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Appeals court backs circuit judge decision in the Wilkerson case

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Last summer the family of a 4-year-old child given to her marital father by a circuit judge took to the street in front of the courthouse, and to the airwaves and blogosphere, to register its displeasure.

They protested that Circuit Judge Phyllis Rosier erred grievously in July when she awarded custody of Miranda Wilkerson, formerly of Glen St. Mary, to Donald Ray Coleman of St. George, GA.

Mr. Coleman is not the child's biological father. He was married to Miranda's late mother Trista when the girl was born in July, 2007. A month later, Mrs. Coleman died in a vehicle accident in north Baker County.

The couple had three other daughters, all of whom remained in the custody of their father.

The rub, according to the child's grandmother Rita Man-

ning of Macclenny, was that Mr. Coleman is a registered sex offender. Plus, Ms. Manning said, she had been caring for the child since birth.

In a series of twists that turned the custody dispute into a "made for the media" story, the child's biological father James Larkey Wilkerson of Macclenny, filed for custody of Miranda after Judge Rosier awarded it to Mr. Coleman.

Add to that the fact that Mr. Coleman's sex offender status is rooted in his relationship with the late mother when she was but 14 years of age. Her mother,

Ms. Manning, approved of the union.

So, what's the status of the case now?

In general, the tide has turned in favor of the judge, who was maligned by the grandmother, her family and in the media.

A three-judge panel of the First District Court of Appeals

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Judge Phyllis Rosier

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Jeffrey Perryman

Arrest for burglary, theft of coins, cash

Police arrested a Glen St. Mary man and charged him with forcing his way into a north county residence during daylight hours on February 4 and stealing hundreds of dollars in currency.

Jeffrey Perryman, 30, has a criminal record that includes similar offenses and is currently on probation.

He was arrested on February 6 after denying involvement in the burglary at the home of Eulis Yarbrough on Eulis Lane off CR 127 north. Mr. Perryman was interviewed by Sgt. Brad

Dougherty after he and Jessica Barnwell, 23, of Sanderson were taken into custody at the American Inn on South 6th in Macclenny.

Sgt. Dougherty said the suspect ended the interview when officers collected incriminating statements from other witnesses.

Mr. Yarbrough reported the burglary at mid-afternoon on February 4, and told Deputy Matt Yarbrough he was lured away from the residence by Ms. Barnwell, with whom he is acquainted.

He said she arranged to meet him for lunch that day in Glen St. Mary, then telephoned to switch the location to a Macclenny restaurant, a tactic the victim believes bought time for the burglary.

Deputy Yarbrough said a door was forced open to gain entry and the interior ran-

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Commission chair seeks 10 percent spending reductions

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ONLINE POLL RESULTS
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Former jail now a holding area

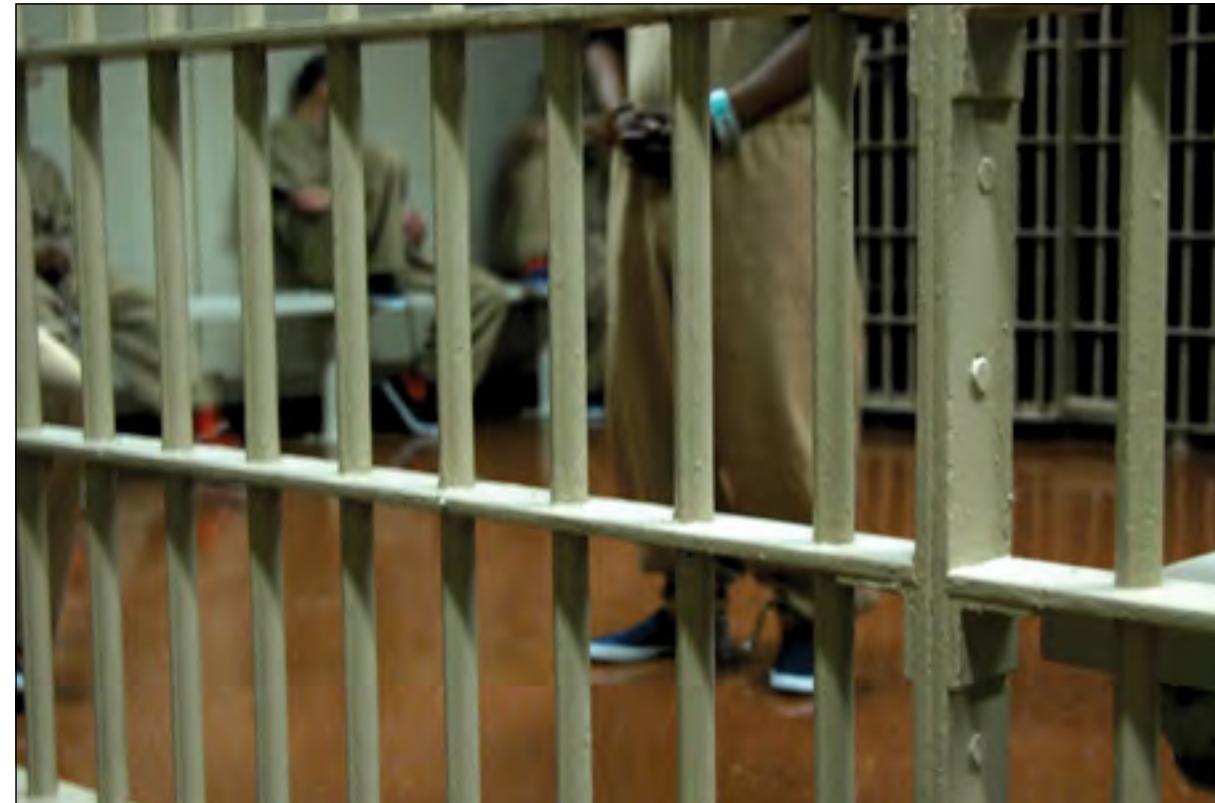


PHOTO BY JOEL ADDINGTON
Old cellblock area will hold 30-45 local prisoners awaiting court appearances next door at the courthouse.

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Then late last month, the department's corrections division shuttled the first group of inmates back to the facility since it closed in the summer of 2009 for the weekly court docket.

Though the first group was small with only three inmates, corrections division chief Maj. John Finley said this week 30 to 45 detainees are expected on a regular basis.

He said some 15 prisoners were transferred the morning of February 7 from the new county

jail for morning court hearings and another group of similar size arrived later for the afternoon court session.

They were held in one of the former dorms that measures about 500 square feet with benches, tables and a television.

As the defendant's cases were called, they were led up to the second floor of the courthouse where two holding cells are located just outside the courtroom.

The new holding area encompasses less than one-fifth

Economy squeezing horse ownership Animals given up as costly



PHOTO BY JOEL ADDINGTON
Freckles munches on hay at animal control director Georgia Monfort's north county home.

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Aemic economy, job losses and the high price of hay and feed have all conspired to leave many horse owners with no choice but to give up their animals.

Baker County Animal Control recently took in five horses after "working with" their owner for several months to ensure they remained healthy and well fed, said the department's director Georgia Monfort last week.

"We told her don't get yourself in trouble, you know when you can't afford these animals. Don't let them sit out there and starve," Mrs. Monfort recalled.

The owner phoned animal control in early January asking for help.

"You have people who call and say somebody's starving their horses," said the ani-

mal control director. "But a lot of times it's just a lack of knowledge. They're not trying to starve them, but they don't know how to care for them properly. They need at least one acre of open land per animal."

Mrs. Monfort said she tries to educate new horse owners about the large amount of food the animals need.

"They're literally eating machines. They eat 24 hours a day," she said.

Mrs. Monfort, a horse lover herself, found a home near Mud Lake Road for one of the

abandoned horses and three more went to horse rescues.

A rescue in Bradford County took two and Gallop Horse Rescue of North Florida on Arnold Rhoden Road sheltered the third, a female thoroughbred quarter horse cross named Dakota.

The final horse that arrived in early January, a 13-year-old Arabian quarter horse cross named Freckles, is located at Mrs. Monfort's north county property.

Mrs. Monfort moved two of the horses to her residence because she feared hunters or others residents near the animal shelter on Steel Bridge Road could mistakenly shoot them.

She said Freckles needs an intermediate or experienced rider. "She's got too much piss and vinegar in her for a beginner," said Mrs. Monfort.

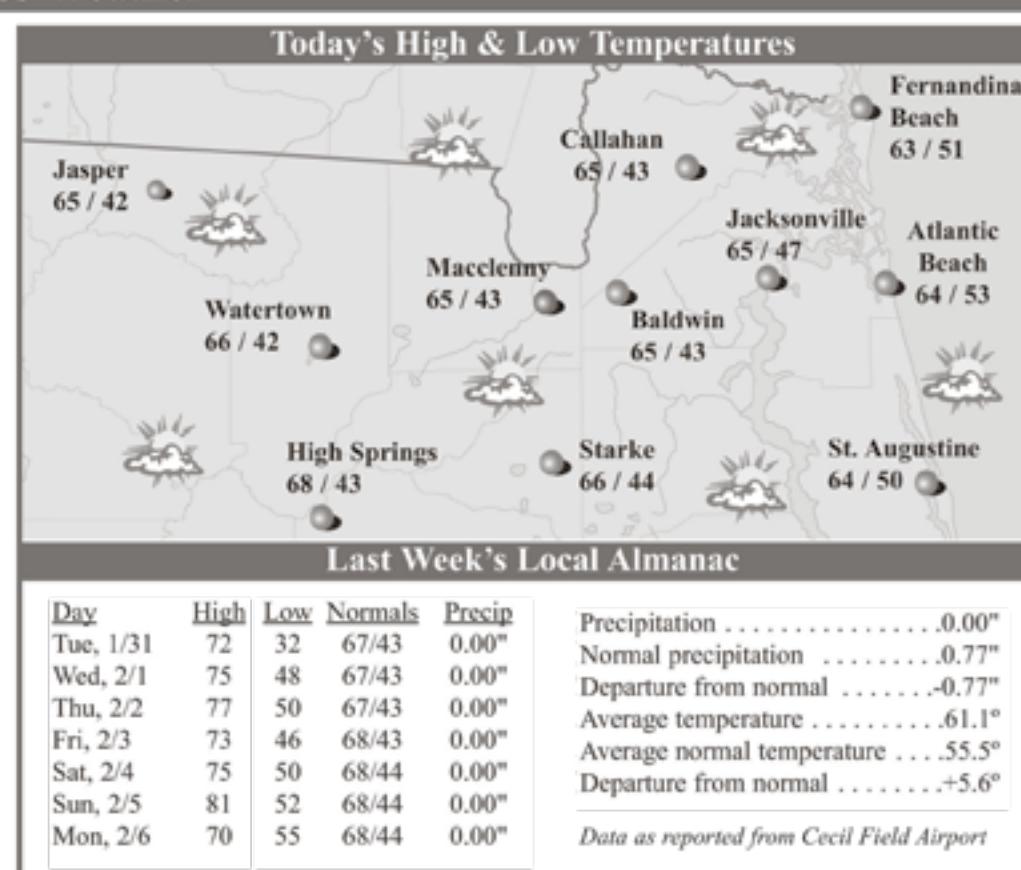
Still, she wants to find Freckles a home or at least a place at area rescues.

"I've been calling rescues, but everybody's full," she said.

Such circumstances have become rather common in recent years and months, especially after a dry winter.

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Seven Day Forecast	
	Thursday Partly Cloudy High: 65 Low: 43
	Friday Partly Cloudy High: 70 Low: 46
	Saturday Partly Cloudy High: 68 Low: 40
	Sunday Mostly Sunny High: 66 Low: 41
	Monday Mostly Sunny High: 67 Low: 45
	Tuesday Partly Cloudy High: 70 Low: 46
	Wednesday Partly Cloudy High: 72 Low: 50



Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Last 2/14	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	First 2/29
New 2/21	Thursday	7:14 a.m.	6:12 p.m.	
	Friday	7:13 a.m.	6:13 p.m.	
	Saturday	7:12 a.m.	6:14 p.m.	
	Sunday	7:11 a.m.	6:14 p.m.	
	Monday	7:10 a.m.	6:15 p.m.	
	Tuesday	7:10 a.m.	6:16 p.m.	
	Wednesday	7:09 a.m.	6:17 p.m.	Full 3/8

St. Mary's River Levels

Now	Change
Monicie, GA	4.00 ft.
Macclenny	1.60 ft. -0.01 ft.

Hunting/Fishing Times

Peak Times		
Day	AM	PM
Thu	12:07-2:07	12:37-2:37
Fri	12:57-2:57	1:27-3:27
Sat	1:49-3:49	2:19-4:19
Sun	2:41-4:41	3:11-5:11
Mon	3:36-5:36	4:06-6:06
Tue	4:32-6:32	5:02-7:02
Wed	5:30-7:30	6:00-8:00

Weather History

Feb. 9, 1933 - The temperature at Moran, Wyo., located next to Teton National Park, plunged to 63 degrees below zero to establish a state record. The temperature at the Riverside Ranger Station in Montana hit 66 below zero to establish a record for the nation that stood until 1954.

Data as reported from Cecil Field Airport

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Lauds Dean for stand on privatizing

Dear Editor:

Thanks for publishing the excellent commentary by Rod Smith last week regarding Gov. Rick Scott's decision to close down state prisons.

Thanks also to Sen. Charlie Dean (R-Citrus County) for his efforts on behalf of state correctional officers to stop the privatization of 29 prisons in south Florida. I along with many of my fellow state correctional officers and members of Teamsters Local 2011 went to Tallahassee last week and listened to debates on privatization. I can assure my fellow officers here in Baker County that we have a strong advocate and ally in Sen. Dean.

Throughout the recession state workers have received no pay raises and watched their pensions cut. Our tax dollars shouldn't fund a wealthy CEO's retirement over fair wages to correctional officers.

Thanks to Sen. Dean for putting interests of the working men and women in our state prisons who risk their safety and well-being to protect the public over the big money interests of the private prison corporations and their CEOs.

Sgt. John Bellovich
Macclenny

Put 'African-American' in the ash heap

IMPRESSIONS

Jim McGauley

Thank you Gibre George. If you'll permit a white guy to write about this subject, how pleasing it is to see that some younger black people aren't fond of the term "African-American" when referring their race.

If a two-word combo ever equaled the sound of long fingernails dragged down a chalkboard, that is it.

An Associated Press article appearing in Monday's edition of *The Florida Times-Union* credited Mr. George, who lives in Hollywood, FL, with starting the Facebook page *Don't Call Me African-American*. "It just doesn't sit well with a younger generation of black people," the 38-year-old entrepreneur was quoted as saying.

Apparently a lot of people agree, and one can only hope that they are black people, both young and old. It'll have to be blacks themselves who toss this offensive term into the ash heap.

The article points out that blacks in America have been called various names over the years — niggers (from the Latin and the root for the now toxic "N" word), Negro (from the Spanish), colored (as in separate drinking fountains) and in the 1960s, black and Afro-American.

In the late 1980s, Jessie Jackson — a huckster and shakedown artist with few equals in modern times — was credited with launching "African-American" into the language mainstream. (Mr. Jackson's association with the term should be enough to turn off the younger generation, but we see.)

Ms. Barnes keeps a list of people interested in particular types of horses and contacts them when one comes in.

"Sometimes I can take them, but sometimes I can't," she said.

"When that happens, I have a group of fosters I try to place them with."

Another rescue operation, Hidden Springs in Marianna, recently received 11 horses in a single day, Mrs. Monfort said.

A review of county animal control records for the last three years showed a spike in the number of horses seized or surrendered in the 2009-10 fiscal year, which ended September 30, 2010.

That year 10 horses arrived at the shelter. Three went to rescues, three were adopted by private individuals and four were returned to their owners.

The following fiscal year, 2010-11, animal control corralled two donkeys wandering near the fairgrounds and the total for this year stands at five horses, which all came from the same owner last month.

"I feel the same way," I added. "I think it's a fundamental difference between men and women."

"Here we go again," said Kelley.

"Let me get this straight, you buy something you already know you don't want?"

"That's right."

"Umm ... okay, but ... why buy it in the first place if you know that you don't want it?"

"I might change my mind."

"Oh, Okay." I guess that sort of made sense, though I'm not sure a guy's mind works that way. But then I don't like to shop. Not all guys are that way, however, which I found out when I brought up that topic.

"I don't mind shopping," said Chuck. "But I have to have a reason. I don't do it for entertainment."

"Right. If you have to have it then you have to continue the mission until it is completed."

"Women don't think that way."

"Exactly," said Barbara. "We know that we can always go back later."

"But the exact same stuff will still be there. Nothing will have changed."

"Our mind might have changed."

These entertainment groups often buy very little. They are there to talk and eat and socialize, looking in windows and trying on clothes.

The opposite of these entertainment groups are the shopping packs. Like wolves hunting prey, they are hunting bargains wherever they are to be found.

Women often shop in packs on Black Friday, scouring stores for

school principal hired in Baker County, has retired after 45 years. In this case, the person's race is notable because, the reader can accurately infer, there was a time when blacks weren't hired as school principals.

If race matters, we say so. "African-American" is not a race, and Mr. George makes that point in the AP article.

In fact, and this makes me believe that Jessie Jackson indeed is at the root of this dreaded des-

ignation, "African-American" is divisive — just like Mr. Jackson and his generation of civil rights dinosaurs.

poll) blacks want to be known as Americans, and they're going to be making their voices heard more in the coming years.

We are all Americans, with no hyphen.



The psychology of shopping by women baffles men's minds

three."

"Does Kelley ever buy something to return it?"

"Buy it to return it? I don't understand."

"Sure," said Kelley. "I'll return something if I think I don't like it."

"That's not what I mean," said Dick.

"What Dick means," said Carmean, "is that I will buy something I'm not going to return it."

An example: when the cops are looking for someone, that person is described as "a white male driving a red pickup" or a "black man wearing..."

I had to think about that for a minute. Even now, after a couple of days, I still don't fully understand the concept.

"That's a good husband," said Kelley. "Bob refuses to shop for shoes."

"I have to draw the line somewhere."

"Well the problem was that after four hours Barbie wanted to give up and go home."

"Really?"

"I said," but you had to have new shoes. Why are we stopping when you haven't found new shoes?" The mission is not accomplished."

"Exactly," I said. "You can't hang that Mission Accomplished banner on the aircraft carrier until the war is won. Ask President Bush."

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Matthew Logan Wright: "The e-trade commercial was classic. 'Billy, what are you doing in there?' I'm speed dating."

Jamie Allynn: "Here we go" was the best to me."

Trishia Julia Emily: "The graduate who thought he got a yellow sports car! LOL (Chevy)?"

With Little League baseball signings taking place, we also asked parents on February 3 what sports they enjoy



watching their children play. Here's what they had to say...

Shauna Scott Jones: "Baseball!"

Stacy Hott: "Baseball for sure!"

Colleen Schaporno Harvey: "Football without a doubt!"

Sara Riggs: "Football!"

Grandi Starling: "Chasing girls ... and maybe baseball is second."

Greg Sheppard: "Soccer!"

Reneé Ray: "Wrestling! By far!"

Brooke Wakefield: "M&M wiggle... wiggle."

Mariah Gates Eggert: "The Doritos commercial with the dog ...!"

Lisa Allen Padgett: "M&M wiggle, wiggle."

Elizabeth Barber: "Here Wee go! The Bud rescue dog!"

Angela Yancey Reed: "M&M."

Becky Burnsed: "Sling-Baby for Doritos."

Angie Davis: "Bulldog wearing the shoes."

Holly Pickett: "Sling baby with the Doritos and the voice with Betty White."

Julie Theophile: "I have five boys and I always kept my oldest boys in baseball. This past season, one of my boys played football (Go Colts!) and it was a lot of fun and my son plans to play again next season. However, there is still nothing like watching your boys play Little League baseball. As a mother of five boys I've spent a lot of hot days at the ballpark and they're some of the best memories I have with my boys. I plan to sign my twins up this weekend!"

Dustin BabyDraven Delgross: "Wrestling!"



Laying down asphalt on Cow Pen Road

A crew from paving contractor APAC Southeast, Inc. applies a layer of asphalt to Cow Pen Road in the central county the afternoon of February 6. The project is estimated to cost \$258,000 and finish in early March, said county road department director Robert Fletcher. The contractor is responsible for paving, sodding the shoulders with grass and striping. County crews prepared the roadbed with a lime rock base and made drainage improvements. The paving will stretch about 2.7 miles from US 90 north to Tennessee Street.

Intoxicated man threatened barbershop owner with knife

A Glen St. Mary man faces multiple charges following his arrest the afternoon of February 1 for threatening a barber shop owner in West Macclenny.

James Hance, 44, was stopped by Deputy Steven Smith in the parking lot of the Moose Lodge on South Lowder St. shortly after he left Everybody's Barber Shop in a strip shopping area just north of Olustee.

Shop owner Jon Pierre Batiste, 41, of Jacksonville said Mr. Hance, who was intoxicated, confronted him and witness Darren Robinson, 36, of Olustee, outside the barber shop and threatened him, cursing and using a racial slur.

Mr. Batiste said he ignored the suspect, who then followed him into the shop and threatened him with a knife he held in his hand.

Deputy Robert Simpkins noted in his report that Mr. Hance several times threatened him on the way to jail, and the suspect had to be physically pulled from his patrol car with the help of other officers at county jail.

Deputy Smith said an empty liquor bottle was found on the front seat of Mr. Hance's pickup.

He was booked for aggravated assault on Mr. Batiste, assault on the deputy and disorderly intoxication. The first two charges are felonies, the third a misdemeanor.

In another incident involving a drunk suspect, police had to subdue Michael McNeill, 23, in a garage on US 90 east in Macclenny the night of Feb-

Clash of the Wildcats begins

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The second annual Clash of the Wildcats at Baker County High School began this week with about a dozen high school teachers and more than twice as many students signing up to participate in the weight-loss competition.

In partnership with the YMCA, each group will meet for workouts on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays over the next eight weeks.

BCHS nurse Laura Raulerson organized this year's competition. She said early this week that six students signed up before the first workout February 6, but 30 more were interested in joining and simply needed signed permission slips from their parents.

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will go to the person who puts in the most time during the competition, she said.

The workouts will conclude with a 5K run in the spring.

"Last year it was a lot of fun. The top three runners got medals," said Sarah Green, the Y instructor leading the teachers group, shortly after the first workout.

She said the teachers will be doing a mix of cardiovascular and strength-building exercises as well as incorporating yoga, running and dancing.

"Everyone was very professional and excited to be here," said Ms. Green. "It was a really good turnout."

Another prize, a \$50 gift card to Sports Shack in Macclenny,

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BAKER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Kudos for high school For drama, culinary, other efforts

MIKE ANDERSON
PRESS STAFF

One month after Baker County High School made history by receiving its highest grade from the Florida Department of Education since the state began grading the school 13 years ago, the newly-designated B school was the star attraction again at the school board meeting on the evening of February 6.

This time, board members praised the school for a nationally-recognized drama program, a somewhat unique culinary arts curriculum and for embarking on a new idea using solar energy technology as an instructional tool to emphasize science and math.

It was the school's drama program that garnered the board's first prideful comments during the meeting at New Jerusalem Church of God in Christ in Mardigree.

"I want to say how proud we are of our drama program and how they continue to be recognized year after year," said board chairman Dean Griffis, noting that Baker County High is the only high school in the nation invited annually to a drama festival in Arkansas.

That's what brought the school's drama class to the board's attention this week. Principal Tom Hill asked the board to approve a request from the school's drama director, Bob Gerard, for a group of students to travel to the Pettit Jean Performance Festival in Morriston, AK.

"The festival is in its 28th year and BCHS has been attending for almost 20 years," Mr. Gerard wrote in a letter to Mr. Hill requesting approval for the trip. "We are the only high school in the country invited to attend this prestigious festival and it is an invaluable learning tool for our students and a way to spotlight them for potential scholarships."

Superintendent Raulerson said the program will promote the state's new mission to emphasize STEM — Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics — in high schools.

"This year we will perform a one-act play as well as do individual acting scenes," he said. "We thank you and the school board for the past support."

Other school districts, including Suwannee County, have joined ranks with FP&L to launch the program and have experienced "very positive" results, Mrs. Raulerson said.

The agreement calls for FP&L to design, install, own and maintain the PV system for five years,

siana State University and other institutions of higher learning.

The group goes to Arkansas the last week in April in a school bus, and will pay for lodging and registration at the festival.

Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson announced that some of the drama students will be appearing in the upcoming *Broadway* production at the high school Thursday through Sunday this week and next week.

"I have a cameo appearance the second weekend and it's going to be quite a surprise," she said, declining to give any clues about her role other than to say she would "not be singing."

Up next came the subject of food, or rather the art of preparing and serving food by students in the high school's culinary arts program.

The board approved a collaborative agreement with Florida State University at Jacksonville that will enable students in grades 9-12 to earn college credits toward an associate's degree in culinary management while earning industry certifications in high school.

Marcelle Richardson, executive director of support services, said state law allows districts to exceed the class-size requirements temporarily "if the district school board determines that it is impractical, educationally unsound, or disruptive to student learning" to not assign a new student to a class that is already filled.

"There are no elementary classes over the cap," Mrs. Richardson said. However, she wants enrollment changes since October have put a couple of classrooms at the middle school and a few at the high school slightly over the cap but "within limits" acceptable to the state.

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after which time ownership of the equipment will transfer to the school district.

David Davis, district director of teaching and learning, said the solar panels will produce about 5 kilowatts of electricity, which he said would "probably power two classrooms." But the intention, he said, is not to trim the school's utility bill, but rather to give students an opportunity to "learn more and get a deeper understanding of this area of science."

Mr. Hill, noting that FP&L has been "a very good business partner for us," said the program will help students in many ways, including the development of critical thinking.

"It can be imbedded into every science class we have," he said. "These are the hands-on opportunities that our students have been missing."

In other business, the board:

- Approved a resolution that officials said will keep the district in compliance with state class-size mandates, while allowing some classes to minimally exceed the cap due to slight enrollment increases.

The proposed Career Pathways Culinary Articulation Agreement was submitted by Ann Watts, director of career and adult education. In her proposal, she said the program "will focus on high wage, high skill and high need workforce areas."

Board chairman Griffis praised the unusual curriculum at the school as a valuable career-shaping program, noting that "not every high school has a culinary arts program."

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an Aiken, S.C. man was arrested at a Macclenny motel parking lot about noon of February 5 and charged with having a concealed and loaded .38 caliber pistol under his car seat.

Elijah McCallister, 34, ini-

tially denied he placed the gun under the driver side seat of his 1995 Acura. Deputy Chris Walker said he went to the American Inn on South 6th on a disturbance call and stopped the Acura as it was leaving the property.

Deputy Clements Leo said

George Hodges, 50, of Mac-

clenny was charged with disorderly conduct following a confrontation the afternoon of February 1 with his brother at a Blair St. address.

Deputy Walker arrested

Carl Rigdon III, 36, of Sander-

son the morning of February 3

on a Bradford County warrant

for possession of drug parapher-

nia.

• Deputy Earl Lord arrested

Mark Jackson, 32, of Ft. Pierce,

FL the afternoon of February 3

on misdeameor drug charges

after campus deputy Matt Riegel

stopped their speeding vehicle

the afternoon of February 2.

The officer said he saw the 2005 Mazda drive away from the school's rear parking lot and stopped it near Rufus Powers

at the Tri-County Probation office in the old jail for violating probation.

WEDNESDAY

BAKER COUNTY COMMISSION

Seeking 10% cuts across board Chairman puts departments, officers on notice

MIKE ANDERSON
PRESS STAFF

With the first budget sessions for 2012-13 still at least two months away, the chairman of the Baker County Commission made it clear this week that he intends to push hard for steep cuts in expenditures to balance the budget without raising property taxes.

The chairman's comments presumably were received favorably by other commissioners, since they all pushed for county-wide budget cuts last year before ultimately adopting a \$274 million budget that had to be balanced after siphoning \$2.2 million from reserves. That followed a \$1.7 million raid on reserves the previous year.

In recent months all commissioners have stayed steadfast opposition to any further withdrawals from the reserve fund to balance the county budget.

In other business during the board meeting, which began at 5 pm, commissioners:

- Approved a new union contract with 26 road department and solid waste members of the Florida Council of Industrial and Public Employees, Local 2120, for the period October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012. No pay raises were included in the contract, the same as all other county employees this year.

The major changes in the contract, according to the county manager, included a provision adding a union member to the county's insurance committee, agreeing to reimburse employees \$27 as the difference in cost for their commercial drivers license versus a Class E license, and reducing the term of the contract from three years to one year.

Other provisions remain the same, such as 12 paid holidays a year, seniority rights, maintaining a standard work week of four consecutive 10-hour days Monday through Thursday, and the accumulation of personal leave from 20 days annually for the first five years to 34 days a year for those who have been employed by the county for over 15 years.

"We're going to shoot for a zero percent increase in insurance premiums," Mr. Crews said, noting that insurance costs are a major factor on the expenditures side of the ledger. He said he wants the insurance review committee to strive for a plan that will allow for that zero percent cost increase.

If employees are adamant about wanting insurance provisions that would result in a

premium increase, so be it, he said, but employees would "have to accept higher premiums."

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• Adopted a resolution stating the county's opposition to any attempt by the state to privatize a new Florida Department of Corrections re-entry facility for soon-to-be released inmates at Baker Correctional Institute. The 400-bed facility is under construction now on US 90 near Olustee and is scheduled to open in the fall.

• Received a report from the county manager following a meeting with US Postal Service authorities regarding the agency's future plans for the Macclenny Post Office. The building is owned by the county and leased to the Postal Service, but commissioners have recently speculated that it could be remodeled for use as a new county administration building if there were plans to close it.

Mr. Thompson said postal authorities assured him that they had "absolutely no plans of vacating the Macclenny Post Office."

The major changes in the contract, according to the county manager, included a provision adding a union member to the county's insurance committee, agreeing to reimburse employees \$27 as the difference in cost for their commercial drivers license versus a Class E license, and reducing the term of the contract from three years to one year.

Other provisions remain the same, such as 12 paid holidays a year, seniority rights, maintaining a standard work week of four consecutive 10-hour days Monday through Thursday, and the accumulation of personal leave from 20 days annually for the first five years to 34 days a year for those who have been employed by the county for over 15 years.

"We're going to shoot for a zero percent increase in insurance premiums," Mr. Crews said, noting that insurance costs are a major factor on the expenditures side of the ledger. He said he wants the insurance review committee to strive for a plan that will allow for that zero percent cost increase.

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Pictured from left are Louie Salameh, Austin Sigers and Eric Benton.

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Training as 'crew boss' Volunteers in federal wildfire classes

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A federal grant program from the US Department of the Interior is paying for four certification courses for members of Baker County's largely volunteer fire department and other departments in the region.

Each course requires five days of two-hour classes, which are being conducted at the county's Emergency Operations Center on US 90 just west of Macclenny.

Three of the certification courses, which build on each other, focus on preparing volunteer firefighters to lead other firefighters in various wildfire circumstances.

The so-called crew boss certification teaches them how to manage crews on specific vehicles associated with fighting wildfires like an engines or brush trucks. The strike team leader certification covers coordinating multiple vehicles and crews while battling wildfires, and the wildland/urban interface certification addresses fighting such fires as they're approaching areas with structures.

Ms. Jenkins said about \$50,000 from the program is paying private contractors to conduct the training courses here, in two Alabama counties and three counties in Georgia.

Chief Dolan said the grant, formerly known as the Rural Fire Assistance program, has paid for fire fighting gear and a \$17,000 brush truck that holds about 650 gallons of water in previous years.

Motorist arrested for DUI had 19 prior license suspensions

A Sanderson man arrested late on February 4 for drunk driving had a Texas driver's license with six suspensions.

The officer stopped Mr. Anderson in a 2005 Saturn after observing it cross the center line on US 90 at 1:45 am. Mr. Anderson was also ticketed for having an expired tag.

Deputy Chris Walker arrested Douglas Givens, 37, of Sanderson for driving on a suspended license and resisting arrest the afternoon of January 31.

The officer spotted Mr. Givens at the wheel of a 2002 Ford on CR 127 and was aware of the license suspension. The driver sped north and turned into a residence on Cedar Creek Dr.

Mr. Whipple failed field sobriety testing and his blood alcohol level measured .106 at county jail.

He was also ticketed for failure to stay in a single lane.

In other traffic-related arrests:

Corry Wood, 30, of Macclenny was charged with attempting to outrun a county deputy and fleeing from his vehicle during the early morning hours of February 6.

Deputy Mobley said he spotted the suspect parked about 1 am at Guerry Funeral Home on east US 90 and gave chase over several blocks where he got behind the 2003 Chevrolet pickup and it failed to stop.

The driver, whose identity was known to the deputy, ran from the vehicle behind Macclenny City Hall, and was arrested when he returned later on foot.

He was booked at county jail for loitering and resisting arrest, and ticketed for running several stop signs and careless driving.

Charles Anderson was arrested early on February 2 when Deputy Robert Simpkins

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Three more 'smash-grab' store burglaries; 2 arrests

The sheriff's department made use of a telephoned tip to arrest two suspects in the early morning burglary of a north Macclenny convenience store on February 3.

It was one of three "smash and grab" break-ins at area stores over a four-night period, and the fourth such crime in one month.

William Hoffman, 19, of Macclenny was arrested at a residence on Jerry Circle later that morning after Deputy Earl Lord received a tip that the second suspect, a 17-year-old male, was living there. The youth was taken into custody later when Deputy Daryl Mobley was advised by the same caller that he was at the Macclenny McDonald's on South 6th St., where he was employed.

The two are accused of throwing a concrete block into the front door of the Quick and Handy on North 5th between 3:5 am and taking a cash register and \$200 along with several hundred dollars worth of cigarettes, beer and snack food.

They also allegedly took a surveillance camera valued at \$1000 and threw it and the cash register into the South Prong of the St. Mary's River on Mud Lake Rd.

Deputy Lord said the tipster

was acquainted with the juvenile suspect, who is also from Macclenny, and was in Atlanta. The youth reportedly had telephoned him and informed him of the burglary, adding that he needed transportation out of the area.

Both suspects admitted their role in the burglary in subsequent interviews with a sheriff's investigator. The counter items were recovered from the Jerry Circle residence.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LARGE SCALE AMENDMENT TO THE BAKER COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

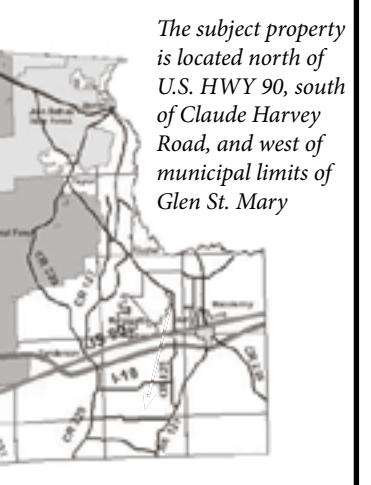
The Baker County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 20, 2012 at 6:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Baker County Administration Building, 55 North Third Street, Macclenny Florida, to consider for transmittal to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity a proposed semi-annual amendment by ordinance to the Baker County Comprehensive Plan. Copies of said ordinance may be inspected by any member of the public in the Commissioners office, address stated above. On the above mentioned date, all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance which is titled as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2012

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BAKER COUNTY, ABANDONING A PORTION OF THE CEDAR CREEK DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT (AS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE 2008-24); MAKING A LARGE SCALE AMENDMENT TO THE BAKER COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY RECLASSIFYING APPROXIMATELY 2,199 ACRES OF PROPERTY FROM HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO 1994.11 ACRES OF AGRICULTURE ZONE A, 195.23 ACRES OF AGRICULTURE ZONE B AND 10 ACRES LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ON THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP; AMENDING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SCHEDULE; AMENDING THE FUTURE TRANSPORTATION MAP; PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY T. R. HAINLINE AS AGENT FOR DAVIS & DAVIS, LLP, PROVIDING FINDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING DIRECTION TO THE CODIFIER AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A copy of said ordinance 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 will 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.



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OBITUARIES

CHURCH AND OBITUARY NOTICE INFORMATION
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Philip Barton, 60, of Macclenny

Phillip Ressie Barton, 60, of Macclenny died Saturday, February 4, 2012 at the home of his son following an extended illness. He was a lifelong resident of Macclenny and was an insulator in the heating and air-conditioning construction industry for 34 years until his retirement in 2006. He was a member of the Asbestos Union Local #13 of Jacksonville. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, the Florida Gators, his son and daughter-in-law, his granddaughters and his family and friends.



Phillip Barton

Barbara Hanover 84, of St. George

Barbara Louise Hanover, 84, of St. George, GA died January 31, 2012 at Folkston Park Care and Rehab Center. Miss Hanover resided in St. George for the past 20 years and was a graduate of Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts. She was born in Brooklyn, NY, the daughter of the late Clinton D. and Irma I Hanover Jr. She grew up in Long Island, NY and was a member of Grace Baptist Fellowship Church in St. George. She is preceded in death by her husband Stanley K. Padgett and parents George and Sallie Johnson Griner.



Barbara Hanover

Mildred Padgett, 78, of Macclenny

Mildred Padgett, 78, of Macclenny died Sunday, February 5, 2012. A native of Jacksonville, Ms. Padgett was a resident of Baker County for the past 40 years. After her retirement, she enjoyed spending time with family and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband Robert L. Warner, son Larry R. Warner and brother Darwin Osterloh.



Mildred Padgett

Iona Warner, 84, of Lake City dies

Iona Lois Warner, 84, of Lake City died February 1, 2012 at Shands, UF in Gainesville. She was the daughter of William Osterloh and Elsie Allen, born March 16, 1927 in Crookston, MN. She was preceded in death by her husband Robert L. Warner, son Larry R. Warner and brother Darwin Osterloh.



Iona Warner

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Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Evening Prayer Ser. 7:30 pm
Pastor: Oral E. Lyons

Mt. Zion N.C. Methodist Church

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Pastor Tim Cheshire

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



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

Pastor Tim Cheshire
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Wed. Bible Study 7:30 pm

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Sun. Morning Worship 11:00 am

Sun. Evening Worship 6:00 pm

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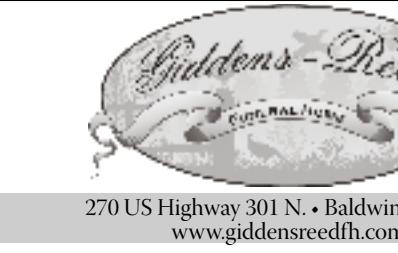
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Sunday Evening Services 6:00 pm

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Robert Howard of Glen St. Mary

Robert Clarence Howard, 80, died Friday, February 3, 2012 at St. Vincent's Medical Center following a brief illness. He was the son of the late Clarence Leigh Howard and Helen Mary Reil and lived in Argyle, Wildwood, FL and most recently Glen St. Mary. Mr. Howard was employed by the former Seaboard Air Line Railroad and fire departments in Wildwood, Baldwin and Dinsmore. He served his country in the Army during the Korean War and received the Meritorious Unit Citation, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, National Defense Medal and Korean Unit Citation.

Survivors include his loving wife of 29 years Betty Griffis Howard; daughter Cathy Watson of Wildwood; step-daughters Hazel Ann Finley of Lake City, Maryland (Virgil) Johns of Gley St. Mary and Cathy (Don) Orman; step-sons Kenneth (Dawn) Brannen, William (Diane) Rhoden, David (Darlene) Rhoden, Joseph (Dana) Fenell, Gena (Lisa) Fenell; several grand-and-great-grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband of thirty seven years Donald G. Smith of Macclenny; sons Richard F. Smith and Donald R. Smith, both of Macclenny; sister Karen D. Mobley of Macclenny; grandchildren Savannah Lynn Parrish of Macclenny and Carly Jo Smith of Wildwood, FL.

The funeral service will be held at 2 pm Tuesday, February 7 at the Christian Fellowship Temple with Pastor Tim Thomas officiating. Interment followed at Macedonia Cemetery, Baker County. Guerry Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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In loving memory
of our son

Garrett Scott Harris
3/23/1986 - 2/14/2007

Happy Valentines Day!

One heart that loved so big and true. Open arms to hold the ones you love so close and tight. The biggest, brightest smile that could take your worries away. That's what I love about you the most. With laughs, giggles and flowing tears we miss you. You are tucked safely in our hearts. Forever loved, always missed and surely be a beauty to behold.

With the icing made of silver and the candles made of gold. Yes, your birthday in heaven will be such a grand affair and we know you will look so lovely and never forgotten.

The angels will come from everywhere to sing your birthday song, and we will know they will be so happy that you have joined God's happy throne.

No, we can't send a card this year or give a gift so fine, so we will just send a special prayer to a wonderful mother, wife and grandmother.

LOVE,
ROGER DAVIS, KYLE DAVIS
WILLIE AND JENNY COMBS
CHUCK AND AMANDA YALE
LIL CHUCK, BRODY, LOGAN
MOTHER, BROTHERS
AND SISTERS.



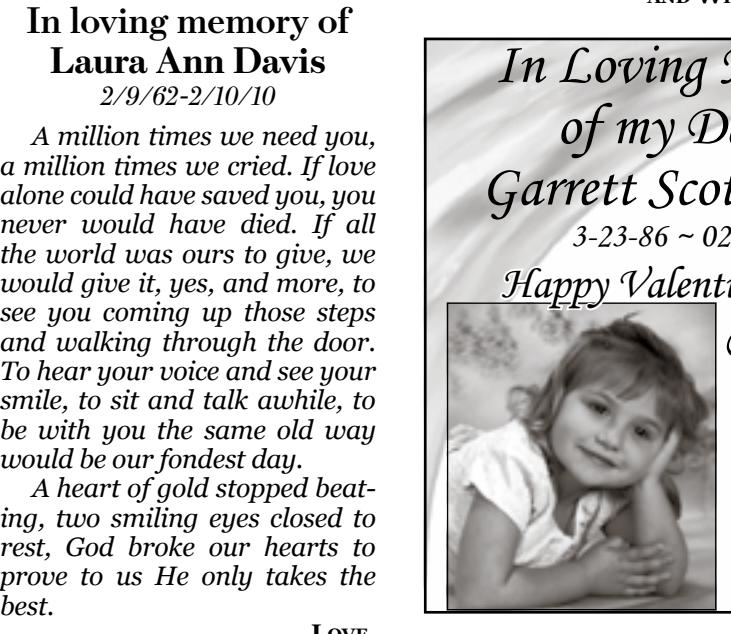
In loving memory of
Sam Williams

2/2/1965 - 7/25/2009

We cannot send a birthday card, your hand we cannot touch. But God will take our greetings to the one we love so much.

Thinking of you on your birthday with sadness in our hearts, for a very special someone from whom we had to part.

WE LOVE AND MISS YOU,
MOM, HEIDI, TIM, ALAN,
SANDY, BRITTANY, KRIS,
BRIANNA, WINSTON
AND WHITNEY



In Loving Memory
of my Daddy
Garrett Scott Harris

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DADDY!

X's and O's sent to you from
a heart so pure and true...

Love, Your Daughter,
Gabby Shae Harris

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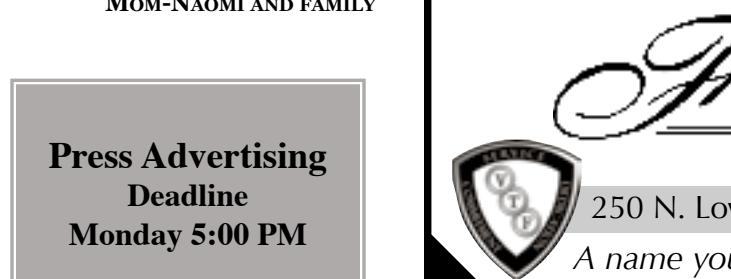
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James Michael
Higginbotham
4/7/1970 - 2/10/2005

To Mike —
Wherever we go and whatever we do, we will not stop loving you.

God has given us the peace that Mike is in Heaven and that one day we will see him again. Rest assured that is what I am longing to do. God bless.

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SOCIAL & SCHOOL

SOCIAL NOTICE SUBMISSION INFORMATION

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Mette - Rhoden

'Terrific' honors to students by Kiwanis

The Kiwanis Club of Baker County recognized Terrific Kids at Macclenny Elementary and Keller Intermediate School for the second quarter of the school year.

The motto of Kiwanis International is "Serving the Children of the World," and to that end they sponsor programs for children of all ages. Terrific Kids is a program to promote character development and good citizenship.

Each quarter teachers are asked to select one student who meets the standards of the program. "Terrific" is an acronym representing: Thoughtful, Enthusiastic, Respectful, Responsible, Inclusive, Friendly, Inquisitive, and Capable. The selected students were:

Macclenny Elementary – first grade: Andrew Bonds, Elijah Clark, Brooke Clevering, Taylor Clevenger, Claire Collins, Lexi Cruise, Matthew Brown, Jackson Dugger, Kelly Harris, Emmaile Jensen, Raymond Henderson, Tate Johnson, Brooklyn Larry, Taylor Mann and Landen Scott.

Second grade: Karsyn Crews, Colby Hapgood, Anna Hicks, Ansley Hodges, Cameron Johnson, Sierra Laramore, Jady Manning, Dillon Mathews, Tanner Rafuse, Jahnani Shuler, Savanna Stephens, Angelina Troshyana and Bryar Walker.

Third grade: Garrett Cain, Chayse Card, Lane Carter, Mason Davis, Kovaris Larry, A. J. Norman, Allyson Pepple, Caleb Setzer, Emily Schatz and Jon-Shayla Williams.

Keller Intermediate – fourth grade: Gamison Moore, Mika Gray, Ja'Mya Canty, Bradley Gainey, Austin Smola, Cheyenne Kinghorn, Weston Sands, Chey Wheeler, Matthew Crews, Kristen Starling, Lyndi Johnson, Karli Johnson, Dallas Ellis, Anna Wilkerson, Danny Neri, Graysen Gurganious, Steven Padgett and Annalee Kick.

Fifth grade: Shania Paige, D. J. Duran, Tristin Bentley, Garrett Sparkman, Justin Yarbrough, Kelton Knabb, Jordan Carter, Sabrina Donaldson, Emmaelle Dilbeet, Jaxon Burnsed, Marissa Rhoden, Ben Coffin, Cheyenne Adcock, Kayiesha Major, Colby Kennedy, Ty Moore, Elaina Griffis, Ashlyn Harris, Margaret Davis and Tyler Bosley.

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February 15

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To wed in March

Red and Anita Mette are pleased to announce the engagement of daughter Christy 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.

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Monday at 5:00 pm

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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

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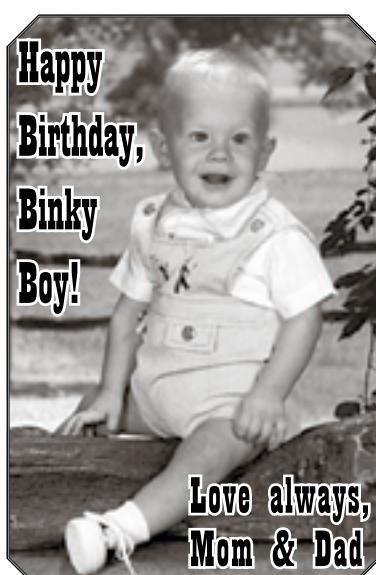
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Mette - Rhoden

From left: Savanna Jones, Tucker Washburn, Dylan Gerard, Hayden Stevens, Sarah Davis and Denny Wells rehearse.

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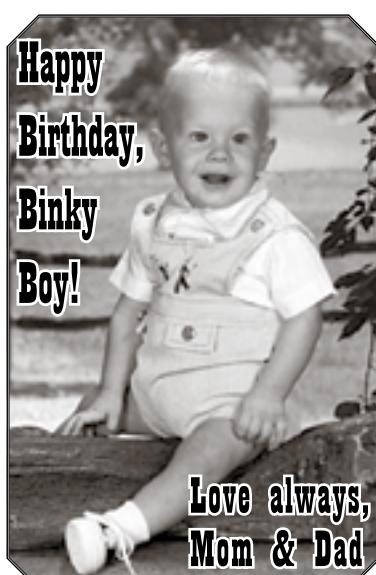
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Pre-K Kindergarten Center marks first 100 days of the school year

Students and teachers at the Pre-K Kindergarten Center on E. South Blvd. marked the 100th day of the school year by dressing up like geriatrics. Teachers donned grey wigs, robes, slippers, bifocals or all of the above and some like school principal Bonnie Jones completed the look with a walker. Children participated as well, some employing hair nets or faux beards made of face paint. Activities for the day also incorporated the number 100. "We've had so much fun today," said pre-K teacher Amy Denison, adding that one lesson tasked children with counting out 100 fruit loops and forming them into a necklace. Above is Riley Rhoden of Marie South's kindergarten class. See more photos at bakercountypress.com.

Forestry pageant entries are sought

The Miss Baker County Forestry Scholarship Pageant will be held March 16 and 17 at the Woman's Club of Macclenny. It is an official preliminary to the Miss Florida Forestry State Scholarship Pageant.

The pageant is co-sponsored by Mary Kay Cosmetics and the Woman's Club of Macclenny. There are eight age divisions ranging in age from Baby to Mrs.

The Miss Florida Forestry Scholarship Pageant is designed to bring attention to the use and protection of our forests.

This pageant system seeks well rounded young ladies who will be able to represent the county's forestry industry at the state pageant and throughout the year at various events. The pageant consists of interviews/on-stage questions (Teen Miss and Miss) and on stage modeling of evening wear.

For entry information, call Sydney Ferreira at 307-8442.

\$500 for finding the 'boldest' business, non-profit or project

A contest to highlight innovative, creative and bold companies, non-profits or projects in the region is underway online.

The JAX Boldest Contest at jaxboldest.com was developed by the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce's JAXUSA Partnership division as part of the Innovate Northeast Florida campaign launching in April.

Contest entries with text and video may be submitted at the website in the three categories: boldest company, boldest project or boldest non-profit.

"The winners in each category will be chosen by a public vote, so whatever you submit should be creative, cool and innovative," the website reads. "This contest is about rewarding both the finders and what is found. The individuals who submit the winning company, project and non-profit score a cash prize of \$500 each."

The top companies, projects and nonprofits will also be rewarded at the conclusion of the contest, the website states.

Voting ends March 31, 2012 and winners will be announced April 19, 2012.

Toxic roundup set for March 3

A toxic roundup will be held in Baker County on Saturday March 3. This is an opportunity to properly dispose of household hazardous waste like old paint, used oil, pesticides and insecticides.

The drop-off station will be set up in the parking lot behind the county courthouse in Macclenny from 9 am-3 pm. The process is quick, easy and free to private individuals. There is a small fee for businesses.

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