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CIRCUIT COURT

Three years for multiple burglaries

A Glen St. Mary man was sent off to prison for three years after pleading no contest in circuit court on January 17 to his role in multiple vehicle burglaries in north Macclenny last spring.

Connor McClean, 29, was charged in May with six counts of burglary and theft — both felony and misdemeanor — and a single count of dealing in stolen property. Judge Phyllis Rosier ordered him to a three-year probation term following release, with drug offender sanctions attached.

His co-defendant Andrew Cardenas, 30, was sentenced in November to three years after entering a similar plea. Most of the overnight burglaries in late March took place in subdivisions off North Boulevard and others on Milton St. in the east city.

In another plea that drew a state prison sentence, Judge Rosier ordered Lewis S. Churchville, 52, of Macclenny to serve 18 months for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

The state dropped a companion charge of using a firearm while impaired.

Mr. Churchville, who has a lengthy arrest record, pleaded no contest and will be on a drug offender probation for 18 months following release. He was also ordered to pay a \$2000 fine.

He was arrested in June, 2011 for shooting a gun into the air near his Tall Pine Rd. residence. The arresting officer said Mr. Churchville was drunk at the time.

His record includes convictions for felony driving on a suspended license, drunk driving and both misdemeanor and

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New jail fiscal picture is brightening

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The Baker Correctional Development Corporation, buoyed by consistently high occupancy at the county jail, continues to make money, pay down its debt and have an optimistic outlook for the future.

During the final three months of 2011, the Baker County Sheriff's Complex just north of Macclenny on SR 228 housed an average daily inmate population of 443 prisoners, about 60 percent from Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

BCDC's finance manager, Jeffrey Cox, presented the results of the nonprofit corporation's most recent audit January 18 to its board of directors. He said the 512-bed jail made more than \$1 million during the fiscal year that ended September 30, 2011.

"Everything was really clean and turned out really well," Mr. Cox said of the annual audit, noting that the auditor, LBA Certified Public Accountants,



P.A. of Jacksonville, made a roughly \$10,000 adjustment to BCDC's financial records.

"That's pretty minor on a \$13 million budget," he said.

The corporation ended the 2010-11 fiscal year with \$42,493,231 in total assets and \$47,783,761 in total liabilities, leading to a total net deficit of \$5,290,530, which is \$1,049,329 less than the previous year.

The corporation's assets include income, accounts re-

ceivable and capital assets like buildings and land; while the liabilities consist of outstanding bond debt from the \$45 million used to buy land and construct the Baker County Sheriff's Complex, accounts payable and outstanding loans.

The facility's operating revenue, however, outstripped operating expenses by \$4,650,507 during the fiscal year.

The board did not immediately approve the audit report so members would have an

opportunity to review it. It arrive the same day as the panel's quarterly meeting. The board did, however, authorize submitting the report to bondholders along with the caveat it has not been formally approved.

Mr. Cox also reviewed for the board the corporation's progress in meeting the obligations of a bond forbearance agreement signed roughly one year ago, and paying down other debts.

The forbearance agreement

gave BCDC the flexibility to make interest-only bond payments through February 1, 2013, when about \$3.5 million in back principal will come due.

Still, during the last year, BCDC has made timely interest payments in addition to principal payments that will reduce the interest that would otherwise be owed on the principal in forbearance, Mr. Cox said.

A bond analysis presented to the board shows that BCDC

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Arbor Day 2012

River birch is tree of choice

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Florida Arbor Day arrived at Macclenny Elementary the afternoon of January 19 when students lent many a helping hand to plant four river birch trees in the school's backyard while learning about them from county forester Andy Lamborn of the Florida Forest Service.

Two hundred and sixty nine students in all were briefed about the history of Arbor Day and trees themselves — how they clean the air, soak up water and nutrients from the soil and contribute to many, many things we use everyday, including toothbrushes and paper products.

Groups of four classes at a time gathered outside their classrooms around a pre-dug hole and potted river birch tree, which Mr. Lamborn said was chosen over other varieties because of its heartiness.

"It can handle just about anything," he said.



Above, Joel Harrell (left) and Tabitha Chandler water the river birch tree. At left, county forester Andy Lamborn prepares it for planting.

The soil at Macclenny Elementary is rich with clay, likely used as fill material during the school's construction, but the river birch can still thrive there. It's also cold tolerant.

National Arbor Day is celebrated on the last Friday in April, while Florida Arbor Day, the first arbor day observance in the nation along with Louisiana's, is marked on the third Friday of January. Both holidays are often marked by planting trees.

January is an ideal time of year for planting trees in Florida because they are dormant, or not growing, and lose less water through evaporation, both of which gives them a greater ability to withstand the stress of transplanting.

The final group of Macclenny Elementary students to help plant a river birch tree were the third grade classes of Beverly Rentz, Ms. Haller, Ms. Dorman and Ms. Rambo.

After hearing about Florida Arbor Day and the important roles trees play in the environment and our lives, Mr. Lamborn removed the river birch, which was purchased at Hagan Ace Hardware in Macclenny, from its pot and placed it into the freshly dug hole.

He explained how one should avoid packing down the soil when burying the roots of the tree as fellow ranger Ryan Mason scooped dirt into the hole with a shovel.

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Layoffs, cutbacks underway at BCHD

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The Baker County Health Department began implementing its workforce reduction plan last week, eliminating 15 positions and cutting the hours of three more.

The plan also reclassified four supervisory positions to career service positions due to the loss in staff. Those employees will experience a reduction in benefits.

Affected employees were notified January 20 of the changes, which are expected to save the department \$615,786 annually. That's about 13.4 percent of the department's \$4.6 million budget.

The health department's staff has been saddened by the layoffs, said Kerry Dunlavey, the agency's top administrator.

"I am very sad that we could not have saved these jobs," she said. "The continuous general revenue cuts were very difficult for us. We need to be very sensitive to the employees being laid off and we're doing everything we can to find them jobs."

Representatives from WorkSource and other counselors have been at the health department on West Lowder Street

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paid \$1,030,000 in principal in 2011 with another principal payment of \$855,000 expected by the end of this month.

Mr. Cox said that payment would leave a \$420,000 balance on the \$1,185,000 in 2012 principal under forbearance.

"We'll make that payment in August," he said of the balance, adding that BCDC is "on track" to meet the forbearance obligations, which include pledging \$35,000 monthly to a bond reserve fund.

The bond reserve fund should be maintained at \$3,566,000, but its balance as of January 10 was \$1,057,960. Mr. Cox projected the reserve fund to meet that threshold in May 2018, or sooner if monthly payments increase.

The reserves were depleted in the two years after the facility began operations in the summer of 2009, before Immigration and Customs Enforcement detainees started arriving in larger numbers.

Notwithstanding the forbearance agreement, BCDC's monthly bond obligations — principal payments, interest payments and bond reserve fund payments — total about \$425,000.

"We've been doing that for the last 12 to 14 months," Mr. Cox said.

The finance manager predicted that BCDC's net income for the 2011-12 could top \$1.6 million should current trends continue.

Board members voiced once again their appreciation to the facility's healthcare contractor,

Armor Correctional Health Services, and not charging BCDC interest on late payments to the company.

Mr. Cox said Armor is still owed about \$745,000.

Other outstanding debts to Ajax Building Corporation, which built the complex, First National Bank of Tom Bean and the Baker County Commission, which loaned BCDC funds for utility upgrades at the facility, and two companies through which property, vehicle and liability insurance is financed totaled \$757,494 as of December 31, 2011.

Arbor Day event...

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Then it was time to take volunteers.

Hands shot up as Mr. Lamborn selected two youths at a time to drench the soil with larger watering cans. Once the water began pooling around the newly planted tree, the eager students, who inched closer and closer to the tree as the session progressed, were asked to get their hands dirty spreading mulch.

With the planting complete, the third graders thanked Mr. Lamborn, Mr. Mason, master gardener Mac McDaniel and Baker County Extension Service Horticulture agent Alicia Lamborn for their visit before stomping off their feet and heading into the media center nearby.

The county and University of Florida sponsored extension service has joined the Florida Forest Service, which paid for the new plantings, for four years now, planting 39 trees at Macclenny Elementary, Keller Intermediate School and the PreK-Kindergarten Center.

"They will one day provide shade for playgrounds and help schools save on energy costs," Ms. Lamborn said. "The program itself teaches students about the importance of trees and their many uses by humans and wildlife, including the use of plant

parts to make products that we all use each day."

Some tips for tree planting and care in Florida:

- Irrigation is especially important in Florida for trees and speeds up their establishment in the environment at the right watering frequency and quantity. Frequent irrigation benefits transplanted trees more than large volumes of water infrequently applied.
- It takes trees four to eight months to become established. The following irrigation schedule is recommended — daily for two weeks, every other day for two months, twice weekly for two to three months and then weekly until established.
- When soil drains poorly, a set irrigation schedule may not be practical. Instead, monitor the soil for changes in moisture level caused by rainfall. In the first few months after planting, do not skip an irrigation because of rainfall, unless it measures over 1 inch. Essentially, the root balls of newly planted trees must not be allowed to dry out, nor should they be saturated.
- For more information about planting and watering trees, call Ms. Lamborn at 259-3520.

"Every program area took a cut," she said.

The department's IT worker was reduced from full-time to part-time.

A field staffer and secretary were cut from environmental health, leaving the office's director, Terry Graham, as the only employee in that area.

His office will also move from the county administration building to the courthouse complex to save \$7222 in overhead costs.

Four supervisors classified as "senior management supervisors," which receive 176 hours in annual leave and 104 hours in sick leave each year, were demoted to the career service classification.

They'll now have to earn sick and annual leave time and contribute more to their health insurance coverage.

A women's nurse practitioner was reduced from full-time to part-time. A dentist working four days a week will now be available half that time.

A dental hygienist who resigned last month will not be replaced.

A part-time secretary and home visitation worker with the Healthy Start program were eliminated.

Also laid off were a part-time clerk, lab technician, medical assistant, nurse, records clerk, billing clerk and two interview clerks.

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BCHD cutbacks...

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this week to offer assistance with job searches and applying for unemployment benefits. A job fair is planned for next week.

"The Chamber [of Commerce] has been very helpful as well as the state hospital," said Ms. Dunlavey. "The employees here are very desirable. They're great employees. It's just hard economic times."

Among those affected by the layoffs and reductions were clerks, supervisors, nurses, a computer technician, medical assistant, lab technician and dentist.

A dozen of those affected reside in Baker County, Ms. Dunlavey said, with others commuting from surrounding counties.

The health department will also begin outsourcing its laboratory function to Fraser Hospital and CHC Labs, also in Macclenny, during the coming month.

"They are more than willing to accept our clients," said Ms. Dunlavey. "We did [in-house lab work] for the convenience of the clients, but we always had to supplement it. And there just isn't any more money to supplement it."

The health department intends to stop, at least temporarily, accepting new clients with private health insurance as well.

New Medicaid clients will still be welcome, Ms. Dunlavey said. "We'll re-evaluate that in a few months to see how it goes," she added. "We have a reduction in staff and we need to make sure the clients we have, that we can continue to serve them well."

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3 years for thefts

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felony drug charges.

In other cases:

- Mary Thornton pleaded no contest to petty theft and will be on probation six months. The sentence also includes doing 10 hours of community service and holding a sign in a public place for two hours.
- Pamela Thomas will be on administrative probation 18 months for bringing marijuana into Baker Correctional and misdemeanor possession.

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'Sense of the board' is needed on cuts in next year's budgets

There's a time-honored practice used by Congress that conveys the sentiment of a majority of members.

It's not legislation and it's not binding, merely an expression of the will of members. It puts the House and Senate on record.

It's call a Sense of Congress resolution.

Now that the new year is underway, it'd be a good time for the Baker County Commission to consider what we'll call a Sense of the Commission resolution.

The board should go on the record soon, a full half-year before 2012-13 budget deliberations begin, on what it expects from its department chiefs and from the county's five constitutional officers.

How about this? A ten percent reduction from the 2011-12 budget approved last fall — across the board, every department.

The goal is to avoid a debate again this fall over whether — and how much — the county can dip into a reserve fund that has shrunk from \$12 million three years ago to about half that.

The county board should take the position, early this year with its Sense of the Commission resolution, that the surplus is untouchable. Further, the surplus will be used for emergencies only, and the fact that various departments and constitutional officers say they "can't" cut ten percent does not constitute an "emergency."

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Abandon 'What's in it for me'

Dear Editor:
Reading the ongoing discussion in *The Press*, I have a question: "Is this all about you?"

We can discuss that the private sector has been devastated since 2008 and that some have lost everything. We can discuss that the public sector is now taking hits. We can discuss that as a county, state and country, we are broke. We can discuss that we are leaving our children an unsustainable debt and future that is far less than what we were given.

We can discuss "What is in it for me?" or we can come together and work to fix what is broken. We need to honor our commitments, our public employee agreements, retirees benefits or the future for generations to come.

We cannot continue to spend as we have in the past; we see where that has gotten us. Hard decisions have to be made, waste has to be identified and cut and changes have to take place.

One suggestion I have made to multiple legislators is to change the way our schools are designed. We spend approximately \$100 million each year in architectural/engineering cost to design schools. My company has built a lot of these schools over the years, some of them are Taj Mahals. We need to stop this practice and it may affect my business bottom line, but it needs to happen.

When the issue of privatization comes back up

at NEFSH, we can fight to leave it as is, watch it get taken over by a private company or we can become proactive and form a corporation owned by the employees to take control of it.

Why not do the same with the prisons or any agency looking at privatization? Putting destiny in our own hands is what this country was built on. I bet the support would be there from our legislators, the employees and the taxpayers.

You see the effect of "It is all about me." The private sector is devastated and now the public sector is taking the hits. We are broke.

We are in this together.

I for one will work with whomever I need to secure the future for our children and future generations and fix the problems.

I will not stand on one side and take shots at the other side as our county, state and nation are in dire straits.

If you would like to work together, please let me know so we can get started.

The question is are you willing to make changes in order to ensure the survival of our county, state, and country for future generations?

Or is it "What is in it for me?"

Jay Jacobs, Chairman
Baker County Tea Party
Glen St. Mary
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After the show was over, in addition to the usual handshakes and congratulations, people wanted to talk. They wanted to talk about stories that were in the show and stories that had been left out.

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Mrs. Daniels is a well-known black educator in the county. During the 1940s she refused to accept that education for black students ended with the 8th grade. As an 11-year-old, every day she rode the Greyhound bus to Lake City and walked over a mile to Richardson High School. She went on to college and finally taught at Central Elementary, Sanderson Elementary and Westside Elementary. Her story is one of courage and determination and it was an honor to tell her story and to recognize her at our production.

I hope that people learned a lot about the history of our county by watching the production. We certainly did.

Thanks to everyone who spent so much time putting the production together and to those folks who came to the show and shared their stories with us. It was a special moment for all of us in the cast and crew.

We made a DVD of the production during the rehearsal process and it sold like hotcakes. We had it ready for sale on the second weekend of the run and sold out of 60 we had made. DVDs of Baker County, Fla.: 1861-1961 are available by calling BCHS at 259-6286.

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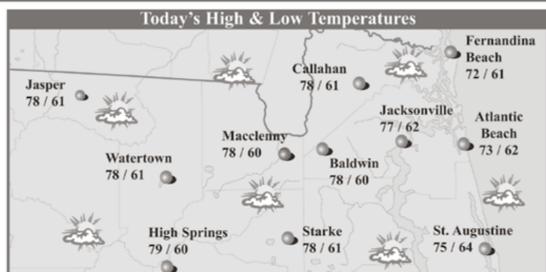
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The Baker County Press Weather

Seven Day Forecast table with columns for day, weather, high, and low. Days include Thursday through Wednesday.



Last Week's Local Almanac table with columns for Day, High, Low, Normals, and Precip. Includes precipitation data for various days.

Sun/Moon Chart This Week table with columns for Day, Sunrise, and Sunset. Includes moon phase icons.

St. Mary's River Levels and Hunting/Fishing Times tables.

Weather History table for Jan. 26, 1983, detailing weather conditions and precipitation.

Eighteen apply for assistance from city's rehab grant

MIKE ANDERSON PRESS STAFF

Eighteen homeowners in neighborhoods throughout Macclenny met a January 20 deadline for applications seeking a slice of a \$700,000 federal grant pie targeting substandard housing in need of rehabilitation.

NEW RIVER SOLID WASTE

Assets increase by \$2 million

JOEL ADDINGTON NEWS EDITOR

The New River Solid Waste Association's latest audit showed more than \$2 million in asset growth, but also recurring non-compliance with state statutes.

There were two instances of non-compliance with Florida Statutes included in the auditor's report — one regarding the waiving of tipping fees and another concerning how the association disperses dividends to member counties, which include Baker, Bradford and Union counties.

Country Federal Credit Union advertisement for Platinum Visa, featuring a 7.24% APR and various benefits like REWARD Points and 0% APR on balance transfers.

Conflicts among donors? To Adkins, Dean campaign chests

JOEL ADDINGTON NEWS EDITOR

Both of Baker County's state legislators are up for re-election this fall and each amassed thousands of dollars in campaign contributions last year, some from interests tied to bills they've filed this session.



Senator Dean (left) and Representative Adkins at a delegation meeting in Macclenny in 2010.

Florida House Representative Janet Adkins (R-Fernandina Beach) is a charter school advocate and filed a bill last month to funnel a larger share of local and state education funding to charter schools.

Ms. Adkins serves on the K-12 Education Appropriations Subcommittee and received some \$4425 in campaign contributions in 2011 from organizations or people involved in education, \$2000 of which came from organizations linked to the charter school movement, state records show.

Those contributions made up only about 5.5 percent of the \$80,863 in campaign contributions Ms. Adkins raised last year. Still, the representative has proposed a bill to "correct many inequities relating to school funding for public charter schools in Florida," according to a December 8 press release from Ms. Adkins about HB 903.

On average, the release states, public charter schools get only 65 percent of the per student funding that traditional public schools receive. It goes on to say that federal funding towards charter school students is not distributed in a timely manner or, at times, at all. The proposed law would require school boards to pass the funding to charter schools within 60 days.

Among Ms. Adkins' other top contributors were consultants, \$8500; manufacturers, \$4450; political action committees including the Baker County Republican Committee, \$3750; and healthcare-related groups and individuals, \$3750.

Florida Senator Charlie Dean's (R-Inverness) largest

Turning box tops into cash

JOEL ADDINGTON NEWS EDITOR

The next time you're at the grocery store consider this: what product you buy can bring cash directly to Baker County schools.

Kathy Richardson, a teacher's aide at Baker County Middle School, has spearheaded an effort there since 2007 to collect box top coupons from certain products and redeem them for checks from manufacturers through Box Tops for Education.

Last month, the middle school received a check for \$1273 from the program and Westside Elementary earned some \$1500. The program's website, www.boxtops4education.com, boasts that \$59 million was distributed nationwide in 2011.

"It's like turning trash into cash," said Ms. Richardson. Each box top coupon, available on hundreds of products from sandwich bags and paper products to food and office supplies, is worth 10 cents. The products may be purchased in a store or online for virtual box tops.

"General Mills started it, but it's grown to other brands," said Ms. Richardson. Anyone can participate by sending box top coupons to the program coordinators, like Ms. Richardson, at local schools. They can be contacted by e-mail through the program's website after registering.

The middle school, Keller Intermediate, Macclenny Elementary, Westside Elementary and

the PreK-Kinderergarten Center all have coordinators. Each school has earned more than \$1000 in the 2011-12 school year, according to the website.

The website also features printable coupons for specific products and sweepstakes for



schools to win as many as 250,000 bonus box tops, which would mean \$25,000 for a local school. Checks are distributed twice a year, but box tops can be collected year round.

The next check distribution, for coupons submitted between October 31 and February 28, will occur in the spring. Those submitted between March 1 and October 30 will be counted for a payment next December.

Ms. Richardson said the middle school's goal is to reach \$2000 for the current cycle. "A lot of it has been just a few students supporting it who get really excited about it," she said.

"But if we get more students involved, it can be really big."

Most recently the box tops program funded a banner touting the middle school status as an A-rated school and items for the school's Positive Behavior Support program, which is used to reward students displaying good behavior.

Another program similar to Box Tops 4 Education is Campbell's Labels for Education.

The labels program accepts UPC, or Universal Price Codes, from about 50 products to earn points. The points can then be used to shop for academic, art and athletics merchandise online. The merchandise catalog includes supplies like globes, paint brushes, books and basketballs.

Frozen chicken producer Tyson has yet another program, Project A+, in which the company's labels may be redeemed for 24 cents apiece to benefit local schools.

More information about the above education support programs can be found at the following websites — boxtops4education.com, labelsforeducation.com and projectaplus.tyson.com — or by calling a local school.

Brittany Barton Massage Therapist advertisement listing services like Valentine's Special, 1 Hour Couples Massage for \$90.00, and 30 minute Neck, Back & Shoulder Massage for \$50.00.

Baker Guns & Gold Pawn advertisement featuring a 'We need your GOLD!' headline and listing services like loan, buy, and sell.

vided per the agreement, based on the percentage of waste from each member county, Baker County would face a liability of about \$1.4 million.

Both issues have been noted in previous audits since 2009. Ms. Douglas said instances of non-compliance repeated in three consecutive annual audits must be reported to the state. She told the board to expect a letter from regulators.

In other business the evening: The board renewed its contract with SP Recycling of Gainesville, which collects recyclables from 36 collection sites in the member counties, for three years. The company pays New River about \$15,000 a month for the materials and uses trucks and equipment owned by the landfill, Mr. O'Neal said.

"We get very few complaints, and those we do, they respond to rapidly," he told the board.

The inter-local agreement between the member counties also does not specify how dividend payments are determined or distributed, which is contrary to state law, she said.

Currently, the association budgets an annual amount for dividends, splits the amount equally three ways and disburses the portions in 12 monthly payments.

Similarly, Ms. Douglas said, the inter-local agreement fails to address how liabilities, like unfunded future monitoring costs, would be divided among the member counties after closure.

Today, investments set aside for such costs fall \$3.8 million short of the projected need. Should the unfunded amount be divided as assets are to be divided, the association has avoided doing in the

The Reason Behind the Race: Layla Williams is the daughter of Judge Joey & Anna Williams. Layla is a two year old little girl who was diagnosed with ALL Leukemia on March 15, 2010. While the treatments have been long and the hospital stays have been many, she remains a cheerful and active little girl.

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Girlfriend is charged Attacks man, tosses belongings

Police arrested a Macclenny woman the evening of January 21 for domestic battery on her live-in boyfriend at their North Lowder St. residence.

Deputy Matt Yarborough said when he arrived at the scene about 8:30 he found Timothy Gross, 40, and his 12-year-old daughter standing in the front yard. Mr. Gross had swelling on his right face that he said was due to Eugina Godwin, 30, striking him with a closed fist during an argument.

Mr. Gross said he and the accused had been out drinking, and the girlfriend became irate over the presence of the daughter. She then tossed out property belonging both to Mr. Gross and his daughter.

Deputy Yarborough located the intoxicated Ms. Godwin passed out in a bedroom and arrested her. Deputies responded to several other domestic battery calls the past week:

• Joshua Heppner, 23, was arrested the evening of January 17 for allegedly striking girlfriend Melanee Combs, 23, in the eye and kicking her on the leg during an altercation at their residence on Irene Yarborough Lane north of Glen St. Mary.

Deputy Ben Anderson said the interior of their residence was ransacked and the screen of a television shattered, all of which the girlfriend alleged took place when Mr. Heppner became enraged.

In addition to the domestic battery charge, he was arrested on an outstanding Baker County warrant for failure to appear on a traffic charge. The Department of Children and Families was notified because the couple's child and another belonging to Ms. Combs, ages 2 and 4, witnessed the incident.

• Deputy Anderson arrested John Lepeak, 50, of Sanderson for violating a domestic violence re-

straining order by being at the residence of his estranged wife Sherrie, 41, on L'il Dixie Lane in the north county.

He was found there about midnight on January 21.

• A criminal complaint was filed the afternoon of January 17 naming Kenneth Barron, 22, of Macclenny for domestic battery at his Deerwood Circle residence.

The accused's 16-year-old sister told Deputy Clements Leo he struck her three times on the head just after noon when she attempted to place a window air conditioner back after her brother pushed it out onto the ground.

The brother had fled the scene when police arrived.

• Deputy Patrick McGauley filed a complaint for felony aggravated battery on an elderly person against an 11-year-old boy for striking a 72-year-old woman at their residence off Smokey Rd. the afternoon of January 18.

The boy allegedly slapped her on the face during an argument. The victim is related by marriage to the accused.

• Deputy Yarbrough filed a domestic battery complaint against the 49-year-old father accused of attacking his daughter, 17, during an argument over money the evening of January 17.

The father was gone when police arrived at the residence on MLK Dr. in west Macclenny about 9 pm, and the daughter ended up in custody when Deputy Yarbrough learned she was wanted on a Baker County warrant for a charge that was unspecified because of her age.

Firearm was a pellet pistol

Three men and a juvenile male were arrested and a criminal complaint was filed against a second juvenile male following an armed and racially tinged confrontation north of Sanderson late in the afternoon of January 19.

Deputy Robert Simpkins said he responded to a report of a black male threatening others with a handgun about 5 pm, and that he and two others left the scene in a silver or light blue Buick.

The officer minutes later attempted to stop a vehicle matching that description on nearby Tony Givens Rd., and the two occupants fled on foot after parking in a driveway.

One of the witnesses, Aaron Davis, said he recognized one of the occupants and directed the

officer to a residence at Cove St. and CR 229 where the mother of the suspects, ages 17 and 16, said she would summon them to be questioned.

They, in turn, identified the third occupant of the Buick as Chauntel Paulk Jr., 20, of Jacksonville and he was detained by Deputy Koty Crews, who noted the suspect rode by on a bicycle when he was questioning witnesses.

Mr. Paulk took the officer to the residence of his aunt, where he had hidden a pellet pistol in an abandoned vehicle. He told Deputy Crews he pointed it at the others during the confrontation on Cove St. because they had come towards him with shovels and pipes.

Mr. Paulk and the 17-year-old were arrested for disorderly

conduct, as were Gary Davis, 25, and Kenneth Barnes, 26, both of north Sanderson. The latter two are white, Mr. Paulk and the two juveniles are black.

A criminal complaint for the same offense was filed against the younger brother and he was released to his mother.

Three other persons were arrested the past week, all at county jail on outstanding warrants:

• Joevita Staley, 38, of Lake City on a Columbia County warrant for violation of probation; • Jason Perry, 26, of Macclenny on a Duval County warrant for grand theft, pawn fraud and dealing in stolen property; • Brandy Jones, 28, of Sanderson on a bond surrender for battery and criminal mischief.

Batteries by patients at NEFSH

Criminal complaints for battery were forwarded to the state attorney's office following attacks by mental patients at Northeast Florida State Hospital on successive days beginning January 19.

One of the incidents involved a hospital employee; the other two involved fellow patients.

Amber Linster, 25, of Sanderson told Deputy Daryl Mobley she was choked by a 41-year-old female patient who jumped on her back and held her in a head lock until other staff intervened.

The incident occurred the morning of January 20. The officer noted several scratches about the face of the victim.

The previous day, a 35-year-old female patient was named in a complaint for attacking a fellow patient, also female and 35. The victim told Deputy Mobley she was struck on the head by her attacker while they stood in a medication line that evening.

A complaint was filed naming

a 28-year-old male patient for attacking two fellow male patients,

ages 35 and 25, the morning of January 21.

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Copper stolen from FPL yard

Florida Power and Light reported to the sheriff's department on January 19 that someone cut through a perimeter fence at the transformer station on Jonathan St. in Macclenny and made off with an estimated \$700 worth of copper wire.

The wire was stripped from the fence area where it was installed as a grounding device, a company employee told Deputy Jeremiah Combs. He estimated damage to the fence at \$1000.

The theft occurred after January 1.

In other recent incidents:

• Wesley Zipperer, 23, of Macclenny was arrested for criminal mischief after he admitted damaging a window air conditioning unit at a residence on Mud Lake Rd. occupied by ex-girlfriend Crystal Sheffield.

She told Deputy Tony Norman she was awakened about 12:15 am on January 19 to the sound of someone pounding on a door and another occupant, Chad Griffin, went outside and found no one.

Later that morning, Ms. Sheffield found a text message from Mr. Zipperer that he was drunk and upset, and was coming to her residence.

Interviewed later, the ex-boyfriend admitted damaging the unit valued at \$800.

• Charlotte Smith reported \$140 taken from her parked Dodge van on E. Ohio St. in Mac-

clenny on January 17 or 18. An air compressor was taken from her nearby residence about the same time.

There is a suspect.

• Troy Gaskins returned to his residence on Fry Lane north of Sanderson after an absence of about ten hours on January 20 and discovered his television had been stolen.

Deputy Chris Walker said the front door was pried open to gain entry. The television was valued at \$250.

• There was no sign of forced entry at the residence of Julie Theophile on Susie Ct. in Macclenny, where a \$200 Nintendo unit was stolen the morning of January 19.

Deputy Earl Lord said the victim believes she knows who took it but declined to give a name.

• Alicia Morris said she suspects a male who had been at her residence on Lincoln Ave. in Glen St. Mary is responsible for

the theft of \$60 from her purse. The person was there about mid-day on January 20.

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Administrator pay increase

Others in district get hikes also

MIKE ANDERSON PRESS STAFF

A few weeks after classroom teachers and other unionized school district employees got their pay raises, school administrators and another group of non-union workers now have theirs.

The school board approved the latest round of 2011-12 salaries, which included annual step increases and one-time bonuses for all school administrators and district officials, at the January 17 board meeting held at Sanderson Congregational Holiness Church.

The bonuses for administrators, termed "educational leaders" in district parlance, and for those in a group classified as confidential employees are the same as those that were approved on January 3 for teachers and union workers in non-instructional positions.

In addition to their automatic annual step increase, administrators will be paid a one-time bonus of \$100 for those on steps 0-24, and a \$700 one-time payment for those on step 25 who are no longer eligible for the annual raise.

Confidential employees, which include principals' secretaries and district office personnel, were granted a \$100 bonus for those who receive a step increase and a \$500 one-time payment for others who have topped out on the pay scale and are ineligible for another step increase.

Marcelle Richardson, executive director for support services, said a couple of dozen employees are classified as administrators, which includes all school principals, assistant principals and district office administrators. All are on a 25-step pay schedule.

Their salaries depend, as they

do teachers, on the highest academic degree they have earned. For example, those with a bachelor's degree are paid \$41,626 the first year up to \$71,878 at step 25. Those with a doctorate at year one earn \$47,471, which increases to \$77,723 25 years later.

The confidential employee class, Mrs. Richardson said, consists of about 20 workers and includes the superintendent's secretary and office staff in the personnel, finance and transportation departments. Some are on an 18-step plan and others are on an 11-step plan, she said.

For example, the school bus garage manager is on an 11-step salary schedule, which begins at \$48,515 a year. The salary increases to \$55,877 at step 11.

The executive secretary to the superintendent is on an 18-step plan ranging from \$35,987 the first year to a maximum \$44,918. All other secretaries also are on an 18-step plan, but the salaries are different depending upon how much training and experience each one has and whether they work 240 or 261 days a year.

In other business that evening, the school board:

• Approved a memorandum of understanding with the American Society of Transportation and Logistics. The document specifies the responsibilities of each party in support of building a global logistics career academy at Baker County High School.

According to the agreement, training should include, but not be limited to, "foreign language, international culture, safety, finance, international trade regulations, the how-to of exporting, entrepreneurship, marketing, manufacturing processes, supply chain management and other offerings, depending on the needs of the geographic region and its port/hub and businesses."

• Approved a renewal inter-agency agreement with the Florida Department of Children & Families, Partnership for Strong Families Inc., First Coast Workforce Development Inc., the Florida Agency for Persons with

Disabilities and Department of Juvenile Justice.

• Approved the 2011 Internal Accounts Audit Report, which generally was a positive report although auditors recommended changes in the way cash collections are handled to correct a "material weakness" in procedures.

"Some school employees who maintain accounting records also handle cash collections, co-sign checks and reconcile bank statement balances to the accounting records," the report stated. "Consequently, the possibility exists that unintentional errors or irregularities could exist and not be promptly detected."

Auditors recommended strengthening internal control over cash transactions by separating duties among employees.

"While we acknowledge that personnel may not always be available to permit such a separation of employee duties and responsibilities, we think it is important that you are made aware of this condition," the auditors wrote. "We noted that some principals are reviewing bank reconciliations in order to help compensate for the lack of segregation of duties."

The report went on to state that principals are encouraged to "require that the bank statements be routed to them unopened and

that they examine the cancelled checks (or check copies) for alterations or unusual payees."

The district's response to the findings and recommendations was brief: "We acknowledge that incompatible duties cannot always be adequately separated and will do our best to provide compensating controls."

A final comment came at the end of the report, in which auditors disclosed a condition at Baker County High that was in conflict with a Florida Department of Education policy governing internal accounts.

The DOE policy, auditors said, "requires that all money collected by the school must be substantiated by pre-numbered receipts, consecutively numbered class receipt records, reports of monies collected, pre-numbered tickets, reports of tickets issued and sold or other auditable records."

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SPECIAL EXCEPTION

Chevella Reed Young is applying for a Special Exception for her property located at 620 S. 9th Street, Macclenny, FL. The purpose of this Special Exception is to open a day care center. A Zoning Adjustment Board meeting will be held on February 6, 2012 at 6:00 PM at City Hall. Any support or objections will be heard at this time.

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A 'life-long' learner Keller's top teacher Cary Padgett

Keller Intermediate School's Teacher of the Year says her late father's illiteracy was one of several factors that sent her on the path of a self-described "life-long learner."

Carylon (Cary) Padgett has yet another unique perspective on education — she entered the teaching field from the business world. For 25 years after she graduated from the University of South Florida in Tampa, Ms. Padgett was in the apartment and property management industry, and often found herself in a teaching role there as well.

"I am a product of change through education," the honoree wrote recently in an essay on her teaching philosophy. "I was the seventh child of an illiterate father and a mother who finished 5th grade. I was the first [in the family] to graduate from high school and the only one to acquire a college education."

"In third grade, I made a vow that I would change my backwoods dialect, not knowing that this would lead to a life-long journey of learning and change my world."

Ms. Padgett's parents had deep north Florida roots — her father from a Clay County family and her mother from Union County. The family lived in the Baxter area for part of her childhood, then moved to Tampa.

Since her return to Baker County, Cary Padgett has gone right back to her childhood milieu. She lives on Moccasin Circle in Baxter where she has two horses and indulges in her favorite past time riding on the fringe of the great Okefenokee and in the refuge area.

Since joining the school system six years ago, she has carved out a position as an ESE support facilitator, which translates to working with the special ed students in eight classrooms, concentrating in small groups on math and reading.

The position is an off-shoot of the state's program for "mainstreaming" special ed children into regular classrooms and giving them concentrated doses of instruction in those critical areas.

Single, Cary Padgett involves herself with more



Top Keller teacher Cary Padgett works with eight classes daily of special ed students, focusing on math, reading.

than 30 nephews and nieces, other family members and her church. Her first two years of college before USF were at a Bible school in Tennessee and she remains a deep religious faith.

"I love people. When I go to Walmart or a rodeo, I love it when kids and their parents come up to me — the kids looking for a hug," she says. "I tell my students you can be successful, you can do it. It's important to me that I'm a stable role model; I have a strict code of conduct."

Ms. Padgett is one of six nominees for the county-wide Teacher of the Year title. Others are Vivian Lucas at PreK, Cheryl Rhoden at Westside, Cleonor Cumpston at Macclenny, Glenda Scallan at BCMS and Kelley Norman at the high school.

Boy slightly hurt when struck by car outside of Walmart

A 10-year-old Glen St. Mary boy was slightly injured the evening of January 22 when he was struck in the leg by a backing vehicle in the parking lot of Walmart on South 6th in Macclenny.

Thomas Suggs was treated and released from Fraser Hospital with what was described as a "very minor" injury to his left knee.

His grandfather James Adcock, 72, also of Glen, told Deputy Robert Aberly they were exiting the store from the north entrance about 6 pm when a grey four-door car struck the boy.

The car had been parked near the entrance. Mr. Adcock said he hit the vehicle with his hands to stop it, and the driver halted briefly before driving off.

Mr. Adcock did not get a license number.

A surveillance video of the parking lot was not immediately available.

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

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,
vs.
JON W ATWOOD, MERCANTILE BANK DIV OF CAROLINA FIRST, WENNY ATWOOD, UNKNOWN TENANT (S), IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 2nd 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, WENNY ATWOOD and UNKNOWN TENANT (S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are the 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, 399 E. Macclenny Ave., Macclenny, FL., 11:00 AM on the 15th day of February, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 2 LANCASTER GLEN ACCORDING TO THE PLAN 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 day of January 13, 2012
AL FRASER
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Jamie Crews
Deputy Clerk

Submitted by:
Attorney for Plaintiff:
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Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309
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1/26-2/2

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 02-2011-CP-001

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF FREEDA ELLEN VANN a/k/a FREEDA E. VANN, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(Summary Administration)
TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of FREEDA ELLEN VANN a/k/a FREEDA E. VANN. File Number CASE NO. 02-2011-CP-001, by the Circuit Court for Baker County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 330 East Bay Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32202; that the total value of the estate is the homestead property and safe deposit box and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

Name: Marlene Vann, Address: 9702 S. Clinton Avenue, Glen St. Mary, FL 32040

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent must file their claims with this court WITHIN THIRTY MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED

The date of the first publication of this Notice is January 19, 2012.

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Bureau # 183470
Persons Giving Notice:
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Rev. Timothy C. Patterson
1136 Coppergate Place
Macclenny, FL 32063
1/19-1/26

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.
CASE NO. 02-2012-CP-0002

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF THELMA LEE FISH, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of THELMA LEE FISH, deceased, whose date of death was March 2011 and whose Social Security Number is xxx-xx-8164, is pending in the Circuit Court for Baker County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 339 East Macclenny Ave., Macclenny, FL 32063. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is January 26, 2012.

GLENDIA FISH REIMS
Personal Representative
CAROL FISH HARRELL
Personal Representative
VEDA FISH DOPSON
Personal Representative

HUGH D. FISH, JR.
FLORIDA BAR NO. 0242861
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ATTORNEY FOR ESTATE
1/26-2/2

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 02-2009-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).

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, wherein 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 (K/A Mercantile Bank, are defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on ALL SALES WILL BE HELD AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE, 399 E. MACCLENNEY AVE., MACCLENNEY, FL 32063. THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER MUST PAY AT LEAST 3% 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 15th day of February, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 10, COPPER CREEK HILLS, UNIT 3, ACCORDING TO THE PLAN THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGES 69 AND 70, 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 in Baker County, Florida this 16th day of January, 2012.
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Jamie Crews
Deputy Clerk

Attorney for Plaintiff
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10-60214

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Writ of Execution issued in the County Court of Baker County, Florida, on the 20th day of December, 2011, in the cause wherein, COUNTRY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, was plaintiff, and VICTORIA RUISE, was defendant, being Case No. 02-2008-CA-0024 in said Court, I, Joey B. Dobson, as Sheriff of Baker County, Florida have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the party named in the Writ of Execution, Victoria Ruisse, in and to the following described personal property, to-wit:

2004 Blue Nissan Maxima 4 door
VIN: 1N64A1E24CR9846
(NOTE: Anyone interested in viewing the vehicle being sold may do so 45 minutes prior to the time of the sale.)

I shall offer this property for sale, at Higginbotham's Towing & Recovery, 7611 W. Mount Vernon St., Glen St. Mary, FL, County of Baker, State of Florida, on February 28, 2012 at the hour of 11:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. I will offer for sale all of the defendant's, Victoria Ruisse, right, title and interest in the aforesaid personal property at public auction and will sell the same, subject to taxes, all prior liens, encumbrances and judgments, if any, to the highest and best bidder for CASH IN HAND. The proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and the satisfaction of the above described execution. (NOTE: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Baker County Sheriff's Office at (904) 259-0245 prior to the date of the sale.)

JOEY B. DOBSON,
Sheriff of Baker County, Florida
By: Pamela L. Davis, D.S.
1/26-2/16

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Writ of Execution issued in the County Court of Baker County, Florida, on the 27th day of December, 2011, in the cause wherein, COUNTRY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, was plaintiff, and REAL BUREAU, JR., AND ANGELA S. BUREAU, were defendants, being Case No. 02-2008-CA-0072 in said Court, I, Joey B. Dobson, as Sheriff of Baker County, Florida have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the parties named in the Writ of Execution, Real Bureau, Jr. and Angela S. Bureau, in and to the following described personal property, to-wit:

2002 Chevrolet Tahoe (Black)
VIN: 1GNEK12K227004783
(NOTE: Anyone interested in viewing the vehicle being sold may do so 45 minutes prior to the time of the sale.)

I shall offer this property for sale, at Higginbotham's Towing & Recovery, 7611 W. Mount Vernon St., Glen St. Mary, FL, County of Baker, State of Florida, on February 28, 2012 at the hour of 11:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. I will offer for sale all of the defendant's, Real Bureau, Jr. and Angela S. Bureau, right, title and interest in the aforesaid personal property at public auction and will sell the same, subject to taxes, all prior liens, encumbrances and judgments, if any, to the highest and best bidder for CASH IN HAND. The proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and the satisfaction of the above described execution. (NOTE: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Baker County Sheriff's Office at (904) 259-0245 prior to the date of the sale.)

JOEY B. DOBSON,
Sheriff of Baker County, Florida
By: Pamela L. Davis, D.S.
1/26-2/16

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Writ of Execution issued in the County Court of Baker County, Florida, on the 10th day of March 2011, in the cause wherein, COUNTRY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, was plaintiff, and REAL BUREAU, JR., AND ANGELA S. BUREAU, were defendants, being Case No. 02-2008-CA-0072 in said Court, I, Joey B. Dobson, as Sheriff of Baker County, Florida have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the parties named in the Writ of Execution, Real Bureau, Jr. and Angela S. Bureau, in and to the following described personal property, to-wit:

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On the stage as their forebears Several 'Baker County' cast members have ties

BOB GERARD | STAFF

"I was about to step on stage in my seersucker suit and I had to stop for a second. I thought, 'I'm about to play my grandfather.'"

Denny Wells, who plays City Manager Frank Wells in the Baker County High drama and Baker County Community Theatre production of *Baker County, Fla.: 1861-1961*, was one of several performers with personal connections to the people in the play.

When he was asked to portray his grandfather, who had a big hand in helping stop moonshining in Baker County, he paused for a moment before saying, "You can't imagine what an honor this is." He then went out and bought a seersucker suit, which was his grandfather's signature apparel.

For Mr. Wells, playing the role has been like channeling his grandfather. The two were extremely close and he remembers seeing his grandfather in the self-same suit. Others also remember it fondly.

Wells was leaning against the front of the stage after the sold out performance January 13 and a passing audience member commented, "I saw your grandfather dressed like that many a day."

Shelly Neri had a similar experience playing her grandmother, Fay Milton. When she donned a short brunette wig to play the role she was amazed by what looked back at her in the mirror.

"I never thought I looked at all like my grandmother until I put it on that wig," she said. Her aunt, Fay Milton Sinclair, agreed. "Watching her on stage was the first time I ever saw my mother in her. But there she was," the aunt said.

Ms. Neri, who shares the role with Sara Beth Gerard, also added personal touches to the performance. "My grandmother would always put her hand on her chest for emphasis," she said.



From left, Denny Wells, Mallory Chauncey, (front) Harper Archambault, Julia Archambault and Shelly Neri.

Not only did the gesture end Neri's performance but is also used by Ms. Gerard in her performance to give a more realistic representation of the Fay Milton.

Actors Harper and Julia Archambault have even more connections to the characters in the play. Both of the girls' great-grandparents and their uncle are featured in the show. The Archambault sisters have connections to both the Barber and the Thrift families.

Mother Tracy Barber Archambault and her father Joe Barber contributed all sorts of useful information about the characters in the show.

One of the most exciting scenes in the show chronicles how Deputy Rufie Thrift attempted to prevent a murder during

the Baxter Rebellion of 1904 and was killed in the process.

"When his family came to take his body back to Macclenny the next day," said Tracy Archambault, "his body was shot full of so many holes that they had to take him home in two parts."

"That piece of family trivia made it into the show almost word for word during the rehearsal process. Their other great-grandparent, Lizzie Barber, is featured in the Battle of Olustee sequence.

High school freshman Mallory Chauncey's grandfather was Sheriff Ed Yarbrough, who is prominent in the second act. She corrected the spelling of his last name in the program and also added some insight into why he was so sound and determined to

see moonshine ended in Baker County.

"A lot of high school boys would run shins on the weekends," said Ms. Chauncey. "Once weekend a high school football star was killed in a car crash while carrying shine. My grandma said that my papa said, 'We can't have any more children killed running moonshine.' That's one of the reasons they all pushed so hard."

Other actors have more distant connections. Young Mia Fish is related to Sheriff Joe Newmans, whose picture is prominently displayed in the slide show. Jeff Rowe's aunt Edith Rowe is mentioned in a segment and Dylan and Sara Gerard are related to Beverage Agent Carson Norman, who Dylan Gerard plays in the show.

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Attends Tea Party

Eva Redmon of Macclenny (left) is shown above with Jenny Beth Martin, the national coordinator of the Tea Party when both attended conference in Charleston, S.C. January 19-22. Ms. Redmon was accompanied by Theresa Lowther at the event, and they both attended the televised CNN debate of Republican presidential candidates.

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Eddie Canady Jr., 85, of Macclenny

Eddie B. "E.B." Canady Jr., 85, of Macclenny died Wednesday, January 18, 2012. He was a native of Jacksonville and retired to Macclenny in 1997. He worked for the US Postal Service and was a deputy under three different sheriffs of Duval County. He retired as a real estate investor and was owner of Ace-Dixie Amusement Company in Jacksonville.



Eddie Canady

Mr. Canady was a Baptist, a member of the Baker County Historical Society, a Navy Veteran of WWII and a life member of VFW Post #1689, Jacksonville. He was preceded in death by his parents Eddie B. and Lila Bennett Canady Sr. and sisters Edith Maddox and Ethel Helsabeck.

Survivors include wife of 64 years Alma Garrett Canady of Macclenny, daughters Elaine (Bill) Haines of McDonough, GA and Linda Canady of Jacksonville; step-sons Gerald Altman of Macclenny and Marvin (Angela) Altman of Orange Park; niece Shelia Cravey; and nephews Richard Helasbeck and Ken Helasbeck. Four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren also survive.

The funeral service was held at 11 am Saturday, January 21 in the chapel of Guerry Funeral Home with eulogies spoken by his close friends. Interment followed at Macedonia Cemetery. Please make donations to Heritage Park, Macclenny, or Community Hospice, Jacksonville, Fla.

Jessie Lee, 88, of Jacksonville

Jessie Mae Dortch Lee, 88, of Jacksonville died Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at Ed Fraser Memorial Hospital in Macclenny. She was born in Lake City to the late John and Elsie Tyre Dortch. She was a member of the Manntown Congregational Holiness Church of Glen St. Mary. During her 65-year married life she was a faithful partner to her husband in his ministry. She served the Lord from an early childhood and prior to her marriage, she accompanied her minister-father to the various churches he served. Attending church functions and services was her life.

Mrs. Lee was preceded in death by her husband Willard Lee, her parents, brothers Leonard, Bill, Johnny, and Jerry Dortch and sister Jewell Dortch Thompson.

Survivors include daughter Shirley (Jack) Crews of Glen St. Mary; son Kenneth (Button) Lee of Nahunta, GA; brother Robert (Velma) Dortch and sister Mary Walker, both of Lake City; granddaughter Jana (Jeff) Jackson; grandsons Jerry (Lena) Crews and Michael (Nikki) Lee; great-grandchildren Jill (Jon) Price, Jerrod and Jordan Crews, Vaughn and Roaslin Lee; great-great-grandson Jackson Price; step-grandchildren B.J. Eskew and Mandi (Scott) Jones; step-great-grandchildren Konner Jones, Ethan Jones and Maci Jay Jones.

The funeral service was held at 2 pm on Friday, January 20 in the chapel of Guerry Funeral Home with Rev. David Hodges officiating. Interment followed at Riverside Memorial Park Cemetery, Jacksonville.

Gospel sing Friday

A gospel sing will be held Friday evening, January 27 at the Road to Calvary Church in Glen St. Mary. It starts at 7:30 through 10 pm. Everyone welcome.

Funeral Wednesday for Flossie Maddox

Flossie Broughton Maddox, 84, died January 22, 2012. She was a native of Barbersville, KY and lived in Jacksonville most of her life before moving to Macclenny.

Mrs. Maddox retired from Paramount/Cargill and was an active member of Dinsmore Baptist Church. She was predeceased by daughters Trisha Day and Vickie Turner, and two grandsons.

She is survived by husband Eddie L. Maddox; daughters Orvidale (Steve) Cox, Deborah Howell and Shilbey (Rick) Dotson; son Dr. Winson (Debi) Butler; son-in-law Larry Turner; 11 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at her church on Wednesday, January 25 at 11 am with her son Dr. Winson Butler officiating. Interment followed at Riverside Memorial Park, Jacksonville.

Thomas Mixon, 77, of Sanderson

Thomas Joshua Mixon, 77, of Sanderson died Friday, January 20, 2012. He was born in Baxter to the late Thomas and Grace Anderson Mixon.



Thomas Mixon

He was a life-long resident of Macclenny and worked in the construction and remodeling business. He was a former chicken farmer and self-employed truck driver. Mr. Mixon was a retired truck driver with Interstate Bakery. He enjoyed fishing and spending time with family and friends. He was preceded in death by his son Paul Noles.

Survivors include wife Betty Mixon; sons Mickey (Rainie) Mixon, Darwin (Deneese) Mixon, Ray (Jennifer) Mixon; daughters Debbie (R.D.) Padgett, Lanette (Buddy) Goodin, Kathy Mixon, Kimberly (Shawn) Davies, Lisa (Hughy) Cook, Kristina Kirkland, and Margaret Mixon; brother Joe E. Mixon; sisters Virginia FontainSantago and Jean Singletary; 21 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and many other family members and friends.

The funeral service was held Tuesday, January 24 at 1 pm at the Baldwin Church of God with Rev. Clyde Anderson officiating. Interment followed at Taylor Cemetery. Forbes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Benny Raulerson, 72, of Jacksonville

Benny David Raulerson, 72, of Jacksonville died January 16, 2012 following a brief illness. Mr. Raulerson was born on October 10, 1939 in Baxter to the late Clyde W. Raulerson and the former Eliza Starling.

Survivors include daughter Becky (Tom) Morgan; son Ben Raulerson; granddaughter Fallon K. Morgan; grandson Thomas H. Morgan III; sister Bonnie (Tommy) Harris; brothers Johnny Raulerson, Jimmy Raulerson, C.W. Raulerson Jr and Randy Raulerson; numerous extended family and friends.

The funeral service was held at 11 am Saturday, January 21 in the chapel of Prestwood Funeral Home. Interment followed at North Prong Cemetery. Prestwood Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Freddie Reynolds, 69, of Moniac, GA

Freddie Morris Reynolds Sr., 69, of Moniac, GA died Sunday, January 22 at Shands Jacksonville Hospital following an extended illness. He was a life-long resident of Moniac and worked in the construction and remodeling business. He was a former chicken farmer and self-employed truck driver.



Freddie Reynolds

Mr. Reynolds was a member of Moniac Baptist Church, loved fishing and working in his yard and building items for family and friends. He was preceded in death by parents Willie Alvin and Ludean Chism Reynolds.

Survivors include wife of 39 years Anne Reynolds of Moniac; sons Morris (Kat) Reynolds Jr of Moniac and Milton (Kathy) Reynolds of Jacksonville; daughter Lynn (Terry) Linder of Ocala; step-son Charles (Gabby) Whitener of Ft. Lauderdale; grandchildren Christine (Jason) Powell, Trace (Amber) Reynolds, Candice (Nathan) Hodges, Kyle, Kristi and Brandon Whitener, Joey (Cassie) Linder, Josh (Samantha) Linder, Jonathan (Melissa) Linder and Jennifer (Jimmy) Cummings; 12 great-grandchildren; brother Eugene Reynolds of Jacksonville; sister Geraldine Highsmith of Macclenny and many nieces and nephews.

The funeral service will be held at 11 am on Thursday, January 26 at his church with Rev. James Conner officiating, assisted by Revs. Ricky Dyal and Joe Vianna. Interment will follow at Canaday Cemetery, Moniac. Guerry Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Patricia Wilkins, 55, of Baldwin dies

Patricia Ann Wilkins, 55, of Baldwin died on January 18, 2012.

She is survived by her loving and devoted children Sharon Cobb, Victoria (Aaron) Mincey, Dana Wilkins, Marie Wilkins, Annie (Patrick) Wilkins, Patricia (Joe) Wilkins-Warren and Dan Wilkins Jr.; two god-daughters, 27 grandchildren; sisters Geraldine Smith, Aurora Bryant and Christen Jones; numerous nephews, nieces, other relatives and friends including Colestine Green.



Patricia Wilkins

The funeral for Mrs. Wilkins will be held at 11 am on Saturday, January 28 at New St. Paul Baptist Church in Baldwin with Rev. Larry Riley officiating. Viewing begins at the church at 9:30 until the time of the service.

Interment will be in Piney Grove Cemetery, Baldwin. Harry Brown Funeral Directors is in charge of arrangements.



In loving memory of Ben Fish

4/14/30 - 1/22/04
A person can hear, but a "friend" listens for the meaning. A person can look, but a "friend" sees the heart. A person can know, but a "friend" understands the dreams.

Daddy, it has already been eight years. You were a husband, daddy, grandpa, brother and most of all a "friend" to so many. We miss you and we are looking forward to the day that we meet again.

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Moose benefit on January 28

The Macclenny Moose Lodge plans a fund raiser on January 28 to benefit Layla Williams, the 2½-year-old daughter of County Judge Joey and Anna Williams. Chicken and rib dinners will be on sale, and organizers plan bake sales, raffles and a silent auction. The event runs from 11:00 am-6:00 pm.

For musical entertainment, they have booked Harley and The Equalizers in the afternoon and Tropical Whiskey that evening. Volunteers and donors should call Annette Barton, 626-3173. Layla was diagnosed at 18 months with A.L.L. leukemia and is currently undergoing treatment.



In loving memory of Jerrell W. Mobley

9/9/1943 - 1/27/2011
I thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new. I thought about you yesterday and days before that, too. I think of you in silence, I often speak your name. Now all I have is memories and your picture in a frame. Your memory is my keepsake, with which I'll never part. God has you in His keeping, I love you in my heart.

I LOVE AND MISS YOU, DADDY
YOU'RE STILL MY HERO!!
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In loving memory of William David Harrell

4/5/1943 - 1/29/2009
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Master gardener applicants

ALICIA LAMBORN
BAKER COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE DIRECTOR

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The training course will take place at the Baker County Extension Office in Macclenny from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting February 14 through the end of March. The cost for all training materials is \$60 for individuals and \$65 for couples.

Please refer to the updated Baker County master gardener application packet for full program details and requirements. Applications will be accepted until January 31. For an application packet, visit our website at <http://baker.ifas.ufl.edu> or stop by the Baker County Extension Office (Agricultural Center) located at 1025 W. US 90 in Macclenny.

Ms. Lamborn is the horticulture agent at the extension office.

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Guide to avoiding noroviruses

MIKE DAVIS, Ph.D.
BAKER COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE DIRECTOR

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In fact, noroviruses cause over 20 million cases of illness each year and are responsible for over half of food-borne illness outbreaks.

As recently as last November, there was a norovirus scare at a school in Clay County. These viruses cause symptoms which many refer to as the 'stomach flu', such as diarrhea, vomiting, dehydration and stomach pain.

There is no specific medicinal treatment for an infected person and the illness usually subsides in one to two days. Outbreaks of this virus can occur during any time of the year, but are most prevalent during the time between November and April, when about 80 percent of outbreaks occur.

Norovirus outbreaks are typically seen in places where many people are together and may involve eating or drinking contaminated foods and beverages. Outbreaks have been linked to restaurants, nursing homes, hospitals, schools and cruise ships. Persons who have had a norovirus infection but are feeling better can still spread the virus for up to two weeks.

Since noroviruses are spread by the fecal-oral route, there are steps that you can take to decrease your chances of contracting this virus:

- Wash hands with soap and warm water frequently, especially when preparing food or after making a trip to the bathroom.
 - Cook all shellfish thoroughly before eating
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The Wildcat wrestling team finished its regular season last Saturday, January 21, with a 2-2 showing at the Orange Park Duals Tournament. The Cat grapplers finished with an outstanding 17-6 record.
BCHS defeated Atlantic Coast 52-12 and Orange Park 45-32, and lost to Ridgeview 39-36 and Nease 45-32.
BCHS defeated Oakleaf 54-24 and West Nassau 56-21 in a Tri-Dual on Tuesday, January 17.
Two days later the grapplers defeated Ferdinandia Beach 60-24 and lost to Fletcher 48-36. The Cats had to forfeit two weight classes because the wrestlers missed weight.
There have been some excellent individual performances this season. Tariq Ter finished the regular season undefeated at



A 'cookie dough' limo ride

PreK principal Bonnie Jones (top left) peers out the door of a stretch SUV limousine as some of the 35 students who won a ride and lunch at the Macclenny Wendy's disembark the morning of February 19. The children were treated as top sellers in the school's cookie dough fund raiser that raked in \$12,400 this year. To qualify, they had to sell \$25 or more of the product. Proceeds from the annual sale go to the school for things like teacher incentives, playground and technology equipment. Wendy's, as it has in the past, donates the lunches. Ms. Jones and assistant principal Kelly Horen escorted the children, many of whom were met at the restaurant by parents.

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100th birthday!

Friends and family are invited to an open house reception on Saturday, January 28 to celebrate the 100th birthday of Berntha Mae Harris of Taylor. It will be held in the fellowship hall at the Christian Fellowship Temple in north Macclenny from 1-4 pm. Appetizers will be served. The honoree requests no gifts please.



Jaidynce Brogdon

Born January 6th

Bobby Brogdon and Tabitha Daniels of Glen St. Mary are pleased to announce the arrival of daughter Jaidynce Michelle Brogdon on January 6, 2012. She was born at St. Vincent's Medical Center weighing 10 lbs. 5 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. She joins siblings Colton and Kuyler Brogdon. Grandparents include Bobby and Patricia Brogdon of Cuyler and Larry and Linda Daniels of Macclenny.

Free tax service

Northeast Florida Community Action Agency is offering free income tax service starting January 27 at 84 West Lowder Street, Suite B next to the YMCA. Taxes will be done by appointment only Tuesday-Friday from 9-3:30 and walk-ins on Saturday from 9-2. Call 259-4481 ext. 25 for appointments and information. Bring a picture ID and Social Security cards for all household members including children, plus all documents relating to tax returns and a copy of last year's return if available.

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Wedding in May

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Bloodmobile date

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Celebrate Literacy Week at WES

For Celebrate Literacy Week, January 23-27, students at Westside Elementary School, including those shown above, were asked to write about their favorite book. Pictured with their favorite books (front from left) are Jaylynn Harvey, Taylor Strayer, Sha'hanna Ruise, Lucas Jurowski, (back from left), Hannah Peterson, John Passmore and Chase Gaskins. Some of the students' favorite books were *Amber Brown*, *Goosebumps*, *Fancy Nancy*, *The Bible* and many books about animals and space. Westside's students will be participating in many other events to celebrate literacy like dressing as their favorite book character and having guest readers visit their classrooms January 25.

Sportsmen festival

Come join us for the 2nd annual Family Sportsmen Festival at the Triest Farm near Starke Saturday, January 28 starting at 9 am. This is an exciting day of free outdoor activities. We will have free food, skeet shooting, archery and even golf. For more information call Charles at 352-376-5779 or 352-468-2752. www.ohbc.us/sportsmen.html



Bravo-Mann

Married Dec. 2nd

Antonio and Kimberly Bravo of Jacksonville are pleased to announce the marriage of daughter Chelsea Marie to Weston Dean Mann on December 2, 2011. Weston is the son of Ronald and Denise Mann of Sanderson. The wedding was held at Riverside Baptist Church in Jacksonville. The couple spent their honeymoon on an 11 day cruise in the southern Caribbean.

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Monday, January 30

Breakfast: Sausage biscuit, pineapple juice and milk.
Lunch: Taco salad with tortilla chips and homemade whole grain roll or grilled ham and cheese sandwich. Choice of 2 sides: Steamed corn, lettuce and tomato blend and seasonal fresh fruit.

Tuesday, January 31

Breakfast: Toasted cheese sandwich, apple juice and milk.
Lunch: Sloppy joe on a bun or baked chicken nuggets with a homemade whole grain roll. Choice of 2 sides: Steamed green beans, whipped potatoes with gravy or diced peas and milk.

Wednesday, February 1

Breakfast: Enriched cereal with a slice of toast orange juice and milk.
Lunch: Beef and bean burrito or beef vegetable soup with a grilled cheese sandwich. Choice of 2 sides: Baby limas, raw vegetables with dressing or seasonal fresh fruit and milk.

Thursday, February 2

Breakfast: Turkey sausage pancake wrap, orange/pineapple juice and milk.
Lunch: Golden corn dog or ham with macaroni and cheese with homemade whole grain roll. Choice of 2 sides: Baked beans, crispy coleslaw, chilled peaches with a schoolmade cookie and milk.

Friday, February 3

Breakfast: Breakfast sausage pizza, tropical fruit juice and milk.
Lunch: BBQ ribbettes on a bun or baked lasagna with a slice of homemade Italian bread. Choice of 2 sides: Garden salad with dressing, garden green peas or fresh banana and peach cobbler with milk.

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Tennis and track teams warming up

Basketball season at Baker High will be winding down in the next month and a number of spring sports are starting up at the high school.

Coach Chris Armoreda has been working hard with the Wildcat tennis team in advance of opening matches next month. Armoreda has an experienced boys team that performed well last year and is enthusiastic about their chances this season.

Armoreda returns seniors Nick Dukeman, Hunter Stavely, Grant Burns, Sam Murphy and Brandon Smith. He also has five new freshmen in Matt Butcher, Tyler Curry, Jared Stafford, Tanner Orberg and Evan Barrett.

Though the district has been realigned to some degree, Armoreda foresees that his chief opponents will once again be Bolles and Bishop Kenny. Other district rivals include Raines, Yulee, West Nassau, Terry Parker and Ribault.

"What this team brings is healthy competition among team members," said Armoreda. "Seeds 1-5 are up for grabs and this bodes well for the team."

The competition is making for some spirited practice. Armoreda sees a lot of raw talent that will need to be honed for the team to be successful.

"Not only are the players working on their skills, they are working hard to improve their conditioning. I want these athletes to out-last, out-hustle and out-play their opponents," he said.

The girls team is also a mix of experience and inexperience. Armoreda has a pair of seniors, Logan Raulerson and Tianna Raysor, juniors Kaylan Stafford and Kristen Lepper, sophomore Haleigh Latimer, and freshmen Toree Jones, Dimple Desai and Savanaha Rhoden.

The team is working hard at skill development and learning fundamentals, and the experienced players are taking on lead-

ership roles with many first time players.

"The girls team has a lot of potential. They are a hard working group and there is no doubt that they will improve with time," the coach said.

Track coach Joey Sulkowski's boys team also has a lot of potential. The Cats will have a revamped district this season with Gainesville Eastside, Crescent City and Palatka.

The Cats return a very strong team including Malone Hadley, who could be a contender for a district and regional title this year in the 400 meters. Hadley finished third at the district meet a year ago.

Rashodd Hadley placed second last year in the shot put as a freshman. He has the distance to win the district title as a sophomore and build on his late season success from last year.

Jared Lee was an integral part of last year's school record breaking 4x400 meter relay team, as well as finishing sixth in the district in the 400 meters.

Roland Gaskins was another key 400-meter runner who finished fifth a year ago at districts. He also looks to contend again in the high jump.

Michael Boone is poised for a breakout season in the long and triple jump. As a freshman last year he placed sixth in the event at districts. Falon Lee is ready to step into the role as a dominant sprinter this year in the 100-meter and 200 meters. He also is the team's top high jumper.

Ezra Rice could contend for a district title in the 800 meters and mile this season. He is fresh off a great cross country season. Richard Keinath came on late last season as a hurdler and made the finals in the 300 intermediate hurdles last season at the district meet. He could be a contender for a district title, according to Sulkowski.

Charles Ruise coaches the girls track team and he has a few experienced performers that are looking forward to the start of the season. Ruise's daughter Chelsey was one of the top performers last season in both track events and field events. She will be pushing toward an appearance in the state meet.

Niesha Givens also has a lot of experience and is one of the best in the area at the shot put.

Wildcat football players Jared Lee and Jeremy Wannamaker were named the defensive and offensive MVPs for the 5th Annual East/West All-Star game held January 14 in Lake City.

Lee, who had 114 tackles for the Wildcats during the regular season, was a force to be reckoned with in the All-Star game. He dominated the defensive side of the ball, closed the running lanes and harassed the quarterback.

Wannamaker sparked the offense from the running back position and threw a halfback pass for a touchdown to help lead the East to a 14-7 win over the West.

Proceeds from the game went to help the Lake City Pop Warner football program. High school seniors from northeast Florida were invited to play. Seniors from Baldwin, Baker County, Branford, Chiefland, Columbia, Dixie County, Fort White, Hamilton

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Close win over Clay 53-50 Wildcats fall to Oak Leaf 50-41 next day

The Wildcats varsity basketball team got a big 53-50 win over district foe Clay County on January 19, but fell to Oakleaf the following night.

Clay County hosted BCHS and it was an evenly matched game from start to finish. The Wildcats and the Blue Devils had little more than a point or two separating the teams all night long.

The Cats were strong from the field, with Charles Ruise, Jr. and Jesse Gardner both in double figures and forward Kameron Mack having one of his best games. On the other hand, the Devils were strong on the inside with three-quarters of their points coming from the center and forwards.

After matching each other shot for shot all through the first period, the Wildcats pulled a point up at halftime and went to intermission with a 22-21 lead. They stretched the lead a little in the third period and that made the difference as the fourth quarter was another trade off.

Ruise led the Cats with 13 points. Gardner had 12 points and Mack 11. CeCe Jefferson had 8 and Johnny Lamb 5 points. Sean Fogarty added 4 points.

It was Oakleaf that started fast after the tip-off on January 20 in Glen St. Mary. The Knights had a big first quarter and a strong-into tip-off to defeat the Cats 50-41. Oakleaf went up 11-8 in the first period behind good shooting from its forwards.

Ruise had one of his better

scoring games and propelled the Cats to a 16-8 second period and a 24-19 lead at halftime.

The Knights came roaring back in the third period however, out scoring BCHS 17-8. It made all the difference. The Knights dominated the second half to take the win.

Ruise again led Cat scorers, this time with 16 points. Darryl Johnson had 9 and Landon Mitchell 8.

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Book signing

A book signing is scheduled in Jacksonville on Saturday, January 28 for Sharon Y. Cobb, a Baker County native.

Ms. Cobb recently published the novel *False Confessions of a True Hollywood Screenwriter*. She has been in the screenwriting industry several years.

The event will be held at the Barnes and Noble at the Jacksonville Town Center. It begins at 2 pm.

Check it out...
bakercountynews.com

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

January 25

BCHS: Girls Basketball at Orange Park, 6 pm WES: Project R.E.A.C.H. (Reading Embraces All Children), 9:30 am

January 26

BCHS: Basketball vs. Nease (h) 6 pm. North Florida Regional HIQ Tournament 8 am. BCMS: North Florida Honor Band Rehearsal 6 pm. WES: Good Morning Show club meeting 8 am. Tutoring/After School Reading Club 3:15 pm.

January 27

District-wide: Report cards go home. BCHS: Basketball vs. Hilliard 6 pm. BCMS: 8th grade Valentine Court election. North Florida Honor Band Rehearsal 6 pm. KIS: Dance 6 pm. WES: Positive Behavior Support Club meeting 8 am.

January 28

BCHS: Girls Weightlifting Final Sectional Meet TBA.

January 29

BCHS: University of Florida Medical Symposium 8 am.

January 30

BCHS: University of Florida Medical Symposium 8 am. MES: Journalism Club meeting 3:15 pm.

January 31

BCHS: University of Florida Medical Symposium 8 am. Girls basketball district tournament 6 pm. WES: Tutoring/After School Reading Club 3:15 pm.

February 1

KIS: Spring school pictures.

February 2

BCMS: 8th Grade Valentine Queen Election

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They are paying cash on the spot for my stuff! Awesome!

By David Morgan
STAFF WRITER

A refinery spokesperson for the event said he expects to pay local residents in excess of \$350,000 this week for their Gold and Silver Jewelry, Old Coins, Sterling Silverware and Rare Collectibles!

Examples of transactions this week include:

A lady cleaned out her jewelry box and brought in a few pieces she didn't wear any longer such as a herringbone necklace, mismatched earrings and a class ring and left with \$712.47

A gentleman brought in a Sterling Silverware set he inherited from his parents and walked out with \$1,382

Young couple brought in a Gibson Guitar, some Costume Jewelry and a few pocket watches and left with a check for \$4,637!

With the rough economic times we're in, it's cool that an event like this would come to our area and allow folks to cash in their items. They were professional and made the whole process simple and stress free!

The Refinery is traveling the United States for a 2 year tour of several hundred towns and cities.



Above: Another happy customer awaits their big payday as the refinery representative processes their sale!

Dozens cash in yesterday with gold and silver jewelry, coins and guitars. An estimated \$350,000 in Macclenny.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

COINS: All coins (silver or gold) made before 1970 including Silver Dollars, Halves, Quarters and Dimes, we also buy Buffalo Nickels, War Nickels, Indian Head and Wheat Pennies

JEWELRY: Any and all Gold or Silver necklaces, class rings or diamond rings, bracelets and earrings in any condition!

WRIST & POCKET WATCHES: Pocket or Wrist watches including Rolex, Hamilton, Omega, Elgin, Illinois, Waltham, Bunn Special, etc...

WAR RELICS: Revolutionary War, Civil War, WWI, or WW2 swords, bayonets, medals, letters, badges, helmets, clothing, photos, etc...



MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS: Guitars including Gibson, Martin, Fender, Gretsch, National and Rickenbocker, Banjos, Mandolins, Violins and Drum Sets.

STERLING: Silverware sets, Tea Sets, Jewelry and anything .925.

COLLECTIBLES: Old Comic Books, Paper Currency, Train Sets, Tiffany lamps/vases, Sports Memorabilia, all Costume Jewelry and Rare Antiques.

Local records reveal to our research department that recent vintage guitar sold for \$2400.00 and another for \$12,000.00 to a collector that will be tied into the event this week via live database feed.



*This amount depends upon rarity, condition and what collectors are willing to pay



Above: "I'm glad I came in! I really needed money so I cashed in my old silver coin collection," said Betty Montgomery, who received \$2,738 for her coffee can of coins.

SILVER AND GOLD COIN PRICES UP DURING POOR ECONOMY.

Collectors and Enthusiasts in Macclenny with \$350,000 to Purchase Yours!

By Ken McIntosh
STAFF WRITER

Got Coin? It might be just the time to cash in. This week, starting Sunday and continuing through Thursday, the International Collectors Association in conjunction with the Ohio Valley Gold & Silver Refinery will be purchasing all types of silver and gold coins direct from the public. All types are welcome and the event is free.

Collectors will be on hand to identify and sort your coins. Then the quality or grade will be determined. The better the grade the more they are worth, according to collectors I talked to. With the silver and gold markets high, prices of older coins are too. Any coins minted before 1965 in the U.S. are 90% silver, except nickels and pennies.

The coin's worth is determined by the rarity and the grade. Old silver dollars are worth a great premium right now, even well worn heavily circulated ones are bringing good premiums. Franklin and Kennedy half dollars, Washington quarters, Mercury and Roosevelt dimes are all worth many times the face value. While older types like Seated Liberty, Standing Liberties, and Barber coins are worth even more.

Gold coins are really worth a lot right now, according to Brian Eades of the International Collectors Association. "This country didn't start minting coins until 1792" says Eades. He explained, "Before that, people would trade goods using gold dust and nuggets. Some shop

keepers would take more gold than needed to pay for items purchased. There was no uniform system of making change."

The government opened the first mints and began distributing the coins in 1792. By the beginning of the 19th century, coins and paper currency were wide spread and our monetary system was here to stay. In 1933 Roosevelt required all banking institutions to turn in all gold coins. Once all banks turned in this gold, the president raised the gold standard from \$20.00 per ounce to \$33.00 per ounce. This was his way of stimulating the economy during the great depression. However, gold coins were never redistributed after the recall. But not all gold coins were turned in. "Many folks during that time didn't completely trust the government and chose to keep their gold" said Eades.

These gold coins are sought after by collectors today and bring many times the face value. Any gold coins with the mint marks of CC, D or O will bring nice premiums. Collectors at the event will be glad to show you where to look. Other types of coins will also be purchased including foreign coins, Indian cents, two cent pieces, half dimes, three cent pieces and buffalo nickels to name a few.

Collectors warn people against trying to clean their coins, as significant damage can be done and the coin's value lessened.

ITEMS WE WILL ACCEPT INCLUDE:

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- Investment Gold
- Gold Coins
- Dental Gold
- Sterling Silverware
- All Pre-1970 Coins
- Proof Coin Sets
- Costume Jewelry
- Silver Dollars
- Sterling Tea Sets

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