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## Trucker is charged in fatality on US 90

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The driver of a tractor trailer that smashed into a car on US 90 in Macclenny and killed a North Dakota man last June has been charged with vehicular manslaughter following an investigation by the Florida Highway Patrol.



Amos Smith Jr.

Amos Roger Smith, Jr. of Jacksonville turned himself in at the sheriff's office the morning of February 16, two weeks after a warrant was issued for his arrest on the third degree felony charge.

He made his first appearance the morning of February 17 when his bond was set at \$300,000. He remained in county jail early this week.

The warrant came after completion of the FHP's investigation into the fatal crash at Lowder Street and US 90 about 2:45 pm on June 21, 2011.

FHP investigator Cpl. Tyra L. Keplinger's affidavit alleges Mr. Smith ran a red light at Lowder Street while heading west on US 90 in a 2005 Volvo tractor pulling an unloaded box trailer, and did so while traveling some 18 mph above the posted speed limit of 35 mph.

The tractor-trailer collided with the right side of the northbound 2002 Chevy Impala driven by Carolyn P. Vanness, 74. In the passenger seat was her son, Paul Donald Vanness, 47, of Sykeston, North Dakota, who was in Macclenny for his father's funeral the day before. He died at the scene.

Ms. Vanness survived with two broken ribs and a broken ankle that required surgery.

Corp. Keplinger's affidavit states that Mr. Smith, who was disoriented after the accident but uninjured, was "knowingly driving in a reckless, willful and wanton manner" with no regard for the safety of persons and property.

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## Body in burned pickup is identified

The person whose body was found in the cab of a burning pickup truck behind a Macclenny auto repair garage in the pre-dawn hours of February 18 has been positively identified.

He is Brian Hodges, 50, of Macclenny.

Police were all but certain the charred remains were those of Mr. Hodges because his wallet and identification were found in the truck parked behind Robbie's Car and Truck Service on US 90 that morning.

Release of his identity came after confirmation by the medical examiner's office in Gainesville Tuesday afternoon on the basis of dental records and a chest x-ray.

The cause of death was smoke inhalation.

"The medical examiner wasn't prepared to confirm the identity based on dental records we sent down there ear-



The covered body of Mr. Hodges awaits removal Saturday by the medical examiner's office. In photo are FDLE technicians.

lier," said Sheriff Joey Dobson. "On Tuesday we came up with another set of records and the x-ray and they made the determination on that basis."

Still in question were the circumstances under which Mr. Hodges ended up in the 1989 Isuzu that morning. Sheriff Dobson said the autopsy ruled out a gunshot or other foul play, and other evidence at the scene debunked speculation that the pickup caught fire in a meth lab explosion.

Mr. Hodges, whose formal name was George O'Brien Hodges, was filmed waving at a security camera at Mac's Liquors two blocks west of the scene at about 4 am — two hours after closing time, said the sheriff. His whereabouts for the next hour-plus are unknown, and a family member speculated he may have had a seizure while smoking

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PHOTOS BY JUD JOHNSON AND JOEL ADDINGTON  
Above, Union calvary re-enactors advance during the 36th annual reenactment of the Battle of Olustee, Florida's largest Civil War battle, last weekend at Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park. The three-day event February 17-19 drew an estimated 21,000 people from across the nation. Also pictured are a number of the re-enactors, visitors and exhibitors who attended, including Buddy Eller of Bristol, VA at bottom right as a Confederate surgeon and colonel. The other photos are from the staged battle, which originally took place February 20, 1864, and festivities.



## Woody's BBQ will stay put, restaurant owner says

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What county services should be cut back to achieve the county commission's 10 percent budget cut?

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6.2%	Garbage dumps
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Seven Day Forecast	
<b>Thursday</b>	Few Showers High: 79 Low: 63
<b>Friday</b>	Showers Likely High: 83 Low: 50
<b>Saturday</b>	Sunny High: 65 Low: 36
<b>Sunday</b>	Mostly Sunny High: 65 Low: 45
<b>Monday</b>	Mostly Sunny High: 73 Low: 41
<b>Tuesday</b>	Partly Cloudy High: 72 Low: 44
<b>Wednesday</b>	Partly Cloudy High: 75 Low: 48

Today's High & Low Temperatures	
Jasper 79 / 63	Callahan 79 / 63
Watertown 80 / 63	Macclenny 79 / 63
High Springs 79 / 64	Baldwin 79 / 64
St. Augustine 77 / 64	Fernandina Beach 76 / 64
Jacksonville 78 / 64	Atlantic Beach 75 / 64

Last Week's Local Almanac					
Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tue, 2/14	73	32	69/45	0.04"	0.20"
Wed, 2/15	73	59	69/45	0.04"	0.79"
Thu, 2/16	75	55	69/45	0.00"	-0.59"
Fri, 2/17	68	57	70/46	0.11"	61.5"
Sat, 2/18	72	57	70/46	0.01"	57.6"
Sun, 2/19	81	57	70/46	0.00"	33.9"
Mon, 2/20	57	45	70/46	0.00"	

Sun/Moon Chart This Week			
First	Day	Sunrise	Sunset
2/29	Thursday	7:01 a.m.	6:23 p.m.
	Friday	7:00 a.m.	6:24 p.m.
	Saturday	6:59 a.m.	6:24 p.m.
	Sunday	6:58 a.m.	6:25 p.m.
	Monday	6:57 a.m.	6:26 p.m.
	Tuesday	6:56 a.m.	6:27 p.m.
	Thursday	6:54 a.m.	6:28 p.m.

St. Mary's River Levels		
Now	Change	Peak Times
Moniac, GA 4.72 ft.	-0.04 ft.	Day
Macclenny 1.74 ft.	-0.04 ft.	AM
		PM

Weather History		
Feb. 23, 1990	A fast-moving storm produced near blizzard conditions in Michigan. Snowfall totals ranged up to 9.5 inches in Allegan County, wind gusts reached 74 mph at Ann Arbor, and five-foot snowdrifts were reported around Saginaw.	

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### BAKER COUNTY COMMISSION

# It's official: Cedar Creek is 'history'

MIKE ANDERSON  
PRESS STAFF

The Baker County Commission drove the final nail into the coffin of Cedar Creek the evening of February 20, ending a plan for what was to have been Baker County's first mixed use residential development encompassing 6,000 new homes, a golf course and extensive commercial and industrial properties.

Cedar Creek, which was classified by the state as a Development of Regional Impact or DRI, was killed by the economic recession, but the county had to declare the project dead through a series of administrative hearings and votes.

The final public hearing on the issue ended with a unanimous vote of approval by commissioners with no public input from a small audience attending a 6 pm meeting.

"I look forward to seeing what the new owners will come up with for this property in the future," Commission Chairman Gordon

Crews said immediately after the vote.

The site, which is under two separate ownerships, lies north of US 90 between Glen St. Mary and Sanderson. It was envisioned as a retirement complex for people 55 and older, similar to the Villages in Central Florida, complete with a golf course, movie theater, shopping centers and other amenities.

The portion that the county commission declared abandoned, about 2,200 acres, is owned by Davis & Davis LLC of Macclenny. The company was represented at the board meeting by Jacksonville attorney T.R. Hainline.

"It's still mostly agricultural zoning and still green-belted," Mr. Hainline told commissioners. "We want to turn the clock back to what it was before the DRI. We just wanted to move forward independently."

The remaining portion of the DRI — about 1,000 acres — is owned by a South Florida bank in the name of ADB Properties. Ed Preston, the county's director of

planning and zoning, said ADB Properties filed an application on February 17 to have its property removed from DRI status as well.

Instead of four homes per acre, a density level that would have been permitted under the development plan, the pre-DRI rules will once again limit most new homes in the area to 10 acres, though some will be permitted on 7.5-acre lots, Mr. Preston said.

The Cedar Creek Development, which was approved in 2008 two years after initial planning had begun, called for developers to pay the county impact mitigation fees totaling about \$75 million for infrastructure improvements, including new roads, drainage, schools, water and sewer utilities.

Mr. Preston said two separate actions were required — one to abandon the DRI and the other to return the land use to its original low-density agricultural designation to avoid putting the county in a potentially expensive predicament down the road.

"If we do away with the DRI and do not make the land-use change they get to keep the (higher) density without mitigation fees," Mr. Preston said.

During a regular board meeting at 5 pm prior to the public hearing commissioners:

- Approved a plan to seek agreements with local contractors to respond to calls for service on electrical, plumbing and heating and air conditioning systems that malfunction.
- The plan was recommended by County Manager C.J. Thompson, who said currently county officials call contractors randomly when they need repairs. Having a list of pre-approved contractors that have submitted their service fees in advance might save the county some money, but that's not the only reason he recommended the change, Mr. Thompson said.

son said.

"We mainly want to establish some consistency and show some transparency to the public," he said.

"It sounds like a pretty good plan to me," said Commissioner Gordon Crews.

Commissioner Jimmy Anderson, a roofing contractor, suggested a formal contract be drawn up annually for contractors interested in signing up for the program.

"We need to know how much we'll be paying for service calls," Mr. Anderson said. "We're here to save money."

- Approved a request to allow the Northeast Florida Community Action Agency to use the Agricultural Center on March 12 and March 13 to bag and distribute commodities to the public without paying the customary fees for using the facility.
- The agency and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Surplus Food Commodities will be distributing goods on a first-come, first-served basis until the food is depleted.
- Received an annual report from Sheriff Joey Dobson detailing his department's operations in 2011, including number of calls for service (43,901), average response time (two minutes, 32 seconds), arrests (2,014) and other activities.
- On a positive note, crime in general has been declining, including a 19 percent drop last year, the sheriff said. He said he expects crime to take another 11-12 percent dip this year, which he partially attributes to his department's emphasis on crime-prevention programs that urge homeowners to keep their homes secured.
- One program — Drop it, Lock it, Stop it — encourages residents to keep garage doors shut and locked even if they're in the house

or in the back yard to prevent someone from simply walking in and stealing golf clubs, tools or any other items in plain sight. Another program — Stop, Talk, Listen — entails patrol deputies stopping to engage residents in conversation and listening to any concerns they might have.

Both initiatives, Sheriff Dobson said, "have contributed to the decrease in criminal activity."

In addition to vehicle manslaughter, Mr. Smith is accused of violating Florida statutes that prohibit commercial drivers from possessing alcohol while on duty. Five unopened beers were recovered from a bag in his truck following the accident.

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They were picking up food left over from the funeral, she said.

# Trucker is charged...

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The investigator also notes that the suspect was released from Shands Jacksonville three hours prior to the wreck after being diagnosed with depression.

Toxicology results showed Mr. Smith had anti-anxiety medication in his blood, but not at high enough concentrations to conclude his driving was impaired.

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# This 'dreamer' denies he snores like a chain saw...

I actually got to sleep late today. That is very rare, but I had a day off and didn't have a show to rehearse or perform. I didn't know how to act, so I just curled up in my cocoon of warmth and dozed.

I was pleasantly dreaming, but had no idea what about. I'm one of those people who dream a lot but don't remember them.

Some people claim they don't dream. They do, but they don't remember them. My daughter Sara Beth remembers her dreams, and the more bizarre they are the more she will tell me about them.

Now that she lives in Jacksonville, she will even call me to talk about them. I'll get a phone call early in the morning and a sleepy Sara Beth is on the line.

"Dad, you will not believe what I just dreamed."

"Probably not, but I have a feeling you're going to tell me."

"In my dream, a pig was talking to me."

"Was it an interesting conversation?"

"Not really. What can you say to a pig?"

"Good point."

A while back, Penn State did a study on dreams. They hooked students up to machines and every time they started to dream, they woke them up. After a week the students were displaying symptoms of paranoia.

Our dreams must be a release of some kind, though for the life of me I can't interpret where a talking pig comes into play in the mental health of my oldest child.

Back to the present, I'm pleasantly dreaming, happy as a clam that I'm sleeping late. Well, except, I remember those dreams? My wife must have been having a wild and crazy one. One minute I'm sleeping like a baby and the next minute ...

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"Huh?"

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# Body is identified...

90 and, according to the incident report by Deputy Clements Leo, arrived to find the truck engulfed in flames.

Firemen soon discovered the body inside.

CVS employee James Simmons said a man entered the store about 5:20 am and reported the truck ablaze. There was also a report of an explosion, possibly from a tire.

Garage owner Robbie Kirkland said the pickup's owner lives in the Georgia Bend and it had been left there several months ago awaiting the owner to come up with the money for repairs.

Technicians from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) and the medical examiner's office took several hours to process the scene and remove the body.

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# The stop signs to nowhere

The recent positioning of two stop signs at the intersection of Taber Blvd. with two virtually untraveled streets in Glen St. Mary as a way of slowing traffic is, well, not a good solution.

You'll recall last June the county commission balked at the Glen First Baptist Church's request to close the road altogether, opening the door to a compromise that recognizes the public's need to use a well-established right-of-way (10,500 weekly trips by the county) and the church's concern for safety.

So we have two stop signs (at Andrews St. which is going to be closed anyway and South Boulevard south of church property) where they are simply not needed, and they're for safety reasons?

That's hardly a compromise. It's over-kill, and a needless nuisance to motorists. Recently the county re-surfaced Taber from US 90 south to CR 125 and placed an elevated walk where church pedestrians cross from buildings on the west side of Taber to the main complex on the east side.

That's a compromise. The elevated walkway and clearly marked pedestrian crossing, along with the 25 mph speed limit on Taber, clearly cover the county's concern protecting churchgoers during Sunday and Wednesday service times, and other events, at the church.

Stop sign placement hundreds of feet either side of the crossing is pointless.

A reasonable addition would be stop signs in both directions at the crosswalk, mounted on rotatable posts that can be turned toward traf-

fic during church and church-activity times. Motorists would then be required to stop at the crosswalk. The signs, manned by either church volunteers or off-duty deputies as crossing guards, constitute more than adequate diligence to protect pedestrians.

As was pointed out in this column last year, Glen Baptist created the problem by having buildings on both sides of the established right-of-way. The county commission heard from citizens who want Taber to remain open, and support for closure failed to get a seconding motion so it died.

That part, then, is settled. Apparently the dual stop signs are the result of compromise discussions between the county and the church's architect in wake of the county's refusal to close Taber.

A cynic might say the church pushed for the signs as a back door way of discouraging motorists from using Taber as a thoroughfare to and from Interstate 10, thus strengthening a future effort to close it.

But you know those cynics. They can be cynical.

This problem is easily fixable employing less drastic measures. The county needs to remove the stop signs and offer the church the option of placing them at the crosswalk to be activated only during church activities.

(Full disclosure: the columnist resides just west of Taber Blvd. and uses it to access I-10 and points south.)

### IMPRESSIONS Jim McGauley



# Turned in her jewelry

Dear Editor:

Last Friday my wife Becky lost some jewelry in the parking lot of our local Walmart. It fell out of a case along with some other items, and she thought she picked everything up.

Not thinking her jewelry was in the mix of items that fell on the ground, Becky drove away — only to discover later in the day her jewelry was missing.

She returned to Walmart in a frantic search and it was gone. She left her name and contact information with Walmart customer service, never expecting anyone would turn the jewelry in.

The value in dollars was not that great, but the jewelry has a lot of meaning to my wife. One of the rings was a gift from her mother that had previously been a gift to her mother from Becky's dad over 30 years ago.

We see the stories every week in *The Press* of folks who run afoul of the law and we sometimes think they are the majority, when in fact I believe there are more good and honest people in the world than not.

An honest man, Mr. Tony Henderson, found my wife's jewelry and in short order spoke with his daughter Rebecca Henderson, a manager at Walmart. Ms. Henderson evidently went out of her way to research the lost and found reports and my wife's jewelry was returned to her safe and sound.

Thank you again Mr. Henderson and Ms. Henderson — you have no idea how thankful we are to both of you. God bless you and your family.

Thanks also to Walmart for employing some of the best people in the business.

**Bryan (and Rebecca) McDuffie**  
Glen St. Mary

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Occupy Wall Street rooted in Congress

Dear Editor:

Several editorials and letters to the editor recently blamed Obama for everything from being a closet radical socialist to the cause of ambrosia beetles in pine trees, the epitome of the usual Tea Party mentality.

Obama is the cause of Occupy Wall Street? Oh, come on. Please, get your news from someplace else other than Fox Funnies on TV. The Wall Street investment house greed movement reached its pinnacle under George W. Bush.

Occupy Wall Street is a protest against a do-nothing US Congress and the monster corporations.

What do you expect from a congress where the senior Republican in the senate says his primary duty is not to pass helpful legislation, but to stop Obama from being a two-term president. It appears like that guy is going to fail while he is wasting his time and our money in those hallowed halls in the US Capitol.

One letter writer said the Keystone Pipeline delay was caused by Obama and that is what made the gas prices go up, and now the gas will go to China.

What? The Keystone Pipeline phases 3 and 4 create a short-cut across Montana to Oklahoma and ends at Port Arthur and Houston, Texas — where existing refineries are located. No one mentions that the crude could be loaded onto ships and sail off to other countries. Keystone Pipeline has nothing to do about current US gas prices.

Quoting the Heritage Foundation, this imprudent writer says that 67 million Americans are relying on some federal relief program, inferring that it all happened under Obama's presidency. We also see some other numbers like 45.8 million are on food stamps. The number of people on SNAP (food stamps) has been on a steady rise since its inception; yes, even through the Nixon and both Bush's years.

Unfortunately, poor people who really need food stamps must now endure the "stigma" of being lumped together with the many deadbeats now on the food-stamp dole.

The country is struggling through a recovery, the second chapter of a gigantic recession that transpired on the G.W. Bush watch. Recovery is not quick and easy like a Florida Lottery scratch off card. Demanding that Obama create millions of jobs is not the answer.

Do you notice that Republican presidential candidates never proudly mention Nixon or the two Bushes? I still remember Watergate and the "weapons of mass destruction" — I guess they, too,

**Reed Dearing**  
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MACCLENNY CITY COMMISSION

Re-designing garbage pickup Could buy 'automated' truck, containers

MIKE ANDERSON PRESS STAFF

Twice-weekly residential garbage pickups in Macclenny could be cut in half and residents would no longer be awakened by sanitation crews collecting trash in the predawn hours if a new automated collection system is approved.

The proposal, recommended by engineering consultant Frank Darabi, also would save the city untold thousands of dollars annually in overtime pay because fewer employees would be required on residential routes.

City Manager Gerald Dopson said money could be allocated in the 2012-13 budget to buy a new garbage truck equipped with a mechanical arm that picks up and empties specially-designed 95-gallon trash cans, negating the need for two workers on the back of the existing truck.

No workers would lose their jobs, however, because the driver and two other employees would still be needed to service commercial dumpsters and to pick up yard debris in residential neighborhoods, Mr. Dopson said on February 21.

The savings, he said, will come from a significant reduction in overtime hours that sanitation workers now put in during a six-day work week. Some days, he said, they're out on the streets picking up trash cans at 4 am until late in the afternoon.

"There'll be some overtime savings, no question about it," the city manager said.

Mr. Darabi recommended the city buy a new truck and go to the automated collection system during a city commission meeting on February 14. He said residents should like the new schedule.

"In the new system we'd go from 8 (am) to 5 (pm). There would be no night time collection," he said. "Overtime would almost disappear."

In addition to the labor cost savings, Mr. Darabi told commissioners, the mechanical arm would be "less problematic" than humans picking up heavy cans and risking back inju-

ries. He said the city's workers' compensation rates should go down as a result.

Mayor Gary Dopson said the city has been faced in the past with the prospect of continuing to pay overtime or hire a second crew, which possibly would be even more expensive.

The city manager will schedule workshop meetings to further discuss the issue and give residents information about the proposed schedule change and new trash cans that they would be required to use. But so far, the mayor said, the concept sounds good.

"I definitely think we need to pursue this and look at the figures," he said.

The prospect of reducing pickups from twice to once a week, however, is expected to be controversial, especially among residential customers with large families that generate more household trash in a week than may be contained in one 95-gallon container.

Mr. Darabi said that if this becomes a problem additional containers could be provided. He has suggested in the past that residential customers pay a one-time fee of \$40 for the cans.

The city manager, however, said he wants the containers to be "provided free as part of the monthly fee." If someone loses a can, though, they would be required to pay for its replacement, he said.

The city manager speculated that the cost for a new truck and accessory equipment could run as high as \$250,000. If appropriated in the new budget in the fall, he said, the automated pickup service could begin in early 2013.

During his report to commissioners, Mr. Darabi said he had studied the feasibility of privatizing the city's garbage collection duties and concluded that the proposed automated system would enable the city to continue the service at less cost than a private contractor.

The city manager agreed. "I don't think there's any doubt that the city can provide the services more economically than a private firm," Gerald Dopson said.

The city manager also said he did not see the need for a hike in the monthly garbage

pickup fee, which was increased in 2009 to \$17.32 at Mr. Darabi's suggestion to help set aside funds to buy the new equipment.

"We've set aside a couple hundred thousand dollars," the city manager said.

Mr. Darabi had recommended a five-year fee increase schedule that would have placed the monthly fee at about \$22. The city halted the rate after a couple of years when the economic recession hit.

Before the rate increase the city's general fund was subsidizing the sanitation budget. However, the city manager said the operation now supports itself with existing fee revenue.

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

• Approved a recommendation from Mr. Darabi to join Florida Leaders Organized for Water, a multi-county North Florida group organized to protect ground water resources.

Mr. Darabi said the city would be under no financial obligation to join FLOW, which was formed largely by a \$250,000 appropriation from Columbia County in an effort to protect groundwater levels from continuing to drop. Member counties represent the Suwannee River and St. Johns River water management districts.

"We need to protect the resources we have," Mr. Darabi told commissioners, adding that due to water levels continuing to go down people are having to "drill wells 15 to 20 feet deeper to reach water."

One of the problems, he said, is that the water management district officials keep approving requests from outside counties to withdraw large quantities of water from the Florida Aquifer.

• Adopted a resolution proclaiming April 21, 2012 as Korean and Vietnam Veterans Appreciation Day, which will be celebrated at 11 am that day at Heritage Park. Hamburgers, hotdogs, iced tea and water will be served.

"Our recognition of our veterans and their involvement in our lives can help us achieve stronger and more meaningful connections with each other and enrich our community's quality of life," the resolution stated.

OB/GYN group is staying put, intends to lease office space

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First Coast Obstetrics Associates, a group of doctors associated with North Florida OB/GYN Associates, is close to finding a new location to continue seeing Baker County patients locally.

The group has been seeing expectant mothers at the Baker County Health Department for the last 18 years and was poised to refer its existing patients to the group's offices in Orange Park when its contract ends with the health department on February 29.

Revenue losses at the health department have led to cutbacks in recent weeks, including layoffs and the privatization of lab services. The department's director Kerry Dunlavey announced the cancellation of the contract with First Coast Obstetrics earlier this month.

Child and maternal health advocates with Northeast Florida Healthy Start Coalition in Jacksonville responded to the move last week by alerting media outlets to the lower-than-average prenatal care rates in Baker County and how the loss of the sole OB/GYN provider in the county could further reduce them.

First Coast Obstetrics' Dr. Roland Powers said this week his group is close to a deal with an existing Macclenny doctor's office to lease space. He said he hopes to have it finalized within the next two weeks.

He said the group's midwife and nurse, Melissa Adams, will assist existing patients from Orange Park during the transition period and be available at the new location in the future.

"It will be a temporary inconvenience, but we will not have a break in care," Dr. Powers said.

After the move, however, the group can start accepting women with private insurance, rather than only those with Medicaid, he said.

Other doctors in the group are Arjav Ted Shah, Eric J. Edelenbos and Richard A. McCauley. For more information, please call the group's Orange Park office on Kingsley Avenue at (904) 269-5600.

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Female student is facing felony after school bus beating

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When a high school student beat up a middle schooler on the bus last week so severely the victim landed in the hospital, the bus driver didn't have enough time to break up the fight, a school district official said this week.

Johnnie Jacobs, the district's transportation director, said bus driver Roy Maley, 64, of Macclenny followed district protocol by attempting to stop the fight verbally, safely stopping the bus and then notifying dispatch of the incident, which occurred February 14 about 7:10 am on North CR 125.

"By the time he pulled the bus over and radioed to us, the situation had stopped," Mr. Jacobs said.

Still, he stressed, bus drivers are not prohibited from using physical force to cease students from fighting.

"You don't just sit there and keep driving," said Mr. Jacobs, a former high school principal, adding that once the bus stops moving and dispatch is radioed, "at that point, if they haven't quit, they may intervene."

When asked if that included physical intervention, Mr. Jacobs responded: "They're allowed to do whatever is needed to protect student safety. And in some cases, that may involve physically stopping an altercation."

Police arrested the aggressor in the fight, a 16-year-old female BCHS student from Baxter, after the victim, a 13-year-old female from Sanderson, was treated for internal bleeding and concussion-like symptoms at the emergency room less than 12 hours after the fight.

Middle school campus deputy Allen Markley met with the victim that morning. He reported that the teen said she was attacked without provocation and struck repeatedly in the back and head.

The officer said a video of the fight recorded by another student with an iPod Touch showed the 13-year-old seated and attempting to shield herself from the suspect's blows.

The school bus's video camera was not functioning. Deputy Markley's report notes the iPod video also shows the driver stopping the bus and yelling at the 16-year-old to stop the beating.

He also wrote that other student witnesses and the two girls involved in the fight all said the altercation was the result of comments made on Facebook the previous evening.

The 16-year-old was released to her parents at the direction of the Department of Juvenile Justice. BCHS principal Tom Hill declined to comment on the specifics of her punishment.

The 13-year-old was treated at the emergency room after experiencing headaches, nausea and blood in her urine.

Repeat arrest for threats to her mother

Police arrested a Macclenny woman the afternoon of February 19 for again threatening her elderly mother at the latter's residence off Woodlawn Road.

Sheila Griffis, 47, was booked at county jail for domestic assault on Estelle Williamson, 81, and felony abuse of the elderly.

Ms. Griffis has been arrested on similar charges before, and had been ordered by County Judge Joey Williams to stay away from her mother. The daughter lives nearby.

Andrew Williamson, the victim's 53-year-old son, told Deputy Chris Walker that his sister has several times been released with no contact orders, then returns to her mother's home "causing trouble."

In the latest case, Mr. Williamson called police because his sister was threatening their mother, who Deputy Walker noted as too upset to speak with him when he arrived. By then, the daughter had run back to her residence on Glenn Williamson Rd. and she was arrested there.

In another domestic case, Deputy Johnny Hodges filed criminal complaints against an estranged Macclenny couple that accused each other of violent behavior during an argument the morning of February 16.

Morgo Gaskins, 22, told the officer she was angry after going to the US 90 east residence of Bradley Hardenbrook, 22, and finding him there intoxicated and with another woman.

The couple's two children were at the address also.

Ms. Gaskins was interviewed at the Fraser Hospital emergency room where she went complaining of back pain from being thrown against a wall by Mr. Hardenbrook. She also claimed he choked her.

The boyfriend countered that he grabbed Ms. Gaskins in self-defense.

Deputy Hodges contacted the Department of Children and Families because of the children's presence.

Accused swindler out on house arrest

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A Jacksonville woman accused of stealing thousands of dollars from tenants at the Baker Manor Apartments in Macclenny has been released on house arrest as investigators continue building their case.

Donna Lynn Griffis, 46, turned herself in December 19 after sheriff's office investigators filed a complaint alleging more than 500 counts of fraud, forgery, theft and other crimes.

Although the State Attorney's Office expects to file formal charges soon, the office did not meet the 40-day filing deadline stipulated by Florida statutes. Defendants cannot be kept in jail for more than 40 days after an arrest without the filing of formal charges.

"We will be filing charges soon," State Attorney's Office spokesman Spencer Mann of Gainesville said. "We've requested additional information from law enforcement because of the large number of counts in-

volved."

The court released Ms. Griffis February 7 and ordered her to remain in Baker County. She's residing in Macclenny and cannot leave her home on Clover Drive unless it's for medical care, court or to visit her attorney, public defender George Nelson.

The same day the court also granted her former attorney's motion to withdraw as her lawyer. She was represented by Curtis S. Fallgatter of Jacksonville, a former Chief Assistant US Attorney.

According to the defendant's application for indigent status filed January 19, Ms. Griffis has no dependents, no income and about \$15,000 in debts.

The ex-apartment manager is suspected of stealing about \$25,000 from tenants at the publicly-subsidized housing complex at the corner of Lowder and South 6th streets in Macclenny during a 17-month period between March 28 and August 31, 2011.

The sheriff's department alleges she pilfered utility assistance checks meant to help low-income Baker Manor tenants, deceived them into paying more

than they owed and, possibly, embezzled money from a dead child's memorial bank account, among other offenses.

Sheriff's office investigator Chris Volz estimated at Ms. Griffis' bond hearing December 20 the total dollar amount that could be lost due to the alleged crimes, including funds paid to replace the stolen money, could top \$40,000.

He said by phone earlier that day the investigation was ongoing and new information was being discovered daily, including details about money in the memorial bank account.

Police records identified at least 20 victims in the case.

According to the investigator, a majority of the thefts identified involved utility assistance checks from Baker Manor's management company, Horizon Housing Management, LLC of Oviedo, FL, to tenants that were either deposited into Baker Manor's petty cash account or cashed.

When Ms. Griffis was hired in February, 2010 she opened the petty cash account with permission from the company, but the account was supposed to be limited to \$300 and used for office supplies and other expenses not covered by the apartment complex's main account, Inv. Volz's



Donna Griffis

report states. The suspect made ATM withdrawals from the petty cash account at gambling establishments in Florida and Alabama, including the Allied Veterans of the World, Inc. affiliate on Normandy Boulevard in Jacksonville, the report notes.

After an audit and investigation by Horizon Housing Management, which Inv. Volz said resulted in Ms. Griffis' firing in mid-August, the company's regional manager and Baker Manor's current manager reported the alleged criminal activity to police on November 7.

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Woody's owner: 'not going anywhere'

It looks like Woody's Bar-B-Que will remain open after all. Faced with eviction over unpaid past rent, the future of the popular eatery on South 6th St. was somewhat cloudy late last year.

Those clouds have dissipated a bit since Woody's franchise owner Fred K. Rhoden and the property owner re-negotiated more favorable lease and mortgage terms with TD Bank.

"It gives us a lot more breathing room. I'm not going anywhere," said Mr. Rhoden during a February 16 telephone interview.

Mr. Rhoden, a Macclenny native who now lives in Ponte Vedra, said during an early January interview he hoped the eviction

notice would motivate the bank to re-negotiate a mortgage with General Real Estate Services of Jacksonville and its president Parker Hudson.

That, said the franchiser, would then result in more favorable terms on his monthly lease. According to the eviction notice on file at the county courthouse, Mr. Rhoden and his corporation Macclenny Bar-B-Que owed \$30,000-plus in back rent.

A default judgement was entered in December.

Mr. Hudson, in an interview February 17, said the judgement and eviction notice will remain in effect until back rent is paid.

He, like Mr. Rhoden, believes the newly negotiated terms pave the way for Woody's to remain

open. "I needed to treat Fred as any other tenant — that's what they (the bank) made me do," stated Mr. Hudson. "Fred has talked to his banker and worked out a deal that allows him to operate, so it looks like it's going to work out."

Mr. Hudson's firm constructed the 5000 square foot Woody's and three out-parcels on the west side of the property in 2008. Mr. Hudson said they are currently rented — to Giggles Comedy Cafe, Games Galore and King

Nails. All, he said, are current on their rent.

In a January interview, Mr. Rhoden said the general downturn in business has coincided with the recession, and put the squeeze on his finances. He said last week food costs continue to rise, but he has reined in labor costs.

"I've taken care of everything as it relates to my business," he said.

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Fleeing man wanted

A Sanderson man who was chased down by police after he ran from the scene of a disturbance call the morning of February 14 was wanted in Union County on several criminal warrants.

Terrance Keith, 22, ran from the rear door of a residence on Sanderson Circle about 7:40 as officers responded to a "hang up" 9-1-1 call. Deputy Robert Aberly caught up with the suspect as he ran toward a wooded area.

Mr. Keith was wanted for aggravated battery using a weapon, two counts of child abuse and battery.

The afternoon of February 18, Deputy Matt Yarborough arrested a 17-year-old girl with a Sanderson address after police answered a disturbance call near

Cove St. and SR 127. The officer found the juvenile seated in a vehicle with a 19-year-old male, who admitted they had been in a verbal altercation. A computer check turned up a Seminole County warrant for possession of narcotics equipment.

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# Sex offender re-arrested

A convicted sex offender who was supposed to be living in Jacksonville was arrested the morning of February 19 at a south Macclenny trailer park where he had apparently been residing on a regular basis. Michael Jackson, 30, was at the residence in Rhoden's trailer park that morning when Deputy Chris Walker responded to a civil call by the suspect, who had questions about a domestic violence hearing requested by his wife.

The estranged wife, Mary Jackson, 30, was staying in Sanderson at the time, and Deputy Walker noted she had left their two children in the care of her husband.

A computer check turned up the offender status and that Mr. Jackson was supposed to be at a Jacksonville address living with a relative. He admitted to living in Macclenny and pointed out to the officer that he had been served by the sheriff's department with legal papers two days earlier.

Deputy Walker also confirmed via Mrs. Jackson and neighbors that the husband stayed there on a regular basis.

Investigator Tracie Benton told the deputy she had previously warned Mr. Jackson against living in Macclenny. He was booked for failure to notify officials of an address change, a third-degree felony.

In other arrests, another Jacksonville man was jailed the afternoon of February 14 for violating pro-

hibition. Paul Hendrix, 41, was found intoxicated in the bed of a parked Ford pickup on the CR 229 off-ramp from Interstate 10 that afternoon, and according to Deputy Daryl Mobley, had earlier been seen driving the vehicle.

The officer noted in his report that Mr. Hendrix has a criminal record that runs 15 pages. An empty prescription bottle was found in his possession; the label indicated it contained 30 doses of Hydrocodone and was filled eight days earlier.

Police arrested two juvenile males on multiple charges after they ran behind the BP station in downtown Macclenny late on February 17.

One of the youths, age 16 and from Macclenny, was booked for battery on Deputy Brad Dougherty, resisting arrest with violence, disorderly intoxication and underage possession of alcohol.

The officer and Lt. Scotty Rhoden questioned the youths, and the 16-year-old allegedly pushed Sgt. Dougherty in the chest after cursing and becoming belligerent.

The other juvenile, 15 and from Macclenny, was booked for underage alcohol possession. A third youth was not charged.

The battery and resisting charges are third-degree felonies.

# Student sold pot at BCMS

A 14-year-old male student at Baker County Middle School was arrested for selling marijuana to a fellow student on Valentine's Day.

The mother of another student tipped off school administrators the next day that the sale had taken place. The buyer, another 14-year-old male, stored the pot in a matchbox in the bedroom of his north Macclenny home.

Campus Deputy Allen Markley found the drug in the bedroom after obtaining permission from the suspect's mother to search it.

The student bought the marijuana for \$10, and both he and the alleged seller, who lives south of Macclenny, admitted involvement.

A criminal complaint for possession was filed against the buyer. The other student was charged with selling marijuana, a second-degree felony. He was released to his mother.

Two days later, as 17-year-old male student at Baker County High School was named in a complaint for having loose marijuana in the driver's seat of his 2001 Ford pickup parked on the campus.

Deputy Matt Riegel said he noticed the pot while checking the vehicle because it was parked the morning of February 16 in a non-assigned spot.

The sheriff's department canine Tango alerted to the scent of marijuana and the student was summoned from class and present during the vehicle search.

Two middle school male students, 14 and 15 years old, were arrested the morning of February 15 for disorderly conduct.

Deputy Markley said the two fought in the classroom of Angel Rhoden, who was treated for bruising on her right wrist that resulted when she was separating the students.

They were released to relatives after booking at county jail.

# Scrap pipe stolen from secured area

A Glen St. Mary man reported to police on February 14 that piping and other metal materials were stolen from a locked compound off Claude Harvey Rd.

William Kerce valued the materials at between \$5000-\$10,000. He told Deputy Jacob Satterwhite he received a phone tip the previous day that a dark green GMC extended cab pickup was seen leaving the property with a load of scrap pipes. Mr. Kerce added that similar thefts have occurred in the past.

The victim said the pipes were painted green and had to be cut into smaller sizes before they were taken. He also said the lock was severed to gain entry into the fenced area.

In other recent thefts: Three saws and a blower were taken overnight on February 16 from a locked shed belonging to David Hackley on W. Madison St. in Glen St. Mary.

The owner told Deputy Tony Norman the saws belonged to him and the blower to neighbor William Hartline. There is a suspect who had access to one of the keys.

A purse and contents were stolen from an unlocked vehicle at the Macclenny city park the evening of February 16.

Lisa Davis of Macclenny told Deputy Robert Singleton she returned to her 2012 Hyundai at 8 pm after an hour-long exercise walk in the park and found the purse missing.

It contained credit cards, \$100 cash, a cell phone and identification. She saw a bearded white male wearing blue jeans and a flannel shirt riding north from the area on a bicycle. Police believe they know the man's identity.

The right passenger window was broken to gain entry to a 2007 Freightliner truck parked on Lauramore Rd. north of Macclenny the evening of February 19 or early the next morning.

Daniel Reed told Deputy Clements Leo a cell phone was taken. It was the property of Fleet Transport of Perry, FL.

# Battlefield 'living history' trip

## BCMS class at Olustee

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For the first time in more than a decade Baker County Middle School students took a field trip to visit historical re-enactors and demonstrators at the Olustee Battlefield the morning of February 17.

History teacher Gayle Combs said that because the annual Olustee Battle reenactment falls so close to the start of FCAT testing, her students had not been able to attend since 2001.

"This is the time of year when we're intense about pushing for FCAT ... so they don't like us taking field trips at this time," she said, adding that the writing test taken by fourth, eighth and tenth graders begins February 28.

But after meeting with middle school principal Sherry Barrett and convincing her the trip was worthwhile, students were once again able to see up close a re-creation of what life might have been like during the Civil War.

"My belief is for them to love history they have to have a connection to it," said Ms. Combs. "And with this going on in our community, it's a great way to bring history alive."

Eighth grader Nikki Connell said she's always loved the Civil War. "It's pretty awesome how so many people fought and died for us in the war," she said after touring the Union camp area at Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park.

About two-thirds of middle school's eighth graders, some 230 students in all, traveled to the park about 9 am before witnessing a booming artillery demonstration just past the park entrance with other students from The Bolles School in Jacksonville.



PHOTOS BY JOEL ADDINGTON  
Pictured clockwise from top: 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry re-enactors Clifford Pierce of Jacksonville with 8th graders, history teacher Gayle Combs with her group, Linda Rosenblatt as the widowed wife a Confederate soldier and Frank Hayward of Deltona, FL talks Civil War rifles.



BCMS students soon broke into smaller groups with chaperones, including Ms. Combs and middle school math teacher Cathy Williams, to start scavenger hunts for historical information to be gleaned from the park's re-enactors, exhibitors and landmarks, which were shown on a map made specially for Olustee Battlefield Education Day held the Friday before the battle reenactment.

"We encourage you to visit the educational stations and assist your students by engaging in conversation with the reenactors about the Civil War and Battle of Olustee," reads the map.

The students sought out the answers to questions like: Who were the Union and Confederate generals in the battle? And how many soldiers were involved on either side?

Ms. Combs said her history students start the year learning about the Ice Age, then progress chronologically through the Civil War by the end of the school year.

Although students have not begun studying the Civil War, she hopes learning about Florida largest Civil War battle will help them relate better to the material once they reach it.

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# Out drinking, not at home

A north Sanderson woman on house arrest was taken to jail early on February 18 when she admitted she had been out drinking with her boyfriend.

Deputy Daryl Mobley questioned Leslie Starling, 29, of Sanderson while answering a civil complaint on Cove. St. about 12:30 am. Earlier, Ms. Starling sustained bruising when she jumped from a moving vehicle driven by Geoffrey Gaskins, 46, also of Sanderson.

Ms. Starling became upset returning from Mac's Liquors in Macclenny when Mr. Gaskins refused to let her retrieve their child because of her intoxicated state.

The deputy then learned she is banned by terms of her proba-

tion from leaving her residence on Sanderson Circle, and from being at the bar.

The same deputy arrested Brandy Hunt, 33, of Macclenny for driving on a license with ten prior suspensions.

She was at the wheel of a 2007 Chevrolet sedan that Deputy Mobley stopped after observing it speeding on North 6th St. about 4 am on February 19.

Ms. Hunt was booked on a felony suspension charge and ticketed for speeding.

Deputy Mobley filed a complaint against Morgo Gaskins, 22, of Macclenny for driving on a suspended license after stopping her 1999 Mercury the afternoon of February 19 for driving in the wrong lane of E. Boulevard in

Macclenny. She was also ticketed for not having two children, ages 4 and 3, in proper rear seat restraints, and for not having proof of insurance.

The license tag on the vehicle was seized.

Clyde Meyers, 31, of Glen St. Mary was arrested the evening of February 15 for driving on a license with suspensions for drunk driving and failure to pay child support.

Deputy Robert Simpkins spotted the suspect northbound on Lower St. in Macclenny about 10 pm with one headlight out on his 2000 Ford.

He also said Mr. Meyers failed to observe a stop sign and ticketed him for that.

# Energy drinks stolen

Two shoplifters managed to cart off over \$1500 worth of Five Hour Energy Shots from the Macclenny Walmart during an early morning heist on February 15.

A surveillance video shows the suspects, a black male and black female, leaving the store with 149 packs of the energy boosting liquid in a storage bin. The couple entered the store at 2:20 am and left 17 minutes later through the grocery entrance.

According to the report by Deputy Chad Montean, the video depicts the male on a cellphone just prior to the couple's exit to a waiting silver SUV with tinted windows.

They loaded the cartons in the vehicle and drove off. A third person was at the wheel.

In a second commercial theft reported to police the past week, two persons were caught on surveillance video breaking into the Macedonia Grocery at CRs 23A and 23C the morning of February 17.

The burglars first tried unsuccessfully to gain through the front door, then tossed an object into a window to kick entry. One of them handed out seven scratch-off lottery tickets and five cartons of cigarettes to the second suspect and they fled west on foot.

The incident report by Deputy Jeremiah Combs notes one of the suspects wore a hooded camouflage jacket, blue jeans and gloves. The second, believed to be a female, had on a tan hooded jacket.

The intruders struck at 4 am, and the incident is the latest in a series of early morning store burglaries where cigarettes and lottery tickets were stolen.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-**  
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BAKER COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA, MODIFYING THE CEDAR CREEK DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT DEVELOPMENT ORDER (RESOLUTION 2008-15); FINDING THE MODIFICATION DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A SUBSTANTIAL DEVIATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
The subject property is located north of U.S. HWY 90, south of Claude Harvey Road, and west of municipal limits of Glen St. Mary.

Copies of said resolution may be examined by any member of the public in the Baker County Planning & Zoning Department at 360 East Shuey Avenue, Macclenny, Florida, 32063. If a person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at the meeting or hearing, he will need a record of the proceedings and for such purpose he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which appeal is to be based.

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Scores 'near-perfect' on SAT BCHS junior racks up 2330 points of 2400

JOEL ADDINGTON NEWS EDITOR reporter@bakercountypress.com

Reagan McKendree wasn't shocked she achieved a near-perfect score on the SAT recently, but what it means for her future puts a smile on her face.

The Baker County High School junior scored 2320 out of 2400 points on the exam used as a common benchmark for college admissions and scholarship eligibility.

The 16-year-old from Cuyler garnered 220 out of 240 points on the pre-SAT, so she expected to do well on the SAT. "But I wasn't thinking a perfect score on the math and reading," Ms. McKendree said the morning of February 21, five days after taking the five-hour test.

She didn't miss a single question on the reading or math portions of the test, but lost points on the writing and grammar sections.

"I was pretty happy," said Ms. McKendree, adding that she didn't realize how extraordinary her score was until guidance counselors and other faculty members, "made such a big deal of it."

"I was like, 'well, OK.' This is a pretty big deal," she said.

Prior to taking the SAT in the high school's library, the youth spent about a month and a half studying a 3-inch-thick prep book from Princeton Review.

"It starts with an essay," she said of the test, "and that kind of worried me because it's 25 minutes and that's a short amount of time to write a good essay ... I just kind of went with it and wrote what I thought went best."

The teen cruised through the math portion without a worry, but was more anxious about the reading and grammar sections because that's where she had the most trouble on the pre-SAT.

"Grammar is always the hardest part," she said.



Reagan McKendree

Photo by Joe Addington

Reagan is the daughter of Paula and Rodney McKendree and sister to Rhett, 13. She attends Raiford Road Church south of Macclenny.

Paula McKendree said Reagan has "always had it together and been very motivated ... It's just the way God made her."

Still, she pointed to the efforts of "some really great teachers she's had along the way."

What advice does she have for other parents?

"We always tell her, 'do your best. If you do that, we're proud of you.' Every child's different, but if you know they're trying their hardest and doing the best they can, you should be happy with that," said Paula McKendree.

With such high scores on the pre-SAT and SAT, Reagan, who is a member of the volleyball and track teams, will have her choice of colleges. Even before the most recent test results, she's received correspondence from Ivy League schools like Harvard, Cornell and Brown universities.

Reagan said there's also a chance she could receive a National Merit Scholarship, which will be given to only 8300 stu-

dents out of 1.5 million nationwide who scored high enough on the pre-SAT to be considered.

Awards and recognitions from the National Merit Scholarship program are used by many colleges and companies to determine eligibility for their own scholarships.

"That is one of the biggest advantages," said Paula McKendree of her daughter's SAT scores. "There will be scholarship offers and she can be in honors programs that a lot of times have smaller class sizes and cater to the kids more."

Reagan's parents both attended the University of Florida and Reagan said she's leaning in that direction, too.

"They've always been Gators

so I guess it's kind of drummed into me," she said. "But I want to be a doctor and live down here, and UF has pretty much the best medical school in Florida."

Nonetheless, her mother said she wants Reagan to keep an open mind and visit other schools as well.

"We are a little partial [to UF] and we would like to see her stay close. But at the same time we don't want to limit her," said Paula McKendree.

Reagan attended last week's Sunshine State Scholars program, which recognizes the state's top 11th graders in the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics, or STEM, and links them with college representatives and industry groups.

While there she discovered the University of South Florida in Tampa has an accelerated, seven-year medical school.

"That's kind of cool. Normally it's eight years," said Reagan, who's a student in the school district's gifted program.

Outside of the classroom, the Baker County native plays piano and competes on the high school's Hi-Q varsity team. She's a member of the beta and history clubs and volunteers at her church.

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Stiff winds did little to deter the festivities the afternoon of February 11 at Altman's Store in Cuyler during a fund raiser for the late Autumn Smith, 18 months, who was killed by a car on CR 127 N. on January 26. Organized by Hope Bryant and others, the event raised more than \$3600 that will be used for a headstone for the young victim, who lived not far from the store. In above photo, Nancy Rewis leads Maryssa Pernette and Tru Austin around on a horse. According to Ms. Bryant, the bulk of funeral expenses for young Autumn were picked up by a private donor.

New scholarships established, added to education foundation

JOEL ADDINGTON NEWS EDITOR reporter@bakercountypress.com

Two new, locally-sponsored scholarships are available this spring through the Baker County Education Foundation, the non-profit support organization managed by the school district.

The foundation announced last week the \$2000 memorial scholarship established by Darrell Giddens in honor of Pastor Todd Annis, who died last year in a vehicle accident.

The late pastor served as the minister of youth at First Assembly of God in Macclenny.

Applicants for the scholarship must be graduating seniors at Baker County High School with grade point averages of 3.0 or higher. Preference will be given to applicants pursuing a degree in Christian ministry, music, counseling or other faith-based fields.

The foundation also announced the "Leaving a Legacy" scholarship, which is offered using proceeds of the foundation's "Leaving a Legacy" benefit dinner held annually.

The next dinner is scheduled for March 27.

The legacy scholarship will be \$4,000, payable over a four-year period. Applicants must be graduating seniors at BCHS with a 3.0 grade point average or higher. Preference will be given for science, technology, engineering or math majors.

Another memorial scholarship offered through the foundation in honor of school board member Jesse Davis' late grandfather R.E. Watkins will provide between \$500 and \$1000 for a graduating BCHS senior who wants to study business or another entrepreneurial field in college, and who spent at least two years in the JROTC program.

Mr. Watkins was a hump pilot in World War II and the Korean War.

The scholarship is being offered for the second year. Mr. Davis said no applicants qualified last year.

Applicants are expected to have at least a 3.5 grade point average and rank in the top fifth of their class. They must submit an essay as well as three letters of recommendation.

There are 20 other locally-

sponsored scholarships available through the foundation, most worth either \$500 or \$1000. They can be found along with an application at http://baker-county-education-foundation.baker.k12.fl.us/.

Applications are due to the high school's guidance office by May 1.

Information about a dozen other scholarships from national

organizations like the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation can be found on the high school's website at http://bchs.baker.k12.fl.us/ under the Guidance tab.

The web site is updated regularly with new scholarship opportunities.

Another helpful resource, said BCHS's Debbie Charko, is http://www.studentscholarships.org.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2011-CA-000130

CAROL BANK N.A., as successor by merger with Carolina Bank N.A., as successor by merger with Mercantile Bank, Plaintiff,

vs. TROY THRIFT, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 9, 2012 entered in Civil Case No. 2011-CA-000130 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida, wherein TO BANK, N.A. is Plaintiff and TROY THRIFT, et al., are Defendants.

I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at the front door of the Baker County Courthouse, 339 E. Macclenny Ave., Macclenny, FL, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. on the 22 day of March, 2012 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

Two parcels of land situated in NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 19, Township 2 South, Range 22 East, Baker County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of said Section 19, thence N 0°38' E, along West line of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of said Section 19 a distance of 90 feet; thence East a distance of 120 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing East a distance of 10 feet; thence N 0°38' E, a distance of 123 feet; thence West a distance of 10 feet; thence S 0°38' W a distance of 123 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Also, Commencing at the Southwest corner of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of said Section 19; thence N 0°38' E along West line of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of said Section 19 a distance of 215 feet; thence East a distance of 46 feet to a point on the East right of way line of State Road No. 23-A presently established as having a 60 foot right of way; said point being the Point of Beginning; thence continuing East a distance of 104 feet; thence N 0°38' W, a distance of 123 feet; thence East a distance of 50 feet; thence N 0°38' E a distance of 123 feet; thence East a distance of 123 feet; thence West a distance of 164 feet to East right of way line of State Road No. 23-A; thence S 0°38' W along the said East right of way line a distance of 73 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Street address: 17421 North CR 23-A, Macclenny, FL 32063

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DATED this 9th day of February, 2012. AL FRASER Clerk of Circuit Court By: Julie Combs Deputy Clerk

Daniel S. Mandel, Esq. DANIEL S. MANDEL, P.A. Attorneys for Plaintiff 2700 N. Military Trail, Ste. 355 Pico River, FL 33451 Tel: (661) 826-1740 Fax: (661) 826-1741 2/16-2/23

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA. CASE NO. 02-2011-CA-0001

COLUMBIA BANK, N.A. a/k/a COLUMBIA COUNTY BANK, Plaintiff,

vs. DAVID B. HILLMAN, a/k/a DAVID BRANDON HILLMAN, a/k/a BRANDON HILLMAN; DWIGHT JONES; GEAR & WHEEL, MOBILE REPAIR, INC., a Florida corporation; and FLORIDA CREDIT UNION, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE Notice is hereby given that the following described property:

The SE 1/4 of the West 40 acres of the NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 36, Township 3 South, Range 20 East, Baker County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the No. 1/4 corner of said Section 36, thence run N 83 deg. 05' 37" E, and along the North line of said Section 36 606.15 feet; thence S. 17 deg. 38' E, 647.46 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continue S. 17 deg. 38' E, 647.46 feet to a point on the southerly line of aforementioned NW 1/4 of NE 1/4; thence N. 83 deg. 29' 38" E, and along said Southerly line 684.42 feet to the Southeast corner of aforementioned West 40 acres; thence N. 17 deg. 38' 19" W, and along the Easterly line of said West 40 acres 649.89 feet; thence S. 83 deg. 17' 39" W, 683.95 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 10.0 acres, more or less.

ALSO: The SW 1/4 of the West 40 acres of the NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 36, Township 3 South, Range 20 East, Baker County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: Begin at the SW corner of said NW 1/4 of NE 1/4; thence run N. 17 deg. 38' 39" W, and along the Westerly line of said NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 650.02 feet; thence N. 83 deg. 17' 39" E, 686.60 feet; thence S. 17 deg. 38' 39" E, 647.25 feet to a point on the Southerly line of aforementioned NW 1/4 of NE 1/4; thence S. 83 deg. 29' 38" E, and along said Southerly line 687.07 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 1.0.0 acres, more or less.

TOGETHER WITH EASEMENTS FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS DESCRIBED BELOW, both lying in Section 36, Township 3 South, Range 20 East, Baker County:

Easement 1: For a point of reference commence at the Southeast corner of the NE 1/4 of NW 1/4, said point being common with the Southwest corner of the NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of said Section 36; thence along the Easterly line of said NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 N. 17 deg. 38' 41" W, 864.60 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence departing said Easterly line N. 50 deg. 28' 11" W, 171.30 feet; thence N. 58 deg. 38' W, 238.02 feet to a point on the Easterly right-of-way line of County Road number 228 in 100 foot right-of-way as now established; thence along said Easterly right-of-way line N. 07 deg. 38' 48" E, 257.77 feet; thence departing said Easterly right-of-way line S. 58 deg. 38' 38" E, 258.25 feet; thence S. 50 deg. 28' 11" E, 129.94 feet to a point on the aforementioned Easterly line of said NE 1/4 of NW 1/4; thence along said Easterly line of said NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 S. 17 deg. 38' 41" E, 55.34 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Contains 0.27 acres, more or less.

Easement 2: For a point of reference commence at the Southeast corner of the NE 1/4 of NW 1/4, said point being common with the Southwest corner of the NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of said Section 36; thence along the Easterly line of said NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 N. 17 deg. 38' 41" W, 585.02 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence departing said Easterly line S. 72 deg. 21' 23" W, 30.00 feet; thence parallel with said Easterly line of said NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 N. 17 deg. 38' 41" W, 328.09 feet; thence S. 50 deg. 28' 11" E, 55.34 feet to a point on the aforementioned Easterly line of said NE 1/4 of NW 1/4; thence along said Easterly line of said NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 S. 17 deg. 38' 41" E, 278.58 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Contains 0.21 acres, more or less.

shall be sold by the Clerk of this Court, at public sale, pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment in the above styled action dated February 23, 2012, at the BAKER County Courthouse in Macclenny, BAKER County, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on March 21, 2012, to the best and highest bidder for cash. Any person claiming an interest in any surplus from the sale, other than the property owner as of the date of the notice of its pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the State and County aforesaid this 20th day of February, 2012.

AL FRASER Clerk of Circuit Court By: Jamie Crews Deputy Clerk

Attorney for Plaintiff: Eddie M. Anderson, P.A. Attorneys for Plaintiff 2700 N. Military Trail, Ste. 355 Pico River, FL 33451 Tel: (386) 754-0772 Fax: (386) 754-0772 2/23-3/1



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 02-2010-CA-000158

CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

vs. LARRY SMITH; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LARRY SMITH; LEONA OUGLEY SMITH AKA LEONA SMITH; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LEONA OUGLEY SMITH AKA LEONA SMITH; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANTS); IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LEGATORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANTS); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; Defendants)

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Baker County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in Baker County, Florida, described as:

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at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, East door of the Baker County Courthouse, Macclenny, Florida 32063 at 11:00 AM, on March 8, 2012.

DATED THIS 3rd Day of February, 2012.

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.

Witness my hand and seal of this court on the 3rd day of February, 2012.

CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT By: Julie Combs Deputy Clerk

THIS INSTRUMENT PREPARED BY: Law Offices of Daniel C. Consegua 9204 King Palm Drive Tampa, FL 33619-1238 Attorneys for Plaintiff

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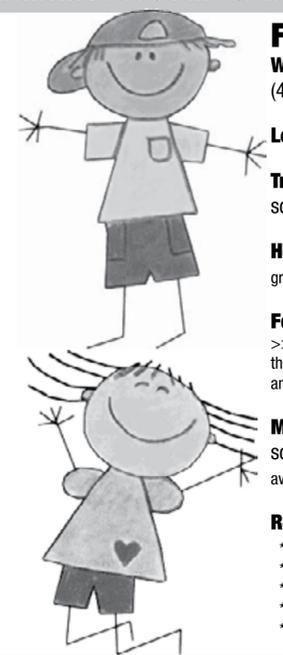
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**Shelton Carter, 76, of Macclenny**

Shelton M. Carter, 76, of Macclenny died Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at his residence. Mr. Carter was a retired mechanic and lifelong resident of Baker County who loved fishing and riding through the forest with his son.



Shelton Carter

**George O'Brien 'Brian' Hodges**

George O'Brien "Brian" Hodges, 50, of Macclenny died Saturday, February 18, 2012. Mr. Hodges was a lifelong resident of Baker County and small engine mechanic who enjoyed fishing, camping, playing music and singing. He also enjoyed spending time with family and friends.



George Hodges

**Terrance Newman 72, of Davenport**

Terrance (Terry) R. Newman, 72, of Davenport, FL died Monday, January 9, 2012 surrounded by his loving family after an extended illness. Formerly of Baker County, he was the son of the late Edwin and Emma Klyswan Newman. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force and retired from Disney World.

Survivors include his wife of 45 years Frances Godwin Newman; sons Michael (Holly) Newman of Merritt Island and Johnny (Theresa) Newman of Winter Park; brother Ronnie Newman of Ohio; sisters-in-law Lucille (Tim) Fox and Joann (Pete) Parish of Macclenny, Winifred Fisher of Glen St. Mary and Mary (Luther) Pringle of Bryceville; brother-in-laws Billy (Susan) Godwin of Sanderson and William (Cleo) Godwin of Glen St. Mary; four grandchildren and numerous other family and friends also survive.

A memorial service was held February 11 at St. Faustina Catholic Church in Clermont, Florida with Father Jean Desir officiating. Interment will be held Saturday, February 25 at 11 am at Manntown Cemetery, Glen St. Mary with Father Savomir Bielasiewicz officiating. Forbes Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

**Opal Poe, 86, of Jacksonville**

Opal C. Poe, 86, of Jacksonville died Sunday, February 19, 2012. She was born December 20, 1925 in Raceland, KY to Gordon and Mary Ball Dillow. She was a charter member of Jacksonville Heights Baptist Church. Her love for her grandchildren meant more to her than her love for her bowling, and she loved her bowling. Opal is preceded in death by her husband Lloyd Poe, son Billy Poe and daughter Connie Leissner.

Survivors include children Walter W. Poe, Faye (Hank) Burned of Glen St. Mary and Richard Poe; son-in-law Rick Leissner; sister Ruby Lowe; grandchildren Jennifer, Jessica, Walter, William, Damien, Dan and Tina; eight great-grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held Friday, February 24 at 11 am in the chapel of Hardegg-Giddens Town and Country Funeral Home on Normandy Blvd. Interment will follow at Riverside Memorial Park Cemetery, Jacksonville. Visitation will be from 6-8 pm at the funeral home.

Survivors include children Debbie (David) Dorman of Glen St. Mary and Steven M. Miller of Fredrick, MD; brothers James L. (Gay) Sanders of Sasser, GA, Dewitt (Delphia) Sanders of Pascagoula, MS, Dan (Sheila) Sanders of Sylcauga, AL; sisters Melanie Johnson and Karen Peters; grandchildren Tim, Diana, Matthew and Stephanie; great-grandchildren Chase, Blayne, Bo and Brooklyn and numerous nieces and nephews.

The funeral service will be held on Monday February 27, 2012 at 1 pm at V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services Chapel. Interment will follow in Oak Hill Cemetery in Lakeland, FL at a later date. The family will receive friends on Monday February 27, 2012 from noon to 1:00 pm at the funeral home.

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**Robert Zeigler dies February 14**

Robert Warren Zeigler of Lake Butler died on February 14, 2012 after a brief illness. He was born in Pulaski, VA on February 22, 1946 and lived in Macclenny for nearly 30 years before moving to Lake Butler.



Robert Zeigler

Mr. Zeigler is survived by son Keith (Tabatha) Zeigler; grandchild Kriston Zeigler; brothers Charles (Diane) Collins of Glen St. Mary and Michael Zeigler of Brookier; sister Brenda Hunter and mother Norma Poole of Las Vegas, Nev.; and companion Judy Smith of Lake Butler.

The funeral service was held on February 18 at Praise Christian Assembly Church in Graham, FL with Jay Jethro officiating.

**Gospel sing Friday**

A gospel sing will be held Friday evening, February 24 at the Road to Calvary Church in Glen St. Mary from 7:30-9 pm. Everyone is welcome.

**Heartfelt thanks**

The family of Robbie Williamson would like to express its gratitude to everyone who provided prayers and comfort during our loss. Robbie was a loving and caring person who will be forever missed by all who knew him.

The family of Robert Glenn Williamson

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**In loving memory of Carol Dugger**  
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It has been one year, my angel. Lots of lonely nights and days and lots of tears have been spilled since your passing. I still miss you Carol, your smile that makes a person feel good, your laughter that brightens everyone's day and your presence that sends a signal of being loved.

I tell your girls often how much you loved them and hated to leave them. I try to explain to them why I think Jesus needed you home so you could take care of the little angels because you were so good at it.

I know in my heart you're bouncing little angels on your knees telling them how precious they are because you had nothing but love in your heart and soul.

You were loving, caring, a wonderful mother and wife. You will always be remembered. Thank you for thirty-four wonderful years, my angel.

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**In loving memory of Carol Ann Dugger**  
 11/14/1959 - 2/24/2011

Your beautiful spirit will forever live on as your smile and infectious laughter fill our memories....

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**In loving memory of Walter 'Darrell' Johns**  
 2/22/1955 - 7/31/2010

Daddy— I know the angels must have baked you a cake on this day, your birthday. I'm sure you smiled in your usual way. Did you tease them and make them laugh, as you did us before God called you to His side?

We think of the things you will have to tell us when we join you there. And the many things we will share with you.

We will celebrate in sadness today as we miss your smile. We will hope that as you walk on the clouds and run through the beautiful starry nights that you will smile down upon us as we wish for you a heavenly birthday happiness. Happy birthday Daddy.

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**In loving memory of Damon N. Pendleton**  
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**Heartfelt thanks**

We take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for every act of kindness extended to us during the illness and loss of our mother, Jessie Mae Lee. All of the phone calls, the cards, the beautiful flowers and especially the many prayers have sustained us during this difficult time. To all of Mama's friends who visited her in the nursing home, we cannot thank you enough. She was very happy during her short stay at Wells Nursing Home. The staff could not have been more wonderful to her and to us.

To Pastor David Hodges and the Manntown Church family, we will be forever grateful for all of your support and the delicious meals you provided. To our Uncle Robert Dorch and our own Jana Jackson, the singing was beautiful. We appreciate our loved ones who served as casket-bearers. To Bill Guerry and staff and the Baker County Sheriff's Office, you made us proud. May God richly bless each one that touched our lives during this sad time.

Shirley Crews, Ken Lee and our families

**Heartfelt thanks**

The family of Robert Sweat would like to express its sincere gratitude to the people of Baker County for all of their support and prayers during this very heartbreaking time in our lives. Thank you to the Baker County sheriff's department, V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Home, Rairford Road Church and all of our friends and family who brought the wonderful food, paper goods, tables, chairs and moral support. We would also like to express a special thank you to Eddie Griffs, Tonya Griffs, Cheryl Nunn and Greg Lyons for beautiful bluegrass music and song of worship. To all of my customers at Konnie's Klear Pools I would like to extended my appreciation for your patience, kind thoughts, words and for your continued prayers for Robert during his illness.

Thank you, Konnie Sweat and Family

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# Beckum woman of year

San Beckum, 2nd Vice President and membership chair of the Woman's Club of Macclenny, was chosen as the chapter's Woman of the Year for 2012 during the February 16 meeting.

The Woman of the Year must have three years of membership with the organization and put forth extra effort and time for the good of the club and community, the club's bylaws state.

As the honoree, Mrs. Beckum will oversee greeting and welcoming attendees at meetings. She will oversee the seating of guests and speakers. She will also be the club's ambassador for the year.

For the past two years, Mrs. Beckum chaired the membership coffee held in August of every year to highlight the activities of the club in order to retain current membership and to attract new members.

She created flyers and invitations to announce the coffee. She visited businesses in the area to discuss the activities of the Woman's Club and to invite area business women to be inaugural members in the club's new night meeting venture, "Girls Night Out." She also helped with set up, decorations and food for the event.

Mrs. Beckum worked with two other members of the club to revise the club yearbook to a new size and to add pictures of the members. She wrote letters to guests and acceptance letters to new members. She created flyers to announce guest speakers in order to encourage attendance at the monthly meetings and distributed these flyers to local businesses.

When the chapter newsletter editor resigned for personal reasons, Mrs. Beckum accepted the challenge to write and distribute the monthly newsletter for five months until the editor returned.

Mrs. Beckum has been involved in various club projects including selling tickets, cooking and delivery for the annual spaghetti dinner, donations to the annual Marjorie Lord Christmas Party for Children, selling tickets and doing make up for the models on the day of the annual fashion show to raise scholarship money; coaching contestants in



San Beckum, the Woman's Club 2012 Woman of the Year.

the Miss Florida Forestry Scholarship Pageant in speech and interview techniques; and walking in the Relay for Life team.

Mrs. Beckum became a member of the Woman's Club after moving to Macclenny soon after retirement as an employment

counselor for the state of Alabama.

She has a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of South Carolina. She lives with her husband William and their schnauzer Maxx.

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**Dinner to benefit scholarships for BCHS students**

The Baker County Education Foundation is hosting its 2nd annual "Leaving a Legacy" Scholarship Dinner.

The event will be held on Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center at the First Baptist Church of Macclenny.

Honorees for this year's event will be Mr. and Mrs. Tom Covington (Joanne) and Mrs. Mary Finley. These retired educators have given many years of service to the Baker County School District.

Tickets will be on sale for \$25 per person. For further information or to purchase tickets, please contact the superintendent's office at 259-0428. Proceeds from the event will be used for student scholarships.

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# SOCIAL & SCHOOL

**SOCIAL NOTICE SUBMISSION INFORMATION**

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Addison Marie Hurst

**Daughter arrives**

April Betz of Glen St. Mary and Dylan Hurst of Sanderson are pleased to announce the arrival of daughter Addison Marie on February 13, 2012 at Orange Park Medical Center. Addison weighed 8 lbs., 1 oz. and measured 21 1/4 inches long. Grandparents include Anna Betz and Denise Womack of Glen St. Mary and Melissa Hurst and Kevin Harvey of Sanderson.

**Incorrect year**

The article last week on the 50th wedding of Jack and Betty Taylor of Glen St. Mary erred in the year of their marriage. They wed in 1962.

**GED testing  
March 19-21**

Registration for the March GED test will be held at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, February 28 at the Baker County school district's career and adult education building at 523 West Minnesota Avenue in Macclenny.

Registration will be limited to the first 30 people. Please allow a minimum of two hours for GED registration. The testing fee of \$70; a valid picture ID, and /Social Security card are required at registration.

Discounted testing fees are available for Baker County adult education students who are currently enrolled in the GED preparation program with a minimum of 12 hours class time. The GED test will be given March 19, 20 and 21. The next scheduled test will be administered in May. For more information about GED registration, contact Wanda Conner at 259-0403.

**School Lunch  
MENU**

February 27 - March 2 Offered everyday: Cold lunch plate of chef salad with wheat roll or crackers and dessert (when offered) 1% lowfat white milk, 1/2% lowfat flavored milk, orange juice.

**Monday, February 27**  
Breakfast: Turkey sausage pancake wrap, orange/pineapple juice and milk.  
Lunch: Golden corn dog or ham with macaroni and cheese with homemade whole grain roll. Choice of 2 sides: baked beans, crispy coleslaw, chilled peaches with a schoolmade cookie and milk.

**Tuesday, February 28**  
Breakfast: Breakfast sausage pizza, tropical fruit juice and milk.  
Lunch: BBQ ribette on a bun or baked lasagna with a slice of home made italian bread. Choice of 2 sides: garden salad with dressing, garden green peas, fresh banana, peach cobbler and milk.

**Wednesday, February 29**  
Breakfast: Ultimate breakfast round, pineapple juice and milk.  
Lunch: Slice of pepperoni pizza or chicken noodle soup with a homemade whole grain roll. Choice of 2 sides: tossed salad with dressing, mixed vegetables, peach cup and milk.

**Thursday, March 1**  
Breakfast: Enriched cereal with slice of toast, orange juice and milk.  
Lunch: Breaded chicken patty on a bun or chicken fajitas on corn tortillas. Choice of 2 sides: sweet potato rounds, lettuce and tomato slice, seasonal fresh fruit, cookie and milk.

**Friday, March 2**  
Breakfast: Pancakes 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, rosy pear cup and milk.



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**FBLA brings home district trophies**

The Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) organization from Baker County High School attended the District IV Competition and Awards Ceremony February 17, bringing home 15 first place, four second place and two third place honors. The program was hosted and judged by Florida State College of Jacksonville (FSCJ) at its north campus auditorium. BCHS senior and district FBLA president Savanna Jones was master of ceremonies. Results from online testing as well as performance events were revealed during this ceremony. "Students put forth much effort and preparation for this competition and should be proud of their success," said FBLA faculty sponsor Stephanie Wheeler. Pictured above from BCHS are front and center from left) Takenya Ruise and Kelton Givens, (second row from left) Allison Wagstaff, Haley Dopson, Brianna Graham, Kasey Alford, Anna Pass, Jewell King, Ms. Jones, Jenna Sands, (third row from left, third person from the left) Taylor Dopson, Hawke Forbes, Jessica Padgett, Megan Anderson, Chelsea Sanderson, Alan Hodges, Whitney Moore and Amber Richardson. Not pictured are Chase Brannan, Kaitlyn Corder, Robert Branch, Forrest Elledge, Brianna Graham, Evan Barrett, Tyler Cole, Kaitlyn Corder, Ethan Wilkerson, Kailley Murphy and Brittany Ray.

**Adult ed testing**

Baker County school district's career and adult education, 523 West Minnesota Avenue, will be administering the T.A.B.E. test to the public on March 16.

Registration will be at 8:45 am, testing will begin at 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The testing fee of \$20 and valid picture ID are required at the time of registration. For questions contact Wanda Conner at 259-0403.

**SCHOOL  
ACTIVITIES**

**February 23**

BCHS: Drama "Annie" Auditions, Junior Varsity and Varsity Softball at Paxon, 4:30 pm, Drama presentation, " Broadway in Baker 5" 7 pm BCMS: Softball vs Fernandina Beach, 4 pm KIS: KADET, 9:15 am WES: Good Morning Show Club Meeting, 8 am, Tutoring/After School Reading Club, 3:15 pm MES: Spring Pictures PK/K: Kindergarten Readiness Workshop, 6 pm

**February 24**

District-wide: Progress Reports BCHS: Drama presentation, "Broadway in Baker 5", 7 pm BCMS: Black History Month Program, 6 pm WES: Positive Behavior Support Club Meeting, 8 am PK/K: Dr. Weeks' Dental Health Presentation

**February 25**

BCHS: Volleyball Tournament Fundraiser, Drama presentation, "Broadway in Baker 5", 7 pm, BCMS: 8th Grade Florida Writes Test Blitz, 8:30 am -12 pm, Black History Month Program, 6 pm KIS: Florida Writes Test Blitz 8:45 am

**February 26**

BCHS: Drama presentation, "Broadway in Baker 5", 7 pm

**February 28**

BCHS: Tenth Grade Florida Writes, Track at Palatka, 3:30 pm, Junior Varsity and Varsity Softball vs. Bishop Kenny, 5 pm, Baseball vs. Keystone, 6 pm BCMS: Florida Writes Test, Majorettes, 2 pm, Softball vs. Richardson, 4:30 pm KIS: Florida Writes Test, 8 am WES: Tutoring/After School Reading Club, 3:15 pm

**February 29**

BCHS: Tenth Grade Florida Writes Make-ups KIS: Florida Writes Test, 8 am WES: Merrie Melodies Club Meeting, 8 am

**Both Hi-Q  
teams fall  
at regionals**

**JOEL ADDINGTON  
NEWS EDITOR**

*reporter@bakercountypress.com*

The Baker County High School varsity and junior varsity Hi-Q teams fell to Ponte Vedra High School and Vanguard High School from Ocala, respectively, at the regional tournament January 26.

"It was a heartbreaker," Hi-Q coach and gifted program director Cathy Hooper recalled this week.

The varsity Hi-Q team went undefeated for much of the season and captured the district title, but lost to Ponte Vedra by 6 points, 174 to 168, late in the regional tournament, which took place in High Springs at Spring Ridge First Church of God.

"We led up until the last question or two," Ms. Hooper said of the varsity squad.

After narrowly beating BCHS, Ponte Vedra went on to lose to Bartram Trail High School from St. Johns County.

Vanguard ousted the junior varsity Hi-Q team in the first round of play 210 to 158. "They were a tough team. We knew they would be hard," said Ms. Hooper.

Ten high schools from north and central Florida competed in the regional tournament including Union County High School, which placed second at the district tournament behind BCHS.

Other schools included Forest High School from Ocala, Bell High School, Williston High School and North Marion High School.

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**Pamela Dobbs**

Channing Dobbs and Amber Terrell of Raiford are pleased to announce the arrival of daughter Pamela "Ela" Piper Dobbs on December 9, 2011 at North Florida Regional in Gainesville.

Pamela weighed 7 lbs., 15 oz. and measured 19.5 inches long.

Siblings are Teagan and Kathryn.

Grandparents include Larry Dobbs, the late Pamela Rigdon, and Ronnie and Cindy Terrell. Great-grandparents include Michael (Bud) and Margorie Dobbs, and Jimmy and Kathryn Waddell.

**Family reunion**

The Combs-Swindell family reunion will be held February 25 in the bingo hall of the Moose Lodge in Macclenny from 1-5 pm. For more information call Bonny Lindsey at 904-483-6011. Please bring a covered dish.



Time to let it go. Childhood behind you... teenage years, here we come! Celebrate big!  
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# SPORTS



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**Boys follow up Ridgeview loss with consecutive wins**

**BOB GERARD | SPORTS**

The Wildcat baseball team split games last week, beating Middleburg, but losing to Ridgeview. The Cats beat West Nassau on Thursday, February 23.

The Wildcats got their first loss of the season to Ridgeview on February 15 by a score of 3-1, despite a strong performance on the mound from Dillon Jones. "Dillon threw well," said Coach Fred Matricardi. "We just couldn't get a hit when we needed. We had bases loaded twice with one out and only scored one run. When you strike out 10 times it's hard to win at any level."

The Wildcats' bats heated up a little on Monday, February 20 as they bested Middleburg 7-3. Jacob Milton picked up his second win in relief, throwing 2.2 scoreless innings.

The game was tied 2-2 in the top of the seventh, then the Cats manufactured a five-run inning. Brad Stone got things started with a single that gave the Cats a 3-2 lead.

The Broncos had a defensive lapse, letting the Wildcats on base on an error. Hunter Hanks singled to drive in two base runners. The Wildcats were led offensively by senior Chris Waddell, a recent signee with FSCJ. Waddell had three hits and Kyle Horne added two more.

"We haven't been swinging the bats real well and hopefully that seventh inning will get us going. I believe we're going to hit and sometimes a two out RBI can get a team going," Matricardi said after the game.

The Cats topped Forest 10-0 February 21 to push their record to 3-1 on the season. See next week's edition for more details.



PHOTOS BY JUD JONSON

Pictured clockwise from top: Brad Stone looks to get the out at first, Austin Rowe catches the out, Mikal Flores arrives at second and Jacob Milton watches an overthrown ball at first base.



**Harvey takes 12th at state tournament**

**BOB GERARD | SPORTS**

BCHS wrapped up the wrestling season this past weekend at the state meet in Lakeland as freshman Brandon Harvey finished 12th in the state in his weight class.

Harvey was the lone Wildcat at the state tournament. In the first round he lost to Brandon Conroy from Somerset Academy by pin. Conroy went on to wrestle for the state championship and finished second.

That put Harvey into the consolation bracket. He defeated Norman Gallon from Spoto High School by forfeit and in the second round lost to Danny Garcia from Monsignor Pace (Miami) by technical fall. Garcia went on to win third place in the state.

"I was very proud of Brandon to go into an event with 700 wrestlers and gain some valuable experience," said Coach Ryan Sulkowski. "He probably had one of the toughest draws in the 126 pound weight class. Both guys he lost to finished in the top three in the state."

Harvey was excited to be at the meet.



PHOTO BY JUD JONSON  
**Brandon Harvey**

"Wrestling at the state meet was such a great experience for me. To compete against some of the best competition in the state was incredible as a freshman. I was humbled to represent Baker County at state level competition," he said.

**Russell fifth at state**

**BOB GERARD | SPORTS**

Kasey Russell had an outstanding showing with a fifth place finish as three Lady Wildcat litters placed in the top 20 at the state tournament this past weekend in Kissimmee. Though none of the girls made the podium, they turned in solid results for Coach Joey Sulkowski.

Russell was highest up the ladder with the fifth place in the unlimited class. Russell, who has a handful of school records to her credit, hoisted a 205 in the bench press and a 150 in the clean and jerk for a 355 total.

Tiffany Braddy was fifteenth in the 169 class. She had a 140 bench and an outstanding 165 in the clean and jerk for a 305 total.

Kristin Burnham was eighteenth in the 139 class with a 140 bench and a 130 clean and jerk for a 270 total.

**Girls thrash Parker**

**BOB GERARD | SPORTS**

The Lady Wildcat softball team isn't used to opening a season on a three-game skid, so last week's performance left them ruffled.

Coach Franklin Griffis' team responded in a big way, however, getting back on track with a 11-0 thrashing of district rival Terry Parker on the road February 16. The girls collected 15 hits and left the Braves shaking their heads.

BCHS jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning. Tina Hauge reached on a bunt and stole second base. Kylie Holton brought her home with a single and Taylor Crumney drove her in with a single. BCHS broke the game open with a huge sixth inning, collecting six runs to break the backs of their hosts.

Brooke Roberts singled and made it to second base on a throwing error. Megan Farmer and Hauge both reached on errors and Holton collected a pair of RBIs with a double. Crumney singled to bring in Hauge and put the Cats up 6-0. Clara Harvey doubled and Haley Crews singled to bring in two more runs.

The Cats did their final scoring during a three-run stretch in the fourth inning. Crumney and Harvey singled and Crews doubled to bring in Crumney. Roberts brought Harvey home with a single and a sacrifice fly from Genie Taylor scored Roberts.

The Cats also had their best game defensively. They played error-free ball and Gatto only gave up three hits and a walk while striking out six Braves.

Crumney, Harvey and Roberts were 3 for 3 on the night. Hauge and Holton were 2 for 4 and Holton had 3 RBIs. Crews was 2 for 3 with 3 runs batted in.

The Lady Cats beat Forest 22-1 on February 21 and will travel to Paxon on February 23. See next week's edition for more details.

**Lopsided tennis wins**

**BOB GERARD | SPORTS**

The BCHS tennis team stayed undefeated with a big win over Yulee on February 14. The boys' squad went 7-0 that afternoon, while the girls were 6-1.

Nick Dukeman led the way for the boys for his number one singles slot with an 8-0 victory. Sam Murphy also blanked his opponent 8-0 in the number two slot.

Jared Stafford kept the streak going with an 8-0 victory, but Grant Burns had to fight and claw to keep the streak alive. Burns defeated his opponent 9-7. Hunter Stavelly took the number five singles match 8-0.

Dukeman and Murphy won the number one doubles 8-0 and Stafford and Burns won 8-2.

The girls also had a strong showing although most matches were closer than on the boys' side. Kaylann Stafford won the number one singles 8-0 and Logan Raulerson fought her way to a 9-7 win.

Stephanie Gross struggled a bit in the number three slot, losing 5-8. Tianna Raysor got back on the winning track with an 8-0 victory. Haleigh Latimer won 8-1.

Stafford and Raulerson won the number one doubles match 8-3 and Gross and Raysor combined for an 8-1 win.

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