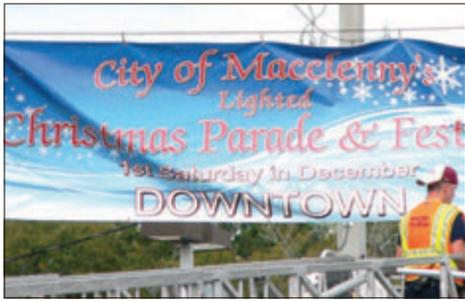


THE BAKER COUNTY PRESS

82nd Year, Vol. 31 • Winner of 7 state awards for journalism excellence in 2010



Preview of 2011 Lighted Christmas Parade and Festival

See page 6



Hi-Q varsity wins district title, JV lands spot at regionals

See page 9

Comatose teenager's death still a mystery

JOEL ADDINGTON
NEWS EDITOR

reporter@bakercountypress.com

The Glen St. Mary teenager hospitalized after consuming three shots of vodka at a Macclenny residence died November 25 at Wolfson Children's Hospital after a week in critical condition.

The family of Alexis Lloyd, 14, and the sheriff's office eagerly await the results of an autopsy performed two days after she died.

Maj. Chuck Brannan, chief investigator for the sheriff's office, said results could take "weeks and weeks."

The case remains under investigation, but it's unclear as this point what caused the Baker County Middle School student's death, he said.

According to police, a Wolfson doctor told sheriff's investigator John Hardin an initial toxicology screen showed no sign of legal or illegal drugs in the victim's body, and her mother, Rachel Lloyd, said she was in good health.

"They couldn't find a cause of death," Ms. Lloyd said this week. "They'll do further lab tests, but they don't believe it was the three shots ... She had no health issues. She was completely healthy. No heart issues or seizures or nothing. It's kind of a mystery."

If the autopsy had shown the victim was somehow injured, struck in the head for instance, Maj. Brannan said the sheriff's office would've been notified immediately.

"But there's was nothing like that," he said.

Alexis Lloyd had an older brother, half-sister and half-brother. Her mother described her as very outgoing and free-spirited with an infectious laugh and talent for music and art.

"She liked to draw anime and play Oblivion. It's a video game," said Rachel Lloyd.

The teen was taken to the hospital the evening of November 17 after she became ill and stopped breathing at her mother's south Glen residence. Earlier, she and three other juvenile age acquaintances including her brother, age 16, had gone to the residence of James

See page 2»

Survey: demand is there for local public transit

See page 4

Making sure they can see

KELLEY LANNIGAN
FEATURES

features@bakercountypress.com

Macclenny optometrist Dr. Mary Futch has been providing exams and glasses free of charge to a select group of students in Baker County public schools. It's her way of giving back to the community.

"There is such a need in this county," said Marcheta Crews, the school district's chief nurse. "Dr. Futch didn't want any children who truly needed vision correction to be without glasses, especially when it comes to school and learning. And being able to see properly is critical for them to adequately prepare for FCAT testing."

A recent change in Medicaid coverage left many local children without access to vision care. Such services, once contracted to private vendors, were centralized at Shands Hospital in Jacksonville.

The distance and expense of traveling to Shands left many Baker County families without access to Medicaid-approved vision care.

That change, coupled with an ongoing awareness that many area families are in crisis due to job losses and the poor economic climate, prompted Dr. Futch to lend a helping hand.

She scheduled three days for the task. So



PHOTO BY KELLEY LANNIGAN

Keller student Jaxon Burnsed being examined by Dr. Mary Futch.

far, students at Macclenny and Westside elementary schools, Keller Intermediate and the middle school have been seen and fitted for glasses. The final day of testing, which

will involve high school students and those at the Pre-K/Kindergarten Center will take

See page 2»

Jr.ROTC: 'more than uniform'

MIKE ANDERSON
PRESS STAFF

Jacksonville may be a big Navy town but the Air Force rules in Baker County. At least on the high school campus.

Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps has been a permanent fixture at Baker County High since 2005 and there's every indication it will continue for years to come. The school board officially renewed the program, which currently has about 114 cadets enrolled, for a seventh year at its November 22 meeting.

"There's a feeling of family in the corps that students respond to," said school principal Tom Hill, "and they absolutely do enjoy doing the drills."

Students get to demonstrate their precision marching and other ceremonial skills, not only on campus where they raise and lower the US flag every day, but throughout the county at various events, including football games, parades and other community activities.

"We're extremely proud of those young men and women who participate in the JROTC program," Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson said. "They participate in numerous civic functions."

But there's much more to it than looking sharp in a uniform, synchronized marching, giving crisp salutes and respectfully handling the American flag.

The program also places a high priority on academics. The JROTC unit, which is comprised of about 60 percent males and 40 percent females, is in its own aerospace science department



JROTC cadets lower flags in the high school's courtyard after school November 28. Pictured (at left from left) are Scott Burkhardt and Ashli Knapp folding the American flag, and (below from left) Michael Kuster, Randall Johns, Ms. Knapp and Mr. Burkhardt.

and requires its members to complete at least 120 hours of classroom instruction per year using curriculum material provided by the Air Force.

Some students who join the program come with solid academic credentials and many who have struggled academically have brought their grades up and become better students all around, Maj. Joseph Chiofolo, the senior instructor in the JROTC unit since its inception, said in an interview the morning of November 28.

"We've had kids join from the Beta Club to those in danger of not graduating," he said, adding that those who stay the course end up with a diploma in their hand.

Not every student who joins JROTC stays in it for three or four years, however.

"Many complete one year and never come back," Maj.



Chiofolo said. "There are certain kids who join that it just clicks with. We call it *esprit de corps*."

Unlike ROTC units in colleges and universities that are

See page 2»

Collector tops among officials in net worth

JOEL ADDINGTON
NEWS EDITOR

reporter@bakercountypress.com

Tax Collector Gene Harvey has the highest net worth of all elected officials in Baker County and school board member Jesse Davis has the lowest, according to an on-line database compiled by *The Florida Times-Union*.

Under Florida law, elected officials are required to submit forms to the Florida Commission on Ethics annually indicating their assets, liabilities, the difference between the two — net worth — and income more than \$1000. Mr. Harvey's net worth totaled about \$1.2 million. His \$1,216,822 in assets included his 2010 income of \$117,901, but no liabilities.

The second highest net worth, \$1,153,476, belonged to Clerk of Courts Al Fraser, who also had no liabilities like mortgages or vehicle loans, but an income of \$103,649 for 2010.

Mr. Davis' net worth, however, was a negative \$700,000, largely due, he said, to some \$730,000 in home and vehicle loans.

Mr. Davis carries mortgages on his home in Macclenny as well as rental property in the Orlando area where he grew up. He said that given his age, 36, his finances are not that unusual.

"I'm just getting my life started. And I got a family," said the husband and father of three.

Mr. Davis is not ready to wear the title of Baker County's poorest elected official, either. His household income was a healthy \$215,832 in 2010, and while he noted that represents both his and his wife's income, it's more than four times the county's median household income.

While running for the school board's District 3 seat in 2010, a race he won by just 52 votes, Mr. Davis pledged to put his annual salary of about \$25,000 "back into the classroom." The insurance broker lost his job following the election, and now, he admits, he's got some catching up to do.

"The fact of the matter is I was part of a national downsizing at Humana," said Mr. Davis. "In order to sustain my family I've had to start my own company."

Davis Insurance Group, LLC was formed December of 2010.

See page 4»

bakercountypress.com

ONLINE POLL RESULTS
Does Black Friday take away from Thanksgiving or compliment it?

62.2% Drag on holiday
24.3% Makes it better
13.5% Undecided

Visit our website and vote each week in our online poll.

COVERING BAKER COUNTY SINCE 1929

The county's most professional and extensive source for news, classified, display and real estate listings

904.259.2400 •• 904.259.6502 Fax

www.bakercountypress.com

bcpress@nefcom.net



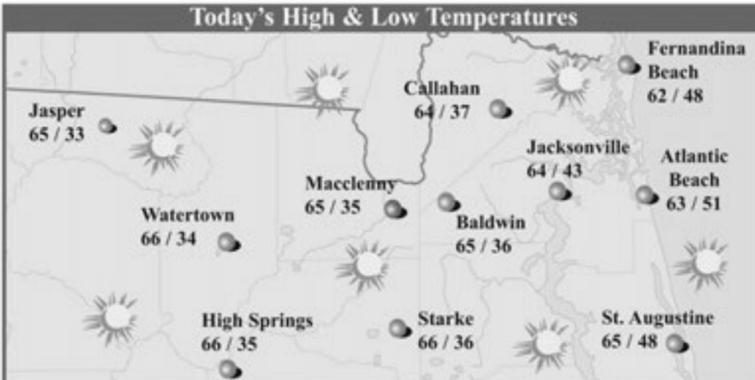
6 89076 48819 8

The Baker County Press Weather

Dec. 1, 2011

Seven Day Forecast

	Thursday Sunny High: 65 Low: 35
	Friday Sunny High: 67 Low: 38
	Saturday Mostly Sunny High: 71 Low: 48
	Sunday Partly Cloudy High: 76 Low: 52
	Monday Partly Cloudy High: 76 Low: 54
	Tuesday Partly Cloudy High: 75 Low: 54
	Wednesday Mostly Cloudy High: 71 Low: 52



Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Thursday	7:07 a.m.	5:28 p.m.
Friday	7:08 a.m.	5:28 p.m.
Saturday	7:08 a.m.	5:28 p.m.
Sunday	7:09 a.m.	5:28 p.m.
Monday	7:10 a.m.	5:28 p.m.
Tuesday	7:11 a.m.	5:28 p.m.
Wednesday	7:11 a.m.	5:28 p.m.

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Tue, 11/22	81	52	73/50	0.17"
Wed, 11/23	75	55	73/50	1.04"
Thu, 11/24	66	46	72/50	0.00"
Fri, 11/25	73	46	72/49	0.00"
Sat, 11/26	75	52	72/49	0.00"
Sun, 11/27	79	52	72/49	0.00"
Mon, 11/28	79	50	71/49	0.15"

Data as reported from Cecil Field Airport

St. Mary's River Levels

Location	Now	Change
Moniac, GA	4.91 ft.	+0.03 ft.
Macclenny	1.79 ft.	-0.02 ft.

Hunting/Fishing Times

Day	AM Peak Times	PM Peak Times
Thu	4:58-6:58	4:28-6:28
Fri	5:40-7:40	5:10-7:10
Sat	6:22-8:22	5:52-7:52
Sun	7:03-9:03	6:33-8:33
Mon	7:46-9:46	7:16-9:16
Tue	8:30-10:30	8:00-10:00
Wed	9:17-11:17	8:47-10:47

Weather History

Dec. 1, 1989 - Heavy snow blanketed the mountains of New Mexico, with 12 inches reported at the Angel Fire Ski Basin. Strong northerly winds, ushering cold air into the north central United States, gusted to 55 mph at Devils Lake, N.D.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

Get your **PLATINUM VISA**

- ✓ Earn REWARD Points
- ✓ NO ANNUAL FEE!
- ✓ 6 months 0% APR on balance transfers*

7.24% APR

COUNTRY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

602 S. Sixth Street, Macclenny • 259-6702
 US Hwy. 90 West, Glen St. Mary • 653-4401
 9140 CR 229, Sanderson • 259-6702
 100 S. Lima Street, Baldwin • 266-1041

www.countryfcu.com

Making sure they can see... Jr. ROTC: more than uniform

From page 1

place soon.

Eligibility for the help is based on several factors. Previous health screenings at the schools in conjunction with the county health department helped screen for those who needed vision correction. Among the identified students, those whose parents were unemployed or lacked health insurance to cover vision care were made a priority.

Keller Intermediate students were bussed to Dr. Futch's S. 6th St. office November 16 to undergo exams and fittings. They watched a movie in the lobby while exams were conducted, had lunch and went back to school with a brand new pair of glasses.

Optometry technology has progressed to the point that glasses for most of the children could be produced during the visit while they waited.

And to the delight of the students, trendy brands like Nike, Vera Bradley, XOXO and Tres Jolie were among the frames they could choose.

Dr. Futch negotiated with many of her vendors, who were generous in donating their products to her effort. Members of her staff enjoyed helping children through the different phases of

the eye exam.

Technician Gail Hodges got them started with a look through a machine called a pupilometer.

The device measures the distance between a person's pupils, which is then used to create a guide showing the technician making the glasses how to line the lenses up directly in front of each eye.

After the pupilometer, students selected their frames and then it was off to see Dr. Futch in her exam room to determine the prescriptions.

She tested for nearsightedness, farsightedness and other abnormalities. During the exam she kept up an easy, pleasant banter with students, asking questions and engaging them on a personal level.

"So, do you have trouble seeing far or near?" she asked student Jaxon Burnsed as she guided an instrument called a phoropter to his face for him to peer through. She recorded data as he looked at an eye chart through lenses of different strengths.

"What about the white board at school, any trouble seeing that? And show me how close you hold a book to your face when you read," she asked.

"I've worn glasses before," he

told her.

"Well, it looks like you need them again," she said. "Don't worry. We'll get you all fixed up."

After the exam, Dr. Futch sent the prescription to the in-house lab where optician Crystal Walker, assisted by office administrator Kathy Norman, ground the poly-carbonate or plastic lenses and fit them into frames.

The most common lens prescriptions are kept in stock; others might take a few days to arrive. But in general, a pair of glasses can be produced from start to finish in about 15 minutes.

Dr. Futch and her staff served sandwiches for the kids with Firehouse Subs donating their signature kid's fireman hats and cookies for dessert.

Ms. Crews is grateful to Dr. Futch's office for accommodating these students through such an unselfish gesture.

"This has been such a great service to our children with this type of need," she said. "Dr. Futch and her staff have been more than generous."

From page 1

basically recruiting tools for the armed forces, Junior ROTC programs in high school have a completely different mission, said Maj. Chiofalo.

"It's not a recruiting program," he said. "It's building a better citizen program. If it keeps one kid from dropping out of high school, so much the better."

All students in grades 9 through 12 are eligible to join. Those who successfully complete at least three years and then enlist in the military after graduation will be advanced two pay grades immediately after boot camp, which could mean an extra \$300 to \$500 a month.

But most will never get to boot camp, said Maj. Chiofalo, a former missile launch officer who retired from the Air Force in 1995 after serving more than 20 years on active duty, ending his career as an instructor at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Ala.

"About 92 to 93 percent never go into the military," he said, which is okay with him as long as he keeps turning out cadets who turn into good, responsible citizens.

"There are many ways to serve our country," he said, adding that he's proud of those students who choose to serve their community in other ways, such as becoming a firefighter, paramedic or law enforcement officer.

Maj. Chiofalo, who commutes 30 miles daily from his home on Jacksonville's Westside, said JROTC emphasizes discipline, character building and developing leadership skills.

"That's a big part of what we teach," he said.

Though he's never had a student who made it to the Air Force Academy, Maj. Chiofalo said one female cadet of his came "real close." She had the grades to

qualify but freshmen enrollment cutbacks caused her to miss the final cut and she ended up enrolling in the ROTC program at the University of Florida instead.

"We were able to get her a scholarship," he said.

Maj. Chiofalo is one half of the instructional staff in the JROTC unit. The other half is Master Sergeant Elizabeth Law-Wallace, a retired Air Force non-commissioned officer. A third instructor is authorized when cadet enrollment increases to 151, but Mr. Hill said that's not likely to happen anytime soon.

"It's been a struggle to reach 100 each year," said Mr. Hill. "We have recruitment nights throughout the year at the middle school to generate some interest."

Board member Jesse Davis praised the JROTC program for giving cadets a strong foundation for entering adulthood and beginning careers after high school.

"It helps propel them into life and gives them opportunities they might not otherwise have," Mr. Davis said.

In other business during last week's meeting, the school board:

- Elected board members Dean

Griffis to serve as chairman and Patricia Weeks to as vice chair. Both will serve two-year terms.

- Received grants awarded by R.H. Davis Oil Co. to the following six schools: Westside Elementary, Macclenny Elementary, the Pre-K/Kindergarten Center, Baker County Middle School, Keller Intermediate and Baker County High School.
- Awarded certificates of merit to six members of the Hi-Q Varsity Team, which recently won the district championship and will compete for the state championship. The Hi-Q Junior Varsity Team also received certificates.
- Recognized members of the high school varsity and junior varsity volleyball teams, which Superintendent Raulerson described as "brains, beauty and athleticism all wrapped into one."
- Awarded a plaque expressing appreciation to Mary King, a recent retiree, for 25 years as a special education instructional aide.

Teen death a mystery

From page 1

Harmon, 23, on Barber Circle in south Macclenny after pawning video games.

There, both Mr. Harmon and the witnesses told police, the youngster consumed three shots of vodka and ate pizza. Her blood alcohol level was .08 when tested later at the hospital.

Mr. Harmon told Deputy Randy Davis and sheriff's investigators he supplied the liquor after the girl asked for a drink because she was "stressed," the officer's report states.

He insisted he did not give her drugs, nor did any of those at the residence that evening see her ingest drugs.

According to Rachel Lloyd, hanging out with friends was something Alexis Lloyd enjoyed, as well as spending time with her brother.

"But she was not a party girl that liked to drink every weekend ... We just don't know what happened to her," the mother said.

Mr. Harmon turned himself in at county jail on November 18 and was booked for contributing to the delinquency of a minor, a first-degree misdemeanor.

County Judge Joey Williams set Mr. Harmon's bail at \$25,000 on November 22. He was released on bond the following day.

qual-i-ty- adj.
Having a high degree of excellence

THE BAKER COUNTY PRESS

Since 1929

FRUITCAKES

LAST YEAR'S PRICES FOR THIS YEAR'S CAKES!
CAKES FULL OF PINEAPPLES, CHERRIES & PECANS

Delicious • Homemade

Ready for your holiday needs!

New Life Church of God
Mildred Lipnick 910-4441, Joann Powell 259-2276
New Life Church Office 259-6360

5 LB. CAKE \$35 • 3 LB. CAKE \$25 • MUFFINS \$10 • MINI-CAKES \$5

We will have a booth at the Christmas Parade, Dec. 3.

Sunstate

NOW OPEN

PARTS & SERVICE
for most makes & models

ATV & Golf Cart Repair

Authorized Repair Center

259-9442

Lawn and Garden Equipment
11932 N. SR 121
MACCLENNY
(old Earthworks Bldg. at 121 & 228)

We need your GOLD!

Trust Your Family Heirlooms to People You Know!

TOP \$\$\$ PAID
for unwanted or broken gold

BAKER GUNS & GOLD PAWN

Loan - Buy - Sell

1159 S. 6th St. Macclenny
259-7800 | Open M-F 9-6, Sat. 10-4

Serving our friends & neighbors in Baker County for **5 YEARS**
30 Years Gold Buying Experience

Woodlawn Kennels

Quality Professional Care

GROOMING **259-4757** BOARDING

Private • Spacious • Indoor/Outdoor Runs

Complete Bath, De-flea & Groom \$20-\$25
 Bath, De-flea & Nails Clip \$10-\$15
 Boarding (per actual day) \$5-\$7

COMMENT

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome, but must contain the signature of the writer, a telephone number and city of residence. Letters must reflect opinions and statements on issues of current interest to the general public.

The newspaper reserves the right to reject any material which in the newspaper's judgement does not meet standards of publication.

CONTACT US

By phone at 904.259.2400 or by fax at 904.259.6502. You can stop by our office located at 104 S. Fifth Street, Macclenny, FL or mail your submission to PO Box 598, Macclenny, FL 32063.

We are available online at www.bakercountypress.com

Did Herman think he'd get away with it?

Something's gotta give.

As we go to press tonight, the betting is that Herman Cain is dead meat.

An Atlanta lady claimed over the weekend that she had a 13-year affair with Mr. Cain, who peaked as a Republican front-runner for the presidential nomination just weeks ago. Now it's possible that he's out of the race amid that allegation plus those of several other women the past month who accused him of inappropriate behavior.

Herman was kinda "my man" before all this happened, and yes, there's a chance — a very slim one — all this could be fabricated because he's a target of the left that despises black conservatives. We've been to that dance before.

My questions for Herman are two. If all this stuff is true, didn't you know it would all come out at the most strategically advantageous time for your opponents in both parties?

If it's all true and you thought you'd get away with it, are you smart enough to be president?

And this leads to another enticing question. What, exactly, do Americans believe is appropriate behavior by presidents or those who seek to be president?

At first glance, it would seem that if a president is perceived as "for the people" as in FDR, or a member of the "little man's party" as in Bill Clinton, the public is more tolerant. There's far less patience with those on the conservative side, many of whom place themselves firmly on the "family values" platform.

If they mess around, they topple into the hole they dug for themselves.

The revered martyred president JFK we know now treated women like one-a-day multiple vitamins. As in the case of FDR and LBJ, a lot of people knew about it, but back then they "winked" at each other, as if to say "It's a secret we Washington elite will just keep amongst ourselves — okay?"

The strategy of Mr. Clinton, and that of his wife, was to respond to allegations of this nature — including forcible rape — with straight-faced denial, or in the case of Ms. Lewinski and likely others, just lie about it. And continue lying until allegations (your word against mine!) kinda go away.

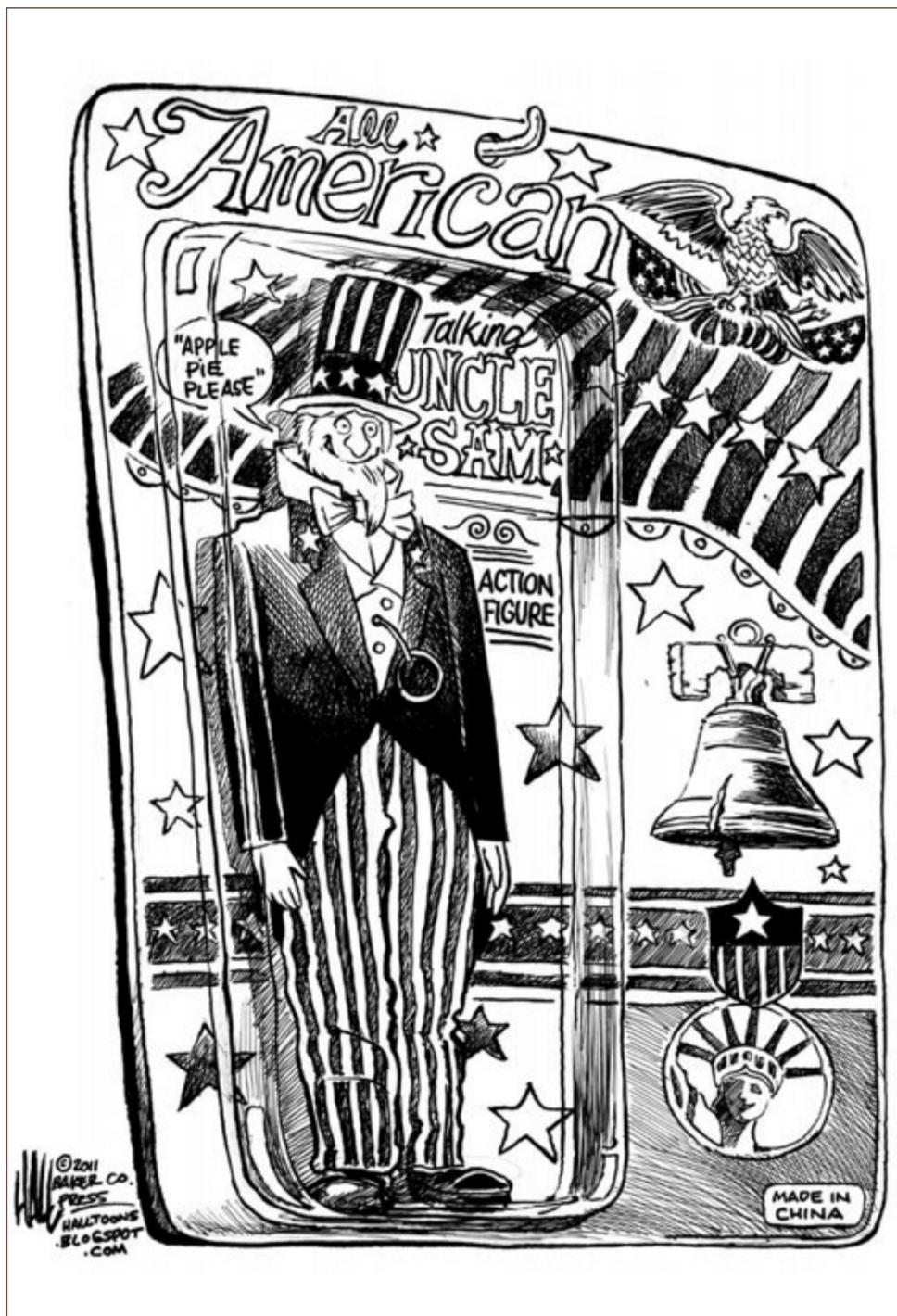
Didn't work for John Edwards of \$400 haircut fame. He lied and it didn't go away, and now he's the poster boy for "slime" in the annals of presidential hopefuls. It's frightening to think he could have been our vice-president, a heartbeat away from another sleazy affair.

Is the United States moving closer to the flippant attitudes that western Europeans take about the sex lives of their leaders? Not likely, though one has to admit things have loosened up the past 50 years.

One thing seems certain. It'll continue damaging candidates for president. If you've been naughty, it's gonna come out.

IMPRESSIONS

Jim McGauley



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Molded and shaped young lives

Dear Editor:

Recently we were we were guests at a reception in honor of Mr. Tom Covington. Coach Covington was at Baker County High School from 1957 to 1968. He and his lovely wife Joanne were among those educators for whom teaching was a "calling" rather than a job.

They sowed seeds of encouragement and discipline that demanded the best of their students and influenced lives far beyond the high school years. They showed by example how to be men and women of integrity, how to love others as you love yourself.

Even after over 40 years, a majority of former players were there to honor this couple. A successful group of men, husbands and fathers, and now grandfathers, whose own lives have left indelible marks on our community. They are men of business and education, government leaders, and professionals, all who played for "T.C."

What was then all about the Friday night game or track meet was really about the molding and shaping of young lives.

Thank you, Coach and Mrs. Covington, for your loving investment in us. May we be as diligent to pay it forward.

Gary and Kathy Barber
Glenn St. Mary

Article was a 'slander'

Dear Editor:

You published an article on Glenn Collingwood (sentenced to four years on November 17) in last week's paper. He has been tried and will be punished for his actions — handled through the judicial system and not through your newspaper.

It is a tragedy on the rest of his family to have its name smeared like this. Not only did you not get factual information, you had to publish a picture of him. In all of the 29 years I have lived in Baker County, I have never seen you put murderers' or child molesters' pictures in the paper.

It's a real shame that you would rather print stories of tragedies versus blessed events. I have never seen you write about what a beautiful wedding someone had or about a person who has dedicated many years to their job.

I hope and pray to God that you will have more consideration of the families you are slandering when printing these articles. I also pray nothing like this ever happens in your family.

Thelma M. Collingwood
Hogan
Glenn St. Mary

Let him be Jag's new coach, and president

I bagged my limit this past weekend.

I bet you didn't know that I was a hunter. I'm not ... exactly.

I didn't go hunting the deer I bagged. I just sort of ran up on it.

Literally. We were driving home

Thanksgiving night in the old mini-van and as we came around a curve about a quarter of a mile from my house there were six deer (and before you reach for the telephone, no I'm not telling you where they were). There were three on one side of the road, two on the other, and one who was determined to commit

suicide.

Wham!

The deer drove the grill through the radiator and crumpled a headlight assembly.

I felt awful about it. I'd have swerved if I could but I would have swerved into

even more deer.

Later, a friend of mine wrote on Facebook about her son shooting a buck over the weekend. I responded "Big deal ... I got mine with a mini-van."

• Jack Del Rio is looking for a new job. He was fired Tuesday as Jaguar head coach.

So far, Wayne Weaver hasn't

called me. I can't understand that.

Granted I have no real coaching experience beyond YMCA soccer, but like any Jaguar fan anywhere, I can tell what's wrong with the team, so give me a shot.

The first thing Coach Bob would do is find a big time receiver who can catch the ball and keep his mouth shut. That disqualifies Chad Ochocinco and Terrell Owens. Hmm. This might be harder than it sounds.

Then I'd find an experienced quarterback to mentor Blaine Gabbert. Hmm. The only one around is David Garrard. This is definitely harder than it sounds.

Oh, and somewhere along the line I might think about picking up Timmy Tebow when John Elway kicks him to the curb at the end of the season.

Once I have solved those problems I'll have fixed the Jaguars, solved the season ticket problems and sold a lot of No. 15 jerseys.

• Next, make me budget czar

for the US Congress.

The *New York Times* rated this Congress as the worst ever. They have a 13 percent approval rating — up from last month's 9 percent.

I've got to have a higher approval rating than that?

So Czar Bob, how would you solve the budget crisis?

In my house, in order to avoid a budget crisis I just don't spend more money than I make. If I'm budget czar, that means the whole country is my house. So, I guess I won't spend more money than I make.

Oh, and maybe I'll think about not borrowing money from a communist country whose long-term goal is to see us politically and economically destroyed. Who ever thought that borrowing money from the Chinese was a good idea in the first place?

We'd have been better off borrowing money from some guy named Rocco who operates out of a storefront in Atlantic City. He'd only break our legs if we

didn't pay, not break our economy.

I wonder if I could be budget czar and Jaguar head football coach at the same time? No conflict of interest here.

After I solve our budget and gridiron problems maybe I'll run for President.

I don't really want to be president — I don't really know why anybody in his right mind would want the job. Hmm — maybe that's why we're stuck with the current bunch of candidates. Ever thought of that?

We've got a pizza executive who can't keep his hands to himself (Herman Cain), a Texan who can't put together a coherent sentence (Rick Perry), a guy named Newt who nobody really likes, a rich guy who looks like a robot (Mitt Romney), a couple of nut cases (Michelle Bachmann and Ron Paul), a bunch of people no one's ever heard of and our current president.

I honestly don't know that I could do much worse.

THE BAKER COUNTY PRESS



usps 040-280

Post Office Box 598
Macclenny, FL 32063
(904) 259-2400



The Baker County Press is published each Thursday by Baker County Press, Inc. Periodicals postage paid under permit issued December 30, 1929 at the post office in Macclenny, Florida.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

\$25.00 a year inside Baker County; \$35.00 a year outside Baker County; deduct, \$1.00 for persons 65 years of age or older, military personnel on active duty outside Baker County, and college students living outside Baker County. POSTMASTER: send address changes to The Baker County Press, P.O. Box 598, Macclenny, FL. 32063.

Publisher

James C. McGauley - editor@bakercountypress.com

MANAGING EDITOR - Joel Addington - reporter@bakercountypress.com

ADVERTISING/PRODUCTION - Jessica Prevatt - advertising@bakercountypress.com

FEATURES - Kelley Lannigan - features@bakercountypress.com

FEATURES/COMMENT/SPORTS - Robert Gerard

BUSINESS MANAGER - Karin Thomas - kthomas@bakercountypress.com

CLASSIFIEDS & TYPESETTING - Stacy Hott - classifieds@bakercountypress.com

This newspaper is printed on recycled paper.



Facebook fans

'What you had to say ...'

Fresh from a long weekend that for many featured feasts with family and flocking to Black Friday sales for fantastically great deals, we asked our Facebook fans Monday morning, "What was your favorite moment from Thanksgiving?" Here's what they had to say ...

Nick Apromollo: "Sleeeeeep."

Theresa Dinkins: "Being in Tennessee with friends and family."

Katie Robinson: "Watching my 6 year old stomp all of the adults in a dice game."

Dwayne Norman: "All the laughter and reminiscing. It was a great day. Thank you Lord for such a great day."

Barbara Blackshear: "Coming back home!"

Blanche E. Legendre Chinn: "Not having to cook for a change! Yea me!"

Clayton Yarbrough: "Home made

pecan and coconut cream pies. Hands down! Yummy!"

Shirley-Winston Sapp: "Enjoying a corn dog with my husband at the Daytona car show!"

Matthew Barfield: "The nap!"

The same day we asked about the best deals our friends on Facebook found while scouring retailers on Black Friday or Shop Small Saturday? Here's what they had to say ...

Jason Randall: "My new all in one printer that lets me print from my iPhone and iPad for \$39."

Nancy Storch Oliver: "I saved a ton of money. I stayed home."

Donna Hare Ruis: "XBOX games!"

Christina Ladymasterchief Harris: "I'm more family oriented. Material items do not take a front seat in my life."

Aaron Scott: "The best deal I got was to be permitted to stay in bed while my wife and her sisters-in-law did some shopping."

Join The Press at Facebook.com. We post questions and updates about what's happening locally everyday, and ask for feedback from readers. We also post breaking news updates and links to articles, photos and other content at www.bakercountypress.com. Log on, search for Baker County Press and Like us to join the conversation and stay informed.

Favoring public transportation

So say small sampling of surveys by the CoA

JOEL ADDINGTON
NEWS EDITOR
reporter@bakercountypress.com

As the Council on Aging moves forward with laying the groundwork to one day bring public transportation back to Baker County using federal grant money, the Macclenny-based nonprofit now has at least an indication there exists some demand for such a service.

The organization, which provides free bus transportation to the elderly and disabled, distributed surveys last Spring to gauge support for expanding transportation services to the general public.

About 200 surveys were returned of some 5500 printed with 90 percent of respondents indicating they would use "additional public transportation if it were available in Baker County at a reasonable cost."

The survey was also available online.

The Council on Aging's [COA] transportation coordinator Debra Bowen said that while more responses would've been ideal, such a large proportion showing interest in more public transportation will help in securing grants to expand services in the future.

"We didn't get as much feedback as we wanted," she said. "But this is very good. It shows there's definitely a need for public transportation in Baker County."

ty."

Responses from the 13-question survey, which also addressed destination and traveling time preferences, will be used as supporting documentation for a grant application due in January to fund employment-related transportation services.

The Federal Transportation Administration's [FTA] so-called Job Access and Reverse Commuter program offers financial assistance to transport riders to jobs, job interviews or job assistance centers like WorkSource on S. 6th St., according to the program's 2011 grant manual issued by the Florida Department of Transportation's [FDOT] Public Transit Office, which administers the program.

Funding could come as soon as July 2012, though it's unclear how much will be available, Ms. Bowen said.

Plans to make COA buses available to the public at-large are still in the works, but "we know it's a definite need in this county and we want to be the one to provide that service," she said.

In other recent COA transportation news:

- A new transportation center for maintenance of COA buses and space for the agency's transportation personnel is expected to move into the planning, design and engineering phase this month.

The agency's transportation

office is currently co-located with other county offices at the southwest corner of 2nd St. and Shuey Ave. in Macclenny.

The new facility is planned on 10 acres at the southwest corner Willis Hodges and Buck Starling roads behind Winn-Dixie.

COA bought the property before transferring ownership to the county, which in turn leased the land back to the nonprofit last summer at \$1 per year.

The arrangement became necessary after the county secured about \$2.1 million in grant funding from the US Department of Transportation for the project.

Private entities like COA are not eligible for the department's Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery grants and the county could not spend the funds on private property.

After advertising the county's need from planning, design and engineering services, the county received about 50 inquiries from firms interested in receiving more detailed information about the project, said Maurice Postal, the county's grants coordinator.

Advertising was placed in *The Florida Times-Union* and at DemandStar.com, a website where government agencies can seek vendors and vice versa.

"Most of the inquiries, especially the out-of-area firms, were probably a response to the DemandStar posting," said Mr.

Postal. "The DemandStar ad went up a week earlier than the ad in the T-U. Firms that we've worked with in the past, such as Tarbox Engineering, Kasper Architects, King Engineering and Ajax Construction have indicated interest."

Mr. Postal was still surprised by the volume of responses.

It's likely due to a sluggish economy and shrinking government budgets, he reasoned, since the contract's price tag, which is expected to account for 10 to 15 percent of the overall project's cost, isn't extraordinary.

"How many people actually submit statements of qualifications by the Friday deadline is another story," he said, referring to the December 2 cutoff for firms to send a cover letter and statement of qualifications, which typically reflect a firm's relevant experience and staff.

A three-member committee of county manager C.J. Thompson, James Bennett, a Macclenny resident and FDOT engineer, and Bob Lambright, a member of the COA's board of directors, will evaluate the firms and rank the top three. The short list then goes to the Baker County Commission for a decision, likely in late December.

• Next year, mobile data terminals will be installed on all 14 COA buses to make them compatible with a regional ride booking system within the next 18

months.

The terminals and communications equipment will cost about \$116,000. Funding is coming from the Jacksonville Transportation Authority, which secured a \$1.9 million federal grant in early November to implement a "one click, on call" regional transportation resource center.

JTA program manager Liz Peak said the resource center, which will be available online or by phone, will function like many travel websites where riders can see schedules, fares and other information and book trips immediately.

The bookings will feed directly to bus drivers via the mobile data terminals. Private transportation companies, JTA buses and COA buses will all be part of the system.

"You will pay more for a direct trip, but you could pay less on a [COA] vehicle or JTA vehicle —

the public transportation options," Ms. Peak said.

Riders will be able to choose whether to leave immediately via a taxi, for instance, or wait a few hours for the next available COA or JTA bus.

The center will serve specific populations — veterans, the disabled, seniors and low-income individuals — in Baker, Clay, Putnam, Nassau and Duval counties.

Ms. Peak said trips from those areas to VA facilities in Gainesville and Lake City will be also available. The grant requires that the center serve veterans, but it does not exclude other eligible riders.

The grant was one of 33 nationwide from nearly \$35 million allocated by FTA.

JTA will soon release a Request for Proposals to implement the regional resource center, including the terminals, website and Internet phone components.

Santa has arrived at...
Elegance 'N' Bloom
510 S. 5th St, Macclenny | 259-4444

We have a wonderland of Christmas accessories for all your decorating needs!

BEST PRICES AROUND!

We have a new addition of gifts~

Purses | Jewelry | Scarves | Accessories

You've got to see to appreciate!

Senior citizen discount.

Crime up 23%; arrests are up 18%

JOEL ADDINGTON
NEWS EDITOR
reporter@bakercountypress.com

Baker County's crime rate continued the roller-coaster trend of recent years by jumping close to 23 percent in the first half of 2011 compared to the same period last year, after falling close to 11 percent between 2009 and 2010.

The recent increase comes largely due to 35 more thefts between January and June of 2011 than during the first half of 2010, an increase of 32 percent, according to semi-annual crime data released by the Florida Department

of Law Enforcement last month.

The crime rate reflects the total number of seven "index" crimes, specifically murder, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny and motor vehicle thefts.

The total number of index crimes for January to June of this year was 193 versus 157 for the same period last year, an increase of 22.9 percent.

But as the number of such crimes rose, so did the number of arrests and share of cases cleared or solved.

During the first half of 2010, law enforcement agencies oper-

ating here — mostly the sheriff's office, Florida Fish and Wildlife and Florida Highway Patrol — made 435 arrests.

For the same period in 2011, law enforcement made 512 arrests, of which 92.3 percent were adults, 7.6 percent were juveniles and 14.4 percent were for thefts and burglaries.

Arrests climbed 17.7 percent between the two periods.

There were 15 arrests for aggravated assault, three for motor vehicle thefts, eight for robbery and one for a forcible sex offense between January and June of this year.

The percentage of crimes solved by law enforcement increased too, from 49 percent during the first half of 2010 to 66.3 percent for the same period in 2011.

Compared to semi-annual crime data from 2010, there were two more forcible rapes, three more robberies, seven fewer aggravated assaults, two more burglaries and one more motor vehicle theft in the first half of 2011.

Officials' net worth...

From page 1

While he didn't donate all of his first year's salary, Mr. Davis pointed to two, \$500 donations he's given to the Baker County Education Foundation and another \$300 given to the Baker County PTA organization.

He said he intends to donate another \$500 to the foundation soon and all \$1500 will fund a college scholarship in honor of his grandfather, who opened a successful paint store in Central Florida after serving as a pilot in the US Army during World War II.

The scholarship will be awarded at the conclusion of the school year to a Baker County High School senior in the Air Force JROTC program who also plans to study business.

"We never really considered [my school board salary] as income," Mr. Davis said. "And now that I'm making some money, the giving is going to increase ... Any lack of giving on my part was not malicious. It was just a function of not having a job. When push comes to shove, the family comes first. And we've certainly been doing what we could to help out teachers and students in this community."

The net worth of the county's other elected officials from *The Florida Times-Union* database:

- County commissioners: Gordon Crews, \$412,005; Adam Giddens, \$73,410; Jimmy Anderson, \$433,353; Mark Hartley, \$216,634; and Michael Crews, \$80,000.

- School board members: Artie Burnett, \$68,500; Dwight Crews, \$201,800; Patricia Weeks, \$456,466 and Dean Griffis, \$1,061,958.

- Sheriff Joey Dobson, \$631,000.

- County Judge Joey Williams, \$350,000.

- Supervisor of Elections Nita Crawford, \$237,799.

- Property Appraiser Timothy Sweat, \$224,731.

Information on Superintendent of Schools Sherrie Raulerson and Macclenny city commissioners was not included in the database.

Moran Insulation Inc.
Spray Foam & Garage Doors

CALL FOR A FREE QUOTE

334-8285 | 259-9646

10058 Donnie Moran Rd., Glen St. Mary, FL 32040
morangeoffry@yahoo.com | Owner: Geoffrey Moran
www.moraninsulation.com

24 Hour Garage Door Repair

Residential & Commercial
Fiberglass Batts & Blown products
New construction & room additions
Crawl spaces & attics
Spray Foam Insulation
Open Cell & Closed Cell products
Radiant Barrier Insulation
Rolled Foil & Radiant Paint
Sell and install a complete line of garage doors
Fix broken springs & motors

SERVING
BAKER COUNTY
FOR OVER 33 YEARS
SPECIALIZING IN...

REAL ESTATE
FAMILY LAW
PERSONAL INJURY

HUGH D. FISH, JR. J.D.

34 S. Fifth Street • Macclenny
259-6606
hughfish@setel.net

The hiring of a lawyer is an important decision that should not be based solely upon advertisements. Before you decide, ask us to send you free written information about our qualifications and experience.

Baker County has historically had relatively low numbers of index crimes when they're stacked up against other counties.

Bradford County, for instance, had 683 such crimes in 2010 while Columbia County had 2,428 and Baker County just 394. With such a small volume of crimes here, minor increases or decreases in particularly index crimes can mean larger swings of the overall crime rate.

Still, the 22.9 percent rise in Baker County's crime rate was on par with the increases seen in 29 other counties around the state, most of which ranged between 15 and 30 percent.

Bradford County's crime rate, however, more than tripled while 38 other counties like Duval and Nassau, and Florida as a whole, all saw declines.

To find links to all of the state's crime reports, which go back more than a decade, visit <http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/Content/FSAC/UCR/UCR-Home.aspx>.

Collins
NET WORTH

May you enjoy a peaceful and satisfying holiday surrounded by glad tidings and the ones you love. Your trust in us fills us with pride, and your friendship fills us with joy.

Dennis, Karen, Alexis, Isabella

104 E. MACCLENNY AVE. | MACCLENNY, FL | 259-7039

★ RISING STAR KARAOKE CAFE

A place where **young** and **old** can enjoy **Italian cuisine**, wonderful entertainment in a **FAMILY** atmosphere! No alcohol served!

Opening Thursday @ 4pm

GRAND OPENING

FRIDAY, DEC. 2
featuring
Don't Sigh Daisy
LIVE at 9:00 pm

~ **Saturday, December 3** ~
Pick-up tickets from 11 am - 6 pm
for the IPAD Giveaway
Drawing to be held at 8 pm with a mystery gift giveaway at 10 pm

Located at Raynor's Center @ the corner of Hwy 90 and Lowder
Open Tues.-Thurs. 11 am - 10 pm | Fri. & Sat. 11 am - midnight

Battery on a girlfriend Argument over buying diapers

A Macclenny man was arrested for domestic battery on his estranged girlfriend after the two argued at the suspect's west city residence about purchasing diapers for their child.

Dennis Desue Jr., 22, denied to Deputy Matt Yarborough that he slapped Cortney Benton, 22, also of Macclenny during a verbal confrontation on MLK Dr. the afternoon of November 25. The deputy noted redness on the victim's right cheek consistent with her version of events.

In other recent incidents, Jonathan Dugard, 25, of Glen St. Mary was arrested on a similar charge following a confrontation with his ex-wife outside a Sanderson residence the evening of November 22.

Maggie Dugard, 24, told Deputy Rodney Driggers they were exchanging children at the time and a verbal argument escalated. The officer noted signs of physical contact on her chin and left forearm.

• Due to conflicting versions of events, Deputy Steven Smith initiated criminal complaints against all three parties following a domestic incident just after midnight on November 24.

Lisa Mackey, 21, called police after Tommy Hilliard, 23, of Macclenny left a residence on CR 122 north of Sanderson with her 9-month-old child following an argument.

Deputy Shawn Bishara stopped Mr. Hilliard on

Odis Yarborough Rd. shortly after, and he insisted Ms. Mackey and Ralph Mackey, 53, attacked him first outside the latter's residence. The officer noted a laceration on Mr. Hilliard's chin caused by a car seat thrown at him by Ms. Mackey.

Both Mackeys gave conflicting statements. The complaints are for misdemeanor battery.

• A similar complaint was filed November 26 against Andrea Stuhr, 18, for striking Nikki Jones, 19, in the head in a Glen St. Mary parking lot that evening.

Ms. Stuhr, interviewed later by Deputy Brad Dougherty, admitted she did so, and said it was over a two-year-old slight. Both the accused and victim are from Glen.

• A complaint names Rodney Jones, 18, of Sanderson for striking a 17-year-old male in the face the afternoon of November 27. The alleged attack took place on South Boulevard while the youth was in a vehicle.

• Two employees of Northeast Florida State Hospital alleged they were struck by patients. William Burnsed of Glen told police he was scratched on the forehead by a 50-year-old male on November 27, and Kari Carter, 26, of Macclenny said she was struck in the face by a 45-year-old female on November 22.

Son takes truck, bag of jewelry

Criminal complaints were filed against the son of a Glen St. Mary couple accused of taking thousands of dollars in jewelry and other property from their residence and driving off with it in their pickup truck.

Jimmie and Michelle Irish told Deputy Matt Yarborough they attempted to stop Dustin Irish, 25, from leaving just after 5 pm on November 25 from the address on Yellow Pine Circle north of Glen. The couple was outside arranging Christmas ornaments when their son walked to the truck carrying a bag that contained the jewelry, a pistol, cash and a game player.

The parents later tallied up the contents at \$4580.

They said their son had been living with them several weeks attempting to kick a drug habit.

Mr. Irish on the following day received a call from his son, who told him where the 2007 Chevrolet pickup could be located off 103rd. St. in Jacksonville. He indicated the jewelry was inside, but it was not recovered nor was the pistol.

The complaints are for grand theft auto, grand theft and theft of a firearm.

In other theft reports, an Interstate 10 motorist reported a purse and wallet were taken from her car while it was parked at the westbound rest area the afternoon of November 26.

Patricia Edmonds of Tallahassee told Deputy Daryl Mobley she left the vehicle unlocked. The purse contained credit cards, a checkbook and cell phone.

• A 2006 Acura belonging to Tim Mixon was unlocked overnight on November 22 when a wallet and \$250 pair of sunglasses were taken. It was parked at his residence on E. Ohio Ave. in Macclenny.

• Tina Anderson of Macclenny reported a dozen pair of jeans stolen from the Baker Laundromat on South 6th the afternoon of November 25.

A surveillance video shows a white male taking the clothing valued at \$216 out through a rear door. Laundromat owner Carl Goodman told Deputy Robert Aberly a similar theft occurred three months ago and a woman drove off in a blue Ford truck with a white hood.

An employee noted a white woman in a blue Ford Bronco may have been involved in the recent theft.

Front door pried in \$1300 home burglary

A front door was pried open at the residence of Vickie Meadows on Hillcrest Dr. southwest of Macclenny and an estimated \$1300 in property taken.

Ms. Meadows told Deputy Chris Walker she was away from the address from 9:15 the morning of November 24 until the next morning about 11, and returned to find the door had been forced open.

An inventory of missing property included \$450 in jewelry, \$600 in DVDs, a laptop computer and pistol valued at \$250.

• Luke Ruise returned to his residence off CR 229 in north Sanderson after a brief absence on November 22 to find it had been ransacked and property and cash valued at \$820 taken.

Mr. Ruise told Deputy Rodney Driggers he was away from 6:30-10:30 that evening and the property was taken from a bedroom and the living room. It included a television, .20 gauge shotgun and \$20 in coins.

It appeared a glass bottle was thrown through a rear bedroom window to gain entry.

• Ruby Encina reported that a .22 caliber pistol valued at \$224 was taken from a dresser drawer at her residence on Glenn Williamson Rd. southwest of Macclenny between October 31 and November 21.

Deputy Brad Dougherty said there was no sign that the residence had been forcibly entered. There is a possible suspect.

Battery on pregnant woman

One of the participants in a brawl at a downtown Macclenny bar late on November 26 was arrested for striking a pregnant woman.

Genaro Harris, 25, allegedly hit a visibly pregnant Ashley Abbott, 22, of Glen St. Mary with his fist during a fight with several bar patrons about 11:30. He told Deputy Jacob Satterwhite the incident was ignited when several people called him a "snitch."

Because of Ms. Abbott's condition, her alleged assailant was booked for aggravated battery, a second-degree felony.

Shortly after that arrest, Christopher Hamilton, 26, of Macclenny and Michael Hamilton, 27, of Glen St. Mary were taken to jail for disorderly conduct after they refused to obey commands by

Deputy Matt Yarborough to calm themselves as deputies quelled the disturbance.

In other arrests:

• A Baldwin man was arrested at Walmart shortly after the "Black Friday" sale kicked off at midnight on November 25.

Deputy Steven Smith said Jack Hogue, 26, of Baldwin refused to calm himself after he was confronted seated in a vehicle in the store parking lot with three other persons who were also yelling loudly.

Shortly before, Deputy Daryl Mobley confirmed he escorted the four out of the building for creating a disturbance.

• Caleb Higen, 22, of Glen was arrested for disorderly intoxication for causing a disturbance on Madison Dr. about 2:30 the morning of November 26. Dep-

uty Rodney Driggers said he beat on the door of one home in the neighborhood after similar behavior at his mother's residence.

• Three persons were arrested for underage drinking after their vehicle was stopped on a tail light violation in the Macclenny II subdivision the evening of November 26.

The driver, Dustin Donnelly, 19, of Macclenny, admitted to Deputy Steven Smith that he had a cooler of alcoholic beverages in the rear of his 2006 Chevrolet pickup in addition to those observed by the deputy inside the vehicle.

Also arrested were Jesse Mays, 19, of Macclenny and Justin Wheaton, 18, of Glen.

Deputy Smith noted he gave Mr. Donnelly and Mr. Mays verbal warnings in October for the

Drunk driver, passenger arrested

The driver of a Chevrolet Tahoe involved in a rear-ending accident on US 90 at Lowder the evening of November 23 was arrested for drunk driving, and one of his passengers for battery on another passenger.

Michael Prevatt, 29, of Macclenny had a blood alcohol level of .147 when measured at county jail following the accident just before 10:00 pm. Deputy Shawn Bishara said he was working a traffic stop nearby and heard the collision with a Saturn driven by Danielle Sikes, 22, of Macclenny while she was stopped at a traffic light.

The officer said the driver had slurred speech and a strong odor of alcohol, and admitted to taking an authorized prescription medication earlier that evening.

Deputy Bishara fired a Taser charge to subdue Brandy Hoffman, 28, of Macclenny, a front seat passenger in the Tahoe, when she refused to cease attacking rear seat passenger Edna Hamilton, 22, of Glen St. Mary.

In addition to battery, Ms. Hoffman was also charged with obstructing police without violence.

In a second drunk driving case, Kirk Kerwin, 51, of Baldwin

was arrested after Deputy Daryl Mobley observed his 1995 Nissan pickup swerving in and out of lanes while northbound on South 6th St.

The officer first heard the vehicle squeal tires while leaving McDonald's about 11 pm on November 22, and stopped it on US 90 at 4th St. Mr. Kerwin failed field sobriety tests and his blood alcohol level later measured .189, more than twice what is considered intoxicated.

Driver had illegal pills

Police arrested a Jacksonville woman on multiple charges early on November 22 after stopping the swerving pickup truck she was driving westbound on US 90 between Macclenny and Glen St. Mary.

Sgt. Brad Dougherty said Mary Ann Wainwright, 24, appeared agitated and had slurred speech when he questioned her about 12:30 am in downtown Glen. He had earlier received a reckless driving report and observed the 2003 Dodge pickup drift in and out of travel lanes.

The driver consented to a vehicle search and 30 pills in a prescription medication bottle not assigned to her, along with a needle and two spoons with residue, were found in her purse and in an eyeglass case.

Sgt. Dougherty also learned Ms. Wainwright's license had twice been suspended for failure to pay traffic fines. She was taken to Fraser Hospital for a medical check before being booked at county jail for felony drug possession and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The suspect tested positive for cocaine, oxycodone and opiates, states the officer's report. She was also ticketed for failure to maintain a single lane of travel and having no proof of insurance. The pickup was registered to a Jacksonville man. Deputies the past week arrested two persons on outstanding

warrants:

• Crystal Kinder, 28, of Frostproof, FL was a visitor at Northeast Florida State Hospital on November 27 when police learned she was wanted in Polk County for arson and felony battery.

• Takeya Jones, 26, of Macclenny was arrested November 25 on a bond surrender for two counts of fraud in Duval County.

• Tamerlane Moody, 47, of Orange City, FL was served with a warrant at county jail on November 22 for drunk driving in Taney County in southwest Missouri.

Town of Glen St. Mary
P.O. Box 519
Glen St. Mary, FL 32040
(904) 259-3777 / Fax (904) 259-5464

Notice to Residents of Glen St. Mary-

The Town of Glen St. Mary is accepting resumes for the appointment of a Council Member for "Group 3". Applicants must be registered voters residing within the Town Limits. On your resume please list reasons why you would like to be a Council Member. All applicants will be interviewed by Council on Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at the regular Town meeting at 7:00 P.M. Resumes can be dropped by Town Hall at 10046 South Glen Avenue Monday - Friday 8:30 A.M to 12:30 P.M. or mailed to P.O. Box 519, Glen St. Mary, FL 32040.

Deadline is December 16, 2011.

IMPLANTS ARE A PERMANENT SOLUTION TO MISSING TEETH!

**Call today for your FREE
implant consultation!**

All work done in our
Macclenny office,
no referrals or
driving to Jacksonville!

**HOLIDAY SPECIAL ON
TEETH
WHITENING \$149**



Melissa Taylor, R.D.H.
Dr. Carter, D.M.D.
Ashley Carter, Dental Assistant/Office

**DENTISTRY
FOR ALL AGES**
Implants - Crowns - Dentures - Surgery

**653-3333 • 571 S. 6th Street
Derrick Carter, D.M.D.**

Treatment rooms are private and confidential.

If your child has had a dental
anesthetic, make sure they don't
accidentally chew their lip while numb.

Catering by Pam for any occasion

Holiday parties, church functions, banquets, reunions,
weddings, showers, anniversaries, ... whatever the event,
five or 5,000, Catering by Pam can meet your needs.

Let's make your dreams become a reality.

Call Pamela Boyles at 904.289.9951 or 904.505.4057

EXPERT JEWELRY REPAIR

All work performed on site by a certified Master Jeweler



DINKINS
JEWELRY

- ✓ Ring Sizing
- ✓ Stone Setting
- ✓ Prong Repair
- ✓ Chain Soldering
- ✓ Diamond Replacement
- ✓ Restoration
- ✓ ...And Much More

Est. 1970 | 1439 S. 6th Street Macclenny, FL (Across from Winn Dixie) | 904.259.6674

MACCLENNY MOWER & SAW INC.

821-A S. 6th Street, Macclenny | 259-2248



Now servicing
**Tractors
& ATVs**
with our
trained technician!

All tractors by
appointment only.

Pick-up &
Delivery available

WINTER HOURS:
Tuesday-Friday
8 am - 5 pm
Saturday 8 am - 1 pm

**ALL JONSERED
CHAINSAWS &
ACCESSORIES
5% OFF**
thru 12/31/11



GET YOUR MOWER READY EARLY!
GET 5% OFF A FULL MOWER SERVICE

Little Caesars

\$5.99 LARGE PIZZA
ANY ONE TOPPING

Crazy Bread
(8 piece order)
\$1.99

698 West Macclenny Ave. • 259-7959

Christmas Parade Saturday

Entry numbers strong for this year's edition

KELLEY LANNIGAN
FEATURES

features@bakercountypress.com

The Lighted Christmas Parade takes place this weekend and preparations are well underway for what has become a Baker County holiday tradition.

According to City of Macclenny Fire Chief Buddy Dugger, the parade will start at 6:30 pm Saturday and the route remains the same as in previous years.

It will begin at 8th Street in Macclenny and proceed east on US 90 to 2nd Street.

During the day, starting at 6 am, US 90 will be closed between 6th and 4th streets. Arts, crafts, game and food vendors will set up booths at that time. Vendors will open to the public about 10:30 am with live entertainment starting a half hour later.

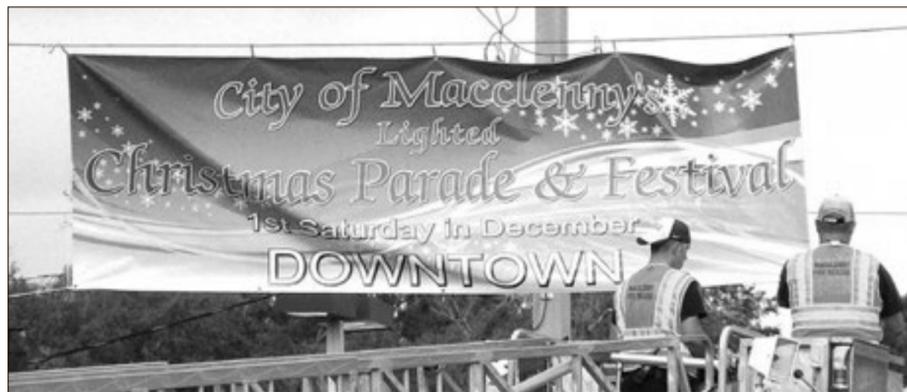
The fireworks display, which kicks off the beginning of the parade, is scheduled for 6 pm.

Chief Dugger said a committee of judges will observe the parade from the balcony of the Council on Aging building downtown to select the winners in the float competition.

At the parade's conclusion, the community Christmas Tree lighting will take place on the grounds of city hall.

As of November 29, 140 vendors and 100 parade entries were registered.

"We have folks come from all over to sell at our event," said Chief Dugger. "They come from



City fire department personnel hang a banner promoting this weekend's festivities across S. 6th St. on November 22.

Jacksonville, Georgia, south and west Florida."

The event appears to grow larger each year, but not everyone has been pleased with the crowds of people that press into the closed off-streets to shop, eat and enjoy the festivities.

"There were a couple downtown business owners concerned with foot traffic blocking entrance to their stores last year," said Chief Dugger. "So after that parade we canvassed the other businesses to see if they held the same concerns."

What the fire department found, however, was that the overwhelming majority of business owners had no problem with the parade or with the vendors setting up along the streets, and they supported the annual holiday event.

City streets and sidewalks are public domain, Mr. Dugger points out, emphasizing the public has a right to stand or sit wherever they want in those areas.

Nonetheless, he said, the fire department will be trying to work with any concerned business owners on ways to keep their storefronts clear. Chief Dugger also recognized the many people who help to make the parade a success.

"There are people, some volunteers, who truly deserve recognition in their ongoing involvement in making the parade happen," he said. "Helen Taylor has been coordinating all the entertainment for years. Glenda Scallan takes care of lining up the parade participants and secures the grand marshal."

Members of his department play a pivotal role too.

"Scott Crews takes care of registration of all the vendors," he said. "Martin Cole is in charge of Christmas light installation around town and Richard Mathias takes care of the firework display. All the other firemen give 150 percent as well. These folks deserve a lot of credit for making this event happen and flow smoothly."

The chief promises a surprise to the county's citizens regarding next year's city holiday decorations.

"The community Christmas tree will be different," he said, "as will the lights on the poles along the streets. We are planning more color and a more old fashioned look."

\$3K to foundation

The Baker County Education Foundation, Inc. received a \$3000 Local Community Contributions (LCC) grant from the Walmart Foundation.

The award will be used for teacher and school mini-grants that will be submitted in the Spring.

In the 2010-11 school year, the foundation gave \$24,230 for student scholarships, \$14,828 in grants for teachers and schools, and \$9,600 for a credit recovery program to increase graduation rates for a total of \$48,658.

Since its inception, the foundation has funded 597 scholarships, 324 grants for teachers and schools, and 37 special projects. Its total contribution is \$807,239.

Funding is made possible through employee payroll deductions, private contributions, revenue from the purchase of education license plates, fund raisers and grants.

A fund raiser will be held in March to benefit scholarships named in honor of Mary Finley and Joanne and Tom Covington.

For further information regarding the Baker County Education, Inc., please contact Robin Mobley at 259-0427, Ann Burch at 259-0428, or visit the district tab on the website, baker.k12.fl.us.

Press Ad Deadline:
Monday 5:00 PM

Ms. Bennett chosen

Connie Bennett of Sanderson was selected to fill a vacancy on the Baker Soil and Water Conservation District board.

The decision was made at the board's regular meeting on October 18.

Ms. Bennett and her husband are local farmers and ranchers. She is a retired teacher and administrator in the Baker County school system.

Other members approving the appointment were Mac McCollum, Sonny Register and Eleanor Lyons.

Pictures with Santa

Santa Claus will be at the Baker County Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, December 3rd during the Christmas festival from 2 to 4 pm. Pictures are \$5 each.

bakercountypress.com

Christmas blood drive

The Blood Alliance will be at the Christmas festival December 3rd from 10 am to 6 pm. Anyone who registers to donate will be automatically entered to win a 2012 Honda Civic. Call (888) 998-2243 to make an appointment.

qual-i-ty- adj.
Having a high degree of excellence

THE BAKER COUNTY PRESS

Since 1929

Driver, wrecked car found in Sanderson

A Baldwin man who wrecked the vehicle he was driving while being pursued by a county deputy late on November 25 was arrested on multiple charges after he was located later in north Sanderson.

Erick Smith, 38, attempted to outrun Deputy Matt Yarborough when the officer got behind him westbound on US 90 between Macclenny and Glen St. Mary about 11:45 pm. He turned northbound on Wildcat Dr. and lost control of the 2001 Ford attempting to turn west onto Madison Dr.

The deputy had continued west on US 90 into downtown Glen seeking to cut the fleeing Ford off and did not witness the accident. Police soon learned the vehicle left the scene and it was found on Friendship Place shortly after by Deputy Daryl Mobley.

Mr. Smith was also charged with driving on a license suspended as an habitual offender and ticketed for speeding on US 90 when first spotted by Deputy Yarborough.

In other incidents involving vehicles:

A criminal complaint was filed against Kharis (Boo) Clayton, 28, of Sanderson for fleeing from a vehicle after it was stopped by a county deputy near CR 127 and Dolphin Ct. about 12:30 am on November 27.

Deputy Mobley initiated the stop because the license tag expired in 2005. He ticketed driver Jamie Clayton, 30, of Sanderson for the tag violation, failure to drive in a single lane, no proof of insurance and failure to wear a seat belt.

The officer identified the

younger Clayton, who is also wanted on a Baker County warrant for failure to appear in court, via a driver's license photo. The complaint is for resisting without violence.

The same officer arrested Johnny Torres, 36, of Sanderson the evening of November 25 for driving without a license after his 1988 Dodge failed to stop at a flashing light in downtown Sanderson.

Mr. Torres was also ticketed for faulty tag lights and for driving with two prior license suspensions.

Deputy Jacob Satterwhite arrested Keith Williams, 20, of Baldwin for driving on a license with six prior suspensions.

The officer stopped him after observing his 1993 Chevrolet driving recklessly on South Boulevard in Macclenny the evening of November 21. He was also ticketed for that violation.



GRAND OPENING
TOTAL CHANGES SALON

204 West Macclenny Ave. | 259-8945

Saturday, December 3
10 am - 8 pm

Owner/Stylist- Amy Fiser Collins
Owner/Stylist- Lori Rhoden
Stylist- Andrea Davis | Stylist- Evelyn Lloyd
Assistant- Elizabeth Hanks



New FedEx ship store

Kendra Morgan recently opened a Glen St. Mary storefront business on US 90 she named Pack and Ship, specializing as a FedEx authorized shipping point. The Chamber of Commerce sponsored a grand opening the morning of November 17 to kick off a two-week sale in the gift shop portion of the business at the corner of Sherman Ave. on the south side of 90 just east of CR 125.

Resolve to aid children as Guardian volunteer

Make a New Year's resolution to help children in need by becoming a volunteer guardian ad litem.

Through no fault of their own, some children are separated from their families and everything they are familiar with because of neglect, abuse or abandonment by their parents. It's a nightmare for them. They need to know that someone is there for them, to care about them, and to let them know they are worthy and worthwhile.

Guardian volunteers help assure the welfare of the children and that they do not become statistics. They serve as fact finders for the judge, make recommendations and speak for the child in court.

Right now there are about 650 children in the dependency system in the 8th Judicial Circuit that includes Baker County. Only 28% of the children in Baker County have a guardian ad litem to advocate for them in court.

Guardian Volunteers are ordinary people doing extraordinary work. The program offers free training, legal and staff assistance. Volunteers commit to at least one year and about 10 hours per month.

The next class starts January 9th so make a New Year's resolution to advocate for a child. Call Lisa at 904-966-6237 or go to www.gal.alachua.fl.us for more information.

Submit your news article, letter to the editor, social notice or purchase a classified ad online at bakercountypress.com



Come see **MIKE DEES** at **Burkins Chevrolet** to get your **SPECIAL DEAL** for Credit Union & Farm Bureau members! **0% for 72 Months** on select makes & models. **CALL TODAY! 259-6117 904-237-0646** mdees@burkinschevy.com

Call Junk, Joe
We pay cash \$225 & up for junk vehicles
No title necessary | Licensed
Also remove any kind of scrap metal
Free pick-up • **386-867-1396**

ECONOMY SPECIAL! ECONOMY SPECIAL! ECONOMY SPECIAL!
50% OFF
STORAGE FOR THE FIRST 6 MONTHS
Starting At Only **\$21.40** per month
ALL-SAFE MINI STORAGE
259-3565
190 S. Lowder St.
Macclenny
www.all-safeministorage.com
ECONOMY SPECIAL! ECONOMY SPECIAL! ECONOMY SPECIAL!

IT'S CHRISTMAS...
Macclenny TIRE & LUBE
TIRES ~ LUBE ~ BRAKES
Phil Duval, Owner || Richard Ferry, Manager
Give a gift that's both practical & thoughtful...
NEW TIRES RIMS
Replace worn tires or 'pimp' a ride... we've got what you need!
112 S. 6th Street Macclenny 259-8555
Mon. - Fri. 7:30 am - 5:30 pm
Sat. 7:30 am - 2:00 pm



Old Taylor School classes of 1937 and 1930

In the photo above at right are students in Ms. O'Hara's class at "new" Taylor school in 1937. Pictured (back row, l-r) are Ms. O'Hara, Rudolph Harvey, Fred Bennett, Darcy Yarbrough, (middle row from left) Ethel Fish, Victoria Raulerson, an unidentified classmate, (front row) Ethel Stone, Minnie Reynolds, S.J. Harrington, Irene Bronson, Sara Jane Crawford and Audrey Liles. The the photo above at left is Clifford Dowling's class from the "old" Taylor school in 1930. Shown are (back row from left) Mr. Dowling, [unknown first name] Williams, Muriel Williams, Eva Liles, Betty Stringer, Pauline Liles, Clarence Taylor, (middle row) Ruby Reynolds, Rita Yarbrough, Adeline Williams, W.B. Dowling, Paul Reynolds, A.J. Harvey, Louise Eddy, Cleo [unknown last name], Pauline Williams, Thelma [unknown last name], Barney Crews, (front row from left) Ressie Taylor, Harold Taylor, Leo Yarbrough and Horace Dowling. The photos and names are courtesy of Darcy Yarbrough.

Do you have access to old photos like this? We're interested in the faces and places of Baker County in years past. Bring or mail your photo to us, or scan them for e-mail delivery. Please include your name, a contact number or e-mail address, detailed information on when and where the photo was taken, and the names of the people in the photo [as many as known]. Mail them to the newspaper c/o P.O. Box 598 or bring them by 104 S. 5th St. in Macclenny so they can be scanned, or e-mail to editor@bakercountypress.com. Photos submitted in person will be returned.

Chosen a Sharks cheerleader

KELLEY LANNIGAN

FEATURES

features@bakercountypress.com

Baker High senior Morgan McDuffie was recently selected as a member of the Attack Dance Team of the Jacksonville Sharks.

"I've always loved to dance and to cheer," said Ms. McDuffie, a former member of the Baker County Bobcats cheering squad and current member of the Wildcats' competitive cheerleading team.

She also has experience as a member of the All Stars cheerleading and competitive dance team in Jacksonville.

The Jacksonville Sharks play at Veterans Memorial Arena in the Arena Football League.

Her All Stars coach, Kim Newbern, also coaches the Sharks' dance team. She encouraged Ms. McDuffie to audition.

About a month ago, aspiring Attack hopefuls were challenged with learning new material and routines at two preliminary competitions. Then came the finals on November 12.

"I liked the finals so much more than the preliminaries," Ms. McDuffie admitted.

Preliminaries are closed to only a panel of judges, but the final auditions were held in front of a crowd of people which, for the experienced cheerleader, felt much more natural.

"And cheering and dancing was the easiest part," she said. "It was the interview process I found to be most challenging."

Each girl was asked questions not unlike those required of beauty pageant contestants.

"I was asked specifically why I wanted to be an Attack Dance Team member," she said. "I told them I had always cheered and performed and now I was ready to take it to the next level."

Also a little nerve wracking was the fact that, solely by coincidence, Ms. McDuffie was called to be the very first contestant at the preliminaries and at the final audition.

She was delighted to be chosen and looks forward to the new AFL season starting next March as well as going on to the University of North Florida next fall where she plans to study forensic science and later attend law school.



Morgan McDuffie

PHOTO BY KELLEY LANNIGAN

RUDOLPH'S Christmas Tree Farm

wishes you Season's Greetings

Select the tree of your choice and cut it fresh from the field of beautifully shaped Cedar, Leyland Cypress and Carolina Sapphire

Bow saws are furnished

Open 7 days a week
8:00 am - 6:00 pm
on Hwy. 125 North of
Glen St. Mary
Watch for signs



Perry Roofing & Sheet Metal Inc.

Commercial/Residential Roofing Contractor

- Free Estimates
- New & Re-Roofs
- 24 Hr. Leak Repair Service
- Lifetime Shingles
- Metal Roofing 16 Colors
- Flat & Low Slope Roofs
- Skylights
- Gutter & Downspouts
- Roof & Gutter Maintenance & Inspection
- Vinyl Siding & Soffit
- Insurance Claims

662-5473 cell.

Locally Owned & Operated
Third Generation Contractor

Licensed & Insured

Lifetime Architectural Shingles or 29 ga. Metal Roof 16 colors • 2000 SF
\$3950⁰⁰
Expires 12/31/11

Lifetime Architectural Shingles or 29 ga. Metal Roof 16 colors • 2500 SF
\$4950⁰⁰
Expires 12/31/11

10% Off
Any repairs or gutter work over \$500
Expires 12/31/11

CC#1326882

Child identifications

Free child IDs will be available at Dawkins Masonic Lodge on US 90 next to Burkins Chevrolet during the Christmas festival December 3 from 9 am to 6 pm. Parents, grandparents and guardians are invited to bring children up to 18 years.

Send us letters and make sure they are SIGNED with a phone number.

Rooks General Store

121 N. in St. George, Ga ~ 912-843-2552

COPENHAGEN & SKOAL		
\$3.79 can -- \$16.99 a roll		
Timberwolf \$1.49 can	Longhorn/Redman Snuff/Kayak 99¢ can	Tennessee Chew & JD Brand \$1.99 pouch
CHECK OUT OUR CIGARETTE SPECIALS		
Marlboro Special Blend/72s \$34.99 ctn.	Stokers Tub/Stokers Chew \$10.99	Pall Mall \$27.99 ctn.



Stocking Stuffers
Scented Sachets
& Gifts
starting at
\$1.00

Located inside Pack & Ship
Downtown Glen St. Mary
259-5436

Mon. - Thurs. 9 am - 6 pm
Friday 9 am - 5 pm
Saturday 10 am - 2 pm

We understand.

It's the holidays and you need to pack a lot in.

During the holiday rush, there's one thing you can count on: the peace-of-mind reliability you get with the combination of our packing expertise and FedEx® service excellence. You want a neighborhood shipping center that does it all. You've come to the right place.



PACK & SHIP

Downtown Glen St. Mary
(Corner of Hwy. 90 & Sherman Ave.)
259-5436
Monday - Thursday 9 am - 6 pm
Fri. 9 am - 5 pm | Sat. 10 am - 2 pm

FedEx

Authorized ShipCenter

A FAITHFUL ROAD TO FASHION



The destination for exclusive and unique styles for every occasion



www.classycrossroads.com
facebook.com/classycrossroads

1251 South 6th Street,
Macclenny, FL 32063

904-653-4725

M-Sat 10am-7pm, W 10am-6pm

Broadway Christmas!

December is here and its time to swing into the holiday spirit in a big way with *A Broadway in Baker Christmas*. The annual BCHS drama and Baker County Community Theatre production is a musical review of some of your favorite holiday music.

The show, which features many time-honored Christmas classics, runs one weekend only, December 8-10 at 7 pm and December 11 at 2 pm. Reserved seats are on sale in the first four rows for \$10 by calling 259-6286. General admission seating will be on sale at the door.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE ROTARY CLUB

Dictionaries for local third graders

Some lucky local students recently received a copy of Webster's Dictionary, compliments of the Rotary Club of Baker County, which handed out 385 of the books November 15. The Dictionary Project is a national non-profit organization that solicits sponsors to provide a dictionary to every third-grade student across the country. Literacy is one of Rotary International's main humanitarian endeavors and this is the sixth year the Rotary Club of Baker County has partnered with the project. Above: Rotarian John Simmons explains how to understand a word entry to third graders at Macclenny Elementary.



PHOTO COURTESY OF BETH DAVIS

Pageant queens in Christmas parade

The City of Macclenny fire department's annual Christmas pageant was held November 18 at Baker County Middle School, and these winners will ride in the Christmas parade December 3. Pictured (back row, from left) 1st Runner up Christmas Princess Madison Knabb, Christmas Princess Haleigh Crawford, Christmas Queen Sarah Whitehead, 1st Runner Up Christmas Queen Brittany Namwises, 1st Runner Up Junior Christmas Princess Anna Bowen, (front row, from left) 1st Runner Up Little Miss Christmas Mackenzie Crews, Little Miss Christmas Emily Davis, Junior Christmas Princess Katie Register, Tiny Miss Christmas Jolee Ford and 1st Runner Up Tiny Miss Christmas Karis Richardson. The pageant was open to Baker County girls ages 2 to 19.

\$ \$ WE BUY TIMBER \$ \$
LOGS AND PULPWOOD • 1 ACRE OR LARGER

DIAMOND TIMBER, INC.
"FOR A QUALITY CUT"
CALL 282-5552 • KENT WILLIAMS

PEGGY'S FLOWER SHOP
Fresh & silk arrangements
Reasonable prices
Will deliver
Call 259-5896
Taylor area
20336 Frank Conner Lane

HIGH SPEED INTERNET

Available at

NEE.COM 259-2261

Lays an 'egg-ceptional' one

KELLEY LANNIGAN
FEATURES

features@bakercountypress.com

Linda Carter of Macclenny was surprised recently when her husband discovered a jumbo egg in the nest of one of their four chickens.

"Linda, come on out here," he called to her from the chicken house. "I got to show you something." Ms. Carter couldn't believe what she saw.

Her Red Exus hen, which she's had about two years, regularly produces eggs almost too large to fit in standard sized egg cartons.

But this was way beyond large. And the enormous egg had a patch of odd ridges on one end that looked remarkably like a rabbit.

"I wish it had looked like Jesus," said Ms. Carter, with a laugh. "That would have been a sensation."

Curious about their unusual find, the Carters took the egg to Bennett's Feed, Farm & Pet Center on US 90. They weren't altogether surprised when it weighed in at 4.2 ounces.

Ms. Carter took the prize egg with her to church so people could see it. Her sister posted photos of it on Facebook.

According to Ms. Carter, the hen had displayed unusual behavior before laying the huge egg.

"When she first started laying, she would sit on the nest as long as she thought there was something



PHOTO BY KELLEY LANNIGAN

Linda Carter shows off the 4.2 ounce egg (right).

in it. I once put a plastic egg in the nest to see what she would do and she barely left if for five months. She finally got off when it broke in half," she said.

Legal Notices

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 02-2011-CA-0169

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

vs.

J.E. McCLENNY, deceased, et al.,
Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: J.E. McCleNNey, 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.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title based upon actual, open, notorious, continuous and exclusive possession of the following real property in Baker County, Florida:

Part of Block 28 of the town of MacClenny, Florida, as recorded in Deed Book "D", Page 800 of the Official Public Records of Baker County, Florida, and thence South 87 Degrees, 09 Minutes, 22 Seconds, West, along the Westerly extension of the South line of said Lot 14, a distance of 16.87, more or less, to a fence, said point being the point of beginning; thence continue South 87 Degrees, 09 Minutes, 22 Seconds, West, a distance of 6.10 feet, more or less, to the east line of Lands described in Official Records Book 41, Page 408 of the Official Records of Baker County, Florida; thence South 03 Degrees, 01 Minutes, 52 Seconds East, along said East line, 31.57 feet, more or less to the SE corner of said lands; thence North 86 Degrees, 58 Minutes, 08 Seconds, East, along the Easterly extension of the South line of said lands, 6.30 feet more or less, to the aforementioned fence; thence Northerly along said fence, 31.50 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

Commence at the Southwest corner of Lot 14 of Block 28 as recorded in Deed Book "Q", Page 745 of the Official Records of Baker County, Florida, and thence South 87 Degrees, 09 Minutes, 22 Seconds, West, a distance of 6.10 feet, more or less, to the east line of Lands described in Official Records Book 41, Page 408 of the Official Records of Baker County, Florida; thence South 03 Degrees, 01 Minutes, 52 Seconds East, along said East line, 31.57 feet, more or less to the SE corner of said lands; thence North 86 Degrees, 58 Minutes, 08 Seconds, East, along the Easterly extension of the South line of said lands, 6.30 feet more or less, to the aforementioned fence; thence Northerly along said fence, 31.50 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

Contains 198.5 square feet, more or less.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Brent E. Baris, Esq., plaintiff's attorney, whose address is: Brent E. Baris, P.A., P.O. Box 223, High Springs, FL 32655, within 30 days after the first publication of this Notice, and to file the original of the defenses with this clerk of court either before service on plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter. If a defendant fails to do so, a default will be entered against that defendant for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

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.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Dated November 4, 2011. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: Jamie Crews
Deputy Clerk

11/10-12/1

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.

Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: ARTHUR COMBS, deceased
SUSIE COMBS, deceased

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an Action to Quiet Title on the following property in Baker County, Florida:

The East 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 2, Township 1 South, Range 20 East lying North of a certain ditch that runs Northeast and Southwest across said parcel of land, as recorded in Official Records Book 4, page 406, of the public records of Baker County, Florida.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on FRANK E. MALONEY JR., P.A., Attorney, whose address is 445 East Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, Florida 32063; (904) 259-3155, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of the notice and on or before the 19th day of December, 2011, and to file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on FRANK E. MALONEY JR., P.A., attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or Petition.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on this 9th day of November, 2011.

11/17-12/8

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF VENUE PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE NORTH FLORIDA BROADBAND AUTHORITY

The North Florida Broadband Authority ("NFBA") announces a change of venue for the meetings of the NFBA Transition Committee that all interested persons are invited to attend. The NFBA is a legal entity and public body created pursuant to the provisions of Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, and an Interlocal Agreement among Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor, Union and Wakulla Counties and municipalities of Cedar Key, Cross City, Lake City, Live Oak, Monticello, Perry, White Springs and Worthington Springs, Florida. The NFBA will hold the following public meetings:

The meetings previously advertised and intended to be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 30, December 7, 21, 28 2011 and January 4 and 11, 2012 at the Suwannee River Water Management District, Suwannee Room, 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060, have been MOVED to the Lake City City Hall, 205 NE Marion Ave, Lake City, FL. The NFBA Board of Directors meeting will be held to conduct general business of the NFBA. The following previously scheduled public meeting will remain the same: If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the NFBA with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding or have any questions please contact Faith Doyle, Clerk to the NFBA Board at (321) 246-0059 at least two (2) business days prior to the date of the meeting.

12/1

We want to know...
WEDDINGS & BIRTHS
4 week deadline

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 02 2011 CA 000118

GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC,
Plaintiff,

vs.

UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, TRUSTEES OF SARA O'NEAL, DECEASED; KEITH O'NEAL, HEIR; JONATHAN O'NEAL, HEIR; NATALIE MAXWELL, HEIR; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL BANK; MID-STATE TRUST II, BY AND THROUGH WILMINGTON TRUST OF FLORIDA, N.A.; WHETHER DISSOLVED OR PRESENTLY EXISTING, TOGETHER WITH ANY GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, OR TRUSTEES OF SAID DEFENDANT(S) AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #2; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, TRUSTEES OF SARA O'NEAL, DECEASED;

Whose residence are/is unknown.

YOU ARE HEREBY required to file your answer or written defenses, if any, in the above proceeding with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorney, Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra, 9204 King Palm Drive, Tampa, FL 33619-1328, telephone (813) 915-8660, facsimile (813) 915-0559, within thirty days of the first publication of this Notice, the nature of this proceeding being a suit for foreclosure of mortgage against the following described property, to wit:

A LOT BEGINNING 84 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 19 EAST, THENCE RUN EAST 212 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 63 FEET, THENCE RUN WEST 212 FEET, AND THENCE RUN SOUTH 63 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING ALL IN THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 19 EAST.

If you fail to file your response or answer, if any, in the above proceeding with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorney, Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra, 9204 King Palm Dr., Tampa, Florida 33619-1328, telephone (813) 915-8660, facsimile (813) 915-0559, within thirty days of the first publication of this Notice, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition.

DATED at BAKER County this 15th day of November, 2011.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Julie B. Combs
Deputy Clerk

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES (ADA) REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS FOR NOTICE OF COURT PROCEEDINGS:

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Ms. Jan Phillips, ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Family and Civil Justice Center, 201 East University Avenue, Room 410, Gainesville, FL 32601 at (352) 337-6237 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

If you are deaf or hard of hearing and require an ASL interpreter or an assisted listening device to participate in a proceeding, please contact the Court Interpreter Program at interpreter@circuit8.org

Attorney for Plaintiff:
Daniel C. Consuegra, P.L.
9204 King Palm Drive
Tampa, FL 33619-1328
(813) 915-8660

11/24-12/1

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION VACATING A PORTION OF LONDA THRIFT ROAD; CLOSING AND ABANDONING A PORTION OF LONDA THRIFT ROAD

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of County Commissioners of Baker County, Florida will hold a public hearing at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, July 18, 2011, to consider a request to vacate the platted road, Londa Thrift Road, and to renounce and disclaim any right of Baker County, Florida and the public in Londa Thrift Road.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Board of County Commissioners of Baker County, Florida will consider the adoption of a resolution vacating said road and abandoning the above-described road at the public hearing on Monday, December 19, 2011, at 6:00 P.M. at the County Commission Chambers, in Macclenny, Florida.

12/1-12/8

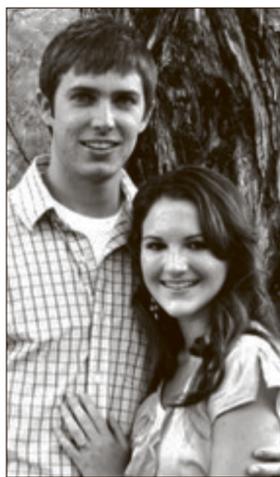
Send us letters
and make sure
they are SIGNED
with a
phone number.

SOCIAL NOTICE SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Birth announcements, wedding notices and social events (military service notes and school graduations) must be submitted within four weeks of the event. All news and advertising must be submitted to the newspaper office prior to 5:00 p.m. on the Monday prior to publication, unless otherwise noted or arranged. It is requested that all news items be typed or emailed to insure accuracy in print.

CONTACT US

By phone at 904.259.2400 or by fax at 904.259.6502. You can stop by our office located at 104 S. Fifth Street, Macclenny, FL or mail your submission to PO Box 598, Macclenny, FL 32063. We are available online at www.bakercountypress.com



Dopson - Johnson

To wed Dec. 10th

Bradley and Cathy Dopson, along with Stephen and Deborah Johnson, all of Macclenny, request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their children Kellie Cecile and Matthew Stephen on Saturday December 10 at 3 pm.

The wedding will take place at the Christian Fellowship Temple in Macclenny followed by a dessert reception. All friends and family are invited.



PHOTO COURTESY OF DYLAN GERARD

Varsity Hi-Q wins districts, JV finishes second

Both the Baker High varsity and junior varsity Hi-Q teams will compete at the January 26 regional meet in Bell, FL after performing well at the district meet the morning of November 29 in Union County. "We're bringing home three big trophies," said long-time Hi-Q coach Cathy Hooper after the district meet concluded at First Baptist Church of Lake Butler. The varsity Hi-Q team kept their record unblemished by beating Union 161 to 111 to take the district title. The junior varsity squad fell to Bradford 251 to 155 after defeating Columbia County in the four-school tournament, but still qualified for a spot at regionals. Pictured above (back row from left) coach Dylan Gerard, Zachery Spencer, Dillon Burnsed, Alejandro Guerra, Forrest Elledge, Tommy Allbright, Videll Williams, (front row from left) Chelsea Moore, Sarah Harrell, Reagan McKendree, Kaylee Murphy, Megan Anderson and Ms. Hooper.



Lettie V. Thomas
HAPPY 97th BIRTHDAY
Children: Frankie M. Harvey, Jerry W. and Larry (Virginia) Thomas, Macclenny.
You are our LOVE and LIFE LINE.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

December 1

BCHS: Beta Club Candy Sale, Dec 1-12, Boy's Basketball at Oakleaf, 6-7pm, Girl's Basketball at West Nassau, 6 pm BCMS: Book Fair, Boy's and Girl's Basketball at Charlton County, 4:30 pm, FFA Poinsettia Sales MES: GATES Testing, Title I Parent Night, 7 pm WES: Good Morning Show Club Meeting, 8 am

December 2

District-wide: Progress Reports-2nd nine weeks BCHS: Wrestling at Terry Parker, 8 am, Boy's Basketball at West Nassau, 6-7 pm BCMS: Poinsettia Sales MES: GATES Testing WES: Positive Behavior Support Club Meeting, 8 am

December 3

BCHS: Art Auction & Brunch, Auditorium, 10 am, Christmas Parade, 6 pm BCMS: FFA Poinsettia Sales

December 5

District-wide: School Board Meeting, 6:30 pm, District School Board Room BCHS: Girl's Basketball vs Terry Parker, 6 pm BCMS: Boy's and Girl's Basketball vs Hilliard, 6 pm MES: Journalism, 3:15-4:30 pm

December 6

BCHS: FFA Contest at Keystone, Boys Basketball vs. Paxon, 6-7 pm, Girls Basketball at Bishop Kenny, 6 pm BCMS: Boy's and Girl's Basketball vs. Richardson, 5 pm KIS: Think Link Reading Test #2 MES: "Just say no!" Club, 8 am WES: School Advisory Council Meeting, 8 am

December 7

KIS: Think Link Math Test #2 WES: Merrie Melodies Culub Meeting, 8 am



Ms. Coleman

Nursing graduate

Yolanda Coleman of Sanderson will graduate as a registered nurse at Florida Gateway College in Lake City on December 9.

Ms. Coleman, the daughter of Jerine and Allen Coleman of Sanderson, received her LPN degree from the former FCCJ and enrolled in the "fast track" RN program at Gateway.

She is a 1993 graduate of Baker County High School and the wife of Charles Smith of Sanderson.

www.bakercountypress.com

The only site in Baker County where you can place and see local classified ads.



Holiday fun at WinterFEST!

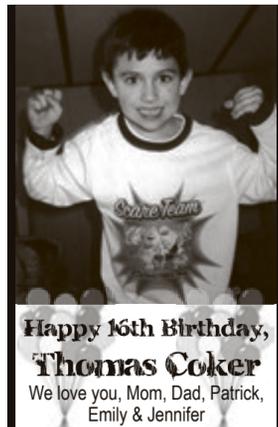
Jacksonville's annual Winter on the Water celebration is back. New for this year, you won't want to miss WinterFEST at Adventure Landing with ice-skating, alpine slides and nightly snowfalls!

For all of the details, a complete list of holiday events and for special vacation packages, visit winteronthewater.com

Find exclusive vacation package deals here.



Scan with your QR reader



Happy 16th Birthday, Thomas Coker
We love you, Mom, Dad, Patrick, Emily & Jennifer



Happy 18th Birthday, Taylor Glenn Jones
Love your family

Dr. Nancy E. Davie

Licensed Mental Health Counselor

259-1758 — 117 S. Fifth St.

Marital - Stress - Depression - Anxiety
Trauma - ADHD - Eating Disorders
Addiction - Behavioral - Relationships



180 S. Lowder St.
Macclenny, FL 32063
(904) 259-3001

- Lifetime Warranty On All Workmanship
- 14 North Florida Locations
- Electronic Measuring Systems
- State-of-the-Art Computer Estimating System with Complimentary Estimates Given
- We Can Set Up All Rental Needs
- Windshield Repair or Replacement On-Site with Our Mobile Glass Company (S & L Auto Glass)
- Drug Free Workplace
- I-Car Gold and ASE Certified

Don't Let Your Choice Of Body Shop Be Your Second Accident.
Choose AutoCrafters Collision Repair.

www.autocrafterscollision.com



S & L Auto Glass
(904) 384-5146
1-888-452-7720

PIER 6

853 South Sixth Street • Macclenny
259-6123

ADD FRIED GREEN TOMATOES TO ANY SPECIAL FOR \$3.99

½ lb. of our
Fried or Boiled Shrimp with two sides

DINNER COUPON

Buy 1 Dinner at Menu Price
Get 2nd Dinner

1/2 OFF

Of equal or lesser value. May not be combined with any other offer. Expires 12/31/11

Lunch Specials \$3.99

SNOW CRAB LEGS

Our best snow crab legs **\$8.99 lb.**

AYCE Salad Bar \$5.99
M-F 11-2

OBITUARIES

CHURCH AND OBITUARY NOTICE INFORMATION

Obituaries must be submitted in a timely fashion and have a local connection. Pictures are printed with obituaries free of charge. The newspaper reserves the right to publish photos based on quality. It is requested that all news items be typed or emailed to insure accuracy in print.

CONTACT US

By phone at 904.259.2400 or by fax at 904.259.6502. You can stop by our office located at 104 S. Fifth Street, Macclenny, FL or mail your submission to PO Box 598, Macclenny, FL 32063. We are available online at www.bakercountypress.com

Johnny Farmer Sr., 64, of Jacksonville

Attorney Johnny Franklin Farmer Sr. of Jacksonville died November 25, 2011. Mr. Farmer was born October 29, 1947 in Pine Top west of Glen St. Mary, the son of the late Melvin and Annie Farmer. He attended public schools in Baker County and graduated from Keller High, class of 1966. He was a member of Greater Church of God by Faith in Jacksonville. He was preceded in death by brothers Lawrence Baker, Elisha Farmer, Charles Belford and sisters Mary Farmer and Bessie Coleman.

Survivors include devoted wife of 39 years, Georgiana Farmer; children Zabrina Farmer and Johnny Farmer Jr; grandchildren Jasmyn Clements and Imani Clements; brother Thomas Belford (Corrine) of Stone Mountain, GA; sisters Carrie Jones of Margaretta, Rozanne Rouse (Edward) of Katy, TX, Ruby Pittman (Leroy) of Baldwin, Betty Brown (Alphonso) and LuAnne Williams (Vern), both of Macclenny; mother-in-law Louise Brown Miller; sister-in-law Hildrey Brown and brother-in-law Frederick Brown; a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, other relatives and many friends.

A wake will be held at Holmes-Glover-Solomon Funeral Home Thursday, December 1 from 4-7 pm. The funeral service will be at his church Friday, December 2 at 11:00 am.

John Knight Jr., of Glen St Mary

John Harvey Knight Jr., 59, of Glen St. Mary died Sunday, November 27, 2011 following an extended illness. He was an electrician and enjoyed fishing and camping; he was also an avid Florida Gator fan who loved spending time with his family and friends. He was preceded in death by his father John Harvey Knight Sr.



John Knight Jr.

Survivors include wife Barbara Knight of Glen St. Mary; mother Betty G. (David) Wood of Jacksonville; daughters Jessica A. Looby and Melissa A. Knight, both of Glen St. Mary; brother Glen M. (Linda) Kirk of St. Marys, GA; sisters Cynthia Cook of Jacksonville and Lynn (Claude) Robinson of Glen St. Mary; step-children Tracy (Roger) Hodges, Trista (Josh) Sweat and Thomas Akridge Jr., all of Macclenny; twelve grandchildren also survive.

The funeral service will be held Wednesday, November 30, at 2 pm at Raiford Road Church with Pastor Eddie Griffis officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will follow at Mantown Cemetery in Glen St. Mary. Forbes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

We print obituaries with a picture free of charge.

Saint Peter's in the Glen

ANGLICAN CHURCH

9:00 am Adult Sunday School
10:00 am Sunday Worship/Holy Communion
7:00 pm Wednesday Study/Holy Communion

Glen St. Mary, Florida
1/2 mile South of I-10 on CR 125, right on Nursery Road the historic Budder Mathis House

Alexis Lloyd, 14, BCMS student

Alexis Alexandra Lloyd (Ally) died November 25, 2011 peacefully in the arms of her mother and surrounded by her family. Ally was born February 19, 1997 in Jacksonville and raised there most of her life. She was a student at Baker County Middle School and liked by many teachers and friends. Ally touched the lives of many people with her smile, loving heart, outrageous sense of humor and beautiful brown eyes.



Alexis Lloyd

Survivors include mother Rachel Lloyd; brother Cody Lloyd; grandmother Mary Jones; half-brother Freddie Lloyd; half-sister Daisy Lloyd; aunt Chris Becker.

A memorial service to celebrate her life has not been set.

Ottis McDaniel, 60, of Macclenny

Emery Ottis McDaniel Jr., 60, of Macclenny died November 24, 2011 at St. Vincents Medical Center. Mr. McDaniel was a lifelong resident of Macclenny and son of the late Emery Ottis and Ruby Raulerson McDaniel. He was employed by the Glen St. Mary Supermarket for 25 years as a butcher and also worked for Winn-Dixie and Florida Wire and Cable. He graduated from the Baker County school system. Mr. McDaniel was a member of Taylor Church.

Survivors include daughters Trina Czarowitz of Raiford, Annastasia (Stacie) McDaniel of Starke; son Emery McDaniel III of Starke; sisters Shirley McDaniel of Glen St. Mary and Ester Stansel of Sanderson; brother Clarence McDaniel of Glen St. Mary; nine grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Tuesday, November 29 in the chapel of Guerry Funeral Home with the Rev. David Thomas officiating. Interment will follow at a later date.

bakercountypress.com

Sanderson Christian Revival Center

Pastor: Harold Finley
Sunday School 10:00 am
Sunday Service 11:00 am
Sunday Evening 6:00 pm
Wednesday Service 7:30 pm
Come see the exciting things the Lord is doing.
Corner of Sapp Rd. and CR 229

The Road to Calvary

Corner of Madison & Stoddard
Glen St. Mary
Rev. Tommy & Doris Anderson
Youth Director Margie Howard
Phone: 904-259-2213
Sunday School: 10:00 am
Sunday Morning Service: 11:00 am
Sunday Evening Service: 6:00 pm
Wednesday Night: 7:30 pm



In loving memory of Lauren Christine Reinhard

9/2/1985 - 12/6/2010

When you see a pink and purple sky, think of me and do not cry. I am in Heaven above, shining down on you all with goodness and love.

You may think I'm gone but do not weep, for I am with you I do not sleep. I watch over you day and night, you all are never out of my sight.

Do not regret for I'm not mad, only love here now, no more sad... LCR. Lauren you are forever in our hearts and prayers.

YOUR LOVING FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Heartfelt thanks

Most of all, we give thanks to God for the time that we were allowed to have Archie in our lives and for the comfort the Lord gives us now. We would like to express our deepest appreciation for the love and support during our great loss. Thank you all for the prayers, kind words, visits, phone calls, cards, flowers, food, and monetary gifts that we were blessed to receive during this difficult time. We also extend a special thank you to Pastor Earl Green Jr, Pastor Chuck and Wendy Lewis, Christ Central Macclenny and V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services. May God dry our tears with many happy memories.

The family of Archie Crews

Check it out... bakercountypress.com

Heartfelt thanks

The family of Drulene "Ging" Richardson would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of love and support during the loss of our loved one. Thank you for all the phone calls, visits, cards, food, flowers and prayers. All of you helped us through a very difficult time and we are very grateful.

You can shed tears that I am gone, or you can smile because I have lived.

You can close your eyes and pray that I will come back, or you can open your eyes and see what I left.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see me, or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember me and only that I am gone, or you can cherish my memory and let it live on.

You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back, or you can do what I would want.

Smile open your heart, love and go on.

Sincerely,
The Richardson Family

Advertising Deadline
Monday 5:00 pm
NO EXCEPTIONS!

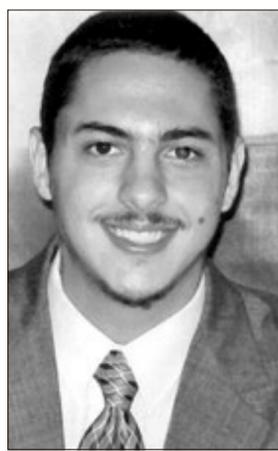
Mt. Zion N.C. Methodist Church
121 North + 259-4461
Macclenny, FL

Pastor Tim Cheshire

Sunday School 9:45 am
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 pm



Jesus answered, "Verily, verily I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." John 3:5



In loving memory of Vincent F. Rosamonda

10/11/1990 - 12/4/2010

Vinnie, It's been a year. We all keep moving, 'cause when we stop we think, and when we think we cry, and when we cry our hearts ache for you and Kelli. You are with God, a better place. See you soon.

LOVE,
MOM, STEPHANIE AND NICK,
GRANDMA AND GRANDPA DEGAYTER, KATY AND DEE TEAGAN,
DEANNA AND DEASIA

COPIES
Black & white/Full color
THE OFFICE MART
110 South Fifth St.

Sanderson Congregational Holiness Church
CR 127 N., Sanderson, FL
Sunday School 10:00 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Evening Prayer Serv. 7:30 pm
Pastor: Oral E. Lyons

MACCLENNY CHURCH OF CHRIST
573 S. 5th St. 259-6059
Sunday Bible Study 9:45 am
Fellowship 10:30 am - 11:00 am
Worship Services 11:00 am
Wed. Bible Study 7:30 pm
Minister Sam F. Kitching

Welcome First Baptist Church of Sanderson
CR 229 S., Sanderson FL
Sunday School 10:00 am
Sun. Morning Worship . 11:00 am
Sun. Evening Worship . . 6:00 pm
Wed. Eve. Bible Study . . 7:00 pm
Pastor Bob Christmas
<http://www.fbcofsanderson.org>

THE LORD'S CHURCH
Intersection of CR 125 & 250 in Taylor • 259-8353
Sunday school ~ 10:00 am
Sunday service ~ 11:00 am
Wednesday night Bible Study ~ 6:30 pm
Family style dinner ~ 1st Sunday of the month following service
Pastor Bobby & Faye Griffin

New Hope Church, Inc.
23-A to Lauramore Rd. & Fairgrounds Rd.
Sunday School 9:45 am
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
Sunday Children's Church 11:00 am
Sunday Evening Services 6:00 pm
Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm
Pastor J. C. Lauramore welcomes all

Giddens-Reed FUNERAL HOME
270 US Highway 301 N. • Baldwin FL 32234
www.giddensreedfh.com
904-266-2337 Baldwin
904-387-0055 Jacksonville
Arrangements made in your home or our facility
Fair & Reasonable Prices
Funeral & Cremation Services
Locally Owned & Family Operated
Proudly Serving Northeast Florida

Christian Fellowship Temple
Connecting > Growing > Serving
David Thomas-Senior Pastor Tim Thomas- Associate Pastor
Gary Crumney-Youth Pastor
Looking for a place to plug in?
Join us this week!
There's something for every age!
Sundays
Sunday School- 10:00 am
Sunday Worship- 11:00 am
Evening Worship- 6:00 pm
Wednesdays
Wednesday Worship- 7:00 pm
We're located at 251 W. Ohio Ave.
Macclenny, FL
Office: 904-259-3548
Check us out on the web!
www.christianfellowshiptemple.com



Calvary Baptist Church
Pastor Donnie E. Williams, Sr.

Sunday School 10:00 am
Preaching Service 11:00 am
Sunday Night Service 6:00 pm
Wednesday Service 7:00 pm

523 North Boulevard W.
a few blocks north of Hwy. 90 in Macclenny
www.calvarybaptistmacclenny.com • 259-4529

New manager at NFCAA

KELLEY LANNIGAN
FEATURES
features@bakercountypress.com

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 Bolavir, 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 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 degree 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



PHOTO BY KELLEY LANNIGAN

Tamekia Jackson.

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."

FDOT: 228 sidewalk has funding

JOEL ADDINGTON
NEWS EDITOR
reporter@bakercountypress.com

The Florida Department of Transportation has tentative plans to install sidewalks on

South SR 228 between Lowder Street and Barber Road in 2013-14.

Gina Busscher, the spokesperson for the department's District 2 office in Lake City, said by e-mail this week that FDOT has

funded the project at an estimated cost of \$326,000.

The project is apart of the department's adopted Five Year Work Program for 2012-16.

FDOT has allocated some \$44,000 next year for preliminary engineering of the .0827-mile stretch of sidewalk.

The portion of S. SR 228 from Lowder Street, where the sidewalk ends, to the Macclenny Walmart is often traveled by pedestrians.

A Macclenny man riding in a motorized chair just north of Barber Road November 16 was struck by a pick-up truck and sustained serious injuries in the collision.

We've got your holiday cash.
Gold Buyers of Baker County
791 South 6th Street • Macclenny, FL 32063
WE PAY MORE!
CASH for Unwanted or Broken Jewelry
Gold, Silver, Platinum, Gold & Silver Coins, Dental Gold, Silverware, Silver Bullions, and more...
Tyler Taylor: 904.806.5276 • Doug Sheffield: 386.983.4017

Titanium Roof & Hardware Co.
CALL 904-662-5473
Buy Direct - No Contractor License Needed
\$1.95 L.F. Classic Rib Metal Roofing - 16 colors - cut to fit
\$1.80 L.F. Plain Galvalume
\$89.50 S.F. Lifetime Architectural Shingles
Vinyl Siding 200 SF per box - 20 colors \$129.95
Contact us for a free estimate on your next roofing/building project
All your roofing supplies delivered right to your roof!

We want to know...
WEDDINGS & BIRTHS
4 week deadline
DINKINS NEW CONGREGATIONAL METHODIST CHURCH
CR 127 N. of Sanderson
Sunday School 10:00 am
Sunday Morning Service 11:00 am
Sunday Night Service 6:00 pm
Wed. Night Service 7:30 pm
Pastor Allen Crews
Assistant Pastor Timothy Alford

The 5th Annual **DAY OF PRAISE** Music Festival
Live Christian Music
THIS SATURDAY | 11 AM - 5 PM | FREE ADMISSION to the Festival and Kid Zone

Photo Ops
Bring your camera and take pictures of your kids with Santa and his Christmas pets (\$5 Donation)

Kid Zone
Bouncies, Crafts & Games, Face Painting, Cookie Decorating, Free Prizes

Good Food
with covered seating area
Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Chips, Drinks, Homemade Moon Pies, Boiled Peanuts

Vendor's Tent
Rada Stainless Steel Cutlery, Baked Goods and Yard Sale Items

Located one block north of US 90 on Fifth Street (SR 228) at the Pumpkin Patch lot Held in conjunction with the Macclenny Christmas Festival



Former Cats at Covington's 85th birthday

These former Baker High football and track team athletes from the 12-year tenure of Coach Tom Covington convened November 18 to reminisce on the occasion of his 85th birthday. Pictured with him (second row from front, seated in dark sweater) are (front row from left) David Roberts, Wilford McCormick, Terry Tharpe, Steve Porterfield, Elmer Crews, Richard Hodges, Conner Webb, (second row from left) Kenneth Roberts, Paul Dyal, Tommy Wolfe, Freddie Roberts, Terrell Register, Marcus Rhoden, Coach Covington, Johnny Crews, Mickey Wells, Mannie Giddens, Charles Rowe, Johnny (Jake) Bryant, Robert Wolfe, (third row from left) Josie Davis, Aubrey Fraser, David Higginbotham, Tom Handley, Shorty Barber, Ronnie Kirkland, Hugh Fish, Ronnie Gene Crews, Larry Finley, Gerald Dopson, (fourth row from left) Jimmy Morris, Fred Rhoden, Joe Webb, Sammie Nipper, Lee Harrell, Riley Rhoden, Bobby Nipper, Greg Bennett, John Watson, Billy Morris, Tommy Rhoden, Joey Dobson, Gary Dopson, Jerry Dale Milton, Gary Barber, Gary Kirkland, Kenneth Kirkland, Larry Dupree, Weir Barton, Bobby Hancock. Not pictured but attending were Wallace Foran, Jimmy Yarborough, Tim Starling, Zander Brantley, Jerry Owen, Edwin Rewis, Jerry Rhoden, Mark Hill, Tommy Crews, Ronnie Pittman and Jimmy Johnson.

Photo courtesy of Robert Wolfe

Art auction and brunch

To benefit high school arts programs



PHOTO BY JOEL ADDINGTON

A sampling of the art to be available at the auction is displayed in the front office at BCCHS.

BOB GERARD | STAFF

If you are still looking for that perfect holiday gift for that special person on your list, you may find it at the 5th Annual Marilyn Harrell Art Auction and Brunch this Saturday at 10:30 am in the BCCHS auditorium.

The auction will feature works of art and decorative pieces by dozens of local artists. There are holiday themed works, specially decorated furniture, fine art and table decorations. There will be a silent auction with jewelry, wreaths, gift baskets and many other wonderful buys.

To get in the mood, the BCCHS holiday quartet will be playing music and a brunch will be served. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door or through BCCHS art students.

All proceeds go to send the BCCHS art students to the Savan-

nah Sidewalk Art Competition sponsored by the Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD), the Congressional Art Competition sponsored by Congressman Ander Crenshaw and field trips to the Cummer Museum Art and Gardens.

CLASSIFIED DEADLINE
Monday at 5:00 pm
NO EXCEPTIONS!

Pet Photos with Santa
Sponsored by Heroes for Homeless Animals
December 3 • 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
\$5.00 sitting fee • Bring your own camera. at parking lot across from Methodist Church
You can put your baby on Facebook!
(We will let anyone sit on Santa's lap for \$5.00 - human or canine.)

SANDERSON CONGREGATIONAL HOLINESS CHURCH
presents
The Story of Jesus - Drive Thru
the Promise to the Ascension

You are invited to view the outdoor display, offered free of charge, while in the comfort of your car. You will view 13 life-size Bible scenes which tell the story of Jesus using live characters. Please come enjoy and don't forget your cameras!

Wednesday, December 7
&
Thursday, December 8
7:00 - 9:00 pm nightly
at
Sanderson Congregational Holiness Church
North on Hwy. 127 at caution light in Sanderson, 2 blocks from US Hwy. 90
ADMISSION IS FREE

Manager Special Only 1 at this price. Huge 32x80 4 BR, setup and delivered \$44,900. Call Jared or Greg. 904-259-4663. 11/10-12/1c

Foreclosure 2008 32x80 on 8.61 acres. Mint condition, sheds, porch, beautiful only \$89,900 or \$3995 down, \$599/month. Call 904-259-4663. 11/10-12/1c

500 DOLLARS & DEED
is all you need to move into your new Manufactured & Modular Home



CALL PAT
800-414-2130

FLORIDA GATEWAY COLLEGE
PROGRAMMER ANALYST

Responsible for providing programming support and development of technology solutions for one or more business areas of the college. Assists as required in the solution of operational difficulties encountered in existing programs.

AS Degree required, Bachelor's degree preferred. Knowledge, Skills, Abilities Required: Ability to work independently to resolve and maintain all aspects of technical support. Ability to communicate information and ideas in speaking so others will understand. Able to accurately provide information to supervisors, co-workers and staff by telephone, in written form, e-mail, or in person. Ability to plan and organize. Ability to adjust to change and be innovative.

Desirable Qualifications: Bachelor's degree. Knowledge of SungardHE Banner software, Oracle database systems, Oracle Application Express programming, PL/SQL programming, C programming, Sharepoint programming, Net programming and Microsoft Access programming preferred.

SALARY: \$37,500-\$70,000 annually, plus benefits.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Open until filled.

College application, vita, and photocopies of transcripts. All foreign transcripts must be submitted with official translation and evaluation. Position details and applications available on web at: www.fgc.edu

Human Resources
Florida Gateway College
149 S.E. College Place
Lake City FL 32025-2007
Phone (386) 754-4314
Fax (386) 754-4814
E-Mail: humanr@fgc.edu

FGC is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. VP/ADA/EA/EO College in Education and Employment

Nine on all-district squad

It was an honor-filled season for the Wildcat football team. Nine offensive and defensive team members were named to the Florida Athletic Coaches Association All-District IV.

Quarterback Thomas Sirk was named the District Player of the Year and Coach Ryan Sulkowski the District Coach of the Year. Sulkowski was elated with the honors awarded his team.

"I am very pleased to see so many of our young men honored by the coaches in our district," said Sulkowski. "These young men work year-around and to see so many recognized for their on-field and classroom performance, it really makes you very proud as a head coach and mentor."

Sirk was 1st Team All-District quarterback, while Falon Lee notched one of the running back

slots. Kendrick Singleton was a wide receiver, Roland Gaskins was tight end and Terry Givens an offensive lineman. On defense C.C. Jefferson, Malone Hadley, Jared Lee and Kyle Alexander were 1st Team.

Blake Mills, Jeremy Wannamaker, Elijah Lee and Hunter Sullivan were Honorable Mention.

Wannamaker was 5A Academic All-State and Sirk and Singleton were nominated to the All-State team that will identified later.

"Seeing so many guys on the All-District team really puts in to perspective the fact that our season was a success in so many ways," said Sulkowski. "These honors do give us some closure on the season and I am thrilled for these young men and our football program."

He was particularly pleased to have an Academic All-State for the second year in a row (Sirk won the honor in 2010).

Sulkowski said he was honored and humbled after being named District Coach of the Year.

"As everyone knows, there is no way that one person can do it all," he said. "This award should be district coaching staff of the year. We have a great coaching staff in place and their preparation each week was apparent with the product that was on the field Friday nights. The kids' ability to execute the game plan is the only reason for our success. This is a great team award."

The Coach of the Year award is a family affair this year. Sulkowski's wife Heather won the same award for volleyball earlier this month.

Sulkowski pivots to coach BCHS wrestling

The Wildcat wrestling team will have a new look as Wildcat football coach Ryan Sulkowski joins B.J. Ruis to head up the grapplers.

Sulkowski wrestled in high school on a Georgia state championship team and looks forward to the challenge, but he knows that there's a lot of work ahead.

"The program has fallen on hard times, but the sport as a whole in this area of the state has taken a hit," said Sulkowski.

The wrestling program in Duval County narrowly missed being axed due to budget cuts, which would have eliminated many of the Wildcats' opponents. A last minute deal saved the sport.

The Wildcat team is still very young. "We have a pretty good group of kids coming back but there are definitely some young wrestlers who have to learn on the fly," the coach said.

Though Sulkowski spends most of his time on the fast-paced team sport of football, there is something about the mental and physical aspect of wrestling he finds very exciting.

"I wrestled in high school and there was just something about

the thrill of one-on-one competition that drove me to work harder every week. There really is a little buzz around the program right now, we have a full schedule of matches and tournaments, including our first this weekend at Terry Parker and we even have our first home match in a couple of years on December 13 against Raines," he said.

That match will be held during school hours at 1:30 with the entire student body in attendance.

Some of Coach Sulkowski's high school records still stand. He was a four-year varsity member and four-time AAAA state qualifier in three different weight classes at Tift County High School in Tifton.

He had 125 career victories and averaged 31 wins a year.

Sulkowski wrestled for the AAAA Middle/South Georgia Championship three straight years; winning it as a senior as well as winning the team championship that year.

He finished in the top eight in the state in AAAA as a junior and senior. Sulkowski still holds the single season record for dual meet victories at Tift with 18 wins and no losses.

FLORIDA GATEWAY COLLEGE
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, MATHEMATICS
(to commence Spring Term 2012)

Teach college-level and preparatory mathematics; work with colleagues for the advancement of departmental goals. Position is a spring term appointment with possible continuance based on enrollment needs. Requires a Master's degree in mathematics; or master's degree with minimum of 18 graduate credit hours in course work centered on mathematics. Ability to use technology in instruction. Ability to teach on-line and distance learning courses. Ability to work well with others. Ability to learn from colleagues and to share knowledge. Ability to utilize various instructional strategies to reach students. Ability to present information in a coherent manner and the ability to fairly evaluate student retention of that information. Desirable Qualifications: College teaching experience. Ability to teach college level and preparatory mathematics. Salary: Based on degree & experience.

Application Deadline: Open until filled.

Persons interested should provide college application, vita, and photocopies of transcripts. All foreign transcripts must be submitted with official translation and evaluation. Position details and applications available on web at: www.fgc.edu

Human Resources
Florida Gateway College
149 S.E. College Place
Lake City FL 32025-2007
Phone (386) 754-4314
Fax (386) 754-4814
E-Mail: humanr@fgc.edu

FGC is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. VP/ADA/EA/EO College in Education and Employment

NOW AVAILABLE
1 and 2 Bedrooms
Baldwin Grove APARTMENTS
904-266-4070
T.T.D. 1-800-955-8771
Handicap Equipped

RENTAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO QUALIFIED APPLICANTS
This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Online -
COMMUNITY CALENDAR
Let people know what's going on - post your special event online
bakercountypress.com

Anderson Quality ROOFING LLC
Metal & Shingle Reroofs & Roof Repairs
New Homes • Remodels • Additions • Screen Rooms
Door & Window Replacement
Your hometown contractor!

FREE ESTIMATES LIC.#RC0067003 **259-3300** IN GOD WE TRUST. LICENSED & INSURED LIC.#RB0067070

WE ARE BAKER COUNTY'S ROOFING EXPERTS
COMBS BUILDERS, INC.
Re-Roofs • New Roofs • Leak Repairs
Torch Down Leaks • Roof Inspections
We specialize in problem roofs
Satisfaction Guaranteed
Licensed & Insured

259-2563
Commercial & Residential
Owner: Tim Combs
Florida State Certified Roofing Contractor Lic# CCC1325730

FREE Estimates

Land transactions

The following land transactions were recorded in the Baker County courthouse September - November 28. Values are derived from documentary stamps. Many descriptions are by S(ection) T(ownship) R(ange). If acreage or price are not listed, none were indicated in the documents.

GRAY, OSCAR H to CREWS, WESLEY G in BLK 29 MACCLENNY, \$110,000

JOHNSON, RICHARD DAVID to JOHNSON, RICHARD LEE in PAR 39 07-35-22E, \$10

GLEN PLANTATION LTD to THOMPSON, CRAIG LEE JR in LT 22 FARMS AT GLEN PLANTATION, \$90,000

MORRELLS INC to MORRELLS USA LLC in 32-25-22E, \$178,530

TABER, EMILY F to BLANTON, CAMERON LEE TABER TRUSTEE in 10-35-21E, \$10

MATTHEWS, CREECY C to WALKER, TINA in TR 16 MACCLENNY WOODS, \$35,000

MOBLEY, W CHERILL to TYNDALL, CAROLYN M in 24-25-22E, \$10

FISH, PATRICIA L TRUSTEE to FISHER, ANDY P in PAR 21 18-15-21E, \$10

ORALLS, MELLISSA to JORDAN, TIMOTHY M in 07-15-21E, \$10

GRIFFIS, ROBERT to B A R CONSTRUCTION INC in LT 2 HUNTERS RIDGE AT GLEN PLANT, \$33,800

SIMPKINS, REX A to PUTNEY, MATTHEW S in LT 7 8 BLK 10 LABEUNA ESTATES II, \$200,000

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON to LEE, JEREMY in 08-35-22E, \$32,000

BAILEY, STEPHEN M to LARSEN, DAVID A in 10-35-21E, \$84,000

HAMILTON, DONNA J TRUSTEE to CROSBY, JAMES in 30-25-21E, \$52,000

HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION III to SEBASOVICH, MELINDA in LT 20 FOREST PARK SUB, \$104,000

COUNTRY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION to RAULERSON, EDWARD R II in 01-15-20E, \$39,500

STONE, ANDREW W to GARY, MARTY in 07-35-22E, \$207,900

TEMS, RAYMOND G to CAUSEY CONSTRUCTION INC in 04-35-22E, \$35,000

WHO CAN DO IT? SERVICES DIRECTORY

MORAN'S INSULATION, INC.
Spray foam • Garage doors
Fiberglass insulation
Fix broken springs and motors on garage doors
904-334-8285
www.moraninsulation.com
12/1-12/29p

B.J. FENCE
Wood • Chain link • Vinyl
Field fence • Pool deck
653-1442
11/24-12/15p

PEACOCK PAINTING, INC.
Professional painting
Pressure washing
Interior • Exterior
Installing Stucco • Stone
Residential • commercial
Fully insured • Locally owned
25 years experience
259-5877
2/10tfc

JOHN WILLIAMS PLUMBING
Repairs • Re-pipes
Drain Cleaning • Sump pumps
Water heaters
New Construction • Remodeling
904-259-4580
CFC056961 10/27-12/15p

ANGEL AQUA, INC.
Water conditioning treatment
Water softeners - Iron filters - Sulfur Removal - Sales - Rental - Service
Repairs - Salt delivery
Complete water softeners supplies
797 S. 6th Street, Macclenny
259-6672
7/15tfc

CYPRESS LAWN SERVICE
Licensed • Insured
Specializing in commercial and residential
476-0402
9/9tfc

C.F. WHITE SEPTIC TANK SERVICES
New systems & repairs
Field dirt • Top soil
Bulldozer & backhoe work
Culverts installed
275-2474
509-0930 cell
12/7tfc

FULL LINE OF WEDDING INVITATIONS & ACCESSORIES
Shower and anniversary invitations
The Office Mart
110 South 5th Street
259-3737
4/28tfc

CYPRESS HOME BUILDERS, INC.
Custom new home construction of Log home and conventional homes
Jody Paul Thrift
591-2640
2/10tfc

BAKER PUMP SERVICE
2' & 4' Pump repairs - Iron Filters
Water softeners - Pool & Irrigation Pumps - 24 Hour Service
30 years Experience
904-259-8565
904-338-4738
10/20-12/1p

PERRY ROOFING AND SHEET METAL INC.
Residential & Commercial Contractor
Emergency Repairs
Metal Roofs & Shingle Roofs
Flat Roofs
Gutters, Vinyl Siding
Roof Maintenance & Inspections, Free Estimates
Cell 904-662-5473
CCC#1326882 10/20-1/12p

FILL DIRT
Culverts installed
Tim Johnson
259-2536
5/11tfc

LAND CLEARING
Fill dirt • Slag
Cypress mulch • Red mulch
A little or a lot
259-2900
2/10tfc

RONNIE SAPP WELL DRILLING
Water treatment
Septic tanks • Drain fields
904-259-6934
Licensed Florida and Georgia
11/19tfc

KONNIE'S KLEAR POOLS
In-ground and above ground pools
Installation available
Chemicals • Parts
Service • Cleaning
698-E West Macclenny Ave.
(Aardvark Shopping Center)
Fall Hours
Thursday and Friday
10:00 am-6:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am-2:00 PM
Closed Sunday thru Wednesday
259-5222
(CPC 053903) 4/21tfc

ERIC RAULERSON CONSTRUCTION
Room additions • Custom homes
Garages • Home Improvements
904-483-8742

CRC1327878 1/14tfc

PRINTING & FAXING
Black & White and Color Copies,
Custom Business Forms,
Business Cards,
Signs, Stickers,
Invitations for any occasion,
Rubber Stamps
and so much more!!!
The Office Mart
110 South Fifth Street
259-3737
5/19tfc

A & D IRRIGATION & PRESSURE WASHING LLC.
• Sprinkler Systems
• Residential and Commercial
• Installations and Repairs
• Free Estimates
259-0783
11/10-12/1p

DEPENDABLE HEATING, AC AND ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR
Residential • Commercial
New Construction • Remodel
259-6546
Elec. license # EC-0001471
AC license # CA-C057649 2/10tfc

GATEWAY PEST CONTROL, INC.
259-3808
All types of pest control
Call Eston, Shannon or Bill
Ask about our fire ant control
6/26tfc

ROGER RAULERSON WELL DRILLING
2" and 4" wells
Call Roger or Roger Dale
259-7531
Licensed & Insured
Family owned & operated
12/31tfc

PAT IS BACK
Formally Pat's Computer Service
Repairs • Installations
Virus Removal
For all your personal computer needs.
912-843-2284
10/27-12/15p

RICH LAURAMORE CONSTRUCTION, INC.
Custom homes
Additions • Remodels
259-4893 or 403-4781 cell
RR License No. 282811470 11/19tfc



SPORTS NOTICE SUBMISSIONS

We welcome your sports submissions for youth league, traveling league or individual athletic achievements. The paper reserves the right to publish submissions. It is requested that all news items be typed or emailed to insure accuracy in print.

CONTACT US

By phone at 904.259.2400 or by fax at 904.259.6502. You can stop by our office located at 104 S. Fifth Street, Macclenny, FL or mail your submission to PO Box 598, Macclenny, FL 32063. We are available online at www.bakercountynews.com

Girls start strong with narrow loss and big win

The Lady Wildcat basketball team had an up and down week in what could be called the Indian wars. They lost to the Baldwin Indians by one point but came back to blow out the Fort White Indians.

The Wildcats outplayed Baldwin in stretches during their 50-49 loss on Tuesday, November 22 but couldn't maintain the momentum.

Baldwin came out red hot behind a pair of good forwards and ran out to an 8-point lead at the end of the first period of play. The Wildcats battled back behind some clutch shooting from Marnae Gaskins but still trailed by 7 at the half.

In the third period they exploded on a 20-3 run. Standout Chelsey Ruise, who had been quiet throughout the first period and sat out most of the second with foul trouble, was sizzling, hitting 13 of her game high 18 points in the period.

But then, inexplicably, the Lady Cats went as cold as they had been hot, not scoring for the next five minutes and allowing the Indians back in the game. Ruise fouled out early in the fourth period and Baldwin came surging back behind strong free throw shooting. They took the lead and held BCHS off in the final minutes.

Ruise led all scorers with 18. Gaskins and Shanice Paige had 10 points and Tianna Raysor 7 points.

It was a completely different story on Monday, November 28 as the girls destroyed Ft. White 56-24 in a very physical game.

Ruise had 26 points on the night to lead all scorers.

BCHS posted to a 13-5 first period edge and continued building on it. The Wildcat fast break was working and the defense didn't allow any Indian player in double figures.

The Cats led 32-11 at the half and kept the pressure on after intermission.

The game was physically punishing and the officials let the girls play, keeping the foul calls to a minimum. Ruise hit for 11 points in the third before Coach Aaron Summers sat his starters for the remainder of the game.

With a court full of subs, the Indians played basket for basket in the fourth.

Caitlyn Smith had 8 and Paige 7 points for the Cats.

The girls travel to Terry Parker on Wednesday, November 30 and Oakleaf on Thursday to end a four-game road trip.

Varsity plays at 7:30 pm and junior varsity at 6 pm.

16-point loss in Baldwin opens the season

BOB GERARD | SPORTS

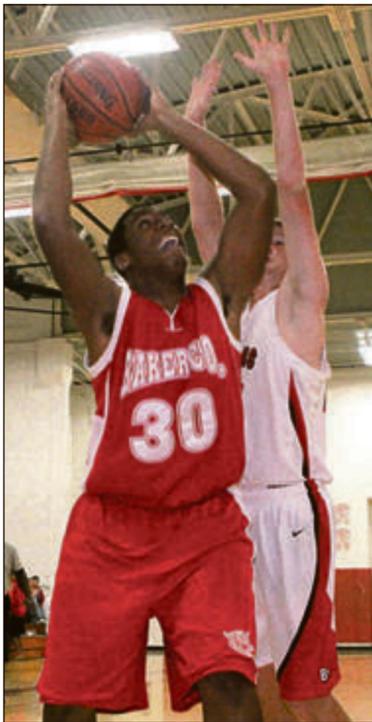
The Wildcat varsity basketball team went into its opener against Baldwin confident they could beat the Indians.

They got a rude surprise on the road the Tuesday before Thanksgiving as Baldwin handed them a 61-45 loss. Baldwin was hitting on all cylinders, with four of their starting five in double figures.

Baldwin spread around the scoring, while the Wildcats struggled offensively. The game stayed close in the first quarter with Charles Ruise Jr. hitting a three pointer. The Indians got six points from Alex Williamson to lead 13-9.

But the Indians blew the game open in the second period, going on a 19-6 run as the Wildcats committed fouls and Baldwin converted. The Cats trailed 32-15 at the half.

The Cats played basket for basket in the third period, with Baldwin relying on 3-pointers from Josh Whitlow and Marcus Gamble to stay ahead. But despite out scoring the Indians 14-13 in the fourth period they could not claw their way back.



Jonathan Lamb led the Cats with 10 points. Darryl Johnson had 9 and C. C. Jefferson 5

PHOTOS BY JUD JOHNSON
No. 30 C.C. Jefferson (left) and Alex Kingbird (below) aim for lay ups in traffic during the Wildcats' November 22 contest against the Baldwin Indians. At right, No. 20 Daryl Johnson jumps for an uncontested shot at the basket during the team's 61-45 loss.



points. The Wildcats travel to Oakleaf on Thursday, December 1 and



West Nassau the following day before returning home on December 6 to play Paxon.

Varsity tips off at 7:30 pm and junior varsity at 6 pm.

All-star youths take 'Gator Bowl' championship

A team of 7- and 8-year-olds selected as all-stars from the Baker County Touchdown Club league traveled to Waycross November 19 and left five days later the winners of the 2011 Mickey Kataveck "Gator Bowl" tournament.

The youths shutout two teams in the three-game tournament and captured the final game in double-overtime with a 6-0 victory against Camden County on November 23.

"It was an all out war," said coach David Crummey, whose team registered as the Baker County Wildcats after BCHS football coach Ryan Sulkowski donated jerseys.

Another team coach, Bruce Sapp, painted players' helmets white before stickers of the Wildcat logo were added.

Mr. Crummey said the Camden team, who had won the tournament several times, was notably bigger and stronger than his team, but the heart of the Wild-



PHOTO BY COURTESY OF SHANNON MOBLEY

7- and 8-year-old all-star team from Baker County Touchdown Club league.

cats couldn't be matched.

"Camden's defense kept us in check for most of the game and we turned the ball over twice," he said. "On the flip side our defense was maybe even better, not allowing Camden to get into the end zone and forcing two turnovers themselves."

At the end of the game, the scoreboard read 0-0.

That triggered a tie-breaker in which each team received a chance to score from the 15-yard line.

With the ball at the 1-yard line, the Wildcats' runner was rebuffed. The team ran the same play on fourth down, but this time the running back crossed the goal line untouched thanks to strong blocking from the offensive line.

The score ignited local fans who had traveled north to cheer on the young Wildcats.

Then it was Camden's chance to answer.

"Camden got the ball for their shot at the end zone and although we stopped them for a big loss on a third down, a questionable face mask penalty was called, and gave them an automatic first down from around the 9 yard line," said Mr. Crummey. "Three plays later and no closer to the end zone, Camden sent their tallest receiver out for a hail mary pass and it was broken up on a nasty hit by a couple of Wild-

cats players."

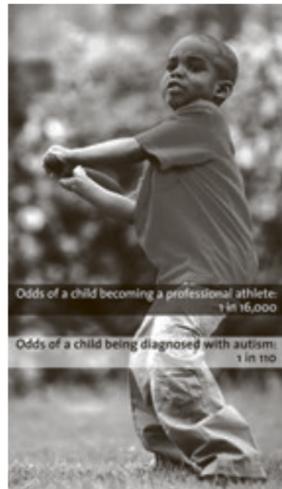
The team's championship trophy will be displayed at Memorial Stadium.

"It was something these kids will never forget," he said.

The Wildcats made their way to the final game after wins over Jeff Davis County, 13-0, and Charlton County, 7-6.

The team's players were Hunter Nordstrom, Mason Davis, Cameron Crawford, Carlos Jefferson, Garrett Cain, Noah Ray, Walker Avera, Ronnie Ellis, Tyson True, Carson Crawford, Bryson Burkhalter, Parker Cason, Zane Mobley, Toby Frier, Ross Crummey, Wesley Skaggs, Kevin Manley and Jacob Williams.

Also coaching the team, which was sponsored by the Walmart Distribution Center and Firehouse Subs, was Chris True, Ronnie Ellis and Shannon Mobley.



Odds of a child becoming a professional athlete: 1 in 16,000
Odds of a child being diagnosed with autism: 1 in 110

Some signs to look for:
No big smiles or other joyful expressions by 6 months.
No babbling by 12 months.
No words by 18 months.

To learn more of the signs of autism, visit autismspeaks.org

INJURY LAW



ATTORNEY
David P. Dearing
former Baker County Prosecutor

SERIOUS INJURIES CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OF ANOTHER AND CRIMINAL DEFENSE

Jacksonville (904) 399-8989 • Macclenny 259-1352

Toll Free (888) 211-9451

All initial consultations are absolutely free.

The hiring of a lawyer is an important decision that should not be based solely upon advertisements. Before you decide, ask us to send you free written information about our qualifications and experience.



HOLIDAY SALE

The season's must-have decorations are on sale now, just in time for the holidays. Whether you're looking for the perfect gift or the perfect Christmas ornament, you'll find it here.

ENTIRE MERCHANDISE BUY 1 TAKE 60% Off your second*

BUY 1 ORNAMENT TAKE 60% Off your second ornament

Southern Charm

110 South Fifth Street, Macclenny
259-4140

*Of equal or lesser value. Excludes previously discounted merchandise, furniture and antiques.