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Scrap truck overturns on I-10

Eastbound traffic was snarled for an hour the morning of January 31 when this semi loaded with scrap metal overturned on the inside lane and median of I-10 just west of the SR 121 interchange. Driver William Linton, 38, of Lee, FL was transported to Shands Jacksonville with minor injuries after he lost control attempting to overtake a log truck that had slowed to leave the interstate at 121. The second vehicle sustained only minor damage and the passenger door of the scrap truck was ripped off and lodged in the pulpwood load (right) when it sideswiped. The log truck driver, Ottis Smothers, 69, of Reddick, FL was not injured. Trooper J. Ford of the Florida Highway Patrol charged Mr. Linton with careless driving. The accident occurred at 8:30 and it took several hours to clear away the wreckage, though traffic continued to flow on the outside lane.



Questions remain after pedestrian death of toddler

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An 18-month-old girl described as "a perfect little angel" was killed by a vehicle on CR 127 N. near Cuyler the evening of January 26.

Exactly where Autumn S. Smith of Glen St. Mary was standing when the 2001 Honda four door driven by Valerie M. Ferdon, also of Glen St. Mary, struck her about 6:20 pm remains unclear, however.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol's report of the crash, the toddler entered the roadway

from the northwest shoulder when the car, traveling south-west on CR 127 just north of the intersection with CR 125, struck the child with its right front end.



Autumn Smith

Autumn Smith's great-grandmother, Lana Hunter, said this week the child was not in the roadway and the black, medium-sized vehicle she later described to police veered onto the shoulder before striking the victim and then continued driving away.

"She was on the side of the road," Ms. Hunter said. "It seemed like

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'Identity thief' is caught in stolen car

A woman with a stolen Jacksonville address is in county jail this week charged with a number of offenses, including theft of a rental car that she was found sleeping in at Murphy Oil on SR 228 South in Macclenny the morning of January 28.

A sheriff's investigator described Linda Michelle McDonald, 32, as a "professional identity thief" as police learned more about her early this week.

Deputy Chad Montean said he was on patrol at the store east of Walmart about 6:30 am and his attention was drawn to a parked 2012 Toyota with a



Linda McDonald

Texas license plate just west of the building in the parking lot. The windows were draped with black plastic, obscuring the interior.

Ms. McDonald initially gave her name as Linda Ann Marie Horta and her age as 25, though she claimed she could not find her driver's license. The deputy also learned the Toyota was stolen from Budget Rent-A-Car in San Antonio.

"I rented it and didn't take it back ... I was scared to take it back because I've had it so long," the officer quoted the occupant as saying when quizzed about the vehicle.

Deputy Montean during an inventory of the car found 2.5 grams of methamphetamine in a clear plastic bag inside a toiletry bag on the front seat.

Ms. McDonald, whose true identity was discovered during subsequent questioning, was arrested for resisting arrest by having the fake driver's license, vehicle grand theft and felony drug possession.

Investigator John Hardin said early this week that the suspect was wanted in Texas for a probation violation, and has several other charges pending there that police expected

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Former employee sues Council on Aging

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Newt on top in local voting

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Presidential hopeful Mitt Romney won Florida's Republican primary race January 31, but Newt Gingrich, a native of neighboring Georgia, won Baker County by 460 votes, according to unofficial results from Baker County Supervisor of Elections Nita Crawford and the Florida Division of Elections.

Thomas and Carol Curtis, an elderly couple from Macclenny, were among those who voted for Mr. Gingrich in the primary, albeit begrudgingly.

Mr. Curtis said he's become disenchanted with the political campaigns in general and voted for Mr. Gingrich because he believed the former House speaker would fight to protect seniors.

"Every year it's always about attacks and digging up dirt on this guy or that one. It's not about what [Gingrich] has done in the past. It's about what he's going to do in the future," said Mr. Curtis.

Mrs. Curtis was undecided between Mr. Romney and Mr. Gingrich until she was standing in the booth about to cast her ballot.

What swayed her toward the latter can-



Danny Norton and Ruth Powell, both of Macclenny, show their support for Newt Gingrich during the Republican presidential primary election Tuesday morning at the Ag Center.

PHOTO BY JOEL ADDINGTON

didate? Before voting about 12:30 pm, she called the Romney campaign to ask one question: What is he going to do for seniors?

"They gave me a number to call the party headquarters," she said. "That's what did it for me."

Mrs. Curtis also didn't favor the health-care reforms Mr. Romney championed while governor of Massachusetts. "And I'm from Massachusetts," she said.

Poll worker Danny Long said the couple's sentiments were typical among the voters at the Ag Center on US 90 just west of Macclenny Tuesday morning. The site served as the polling places for residents of Macclenny and north Macclenny.

Mr. Long said most of the morning's voters were older and not terribly enthusiastic about voting for Mr. Gingrich.

"Some people were more serious about it, but some think they're just throwing their vote away," he said. "They don't think there's anyone good to choose from."

Supervisor of Elections Nita Crawford said her office staff and volunteers worked hard to once again submit the county's results to the state before any other county in Florida.

Here, Mr. Romney garnered 30.45 percent of the ballots cast by local voters while Mr. Gingrich received 47.69 percent.

The former governor performed best in South Macclenny where 33.94 percent favored Mr. Romney. Mr. Gingrich's top precincts were Olustee at 60 percent and Baxter at 57.14.

Rick Santorum got 15.34 percent of the

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Seven Day Forecast

Thursday
Few Showers
High: 74 Low: 53

Friday
Partly Cloudy
High: 74 Low: 55

Saturday
Isolated T-storms
High: 76 Low: 55

Sunday
Isolated T-storms
High: 78 Low: 53

Monday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 76 Low: 54

Tuesday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 72 Low: 51

Wednesday
Partly Cloudy
High: 71 Low: 45

Today's High & Low Temperatures

Fernandina Beach 68 / 56
Callahan 72 / 52
Jasper 75 / 53
Maccleddy 74 / 53
Watertown 74 / 53
High Springs 74 / 53
St. Augustine 69 / 61
Jacksonville 72 / 55
Atlantic Beach 68 / 56
Baldwin 73 / 53
Starkie 74 / 54

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tue, 1/24	81	54	67/43	0.00"	0.02"
Wed, 1/25	77	50	67/43	0.00"	0.81"
Thu, 1/26	81	52	67/43	0.00"	-0.79"
Fri, 1/27	72	41	67/43	0.02"	57.4°
Sat, 1/28	70	36	67/43	0.00"	55.0°
Sun, 1/29	66	32	67/43	0.00"	+2.4°
Mon, 1/30	64	27	67/43	0.00"	

Data as reported from Cecil Field Airport

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	New
Thursday	7:19 a.m.	6:06 p.m.	2/21
Friday	7:18 a.m.	6:07 p.m.	
Saturday	7:17 a.m.	6:08 p.m.	
Sunday	7:17 a.m.	6:09 p.m.	
Monday	7:16 a.m.	6:09 p.m.	First 2/29
Tuesday	7:15 a.m.	6:10 p.m.	
Wednesday	7:14 a.m.	6:11 p.m.	

St. Mary's River Levels

Location	Now	Change
Moniac, GA	4.70 ft.	-0.01 ft.
Maccleddy	1.63 ft.	-0.01 ft.

Hunting/Fishing Times

Day	AM	PM
Thu	7:27-9:27	6:57-8:57
Fri	8:18-10:18	7:48-9:48
Sat	9:11-11:11	8:41-10:41
Sun	10:03-12:03	9:33-11:33
Mon	10:55-12:55	10:25-12:25
Tue	11:30-1:30	11:00-1:00
Wed	11:46-1:46	11:16-1:16

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Now Boston knows all about 'us folks'

IMPRESSIONS Jim McGauley

Well, we made it into the Boston Globe.

There it was, in the newspaper's Saturday edition, a political piece dated "Maccleddy, Fla."

When was the last time anyone in Boston saw that?

Globe reporter Michael Levenson spent some time last week roaming downtown collecting sentiments on this Tuesday's GOP primary election.

His conclusion? Newt's the man — at least in Baker County. Mitt Romney won it last go-around, but Mr. Levenson wrote that things could change in 2012, what with Mr. Gingrich being from neighboring Georgia and taking a more "populist" line coming out of South Carolina.

Yours truly spoke with Mr. Levenson — nice guy. Like others who visit North Florida along the I-10 belt, he was intrigued to learn that we are, in truth, more "South Georgia" than Florida.

His article made the perfunctory code word references for his Bean Town audience, to wit: bass fishing, dirt-track auto racing, mounted head of a deer, Baptist and Pentecostal. And — this is a clincher — he noted that the television at Travis Barton's barber shop was tuned to Fox News.

Yep, that's us.

Mr. Levenson made reference to Mr. Romney's Mormonism as a factor that may be driving Baker County Republicans to Newt's camp — or for that matter toward Ron Paul or Rick Santorum, who were not mentioned in the article.

Maybe it is, but maybe we've also moved away from permitting a candidate's religion to get in the way of other, more rational, considerations. After all, Mr. Gingrich and Mr. Santorum are — gasp — Roman Catholics.

There was a time that would have excluded them from many people's ballots, and perhaps it still does.

The national media is so obsessed with this week's Florida primary — not because they actually like any of the candidates — but because this state is so unique.

A guest on Fox News on primary eve (yes, I watch it faithfully and not just in barber shops) pointed out that Florida decides the nominee regardless of other factors like remaining contests.

In the general election, both parties covet Florida like they do free dinners at posh Washington restaurants paid for by lobbyists.

The guest noted that North Florida reflects the political sentiments of the Deep South, while South Florida reflects those of the Deep North. The famed I-4 corridor from Daytona to Or-

lando and Tampa Bay is the true battleground.

And have you noticed that all candidates, state and national, eventually find their way to that mecca of the fancy golf carts —

The Villages? The way to get a crowd there? Hand out free Viagra with those little American flags.

Of course, the national media nor anyone else believes we all

feel the same way based on where we live in Florida. But the demographic as depicted in Mr. Levenson's flash frame of Baker County is essentially on target.

From Jacksonville to the Ala-

bama line, with the exception of Tallahassee and Gainesville, we're pretty much the Cracker Belt.

Now the news is out, all over Boston.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Taxpayers will back cut of 10%

Dear Editor
The suggestion in last week's Press that the county commission send a signal to the property owners of Baker County that their taxes will not be raised this coming year would certainly be welcomed by local businesses.

For the business community, local and otherwise, the "Great Recession" has been with us three or four years now. Vacant rental property, reduced working hours, and changes in public spending patterns have affected our bottom line for quite a while. Folks eat out less, drive less, vacation less and buy less. That is evidenced by For Rent and For Sale signs throughout the county. People are on a spending diet and so are businesses.

For the past several years the county commission recognized that its budget was underfunded, but they responded, for the most part, by "kicking the can" down the road. Last year as pointed out in the editorial, while there were a couple of layoffs, and some other small percentage cuts, they primarily again relied on dipping into reserve funds to balance their budget.

One commissioner did suggest some serious spending reductions, but probably in the hope that the economy would improve, the commission chose to wait and hope for better news this year. There is certainly virtue in optimism, and in previous years the commission may have made well-reasoned decisions.

But another year has passed and unfortunately the economy is still bad. Most of us think that it will not get better any time (year) soon.

So what's next?
The county again is likely to have a roughly \$2 million shortfall with fewer reserve funds remaining. After the last two raids on the reserves, logic would dictate that options to solve this year's problem of balancing the county budget are probably limited to increasing revenues (raising taxes) by \$2 million or reducing costs (spending) by \$2 million.

For most of us, with economic times such as they are, increasing our taxes is completely unacceptable. We, the people of the county, are already stretched too thin in our own businesses and many of us, if not most of us, are equally stretched thin in our personal finances. We can only imagine what the delinquent tax notices will look like next year, especially if taxes are increased.

County tax revenues come from real people, not some government printing machine. And people, our people, do not "catch a break" at the gas pump, the grocery store or with their light bill. But we can and should expect that our local taxes will not be increased by our friends and neighbors in local government.

To solve this problem, and to do it this next budget cycle, the commissioners and constitutional officers will have to come together soon and find a way to eliminate the projected \$2 million shortfall without increasing the burden on the people. It won't be easy but it must be done. A good start would be to affirm by vote that the commission will not increase taxes.

We, the business owners, would sleep better — not well, but better.

Ed Barber Macleddy

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The skeletal remains of the Lairds' twin trailers add to the ghostly aftermath of the I-75 accident early Sunday.

Glen couple unhurt in the I-75 pile-up that killed 10

By now most people in Florida and across the country have seen the harrowing photos of the multi-vehicle accident on fog and smoke-shrouded I-75 south of Gainesville before dawn on January 29.

One of them depicts the skeleton of a dual-trailer that caught fire after a pickup and a car slammed into its rear during the chain reactions that blocked both directions of the busy interstate at Payne's Prairie.

Those trailers were hitched to a FedEx Ground truck driven by a Glen St. Mary husband and wife team.

Kenneth Laird, 52, and Cynthia Laird, 44, who live on SR 125 just north of the town limits, were unhurt.

As of Tuesday afternoon, the Florida Highway Patrol confirmed the death toll at 10, and it could rise. Another 21 persons were taken to two Gainesville hospitals.

Ms. Laird was at the wheel of their 2011 Volvo as it headed south that morning en route from Chattanooga to Orlando. As she descended down a grade onto the low, flat stretch known as Payne's Prairie, visibility suddenly dropped to zero.

She flipped on the truck's emergency flashers and got on the radio warning other traffic. That awakened her husband in the cab sleeper and then pandemonium broke out. A pickup slammed into the rear of their trailers, then a car rear-ended the pickup with force sufficient to slide underneath it.

The rear trailer burst into flames. During the next horrifying 20 minutes before fire and rescue units found their way to the scene — there were pileups in both directions — Kenneth Laird managed to direct two other semis forward in smoke and fog so thick that their drivers could only follow his verbal commands.

The Lairds also disconnected their tractor from the twin trailer lots during early voting January 21-28 and another 464 voted by absentee ballot through the mail.

The Florida Division of Elections' early reports showed that Mr. Romney carried the state as a whole with 46.7 percent, Mr. Gingrich finished second with 31.7 percent and Mr. Santorum came in third with 13.2 percent. Mr. Paul garnered support from 6.9 percent.

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

Questions remain in death...

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[the car] slowed down some, it might have even stopped for a second, and then kept right on going."

Ms. Hunter said she was preparing to leave the residence at 18256 CR 127 with Autumn and other children when the accident occurred. She said she was inside the home gathering items for the trip and came out the door to see Autumn near the road.

She said she called out to her great-granddaughter, but the car swerved "like they weren't paying attention and moved off the road."

Autumn Smith is the daughter of Brittany Crawford and Roy Smith. Ms. Hunter, a 20-year resident of Baker County, said Ms. Crawford lives in Jacksonville where the family is originally from.

"She's just devastated, crying all the time, just like I am," Ms. Hunter said of the toddler's

mom. The victim has a 2-month-old brother and 3-year-old sister.

"My 7-year-old saw [the accident] happen and she's almost, like in withdrawal," Ms. Hunter said of her daughter, who lives at the residence along with Ms. Hunter's grandson.

"She was a perfect little angel," Ms. Hunter said of Autumn Smith. "That baby never cried ...

She woke up happy and went to bed happy."

FHP spokesman Lt. Bill Leeper said his agency's investigation into the crash was ongoing as of January 31 and any possible charges would follow the completion of the investigation.

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Facebook fans 'What you had to say ...'

All eyes turned to Florida this week for the Republican presidential primary on January 31. We turned to Facebook on Monday to ask who had voted early. Here's what they had to say ...
Barbara W. Barton: Yes.
Miranda Williams: "Not yet. Is it both parties?"
Nancy Storch Oliver: "Voting tomorrow."
Jason Randall: "It's a shame everyone can't vote as this election represents the president of the United States, not the president of the Republicans."
Nick Apromollo: "The two party

system limits us to two choices."
Wayne Stewart: "They won't let independents vote in the primary. The sad part is independents are now 40 percent of voters."
Ron Thomas: "Yes, twice."
Clayton Yarbrough: "Voting tomorrow."
Danny Norton: "This is a great example for people that are registered independents. They have no say in the primary election. Independents should register one way or the other so their voices can be heard!"
Julie Hines: "Nope. Not a Repub-

lican."
Then on election night, after Romney won the state and Gingrich won Baker County, here's what our Facebook faithful had to say about the results ...
Debbie Frailey: "Why am I not surprised at this."
Ashton Mareth: "Probably fell for the moon idea."
Connie M. Keane: "How embarrassing. That pompous, lying, cheating, airtight? There are people that would actually look up to him? Glad I don't know them."
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County says 'farewell' to Cedar Creek

DRI for project is cast aside

MIKE ANDERSON
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Baker County's first mixed use development of regional impact, a plan envisioning up to 6,000 new homes and extensive commercial and industrial properties between Glen St. Mary and Sanderson, is history.

What was to have become a modern city in a rural county — complete with well-groomed subdivisions, utilities, shopping centers, golf courses, restaurants, theaters and job-creating industrial developments — has become another victim of the nation's struggling economy.

Nearly four years after Adrian Developers received approval for the Cedar Creek Development and six years after initial planning began, the county's Land Planning Agency approved a recommendation from Planning and Zoning Director Ed Preston last week to abandon the project.

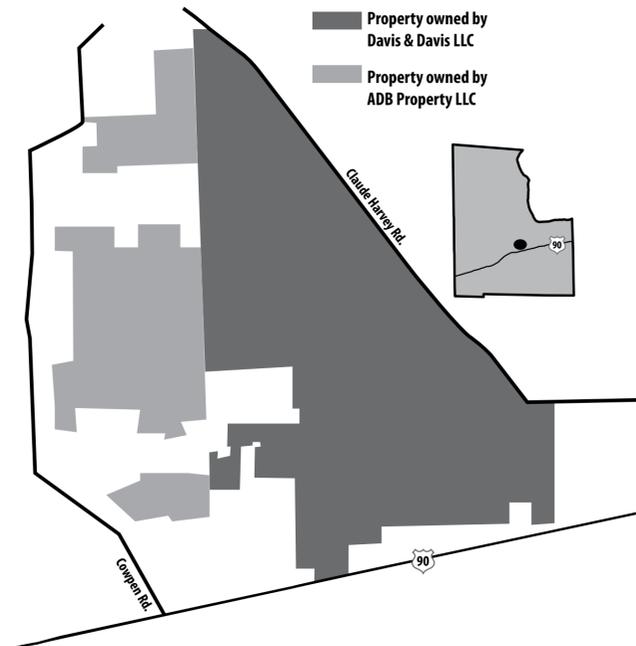
"Adrian Developers lost it all in the recession," Mr. Preston said on January 30, a few days after the LPA board agreed to change the land use back to its original agricultural classification on about 2,200 acres owned by Davis & Davis LLC.

The remaining nearly 1,000 acres of Cedar Creek, known in planning lingo as a development of regional impact or DRI, is owned by a South Florida bank and held in the name of ADB Properties, Mr. Preston said.

He said that tract is also expected to be removed from DRI status at a later date.

After the Cedar Creek DRI was approved in May 2008, which committed developers to paying about \$75 million to the county in mitigation for the project's impacts, Mr. Preston said the "package is viable, sound, progressive and the plans provide Baker County with a complete new town."

Nobody at that time, however, foresaw the harsh economic times just over the horizon.



When the project was approved the country was "at the height of an economic and housing boom," Jacksonville lawyer T.R. Hainline, representing Davis & Davis, told the LPA board on January 26. Soon afterward, he said, "the economy went right down" and the developer backed out of the deal.

"This is happening all over the state," Mr. Hainline said, noting that a number of DRIs in Northeast Florida have stalled because the economy has changed everything. "The demand (for new housing developments) does not exist now."

The Baker County Commission is expected to vote on the issue at its meeting on February 20.

Mr. Preston said the DRI had to be abandoned because the land use approved under that process permits high density developments with homes on quarter-acre lots, a scenario the county

could not afford to have happen without impact fees to help build roads, drainage, new schools and other public services.

By scrubbing the plan and reverting back to the original low-density agricultural use, residential dwellings will once again be limited to 10- or 7.5-acre lots.

While no specific plans have been announced for the property, Mr. Preston said, "Mr. Davis has expressed interest in developing part of it."

In other business, the LPA board: • Briefly discussed a petition to vacate the 21-lot subdivision known as Smoke Rise II, submitted by Chad Grimm as agent for Blair Nurseries Inc., owned by Charles O. Chupp.

After board chair Pat Collier declared a conflict and recused herself from voting on the matter, Mr. Preston pointed out that the remaining three board members would not constitute a quorum so

the issue was tabled for 30 days.

The five-member board needs four voting members to achieve a quorum.

The board apologized to people in the audience who had come to the meeting to address the petition and told them that another hearing would be re-advertised and they could return at that time.

Ms. Collier said that she resides near the Smokerise II subdivision along Mud Lake Road and is a close friend of the first and only person who has actually built a new home on one of the 5-acre lots before development activity ceased.

She said it would not have been appropriate for her to discuss or vote on the petition because she could not be objective.

• Granted a one-year extension to Osceola Land & Timber Co. to complete the cleanup of old concrete and roofing tile de-

Plows into rear of chief's SUV

bris from a 10-acre site on County Road 229 south of Interstate 10 on property formerly known as Richardson Dairy.

Osceola Land & Timber Co. was granted a three-year temporary use permit in 2009 to remove the debris. The owner told the LPA board that he intends to crush all the material for use as road base aggregate but he needed more time to dispose of it because the economy has put a damper on his ability to find a buyer.

Mr. Preston said his office had received several phone calls from people complaining about the debris still remaining on the property, but he said they were "glad to hear no more debris will be going in there."

At the conclusion of the agenda items, Mr. Preston told board members that his office was in the process of revising the county's land development regulations and invited them to offer any recommendations. He said he hoped to complete the task in March.

He also told the board that it was "not in compliance with our enabling ordinance" because members have sometimes continued to serve even after their three-year terms were expired.

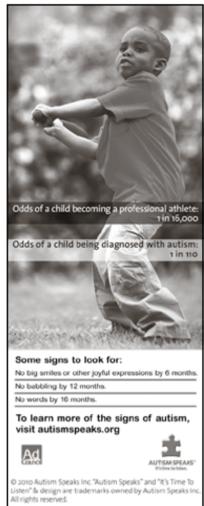
Mr. Preston admitted that he had not kept track of individual board members' terms, which are staggered, but vowed to do a better job in the future. He also asked board members to help keep track of their own appointment terms so that sufficient time would be allowed to find new members to serve.

The board is comprised of five standing members and one alternate, none of whom receive any compensation. The board also has two non-voting members representing the Town of Glen St. Mary and the school district.

Two occupants of a 1997 Mercury sedan were slightly injured the afternoon of January 30 when their vehicle rear-ended an SUV occupied by Macclenny fire chief Daniel Dugger.

Chief Dugger, 57, was not injured and was driving a city-owned 2005 Chevrolet Tahoe. The Florida Highway Patrol said the westbound Mercury struck the Tahoe as it waited to turn off Lowder St. onto 9th St. near the city's south fire station. The accident occurred at 2 pm.

The driver was identified as Jennifer Blue, 19, of Sanderson. The passenger, Octavius Thompson, 23, of Baldwin was wanted on a warrant for failure to appear in court.



Veteran Macclenny garbage truck driver made over \$65,000 in 2010-11, including overtime and bonuses.

Public salary disparity? Garbage truck driver vs. EMT

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Who do you think earns more money — the emergency medical technician called to the scene of a traffic crash or the garbage truck driver hauling trash to the dump?

Here in Baker County, the garbage man makes more.

One garbage truck driver for the City of Macclenny, whose base salary is \$34,046, nearly doubled his earnings by working \$31,168 worth of overtime, for a total salary of \$65,214, according to *The Florida Times-Union's* public employee database.

The database consists of public employee names, their salaries — including overtime and bonuses — and the government agency for which the employee worked during the 2010-11 fiscal year, which ended September 30, 2011.

Meanwhile, there are two county emergency medical technicians, or EMTs, earning minimum wage, which recently increased to \$7.67 per hour.

The county paid one of the EMTs \$15,576 in base pay, \$9584 in overtime and a \$1000 bonus that all county workers received in 2010-11 at the direction of the Baker County Commission. His total salary was \$26,160, about 40 percent of the garbage truck driver's total salary.

The EMT has been with county

Emergency Medical Services, or EMS, since August of 2010 while the truck driver has considerably more experience after nearly 20 years with the city.

Still, the most senior paramedic for the county earned \$33,221 in total salary after 13 years with the EMS department, which was half of the truck driver's total.

The county requires its employees to contribute to their health insurance coverage while the city pays the entire cost for its workers.

The starting hourly pay for county paramedics, who must complete more training than EMTs, is \$8.22, said EMS director David Richardson, adding that his department pays less than most other jurisdictions.

"We've looked at it in the past and we were at the low end, maybe not the bottom, but near the bottom for both EMTs and paramedics," he said.

Without 840 hours a year of scheduled overtime, health insurance and a pension with the Florida Retirement System, which city employees also receive, retaining EMS personnel would be harder, said Mr. Richardson.

In years past, the comparably low wages here resulted in considerable turnover among EMS staff, which the poor job market in recent years has helped to curb, he said.

City and county employees, on

average, earn about the same in total salaries, the public employee database indicates.

Workers employed by the Baker County Commission, excluding those in the constitutional offices, earned an average of \$29,720 in compensation while city staffers, excluding those in the fire department, were paid \$30,781 on average.

The average total salary for city firefighters, many of whom work part-time, was \$11,743.

The public employee database also shows that the highest paid city employees — both plant operators with the city's sewer department — earned more than their boss, City Manager Gerald Dopson, due to substantial overtime pay.

The city manager's base pay was reduced several years ago when he began drawing state retirement, a practice called "double-dipping" that has since been eliminated by state law.

One plant operator received a total salary of \$77,196, with about 32 percent of the sum coming in overtime pay. The other plant operator was paid \$70,377, about 33 percent of which accounted for overtime.

The city manager was paid \$68,288 with no overtime, the public employee database shows.

The database notes that some agencies may have included vacation time payouts, retirement payments or training reimbursements in the salary totals.

Sues CoA over his firing

A former employee recently sued the Baker County Council on Aging for firing him last year after he complained that two vehicles used to transport clients to and from the doctor had been recalled by the manufacturer.

The suit filed by Mark Lyons on January 19 claims he was demoted and then dismissed unfairly.

Mr. Lyons had no comment on the pending suit this week, but the filing indicates he was employed as a vehicle dispatcher in June, 2010 when the non-profit was notified that two vans (No. 4 and No. 39) were recalled for unspecified reasons.

The plaintiff claims he advised his superior Debra Bowen about the situation and the vans were used to take "medically disadvantaged seniors" to doctor and medical appointments the following week.

One of the trips was to transport

employees to a training class in Jacksonville and another was to Jacksonville for an unspecified reason.

Mr. Lyons asserts he informed CoA board member Robert Lambright of the situation. He also claims he was then demoted from dispatcher to billing clerk and banned from answering the phone in the transportation department.

The plaintiff also said he was banned from use of the agency's two-way radio and transferred to the post of driver before he was fired.

The lawsuit filed by his attorney Archibald Thomas of Jacksonville seeks the minimum of \$15,000 and a jury trial.

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Control, brush fires cover area in haze

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A day before an erratic mixture of smoke and fog caused a series of crashes on I-75 early Sunday morning, haze from controlled burning by state and federal forestry officials made its way through northern Baker County and caused some problems of its own.

'ID thief' is arrested

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to learn about at mid-week.

The license with Ms. Horta's name and photo on it was technically valid, and the investigator said Ms. McDonald admitted obtaining it via renewal on the Internet using the former name, which actually belongs to a Jacksonville woman.

"We found a yearly planner in her car that contained other people's birth dates, credit card numbers and other personal information," said Investigator Hardin. "She is a professional identity thief."

Ms. McDonald told police she was heading back to Jacksonville from Texas when she stopped in Macclenny to sleep because she was high on meth. Investigators were making contact with persons identified in the yearly planner attempting to determine if their identities had been compromised.

"There's potentially a lot we don't know about yet," said the investigator. "She told us she'd been on the run about a year, moving from place to place."

A trio of accidents, none serious, were reported in the area of CRs 125 and 127 on January 28 as a result of poor visibility, said Maj. Gerald Gonzalez, operations chief of the Baker County Sheriff's Office.

"We maintained contact with forestry officials over the weekend and assisted with blocking roads and monitoring traffic," he said, adding that deputies were only able to locate one crash in which the smoky conditions were a contributing factor.

In that incident, two vehicles traveling at very slow speeds collided head on, resulting in minor damage to the vehicles and no injuries. Another accident involved a vehicle that ran off the road and a third reported accident could not be located.

The National Weather Service issued a dense smoke advisory at 6:25 pm on Sunday, January 29 for all of north central Florida that remained in effect until 8 am on Monday, January 30.

Also in the north county early this week was a fast-moving brush fire that scorched an esti-

mated eight acres and came dangerously close to a nearby residence on Game Road.

A dozen local firefighters responded to 14007 Game Rd. about 2:45 pm on January 30 to protect homes in the area and soon called in the Florida Forest Service for help containing the fire.

Baker County Fire Chief Richard Dolan said at one point the flames came within 30 feet of a threatened home.

After more than two hours, the fire was fully extinguished. It was caused, the fire chief said, by a debris burning pile.

State firefighters were dispatched from the John S. Bethea State Forest to offer additional support as the fire spread and a spotter plane was dispatched from Jacksonville as well, according to Florida Forest Service spokesman Kurt Wisner.

He said the fire made its way to a dry cut-over swamp at the end of Game Road where firefighters cut a fire line around the eight-acre blaze to contain it.

Mop up operations and mon-

itoring of the area continued through the following day.

"Due to the very dry conditions our area is experiencing, fire in a swamp such as this requires extra care and monitoring," said Mr. Wisner. "A swamp fire can smolder for days-to-weeks and can erupt under windy conditions. Residents are asked to be aware of the risks and avoid burning if possible."

Authorities urge anyone with information about a suspicious or hazardous fire to call the Suwannee Forestry Center dispatch at (386) 758-5700.

"Also, be aware that current weather conditions may cause low-lying smoke on the highways reducing visibility to near zero," Mr. Wisner warned. "If you encounter smoke on the highway, turn on your low-beam headlights, slow down and follow the direction of any safety personnel on scene."

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Six caught drinking under 21

County deputies charged six persons for underage possession of alcohol following early morning traffic stops one hour apart on January 29.

Deputy Shawn Bishara stopped a 2005 Chevrolet for speeding on US 90 in west Macclenny about 2:45 am and filed criminal complaints against all four occupants for having a bottle of rum on the rear floor-board.

They were identified as the driver Bradley Griffis, 20, of Glen St. Mary and passengers Brooke Griffis, 18, of the same address, Christopher Henderson, 20, of Sanderson and Deborah Burns, 18, of Glen.

Mr. Griffis was issued a warning ticket for speeding.

An hour later, Deputy Robert Simkins stopped an eastbound 2002 Dodge pickup driven by Justin Miller, 18, of Glen after

noting it crossed the center line of US 90 near Margaretta twice and had an inoperable tag light.

The deputy arrested Mr. Miller and passenger Benjamin Thomas, 20, also of Glen, after

noting they had two, 12 packs of beer in the truck that they said they consumed over several days.

There were open containers in the vehicle as well.

Incorrect photo



Lewis Churchville Sr.

The photo of Lewis Churchville Sr. that appeared on page one of last week's Press was that of his son, Lewis Churchville Jr.

The correct photo of the defendant sentenced January 17 to 18 months in prison for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon is at right.

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Mother, son are arrested for thefts from her step-dad

A Baldwin woman is in jail under \$225,000 bond and charged with multiple counts of defrauding her step-father in Macclenny during a three-month period ending on January 16.

The sheriff's department says Teresa Leonard, 45, stole an estimated \$7500 cash from the Country Federal Credit Union account of Earl Yarbrough Sr., who is 74 years old. Also arrested was her son Jeremy Leonard, 26, who is alleged to be involved on a lesser scale.

The two are also accused of running up a \$1528 balance on a Capital One credit card they obtained in Mr. Yarbrough's name, and Mrs. Leonard of writing \$400 in checks from his credit union account.

Mr. Yarbrough said he was unaware of the credit card account. He believed that the step-daughter was using the debit card and checking account to pay occasional bills. According to court records, she denied the last accusation



Teresa Leonard



Jeremy Leonard

Odd 911 call leads to arrest for crack

A county deputy arrested a Middleburg man the morning of January 26 after finding several crack cocaine rocks stashed under the driver's seat of his pickup truck after it drove into the parking lot of the Macclenny Walmart.

Deputy Daryl Mobley said he stopped the 2012 Dodge pickup driven by Johani Hughley, 46, after receiving a report that it was on Interstate 10 with a man in the truck bed. It turned out that the person in the rear of the truck, Phillip Anderson, 32, of Jacksonville, had made the call to police.

Mr. Anderson said he sold Mr. Hughley crack cocaine earlier and they went to an ATM in Baldwin to get more cash. Once in Baldwin, the complainant said the driver began to drive off without him, and he jumped into the rear of the pickup.

Mr. Anderson said he made the call because he feared Mr. Hughley would have an accident.

Deputy Mobley said he obtained permission to search the pickup and found a baggie with the crack hidden under a baseball cap.

Mr. Hughley was charged with felony possession.

In another felony arrest, James Gallagher, 37, was booked on January 25 for failure to register as a sex offender within 48 hours of moving to Baker County from Ohio.

Deputy Rodney Driggers said he received information that Mr. Gallagher was residing at a residence on Bob Kirkland Rd. north of Macclenny, and he and Deputy Randy Davis confronted the suspect at that address.

Mr. Gallagher admitted he was a sex offender, but said he believed he registered when he admitted that fact to police when arrested on January 3 for driving on a suspended license and having the wrong tag on his girlfriend's vehicle. He was released the next day.

The suspect's girlfriend Robin O'Neal, 49, confirmed that Mr. Gallagher had been living in Macclenny since November 23. Sex offenders are required to notify authorities of address changes within 48 hours.

Deputy Patrick McGauley stopped his 1997 Chevrolet pickup for having an expired license tag, then learned from the computer bank of the suspensions for failure to pay fines. He was ticketed for the license violation.

The same deputy arrested a 16-year-old male from Sanderson for driving without a license about midday on January 29.

Deputy McGauley said he was aware of the youth's license status when he saw him at the wheel of a 1996 Honda on CR 127 near US 90. The driver was also ticketed for not wearing a seat belt.

Brian Cottle, 43, was being treated at Fraser Hospital's emergency room the evening of January 26 when Deputy Matt Yarbrough learned he was wanted in Sumter County for child neglect and arrested him.

Two defendants turned themselves in at county jail on bond surrenders: Christopher Cole, 22, of Maxville for driving on a suspended license and resisting arrest, and Nathaniel Strachan IV, 23, of Macclenny for felony drug possession.

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He was 'drinking all day,' says girlfriend of man who had rifle

Police arrested a Sanderson man the evening of January 27 for threatening to shoot his live-in girlfriend while she sat in the bedroom of their residence off CR 229 south.

Deputy Jeremiah Combs said he responded to the address about 10 o'clock and learned that Daniel Bailey, 38, was inside with a .22 rifle. The boyfriend exited without the firearm and was detained without resisting. Deputy Combs detected an odor of alcohol about him and girlfriend Vickie Johnson, 39, said he had been drinking all day.

Ms. Johnson said the boyfriend entered their bedroom and sought the firearm, saying he was going hunting. When she confronted him, Mr. Bailey allegedly threatened her but did not point the rifle at her.

Deputy Combs retrieved the weapon from under a bed. It was loaded but there was no round in the chamber.

Mr. Bailey was jailed for aggravated assault.

In other recent domestic incidents: Sandra Dyke, 52, was booked at county jail for domestic battery on her boyfriend Truby Harris, 42, during a confrontation the afternoon of January 24 at a residence on Ivy St. in Macclenny.

Both Mr. Harris and a witness said Ms. Dyke struck him in the stomach, and the boyfriend told Deputy Chad Montean he was also struck in the

face. Ms. Dyke admitted striking him after she was shoved. Mr. Harris was named in a complaint for domestic battery.

The deputy noted he found four prescription pills in Ms. Dyke's purse, but was unable to determine if she legally had them.

A criminal complaint for battery was filed against Timothy Wallace, 30, of Lake City for allegedly striking Eric Mobley, 30, when the latter and Mr. Wallace's ex-wife Jennifer returned to a residence on CR 125 north late on January 26.

The couple told Deputy Ben Anderson the ex-husband was waiting for them about 11 pm in reference to seeing the estranged couple's children. An argument ensued and Mr. Wallace allegedly struck the boyfriend in the head.

He had left the scene when the deputy arrived.

Jerry Davis Jr., 30, was named in a complaint for violating a domestic violence protective order issued at the request of his father Jerry Davis Sr.

Deputy Johnny Hodges went to the residence of Cheryl Rhoton on Bertie Davis Circle north of Sanderson at midday on January 27, and the son said he was on the property to collect belongings and feed animals.

The order prohibits him from being closer than 500 feet of the property.

VA owner's home burglarized

A Virginia woman returned to her former residence near Taylor in north Baker County on January 22 to find extensive vandalism and thousands of dollars in appliances and other property stolen.

Sharon Lane told Deputy Jacob Satterwhite she had last been at the address on O.C. Horne Rd. last April, and had left it to fly to Richmond, VA before movers had finished up.

Ms. Lane said a realtor had listed the property, and the agent told Deputy Satterwhite she had last been there on October 1 but nothing appeared amiss except the front door was ajar.

A next door neighbor also said he saw no suspicious activity on the property save the partially opened door.

The officer said the interior was ransacked and it appeared someone had been living there. The exterior likewise was overgrown and not maintained.

The inventory of missing property included a central air conditioner, washer, dryer, stove, refrigerator and table and chairs. There was no loss value listed in the report.

In other theft reports the past week, Terry Mosley of Comer, GA reported on January 26 that her wallet had gone missing sometime the previous six days, and that a debit card from it was used three days earlier at Mur-

phy Oil.

She was unable to recall for Deputy Daryl Mobley where she last saw the wallet, but named an acquaintance from the Macclenny area who may have taken it.

Bobby Barefoot returned to his residence on SR 125 in Glen

St. Mary the evening of January 26 to find that a fishing tackle box and small amount of wire were taken from his front porch.

He gave Deputy Ben Anderson the name of a relative as a possible suspect. There was no loss value listed in the officer's report.

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The Baker County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 6:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible to consider for review the proposed text amendment to the Baker County Land Development Regulations. The public hearing will be held at the County Administration Building, 55 North Third Street, Macclenny, Florida. On the date above-mentioned, all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the amendment which is titled as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2012- AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING THE BAKER COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS BY ADDING CHAPTER 11 IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS OF THE "FLORIDA LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT ACT" AND PROVIDING PROCEDURES BY WHICH BAKER COUNTY MAY ENTER INTO DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS PURSUANT TO SAID ACT; PROVIDING FOR A REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ARTICLES; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE CODIFIER AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A copy of said ordinances may be inspected by any member of the public in the Commissioner's office, address stated above. In accordance with Section 286.0105, F. S.: "If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the County Commission with respect to any matter considered at this scheduled meeting or hearing, the person may need a record of the proceedings, and for such purposes the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based."

According to the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Administration Department at (904) 259-3613 at least 48 hours prior to the time of the hearing.

Says Romney won UNF debate

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Jamie Allyn is no political pundit, but the Macclenny resident believes Mitt Romney won the Republican presidential debate last week, the final one before the primary election January 31.

And she should know — because she was standing four rows from the candidates as they sparred over taxes, immigration and other issues at the University of North Florida, where Ms. Allyn is majoring in psychology.

"It was really humanizing to watch the candidates at such a close range," the 20-year-old barista at Elianos Coffee Co. in Macclenny said a few days after the event. "The proximity made them seem more like people and less like TV personalities."

Ms. Allyn was very excited after learning she was granted access to the debate and would possibly ask the candidates a question on the air.

"It's a big event for our school and our state so I really wanted to be a part of it," said Ms. Allyn.

Last month, after the debate's location was announced by CNN, Ms. Allyn posted a question to UNF's Facebook page to find out how she could attend the event.

She was directed to the 24-hour cable news network, which sent her to the website of the Republican Party of Florida where she then left contact information.

Ms. Allyn received a call in mid-January from the party and gave her name, age and a question she would like to ask the candidates. She was told that more than 3000 people were interested in attending, but only 800 would be forwarded to CNN on a first-come basis.

The network phoned her January 21 to confirm her information and called again four days later.

"They wanted to know my question and asked if I would be willing to ask it in front of the candidates. I was like, 'Of course' ... They even made me say it to them over the phone," she said.

The college senior hoped to ask the field about their plans to stabilize the economy and



Jamie Allyn shows her support of Occupy Wall Street protesters. "One day when a friend of mine and I were closing at work, we made 'Occupy Box' signs from the cardboard boxes that we were about to throw away and got into the over-sized boxes and took photos. It was my satirical tribute to the Occupy movement, since I can't make it to New York to take part in the real thing," she said.

improve education. "That's something I'm going to have to live with for a while, so that and education are very important," said Ms. Allyn, a registered Democrat.

But she never got the opportunity to address the candidates, who spent most of their breath on the economy while ignoring education.

"The economy was the principal topic of the evening, but each of the candidates discussed it in broad ideas, never pointing out specific plans or solutions," she said. "That said, there is plenty of time for these questions to be addressed before the general election, and I am also interested in hearing more about the President's perspectives on these issues."

Still, in her opinion, Mr. Romney outperformed his opponents.

She said he skillfully countered the attacks of his closest rival Newt Gingrich and "appeared more presidential."

"Altogether, [Romney] seemed the most presidential," said Ms. Allyn.



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Blood drive collects a dozen pints

The Blood Alliance donation bus spent four hours the afternoon of January 27 in Macclenny, collecting about 12 pints of blood from at least 15 donors including Dennis Ferguson (above). Phlebotomist Sherry Larramore, also pictured, said there was a steady stream of donors at the Wells Fargo parking lot on S. 6th St. Mr. Ferguson, 60, has been giving blood regularly since he was 16 years old in his native Ohio. He's donated in Michigan, Minnesota, Maryland and now Florida. "If I'm healthy, I give it as often as I can," he said.

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"In fact, the very first thing that happened to me when I got to school was that Wolf Blitzer walked by me on the sidewalk," she said. "No security or anything, just walked by. That was awesome."

During the debate in the Lazzara Performance Hall, she said the audience members seemed thrilled to be there, herself included, particularly because they could react to what the candidates were saying. "That kept the energy level up and I believe it propelled the candidates to perform better. Afterward, everyone seemed pumped. It was like leaving a concert," she said.

Among the Republican field, Ms. Allyn favored Ron Paul the most for his unequivocal stances on issues as well as his wit.

"I loved hearing what he had to say. He kept things light, but focused and I really appreciated that," she said.

The "bickering" between Romney and Gingrich during the early part of the debate frustrated the young voter, as did what she called "name dropping" when the candidates addressed appointing Hispanics to cabinet posts.

"It seemed like a contest to see who could name the most Hispanic American leaders," she said.

Ms. Allyn hasn't settled on a plan after she graduates and may continue her education at Florida State University. The debate will definitely be a highlight of her time at UNF, however.

"Being there to see the candidates interact with one another and get a sense of the individuals without it being controlled, is something I will definitely remember," she said.

for this program, please contact the Baker County Extension Office (904-259-3520). For additional information, you may also visit our website at http://baker.ifas.ufl.edu.

The University of Florida/IFAS Extension will host a longleaf pine workshop for forest landowners and natural resource professionals on Saturday, February 25 at the Union County Public Library (250 SE 5th Ave., Lake Butler).

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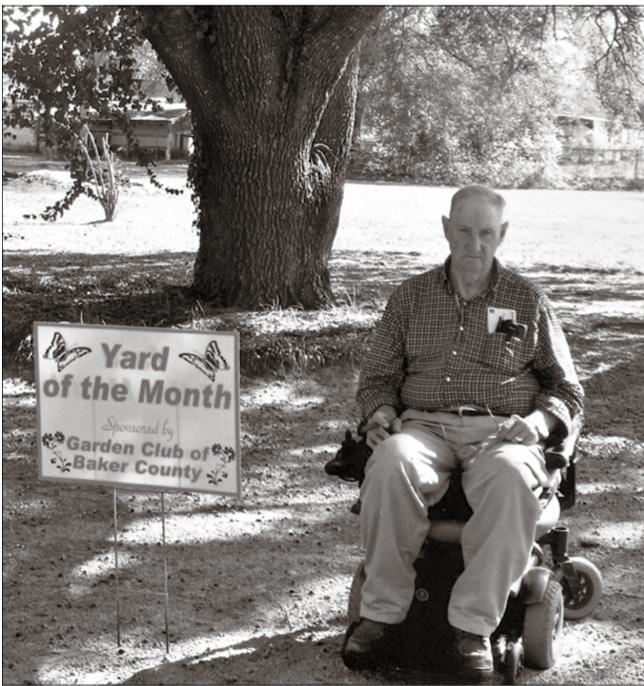
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February Yard of Month in north Glen

The Garden Club of Baker County has chosen the yard of Scott Walker on CR 125 north of Glen St. Mary as its top entry for the month of February. Scott poses here in the shade of a live oak tree his father brought home from the woods in a coffee can many years ago, and he credits his love of tending to landscapes to both his father and mother. If you know of someone worthy of consideration for Yard of the Month this spring, contact the Garden Club at 259-2754 or 259-6844.

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Lucas is top PreK teacher

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FEATURES

The PreK-Kindergarten Center's teacher of the year for 2012 is Vivian Lucas. A graduate of Baker County High School, Ms. Lucas attended the University of North Florida. She began her teaching career in 1977 and for the past 35 years has taught at the kindergarten level in Baker County.

"I love it," she says. "When I first got out of college I didn't think I would be a teacher, but I tried it and was surprised by how much I enjoyed it."

This is the veteran teacher's last year and she is looking forward to retirement but plans to substitute regularly because she knows she will miss being around the children.

Ms. Lucas says she was genuinely surprised to learn she had been chosen teacher of the year. And that her principal, Bonnie

about a parent who was very upset and calling constantly to complain. When she asked "What are we going to do about this?" Ms. Lucas was baffled. Then she said the principal smiled, laughed and said, "Surprise! You're teacher of the year!"

Seeing young children grow excited about learning new things is what has kept Ms. Lucas fulfilled in her teaching career. Helping them learn about a holiday they may not have experienced before such as Valentine's Day or going on their first Easter egg hunt is a joy to witness.

"To children this age, almost everything is new," she said.

As with many teachers, the only thing she finds frustrating about her work is not having enough hours in the day to accomplish all she needs and wants to do.

"We do the best we can," she said.



Vivian Lucas

Jones, played a trick on her to let her learn of the news. "Someone came and told me Ms. Jones needed to see me in the office. They were so serious when they said it, I thought 'Oh Lord, what's wrong,'" she said. The principal began talking

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2004 Dodge Neon
VIN # 1B3ES66C14064019
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. 02-2006-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:

Furniture pieces, televisions, appliances, decorative household items, camera, XB 900 Console with games, 2 controllers & headphones, DVDs - assortment of jewelry, gas grill, guns (NOTE: Anyone interested in bidding on guns MUST contact the BCSO at 904-259-0245 TEN DAYS prior to the date of the Sale for a background check), other misc items. A COMPLETE LIST OF ITEMS FOR SALE IS AVAILABLE AT THE BAKER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MONDAY-FRIDAY, 8:30AM-5:00PM.

(NOTE: Anyone interested in viewing the items being sold may do so 45 minutes prior to the time of the sale.)

I shall offer this property for sale, at Baker County Fair Grounds (Building) 5567 Lawrence Road, Macclenny, FL, County of Baker, State of Florida, on February 29, 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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 02-2008-CA-000157
DIVISION:
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT RELATING TO IMPAC SECURED ASSETS CORP. MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-3, Plaintiff,
vs.
AMY STAVELY, et al., Defendants).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated November 30, 2011, and entered in Case No. 02-2006-CA-000157 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida in which Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee Under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement Relating to Impac Secured Assets Corp. Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-3, is the Plaintiff and Amy Stavely, Carolyn First Bank (aka Mercantile Bank, aka defendants) I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in ALL SALES WILL BE HELD AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE, 539 E. MACCLENNY AVE., MACCLENNY, FL 32063. THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER MUST PAY AT LEAST 5% OF THE SUCCESSFUL BID BY CASH OR CASHIER'S CHECK AT THE TIME OF THE SALE. THE REMAINING BAL AMOUNT MUST BE TENDERED BY 4:00PM ON THE DAY OF THE SALE BY CASH OR CASHIER'S CHECK ONLY. Baker County, Florida at 11:00AM on the 16th day of 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 PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGES 69 AND 70, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA. A/K/A 6080 COPPER DRIVE, MACCLENNY, FL 32063

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

Dated in Baker County, Florida this 18th day of January, 2012.
Clerk of the Circuit Court Baker County, Florida
By: Jamie Crews Deputy Clerk

Albertelli Law Attorney for Plaintiff P.O. Box 23022 Tampa, FL 33623 (813) 221-4743 (813) 221-4743

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. If hearing impaired, please call 1-800-955-8771; if you are voice impaired, please call 1-800-955-8770.

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 Ruise, in and to the following described personal property, to-wit:

2004 Blue Nissan Maxima 4 door
VIN# 1N4BA1E24C89848
(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 29, 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 Ruise, 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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO.: 02-2010-CA-000153

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP Plaintiff,
vs.
CHARLES R. UTTER, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CHARLES R. UTTER, JOHN DOE, JANE DOE, ET AL. Defendants)

NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE
TO: CHARLES R. UTTER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CHARLES R. UTTER; JOHN DOE; JANE DOE; ET AL. whose residence is unknown if he/she/they be living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are named in this proceeding, in and to the following described personal property, to-wit:

2002 Chevrolet Tahoe (Black)
VIN# 1GNEC13Z02R314783
(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 29, 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, Tamara Ruise, 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.)

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2002 Mercury 4 DR
VIN# 1M2E1M74W7K034346
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The following units containing household items such as furniture, appliances, etc., will be sold by public auction on or after February 25, 2012 to satisfy back rent. The following tenants can claim their property back if rent is paid before this date:

Name	Unit #
Mark Stephens	4
Kelley O'Neal	14
Roy Clark	17
Marcus Green	19
Charles Belford	26
William Crawford	48
Jennifer Burnett	63
Charlene Hoops	64
Hester Hester	76/38
Michelle Brannon	84

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA,
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 02-2009-CA-000207
GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC, Plaintiff,
vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, TRUSTEES OF SARA O'NEAL, DECEASED, KEITH O'NEAL, HEIR, JONATHAN O'NEAL, HEIR; NATALIE MAXWELL, HEIR; IF LIVING, INCLUDE (ING) ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S); IF REMARRIED AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); WHETHER DISSOLVED OR PRESENTLY EXISTING, TOGETHER WITH ANY GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, OR TRUSTEES OF SAID DEFENDANT(S); AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST DEFENDANT(S);

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, TRUSTEES OF SARA O'NEAL, DECEASED, NATALIE MAXWELL, HEIR; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S); IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); WHETHER DISSOLVED OR PRESENTLY EXISTING, TOGETHER WITH ANY GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, OR TRUSTEES OF SAID DEFENDANT(S); AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST DEFENDANT(S);

Whose residence area/s unknown.
YOU ARE HEREBY required to file your answer or written defenses, if any, in the above proceeding with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorney, Law Offices of Daniel C. Conners, 504 King Palm Drive, Tampa, FL 33619-1228, telephone (813) 915-8660, facsimile (813) 915-8659, within thirty days of the first publication of this Notice. For more information, contact the Plaintiff's attorney at (813) 915-8660. If you are unable to appear for a suit for foreclosure of mortgage against the following described property, to-wit:

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

If you fail to file your answer or written defenses in the above proceeding, on plaintiff's attorney, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or Petition.

DATED AT BAKER County this 25th day of January, 2012.
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Julie Combs Deputy Clerk

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act 1990, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the ASA Coordinator no later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired, please call (800) 955-8771 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (voice), via Florida Relay Service.

Attorney for Plaintiff: Daniel C. Conners, P.A. 504 King Palm Drive, Tampa, Florida 33619-1228 Tel: (813) 915-8660 Fax: (813) 915-8659

Public Notice
The Town of Glen St. Mary is calling a special meeting to discuss approval to have roadwork done within the town while the contractor is here resurfacing Tabler Boulevard.

Date: February 1, 2012 at 6:00 pm
Place: Town Hall, Glen St. Mary
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Group training for the Gate River Run

JOEL ADDINGTON
NEWS EDITOR
reporter@bakercountypress.com

The 35th annual Gate River Run draws thousands of professional and amateur runners to Jacksonville for the largest 15K in the nation. Many are from Baker County.

For this year's event — which also features a 5K run and children's run in addition to the 9-mile race with \$85,000 in prize money up for grabs — the Baker County YMCA started group training sessions for the Gate River Run.

Y member Connie Walker spearheaded the effort with help from facility staffers by inviting those interested to three weekly training sessions, which began January 3. She also supplied runners with a training schedule to gradually build up their endurance through race day on March 10.

Ms. Walker said about 10 joggers regularly meet for training runs on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings, though attendance at a bi-weekly discussion session on topics like proper footwear and other tips has been lacking.

Some in the loose-knit group with similar ability and pace train together, leaving from the Y on West Lower Street, while others prefer to meet at the Macclenny City Park trail for evening

runs because the park is lighted. Lucia Gadsby of Macclenny, who admits she doesn't like running, has been training with the group. "My daughter has been asking me to run in [the Gate River Run] for [last year]," she said. "I hate running, but I do it for her."

When asked why she hates the activity, she responded: "It's painful. Everything hurts." Still, the 43-year-old mother said, it's worth spending quality time with her daughter, who turned 18 last week.

Though she doesn't consider herself a serious runner, jogging "off and on," the Massachusetts native boasted that she shaved two minutes off her mile time, down from 13 minutes.

She and others in the training group pushed to five miles on January 28, six weeks before the Gate River Run, which will start at Everbank Stadium.

The route heads through downtown Jacksonville, crossing the Main Street Bridge to the San Marco and St. Nicholas

neighborhoods before crossing the Hart Bridge to end at the stadium. Live bands will play at various locations along the route and water stations will be set up at every mile marker.

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CHURCH AND OBITUARY NOTICE INFORMATION

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

CONTACT US

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

Katherine Hicks, 81, of Bryceville

Katherine Hicks, 81, of Bryceville died January 26, 2012 in Jacksonville following a brief illness. Mrs. Hicks was born in Baker County on March 5, 1930 to the late James Eddie Rhoden and former Nellie Ellen Garrett. She was predeceased in death by her husband Carroll Robert Hicks.



Katherine Hicks

Survivors include daughters Sue (Frank) Everett and Linda (Jess) Vega; sons Scooter (Mary) Hicks and Joey (Shirley) Hicks; grandchildren Tim Everett; Donna Seemann, Chester (Darylann) Everett, Samantha (John) Bennett, Brett Hicks and Sarah Rushing; great-grandchildren Brandi, Falon, Sandy, April, Tyler, Gracie Katherine, Madison, Khloe and Chester; great-great-grandchildren Georgia, Bubba and Dalilah; sister Malinda (Harold) Wilson; brother-in-law Herbert Earnstine; sisters-in-law Helen Thrift and Yvonne Hart; numerous extended family and friends.

A graveside service was held January 31 at 2 pm at Macedonia Cemetery with Pastor Bob Gallentine officiating. Prestwood Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Oscar Hobbs, 86, decorated veteran

Oscar Floyd Hobbs, 86, of Macclenny died January 31, 2012 at Frank Wells Nursing Home. He was born in Naylor, GA on April 20, 1925 to the late Walter Early and Flazzell Hobbs. He was a lifelong resident of Baker County and retired after many years from the Department of Transportation as a centerline crewman.



Oscar Hobbs

Mr. Hobbs served his country proudly in the United States Army during World War II, earning the Purple Heart medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign (EAMETO) Medal, the French Legion of Honor Medal and the World War II Victory Medal. He enjoyed gardening, fishing and spending time with his family. Oscar was predeceased in death by daughter Kathy Robertson, brother Randolph Hobbs and half-sister Vester Cribbs.

Survivors include loving wife of 65 years Edna Lucille Hobbs of Macclenny; sons Floyd Mitchell (Brita) Hobbs of Plains, GA and John (Charlotte) Hobbs of Glen St. Mary; son-in-law Al "Robbie" Robertson of Macclenny; sisters Margaret (George) Horton of Lake City, Betty Jo (Jewell) Crews of Hilliard and Flazzell (R.N.) Duncan of Satsuma; grandchildren Teresa (Gary) Manning, Bryan (Lily) Hobbs, Geri Hobbs, Lauren Hobbs, Courtney (James) Mann, Jennifer K. Harvey and Amanda L. Robertson; 11 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held on Thursday February 2 at 11:00 am at Ferreira Funeral Services with Pastor Edsel Bone officiating. Interment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Macclenny. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, February 1 from 5-7 pm at the funeral home.

Francis Monroe, 88, dies Jan. 27

Frances Monroe, 88, died January 27, 2012 at Macclenny Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Mrs. Monroe was a member of Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Old Town, FL, where she served as church secretary.



Frances Monroe

Survivors include children Rosebud Monroe and Oweida Manier, both of Macclenny; five grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held 1 pm on Saturday, February 4 at Dixie County High School auditorium, Cross City, FL with Rev. John Peterson officiating. Burial will follow in Pleasant Grove Cemetery in Old Town. Chestnut Funeral Home, Inc. is in charge of arrangements. Visitation is at Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church Friday, February 3 from 5-7 pm and Saturday at the auditorium from noon until the hour of service. Family and friends are asked to meet Saturday at the home of Mrs. Monroe, 711 Griffin Court, Macclenny, FL, at noon to form the cortege.

Ronald Perry, 63, of Glen St. Mary

Ronald Lee Perry, 63, of Glen St. Mary died January 26, 2012. He was born in Marion, Ohio to the late Stanley Perry and Ilene Cole on February 13, 1948. He was a resident of Baker County since 1998 after moving from Ohio. Ronald honorably served in the US Army and was employed for more than 20 years as a truck driver. He enjoyed playing the guitar, singing, driving his truck and traveling. He was predeceased by his brother Michael Wayne Perry.



Ronald Perry

Survivors include daughter Alicia (Allen) Perry Morris of Defuniak Springs, FL; foster father Walt Barton of Macclenny; sister Sandy Tidd of Richwood, OH; granddaughter Cheyenne Morris of Defuniak Springs; nephews Greg (Ruthie) McCloud of Boca Raton and Jonathan and Steven Perry of Delaware, OH; niece Penni (Chip) Jolliff of Richwood, OH; great nieces Keshia and Amber; numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will hold a private memorial service at a later date. V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services is in charge of arrangements.

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Ray Raulerson, 65, of Cuyler, FL

Edward "Ray" Raulerson Sr., 65, of Cuyler died January 31, 2012 at Acosta - Rua Center for Caring in Jacksonville following a brief illness. He was born in Jacksonville on January 9, 1947 to the late Noah and Ruby Connor Raulerson. Ray was a lifelong resident of Baker County where he attended Christian Fellowship Temple. He retired after 30 years of dedicated service as a Mill Tech from Gerdaud AmeriSteel and he served his country proudly in the United States Army. Ray enjoyed hunting, fishing, being outdoors, working in his garage and helping others. He loved animals especially his dog, Rosco. Ray was predeceased in death by his parents and older baby brother Marvin Raulerson.



Ray Raulerson

Survivors include loving wife of 40 years Melvie Jean Raulerson of Cuyler; children Eddie (Tammy) Raulerson of Taylor, Allen Raulerson of Glen St. Mary, and Donna "D.D." (John) Crawford of Glen St. Mary; brother Roger (Glenda) Raulerson of Cuyler; sisters Annette (Lawrence) Manning of Glen St. Mary, Carolyn (Robert) Manning of Macclenny, and Lynn (Randall) Taylor of Cuyler; eight grandchildren; one great-granddaughter.

The funeral service will be held on Friday, February 3 at 2 pm at his church with Pastor Tim Thomas officiating. Interment will follow in Turner Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Thursday, February 2 from 6-9 pm at the Ferreira Funeral Services Chapel.

J.C. Walker, 88, of Branford, FL

J.C. Walker, 88, of Branford, FL died January 28, 2012 after a long battle with cancer. He was born in Suwannee County and spent his entire life in Branford. Mr. Walker was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving his country honorably during World War II. J.C. was a member of the American Legion, Post 59 where he served as post commander for 44 years. Mr. Walker was the owner of Walker's Cold Storage and Meat Processing in Branford and later worked as an Inspector for the Florida Department of Agriculture. He enjoyed serving on the board of directors for Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative for 37 years. J. C. was very active in his church, serving as the church treasurer.

Survivors include wife of 65 years Eloise; children Jim and Toni Walker of Kingsland, GA, Andy and Melissa Walker of Branford, Kay and Sandy Dowling of Taylor and Sandy and Mike DeWitt of Rock Springs, Wyoming; grandchildren Shannon, Mindi and Brooke Walker, Jeremy and Amy DeWitt; two great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was at 2 pm on February 1 at Lebanon Baptist Church in Branford. ICS Cremation and Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

William Young, 84, of Macclenny

William Singleton Young, 84, of Macclenny died Thursday, January 26 at his residence. He was a native of Baldwin and resided in Portland, Oregon before moving to Macclenny 30 years ago. He was a clerk with Seaboard-Coastline Railroad in Baldwin and then retired with Burlington-Northern Railroad in Portland.

Mr. Young was a member of Middleburg Baptist Church and the Transportation Communications International Union. He was predeceased in death by his parents Benjamin S. and Ethel Oliver Young, wife Melba Dee Young and son William Young.

Survivors include sisters Mary L. Echterkamp of Macclenny and Helen Elaine Wilson of Jamestown, VA; numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

A graveside service was held at 2 pm Tuesday, January 31, in the Brandy Branch Cemetery in Bryceville with Rev. David Thomas officiating. Guerry Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Gospel sing

A gospel sing will be held on Saturday, February 4 at the Pine Grove Congregational Methodist on CR 199 in Raiford. It begins at 7 pm featuring *Mercy Mountain Boys*.

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Awed by athleticism in Pro Bowl

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I had a great time watching the Pro Bowl on Sunday night. That surprised me. Usually, I don't even watch it; it really isn't a game. It's more a demonstration of skills. This year I watched because Maurice Jones-Drew started at running back and I wanted to see how he did against the league's best defenders. He did pretty well although he didn't

get the ball very much. The Pro Bowl is all about flashy, so they throw the ball over the place. Jones-Drew cracked an exciting 39-yard run that demonstrated his speed, agility and incredible strength. By then I was hooked. There were some incredible examples of personal athleticism. Miami Dolphins wide receiver Brandon Marshall stole the show. He caught six passes for 176 yards and four touchdowns. One of the touchdowns will be shown again and again on highlight reels. Marshall caught the ball on

the ground while battling two defensive backs. The ball were fumbled by the DBs, bounced off Marshall's foot and into his hands. It was an amazing bit of luck and concentration. Ironically, his four TDs beat Jaguar Jimmy Smith's record of three in the 2004 Pro Bowl. Another record to fall was the inclusion of a pair of rookies at quarterback. Cam Newton of Carolina and Cincinnati's Andy Dalton both saw fourth quarter playing time. Newton was sketchy, throwing a pair of interceptions, but Dalton looked calm and collected as he has all

season for the Bengals. I particularly like some of the goofy stuff that the athletes tried. The NFC tried two on-side kicks (both successful) and a fake punt. Drew Brees tried a drop kicked extra point (that failed) in honor of commentator Doug Flutie's drop kicked PATs when he was Patriot. It was a lot of fun. And I was happy that the AFC won 59-41 in a game that also broke the scoring record. Next up: the Super Bowl. Let's hope this one will be super and not the Toilet Bowl as it has in some years.

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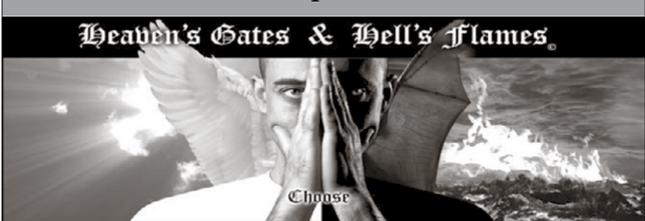
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Mette - Rhoden

To wed in March

Red and Anita Mette are pleased to announce the engagement of daughter Christie to Danny Rhoden, all of Glen St. Mary. Danny is the son of Steve and Mary Rhoden of Glen St. Mary. The couple plans to wed in March 2012 in Macclenny and will reside in Glen St. Mary.

To wed February 11

Eilene Rose Hammock and Traverse Will Combs of Glen St. Mary are pleased to announce their engagement.

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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

February 3
BCHS: History Classes to Renaissance Fair, History Club to St. Augustine, Boys Basketball vs. Madison (H), 6:00 p.m., Girls Basketball District Tournament, 6:00 p.m.
BCMS: 8th Grade Valentine Queen Election KIS: Accelerated Reading Goal #5 Due WES: Fundraiser Kick-off, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

February 4
BCHS: Wrestling District Tournament @ Florida High, Boys Basketball vs. Clay (H), 6:00 p.m., Girls Basketball District Tournament, 6:00 p.m.

February 6
District-wide: School Board Meeting, New Jerusalem Church of God in Christ, 6:30 p.m., BCHS: Faculty/Staff vs. Students Fitness Challenge Begins, Boys Weightlifting Begins

February 7
BCHS: Basketball District Tournament @ Bishop Kenny, 5:00 p.m., Junior Varsity & Varsity Softball @ First Coast, 4:30 p.m., Baseball vs. Middleburg (H), 7:00 p.m., BCMS: Majorettes, 2:00 p.m., KIS: KADET, 9:15 a.m., WES: School Advisory Council Mtg., 8:00 a.m., Just Say No! Club Mtg., 8:00 a.m., Tutoring/After School Reading Club, 3:15 p.m.

February 8
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They can be purchased at either BCHS or at Huckleberry Moon party supply on South 6th in Macclenny. DVDs are \$10 and proceeds go toward buying new stage curtains at the high school.

Safe hunter course starts on Feb. 18th

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is offering a free hunter safety Internet-completion course in Baker County.

The class is Feb. 18 from 8 am to 5 pm. Students who have taken the online course and want to complete the classroom portion must bring the online-completion report with them.

The location for this class will be given to those who register in advance by calling the regional office at 386-758-0525 or going to MyFWC.com/HunterSafety.

All firearms, ammunition and materials are provided free of charge. Students should bring a pen or pencil and paper. An adult must accompany children younger than 16 at all times.

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Raise \$40, egg the P.E. teachers

Students at Westside Elementary in Glen St. Mary raised \$4,376 last November for Jump Rope for Heart, the American Heart Association's annual student fund raiser. All students who raised \$40 or more won the opportunity to crack raw eggs on the school's physical education teacher Michelle Yaracs (left) and her assistant Tina Stone. Doing the honors in this photo are two of the winners, third grader Blake Rhoden (left) and first grader Garrison Fish, breaking the eggs the afternoon of January 23. "We just washed our hair and the egg came right out," said Ms. Yaracs. "It is actually supposed to be good for your hair."

Signing day at BCHS Feb. 1

Baker County High School will observe National Signing Day at 9 am in the auditorium on Wednesday February 1. It was a landmark season for the Wildcats, the first time in school history that BCHS is sending two players to the Atlantic Coast Conference. Quarterback Thomas Sirk (Duke) and wide receiver Kendrick Singleton (North Carolina) both inked with ACC teams.

Sirk to Singleton was a common duo to the past football season as they connected 61 times for 1085 yards in 2011, the most in BCHS single season history. "It is only fitting that they will be less than 10 miles apart as they embark on their college careers," said Coach Sulkowski. Singleton's signing with UNC came as something of a surprise as the fleet wide receiver was verbally committed to Southern Mississippi since this summer.

In other signings, Jordan Parker will ink with Highland

Community College in Kansas. Other players are evaluating their options and could sign later.

"National signing day is the first day for kids to sign and doesn't mean that our other seniors are not going anywhere," said Sulkowski. "Many smaller

schools wait until after signing day to access the pool of talent who did not sign on this day so the next month should be busier for the rest of our seniors. I hate how people think that just because it's signing day that this is it. That is far from true."



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Leaders tout literacy with annual readings

Retired Baker County teacher and administrator Gail Brown reads to first graders at Westside Elementary School as part of Project REACH (Reading Embraces All Children) the morning of January 25, one of several ways local schools marked Celebrate Literacy Week between January 23-27. Project REACH, now in its 16th year at the school, brings in community leaders to read to students. This year's line-up included elected officials, school district employees, church leaders, government officials and others.

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School Lunch MENU

February 6 - February 10

Offered everyday:
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Monday, January 6

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

Tuesday, January 7

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

Wednesday, February 8

Breakfast: Breakfast chicken patty on a whole grain biscuit, apple juice and milk.
Lunch: Hot dog on a bun or cheeseburger on a bun. Choice of 2 sides: baked potato rounds, lettuce and tomato slices, creamy coleslaw, peach cup and milk.

Thursday, February 9

Breakfast: Pancake with syrup, peach slices and milk.

Lunch: Shepherd's pie with whole grain roll or deli turkey and cheese sandwich on a bun. Choice of 2 sides: tossed salad, steamed broccoli, rony pear cup and milk.

Friday, February 10

Breakfast: Breakfast sausage pizza, tropical fruit juice and milk.

Lunch: Spaghetti with meat sauce and a slice of italian bread or hot dog on a bun. Choice of 2 sides: baked fries, green beans, seasonal fresh fruit and milk.



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SECOND GRADE: Callahan: Harper Archambault, Zaria Cooper, Stacey Duffey, C.J. Ginnetto, Teagan Rhoden, Amber Williams, Hayden Williams. **Davis:** A. Sydney Johnson. **Davis, K:** Carlos Jefferson, Hayden Stearns, Daniel Westinghouse. **Dunali:** Mattie Ball, Latonia Burnett, Joseph Cery, R.J. Cline, Chase Crews, Colton Herb, Jessie Jacobs, Jacob Raulerson, Tia Ruise, Alex Stokes, Caleb Woods. **Elledge:** Colton Clardy, Destiny Padgett, Chelsea Spies. **Gonzalez:** Emma Knight, Kade Richardson. **Hurst:** Jalynn Harvey, Chloe Lamb, Branson Sell, Kaiden Sherman. **Jacobs:** Kelsey Craig, Weston Gurganious, Timothy Hance, Tayleigh Laumore, Abriil Nolasco, David Prosch, Holly Ritter. **Moment:** Noah Duren. **Nunn:** Leah Cales, Lance Padgett, Kaylee Rogers, Chase Smith, Robert Wood. **Stafford:** Breanna Allard, Rylee Carter, Eliza Clines, Brea Green, Angelina Hunter, Michael Prevatt.

THIRD GRADE: Dowling: Peyton Burness, Michael Cody, Taylor Crews, Jade Fletcher, Kara Fletcher, Kaylee Long, Sarah Beth Murphree, Reegen Payne, Tyler Richardson, Luke Whitaker. **Gray:** Cheyenne Croft. **Hand:** Delanie Crews, Alyssa Markley, Dawson Saleay, Nick Taylor. **Kress:** Wyatt Crockett. **Payne:** Ben Callahan, Dalton Chancey, Kiera Godbold, Caiden Hodges, Will Johnson, Hannah Johnston, Braeden Nance, Iana Ledford, Blakey Mallory, Hannah Peterson, Benjamin Smith, Brock Walker, Logan Wright. **Shivers:** Ryleigh Burness, Emily Eldridge, William Green, Anthony Howell, Luke Slattery. **Wendel:** Brady Finley, Caleb Jones, Seth Scott, Addie Williams. **White:** Noah Anderson, Emily Hilliard, Megan Horton.

Honor Roll - 2nd Nine Weeks

FIRST GRADE: Butler: Chandler Crawford, Amario Ruise, Brookcye Padgett, Jainece Simon. **Conner:** Jamie Bradt, Dalton Cushman, Zamarra Gidley, Matthew Lee, Hayley McCoy, Avery Spurlock, DJ Stuh. **Crews, H:** Kyra Davis, Kaitlyn Dinkins, Chloe Hauge, Camaron Paige, Iverson Tisdale. **Hart:** Lily Conner, Landan Fountain, Zachary Harvey, Kasen Johnson, Destiny Knight, Justin Moore, Hope Roberson, Joseph Tanner. **Miller:** McKenzie Abbott, Jaylah Bloomfield, Elyre Creekmore, Mason Dyal, Haley Maxwell, Bully Perryman, Pearl Wilburn. **McDonald:** Hunter Dennis, Alecia Frazer, Corey Pearce, Malorie Pippins, Jabari Ruise, Richard Williams. **McDonald:** Dawson Brantley, Alex Doss, Jessie Hartzog, Richard "Lucas" Long. **Moment:** Nelvera Gaskins, Jordan Thigpen. **Murphy:** Victoria Barfield, Bailey Conti. **Alex Yarosrodzsev:** Ranshaw, Alyssa Aford, Gabby Midyette, Payton Sanders. **Parmer:** Dallas Burden, Justin Davis, Kalin Davis, Hamani Gidley, Harrison Murray, Silas Rhoden, T.J. Robinson, Kayleigh Stokes. **Sheridan:** Isaac Craig, Konan Gonzalez, Dalton Griggs, Casey Kish, Derickal Major, Kalegh Manucy, Jayden Oralls. **Trimm:** Phillip Bowen, Ronald Cummings, Logan Dennis, Karson Gammoms, Alex Garcia, Markus Givens, Amber Myers, Camron Smith, Avery Tims.

SECOND GRADE: Callahan: Brayleigh Britt, Maranda Burnett, Anthony Chapman, Billy Elledge, Camron Givens, Macy Gullion, Emma Pearson, Katelyn Rentz. **D Crews:** Jillian Barnett, George Canaday, Isabella Gray, Audrey Long, Matthew Lucas, Brooklyn Manucy, Tiegann Thomas. **Davis, A:** Chloe Baldwin, Emily Layne Britt, Julia Fanton, Ashlyn Gunter, Bailey Merritt, Brittney Wilcutts. **Davis, K:** Logan Andrews, Cami Cales, Zachary Butler, Leland Nettles, Jeremiah Robinson, Summer Sigers. **Dunali:** Hamp Craft, Wyatt Gilbert, Caleb Hodges, Tyrean Hale, Ayyia Lee, Nikky Martin. **Elledge:** Chloe Dube, Ashley Perryman, Christopher Schlarbaum. **Gonzalez:** Trenton Crawford, John Holloman, Anthony Phillips. **Hurst:** Daisy Lauramore, Kaylee Rodgers, Hunter Whitehead, Justin Matelyk. **Jacobs:** Baileigh Lewis, Doc Theophilus. **Jaymes:** Elysa Baumgardner, Diamond Combs, Max Geiger, Erica Harris, Caitlin Nelson, Bryanna Perozo, Michal Tuten. **Nunn:** Bryson Burkhalter, Jada Donaldson, Peyton Dues, Lynsay Reavis, Draven Rose, Dana S. Spinelli. **Stafford:** Jacob Reese, Paige Byrd, Prophet Jefferson, Shane Morris, Sha'hanna Ruise, Jada Touchton, Chase Tyeon.

THIRD GRADE: Binn: Chase Gaskins, Waylon Hannah, Alexia Hardenbrook, Madysyn Harrell, Jaugyn Hodges, Alesha Meadows, Mary Merkle, Destineigh Norman, Annabelle Nowlen. **Dowling:** Alysa Baker, Trenton Burness, Kaitlyn Dinkins, Kaitlyn Dinkins, Emily Jewell, Gerald Starling, Ty'Quan Tisdale. **Hart:** Abigail Bennett, Brooklyn McSwain, Wintae Ruise, Timothy Seymour, Whitney Spies. **Griggs:** Isahah Bateman, Rye Jacobs, Grace Johnson, Lilla Munn, Blake Rhoden, Conner South, Emma Everet, Brayden Jackson, Eden Lawson, Cason Milton, Dylan Schlarbaum. **Hilliard:** Domenick Endel, Cito Escobar, Gierra Keener, Trus Martin, Makemee Parrelley, Daniel Robinson. **Kress:** Michelle Clark, Toby Fryer, Pierce Kirkland, Alle Lowery, Kristina Smith, Markayla Taylor, Jacob Wood. **Payne:** Katelyn Butcher, Raymond Luke, Zane Mobley, Jacob Overland. **Roth:** Maximus Anderson. **Shivers:** Emily Davis, Trey Harvey, Aubrey Rich, Alyah Sonzin-D'Agual. **Shope:** Christina Givens, Andrew Gregory, Liyah Hilley, Kevin Manley, Adam Wright. **Wendel:** Carley Baxley, Tyrell Brabhan, Wyatt Ferguson, Damontae Gibson, Kennedy Godwin, Jordan Johnson, Gage Long. **White:** Steven Clark.



Top non-instructional employees are named

The Baker County school district named its top non-teacher (school related) employees recently and honored them at a banquet on January 26. Michael Kreutz (not pictured) was chosen the top employee among them and will represent the district in a state competition. All nine nominees will be recognized on February 21 by the school board. Pictured above (l-r) are Debbie West (maintenance), Tracy Wilford (Macclenny Elementary), Catina Jones (Pre-K/Kindergarten Center), LeAnn Miller (Baker County Middle School), Laura Raulerson (Baker County High School), and Sue Matthews (Westside Elementary). Not pictured also were: Tenia Ruise (Keller Intermediate) and Theresa Brassart (transportation). Mr. Kreutz, works at the district office in Macclenny as computer tech.

BAKER COUNTY LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL/SOFTBALL SIGN-UPS

Now Open
Ages 4-16 at the Knabb Sports Complex
Thursday, February 2 6-8 pm
Saturday, February 4 10 am - 1 pm
Please bring proof of residency and a copy of the child's birth certificate.

MACCLENNY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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SECOND GRADE: Callahan: Harper Archambault, Zaria Cooper, Stacey Duffey, C.J. Ginnetto, Teagan Rhoden, Amber Williams, Hayden Williams. **Davis:** A. Sydney Johnson. **Davis, K:** Carlos Jefferson, Hayden Stearns, Daniel Westinghouse. **Dunali:** Mattie Ball, Latonia Burnett, Joseph Cery, R.J. Cline, Chase Crews, Colton Herb, Jessie Jacobs, Jacob Raulerson, Tia Ruise, Alex Stokes, Caleb Woods. **Elledge:** Colton Clardy, Destiny Padgett, Chelsea Spies. **Gonzalez:** Emma Knight, Kade Richardson. **Hurst:** Jalynn Harvey, Chloe Lamb, Branson Sell, Kaiden Sherman. **Jacobs:** Kelsey Craig, Weston Gurganious, Timothy Hance, Tayleigh Laumore, Abriil Nolasco, David Prosch, Holly Ritter. **Moment:** Noah Duren. **Nunn:** Leah Cales, Lance Padgett, Kaylee Rogers, Chase Smith, Robert Wood. **Stafford:** Breanna Allard, Rylee Carter, Eliza Clines, Brea Green, Angelina Hunter, Michael Prevatt.

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SECOND GRADE: Emilee Akridge, April Allgayer, Colin Allgood, Jacob Barton, Skye Bradley, Nadia Burness, Abigail Burbee, William Campbell, Trace Canaday, Bailee Carrasco, Logan Carter, Erica Carter, Raeligh Castillo, Brady Chappley, Travis Cole, Claire Coleman, Craig Collins, Mackenzie Crews, Summer Davis, Hannah Davis, Ethan Dugger, Trey Dugger, Dezaere Anton, Zayne Eddins, Ronnie Ellis, Audrey England, Sheridan Farnham, Alissa Fretwell, Connor Gipson, Khia Gordon, Mariyah Graham, Connor Greer, Preston Griggs, Alara Hale, Briar Harvey, DJ Hayes, Elizabeth Hernandez, Alex Hodges, Kayla Hunter, Maria Jackson, Jalyan Johns, Cameron Johnson, Ben Johnson, Jamil Jones, Brent Jordan, Grace Karol, Brooklyn Kennedy, Terry Kier, William Kilgore, Ryan King, Leisa Kneib, Sydney Knight-Harden, Mashyla Lee, Madison Leslie, Gabe Lewis, James Lewis, Gage Mann, Jalynn McCombs, David McKire, Casi Miller, Wyatt Moore, Ronnie Mosley, Hannah Paxton, Lalaih Phillips, Parker Prevatt, Sydney Reese, Jah'Hani Shuler, Albinio Simon, Sean Sitz, Justin Smith, Kaleb Sowell, Grayland Stalaker, Dallas Street, Kaleb Troestler, Thorne Vaughn, Bryar Walker, Anna Weber, Marcus Wilcox, Joey Wilkerson, Kyle Winnick, Emily Wyrick, Paige Yonn.

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FIFTH GRADE: Ben Anderson, Madison Barton, Jared Brown, Justin Burness, Conner Butcher, Kylie Carter, Noah Carter, Kamrie Chancey, Marco Chisholm, Aredin Cole, Michael Davis, Austin Keaton, Chase Hancock, Kellie Hall, Alexander Himmelhaver, Ernest Jones, Adion Goodard, Kelton Knabb, Garrett Lewis, Kessler Mallory, Noah McCallum, Hayley McRae, Rachel Mechum, Shanna Paige, Levi Pickett, Layden Pratt, Dillon Ray, Katie Register, Mallory Rhoden, Ally Richardson, Jana Shumate, Dalton Starling, Marybeth Stalham, Hannah Williams.

Honor Roll - 2nd Nine Weeks

FOURTH GRADE: Cason Adams, Mason Adkison, Anthony Aldridge, Shiane Allen, Ethan Arnold, Zachary Auger, Caroline Barber, Rebekah Barber, Bryce Barton, Mason Becerra, Houston Bennett, Stanley Bennett III, Sarah Blackburn, Dorothy Brockington, Kaitlin Brunette, Jeffery Burns, Emmalee Campbell, Jessilyn Carter, Taylor Cery, Willie Chappell, Jazmyin Collins, Caleb Combs, David Cook, Colby Craig, Chayse Crain, Kylie Crews, Payton Crews, Deshaun Davis, Nadesha Davis, Marcus Doss, Audrey Echols, Jacob Edwards, William Elledge, Abree Ellis, Caleb Farnham, Samantha Fink, Aaci Fisher, Anthony Flynn, Abbigail French, Devon Giddens, Kaitly Godwin, Marius Graham, Sara Green, Joel Griggs, Grayson Gurganious, Christopher Hakes, Teddy Hammock, Tyler Hardin, Reagan Hauge, Kalea Higginbotham, Taylor Hodges, Jason Holland, John Holton, Alleana Horne, Noah Howell, Gabrielle Howie, David Jackson, India Jackson, Hanna Jeffries, Brendan Jewell, Weston Johns, William Johns III, Karli Johnson, Lyndi Johnson, Jada Jones, Tiana Keen, Jacob Keller, Cheyenne Kinghorn, Claire Knabb, Jasmine Lambert, Alexis Ledford, Bryson Lee, Emily Lee, Sylvano Leslie, Dalton Lewis, Megann Lichtert, Leah Lovinogood, Matthew Lucas, Billy Martin, Joseph McCombs, Logan McDemmitt, Montana McGinley, Bayley McRae, Nicholas Melvin, Brianna Midyette, Adam Miller, Dylan Mobley, Garrison Moore, Lashaunti Mosley, Mikayla Mulkey, Raechellynn Nunley, Thomas Perozo, Megan Phelps, Skye Powell, Michaela Prevatt, Abigayle Price, Cassie Pringle, Thomas Raine, Abbigail Ray, Haylee Reeves, Marlee Rheauk, Lindsay Rhoden, Austin Rich, Phillip Richardson, Breanna Roberts, Bryson Roberts, Anthony Robinson, Tyler Robinson, Re'Yna Roland, Jennifer Romano, Frezelle Rowe, Shelby Rowe, Payton Ruise, Chase Sands, Alexes Schlarbaum, Donald Set, Savannah Smith, Austin Smola, Dylan Spires, Bryson Spurlock, Aaron Starling, Hannah Starling, Jake Stokes, Kylie Strickland, Amber Swindell, Kayla Tate, Sara Thues, Jeremiah Thomas, Kelly Thompson, Cheyenne Thrift, Jessica Tillis, Isiah Tisdale, Brett True, Dale Ward, Noah Warner, Cheyanna Wheeler, Kaden Wilson, Kaitlyn Wilson, Nathan Wilson, Sydney Woolley, Davon Wolf, Bailey Wynn.

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Office Supplies, printer and fax cartridges, rubber stamps and much more. We specialize in hard to find items. The Office Mart, 110 S. 5th Street, 259-3737. 4/28tc

Washer and dryer, \$50 each. Call 904-673-5357. 2/2p

Got leaves? We can get them out of your way and have your yard looking great. Call 904-591-2640. Licensed and insured. 1/26tc

2002 Victory Motorcycle v92c 36k very nice \$5500 for information call text 352-494-0190. 2/2p

Bass Tracker boat, 70 HP Johnson, live well, trolling motor, nice boat. \$2500. 904-259-8514, 904-728-2885. 1/26-2/2p

Wooden entertainment \$150, commercial sewing machine \$25 and almost new tires P215-60R16 \$50 each or best offer. Call 904-994-0365. 2/2-9p

The Franklin Mercantile is now open for your business Fridays and Saturdays, 10AM - 5PM, Railroad crossing in Glen, 259-6040. 1/26tc

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We install 6" seamless gutters. Pressure washing. 259-7335. 8/11tc

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Wallet lost between ACE Hardware and Ag Center. Keep money and bring back wallet. Reward: 259-5011. 2/2p

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We buy junk. Cars, trucks, tractors, all scrap metal. 386-965-1423 or 386-965-4872. 1/19-2/29p

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Got leaves? We can get them out of your way and have your yard looking great. Call 904-591-2640. Licensed and insured. 1/5tc

Have openings for 2 children in my home for childcare. Full or part-time, have references. Please call Vickie 904-397-0120. 2/2-9p

Dr. Mark Watson will no longer be practicing at 9218 St. Rd 228, Macclenny, FL 32063. Patients who wish to obtain a copy of their records can call 352-372-3349 or visit the new location at 1800 NE 12th Ave, Gainesville, FL 32641. 1/12-2/2p

Avon: Become a representative. Call Kaycee 904-275-3215 or go to www.start.avon.com use reference code: khein. 1/12-2/16p

Animals

Dogs: all types from puppies to adults. Animal Control, \$65 adoption fees will apply. 259-6786. 11/20tc

Full blooded Golden Retriever pups. \$75 each. 1 female, 2 males left. Perfect for Valentine's Day. 912-843-8115 or 352-213-0144. 2/2p

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Wanted - Sales position available. Strong telephone skills, great work ethic, can-do personality, self starter, independent worker, professional appearance, great oral and written communication skills, time management and organizational skills required. History of proven sales within a predefined territory is a plus. Will consider candidates with sales background in other areas. Insurance licenses and college degree preferred. Fax resumes to (904) 259-9707. 2/2tc

Drivers- experienced tanker, great pay, Regional Linehaul. No layoffs, full benefits. CDL-A w/H&T, doubles, good MVR. www.drive4sbi.com or call Paul at 800-826-3413. 2/2p

Accepting applications for AC duct installer and electrician. Must have valid driver's license and 5 years experience in position applying for Will do background check. Apply in person at Dependable Heating/AC and Electrical located at 203 East Macclenny Ave, Macclenny, FL. 1/5tc

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Real Estate

Notice to Readers All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or an intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination." Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18.

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3 BR, 3 BA mobile home on 1/2 acre in Sanderson \$35,000. Call 904-476-8907. 2/2p

3 BR, 1 BA home on two city lots in Glen. Completely remodeled, new roof, fenced yard, covered back porch \$98,000 obo. 904-517-2507. 1/12-2/2p

4 acre lot with set-up and 3 acre lot on Hwy 185, both cleared and fenced. Owner financing available. 904-718-4463. 2/2-9p

Two city lots (cleared), in Glen St. Mary. Two blocks north on Sherman St. off Hwy 90. Across from Westside Day-care and two blocks the high school. 904-259-2685. 1/26-2/9p

1999 - 26x60 mobile home, on 2.77 acres. 4 BR, 2 BA, \$64,900.00. 904-259-8514 or 904-728-2885. 1/26-2/29p

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3 BR, 2 BA brick home on 1/2 acre in Glenfield Oaks, a gated community, \$140,000 net. Call 813-1580. 7/14tc

3 acres and 2 BR, 1 BA singlewide mobile home in the Sanderson area. Highway frontage, high and dry with a creek running through the rear. \$63,000. More information contact 616-4710 or 613-5876. 1/19-2/29p

1-10 acres, high and dry, fish pond, creek or river front, homes/mobile homes, set-up. Owner financing. 912-843-8118 or 904-699-8637. www.landynes.net. 6/30tc

4 BR, 2 BA brick home on 1/2 acre in Glenfield Oaks, a gated community, \$145,000 OBO. Call 813-1580. 7/14tc

3.46 acres, north Sanderson, set up for mobile home \$42,000. Owner financing. Call 904-813-1580. 2/10tc

For Rent

2 BR, 1 BA small mobile home, central heat and air, outside shed for washer and dryer. Includes lawn service, no smoking. 121 N. UGA Lane. Ask for Nina 904-259-3428. 2/2-23p

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Boys blowout Keystone by 35

BOB GERARD | SPORTS

It was an up and down week for the Wildcat basketball team, with a win and pair of losses. The Cats finish off their regular season this weekend before heading into the district tournament next week at Bishop Kenny.

The Wildcats started the week with a resounding 57-22 drubbing of Keystone Heights on the road January 24. The Cats took control of the game early and never let up on the way to the win.

BCHS held the opposition to just 10 points in the first half and took a 26-10 lead into intermission. The Cats spread the scoring around in the first half and continued to dish out punishment in the third period.

The Wildcats went on a 17-5 run in the fourth quarter that effectively put the game out of reach. They kept their foot on the gas with Charles Ruise Jr. scoring 7 of his game-high 12 points in the period.

Ruise led the Wildcats, who had 10 players in the scoring column. Daryl Johnson had 9, Kameron Mack, 7, and Jesse Gardner and Sean Fogarty had 6 points to lead the way.

• BCBS had a tougher time with the Nease Panthers at home on January 26. The 13-6 Panthers broke open a close game in the third period to secure a 62-51 win. The game was closer than the score indicates with the Wildcats shooting well from the perimeter.

Ruise and Gardner led the way in double figures, but Nease matched them with strong play at the guard positions and a strong inside game.

The Cats trailed 25-14 at the half and Nease scored 21 in the third period to put the game away.

Ruise led BCBS with 16 points and Gardner had 15. Gardner had three,

3-pointers and Ruise two of the long range shots. CeCe Jefferson had 6 points and Johnny Lamb and Mack had 5 points.

• The Cats lost a close game to the Hilliard Flashes on January 27 at home 65-59 in overtime. The 16-6 Flashes traded basket for basket with the Wildcats in a "down to the wire" contest.

Both teams shot the ball well and Gardner had his best game of the season, leading BCBS with 20 points. BCBS tied with Hilliard 28-28 at the half and pulled ahead in the third period to take a 43-40 edge into the final quarter.

Sharp free throw shooting allowed Hilliard to tie the game 51-51 at the end of regulation.

Guard Jansen Allen came up big for the Flashes in OT, scoring half of Hilliard's 14 points and securing the win for the visitors.

Behind Gardner in scoring was Ruise with 14. Johnson added 12.

BCBS travels to Interlachen on Thursday, February 2 and hosts Madison on Friday at 7:30 pm in the final game of the regular season. The Wildcats are 9-12 this season.



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Pictured from the Wildcats loss to Hilliard at home January 27 are (counter clockwise from top) Daryl Johnson rising for a slam dunk, Sean Fogarty (left) and CeCe Jefferson rebounding, and Johnathan Lamb in the post.



(Front, l-r) April Waddell, Chris Waddell, Lee Waddell, (back, l-r) Fred Matricardi, Del Matthews and Justin Waddell.

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Pitcher Waddell to attend FSCJ in fall

BOB GERARD | SPORTS

The Wildcat baseball team had its first signing of the season as Chris Waddell agreed to play for Florida State College Jacksonville. He is a three-year starter for Fred Matricardi's Wildcats.

Waddell is one of those rare players who is dangerous with the bat and on the pitcher's mound. Last season he hit .352 with four home runs, 22 RBIs, 10 doubles and 26 runs scored.

Waddell also went 7-3 on the mound and led the area with a .842 ERA. He was named 1st team All-City as a utility player last season. He will receive a full scholarship for signing with FSCJ.

FSCJ coach Del Matthews was enthusiastic about Waddell's chances of excelling at FSCJ. "He played scout team ball for me," said the coach. "It was pretty clear at an early age that he was a special kid."

Waddell is expected to see time at second and third base and at shortstop. His parents, April and Lee Waddell, are excited that their son has landed close to home.

"He's not far away and that's the best part," said Lee Waddell. His mother agreed. "It's a real blessing that he's got this scholarship," she said. Matthews thinks Waddell will see playing time right away. "We don't give kids a scholarship unless we expect them to contribute as freshmen," said the coach.

Kenny falls to JV girls on the road

BOB GERARD | SPORTS

The Lady Wildcat JV was able to do something its varsity buddies haven't been able to accomplish this season, defeating district leader Bishop Kenny's JV squad 53-48 at home on January 19.

The JV got a big offensive night from Haley Bussell, who tossed in 21 points to lead all scorers.

Coach Chris Chisholm's girls came back from an early deficit to take a 20-17 edge into half-time. Kenny narrowed the gap to two in the third period but BCBS tucked away the win with 8 points from Bussell in the fourth quarter. Kiala Pigott had 13, Candace Clack 8, Cierra Martino 6, Shay Jones 4 and Becky Kinchloe 1 point in the win.

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Three lifting at state

The Wildcats girls weightlifting team competed at St. Augustine High School this past weekend in the final state qualifier. The top three finishers in each weight class qualify for the FHSAA state finals in Kissimmee on February 11. The Wildcats qualified three lifters for the state meet.

In the 139-pound class was Kristian Burnham, who finished second with a 130-pound bench press and 140-pound clean and jerk.

In the 169-pound class was Tiffany Braddy, who finished third with a school record 310-pound total. Braddy lifted 170 pounds in the clean and jerk and 140 pounds in the bench press.

Kasey Russell finished second in the unlimited class. She may have won the event had she not attempted a school record clean and jerk on her last attempt.

"She could have played it safe and won on her last attempt but elected to break her own record," said Coach Joey Sulkowski. "Since the FHSAA sanctioned girls weightlifting, the Lady Wildcats have never had a lifter place and score points at the state championships. This year could be the year that streak ends."

Wrestlers eyeing districts

The Wildcat wrestling team had a week off as it prepares to go into the district tournament this weekend in Tallahassee. The Wildcats have had a lot of success this season with a 17-6 record in dual meets and hope to move wrestlers on in the competition.

"We have been sick, banged up, and somewhat depleted, so having two weeks to recover from a long season definitely comes at the right time. Our goal right now is to have a minimum of eight wrestlers move on to regionals. If we can do that, we will place high on Saturday at the district meet," said Coach Ryan Sulkowski.

He is confident there are a number of wrestlers who will

be competitive this weekend at the tournament. Seniors Robert Norris, Zach Bloxham, and Tariq Tber have been wrestling well all season and hope to place in the top four at districts in order to advance to the regional tournament the following weekend.

"It will be interesting to see how some of our younger wrestlers perform," said Coach Sulkowski. "Freshman Brandon Harvey, sophomores James and Lenny Carter, Trey Taylor, and Cody Miller are all capable of moving on depending how well they perform Saturday."

The Cats also have other experienced wrestlers like senior Teddy Callihan and junior Catherine Davis, who could also figure into the mix.

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