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AG: fees legal for medical services

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The Baker County Commission's proposed special assessment for emergency medical services is indeed legal under state law, a recent opinion from Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi's office states.

The county already levies special assessments on properties outside of the City of Macclenny for garbage and fire protection services, but the legality of a proposed special assessment for emergency medical services, or EMS, was questioned late last year by Macclenny's attorney Frank Maloney.

He argued that a 2002 Florida Supreme Court ruling held special assessments for EMS invalid because they benefit people rather than property, which is a fundamental requirement of special assessments.

That led county officials to seek the attorney general opinion on the issue, which arrived February 28.

The opinion supports Mr. Maloney's interpretation of 2002 high court ruling — that special assessments for EMS do not confer a special benefit to the properties being assessed and therefore function like traditional property taxes instead.

But the opinion counters that a special assessment for EMS in Baker County is legal because there's a state law that says special assessments for EMS imposed by certain counties "shall be construed to be ... a tax authorized by general law," like traditional property taxes, also known as ad valorem taxes.

The law defines such counties as those within a rural area of economic concern as designated by the governor, those with less than 75,000 people and levying less than 10 mills of ad valorem tax, or those that passed an ordinance authorizing EMS assessments prior to January 1, 2002.

Counties must meet only one of these three requirements to qualify under the law and Baker County lies within a rural area of economic concern.

The opinion goes on to cite

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Land given for road to undisclosed industrial project

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Spring-like weather, complete with high March winds, ushered in this year's edition of the Baker County Farmers Market in north Macclenny. The crowd was steady and organizers are looking for increased turnout as the Saturday event stretches toward summer months.

'Sunny' debut for market

MIKE ANDERSON
PRESS STAFF

The Baker County Farmers Market kicked off its 2012 season under sunny skies and brisk winds at Macclenny City Park on March 3, offering something for just about everybody, including fresh vegetables, flowering and fruit-bearing plants, handmade jewelry and home-made baked goods.

For entertainment during the five-hour event from 8 am until 1 pm, there was music by the Bluegrass Breeze and clogging demonstrations by a local 4-H group.

If the first Saturday was any indication the weekly market should be a big hit this year, said Darryl Register, co-chair of the event and director of the Baker County Chamber of Commerce.

"I was very satisfied and happy," Mr. Register said. "We'd love to have more vendors. But we had seven, and during the fall run we never had more than four."

The market began in 2010. Organizers schedule one event



Joy Ruhe (above) with her macaw Capt. Sparrow at her cottage food, exotic bird and feathers booth. At right, members of the Bluegrass Breeze take to the makeshift stage for a portion of Saturday's entertainment.



during the spring season and another, shorter one, during the fall leading up to Thanksgiving.

For the first time, the market this year included two vendors selling so-called "cottage food products," which the state now allows to be sold to the public without a license, in-

cluding home-made breads, cakes, cookies, candies, jams, jellies and fruit pies.

Organizers had hoped that the introduction of cottage food vendors to the market might

stimulate sales and help the event grow. Mr. Register said it appears to have been a factor in the successful opening day.

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CIRCUIT COURT

'Osceola transient' gets 5-year term

A transient convicted by a jury last month for failure to comply with sex offender notification requirements was sentenced to five years in prison on March 1.

Richard Heighton, 56, was living in the Osceola National Forest when he was re-arrested on Valentine's Day in 2011 and has been in county jail ever since. Circuit Judge Phyllis Rosier gave him credit for 382 days already served.

The six-member jury agreed that Mr. Heighton, who was convicted as a sex offender in Tennessee in 1984, left county jail here in July, 2010 and failed to obtain a Florida identification card within 48 hours.

He also failed to report to law enforcement on his next birthday and six months after that, as required by Florida statute.



Richard Heighton

Mr. Heighton was first arrested in Baker County in March, 2010 when he was found living in the forest and an officer of the US Forest Service learned of his status as a sex offender.

The state dropped that charge and released him four months later. He returned to the forest and at one point told a court clerk in Columbia County he intended to move to Mexico.

Authorities were aware he remained in the forest but were unable to find him until another officer made contact with him north of Ocean Pond.

The same day as Mr. Heighton was sentenced, Judge Rosier ordered Justin Sands, 25, of Sanderson back to prison for three



Justin Sands

years after he admitted to violating probation.

Mr. Sands, a convicted drug trafficker, was on a ten-year drug offender probation following release from prison in September of last year. He was arrested a month later in Lake City for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

The case that sent the defendant to prison initially stemmed from sales to confidential sources of both prescription pills and marijuana in both Taylor and Macclenny. The amount of drugs involved merited the trafficking charge, and Mr. Sands had a prior record for drug and paraphernalia possession, disorderly intoxication and other offenses.

He gets credit for 113 days already served

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Two will challenge for seats on BCSB

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School board members Patricia Weeks and Dwight Crews have drawn opponents in their bids for re-election in the fall — Clayton Griffis for Mr. Crews' District 1 seat and Andy Johnston for Ms. Week's District 5 seat.

Neither Mr. Johnston nor Mr. Griffis have held political office in Baker County before.

Mr. Johnston of Macclenny is a Tallahassee native who owns the Badcock home furnishings store, also in Macclenny.

Andy Johnston

He said his desire to be a school board member is the result of his ongoing involvement with youth in the community through coaching and mentoring.

His daughter also attends Westside Elementary School.

Mr. Johnston filed an initial campaign finance form with the Supervisor of Elections late last month designating himself as the treasurer of his campaign and identifying the bank he'll use for his campaign account.

Candidates must also file regular campaign finance reports disclosing donors and expenses, and another form attesting they've read and understand Florida election laws.

Mr. Johnston has yet to qualify for the race by either collecting 140 petition signatures or paying the qualifying fee of \$1013.40.

Mr. Griffis of Sanderson,

however, has qualified by petition for his race and submitted the initial campaign finance form.

The corrections officer said he's seeking the school board seat because, among other reasons, "I found out through my own experience that all the children are not treated the same down there and I feel like they all need to be."

Mr. Griffis has twin boys at Baker County Middle School as

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Prohibit curb side soliciting

IMPRESSIONS
Jim McGauley

Driving around the Macclenny area late last week, you'd likely come across people soliciting cash for an organization billing itself as the Disabled Veterans Foundation.

Clad in camouflage fatigues and handing out miniature American flags, motorists got the impression they were veterans helping other vets with "food, clothing, housing and work." That's what it said on those sandwich signs posted at collection points.

The newspaper (and city hall) fielded numerous telephone inquiries as to just who these people were. Are they legit, callers wanted to know.

We posted on the newspaper's Facebook page an article indicating the Plantation-based non-profit organization may not be what it's cracked up to be. The gist: it's unclear how much of what it collects actually ends up in the pockets of down-and-out veterans.

Yours truly spoke with one of the collectors (a nice gentleman), who made the startling revelation that until recently he had been homeless. He was part of the Disabled Veterans Foundation team moving from city to city collecting money.

He was being paid, and the non-profit was footing travel expenses for the group. He seemed truly grateful for the opportunity.

According to a Miami television station, this and other similar organizations that tug at the heart strings of Americans concerned about the fate of our veterans are out there

lecting altogether in the city? They're annoying, particularly when one passes through intersections several times during a collection period.

They're dangerous by the very fact that collectors are on the rights-of-way, often contending with turning vehicles and limited vision or, God forbid, every other driver who happens to be on a telephone or texting.

We'll no doubt hear from worthwhile organizations like the city fire department (Jerry Lewis Telethon), cheerleaders and the like, who will argue their causes trump the annoyance and danger factors.

There are plenty of high traffic locations where such solicitations can (and often do) take place — in front of Walmart or Winn-Dixie for example. The stores don't seem to mind, as long as the process is orderly, and they get the benefit of supporting noble causes.

The legal counsel for the Florida League of Cities said this week he was unaware of any existing ordinances banning curb side collecting. Many cities enact ordinances outlawing "panhandling" or begging for money common where homeless people hang out.

This is a bit different, but it still carries the annoyance factor.

Here's the deal: if I want to donate to Jerry Lewis, cheerleaders, other school and civic grounds, I'll write them a check.

Leave me and my deep thoughts in peace at the spotlight.



PHOTO BY JIM MCGAULEY

Sandwich board sign soliciting donations at 5th Street and US 90 last week.

The Baker County Press Weather March 8, 2012

Seven Day Forecast	
Thursday	Partly Cloudy High: 78 Low: 56
Friday	Partly Cloudy High: 80 Low: 55
Saturday	Isolated T-storms High: 77 Low: 54
Sunday	Mostly Cloudy High: 78 Low: 54
Monday	Mostly Cloudy High: 77 Low: 51
Tuesday	Partly Cloudy High: 75 Low: 48
Wednesday	Partly Cloudy High: 78 Low: 50

Today's High & Low Temperatures	
Jasper 81 / 56	Callahan 78 / 56
Fernandina Beach 75 / 58	Jacksonville 76 / 60
Atlantic Beach 73 / 62	Macclenny 78 / 56
Watertown 80 / 56	Baldwin 78 / 56
High Springs 81 / 57	Starke 79 / 56
St. Augustine 76 / 60	

Sun/Moon Chart This Week			
Full 3/8	Sunrise 6:46 a.m.	Sunset 6:33 p.m.	New 3/22
	6:45 a.m.	6:33 p.m.	
	6:44 a.m.	6:34 p.m.	
	7:42 a.m.	7:35 p.m.	
	7:41 a.m.	7:35 p.m.	
	7:40 a.m.	7:36 p.m.	
	7:39 a.m.	7:37 p.m.	

St. Mary's River Levels		Hunting/Fishing Times	
Moniac, GA	Now 5.20 ft. Change -0.15 ft.	Day	AM PM
Macclenny	2.09 ft. +0.14 ft.	Thu	11:30-1:30 11:00-1:00
		Fri	— 11:38-1:38
		Sat	12:32-2:32 1:02-3:02
		Sun	1:28-3:28 1:58-3:58
		Mon	2:25-4:25 2:55-4:55
		Tue	3:24-5:24 3:54-5:54
		Wed	4:23-6:23 4:53-6:53

Weather History	
March 8, 1717 - On Fishers Island in Long Island Sound, 1,200 sheep were discovered to have been buried under a snow drift for four weeks. When finally uncovered, 100 sheep were still alive.	

Last Week's Local Almanac	
Day	High Low Normals Precip
Tue, 2/28	72 59 72/48 0.00"
Wed, 2/29	82 59 72/48 0.00"
Thu, 3/1	77 63 72/48 0.00"
Fri, 3/2	82 63 73/48 0.00"
Sat, 3/3	84 66 73/48 0.00"
Sun, 3/4	75 32 73/48 0.64"
Mon, 3/5	75 30 73/49 0.00"

'Sunny' market debut 5 years for repeat drug sales

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"It was a great day," he said. "There was steady traffic all day long. I think all the vendors were happy."

Joy Ruhe, a cottage food vendor who also raises exotic birds and sells jewelry adorned with the colorful feathers from her parrots, attended her first Baker County Farmers Market. But she said it won't be the last.

"We definitely plan to be regular attendees here," said Mrs. Ruhe, who raises primarily macaws and African greys at her home on Reid Stafford Road off County Road 229 near Sanderson.

She said she has operated a booth at the Lake City Farmers Market for years, but after the successful day she had Saturday she plans to make the Baker County event a regular part of her schedule from now on.

"It was wonderful and organized really well," she said. "Everybody was so supportive and I love the fact that everybody brought their children. It was also nice having public restrooms instead of port-a-lets."

It was a particularly lucrative outing for her, as well.

"I made twice as much (money) as I usually did in Lake City in one day," Mrs. Ruhe said, adding that she sold earrings, hair bands and hair clips bearing feathers of "bright, vibrant, crisp colors."

Her jewelry customers, she said, ranged from school age children to those well over senior citizen status.

"People from 8 to 80 are wearing these feathers," she said.

Mrs. Ruhe also sold an assortment of muffins, cupcakes and a variety of other goodies, including velvet cake, pound cake and carrot cake, all of which she baked in her home kitchen.

Another vendor who had a pretty good day was Ralph Sands, owner of Sands Day Lily Farms and one of the original vendors at the first Baker County Farmers Market in 2010.

"They had a pretty good crowd, looked to me," said Mr. Sands. "I had a booth down there selling nursery stock — flowers and vegetable plants. We had a pretty good mix. We had tomato and squash and cucumber and pepper plants. We had

azaleas and blueberry bushes, too." After he got out of the automobile dealership business in downtown Macclenny more than three decades ago, he said, he and his wife started their farm "as a hobby." This was the first year he didn't grow any vegetables to bring to the market, he said, noting that he's starting to slow down a bit as he nears his 80th birthday "come August."

He said he'd like to see more participation by other vendors in the market and predicted that the numbers would grow as spring vegetables mature on local farms.

Mr. Register said he, too, expects the number of vendors to start increasing over the next several weeks.

"There's hardly any local vegetables growing right now," he said. "By early April, as local crops become more available we'll start seeing more farmers (participating)."

Only two produce vendors brought fresh vegetables to the park Saturday, including tomatoes, cabbages, squash and sweet potatoes. The other five vendors sold a variety of things, including the feathered jewelry, bird houses, plants and cottage foods.

April Teel and Jeanie Prosch, Baker County siblings who run a cottage food partnership called Two Sisters and an Oven, said they sold almost all the food they brought to the market Saturday, which included fresh baked loaves of bread, brownies, chocolate chip cookies.

They also brought some homemade homeopathic skin creams and soy candles, but said those items don't sell as well as their baked goods.

Wendell Cones, one of the vendors who brought flowers and fruit trees to sell, said he hadn't sold anything all morning. However, he wasn't discouraged and said he would return.

"We know people come and look, and then a week or so later they come back with money," he said. "Trees aren't cheap."

There's no specific date for the end of the farmers market season. Mr. Register said it probably will end in July.

"It depends on the vendors and shoppers," he said. "It takes vendors to attract shoppers and you've got to have shoppers to attract more vendors." Barbara Anderson contributed to this story.

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In other sentencing cases that day: Judge Rosier ordered Glen Pittman to serve a year in county jail after he admitted to violating probation in a 2010 case for sale of counterfeit prescription medication.

A similar sentence was given to Jerame Barber in return for a no contest plea to felony theft as a repeat offense.

The state dropped one grand theft count against Cleveland Mann and he pleaded no contest to a similar charge. The judge placed him on an 18-month probation and ordered him to obtain a GED degree.

Edward Pearl pleaded no contest to aggravated assault with intent to commit a felony and will be on probation five years. He must also submit to psycho-sexual counseling.

An arrest warrant was issued for Donavan Graves, who failed to appear in court for felony welfare fraud.

In sentences handed down during a circuit court session on February 28:

Joseph Hollings, 44, of Macclenny was given a five-year sentence in state prison for violating probation in drug sale cases dating back two years.

Court records show Mr. Hollings, who has convictions and three prior prison sentences dating back a dozen years for sale of crack cocaine, violated probation by twice selling crack to under-

cover buyers in February, 2011 at two Macclenny locations.

The latest offenses to which he pleaded no contest were sale and possession with intent to sell. The state dropped one count of sale within 1000 feet of a community center.

The undercover sales took place at the YMCA parking lot and a day care center.

Adam Woods pleaded no contest to violating probation in a 2010 aggravated battery case and was given a year in prison.

Ms. Woods, 29, violated reporting and residency terms of his probation while living in Tennessee, court records show.

The probation stemmed from a February, 2010 incident where Mr. Woods beat another man with a baseball bat while staying at a south Macclenny motel.

They were in northeast Florida obtaining prescription drugs from a Jacksonville pain management clinic.

Jason Burnette admitted violating probation on multiple burglary and theft counts and will be in county jail a year.

Joseph Yusten entered no contest pleas to multiple counts of possession of controlled drugs, theft and grand theft, and was placed on a three-year probation. The state dropped one count of drug possession as part of the plea agreement.

Judge Rosier ordered Mr. Yusten to be held in jail until an in-patient bed is available in a drug treatment center.

An arrest warrant was issued for Eddie Bishara, who failed to appear in court February 28 for violating probation in a trio of drug cases dating back to 2004 and 2009.

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

Bob Gerard's column last week encouraged former students to write to their favorite teachers and thank them for their efforts. So we turned to Facebook to ask, "Which teacher would you write a letter to and why?" Here's some of what they had to say...

Laura Stafford-Jacobs: "Betty Taylor. She always encouraged my writing and always complimented. I saved my 'stretch writing' books for years that had her comments in them. To this day I still love to write and so do my children. I'm 46."

Jessica Robynn Davenport: "Marilyn Harrell, for sure. She's like another mother and best friend. She pushed me and believed in me when no one else did."

Barbara Lukacs: "My 3rd grade teacher Kathleen Sweeney. She spent time with me to help me understand things."

Jessica Brown: "I would have to write a lot of letters, but I would start with Mrs. Poley, Mrs. Bales, and Mr. Zoll. There have been many wonderful teachers in the Baker County school system through the years. I owe a great deal to them. These three in particular treated me as my own person with my own choices and responsibilities. That helped me to know that I could trust myself and to succeed in my academic, professional and personal life."

Rebekah Herrington: "Mr. Hill for taking the time to explain why letters are suppose to equal numbers. Marilyn Harrell for inspiring to use my creativity and Jennifer Herman for helping me learn to fit in when I moved here."

Becky Burned: "Betty Sands! She made English Literature come alive!"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Overboard' effort to appease church

Dear Editor: When it comes to the excessive actions taken by the county to appease the First Baptist Church of Glen Saint Mary in regards to George Taber Blvd., "overboard" is probably not even close to describing the recent addition of numerous traffic control devices at the crosswalk in front of the church.

At last count, there are 23 different traffic control devices along this road to accommodate one crosswalk on a single lane road for a private entity — county funded, no doubt. Maybe the board should count how many there are in front of any of our Baker County schools and compare. They'll be hard pressed to hit double digits at any of the county schools.

Reducing the speed limit to 25 mph was also an earlier concession made for their comfort, even though, by the church's own admission, there hasn't been an incident there in the history of the church. Now it's been lowered to 15 mph.

And what about the addition of the only elevated crosswalk in Baker County on a county thoroughfare. This oversized speed bump, with a crosswalk on top, is supposed to keep the people crossing safe, however by the time this device reminds a driver of the crosswalk, they'll already be on top of the people using the crosswalk, because the speed bump is the crosswalk.

The final straw in the matter is most definitely the two, 3-way stops added to the roads before and after the church. The first one you pass is so far away from the crosswalk that vehicles have more than ample time to get back up to the speed limit by the time the crosswalk is reached, making it ineffective and useless.

Then, the stop sign after you have already passed through the area of concern, is not only useless, but, during heavier traffic times, backs traffic up to the crosswalk that they're trying to protect from that same traffic. Thus, they've added to their own problem.

Looking at the time the church petitioned to close the road and have it closed until the recent additions, it has the appearance of purposeful intent to inconvenience Baker County residents who utilize that road to the point that they start using other routes. This would lower the vehicle count and increase the church's chances of obtaining a favorable result the next time it petitions the board to close George Taber Blvd.

It also gives the appearance that the First Baptist Church of Glen St. Mary is being given preferential treatment that would not normally be afforded to other private entities in similar situations. I would hope that this is not the case, and that the issue can be resolved/fixed in a practical, common sense fashion that does not disrupt traffic flow, while keeping the members of the church safe while crossing the street. The spinning stop sign just before the crosswalk, used only during church functions, was an excellent idea, and would allow traffic to go unimpeded during the rest of the time.

I understand the position that our local elected officials are finding themselves in concerning this issue. This is an election year, and I'm sure that the church has the ability to influence a large number of voters either for or against a candidate depending on their level of support, but in this particular case, what's being done for the church, and against the taxpaying members of this community that utilize George Taber Blvd. is so blatantly obvious, and morally wrong, that something needs to be done.

Contact the members of the Baker County Board of Commissioners and let them know that this favoritism and excessive use of county funds and resources for a private entity is not acceptable, and needs to be corrected before it goes any further. After all, we're voters, too.

Don Burkhardt
Glen St. Mary

Electric car was a farce

Dear Editor: Last Thursday my daughter rented a car in Gainesville to pick me up so we could take care of some business in Lake City.

Hoping to save money on gas and try out our president's energy solution, she rented a Nissan Leaf, the all-electric car. By the time she drove it to Macclenny, there was four miles traveling distance left on the battery. She plugged it in to charge up so we could go on to Lake City.

After three hours, the traveling distance was only registering nine miles. By this time it was after 2 pm, so she called the rental agency and they arranged to have another car (gas powered this time) delivered from Jacksonville.

It was after 4 pm when the tow truck arrived. Needless to say, we didn't make it to Lake City that day. We learned the Leaf has to charge 24 hours to go 100 miles. Can you imagine taking three days to get to Atlanta?

Why on earth would anyone want an electric car? America has access to plenty of fuel, yet we are forced to buy from foreign countries at exorbitant prices. President Obama says he wants a Chevy

Annie Mae and Diane Barton
Macclenny

Thanks for road work

Dear Editor: My mother and I would like to thank our county commissioner for the road work done to Violet Lane and Faye Road.

Thanks also to the men who did the physical work on the road. They did a great job!

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

Land donated for access road

Will lead to undisclosed industrial project

MIKE ANDERSON
PRESS STAFF

Plans for an access road to vacant land possibly targeted for a future industrial development north of the Walmart Distribution Center were approved by the Baker County Commission the evening of March 6.

The plans call for the county to extend Enterprise East Boulevard northward to property owned by the Baker County Economic Development Commission. In a land agreement approved with TerraPointe LLC, a subsidiary of Rayonier Corp., the county will receive right-of-way access to extend the boulevard through the company's adjoining properties.

Commissioners asked County Manager C.J. Thompson if state economic development incentive grants might be available to fund the extension of the road, to which he said there were no guarantees but the prospects were high.

"We have a good indication of it (grant approval)," he said.

Having a roadway easement all the way from US 90 to the county's developable land site "makes the property more economically attractive to whoever goes in there," Mr. Thompson said.

However, he said he had heard nothing about any specific plans for developing the property. Ed Preston, the county's planning and zoning director, also denied having knowledge about any plans for the property's future use.

The Economic Development Commission originally owned 251 acres intended for development as an industrial park, in which Walmart became the first occupant. The remaining developable land is about 125 acres, according to Darryl Register, executive director of the Baker County Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development Commission.

In a brief telephone interview after the county commission meeting, Mr. Register said he was not at liberty to divulge any development plans for the property.

"I'm under a confidentiality agreement," he said. "I can't divulge anything."

However, he said, he might have an announcement to make in two or three weeks.

In other business this week, commissioners:

- Approved a new union contract with Emergency Medical Services employees retroactive to October 1, 2011.

One new addition to the contract is a section that provides an incentive for employees to give at least 48 hours notice when they know they'll be absent from work. The county manager said this was a "major change."

The new language states: "An employee with zero (0) call-ins with less than 48 hours notice will receive 48 additional vacation hours for the following calendar year."

Mr. Thompson said the change should benefit the county and he does not "anticipate this being a huge budgetary problem."

"It is extremely disruptive when an EMS personnel calls (unable to come to work)," he said. "We have to call someone else in and pay them overtime."

EMS workers received no pay raise, the same as all other county employees. However, the county will pay for the laundering of EMS workers' uniforms, will provide tuition reimbursement for employees who further their education, and will pay \$50 per month extra to employees with an associate's degree or \$100 per month extra to those with a bachelor's degree.

The contract states that educational degrees must be "directly related to their job."

- Approved a restructuring of the county's employee insurance committee to more clearly define its scope, membership and roles, education for members about insurance matters and the schedule for engaging employees in discussions about their insurance.

Membership will consist of 12 employees: two from the county commission and two from each of the five constitutional offices. The county manager will serve as a non-voting facilitator.

"I felt the whole process needed more structure," Mr. Thompson said, noting that the committee will start reviewing the current insurance coverage and discussing any changes employees want earlier than in the past.

Committee members will engage the employees they represent in March and April, he said, rather than June or July, which has been the case in the past.

Commission Chairman Gordon Crews said he had discussed the committee restructuring with constitutional officers and "they all thought it was a good idea."

Mr. Crews also said he had made it clear to everyone that the board doesn't intend to pay any higher premiums for insurance coverage. If employees want changes that would result in a premium increase they will have to absorb the higher costs themselves, he said.

- Agreed to tell the design engineer working on the transportation center plans behind the Winn Dixie shopping center on 6th Street that the county plans to pave Willis Hodges Road on the north side of the site, which is the future home of the Council on Aging.

Mr. Thompson said the engineer wanted to know whether the county planned to pave Willis Hodges and Buck Starling Road, which runs north and south directly behind the Winn Dixie along the property's eastern side. The engineer needed the information in order to complete the design work, Mr. Thompson said.

The paving project, which will include curbs and gutters, would extend Willis Hodges roughly 800 feet or so west and would enable storm water to drain into Turkey Creek, the county manager said.

The project was estimated a year ago to cost about \$63,000. Macclenny city officials have offered to share the cost with the county.

Two challengers for seats on BCSB

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well as grandchildren in elementary school.

Incumbent school board members Mr. Crews and Ms. Weeks, both of Glen St. Mary, filed their initial paperwork in January.

Neither incumbent had qualified by petition or fee early this week.

Candidates for local office have until June 8 to qualify for the 2012 elections by fee, but most candidates qualifying by petition must submit signatures by May 7.

In addition to the sitting school board members, three county commission seats, all the county's constitutional officers and county Judge Joey Williams are up for re-election this year.

Judge Williams of Macclenny filed his campaign forms in late February. He has until March 19 to qualify by petition and has not yet drawn an opponent.

Superintendent of Schools Sherrie Raulerson of Glen St. Mary does not have an opponent as yet, either.

The Democrat was elected in 2008 with 75.98 percent of the vote. She's already qualified by petition to seek the office again this year, submitting her signatures and other documentation in January.

Sheriff Joey Dobson is facing three potential challengers, two of whom ran against the sheriff in 2008. Sheriff Dobson won re-election that year with nearly 82 percent.

His opponents were Republican Gregory Bohannon and-

dependent Timothy Smith Jr., neither of whom has qualified for the race by petition as yet.

Mr. Bohannon and Mr. Smith garnered 10.33 percent and 7.76 percent, respectively, four years ago.

The third challenger, Cameron Coward of Macclenny, has qualified by petition for the sheriff's race and raised \$4635 through the end of 2011, campaign finance records show.

He spent \$3015 through the same period.

Sheriff Dobson has said he intends to seek re-election, but he's not yet submitted paperwork to the election's office.

County Commissioner Michael Crews has been the only candidate to file paperwork for the open county commission seats so far. The Republican from Glen St. Mary qualified by petition in early February.

Mr. Crews won his seat in 2008 by garnering nearly 76 percent of the vote. He remains unopposed.

Also up for re-election this year are county commissioners Gordon Crews, who occupies the District 3 seat, and Mark Hartley from District 5.

The primary election will be August 14 and the general election November 6.

For more information about running for office or the upcoming elections, please call Supervisor of Elections Nita Crawford at 259-6339.

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'Tech job' preparation needed

To stem flow of opportunities outside US

MIKE ANDERSON
PRESS STAFF

The Baker County School Board received a report this week on how the district is gearing up to meet the state and nation's new mission to prepare students for jobs in an increasingly complex and technological global workforce through a program called STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

The report was presented during a board meeting on the evening of March 5 at Taylor Church by David Davis, director of teaching and learning, and Ann Watts, director of career and adult education.

Ms. Watts started the presentation off with an explanation of why STEM education matters.

"That's where the jobs are," she said matter-of-factly. "STEM job creation over the next 10 years will outpace non-STEM jobs significantly, growing 17 percent, as compared to 9.8 percent for non-STEM positions."

As one might expect, workers with educational backgrounds heavy in science and math also earn much higher salaries, Ms. Watts said, noting that according to the US Commerce Department people in STEM fields "can expect to earn 26 percent more money, on average, and be less likely to experience job loss."

A big problem nationwide, however, is that the United States is failing to produce enough STEM-skilled workers and is "fast losing its competitive edge," Ms. Watts said. She added that the US ranked sixth among 40 countries and regions based on 16 indicators of innovation and competitiveness in a recent study that focused on venture capital investment, scientific research, spending on research and educational achievement.

Another gloomy statistic she pointed out is that the prestigious World Economic Forum now ranks the US as No. 48 in quality of math and science education.

The simple fact, Ms. Watts said, is that American students "are not keeping up with students in other countries in math and science." She cited a 2009 National Assessment of Education Progress, essentially the nation's report card, which stated that only 1 percent of 4th and 12th grade students and 2 percent of 8th graders scored in the highest level of proficiency in science.

"This is costing America jobs and money," she told the board.

During the presentation she introduced three seniors from Baker County High School as "STEM ambassadors." Matt Cantrell, Clayton Lyons and Taylor Long briefly explained how they use the four components of STEM in their studies of agri-technology.

Activities that help students build skills in

applying science and math to solve problems also are in place at Keller Intermediate, Macclenny Elementary, Westside Elementary and Baker County Middle School, Ms. Watts said.

The school district has established STEM partnerships with the Northeast Florida Educational Consortium and JAXUSA Regional STEM Task Force, an arm of the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce.

In a related matter, the school board ap-

plied DuPont Corporation is funding her airfare and hotel stay."

Later, Mr. Hill said, he hopes to establish a partnership with DuPont's local mining operation that will allow students to expand their knowledge of STEM-related subject matter during field trips to the mining site.

"I hope this will be very beneficial in years to come," Mr. Hill said.

- Approved an agreement with the Northeast Florida Healthy Start Coalition for medical and dental care to uninsured school children in Baker County. The program will be administered by the Florida KidCare Outreach Services at the Family Service Center at 418 Eighth St. South in Macclenny.

"There is a big need to have an outreach person help families sign up for this insurance," said Marcheta Crews, school district's chief nurse.

Jack Johnson, regional outreach coordinator for Florida KidCare, said the program will provide vital health care services to many children that presently have no medical insurance.

"There are over 200 children in Baker County eligible for this program that are uninsured," Mr. Johnson told the school board. "We want to partner with schools to inform parents about what is available."

While some parents may have to pay a maximum \$20 a month, regardless of how many children they have, most households would qualify for free insurance, he said.

- Recognized Brandon Tuten, a senior at Baker County High and a lifelong resident of Taylor, for winning the state high school bull riding championship last year and later going on to place fifth in the National High School Rodeo Association competition in Wyoming.

As she introduced the young student to the audience, School Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson couldn't resist the impulse to demonstrate her word-rhyming wit: "He's a roo-tin'-Tuten cow-boy. I just had to say that," she said laughing.

With his parents, Chris and Judy Blue, and grandfather W.C. Blue in the audience, the 17-year-old bull rider said he had at one time considered going to college right out of high school. Now, things have changed.

"I turn 18 in July and I may go pro with the PBR (Professional Bull Riding Association)," he said. "With the good Lord leading me I believe I can go all the way."

Nobody in the room seemed to have any doubts about the young man's ability to make his dream come true.

"Crawling on the back of a bull, you just don't get to be more cowboy than that," said board chairman Dean Griffis.

proved a collaborative agreement with Florida State College at Jacksonville for a program in 2012-13 for enjoyment opportunities for students in the automotive service technology program at the high school.

Ms. Watts said students can earn up to six workforce certificates to help them find employment in the automotive industry after high school, or they could exchange the certificates for college credits if they choose to pursue the two-year automotive degree at FSCJ.

The school board also:

- Approved a request to send Angela Hunter, a teacher at Baker High School, to attend the National Science Teachers Conference in Indianapolis, Ind. March 29-April 1.

"This is just a fantastic opportunity to build our STEM course offerings through the professional development our Science Department Chair will receive," Baker High Principal Tom Hill said. "What makes this opportunity even better is that the

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Brandon Tuten accepts plaque from Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson.

Had coke baggies, loaded pistol in car

A Lake City man faces multiple drug and firearm charges after his arrest in south Macclenny during the early morning hours of February 29.

Kentavis Walker, 20, was at the wheel of a 2011 Chevrolet parked in the middle of Quail Lane about 1:45 am when it was spotted by Sgt. Brad Dougherty while on routine patrol.

The vehicle refused to stop while it turned west with the officer behind it on Lowder, then onto Grissholm to South Boulevard and back on Quail, and Deputy Dougherty said it sped up several times when he pulled alongside to prevent the driver from fleeing on foot.

Once stopped, the officer and several others summoned to the scene learned that Mr. Walker was wanted in Columbia County on a felony probation violation.

They also found a cloth liquor bottle bag with six smaller size baggies inside containing cocaine. On the passenger side floorboard was a loaded .357 pistol.

A 16-year-old girl exited the vehicle before the suspect, and she said in a later interview she had snuck out of a residence on Quail to meet the suspect, then became upset when he refused to stop for Sgt. Dougherty.

She also said Mr. Walker

pulled the pistol from his waistband and gave it to her along with the cocaine bag before he stopped the vehicle.

His probation was for bringing a firearm into a prison or jail.

Mr. Walker was booked in Baker County for resisting police, driving on a suspended license, carrying a concealed weapon, having a firearm while committing a felony, possession of cocaine and marijuana.

In another drug-related arrest, a Baker County High School student, age 15, was charged the morning of March 1 with felony possession of marijuana with intent to sell.

Campus deputy Matt Riegel said the school's assistant principal John Staples received a tip that the male student, from the Glen St. Mary area, was attempting to sell the drugs on campus.

With the student present, the officials found a balled-up plastic baggie with six smaller packages containing marijuana. Deputy Riegel noted in his report that the teen blurted out "That's not mine" when the baggie was pulled from a hiding place in the locker room.

He made the comment before the contents of the baggie were known.



Kentavis Walker

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Wind-fed wildfire scorches 282 acres

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Three structures, including the forestry station in the John Bethea State Forest in Baxter, were threatened but untouched by a wildfire that eventually burned nearly 300 acres in the north county the afternoon of March 3.

Florida Forestry Service personnel responded to a report of smoke in the vicinity of Baxter Grade and Road 29 about 1:15 pm and found some four acres burning.

Winds gusting to 30 mph out of the southwest pushed the fire northeast and flames soon jumped Baxter Grade and the railroad tracks to the north, said FFS spokesman Kurt Wisner.

The state used three tractor plows to contain the wildfire but the fast moving flames prompted a call for reinforcements, he said.

Additional tractors plows arrived from Jacksonville and Georgia and wildfire units from Baker and Bradford counties assisted as well.

Baker County Fire Chief Richard Dolan said his crews focused

on protecting two structures about 3:50 pm while seven plows all worked to contain the blaze.

"With the wind, that fire just ran," said Chief Dolan, adding that the county sent three engines, three tankers, three brush trucks and a rehab unit to support the state.

Florida Highway Patrol placed smoke warning signs on State Road 2 and CR 127 and sheriff's office deputies cautioned motorists in the area.

The wildfire was contained by 5:30 pm, but not before it grew to 282 acres, stopping just south of the John Bethea State Forest headquarters.

"Just before we left we got a good rain, so that helped," said Chief Dolan.

State forestry officials continued mop up operations and monitoring during the following days.

Though the multi-agency effort eventually confined the blaze, "for a while it was a little scary," said Chief Dolan. "You couldn't see anything because the smoke was so thick."

The cause of the fire was still under investigation early this week.

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

The Baker County Land Planning Agency will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, March 22, 2012 at 7:00 PM in the Baker County Administration Building, 55 North Third Street, Macclenny Florida, to consider for recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners a proposed amendment, by ordinance to the Baker County Comprehensive Plan. Amendment request was submitted by David E. Sacks as agent for FBSA 2, LLC. Copies of said ordinance may be inspected by any member of the public in the Commissioners office, address stated above. On the above mentioned date, all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance which is titled as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2012
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA RESCINDING AND AMENDING PORTIONS OF ORDINANCE 2008-24; MAKING A LARGE-SCALE AMENDMENT TO THE BAKER COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY RECLASSIFYING APPROXIMATELY 1,000 ACRES OF PROPERTY FROM MIXED USE DISTRICT RESIDENTIAL TO AGRICULTURAL ZONE A AND AGRICULTURAL B ON THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP; AMENDING FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT POLICY A.1.9.3.10.B; AMENDING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SCHEDULE; AMENDING THE FUTURE TRANSPORTATION MAP; PROVIDING FINDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING DIRECTION TO THE CODIFIER AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

AG: fees for EMS are legal ...

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case law explaining the difference between property taxes and assessments.

In a 1992 case, for instance, the supreme court said that taxes are not required to provide any specific benefit to properties subject to the tax. Rather, they fund the government's general operations to benefit the residents and property within the government's jurisdiction. Assessments, on the other hand, must provide a special benefit to the land burdened by the assessment.

"While the [state] legislature has used the term 'assessment'... the legislature has identified the assessment as a general tax, pursuant to Florida constitutional provisions and available to those counties falling within the scope of the definition of 'county' in that statute," states the opinion.

Mr. Maloney received a copy

of the opinion as well and did not disagree with its interpretation of the law. But, he said, he found it "interesting" that it classifies the proposed special assessment for EMS as a tax.

"It looks like they'll be putting another tax on the people of Baker County," said Mr. Maloney.

He said he's not received any direction from city officials regarding the recently released opinion, but that county commissioners can rely on it to proceed with the special assessment for EMS unless the move is challenged in court.

"And I have no idea if anyone would challenge it," the attorney said.

County commissioners began discussing the proposed assessment last fall while crafting the county's 2012-13 budget, a plan that for now could pull some \$2.2 million from reserves to balance anticipated spending.

The board approved an ordi-

nance a few years ago authorizing a special assessment for EMS, but the ordinance set the assessment amount at zero.

Commissioners have said an EMS assessment would broaden the number of properties paying for the public service. Today, many property owners pay little or no property taxes due to a number of exemptions available for homesteads, churches, agricultural land, the elderly, the disabled and veterans.

They've also talked about exempting some groups, like the poor, elderly or disabled, from the proposed special assessment for EMS and coupling the assessment with a proportional reduction in the county's property tax, or millage rate.

Commissioners agreed this week to meet with the Macclenny City Commission to further discuss the matter on March 19. The 4 pm meeting will take place at 55 N. 3rd St. in Macclenny.

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Gas stolen at paint ball range

The sheriff's department was called to First Coast Paint Ball on Lowder St. in west Macclenny on March 2 after an employee discovered numerous propellant gas tanks and bottles were stolen from two sheds.

Charles Jones told Deputy Robert Aberly the thefts occurred sometime after February 17 and entry onto the property was likely through an unfenced portion of the perimeter.

He estimated nearly \$700 damage to doors and windows and the loss in CO2 equipment at \$1228. A weight lifting bench valued at \$150 was also stolen.

In other recent thefts and vandalism: Diesel fuel valued at \$758 was stolen from the S&S Store on South 6th St. sometime during the day on March 2.

Employee Ruth Tillman told Deputy Clements Leo a semi-truck from Miami was at the rear pump islands that day, but there was no evidence the driver was involved.

A diesel pump was also vandalized. The theft of 180 gallons took place between 8:30 am-10:40 pm.

Someone removed copper wiring from an air conditioner at a rental trailer in north Macclenny between February 1-29.

The unit is owned by Lee and Baker Properties. The copper had a \$40 value and an estimated \$300 damage was done to the air conditioner.

Jessica Haggard reported that two televisions and an elec-

tronic game were taken from her residence on Barber Circle between the evening of March 2 and late the next morning.

Ms. Haggard told Deputy Aberly that entry was via a bedroom window and she placed the loss value at \$1538.

A camper-trailer valued at \$500 was reported taken from the Cobb Camp near Olustee in the Osceola National Forest.

Owner Thomas Morvant told Deputy Earl Lord he left the trailer there on February 12 and returned to find it gone on March 3. Property of undetermined value was in the unit.

Jessica Hall said her wallet and contents were taken from a yard sale site on north 6th St. in Macclenny the morning of March 4.

She told Deputy Matt Yarborough she last saw the wallet about 9 am on a display table, and noticed it gone a half hour later. It contained \$115, a bank card and identification.

Deputy Lord investigated vandalism to a 2000 GMC pickup belonging to Walter Giles of Sanderson during the evening hours of March 3.

Mr. Giles said he left the vehicle for about four hours in the parking lot of Country Federal Credit Union in east Glen St. Mary. The officer said the truck was keyed from front to back on the left side and a lewd comment was scratched on the tailgate.

The victim named several suspects.

Arrest after attack on his pregnant wife

A Sanderson man was charged with felony aggravated domestic battery on his wife following an argument over finances at their residence the afternoon of February 28.

Thomas Nobles, 25, who also has a Macclenny address, allegedly pushed the face of wife Amber, 23, several times using his fingers during the altercation that occurred about 1:30 on Thomas Sweet Rd.

Mrs. Nobles is five months pregnant, a fact that triggered the felony offense. Her husband also tossed an object at the front door, spraying glass in the direction of the couple's 1-year-old son.

The report by Deputy Chris Walker does not indicate the toddler was injured.

In other domestic cases, a criminal complaint for domestic battery was filed against Vilma Steiger for striking estranged husband Christopher during an argument at their residence on John St. in south Macclenny.

The husband told Deputy Johnny Hodges that his wife and her sister drove to the residence about 1 pm for a child exchange. He said he was struck by their vehicle when he blocked their exit with both of their children.

It was then that Mrs. Steiger exited the vehicle and struck him several times. She was gone when the officer arrived.

Three witnesses at the scene backed up the husband's story.

Complaints for domestic battery were filed against both parties after another afternoon altercation on March 1 on Jimmy Lane near Macclenny.

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Threats with gun and knife

A Sanderson man faces multiple charges after threatening his son with both a knife and pistol at a residence on Clete Harvey Rd. the evening of March 4 and early the next morning.

Charlie (Lee) Hodges was intoxicated when he became angry at his son Tyler Hodges, 20, over a CD he could not find. The son countered that the CD had earlier been given to him by a third party.

The younger Hodges told Deputy Daryl Mobley he had to take his father to the ground to restrain him during a scuffle. The son then locked himself in a bedroom and his father retrieved a .22 caliber pistol and attempted to force his way into the room.

Earlier, he allegedly pulled a pocket knife but the son knocked it from his hand before the scuffle.

The officer took the loaded pistol from the front seat of Mr. Hodges' Ford pickup.

Several witnesses at the scene, including the accused's daughter, corroborated the son's version of events.

Mr. Hodges was booked at county jail for two counts of aggravated assault and one count of domestic battery.

Police the past week were called three times to Northeast Florida State Hospital to investigate reports of battery, one of them involving a patient attacking an employee.

Julie Hines, 53, of Glen St. Mary told Deputy Matt Yarborough that a female patient, 53, attacked her from behind and scratched her in the chest area the afternoon of March 3.

The morning of February 29, a 50-year-old male patient alleged he was attacked by another male, 22, during an argument over a chair.

A female patient, 36, told Deputy Johnny Hodges she was attacked by a fellow female patient, 35, late on February 28.

The victim said her assailant took a robe from her laundry basket, and became angry when she demanded it back.

All the accused were named in criminal complaints.

Four drunk driving cases in five days; three by same cop

Deputies arrested four drivers for DUI during a five-day period last week. Three of the cases were by the same deputy.

Deputy Daryl Mobley stopped a 2004 pickup driven by Michael Hathcox, 37, of Sanderson after observing that it ran through two stop signs in north Macclenny late on March 3.

A computer check revealed that Mr. Hathcox's license was suspended as an habitual offender. He failed several field sobriety tests given after the officer noticed he had an odor of alcohol and was steady on his feet.

Once at county jail, his blood alcohol level measured .144. The state considers anything above .08 intoxicated.

The same officer pulled over a 1997 Ford pickup traveling southbound on South 6th in Macclenny early on March 4 after noting it swerved in and out of lanes and at one point nearly struck the concrete median.

Driver Justin Crawford, 22, of Lake Butler had trouble speaking and maintaining balance, and failed field sobriety tests.

His blood alcohol level at county jail measured .218.

The evening of February 28, Deputy Mobley was summoned to conduct the field testing on Ja-

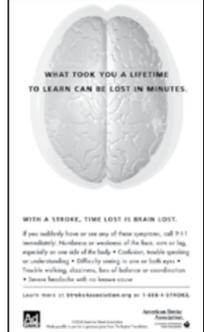
cob Grubb, 21, of Jacksonville after Deputy Shawn Bishara noted he was swerving on US 90 near Interstate 10.

The officers found a pistol in the front seat of Mr. Grubb's 2006 Chevrolet pickup and took him to jail after he failed field testing. His blood alcohol level was .181.

Mr. Grubb was also ticketed for having an open container of alcohol in the pickup, and for failure to maintain a single lane.

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Inspired BCHS senior shed half his weight; ready for Marines



JOEL ADDINGTON
NEWS EDITOR

Kyle McCarty's Christmas list two years ago was very short. It contained only one, very expensive gift. And when his mother saw it hanging on the fridge, she began to cry.

The overweight teenager asked for gastric bypass surgery, the same procedure his parents received some years earlier.

"She was like, 'I know you really want this and we'll do the best we can,'" Mr. McCarty, now 18 years old and enlisted in the Marines Corps, recalled March 5 during an after-school workout session.

That moment began a long process in which, little by little, Mr. McCarty shed nearly half his body weight — some 165 pounds.

At age 16, the Baker County High School student tipped the scales at 340 pounds. He did little outside of school except play video games. It was painful to walk around campus. He was teased by classmates. He needed special chairs because he couldn't fit into standard seats.

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Kyle McCarty (far left) with BCHS students in the Clash of Wildcats exercise program. Also pictured (front row from left) Miranda Barker, YMCA trainer Elijah Knight, Laurel Davis, Noura Tber, (rear from left) Bryan Sollicito and Ramon Gonzalez.

He had the support of his family. When he began his diet, the house was purged of all junk food. While temptations were everywhere at school, he said he persevered and stuck to his microwavable meals.

And last, but not least, "there was this girl at school," he said. "That's why I really lost the weight. At 300 pounds, I had no chance," said Mr. McCarty.

The Jacksonville native still craves key lime pie and chocolate covered cherries, but now they're an occasional treat instead of an everyday snack. He remains a gamer — playing titles like Call of Duty, Battlefield and his first love World of Warcraft — but he also spends 15 to 20 minutes each morning running.

He attends workouts in the evenings, too, either with other BCHS students competing in the Clash of the Wildcats exercise program or fellow Marine recruits in Jacksonville.

His other hobby is Airsoft, which he describes as "just like paintball, but awesome."

"We're the proudest we've ever been of him," said his father, recalling when his son first began to exercise, he couldn't walk around the block, a distance less than 1 mile.

"Now he's running 5Ks," he said. "To see where he's been and where he's at now, it's a story that merits being told... People need to know that there's a choice in life."

Kyle McCarty has an older brother, a six-year Army veteran and zookeeper at Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens, and three elder sisters. He said he hopes his transformation will inspire other overweight youths to follow in his footsteps and lead healthier lifestyles.

Driver, passenger are arrested

A Macclenny man stopped by a county deputy the afternoon of February 29 in the south city for not wearing a seat belt had four prior suspensions on his driver's license.

And a passenger in the 1999 Dodge van driven by James Wynne, 35, turned up wanted on a Baker County warrant for violation of probation. She was identified as Mary Thornton, 32, also of Macclenny.

Deputy Johnny Hodges said he spotted the seat belt violation near the intersection of South 6th and Willis Hodges Rd. about 12:30 pm, and stopped the van in a nearby shopping center.

He also ticketed Mr. Wynne for having a license tag not registered to the vehicle.

In another arrest, a motorist pulled over in a south Macclenny neighborhood the evening of March 1 was classified as an habitual offender with ten prior suspensions.

Deputy Robert Simpkins said he got behind a 2003 Chevrolet driven by Randolph Soto, 31, of Augusta, GA on Quail Lane about 9:25 because it had a faulty tail light.

The vehicle accelerated to South Boulevard, then onto MLK Dr., where the driver stopped in front of a residence.

The deputy said a large crowd was gathered at the address, and he called for backup when it failed to disperse as ordered. His report does not note any related incidents.

Two inmates at county jail were served with out-of-county warrants on March 2.

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Nominees for YMCA 'playmaker'

The Baker County Family YMCA is seeking nominations from the community for the Volunteer Playmaker Awards recognizing volunteers in our community for their exceptional service to others in the categories of healthy living, youth development, and social responsibility.

Awards will be given to both businesses and individuals who have provided leadership and support to others for the betterment of others and our community.

Nomination forms can be obtained at the YMCA, the Baker County Chamber or *The Press* office, or by e-mailing blackshear@bakerchamberfl.com. All nomination forms must be completed and submitted by Friday, March 9.

All nominees and award winners will be honored at a dinner on April 26. The YMCA plans to hold the awards annually.

Food preservation course at extension

The Baker County Extension Service will be offering a food preservation class on Wednesday March 14 from 9:30 am – 2:00 pm.

The program will focus on canning foods, and on freezing and drying foods. Learn the newest rules and techniques for keeping your family safe while preserving foods.

Cost for the program is \$7 per person and all participants will receive up-to-date information along with freshly made jam. Stop by or call the extension office on US 90 in west Macclenny by 5 pm on Monday March 12 to reserve your spot. Space is limited.

Food commodities

The Northeast Florida Community Action Agency, Inc. will distribute food commodities on a first come, first served basis on Thursday, May 13 until the food is depleted.

The distribution is from 9 am – noon at 1025 West Macclenny Ave.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2010-CA-0226

TO: BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,
vs.
FRED W. MUNSON and KIM D. MUNSON, his wife, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the real property located in Baker County, Florida, described as follows:

Part of lands described in Deed Book 3, Page 43, of the Official Records of Baker County, Florida, and being part of Section 33, Township 2 South, Range 22 East, Baker County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the concrete monument marking the intersection of the East 1/2 of the North Right-of-Way line of the East Boulevard in The City of Macclenny, Florida (A 100 foot wide public right-of-way) and the North Right-of-Way line of U. S. Highway 90 (A 66 foot wide public right-of-way) and thence N 79°22'00" E, along said North Right-of-Way line, 725.88 feet to a half inch iron pipe, marking the SE corner of lands described in Deed Book 2, Page 591, of said Official Records and the Point of Beginning of the herein described lands; thence N 10°14'46" W, along the monumented East line of said Deed Book 3, Page 591, a distance of 112.58 feet to a 5/8" inch iron rod, LS 4708; thence N 79°22'00" E, parallel to said North Right-of-Way line, 161.00 feet to a 5/8" inch iron rod, LS 4708, set on the monumented East line of lands described in said Deed Book 3, Page 43; thence S 10°14'46" E, along said East line, 112.58 feet to a half inch iron pipe on the aforementioned North Right-of-Way line; thence S 79°22'00" W, 161.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the front Door, Baker County Courthouse, 339 E. Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, FL 32063, at 11:00 AM, on the 21st day of March, 2012. Any person making an interest in the above-captioned sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of this sale, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO. 2008-CA-00008

AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff
vs.
John Carmen, et al.
Defendants)

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure or Order dated February 22, 2012, entered in Civil Case Number 2008-CA-00008, in the Circuit Court for Baker County, Florida, wherein AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC is the Plaintiff, and JOHN CARMEN, et al., are the Defendants, I will sell the property situated in Baker County, Florida, described as:

A part of Lot 4 of OWENS ACRES in Section 30, Township 2 South, Range 22 East and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 30; Thence North 88° 40' West and along the South line of said Southwest 1/4 296.30 feet; Thence South 0° 23' 30" West, 300.00 feet; Thence South 88° 40' East, 240.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. (The OWENS ACRES referred to in this Legal Description is an unrecorded Subdivision and is not and does not constitute a part of OWENS ACRES, as recorded in Plat Book 2 Page 32 or Unit 2, as recorded in Plat Book 2 Page 34 of the Public Records of Baker County, Florida.)

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Brittany Fuller	8
Kayla Miller or Chris Man	16
Autumn Corbett	19
Callie Chapman	20
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Darrell Perry	25
Christine Latham/Watson	26

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 02-2010-CA-000030

GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff
vs.
TERA HAGER, ET AL, Defendants)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 22, 2012, and entered in Case No. 02-2010-CA-000030 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida wherein GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC, is the Plaintiff and TERA HAGER and CHRIS HAGER, the Defendants. The Clerk will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, beginning at 11:00 a.m., to the highest bidder for cash at the front door of the Baker County Courthouse located at 339 East Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, FL 32063, on the 21st day of March, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 3, FRANK COMBS CIRCLE ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGES 89 AND 90 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH 2008 DOUBLEDAY MOBILE HOME VIN NO. L0G1A1071008A AND VIN NO. L0G1A1071008B.

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

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Arie 'Sissy' Carter 72, of Macclenny

Arie "Sissy" Lauramore Carter, 72, of Macclenny died Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at her residence after an extended illness. She was born in Moniac, Georgia, the daughter of the late Ernest and Myrtle Crews. She was a homemaker and a very devoted wife and mother whose passion was fishing. She would go fishing and always be home in time to have supper on the table. Sissy will be missed by all. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, the father of her children R.B. Lauramore Sr. and second husband Charlie Carter.



Arie Carter

Survivors include son R.B. (Karen) Lauramore Jr. of Raiford; daughters Janice Rhoden of Glen St. Mary and Debbie (Bill) Sirmans of Macclenny; twin brother Aaron "Buddy" (Judy) Crews of Moniac and Jimmy (Debbie) Crews Sr. of Olustee; sisters Ophelia Nipper, Geneva Lewis, and Carolyn Velleca, all of Macclenny; grandchildren Sandra C. (Chris) Harvey, Jimbo Green, Jennifer C. (Nathan) Aldridge, Traci R. (Chris) Mann, Dustin Lauramore, Macy Lauramore, Destiny Lauramore; step-grandson Warren (Danielle) Rhoden; 15 great-grandchildren also survive.

The funeral service was held at 2 pm Friday, March 2 at the Sanderson Congregational Holiness Church with Revs. David Hodges and Oral Lyons officiating. Interment followed at Macedonia Cemetery, Macclenny. Forbes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Merri Farley, 62, of West Virginia

Merri Noel Puckett Farley, 62, of Barboursville, WV died Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at her son's residence in Sanderson. She was born on December 20, 1949 in Daytona Beach, Mrs. Farley was a member of New Baptist Church, Hunting W.V., where she played the piano for 55 years. She loved traveling, spending time with family and designing gift baskets. She retired as a distribution specialist with the U.S. Postal Service after 15 years of service. She was predeceased by her husband of 38 years, James M. Farley III.

Survivors include children James M. (Kimberly L.) Farley IV, of Sanderson; Katherine M.(Kevin A.) Kruser of Springfield, MA; aunt Mary Coons of Blairsville, GA; grandchildren Emily, Jimmy and Cody Farley and Zachery A. Kruser.

The funeral service was held Monday March 5 at 4 pm at the First Baptist Church of Glen St. Mary with Pastor Randy Williams officiating. V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

William Lester Burnsed

Heartfelt thanks

The family of Juanita Crews would like to say thank you for all the love and encouragement given to us during our time of loss. If it were possible we would tell each of you face to face how much your concern meant to us.

Thanks to Macclenny Nursing and Rehab for the tender care given to our Mom at the end of her time with us. We also thank Bill Guerry for the professional yet caring and respectful attention he gave us during the funeral process. Thank you to Raiford Road Church for the meal they prepared and served us after the services. A special thank you to Wayne Rhoden for the sweet service he did for his Aunt Juanita, our mother.

We do not know how to exactly say in words our deepest gratitude to all so we close with a thank you to all who helped us with the loss of our mother.

Sincerely,
The Juanita Crews family

Saint Peter's in the Glen
ANGLICAN CHURCH

9:00 am Adult Sunday School
10:00 am Sunday Worship/Holy Communion
7:00 pm Wednesday Study/Holy Communion

Glen St. Mary, Florida
1/2 mile South of I-10 on CR 125, right on Nursery Road the historic Budder Mathis House

Mrs. Yarborough, 86, of Starke dies

Donnie Mae Green Yarborough, 86, of Starke died Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at Suwannee Valley Hospice Care Center in Lake City. Mrs. Yarborough was born on October 29, 1925 in Bradford County to the late Willie and Narcis (Thomas) Green and was a life-long area resident. Donnie was a homemaker and a member of Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church in Glen St. Mary. She was preceded in death by her husbands William C. Laine and Odys Yarborough.

Survivors include daughters Joy (Keith) Tetstone of Starke; Barbara (Eddie) McLeod of Jasper; step-children June Walker of Macclenny; Faye Combs of Atmore, AL; Juanita Spurgeon of Melrose; Gloria Mott of Clinton Township, MI; Bobby Yarborough of Glen St. Mary; grandchildren Aaron (Kacie) Tetstone of Lake Butler, Merideth (Joey) Fitzpatrick of Orlando, and Alana (Andrew) Barnett of Mt. Juliet, TN; great-grandchildren Abby, Ally, Adam, and Brady and many step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Friday, March 2 at 3 pm at the Dewitt C. Jones Chapel in Starke. Interment followed at Dyal Cemetery with Elder Lynwood Davis officiating. Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke was in charge of arrangements.

Heartfelt thanks

The family of Michael David Alvarez returns to each and all of you its sincere appreciation for all the expressions of kindness, friendship and love extended to all of us in the death of our loved one.

The flowers, memorial gifts, telephone calls, visits, cards and food have all been greatly welcomed and appreciated. Thank you for caring. Michael was very special.

Betty Anne Lewis-Alvarez for the family

Family grateful

I would like to thank Sheriff Joey Dobson, the BCSO and Christian Fellowship Temple for their support and all they did for me in my time of need. Thank you all.

The Main Outlaw family

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CR 127 N., Sanderson, FL

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Morning Worship 11:00 am
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 pm
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Pastor: Oral E. Lyons

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Wednesday Night 7:30 pm

MACCLENNY CHURCH OF CHRIST
573 S. 5th St. 259-6059

Sunday Bible Study 9:45 am
Fellowship 10:30 am - 11:00 am
Worship Services 11:00 am
Wed. Bible Study 7:30 pm
Minister Sam F. Kitching

WELCOME
First Baptist Church of Sanderson
CR 229 S., Sanderson FL

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Pastor Bob Christmas
<http://www.tbcofsanderson.org>



Happy Birthday our son Charles J. Morris 3/8/1972 - 9/14/2011

You were in my arms 40 years ago, a beautiful baby boy - a gift from God. You were with us a short 39 years, then you were called home and only God knows why.

We miss you and wonder what would have been. We seek peace and understanding and will always have you in a special place in our hearts.

LOVE AND MISS YOU WITH EVERLASTING LOVE,
MOM, DAN, BROTHERS, SISTER, SON AND FAMILY

Gospel sing

Southern Joy will be at The Lord's Church, located at Hwy 125 and 250 in Taylor on Sunday, March 11 at 11 am.

Heartfelt thanks

The family of Main Outlaw would like to thank everyone for the wonderful blessings you gave us in the support, love and food during the illness and loss of our husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

From the wonderful lunch First Baptist Church of Sanderson brought to our home, the lunch prepared by First Baptist Church of Macclenny after the funeral, to the delicious food the Redeemer Sunday School class brought, we greatly appreciate it all.

Most of all, we thank you for your prayers. May God bless each and everyone who has been so wonderful to us. The strength of your prayers were felt many times. We just pray for you all.

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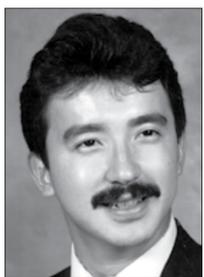
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In loving memory of Billy Godwin 2/14/1961 - 3/9/2011

A year has already gone by. So short was your life. We love and miss you each and every day.

LOVE,
MAMA, DADDY, MICHELLE, BENNY AND MIA



In loving memory of Charles Morris 3/8/1972 - 9/14/2011

Happy Birthday Dad. I sure do miss you.

LOVE,
SHANE

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Macclenny, FL

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Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 pm

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In loving memory of Michael Ray Tetstone 3/10/1989 - 5/29/2010

Twenty-three years ago today, I made my grand entrance into this world. By the time I was 21, my work on earth was done. I had already touched so many lives.

I know that each of you struggle, wondering why I couldn't stay. An Angel I was meant to be, so I could watch over you and keep you safe from harm. Just remember, I am with you each and every day and my love for you will never fade away.

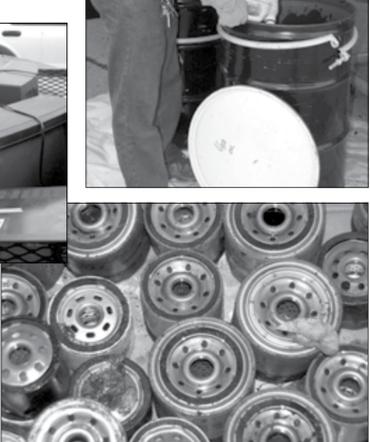
So remember me on this day, for it is my birthday. Remember my smile, my laughter and my eyes so blue. Most of all, remember that I love you and in your heart I'll always be. Because an Angel, I was meant to be...
Happy Birthday to you Michael.

LOVING YOU ALWAYS,
MOM, JAMES, RASHLEIGH, KODIE, DAVID, SANDRA, STEVEN, NIC, CHAINBERLIN AND CORY

Toxic waste collected Saturday..



Baker County residents hauled old paint cans, oil filters, cooking and motor oil, discarded prescription pills, old batteries and other waste considered toxic for landfill disposal to a collection site on March 3. The annual event sponsored by the county, New River Landfill and Florida Department of Environmental Protection set up in the parking lot in front of the county administration building on North 3rd St. in Macclenny. In photo at left, Vic Givens of the road department helps a DEP employee load old paint; at right, Gary Blue and David Whitehead of the road department pour motor oil in a storage drum. In photos below, the remnants of old computers, oil filters and paint cans. The collection has become an annual spring event in several north Florida counties as a clean and easy way to get rid of household hazardous waste.



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Alexander - Combs

Married Feb. 29th

Gloria and Jesse Andrews Jr of Jacksonville are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter and step-daughter Laura Michelle Alexander of Glen St. Mary to Dustin "Cattfish" Combs of Taylor.

Ms. Alexander is the daughter of the late Charles H. Alexander of Glen.

Dustin is the son and step-son of Denise and Stephanie Combs of Taylor and Lori Ann and Ken Mortensen of Jacksonville.

The couple wed in a private ceremony February 29 in Macclenny with immediate family.

Following a honeymoon in Key West, the couple will reside in Glen St. Mary.



Hardenbrook - Barton

Married Feb. 14th

Stephanie Barton and Doyle Hardenbrook, both of Macclenny, were married February 14, 2012 in Folkston, GA. The couple will reside in Macclenny.

20th class reunion planned for August

The Baker County High School class of '92 will hold its 20-year reunion on Saturday, August 25 at the Hyatt Riverfront in Jacksonville.

The cost will be approximately \$60 per person. A non-refundable deposit of \$30 per person must be paid to Tiffany Harvey McInarnay no later than Friday, March 30. The remainder will be due by July 1.

The evening includes dinner, music and a cash bar. Mail payment to Tiffany or drop it by Superior Cleaners, 709 South 6th St., Macclenny, FL 32063.

We will block off hotel rooms at the Hyatt for \$99 plus fees. The first 10 people to pay will be guaranteed this rate; \$100 due by March 30th will be necessary to hold a room and the remainder due by July 1. For more information call 259-2078.

Family reunion

The Hardy and Carrie Hogan Rhoden family reunion will be Saturday, April 28, 2012 from 11:30 am - 2:30 pm at Heritage Park in Macclenny. Call 904-266-4064 for more information.

GED graduation

The annual GED graduation will be held Friday, April 13 at the Baker County Middle School Auditorium at 7:30 pm.

GED graduates from March 2011 through January 2012 are invited to attend. Call 259-0406 to confirm participation.

The guest speaker will be Kelley Norman, the school district's Teacher of the Year.

Graduates, family and friends are encouraged to attend. Please dress appropriately.



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From left: Brennen Baze, Dillon Burnsed, Taylor Long and Matt Cantrell.

FFA members get taste of the Capitol

On February 29 a group of senior FFA members attended "Ag on the Hill" on February 29 in Tallahassee, an event where agriculture students can experience the legislative process and meet with representatives from across the state.

Dillon Burnsed, Brennen Baze, Taylor Long, Matthew Cantrell and FFA advisor Greg Johnson attended the conference as part of Career and Technical Education Month.

Students toured both the old and new capitol buildings. Adam Putnam, Commissioner of Agriculture, spoke to the group on agriculture in the state of Florida and stressed the importance of the impact agriculture students can make in today's economy.

Students had the opportunity to watch the legislative process in action from the gallery overlooking the House floor. They also hand-delivered invitations for the 84th annual state FFA convention in Orlando to multiple House representatives.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

March 8
BCHS: Track, 3 pm, Varsity and Junior Varsity Softball vs. Paxon, 5 pm, Baseball vs. Fernandina, 6:30 pm BCMS: After School Lab, 2:10-3:40 pm, Softball at Lake City, 4:30 pm KIS: Family Book Fair Night, 4-8 pm WES: Good Morning Show Club Meeting, 8 am, Tutoring/After School Reading Club, 3:15 pm PK/K: School Advisory Council Meeting, 8 am
March 9
BCHS: New York City Trip, Varsity and Junior Varsity Softball vs. Yulee, 6 pm, Junior Varsity Baseball at Oakleaf, 4 pm, Baseball at Terry Parker, 6:30 pm KIS: Spring Book Fair WES: Positive Behavior Support Club Mtg., 8 am, Math-a-Thon Kickoff
March 10
BCHS: New York City Trip KIS: Math FCAT Blitz, 8:45 am - 12 pm MES: Junior Gate River Run for Macclenny students
March 11
BCHS: New York City Trip
March 12
BCHS: New York City Trip, Rhythmette Try-outs Clinic, 2:45 pm, Junior Varsity Baseball vs. Columbia, 6 pm BCMS: Book Fair, After School Lab, 2:10 - 3:40 pm WES: Family Reading Night, 4 pm MES: FCAT Fun Intervention - Reading, Journalism Club Mtg., 3:15 pm
March 13
BCHS: Rhythmette Try-outs Clinic, 2:45 pm, Tennis at Yulee, 3:30 pm, Varsity and Junior Varsity Softball vs. Terry Parker, 5 pm BCMS: Book Fair, Softball at Richardson, 4:30 pm WES: Tutoring/After School Reading Club, 3:15 pm MES: FCAT Fun Intervention - Reading
March 14
District-wide: Early Dismissal BCHS: Rhythmette Try-outs Clinic, 2:45 pm, Boys Weightlifting at Columbia, 3 pm, Girls Free Florida High School Activities Association Athletic Physicals, 4 pm BCMS: Book Fair WES: Merrie Melodies, 8 am, Cookie Dough Fundraiser Delivery, 2-6 pm MES: FCAT Fun Intervention - Reading, Jump Rope for Heart Eggtravaganza, 10:45 am

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School Lunch MENU

March 12 - March 16

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, March 12

Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, peach slices and milk.

Lunch: Baked chicken or beef nuggets both served with steamed rice. Choice of 2 sides: steamed cabbage, garden salad with dressing, cinnamon topped apples, golden cornbread and milk.

Tuesday, March 13

Breakfast: Sausage biscuit, pineapple juice and milk.

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

Wednesday, March 14

Breakfast: Breakfast chicken patty on a whole grain biscuit, apple juice and milk.

Lunch: Hot dog on a bun or cheeseburger on a bun. Choice of 2 sides: baked potato rounds, lettuce and tomato slices, creamy coleslaw, peach crisp and milk.

Thursday, March 15

Breakfast: Toasted cheese sandwich, apple juice and milk.

Lunch: Sloppy joe on a bun or baked chicken nuggets with a homemade whole grain roll. Choice of 2 sides: steamed green beans, whipped potatoes with gravy, diced pears and milk.

Friday, March 16

Breakfast: Enriched cereal with slice of toast, orange juice and milk.

Lunch: Beef and bean burrito or beef vegetable soup with a grilled cheese sandwich. Choice of 2 sides: baby limas, raw vegetables with dressing, seasonal fresh fruit and milk.

Bolles blows out Cats

Up to now, the Baker High boys' and girls' tennis teams have cruised through opposition like a knife through hot butter. But last week the knife ran into a chain saw as they came up against perennial state contender Bolles.

The Bulldogs handed the teams their first loss of the season, shutting out both the boys and girls teams.

The boys lost 0-7, Nick Dukeman fell 2-8 in number one singles. Sam Murphy lost 0-8 and Jared Stafford was defeated 1-8. The most competitive match of

the day was in number four singles, where Hunter Stavelly lost 6-8. Grant Burns fell 1-8. Dukeman and Murphy lost 2-8 and Stafford and Stavelly fell 4-8.

The girls lost 0-7 with Kaylann Stafford losing 0-8 and Logan Raulerson beaten 2-8. Tianna Raysor and Stephanie Gross lost 3-8 and Haliegh Latimer 1-8. The doubles team of Stafford and Raulerson lost 4-8 and Raysor and Gross fell 5-8 in a competitive match.

"After playing Bolles, the teams know what they need to

work on," said Coach Chris Armoreda. "First and foremost, the team needs to work on hitting consistency. They need to be able to sustain a rally and not make unforced errors."

The teams travel to Yulee on March 13.

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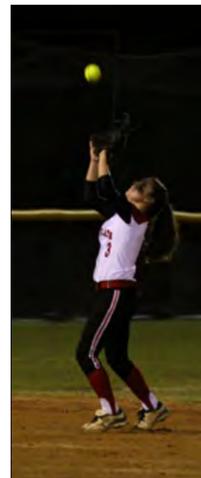
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Above is Megan Farmer at the plate. At right, Genie Taylor catches a fly ball.



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Trouncing continues

The Lady Wildcat softball team remained hot this week as the girls out scored opponents 32-3 on their way to a three-game sweep. Over the past six games, they have out scored opponents by an amazing 75-5 margin.

During the last week the Lady Cats shut out Bishop Kenny and Trinity Christian and beat West Nassau by seven runs. They face Paxon and Yulee March 8 and 9 at home.

The bats stayed red hot against Bishop Kenny during the 10-0 win at home on February 28. The girls broke open a scoreless game with seven runs in the third inning.

Tina Hauge, Shelby Gatto, Taylor Crummey, Clara Harvey, Brooke Roberts, Megan Farmer and Taylor McCann all scored. Gatto doubled in rally.

Haley Crews added an insurance run in the fifth and Kylie Holton and Crummey put up two more runs in the sixth to finish the scoring.

Haley Crews was dominating on the mound, throwing a complete game and only allowing only a pair of hits while striking out 10 Crusaders.

McCann was 4 for 4, Gatto 3 for 3 and Farmer 3 for 4.

Fernandina Beach gave the Cats a start on March 1 as they opened up a one-run lead in the second inning before BCHS came back and defeated them 10-3 at home.

It didn't take the Lady Cats long to respond. They

got 3 runs in the third inning from Holton Crummey and Harvey.

They put the game away in the fourth inning with a 7-run rally that saw Hauge, Gatto, Holton, Crummey, Roberts, Genie Taylor and McCann score. Gatto and MacKenzie Wingard did the honors on the mound. Hauge went 2-3 at the

plate.

BCHS wrapped up its week by defeating Trinity Christian 12-0 on March 2 in Jacksonville.

Crews threw a one-hitter and struck out 8 as she dominated the Conquerors from the mound.

The Cats got on top early and in spectacular fashion as Gatto blasted a two-run homer that brought in Tina Hauge to give the Cats a 2-0 lead in the first inning.

The Cats then went on a rampage in the second inning, scoring 7 runs highlighted by Taylor Crummey's 3-run blast.

The scoring continued with a 3-run fifth where Crews, Harvey and Gatto crossed home plate. Gatto hit a double in the rally.

Gatto was 3 for 4 with a homer and 4 RBIs. Crummey had 3 RBIs.

The Lady Cats are 3-0 in the district with another big district game this week. They host Paxon on Thursday in a rematch of a game they won 10-0 on February 23.



Above, Chris Waddell slides into second on an errant throw. At right, Austin Rowe bunts.



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Wildcats on five game win streak

Like their counterparts on the girls' varsity softball team the Wildcat baseball team is in cruise control at this point in the season. Coach Fred Matricardi's Wildcats are in the midst of a five-game win streak.

"The bottom of the line-up has stepped up and carried us in the last couple games," said Matricardi. "I still feel like we haven't played as well as we are capable of. Hopefully, we can put it together real soon. We have a six-game stretch against real tough competition coming up. If we don't get consistent we can be 6-7 quick."

The pitching rotation has been effective and even in close games has managed to eke out wins.

The Cats beat Keystone

heights 4-3 on March 28. Tied 3-3 in the seventh, Chris Waddell reached on an error and stole second. After, an intentional walk to Ethan Wilkerson, Waddell and Hunter Bell pulled off a double steal to get to second and third. Tyler Mobley singled in the game-winning run for a 4-3 win.

Jared Crews and Waddell combined for the win. Kyle Horne had a hit and a sacrifice fly that brought in a pair of runs and Austin Rowe added a double and an RBI.

The Cats beat Yulee 3-2 in 8 innings on March 1. Chris Waddell started and threw five scoreless innings, giving up only one hit and striking out seven. Brad Stone threw three innings and

picked up the win in relief.

Offensively, Austin Rowe went 2-3 with 2 RBIs and Mikal Flores drove in the game winning run after a Yulee error.

There have been a lot of factors contributing to the streak.

"Our pitching has been great all year," said Matricardi. "Our defense has been getting better, and we have done a good job on the bases and manufacturing runs. We just need to swing the bat better."

The 6-1 Wildcats play Fernandina Beach at home Thursday, March 8 at 6:30 pm and have a district game at home versus Terry Parker the following night at 6:30 pm.

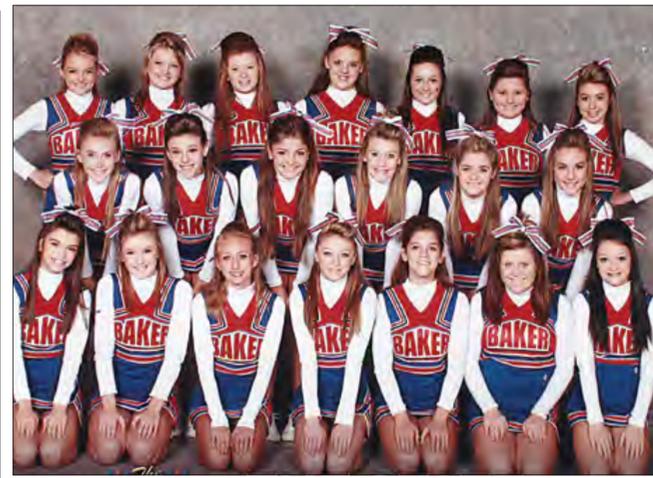


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Bobcat cheerleaders win titles

The Baker County Middle School cheerleaders won the Contest of Champions Nationals cheerleading competition in Orlando, FL February 26. The girls finished first out of six teams in their division. The win comes on the heels another title in January at the American Championship Regional. The Bobcats' cheer team was also selected from 43 middle and high school teams at the State Cheer and Dance Championships to receive the Sportsmanship Award. "This team has represented our county in a very positive manner," said coach Dedre Carrington. Pictured above (front row from left) are Sydnee Watson, Allison Theophile, Emily Orendler, Bailey Tyson, Kellen Dopson, Masey Taylor, Kelsey Taylor, (middle row from left) Mallory Godwin, Jordan Parker, Mary Elledge, Madison Fox, Haleigh Crawford, (back row from left) Lani Foster, Shelby Crews, Mallory Mobley, Morgan Lagle, Maci McDuffie, Trista Gibson and Taylor Carrington.

Misidentified

The batter pictured in last week's edition with the article "Lady Cats smothering foes" was misidentified as Tiffany Roberts. The player shown was Brooke Roberts. The *Press* regrets the error.

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Friday and Saturday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm, 6517 Jim Starling Rd. Baby crib, clothes and toys, two dinette sets and other furniture-some antique and vintage, slot machine and bronze Siam flatware set, lots of misc.

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Macy Jackson at bat during the Richardson game February 28 in Macclenny.

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Bobcats pound two more teams

BOB GERARD | SPORTS

The Lady Bobcats ran their winning streak to five games as they dominated Lakeside Junior High and Richardson Middle School during the last week. The girls out scored the opposition 22-1 over the two games.

Both games ended early as the umpires invoked the Mercy Rule. The Bobcats defeated Lakeside 11-1 on February 27 and Richardson 11-0 on the following day.

Macy Jackson, Hayleigh Mulkey, Brandie Callaway and Delicia Washington continue to play well in the infield and Melanie Sweat has been strong in the outfield.

Coach Jon Mobley is encouraged by the string of victories, but like coaches everywhere sees room for improvement.

"We are starting to play up to our capabilities on defense. We still have some work to do offensively," said Mobley. "We are able to score runs, but we can still hit better than we are doing now. That will be our focus along with not letting our defensive efforts slip."



Hayleigh Mulkey in the 11-0 win against Richardson.

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Track team turning in some high finishers

BOB GERARD | SPORTS

The Wildcat boys' track team posted some good showings and strong individual finishes in its early meets. They opened the season with a second place finish at Palatka High in a four-way meet on February 28.

In the high jump, Falon Lee took first place with a 5'8" leap. Brandon Lewis was second with 5'6". In the long jump, Mike Boone placed third at 18'11". Jared Lee had a second place finish in discus.

Rashodd Hadley won the shot put with a 46'6" toss while CeCe Jefferson placed second in 43'10". Mike Boone was second in the triple jump and Brandon Lewis placed second in the 300-meter hurdles. Jared Lee took second in the 400 meter and Matt Butcher was third in the 800 meters.

The Cats traveled to Baldwin on March 1 and finished fourth out of seven teams. Falon Lee won the high jump with a 6' leap and Mike Boone took the triple jump. Jared Lee was second in the 400 meters and Butcher was second in the 800. Boone placed third in the long jump and Drew Rogers was third in the triple jump.

The 4-x-100 relay team (Jared Lee, Marquis Williams, Drew Rogers and Tyler Lokey) placed third in the meet.

On March 3 four Cats competed at the Suwannee Invitational and BCHS came away with a fourth-place finish out of eight competitors. CeCe Jefferson took the shot put with a throw of 45'6" and Rashodd Hadley placed second. Hadley was second in the discus and Jared Lee sixth.

In the triple jump, Mike Boone placed first in 40'3". He was third in the long jump with an 18'9" leap.

The Cats host their first home meet on Thursday, March 8.

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