record for a single game passing going 30 for 36 for 405 yards and five touchdowns. Singleton caught 14 passes for 201 yards and four touchdowns and Hadley had 10

receptions for 164 yards and a score.

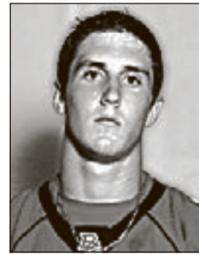
Defensively, Elijah Lee had a pair of sacks and CeCe Jefferson got to Chipoletti once. Roland Gaskins and Singleton both intercepted the Bradford quarterback and Jared Lee had another big game defensively.

Sirk finished his career as the school's only 2000 yard passer and 1000 yard rusher in a single season.

"I'm really proud of these kids," said Sulkowski. "They are a great group. It hurts when you know that 4 points separated us from a district championship. But the ball just didn't bounce our way in those two games."

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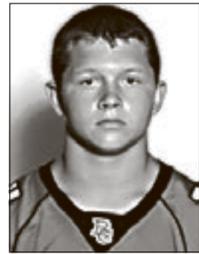
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