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## CIRCUIT COURT Probation violator is sentenced to 4 years

The defendant in a shooting death a dozen years ago was sent back to prison on November 29 for violating probation on his original sentence for manslaughter and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Victor Stanley Pease, 58, admitted in circuit court that he did not comply with the probation order in three areas: he failed to submit a monthly written report to his probation officer in July and August; he failed to pay a \$20 monthly supervision cost and he changed residence from Jacksonville without notification.

Mr. Pease was arrested by the Columbia County sheriff's department in Fort White on November 12.

Judge Phyllis Rosier ordered him to serve four years in prison, and he gets credit for 932 days he was in the state system before his release in October, 2003.

Mr. Pease, who then had a Jacksonville address, was convicted of killing his step-son Anthony Waters, 20, of Jacksonville during an argument at a residence southeast of Taylor the afternoon of May 13, 1999. Prior to that incident, he had a criminal past that included aggravated assault, drunk driving and battery.

In other sentencings that day, Colvin Cox pleaded no contest to sale and possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell and drew a 364-day county jail term. He gets credit for 154 days already in custody.

• Sierra Church entered a similar plea to reduced charges of sale and possession of cocaine and already has served 103 days of a six-month jail sentence. Following release, the defendant will be on house arrest six months, followed by a year on probation.

• Franklin Bentley pleaded no contest to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and will be on probation one year.

• Judge Rosier ordered Kayla Blackburn onto a house arrest after she admitted to violating probation for possession of drug paraphernalia. She must also do 25 hours of community service and attend driving school.

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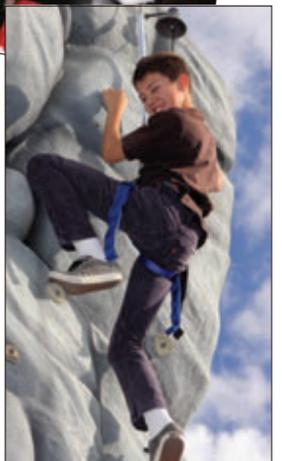
## Edwards resigns from felony prosecution team

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# Lighted Parade, festival turnout large



PHOTOS BY JUD JOHNSON  
Pictured from the Christmas parade and festival December 3 (clockwise from top left) one of the many floats in the Christmas parade, the vendor area on US 90 in downtown Macclenny, Hannah Hanks sings with brother Blair Hanks, Deputy Earl Lord with The Grinch, Chase Loblyerz climbs the rock wall and the fireworks that followed the parade. Among the parade float winners were Fabulous Footwork and Walmart DC, which tied for best business float; Girl Scouts won best civic float; and Taylor Church and Destiny People tied for best religious float.



# Olustee losing its post office to USPS crisis

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The Olustee post office will be shuttered next month as the United States Postal Service continues to consolidate operations nationwide in reaction to falling mail volumes and budget pressures.

The contract office, the smallest of four in the county, serves 65 post office box customers and more than 1000 delivery customers along two rural routes, USPS spokesman Stephen Seewoester said this week.

But for residents of the rural community in the western county, the federal agency's problems mean little compared to the loss of what Olustee postmaster Glenda Owen described as the neighborhood's "communications center."

She recalled the day someone came in and mentioned



PHOTO BY JOEL ADDINGTON  
Bettie Starling buys stamps at the post office December 6.

they'd just seen a group of cows wandering on US 90. The 23-year post office manager immediately knew whose cows they likely were and who to call to help corral them to safety.

According to Ms. Owen, an Olustee native, as well as other neighborhood residents who visited the small white building on Ocean Street with an American flag outside the morning of December 6, the community will lose more than the roughly 170 mailboxes located there.

Retired men who arrive promptly at 8 am to pick up their mail and swap town gossip will not have a convenient place to congregate and socialize.

Bettie Starling will have a difficult time keeping up with town happenings, too. The elderly Olustee resident moved there in 2003 and stops by the post office two or three times a month to buy stamps, ship packages and chat with Ms. Owen.

"We'll miss it," said Ms.

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# PreK builds special float for cancer-stricken boy

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Seven-year-old cancer survivor Benjamin Davis was the grand marshal of the 2011 Baker County Lighted Christmas Parade on December 3.

Benjamin, along with his mother Valerie Davis, rode on a special float created just for him by the PreK/Kindergarten Center where he is a student.

"It was so wonderful," Ms. Davis said earlier this week. "Finding out Ben was to be the Grand Marshal and then having the PreK Center build a float to cele-

brate his blanket project. I was so impressed at how everyone down there pulled together to do this.

"Benjamin loved it. His favorite part of the float was the lights. And when he saw the blankets he said, 'Mom! We got even more!'"

Benjamin was diagnosed with cancer last spring and immediately began chemotherapy treatments that conclude December 23. According to his family, doctors have recently given him a "cancer free" report.

The young man, with help from family and friends, launched a community blanket drive earlier in the fall. His goal is to collect blankets this Christmas for the children on the oncology wards at

PHOTOS BY KELLEY LANNIGAN AND JUDD JOHNSON

Above: PreK/Kindergarten staff members Kelly McClarty, Tammy Brownlee, Amy Dennison and Becky Nix work on the float. Right: Valerie and Benjamin Davis during parade.

Wolfsong Children's Hospital and Nemours Children's Clinic where he has been a patient.

The Davis family says the response from businesses, schools, churches and individ-

uals in the community has been more than they could have imagined.

With the help of guidance counselor Becky Nix who acted as coordinator, the PreK Center began collecting blankets weeks ago for the cause and to date has

accumulated more than 200.

Teachers and staff worked busily on the float at the school district's maintenance garage across from Baker County Middle School last Friday after school before the Saturday parade.

As they worked, PreK Center principal Bonnie Jones dropped by to check on their progress.

"Benjamin didn't know about the float, but when I made the school-wide announcement last Thursday morning about it, I was told he was ecstatic at the news," she told *The Press* December 2.

So how did the blanket float come to be?

As the date of the Christmas parade drew near, it occurred to teacher Kelly McClarty that the blanket drive would make a great theme for a school float, so a committee was formed to make plans for construction and design.

Principal Jones says it's the first time the PreK Center has

entered a float in the Christmas parade, and to her knowledge, it may be the first time any of the county's schools have done so.

With Ms. McClarty at the helm, Ms. Nix, teacher Amy Dennison and school data specialist Tammy Brownlee brainstormed to come up with a design and coordinate a trailer and materials for the float.

Ms. Jones gives most of the creative credit for the float's design to Ms. Dennison, but many teachers and staff turned out to help create the float.

The float featured a cozy, warm living room scene decorated for Christmas with a tree, fireplace, bench and presents.

Colored Christmas lights and music featuring selections from the Little People's Sing-along completed the project. The school expressed its appreciation to Silas Ford, whose daughter Jolie is a kindergarten student at the school, for lending his trailer for the float.

## Olustee post office is closing

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Starling. "I don't have the time to run around the neighborhood and talk with all of the women. I'm used to coming here and talking to Glenda."

"This is where a lot of people get their information about what's going on in town," said Ms. Owen, adding later that one local resident calls her "the dispatcher."

"They come in and sit around and talk. It's not like that at the other post offices," she said.

Olustee post office box renters have two options after the closing — apply for rural route delivery or a new box at the Sanderson post office, where the lobby is open 24 hours a day, said Mr. Seewoester.

USPS contracted with Ms. Owen, whose family owns the post office building, to operate the office. The contract expires December 31 and has not been renewed.

Mr. Seewoester said any 2012 rent paid for post office boxes will be refunded and that stamps can be purchased directly from rural route carriers.

Retiree Earl Odom has lived 2.5 miles from the post office off CR 231 S. since 1974. He and about 10 neighboring residences have applied for rural route delivery, but they have yet to gain approval, he said.

"I hate to see it close," Mr. Odom said of the post office. "When you get delivery, your mail is not as secure ... But most of all, it's a damn tradition."

Ms. Owen agreed. "The worse thing is, we're losing our identity as a community ... Not so much for the new people that have moved here, but the ones that have been here their whole lives," she said.

For Ms. Owen, who's spent more than two decades running the post office, the closing is also a sign of how Olustee is changing.

"People don't all go to the same church anymore," she said. "Everything is so modern nowadays. People used to walk the streets and sit on their porches and just visit. Now, you can drive past somebody on the street and you have no idea who they are."

"It's really sad," said Ms. Owen.

The recently widowed Ms. Owen isn't sure what she'll do to occupy her mornings after the closure, but she's got some ideas, namely fishing and volunteering.

"I don't know what I would volunteer at, but I'd like to do that," she said.

## Four years for violator

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November 22 docket, Germaine Haynes pleaded no contest to criminal solicitation and will be in county jail six months less 66 days already served. He will be on probation two years following release.

Gregory Beck drew a three-year probation term after pleading to sale and possession of controlled drugs with intent to sell. The judge ordered him to pay a \$350 investigative cost.

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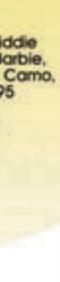
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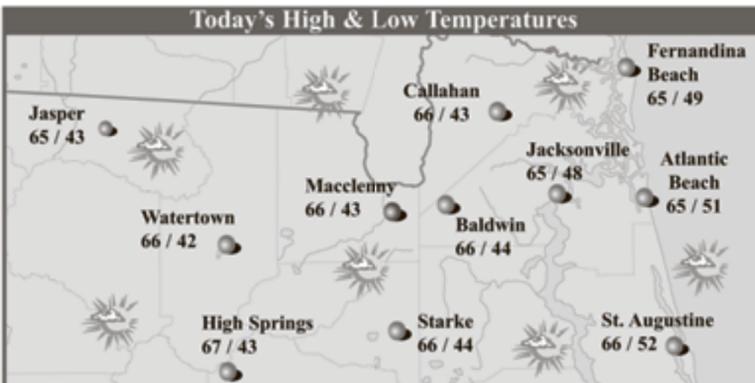
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	<b>Friday</b> Mostly Sunny High: 67 Low: 41
	<b>Saturday</b> Sunny High: 65 Low: 39
	<b>Sunday</b> Mostly Sunny High: 64 Low: 42
	<b>Monday</b> Mostly Sunny High: 65 Low: 39
	<b>Tuesday</b> Sunny High: 65 Low: 38
	<b>Wednesday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 62 Low: 40



Sun/Moon Chart This Week				
Day	Sunrise	Sunset		
Thursday	7:12 a.m.	5:28 p.m.		New 12/24
Friday	7:13 a.m.	5:29 p.m.		
Saturday	7:14 a.m.	5:29 p.m.		
Sunday	7:14 a.m.	5:29 p.m.		First 1/1
Monday	7:15 a.m.	5:29 p.m.		
Tuesday	7:16 a.m.	5:29 p.m.		
Wednesday	7:16 a.m.	5:30 p.m.		

Last Week's Local Almanac				
Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Mon, 11/28	79	50	71/49	0.02"
Tue, 11/29	61	41	71/48	0.00"
Wed, 11/30	57	34	71/48	0.03"
Thu, 12/1	64	32	71/48	0.00"
Fri, 12/2	66	39	70/48	0.00"
Sat, 12/3	72	41	70/48	0.00"
Sun, 12/4	73	52	70/47	0.00"

St. Mary's River Levels			Hunting/Fishing Times		
	Now	Change	Peak Times		
Moniac, GA	4.83 ft.	-0.01 ft.	<b>Day</b>	<b>AM</b>	<b>PM</b>
Macclenny	1.69 ft.	-0.02 ft.	Thu	10:05-12:05	9:35-11:35
<b>Weather History</b>					
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## Missed his exit—by 25 miles

An eastbound motorist on Interstate 10 found seated in his vehicle on the roadside the evening of December 4 told a deputy sheriff he planned to exit at an intersection he had passed 25 miles back.

Steve Roberts, 55, was attempting to re-start his 1993 Toyota using a screwdriver when Deputy Shawn Bishara approached the vehicle stopped just off the outside travel lane west of the SR 121 exit about 7 pm.

The officer was responding to twin reports from motorists that the Toyota was weaving in and out of travel lanes on the interstate. He said Mr. Roberts was disoriented and smelled of alcohol, and explained he planned to take the next exit, which he believed to be US 41, heading for his home in White Springs in Hamilton County.

That exit is north of Lake City in Columbia County.

The driver failed field sobriety testing and his blood alcohol level at county jail measured .199, more than twice that considered for intoxication. He was also ticketed for having an open container of alcohol in the Toyota.

Deputy Bishara confirmed that Mr. Roberts has two prior drunk driving convictions.

In other arrests, Norman Fiano Jr., 31, of Glen St. Mary was charged with disorderly conduct the afternoon of December 3 after he refused to calm himself while being questioned by Deputy Tony Norman in front of a residence on Westside St. in Glen.

The officer was called to a disturbance at the address involving Mr. Fiano and his estranged girlfriend Demetria Dinkens, 28, of Olustee. He had warned her earlier over the telephone not to come to the residence. The couple's two children were present at the time.

• Joey Givens, 53, of Sanderson was charged with driving on a license with four prior suspensions after he was stopped for speeding on CR 139 west of Glen the afternoon of December 1.

Deputy Matt Yarborough said he clocked the driver in a northbound 1995 Chevrolet Blazer at 38 mph in the 25 zone. A computer check revealed the suspensions were for failure to pay traffic fines.

• A complaint for trespass after warning was filed November 29 naming Brandon Stacy, 20, of Macclenny for being on the Baker County High School campus.

School deputy Matt Riegel said Mr. Stacy was found in the art room that morning after leaving the office without authorization, even though he had a visitor

pass. He had been warned earlier to stay away from the school.

Police also served a number of warrants the past week:

• Atari Wilcox, 29, was taken into custody at his Stoddard Ave. address in Glen on November 30 on a Duval County warrant for fraud.

• Mark Jackson, 32, of Fort Pierce, FL turned himself in at county jail on December 1 on local warrants for DUI, reckless driving and misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

• Jeremiah Jones, 29, of Macclenny turned himself in November 30 on a Duval County warrant for defrauding a financial

institution.

Four others were already in jail when served with warrants:

Joseph Rutland, 49, of Jacksonville on a Clay County warrant for DUI in an accident involving serious bodily injury, leaving the scene and driving on a suspended license; Jeremy Barber, 35, of Macclenny on a Bradford County warrant for grand theft; Frisner Dorlean, 29, of Jacksonville on a Polk County warrant for driving on a suspended license and resisting arrest without violence; James Gaines, 24, of Live Oak on a Marion County warrant for possession of a controlled drug and drunk driving.

## Child abuse complaint

A sworn complaint for felony child abuse was filed against a 49-year-old Sanderson man for allegedly slapping his daughter and beating her with a belt during an argument the morning of November 29.

The 16-year-old female and her mother, who divorced the accused 13 years ago, reported the alleged abuse to Deputy Robert Simpkins at the sheriff's complex north of Macclenny that evening.

The officer noted "one long red mark which appeared to be blood just under the surface of the skin" on the teen's back as well as smaller less severe red marks surrounding the larger one, according to the complaint.

The argument ensued when the youth didn't get ready for school. When contacted by phone by the deputy, the father said he's experienced ongoing problems with the child not wanting to attend school and that he "lost his cool" that morning, the officer's report states.

The complaint for child abuse was filed November 30.

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## Battering boyfriend had \$3904 in cash

Police arrested a New Jersey man for domestic battery on his girlfriend at the county courthouse the afternoon of December 1.

Chantry Clark-Strickland, 35, of Glen St. Mary told Deputy Earl Lord that Edward Jones, 43, of Ft. Lee, N.J. struck her on the arms and pushed her down the stairs. The officer said he observed bruising and a scrape on the woman's left calf.

While Ms. Clark-Strickland was being questioned, Mr. Jones returned to the scene in a vehicle and initially denied attacking her, then stated "she came at me first," according to the deputy's report.

During a pat-down search after he was arrested, Deputy Lord found \$2680 in cash in the suspect's right front pants pocket and \$224 in a rear pocket. Police also found \$1000 in cash in the trunk of the 2011 Honda that Mr. Jones was driving.

Deputy Chris Walker arranged for a line-up test of several envelopes, one containing some of the money found on Mr. Jones, and his K-9 Cash alerted to the presence of narcotics. The money was placed into evidence.

In other battery cases:

- A 13-year-old was arrested for felony battery on her grandmother, 65, at their residence on W. Ohio St. in Macclenny the afternoon of December 1.

The grandmother told Deputy Daryl Mobley the girl became angry after walking in on a telephone conversation about 5 pm, and struck her with a fist under her left eye, knocking her to the floor. The officer noted bruising consistent with the victim's state-

## No injuries in school bus wreck

An SUV ran a stop sign and collided with a school bus the afternoon of December 1 in Glen St. Mary, but all passengers and drivers escaped injury.

The 2002 Chevy Blazer driven by Benny C. Searcy, 42, of Sanderson was heading north on N. Clinton Ave. about 3 pm when it failed to stop at W. Madison St., according to a report from the Florida Highway Patrol's Trooper K.A. Hilliard.

The 2007 school bus, which was traveling west on W. Madison St. with Roger G. Alexander, 62, of Sanderson at the wheel, struck the right rear of the SUV.

Both drivers, as well as Mr. Searcy's 3-year-old passenger, also of Sanderson, were wearing seat belts. The crash caused an estimated \$10,000 damage to the school bus and an estimated \$1500 damage to the SUV.

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# Arrests for vandalism Pair is ID'ed leaving the scene

One person was arrested and another named in a criminal complaint as an accessory for damaging a vehicle parked outside a residence on Herbert Harris Rd. north of Glen St. Mary the evening of December 3.

The 1999 Dodge SUV belonging to Amanda Weichman of Macclenny sustained as much as \$1500 damage when three windows were broken and two large dents made on the driver's side.

Debbie Brown and Phillip Cannon, who live at the address, told Deputy Shawn Bishara they exited to see Michael Bailey, 39, run from the vehicle to a nearby pickup they recognized as belonging to Jay Blanchard, 43, both of Macclenny.

The officer questioned the two suspects at their Deerwood Circle residences later and they denied involvement. Mr. Bailey's clothing matched the description given by the witnesses and he was arrested for felony criminal mischief.

Mr. Blanchard was named in the complaint for accessory, also a felony. Deputy Bishara noted both suspects were intoxicated.

In another case of vehicle vandalism, Missy Belford, 24, of Macclenny was arrested the evening of December 1 for throwing an object at a vehicle driv-

en by Tara Washington, 39, near the intersection of MLK and Railroad Ave. in the west city.

Ms. Washington and other witnesses told Deputy Jacob Satterwhite the suspect tossed a heavy object at the vehicle, damaging the driver side door, about 6 pm.

The driver and Ms. Belford are involved in an ongoing feud.

• Four to five suspects who were seen in the immediate area are likely responsible for the theft of a catalytic converter and radio from a 1999 Honda parked in disrepair near the residence of Lorri Starling on Richard Griffis Lane south of Glen.

Witness Nicholas Byram told Deputy Daryl Mobley he saw light he believes was from a cutting torch the evening of November 29. The parts were valued at \$300.

• Samuel Miller said he returned to his Deerwood Circle residence in east Macclenny the evening of December 4 to find his iPod and a basket of clothing had been taken.

Deputy Steven Smith observed evidence that a rear door was pried open to gain entry. Mr. Miller suggested a female who recently moved out may be responsible since the clothing was hers.

# Cleaning crew caught stealing wax and cleaner

Police arrested five members of a cleaning crew from central Florida and charged them with the theft of \$360 worth of floor cleaner and floor wax belonging to Food Lion on South 6th St. in Macclenny.

Several deputies and two employees of Food Lion's security staff set up a surveillance network using cameras inside the store between 12:30-6 am on December 5, then confronted the crew as it exited to a truck in the front parking lot.

An employee of the store was inside during those hours as well.

The grocer asked for assistance from county deputies because the workers employed by Elite Care of Dunedin, FL were suspected in similar thefts in other Food Lions in the state. The firm is subcontracted by Food Lion for off-hour flooring maintenance.

Deputy Matt Yarborough noted that the arrestees had language barriers; at least one of them listed Hungary as her nation of origin.

She was identified as Krisztina Hajdu, 27, with no home address listed. Others were Zsolt Kotro, 27, and John Vecsernyes, 25, both of Largo, FL, Marianna Veszpremi, 25, of Tampa and Szasz Zoltan, 47, no listed address.

They are charged with grand theft and stashing nine containers of the cleaner valued at \$40 into two trash cans they intended to load onto their Mercedes van.

In other thefts, a central air conditioning unit was removed overnight November 29 from a rental property on Clover Rd. southwest of Macclenny.

Owner Timmy Combs told Deputy Koty Crews the unit was valued at \$1800. The officer said tracks leading from the scene appeared to be those of a dolly, and went in the direction of nearby Ben Rowe Circle.

A suspect who lives nearby was questioned and denied knowledge of the theft.

Criminal complaints for shoplifting at the Macclenny Walmart were filed December 2 against Danielle Braddock, 19, of Glen St. Mary and Betty Fennell, 67, of Sanderson on November 29.

Ms. Braddock is accused of attempting to leave the store with cosmetics and a necklace valued at \$37. Ms. Fennell allegedly took groceries and pet food valued at \$14.

# Fake \$5 bills are turning up

The sheriff's department is hoping surveillance videos will aid in identifying persons who have been passing fake \$5 bills in the Macclenny area, three of the incidents at one store:

• Shortly after midnight on November 29, clerks at the S&S store on South 5th refused to accept a \$10 bill presented by a female customer to pay for gas. She left and moments later a male subject entered and argued the bill was given to him in change earlier in the day.

The clerks accepted it believing the suspect, who was not described in the report by Deputy Johnny Hodges, was a regular customer. It turned out he was

not.

The clerks told the officer it was the second incident that week.

• The next morning just after midnight, another female customer presented a fake \$5 bill to pay for gas at S&S and the clerk refused to take it. She said she earlier received it in change from McDonald's, also on South 6th.

Deputy Jacob Satterwhite checked with the restaurant manager, who was unaware of any counterfeit activity.

• The evening of December 3, two suspects drove away from S&S in a maroon Chevrolet Caprice after paying for gas with a pair of bogus \$5 bills.

Deputy Steven Smith learned the same evening that two black males matching an earlier description drove off from Murphy Oil on South 5th St. presented two fake \$5 bills with a serial number identical to the earlier case.

Their vehicle was also a maroon Caprice.

• Late on November 29, two black males drove east on US 90 in east Macclenny after paying for gas and cigarettes with counterfeit \$5 bills at the Kangaroo Store.

The clerk told Deputy Robert Simpkins they were driving a red older model Buick sedan.

## Clarification

Criminal complaints for underage possession of alcohol were filed on November 29 against three occupants of a vehicle stopped in the Macclenny II subdivision the evening of November 26.

The newspaper reported in last week's edition that Dustin Donnelly and Jesse Mays, both 19 and from Macclenny, along with Justin Wheaton, 18, of Glen were arrested at the scene.

Deputy Steven Smith noted he had twice caught Mr. Donnelly and Mr. Mays with alcohol in October and let them off with a warning before the latest incident.

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# BCMS library is entered; coins stolen

Glass in the door of the media center at Baker County Middle School was broken out during the night November 30 when a vending machine in the teacher lounge nearby was looted of coins.

Campus deputy Allen Markley said the door of the vendor was pried open, and its owner estimated the machine may be beyond repair. It has a replacement value of \$1100 and the cash loss was at least \$32.

None of the other machines were damaged, and it did not appear that any property in the library was disturbed, said the officer.

In another theft report to the sheriff's department involving a school, \$330 in cash was taken from a purse in the girls' locker room at Baker County High School the morning of November 30.

The victim, a 15-year-old from Macclenny, told campus deputy Matt Riegel she left the purse on a bench for less than one hour after the start of school. She received the cash for her birthday.

A male student initially suspected was questioned and cleared.

In another report involving public property, a 17-year-old male student at BCHS was arrested for setting a fire in a gazebo at the Macclenny Park the evening of December 2.

He told Deputy Robert Simpkins he was burning homework. The officer noted damage to the concrete floor but there was no monetary estimate.

The youth is charged with felony criminal mischief because of the potential repair cost. He was with two others at the time, but they were not charged.

The Macclenny Fire Department responded to the initial report and extinguished the blaze.

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# Food, supplies on way Coalition taps into major charity

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The Baker County Infant Mortality Task Force has plans to partner with one of the largest international charities in the country — Feed The Children — to distribute food and other household supplies to selected families here next year.

Carol Brady, the executive director of the Northeast Florida Healthy Start Coalition, proposed the venture to task force members convened at the health department in Macclenny for their quarterly meeting the afternoon of December 2.

The Healthy Start Coalition, the regional oversight agency for Healthy Start programs aimed at preventing infant mortality and improving the health of mothers and babies in Baker, Clay, Nassau, Duval and St. Johns counties, has helped Feed The Children distribute donations in Jacksonville annually for the last two years.

The Christian-based charity headquartered in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma delivers food, medicine, clothing and other necessities to individuals, children and families who lack such essentials due to famine, war, poverty or natural disasters, according to the nonprofit organization's web site.

Feed The Children distributed more than 133 million pounds of food and other essentials to children and their families in all 50 states and internationally in the 2010 fiscal year, the site states.

At the most recent Jacksonville distribution to families enrolled in Healthy Start programs November 17, Ms. Brady said she spoke with Feed The Children representatives who agreed that rural areas like Baker County are under served by the charity.

"They want to come back in May and do it around Mother's Day," said Ms. Brady of the planned distribution, adding that one semi-trailer of groceries and other items like cleaning products and toiletries can benefit some 400 families, each receiving about a week's worth of supplies.

Task force members decided to start organizing and garnering sponsorships for a distribution in Baker and St. Johns counties, both of which have active infant mortality task forces.

Ms. Brady suggested each county split the donations and the cost of a single truck load, which takes about \$8000 to deliver. To help defray some of the transportation cost, she said the empty truck could leave Florida with another load, perhaps from the Walmart Distribution Center, to be dropped in another state.

Beyond funding the distribution, task force members will also be marshalling a group of volunteers to unload the truck, register recipients, which will be limited to parents and expectant mothers, and handout supplies.

Other organizations like Episcopal Children's Services or the National Children's Study may also participate with outreach activities the day of the distribution.



Carol Brady

Ms. Brady credited county health department director Kerry Dunlavy with inspiring the project because she consistently points out that Baker County is too often overlooked by regional organizations based in Jacksonville.

The task force scheduled a follow-up meeting in January to discuss the distribution plans further.

The task force includes representatives from the health department, WIC [Women, Infants and Children] and Healthy Start, among other organizations.

Two of the group's 2011-12 goals will soon be implemented — a workshop for new fathers known as Boot Camp for New Dads and a monthly support group for breast feeding mothers and expectant

moms.

Boot Camp for New Dads is a free trademarked father-to-father workshop that prepares new dads for the challenges of starting a family.

New dads will learn about holding, changing, feeding, bathing and soothing their babies. They will also be schooled on changes that occur in a woman's body during pregnancy and explore topics including finances, in-laws, safety and health matters that affect moms like breast feeding, Cesarean births and postpartum depression.

Baker High special education teacher Junior Eugene will be trained December 10 by the Northeast Florida Healthy Start Coalition to lead the workshops. The first workshop is scheduled for December 13 at 6 pm at the health department, 480 W. Lowder St. in Macclenny.

Mr. Eugene is the father of a 9-month-old girl. The breast feeding support group is being restarted here by Lisa Hipps after a four-year hiatus. She is a certified lactation consultant with the Macclenny and Yulee WIC offices.

The support group has been scheduled for the first Friday of each month at 85 W. Railroad Ave. in Macclenny starting at 10 am. It's open to anyone who's pregnant or breast feeding with no limit on the number of women who can participate.

"We want them to have that support early," said Ms. Hipps.

Each month a different breast feeding or health-related topic is introduced to kick-off a discussion. Women can ask questions about breast feeding, get advice or share concerns with other moms in the group.

"It's not a teaching forum," said Ms. Hipps. "It's a sit down discussion forum."

Breast feeding can benefit the health of mothers and babies alike, she said.

Research has shown that breast feeding helps reduce the risks of child obesity and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome while boosting immunity and brain development, said Ms. Hipps.

For mothers, she said it also lowers the risk of breast cancer and ovarian cancer and helps burn calories.

# Prosecutor Edwards leaving

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Assistant State Attorney Greg Edwards of the 8th Judicial Circuit's Baker County prosecution team has resigned from his post in the felony division to spend more time with his family and pursue other interests.

"I came to a point in my life when I needed to decide whether or not I wanted to be a career prosecutor," said the 44-year-old Lake Butler resident.

And while he said he'll miss his coworkers in the circuit and at the courthouse as well as serving the public, Mr. Edwards hopes to one day combine his legal expertise with his joy of teaching. But that will come after taking some time off to visit his mother and father, who is gravely ill, in Alabama.

Mr. Edwards graduated from the University of Central Florida with a bachelor's degree and received his law degree from the University of Florida before joining the State Attorney's Office in February of 2006.

"The people are the number one thing," the attorney said of what he'll miss or remember most from his nearly six years with the office.

"They're the main reason I'm sad to leave ... Everyone in Gainesville and here at the courthouse has treated me like family," he said.



Gregory Edwards

What Mr. Edwards won't miss, however, is the grief and loss he's witnessed while serving as a felony prosecutor.

"I haven't done a perfect job, but I feel I have served the people of Baker County well ... But I've also seen a lot of sad things. I've seen a lot of loss. And that has made me realize how brief and precious life can be ... Life's short and that's why I want to explore all of my possibilities," he said.

Domestic violence and juvenile division prosecutor Lorelie Papel will replace Mr. Edwards, who is leaving at the end of the month.

A new assistant state attorney has also been added to the Baker County branch, which is led by division chief Ralph Yazdiya, said 8th Judicial Circuit State Attorney Bill Cervone.

John Nilon, son of Circuit Judge James Nilon, started December 5 and fills Ms. Papel's former role, Mr. Cervone said.

The younger Mr. Nilon graduated from Florida Coastal School of Law last June and passed the Florida Bar before being sworn in December 2.

Mr. Cervone said the new attorney's work history included stints as a clerical worker in the Gainesville office and an intern at the branch here.

"John's been assigned to county court but Ralph may adjust the case loads to break in a new lawyer," he said.

## Christmas party

Margie Lord Ministries Christmas party for less fortunate children of Baker County will be Saturday, December 10 from 9 am - 2 pm at the Women's Club, 144 S. 5th Street.

All children must be accompanied by an adult and adults must be accompanied by a child. For questions call 259-5888 or 318-9490.

## Misidentified

One of the students from Ms. O'Hara's 1937 class photo at the "new" Taylor school and featured in the December 1, 2011 edition of *The Press* was misidentified. The young lady identified as Irene Bronson was Irene Brown.

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The workshop will provide guidance on effective succession planning, an estate tax update and important estate planning tips and guidance on conservation planning options and associated tax benefits. Presenters will include Dr. Michael Gutter of the University of Florida/IFAS and Busy Kislig Shires-Byerly of Conservation Trust for Florida.

The workshop is free and open to the public. Please call 259-3520 to pre-register.

## Meeting postponed

The scheduled meeting of the Governing Board of the New River Public Library Cooperative for December 2011 has been postponed until Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 5 pm at the New River Solid Waste Facility on SR 121 north of Raiford.

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# New ambulances are delivered

## At \$140K per unit

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The county's newest rescue ambulance, emblazoned with an orange and blue color scheme similar to that of the Florida Gators, arrived the morning of November 30 at the emergency operations center in Macclenny and within two hours was on the road responding to a call.

"That was my intent," said David Richardson, director of Emergency Medical Services [EMS] for the county. "I wanted it ready to go when it got here."

The roughly \$140,000 unit is touted to have better gas mileage, brighter and more energy efficient lights and a high-tech control and warning system in the cab.

It's known as Rescue 33 and replaces an older ambulance with the same designation. The old Rescue 33, a unit with more than 200,000 miles and dedicated to shuttling patients from here to medical facilities in Jacksonville, blew an engine four months ago, at a time when two other county ambulances were out of commission, too.

That prompted the county to borrow a unit from the Jacksonville Fire Rescue Department. It was only the second time in at least 30 years the county was forced to borrow an ambulance from another jurisdiction.

Mr. Richardson said at that time Rescue 33 was rendered useless after its crankshaft severed.

Rescue 36, the primary ambulance stationed in Macclenny, and its back-up unit, Rescue 32, were also out of service for repairs.

Given recent history, Mr. Richardson hoped to make use of the new ambulance right away. He said the new Rescue 33 was outfitted with radios before it arrived and he'd already arranged to have them permitted by the Florida Department of Health and covered under the county's insurance policy.

A second identical unit arrived this week — the new Rescue 32 — which replaces the old Rescue 32 that county commissioners agreed to surplus during their regular meeting December 6.

Mr. Richardson said bids will be taken from potential buyers and the surplus unit will be sold to the highest bidder. In the past, the winning bidders have usually been plumbing contractors who use the stripped-down trucks for work purposes.

With the two new ambulances and the retiring of another, the county's fleet drops from five units — three primary units and two back-ups — to four units.

"[Now] all our trucks are good trucks, even the back up," said Mr. Richardson, adding that the loss of an additional back-up unit shouldn't cause any problems.

Two of the three primary units are housed at the emergency op-



The new Rescue 33 and EMS personnel (from left) Tim Kirkland, Monika Lundquist, Karen Dolan and James Johnson.

erations center, 1190 W. Macclenny Ave. One responds to emergency calls and a second transports patients to out-of-county facilities. The third primary unit is stationed in Sanderson.

The two new units will be rotated between the stations to maximize each vehicles' warranty, Mr. Richardson said. They were manufactured in North Carolina by Dodge and come with warranties for different parts of the trucks.

The chassis carry a three year, 36,000 mile warranty, the drive train a five year, 100,000 mile warranty and the ambulance conversion parts a seven year, 70,000 mile warranty.

Paramedic James Johnson was pleased with the new Rescue 33 after being on duty with it at the Macclenny station on December 1.

"It has the new truck smell, so I like that," he said. "And it drives real nice, too."

The lighting inside the so-called box, where patients ride, is also much improved, added paramedic Monika Lundquist.

"You can actually see what you're doing ... But sometimes you get to see more than you'd like to," she said.

The rear bumper of the vehicle sits about 2 feet off the ground, which can make getting in and out of the ambulance difficult for those of short stature, like paramedic Karen Dolan.

The new trucks are more fuel efficient than the old ones, which Mr. Richardson said would be "a big plus for the transport truck" that usually drinks 700 gallons of diesel a month.

They feature a more sophisticated "multiplex system" that controls various electronics like the emergency lights and warns drivers when malfunctions occur.

"We didn't go with the top of the line system, but it does pretty much the same things," he said. "It just doesn't have the fancy touch screen."

The emergency lights themselves are brighter LED lights that use less power than older strobe lights.

"It gives you a much longer life on the battery," said Mr. Richardson.

The new units also have more reflective surfaces, including on the inside paneling of the rear and side doors. A new safety feature, netting installed in front of the box's bench seat, will better protect EMS personnel during abrupt stops.

Under the hood, the new trucks are powered by Cummins diesel engines. They can reach maximum speeds near 80 mph, but are regulated not to exceed 74 mph.

The new units are the first ambulances the county has bought without the benefit of grants.

While requesting that coun-

ty commissioners approve the purchase last May, Mr. Richardson told them grant applications made in the last two years have not been successful, partly due to the county's roughly \$8 million reserve fund.

He said last week the county has re-applied for the grant, which is a nationwide program administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA.

"They claim ambulances are going to be a priority, but we'll see ... It's very competitive," said the director.

When asked about the color scheme and its likeness to a certain college football team, Mr. Richardson, an alumni of the University of Florida, said that orange and blue can be found on all the county's ambulances as well as the county seal.

"But yes, I am a Gator fan," said Mr. Richardson.

## Puppies perish in barn fire

Nine puppies perished and their mother was severely burned in a Margareta barn fire the afternoon of December 1.

Two fire engines, eight fire-fighters and other support units responded to the structure fire call at the 10-acre tract owned by Stephanie Morales on King Ruise Road about 4 pm and saw smoke coming from the barn.

A heat lamp was used to keep a female dog and her litter warm in a barn stall that was also lined with hay, according to county fire chief Richard Dolan's report of the incident.

"[It's] unknown how the lamp fell into the hay, which caught fire," the report reads. "The fire spread from the stall to outside where there was more hay on the ground."

Damage to the structure was minor, though the report does not indicate an estimated value of the loss.

The female dog received "severe burns" on her head and a veterinarian was called to the scene for treatment, the report states.

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## To mull Barber Road closure, again

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Barber Road, a county-maintained thoroughfare that runs through a south Macclenny neighborhood between SR 121 and SR 228, is once again an issue of concern at the county administration building.

At the heart of the matter is whether the narrow and winding road, partly paved and partly dirt, should be closed once and for all as homeowners in the neighborhood have been asking for years.

County commissioners agreed to reconsider the request during a board meeting on the evening of December 6 after a resident pleaded for the road's closure for safety sake.

"They (motorists) come flying down that road," Cindy Collins told commissioners, adding that drivers use the road as a short cut between SR 121 and SR 228 despite the presence of "No Through Traffic" signs the county erected a few years back.

Recently, she said, the driver of a semi-truck jackknifed his rig while trying to back it up on the narrow dirt road and got his trailer stuck in the ditch.

"I'm surprised that no one has gotten killed on that road," said Ms. Collins, who resides on nearby Douglas Street.

She told commissioners that someone at the sheriff's office told her that tickets are not issued to motorists who use the road as a cut-through because it's a county road and "the tickets would just be thrown out of court."

"We've asked for help and asked for help," she said. "What can be done? I'm open for suggestions."

Barber Road is paved east from SR 121 for about half a mile, then becomes a dirt road that goes downhill and makes a sharp left turn heading across a narrow bridge before reach-

ing SR 228 just north of Walmart.

It is the dirt road portion that has drawn the most complaints about speeding motorists and clouds of dust.

"It's a health problem for me and my wife," Joe Barber, who lives on Barber Road near the SR 228 side and owns considerable property in the area, told commissioners. "We live with the lime rock and the dust every day."

Furthermore, he said, the 70-year-old road is frequently "a race track." He said the county has erected several signs over the years stating the speed limit is 20 mph but some drivers go much faster than that. Also, he said, somebody keeps stealing the signs.

"It gets to be worse all the time," he said of the dust and traffic.

Ms. Collins said she doesn't know why more people don't drive the short distance to Lowder Road instead of taking Barber Road to get from SR 121 to SR 228, or vice versa.

"It's only a half a mile difference," she said. "It also would save wear and tear on their vehicles."

Commissioners said they would be willing to reconsider the request to close the road to traffic on two conditions. It would have to remain open for emergency vehicles, secured by a gate that only law enforcement and fire-rescue personnel could unlock, and the county would stop maintaining the road.

"I agree if we close the road we don't need to maintain it," said Commission Chairman Gordon Crews, expressing the sentiment of other board members.

Macclenny City Commissioner Phil Rhoden, who lives along the paved portion, told commissioners the city would have no objections to closing the road so long as it remained accessible to emergency vehicles.

Ms. Collins was advised to stay in contact

with County Manager C.J. Thompson concerning the issue as officials research the matter before bringing it back to the board in the near future.

In other business, the board:

- Received an overview on the mission and responsibilities of the Northeast Florida Community Action Agency's role in Baker County, which primarily serves hundreds of low-income families, including the elderly and disabled, and helps them pay utility bills, weatherize their homes, find jobs and other services.

John Edwards, executive director of the seven-county regional agency, said the organization was founded in 1965 in Jacksonville and later expanded to include Baker, Nassau and St. Johns counties in 1978.

"We're real serious about helping your constituents become self-sufficient," Mr. Edwards told the commission, noting that the task is becoming increasingly difficult in today's challenging economy.

The agency's \$21 million budget, Mr. Edwards said, is "still not enough to meet the demand."

- Declared one of the county's rescue ambulances surplus property and agreed to sell it, either through sealed bids or at auction. Officials said the vehicle could be worth up to \$10,000.

Commissioners said the truck, which was built in 1990 and has about 121,000 miles on it, had become increasingly unreliable as a transport vehicle.

- Renewed a contract with The Lake Doctors Inc. for monthly maintenance on the pond at Little St. Mary's River Park, beginning January 1, 2012. The \$125 monthly fee includes underwater and floating vegetation control, shoreline grass and brush control, and any additional treatments if required.

## New chair wants to hype up Relay for Life

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The 2012 Baker County Relay For Life chairperson Kristie Fletcher, who was the guest speaker at the Baker County Rotary Club's November 30 meeting, says she would love to see more cancer survivors participate in the upcoming event next April.

Relay For Life is the signature fund raising event sponsored annually by the American Cancer Society in communities across the country.

The overnight relay involves teams of people who will be camping out around the Baker County High School track and walking to raise money to fund cancer treatment and research programs.

The event is always kicked off by cancer survivors taking the first "victory lap" around the track.

"There are usually about 20-25 survivors who take part," she said. "But our records show about 100 survivors in the area. It would be fantastic to have as many as possible come and be represented."

Ms. Fletcher says it's very significant having survivors walk that first lap as it puts a real human face on the American Cancer Society's efforts.

It also demonstrates that people don't face cancer alone. After concluding the victory lap, survivors go to a reception in their honor while the teams continue the relay.

Baker County's relay is a 16-hour event, starting at 6 pm on a Friday and concluding at noon the next day. There is a reason the relay takes place throughout the night.

"That overnight event is symbolic," said Ms. Fletcher. "Because as we all know, cancer never sleeps."

Besides the sponsored teams of walkers, there are games, food and entertainment during the event to provide other venues for raising money.

Ms. Fletcher says that even if people can't participate in the relay itself or are not able to financially donate, there are many opportunities to give a little personal time to support the event activities or the teams involved in it.

Some participants have had problems negotiating past relay track locations, particularly those who have difficulty walking or need wheelchairs or walkers.

Ms. Fletcher said the track at the high school has been chosen for the 2012 relay because it has an even surface that's well-maintained, which should make it accessible for everyone.

This is the first time Ms. Fletcher has served as chairperson in Baker County, but as past chairperson of a Bradford County-based relay she is no stranger to the event or to the disease it aids in fighting.

The Lake Butler native and current Macclenny resident has been involved in cancer awareness programs or fund raising for cancer cure research since 2000.

She is passionate about her involvement, because like many people, she has lost family members to the disease.

"Cancer touches everyone," she said. "My very first experience with death was because of cancer. We all have friends or family members it's directly affected. Which is why it's so important to fund ongoing research. It's my dream that my children can reach an age and live in a society where they never hear the word cancer again."

While an intern for the Union County Public Health Department in 2000, Ms. Fletcher got involved in the Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) program. Her involvement with Relay for Life began when the

SWAT group decided to form a team to participate in a relay.

Since then, over the years, she has served in different capacities such as sponsor, activities director, entertainment coordinator or a member of publicity committees.

She became involved in Baker County's relay when she moved here in 2008.

When a relay event is in the planning stages, volunteers attend monthly meetings. And it's not strictly about the fund raising either. The meetings always include some component of cancer related education.

These are known as "mission moments."

Mission moments may deal with a variety of subject matters such as the role of nutrition for cancer patients or its importance in helping prevent the disease; how lifestyle decisions can impact health or increase the chance of developing cancer; or to what degree heredity may play in a predisposition towards the disease.

As well as research, Relay For Life helps fund many of the American Cancer Society's sanc-

tioned cancer treatment and related programs such as:

- Hope Lodge: The 31 locations throughout the country provide free and temporary lodgings for cancer patients who must travel to receive treatment, as well as their caregivers.

- Road to Recovery: Provides patients who lack transportation with rides to treatment centers.

- Look Good, Feel Better: Trained cosmetologists teach women how to cope with changes in skin and hair loss.

- Reach to Recovery: Newly diagnosed breast cancer patients are matched with cancer survivor volunteers who offer support.

But Ms. Fletcher is most passionate about the ongoing cancer research.

"Just in the last year, I've seen so many incidents of cancer affecting this community," she said. "Research is the best weapon to conquer the problem and that, of course, takes money."

Ms. Fletcher also hopes that holding the relay at the high school will encourage more students to get involved.

"Our relay events in Baker County tend have older people as the major participants, but in other counties I've worked in it's been the opposite," she said.

One of her biggest inspirations is the presence of a local child named Austin Rich.

"I believe he was diagnosed with a form of cancer before he was 2 years old," she said. "He's now about 8 or 9 and because he's a survivor, he's been at every relay event since that time and even others held outside the county."

## Legal Notices

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.

## 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 1/4 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.

T.A. "AL" FRASER  
CLERK OF COURT  
By: Jamie Crews  
Deputy Clerk

11/17-12/8

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL ACTION  
CASE NO.: 02-2008-CA-000157  
DIVISION:

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT RELATING TO IMPAC SECURED ASSETS CORP., MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-3, Plaintiff,

vs.

AMY STAVELY, et al,  
Defendant(s).

## AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order resccheduling foreclosure sale dated November 22, 2011 entered in Civil Case No. 2008-CA-000195 of the Circuit Court of the 8th Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida, wherein U.S. Bank, National Association, as Trustee for the C-BASS Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-CBB, Plaintiff and Matthew A. Martin and Lucinda Martin, Husband and Wife are defendant(s), I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE EAST DOOR OF THE BAKER COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 339 EAST MACCLENNY AVENUE, MACCLENNY, BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, 11:00 A.M. on January 4, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 56, CYPRESS POINTE, UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGES 90 THROUGH 92, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

DATED at Macclenny, Florida, this 30 day of November, 2011.

AL FRASER  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
Baker County, Florida  
Julie Combs  
DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:  
SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHÉ, LLP  
4630 Woodland Corporate Blvd.  
Suite 100  
Tampa, FL 33614  
(813) 880-8888  
(813) 880-8800

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, 201 East University Avenue, Room 410, Gainesville, Florida 32601 (352) 491-4490 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification of the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

12/8-12/15

## NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated November 30, 2011, and entered in Case No. 02-2008-CA-000157 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida in which Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee Under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement Relating to Impac Secured Assets Corp., Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-3, is the Plaintiff and Amy Stavely, Carolina First Bank f/k/a Mercantile Bank, are defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on ALL SALES WILL BE HELD AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE, 339 E. MACCLENNY AVE., MACCLENNY, FL 32063. THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER MUST PAY AT LEAST 5% OF THE SUCCESSFUL BID BY CASH OR CASHIER'S CHECK AT THE TIME OF THE SALE. THE REMAINING BID AMOUNT MUST BE TENDERED BY 4:00PM ON THE DAY OF THE SALE BY CASH OR CASHIER'S CHECK ONLY, Baker County, Florida at 11:00AM on the 16th day of January, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of foreclosure:

LOT 10, COPPER CREEK HILLS, UNIT 3, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGES 69 AND 70, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 6080 COPPER DRIVE, MACCLENNY, FL 32063

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

Dated in Baker County, Florida this 5th day of December, 2011.

Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Baker County, Florida  
By: Jamie Crews  
Deputy Clerk

Albertelli Law  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
P.O. Box 23028  
Tampa, FL 33623  
(813) 221-4743  
10-60214

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. Persons with a disability who need any accommodation in order to participate should call Jan Phillips, ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Courthouse, 201 E. University Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601 at (352)337-6237 within two (2) working days of receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired, please call 1-800-955-8771; if you are voice impaired, please call 1-800-955-8770.

12/8-12/15

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO.: 2008-CA-000195

U.S. Bank, National Association, as Trustee for the C-BASS Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-CBB  
Plaintiff,

-vs.-

Matthew A. Martin and Lucinda Martin, Husband and Wife; Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for Omit Mortgage Solutions, Inc.; Carmel Financial Corporation; Unknown Parties in Possession #1; Unknown Parties in Possession #2; If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants  
Defendant(s).

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR  
BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL DIVISION:  
CASE NO.: 02-2009-CA-000289

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

JON W ATWOOD; MERCANTILE BANK DIV OF CAROLINA FIRST; WENDY ATWOOD; UNKNOWN TENANT (S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY,  
Defendants.

## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 2 day of December, 2011, and entered in Case No. 02-2009-CA-000289, of the Circuit Court of the 8th Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA is the Plaintiff and JON W ATWOOD, MERCANTILE BANK DIV OF CAROLINA FIRST and WENDY ATWOOD are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door of the Baker County Courthouse, 339 E. Macclenny Ave., Macclenny, FL., 11:00 AM on the 16 day of January, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 2 LANCASTER GLEN ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3 PAGE 86 AND 87 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY FLORIDA.

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

Dated this 6th day of December, 2011.

AL FRASER  
Clerk Of The Circuit Court  
By: Julie Combs  
Deputy Clerk

Submitted by:  
Law Offices of Marshall C. Watson, P.A.  
1800 NW 49th Street, Suite 120  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309  
Telephone: (954) 453-0365  
Facsimile: (954) 771-6052  
Toll Free: 1-800-441-2438  
12/8-12/15

## 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.

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Killian Monds

**Son born Nov. 29th**

Philip Monds Jr. and Shayna Green of Macclenny are pleased to announce the arrival of son Killian James on November 29, 2011 at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Jacksonville.

Killian weighed 8 lbs., 7 oz. and measured 21 inches long.

Grandparents include Norman and Christine Green of Macclenny, Philip Monds Sr. of Glen St. Mary and Gina Burnsed of Macclenny.



Ms. Crews - Mr. Newmans

**To wed January 15**

Rev. Allen and Kim Crews of Sanderson are pleased to announce the engagement of daughter Andrea Leigh to Joshua Aaron Newmans. Joshua is the son of Elton and Tina Stone of Glen St. Mary, and the late Robert Newmans.

The wedding will take place January 15, 2012.

## 'Waist deep' in toys for kids...

**KELLEY LANNIGAN**  
FEATURES

[features@bakercountypress.com](mailto:features@bakercountypress.com)

Eva Mathis and Stacy Mills were nearly waist deep in toys as the first round of donations for the City of Macclenny Fire Department's annual Christmas 4 Kids campaign arrived by truck at Station 2 on Lowder Street December 1.

Sorting immediately began, with toys going into a designated "Boys" or "Girls" room at the station. Then the ladies got down to the daunting task of processing a large stack of applications from the many families seeking toys for their children.

Ms. Mathis has been coordinating the toy project since starting it for the department eight years ago with Ms. Mills assisting for the last four years.

"These are my support staff," said fire chief Buddy Dugger. "They put a lot into this program every year."

Families must apply to be considered candidates for the program and meet eligibility requirements related to income and whether from the fire department's perspective they've "fallen on hard times through no fault of their own," the chief said.

The fire department accepted applications from November 1 through the November 15.

Toys and bicycles, even clothing and shoes are some of the



PHOTO BY KELLEY LANNIGAN

Eva Mathis, left, and Stacy Mills sort toys.

Christmas goodies kids can expect, provided enough donations and funding is available.

Donations come from individuals as well as some local business sponsors such as Walmart DC, Gator Patrick's Tavern and others.

According to the fire department, the Christmas 4 Kids program is not an open door toy

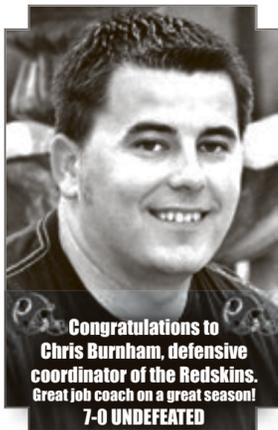
giveaway and does not promote any agency or organization. In fact, parents are encouraged to tell children that the gifts come from Santa, not the fire department.

Monetary donations can be sent to the Macclenny Fire Department, 118 E. Macclenny Ave., Macclenny, FL 32063. Please make checks payable to C/O City

of Macclenny Fire Department.

Donations of new toys or clothing can be dropped off at the City of Macclenny fire station at the above address.

Arrangements for picking up donations can be made as well. Call Stacy Mills at 509-5349 or the fire department at 259-3331 for further information about the Christmas 4 Kids program.



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December 12 - December 16

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**Monday, December 12**

**Breakfast:** Scrambled Eggs with Baked potato rounds, slice of toast and milk.

**Lunch:** Spaghetti with meat sauce and a slice of Italian bread. Choice of 2 sides: Baked fries, green beans, seasonal fresh fruit, milk choice

**Tuesday, December 13**

**Breakfast:** Breakfast burrito, peach slices and milk.

**Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza hot pocket or ham with beans and rice with a wheat roll. Choice of 2 sides: Steamed green peas, raw veggies with ranch dressing, seasonal fresh fruit and fresh baked cake, milk choice.

**Wednesday, December 14**

**Breakfast:** Sausage biscuit, pineapple juice and milk.

**Lunch:** Cheese pizza or BBQ pork on a bun. Choice of 2 sides: Baked fries, green beans, mix fruit cup, milk choice.

**Thursday, December 15**

**Breakfast:** Cereal with a slice of toast, orange juice and milk.

**Lunch:** Roast pork slice with whole grain roll or breaded fish on a bun. Choice of 2 sides: Italian green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, seasonal fresh fruit, milk choice.

**Friday, December 16**

**Breakfast:** Chicken biscuit, apple juice and milk.

**Lunch:** Hamburger or hot dog on a bun. Choice of 2 sides: Sweet potato rounds, lettuce and tomato slices, creamy coleslaw and fruit crisp, milk choice

**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

**December 8**

BCHS: Wrestling at First Coast, 5 pm, Boys Basketball at Forrest, 6 - 7 pm, Drama Presentation, "Broadway in Baker Christmas," 7:30 pm BCMS: Boys & Girls Basketball vs. Lake City, 5 pm KIS: Think Link Science Test #2 WES: Good Morning Club Mtg., 8:00 am

**December 9**

BCHS: DCT Fieldtrip to Omni Hotel, Drama Presentation, "Broadway in Baker Christmas," 7:30 pm BCMS: Breakfast with Santa Christmas Dance, 7 pm WES: First Grade Field Trip to Nutcracker Ballet PK/K: 1st Payment (\$9.00) Due for Jax Zoo Fieldtrip (Kindergarten)

**December 10**

BCHS: Boys Basketball vs. Crescent City, 6 - 7 pm, Drama Presentation, "Broadway in Baker Christmas," 7:30 pm BCMS: Breakfast with Santa, 8:00 a.m.

**December 11**

BCHS: Drama Presentation, "Broadway in Baker Christmas," 2 pm

**December 12**

BCHS: Girls Basketball vs. Forrest, 6 pm BCMS: Boys & Girls Basketball vs. Charlton, 4:30 pm MES: Journalism, 3:15 - 4:30 pm WES: Family Reading Night, 4-7 pm Second Grade Parent Night, 6:30 p.m.

**December 13**

BCHS: Herff Jones Class Ring Delivery (both lunches), Boy's Basketball vs. Baldwin, 6 - 7 pm BCMS: Boys & Girls Basketball at Hilliard, 5 pm, Christmas Concert, 7 pm MES: Rentz Class Play, 6 pm WES: "Just Say No!" Club Mtg., 8:00 am

**December 14**

BCHS: Herff Jones Class Ring Delivery (both lunches), Girl's Basketball at Orange Park, 6 pm WES: Merrie Melodies Club Mtg., 8:00 a.m.

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## Polly Lane, 87, of Cocoa Beach

Pauline M. "Polly" Lane, 87, died Saturday, November 26, 2011 in a house fire at her home in Cocoa Beach. She was born in New Bedford, MA on June 20, 1924. Polly was preceded in death by her husband Thomas G. Lane.

Survivors include sisters Bertha Brown and Irene Lavoie of New Bedford; daughter Joanne (Richard) Wallstedt of Macclenny; son Robert Shields of Leland, NC; grandchildren Brian (Michele) Wallstedt, Donald Wallstedt and Robert Owen Shields; great-grandchildren Jacob Michael and Jesslyn Nicole Wallstedt.

The funeral service was held Thursday, December 1 at the Church of Our Saviour Catholic Church in Cocoa Beach. Interment followed at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell.

## Jerry Moran, 76, of Macclenny dies

Jerry Ronald Moran, 76, of Macclenny died Saturday, December 3, 2011. He was born on November 22, 1935 in New Richmond, Ohio and was a lifelong resident of Macclenny.



Jerry Moran

He was preceded in death by his parents Everitt and Flora Moran, son Donnie Moran and brother Everitt Moran.

Mr. Moran was a successful business owner of Moran's Motor and Wrecker Service and Moran's Motor Parts for many years, retiring in 1998. He was heavily involved in dirt track racing for 45 years and was inducted into the Jacksonville Raceways Hall of Fame in 1996. He enjoyed dirt track racing, fishing and his dogs. He was a member of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Macclenny.

Survivors include wife of 58 years, Faye Moran of Macclenny; sons Steve (Sonya) Moran and Ricky (Robin) Moran, both of Macclenny and Ronnie (Amanda) Moran of Glen St. Mary; sister Ellen Hilliard of Tampa; daughter-in-law Christean (Tom) Raley of Glen St. Mary; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Tuesday, December 6 at his church with Pastor Mike Ramondetta officiating, assisted by Revs. James D. Rogers and Torran Dismuke. Interment followed at Woodlawn Cemetery in Macclenny. Guerry Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Ella Rafuse, 86, dies December 4th

Ella Mae Rafuse, 86, of Baker County died December 4, 2011. Ella was born in Palatka to the late Andrew and Vertie Scully Harris on November 12, 1925. She was a lifelong resident of Maxville and a member of Long Branch Baptist Church. Ella retired after 30 years as the cashier for Lucas Mini Mart. She enjoyed sewing, crocheting and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband of 50 years, O.J. Rafuse, daughter Debbie Rhoden and brother Millard Harris.



Ella Rafuse

Survivors include sons Randy (Linda) Rafuse and Oscar James (Donette) Rafuse Jr; brothers Sam (Bernice) Harris of Baldwin and Richard (Glenda) Harris of Macclenny; sister Verdine Harris of Baldwin; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

The funeral service was held Wednesday December 7 at 2 pm at V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services chapel with pastors Richard Fish and Edward Treadwell officiating. Interment followed at Long Branch Cemetery in Maxville.

## Ben Walker Sr., of Glen St. Mary

William Benjamin "Ben" Walker Sr., 84, of Glen St. Mary died with his family by his side on November 29, 2011 at Acosta-Rua Center for Caring after a long illness.



William Walker

Mr. Walker was born on February 26, 1927 to the late O. K. "Kenneth" Walker and Rosa Stone Walker. He was a life long resident of Baker County and a graduate of Taylor High School. He worked at Dinkins Ford dealership for 10 years, Griffin Chevrolet and Sands Motor Company for 20 years and then retired from the Department of Corrections after 17 years.

Mr. Walker was a member of Faith Baptist Church for 58 years. He loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing, springtime gardening and vacations in the Smokey Mountains with his family.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Myrtice Taylor Walker; brother Billy (Nettie) Walker of Jacksonville; children Bobby (Molly) Johns of Macclenny, Kenneth (Ruth) Walker of Charlotte, Mary Lillian (Thomas) Mobley of Glen St. Mary and "Benny" William (Robin) Walker Jr. of Lexington, KY; 11 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held on Friday, December 2 at his church with pastors Torran Dismuke and Donnie Williams officiating. Interment followed in Taylor Cemetery. V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services was in charge of the arrangements.

## Jane Williams, 51, of Rochester, NY

Jane Smith Williams of Rochester, NY died Saturday, December 3, 2011. She was born to the late John Robert (J.R.) and Elizabeth Smith in Sanderson on June 20, 1960 and graduated in 1978 from Baker County High School in Macclenny. She earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from Rockport University of Rochester.

Missionary Williams served faithfully in the Church of God by Faith in Sanderson and in Rochester. She was consecrated as a Minister of the Churches of God by Faith Inc. in July of 2007. Jane also served as the director of day care at Ark of the Covenant Church of God by Faith in Rochester. Everyone who came in contact with Missionary Williams knew she loved the Lord.

Survivors include her loving husband Lionel Williams; children A.J. Cowart, Ashley Cowart and Jamal Cowart, all of Rochester; brothers John Robert Smith Jr. (Cassandra) of Indianapolis, Jeffrey Smith (Debra) of Lake Butler, Jerome Smith of Brunswick, GA and Reginald Smith (Kathy) of Sanderson; sisters Donna Smith and Bridget Williams (Vincent) of Brunswick; loving aunts and uncles numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

The wake will be held Friday, December 9 from 7 pm to 9 pm at Ark of the Covenant Church of God by Faith in Rochester, NY. The celebration of life service will be on Saturday, December 10 at 11:00 am at the same location with Pastor Nolan Williams officiating. Regency Chapel is in charge of arrangements.



## Happy 23rd birthday Alvin Roderick Hughes

12/5/1988 - 3/16/2008

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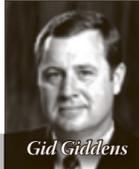
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**Local media reps speak, visit students**

Reading students in teacher Vinnie Ferreira's class at Baker County High School were treated to guest speakers on Media/Celebrity Day held December 3. Students discussed media in society, from the role of community newspapers to working as a reporter and the public relations responsibilities of people chosen to represent an organization. Students were encouraged to ask questions and interact. Above: 2010-11 Florida Forestry Teen Division Queen Faith Finley meets with students and sheds light on her role as an ambassador for the Florida Division of Forestry.



**In loving memory of  
June Singh**

3/29/1936 - 6/14/2011

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SNOW, ROY MICHAEL to SNOW, MEGAN LOUISE in BARBERS SUBDIVISION PB-2 PG-56A LOT 20, \$10  
DAVIS, VERNON E to YONN, DONALD R in 5-35-21E, \$10  
JENKS, ARLEN S JR to GUNTER, JEREMY T in LT 25 LONGBRANCH, \$225,000  
CANADAY, MITCHELL K to STONE,

LESLIE WILLIAM TRUSTEE in 12-25-21E, \$25,000  
BENNETT, KERRI R to DUNBAR, BRIAN C in 29-25-22E, \$102,900  
DAVIS, MARVIN A to SEABROOKS, TARREZ in LT 4/5 BLK 4 SANDERSON, \$30,000  
DREES HOMES OF FLORIDA INC to DAWSON, FREDERICK A in LT 112 ROLLING MEADOWS, \$151,095  
FLICK, WARD F to AMERICAN ENTERPRISE BANK OF FLORIDA in LT 11 FARMS AT GLEN PLANTATION, \$72,500  
GREEN, HELEN J to BRADSHAW, HELEN J in LT 6 BLK 2 POWELL BLUFF, \$10  
HAMILTON, DONNA JO TRUSTEE to SCHWIEN, PATRICK in 30-25-21E, \$43,000  
BRANNEN, GROVER L to PETERS, TOMMY in 33-35-21E, \$10  
NEWMANS, JAMES E to LEE, RANDELE J in 23-35-21E, \$35,000

BURNSD, LYNN E TRUSTEE to BURNSD, ROBERT D II in 24/25-25-21E, \$10  
BUNN, LINDA J to TREECE, JAMES K in 29-25-22E, \$90,000  
LONG BRANCH FARMS LLP to CREWS, JAMES M in 17-25-21E, \$6,210  
U S BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION TRUSTEE to ONEILL, DOLORES A in , \$51,400  
DAVIS, MORRIS G to CREWS, TERRY in 35-2N-20E, \$39,000  
VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE INC to TROUP, VALERIE in 35-25-21E, \$11,200  
MCCAULEY, GWENDOLYN K TRUSTEE to LABEUNA FARMS INC in BLK 45 MACCLENNY, \$150,000  
GUERRY, WILLIAM L to WILLIAM L GUERRY REVOCABLE TRUST in BLK 34 MACCLENNY, \$10  
KNABB LANDS INC to THRIFT, JOYCE F in 20-15-21E, \$10

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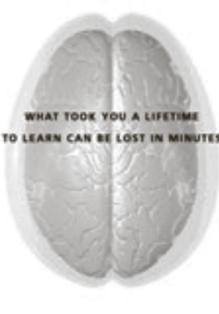
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"We came right out of the gates and showed much improvement to start the season," said Coach Ryan Sulkowski. "The only teams to finish above us were Mandarin and Sandalwood, who are much larger schools."

Mandarin finished with 177 points and Sandalwood 145 points. The Wildcats had 118.5 points to finish above Raines with 115.

Robert Norris was a first place finisher in the 285-pound class, pinning a wrestler from Raines. Zach Bloxham (132) and Tariq Tber (195) had second place finishes. Teddi Callahan (145) finished third, and Cody Miller (113) and Lenny Carter (220) finished fourth.

"I'm proud of the way our team wrestled," said Sulkowski. "Success early is key to building a foundation with such a young team. Hopefully our performance this past weekend will carry over into the coming weeks and give us something to build off of for the remainder of the season."

# Sirk and Gaskins in classic

BCHS Wildcats Thomas Sirk and Roland Gaskins were both selected to the Florida Athletic Coaches Association Football All Star Classic to be held at Fireman's Field in Sebring, FL on December 21, 2011.

Sirk was selected as a quarterback and Gaskins as a tight end.

The game pits the top players from North Florida against the top players from South Florida. As of press time, BCHS is the only team in the state to have multiple players selected.

"This is just another huge honor for our football program and these two individuals," said head football coach Ryan Sulkowski. "We are proud of Thomas and Roland and we cannot wait to see them compete and represent our community in a statewide event."

"They both are very worthy of this honor and it just adds more excitement around where this program has been and most importantly, where it's going!"

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## Turnaround for Cats Girls surge with four straight road wins

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For most teams the thought of four straight road games over the course of a week would be daunting. But for the Wildcat girls' basketball team it couldn't have been better. The girls went on a four-game win streak to run their record to 5-3.

The Lady Cats defeated Baldwin 65-57 on November 29 to get a little revenge for a one-point home loss to the Indians earlier in the year. Tiana Raysor had her best game of the season, throwing in 20 points. The offensive woes that had bothered BCHS early in the season disappeared as four Cats were in double figures.

The game was close throughout, with BCHS up 31-23 at the half. Raysor came alive with 8 points in the third period as the Cats extended their lead to 48-31. The Indians came back in the fourth period, but it was too little too late.

Raysor had 20 on the night. Chelsey Ruise and Marnae Gaskins each had a dozen points and Shanice Paige added 11 points.

The girls traveled to Terry Parker on November 30 and snatched a big district win over the Braves with a 72-49 romp.

BCHS broke open a 16-14 game in the second quarter, going on a 20-9 run. Parker never recovered and the Cats built on their lead. They were up 48-34 at the end of the third quarter but a 23 point final stanza sealed the win.

Ruise's 29 led all scorers. Gaskins had 13, Raysor 11 and Paige 7 points.

• BCHS had a tough game in



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From the Lady Cats match-up against Terry Parker November 30, Caitlyn Smith defends above, and at left, Chelsey Ruise on a fast break.



It was an exciting game that saw the Lady Cats pull it out in the fourth quarter. They trailed 35-30 going into the final period, but came back with 20 points to pull out the win.

Raysor again was high scorer for the Lady Cats with 15 points. Ruise had 11, Gaskins 10 and Niesha Givens came up big in the second half with 6 of her 8 points.

The junior varsity has also been impressive. The Wildcat JV under Coach Chris Chisholm is 5-1 and has been dominating opponents with Kiala Pigott, Brandie Lee, Haley Bussell and Candace Clack leading the way.

Callahan on Friday, November 2 coming from a 26-18 halftime deficit to grab a 52-47 win over West Nassau.

## Losses to Nassau, Oakleaf

The Wildcats hung to a five-point lead just seconds before halftime against West Nassau on December 2, before a momentum-shifting three pointer turned the game around for the Warriors at home.

The shot sparked a second half surge that handed BCHS a 63-44 loss and pushed their record to 0-3.

"We overloaded on one side and Jesse Gardner rolled in and nailed a three-point shot to give us a five-point lead," said Coach Charles Ruise. "We had it all going our way, and then they hit the three-pointer at the end of the half and we could feel it shifting the other way."

West Nassau must have felt it too. The Warriors put together a 21-4 run that sealed the win.

The Cats were led by DJ Johnson's 15 points, but while the scoring was spread around among 10 different players, no one else was in double figures. Malone Hadley and Jonathan Lamb had 6 points each.

"We just have to grow some of these kids up fast," said Ruise. "If we can stop giving the ball over to the other team we're going to win some games."

The Wildcats lost a close game on the road at Oakleaf on Monday, November 28. The Knights held off a furious fourth quarter rush by the Cats to win 58-50.

Oakleaf came out fast in the game and outscored BCHS 32-



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Above, Daryl Johnson drives during the boys game against West Nassau December 2, and at right, C.C. Jefferson is surrounded by Warrior defenders during the same game in Callahan.



23 at the half. The Wildcats struggled with possession and the Knights continued to build on their lead in the second half.

In the final period, Jesse Gardner started hitting from the outside, sinking a pair of three-pointers as the Cats pulled close. But Oakleaf hit its free throw shots to preserve the win.

Cameron Mack led the way for BCHS with 15 points. Gardner had 12 and Charles Ruise and Lamb had 6 points.

BCHS travels to Forrest on

Thursday, December 8 before returning home on Saturday to face Crescent City.

JV play starts at 6 pm and varsity at 7:30 pm.

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## Cheerleaders advance to regionals later this month

The Baker County High School cheerleader competition squad won its first meet of the season on December 3, beating Creekside High, University Christian, Providence and Baldwin High in the lead up to the regional competition set for December 17. The team is comprised of (front, l-r) Brittany Sapp, Tiffany Braddy, Myriah Lane, Shelby Kurh, (back) Morgan McDuffie, Katie Lewis, Madison Roberts, Kayla Sampley, Mattie Perry, Shelby Mechum and (not pictured) Chelsea Thompson. Coached by Dedra Carrington, the squad hopes to capture its second state championship in February in Kissimmee. The regionals will be on December 17.

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