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## Jury says man guilty of having child sex

Sentencing will be later this month for a Macclenny man convicted of multiple counts of sexual battery on a minor child dating back to early 2001.

A 12-member jury took about a half hour to return guilty verdicts against David M. Hill, 37, following a day and a half trial last week, just under one year after his arrest.



David Hill

The court dismissed one count of lewd or lascivious battery and the jury decided Mr. Hill was guilty of five others including four counts of engaging in sexual activity with a child less than 12 years old in a familial or custodial role.

He was also found guilty of tampering with the victim or attempting to influence her testimony during a phone call from county jail, where he has been held since his arrest on March 22, 2011.

The defendant, a motel maintenance worker, was charged after the victim's friends urged her to complain to authorities at her school. She told a sheriff's investigator that Mr. Hill had been molesting her for a decade, and often bought her silence with gifts and candy.

The victim said Mr. Hill struck her and tossed her pets when she rebuffed his advances, and at times threatened to kill her if she did not keep the relationship secret.

The victim, now 17, wept during direct questioning on the stand by Assistant State Attorney Lorelie Papel, reiterating statements made to police during the investigation.

Mr. Hill did not take the stand, and was represented by Assistant Public Defender George Nelson.

Circuit Judge Phyllis Rosier set sentencing for April 24. Under Florida law, the offenses carry a mandatory life sentence.



## 3 survive head-on

Two occupants of the demolished Chevrolet van (top) and the driver of a semi that departed the Walmart Distribution Center moments earlier survived a near head-on crash on US 90 east of Macclenny the afternoon of March 14. The Florida Highway Patrol said the eastbound semi crossed the center line after applying brakes for an unknown reason and its right front struck the right front of the westbound 2004 van driven by Robert Chewning, 42, of Jacksonville. His passenger, Dewayne Allen, 25, of Yulee, FL was critically injured. The driver of the semi, Michael Welch, 54, of Jacksonville, was seriously injured, as was Mr. Chewning. All three were flown from the scene near West Thomas Dr. to Shands Jacksonville. The accident occurred at 3:05 and blocked traffic on 90 for several hours. Trooper M. Childress investigated for FHP.



## Arrested for firing gun near Keller IS

Two Baker County men were arrested the morning of March 15 for firing a pistol into the air in a south Macclenny neighborhood about 1000 yards from Keller Intermediate School, which was in session.

Deputy Jeremiah Combs said he and other officers responded to the call about gunshots being fired near the intersection of W. Minnesota and 7th St. about 9:45. Jason Wilson of Macclenny and Carlton Pender of Sanderson admitted they fired the 9 mm pistol from a 2005 Dodge vehicle parked on the roadside.

The pistol and vehicle belonged to Christopher Robinson, 22, who was on leave from Warner-Robins AFB in Georgia, where he is a military policeman. He also gave the deputies the location of the weapon on the floorboard near the driver's seat.

Mr. Robinson was not charged, nor was a fourth occupant identified as Favion Allen, 20, of Macclenny. The driver told Deputy Combs he

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# Seeks medical waste incinerator here

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A Pennsylvania-based corporation has plans to begin constructing a medical waste incineration facility north of the Walmart Distribution Center within the coming year.

Integrated Waste Management Systems, Inc. has filed a draft application for permits from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection as well as a draft development agreement with the Baker County planning department.

Both documents are incomplete, informal or otherwise not in their final form for consideration by either state regulators or the Baker County Commission, which will hold hearings on the proposed development next month.

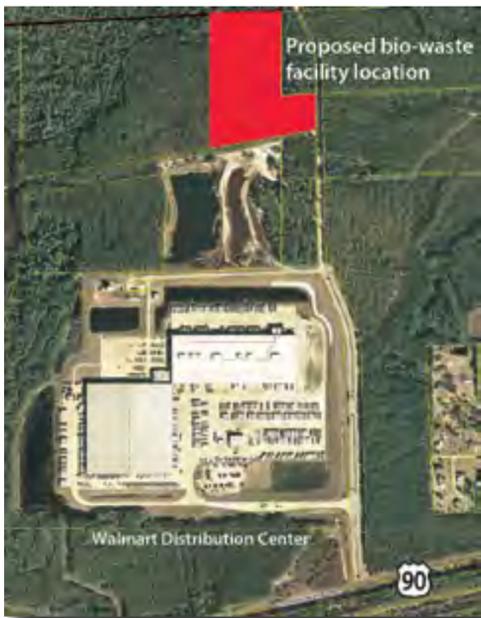
But, according to the draft development agreement, the project is expected to bring 59 jobs to the county initially, and as many as 100 in the long term.

Jacksonville lobbyist Alberta Hipps represents Integrated Waste Management Systems as well as an affiliated company, Bio-Haz Solutions, Inc., which transports medical waste in the northeastern US and recently opened a transfer station on the north side of Jacksonville.

Ms. Hipps said Integrated Waste Management Systems wants to construct the so-called "Bio-Medical Thermal Reduction Facility" as soon as possible and "bring employees on board by the end of 2013" or sooner. She described the proposed facility as "state-of-the-art," saying it could serve as a model for the medical waste disposal industry.

Medical waste includes bodily tissue and blood as well as anything that comes into contact with them like hypodermic needles.

Ms. Hipps explained the company, which was formed in 2010, has no history of building or operating such a facility. She said the proposed project is the result of a decision by the company to build a new facility "from the ground up" to comply with more stringent environmen-



tal regulations established by the federal government in 2009 rather than retrofit an existing facility.

The project is being planned on 24 acres owned by the Baker County Development Commission at the north end of Enterprise East Boulevard. The company intends to construct some 92,800 square feet of building space, a 162-space parking lot and storm water retention facilities.

The buildings are expected to include a 50,000-square-foot structure housing the incinerator and a smoke stack of no more than 100 feet tall, which will require an approved height variance from the county, some 10,000 square feet of office space and another 22,000 square feet for future expansions, the draft devel-

opment agreement shows.

Darryl Register, director of the Baker County Development Commission, stressed this week that the success of the project hinges largely on the approval of a roughly \$500,000 grant from the state's Department of Economic Opportunity.

The funds, he said, would allow the county to build an access road to the site, an incentive without which the company may not move ahead with the project.

County commissioners inked an agreement earlier this month with TerraPointe LLC, a subsidiary of Rayonier Corp., to accept an easement from the timber company on which the road may be constructed.

Other potential development incentives include tax breaks from the state based on employee wages as well as some \$22 million in tax-free construction bonds that could be authorized by the development commission, said Mr. Register.

"That makes their borrowing a little cheaper," he said.

The draft development agreement to be considered by county commissioners at hearings on April 3 and 16 also calls for expedited permitting and the waiving of some development fees the company would otherwise have to pay under the county's land development regulations.

Ms. Hipps said the company was also drawn to consider the Baker County site because of its easy access to the interstate and larger transportation network.

"We thought it was a really good fit for us and the community," she said. "We expect at least 40 percent of the business to come from the Jacksonville area ... and we also foresee being able to access customers in south Georgia and down to the middle part of the state."

In addition to the public hearings next month on the proposed development agreement, company representatives will be meeting with residents living near the project site next week.

"They want to provide as many opportunities for the community to come forward and ask questions as possible," said Janet Herrick, a consultant with Onsite Environmental Consulting of Jacksonville, who's doing public outreach for the project.

## Barber Rd. residents want road closed off

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## Public dealt out of 'compromise'

More on the continuing saga of "Stop Sign Alley," otherwise known as George Taber Blvd. in Glen St. Mary.

The newspaper is picking up more complaints from motorists who feel, as does yours truly, that the county's effort to appease the First Baptist Church of Glen, which initially wanted to close Taber, amounts to silly overkill.

In what the county now calls a "compromise," four stop signs were erected at Taber's intersection with two east-west streets — Andrews and South Boulevard — ostensibly to slow traffic north and south past church buildings on both sides of the road.

In addition, the county installed a raised pedestrian crossing over Taber between the main church buildings and others to the west, plus a parking area.

County Manager C.J. Thompson said the plan was worked out between the county and church officials after the county commission balked at the church's bid to close the road.

Hence, the "compromise." Problem is, a compromise should be between the church, which exerted its right to insure the safety of its members during service and activity times, and the public that wants to keep Taber open and free of unneeded impediments to travel.

The stop signs are impediments to travel because they are unnecessary except during church activities.

The public, in effect, was left out of the compromise, which added to the perception that this plan is ill-conceived

and motivated more by public officials' desire to appease a church-based voting block than to find a reasonable and work-

able compromise that better addresses the concerns of both parties.

The reasonable plan, as suggested earlier

in this space, would be spinning stop signs placed near the pedestrian crossing. They are pointed toward traffic during church times.

The reduced speed limit of 15 mph over the crossing is reasonable. The four stop signs on Taber should be removed; those stopping traffic at Taber from Andrews and Boulevard

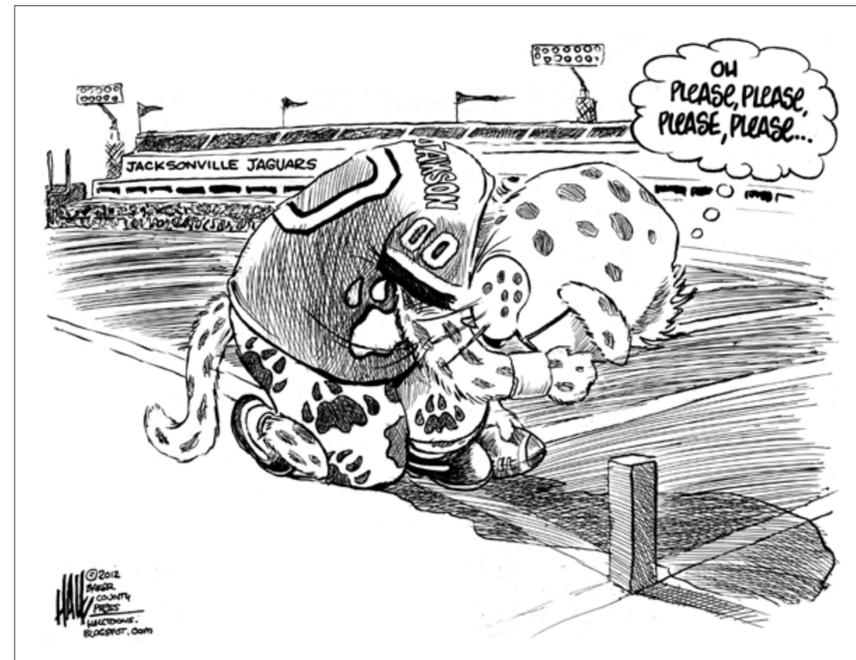
[all of about two dozen vehicles a day] will stay as before.

The county commission should re-visit this. The church has made its case for safety and the public its case for access to Taber.

The "compromise" isn't that; it's silly.

## IMPRESSIONS

Jim McGauley



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### 'Pamper Bandits' are terrorizing neighbors

Dear Editor:

As I listen to the glass bottles breaking from the baseball bats and the laughter drifting over my fence, I wonder what is going to happen next.

Years ago when we moved to Glen St. Mary, we raved about the peace and quiet and lack of criminal mischief. Little did I know that was going to change.

We now have gang activity in the neighborhood where I live, terrorizing certain neighbors. I am constantly on the lookout for my 84-year-old neighbor who lives alone and whose passions consist of her church and garden.

She has stood in her garden as the "Pamper Bandits" tear through it on their bikes and four-wheelers, disregarding the destruction they are creating and her pleas to stay away. I dubbed them that name because surprisingly they are about 13 in number and range from under 6 to about 12 years old.

They ignore her with looks of disdain. As they pass by my fence, they shout curse words and use foul language so efficiently that I realize this is not the first time these words have come from their sweet-looking faces.

It's inevitable that the sheriff will be called, as it seems to escalate and talking to parents has not been effective. It will be a sad day when the sheriff has to handcuff an 11-year-old and take him or her on a tour of their future home.

Dad, Mom — where are you?

Jeanie Prosch  
Glen St. Mary

## A 'slug' during March Madness

I think I need a "minder." For the uninitiated, that's someone to gently push me in the right direction. Somebody, to say, "Bob, you don't need to be doing that. You need to be working on your Annie set or writing an article for *The Press*."

I have a wife who is generally pretty good at that, but she was out of town for a few days and well... I've fallen into my old slacker ways.

Here's what I mean. It's March Madness. That's right, what my son Spencer called in a paper for his journalism class at Florida "an event that defines an entire month."

I don't watch all that much college basketball during the regular season, but I can't get

enough of it during the NCAA playoffs. I will, if allowed, watch every single minute of every single game. I shouldn't be allowed to do that.

Unfortunately, Kelley was in New York City for all the tournament games leading up to the selection of the 68-team field, so I was completely unfiltered. Also, Kelley is a basketball fan, so she is far more sympathetic than if this was some major soccer tournament.

As a result, I have been a useless slug. As a matter of fact, as I write this column, Saint Louis is trailing Michigan State 42-49 and I am adjusting my focus from one screen to the other depending on what's happening on the court.

I know I should get up and do something... anything, but I just can't. I am not ordinarily an addictive personality, but when I fall, I fall hard.

What I love about this tournament is the teams I know nothing about just handling the big boys. This wouldn't happen in most other sports. It's just that in basketball, sheer talent, good coaching and tenacious defense can overcome big name programs. Lehigh beating Duke, Norfolk State stopping Missouri and Ohio beating Michigan are cases in point.

It helps that at least so far, (Florida State, Florida and USF play tonight) my favorite teams are still in the mix. Baylor punched its ticket for the Sweet Sixteen by beating Colorado on Saturday.

Then there are the oddities. What the heck is a Billikin? That's Saint Louis' mascot and it looks like a little sprite of some kind. Or a Catamount? That would be Vermont's mascot.

But the oddest mascot is Western Kentucky's Hilltoppers — whatever it is. It's some kind of blob waving a "terrible towel."

To make it even worse, at the same time as the tournament showed up, I discovered my wife's Kindle Fire.

I can't say I love this new way to read books. It's hard on the eyes and it just "doesn't feel right." But what it does is allow one to multi-task in irritating new ways. While I'm watching one game after another I can read the latest Sherlock Holmes and Mary Russell book by Laurie King, check my Facebook account, check the soccer scores or play — I hate to even admit this — Angry Birds.

How do you explain Angry Birds except to say that it is the crack cocaine of games? It is completely useless and

time-sucking, not even all that much fun, but so addictive that once you start you have to force yourself to stop.

At one point, my son Dylan yelled from the other room, "Dad, you are losing IQ points with every bird you slingshot." That's all you do in this stupid game. You use a slingshot to throw birds at green pigs. That's it.

You can slingshot birds at pigs for hours and hours and hours. That's all. Yet, it is the single most popular game in gamedom. People play it on their phones, their computers, their iPads, and yes, their wife's Kindle Fire.

I've moved on to Creighton, a small college in Nebraska versus UNC. The Tar Heels are in the midst of clinic, but the game is young and I will be here at least until the Gators take on Norfolk State at 6:10. Another David — Norfolk State, student population 7,000 versus 50,000 students. I am rooting for the Gators in case you were wondering.

I have turned the area around my chair into a Man Console Command Center. I have my remote, which I use frequently to switch between the four networks carrying the games. I have my chips, cookies and cold beverage. I have my wife's Kindle Fire. I am ready for anything.

Except anything useful. \*\*Update from the Man Console Command Center — UF won handily and move on to next week. Ohio beat USF in a squeaker and — woe is me — FSU lost in the early hours of the morning to Cincinnati.

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

## Some retain selfish attitude on taxation

JESSICA PREVATT | STAFF

When did people get so selfish?

I believe in people taking responsibility for themselves and their families. I don't believe the government should be as involved in my life as they are. I like to think my taxes provide an education for my kids, protection for me and my family with the police, fire, military and rescue department and good roads and bridges for me to travel on. Not all of my tax dollars go to things I agree with and that's when I utilize my right to vote each election.

In a recent letter to the editor the writer stated since she had never used the local EMS, she should not be responsible for paying an extra fee/tax to help cover those who have used EMS and didn't pay.

I used EMS many years ago after a drunk totaled my car. My insurance company paid EMS and I appreciated having them there. As aggravated as I might get at the people who take advantage of them and never pay for the service they receive, I am glad to pay to make sure they are around if I ever need them again.

It may hurt a little more come tax time, but the rescue service is worth every penny if they ever had to help save the life of a family member.

Before welfare and Social Security, communities pulled together to help those in need. It wasn't permanent and people who had hard times temporarily had all the help they needed to get back on their feet.

With all the government handouts now, nobody has to put forth an effort to help themselves. Government handouts can last a lifetime if you know how to work the sys-

tem well enough. Why bother working?

Then there was a comment on Facebook from a gentleman who didn't like the idea of paying the school taxes and/or impact fees. I can understand somewhat why someone with no kids questions why they have to support local schools.

Then common sense kicks in. Everyone benefits from a good school system. Schools teach the kids basic skills they use throughout their lifetime. Almost everyone employed in the workplace has had at least some schooling. Imagine a world where kids aren't able to go to school. Try buying something in a store from someone who doesn't know how to do math or read. Civilization as we know it wouldn't exist if we didn't have public schools because a lot of parents wouldn't bother teaching their kids.

In today's world, with people so dependent on government and everyone looking out for themselves, we've turned into a super-selfish society. It's great people are finally taking an interest in how government has been running the country into the ground the last 50-plus years, but look at the big picture.

Don't nitpick over things that may not affect you today, but could tomorrow. Look at the government entitlements that started the ball rolling downhill. Our local office holders seem to be doing a pretty darn good job looking out for our welfare. The state and federal government are the ones who need a few hundred wake-up calls.

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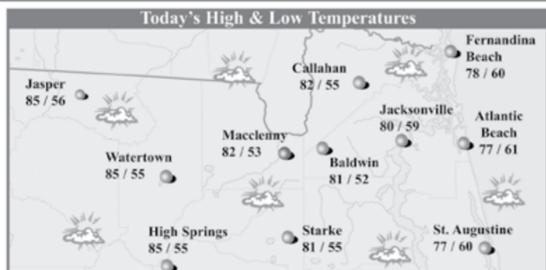
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Country Federal Credit Union's annual meeting of the membership was held on March 5 at the Ag Center in Macclenny.

and Wendy Ingilis - 5 years. The credit union thanks Janet Teague for catering the delicious meal and the following businesses and members for the donations given as door prizes:



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Reader Sparked

You be the spark, we'll fan the flames and everyone will be enlightened.

Who authorized, and paid for, the stop signs and elevated walk on George Taber in Glen St. Mary? I really have a problem with the county paying for three stop signs at Andrews [Street], a street that has been given to Glen Baptist and will be closed.

Though no votes were cast by the Baker County Commission to approve the new stop signs and raised crosswalk, commissioners did direct county staff to negotiate a compromise with the church.

County Manager C.J. Thompson said the stop signs and crosswalk were the ultimate result of those negotiations and funded with money from a state road improvement program for small counties.

The county used funds from the Small County Road Assistance Program to repave Taber Boulevard and make the safety upgrades, he said.

First Baptist of Glen St. Mary asked the commission last summer to close a 1500 foot stretch of Taber Boulevard, which connects US 90 to CR 125 S, just north of Interstate 10.

The county owns and maintains the roadway, which runs between the church's main campus on the east side of the road and a children's activities facility on the west side.

After hearing from church leaders in favor of the closing and neighborhood residents opposed to it the evening of June 20, only then-commission chairman Michael Crews spoke in favor of the move. His fellow board members made no motions, either to approve or deny the closure, however, and the measure died.

"The request made by the petitioner was to close the road all together, which the board as a whole was not supportive of," Mr. Crews recently wrote in an e-mail to a Glen St. Mary resident critical of the new stop signs and crosswalk.

"County staff was instructed by the board to meet with petitioner and to work out a compromise, which is the product that we have today. Comparing the original request (closure) to the final product (open with increased traffic control) is a compromise.

"A good faith effort has been made on the board's part to assist the petitioner and still accommodate the motoring public."

A day after the county commission failed to act on the church's closure request, the Glen St. Mary Town Council agreed to close Andrews Street to accommodate First Baptist of Glen's expansion plans.

Gunshots advertisement: From page 1 left the vehicle briefly to retrieve property from a nearby residence, and heard two gunshots while inside. The pistol was confiscated and the deputy indicated Mr. Robinson's command at Warner-Robins would be notified of the incident.

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BAKER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Audit cites lack of pay policies

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The school district's most recent audit for the year ending June 30, 2011 found that the district failed to enact policies to implement performance pay for teachers and administrators as required by the Florida Legislature's education reforms passed two years ago.

The reforms, which the salaries more closely to student test scores and end tenure for new hires, have been challenged in court by the statewide teacher union and some school board members appeared anxious to address the matter sooner rather than later at this week's board meeting the evening of March 19 at the Olustee fire station.

Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson relayed comments from state auditors who said school districts across the state have been written up for lacking the same policy.

"We're in the process of developing new [testing] instruments," she said. "Throughout the state we're in a transition period moving to new assessments. They assured us it's a finding they were putting on every district as we move to the next phase of the teacher assessment and performance pay."

Still, board member Patricia Weeks, sought direction on how

the board should come into compliance with existing state law.

"Do we have to have a workshop on those, the formal policies and procedures? ... How will we work through that?" she asked.

The district's finance director, Marcelle Richardson, who typically presents audit results and responds to questions, said such matters are negotiated as part of the local teacher union's annual contract and not determined solely by board policy.

"If we have to meet Florida statutes, I don't see how it can be negotiated," reasoned board chairman Dean Griffis.

Further complicating the implementation of performance pay for teachers and administrators is the lawsuit brought by the Florida Education Association, the statewide teacher union.

"The legislature has passed things that are being fought in court, just like retirement," said Ms. Richardson, referring to pension reforms signed into law last year that require state workers, including teachers, contribute 3 percent of their annual wages to the Florida Retirement System.

"They've passed something they really can't do; the court is saying no," she said. "Then it goes to the appellate court, then to the [Florida] Supreme Court. You're on a slippery slope with all of it, and you can be grieved. And

that's the reason you don't go in there and say you're going to do this policy. It will be negotiated and they're not willing to negotiate."

The state law gives school districts until 2014 to fully implement the performance pay reforms, provided the courts don't repeal or amend the changes.

The board's attorney advised school board members against crafting a performance pay policy before the legal challenges conclude.

"By the end of the summer, the law may be off the books," he said.

In other business that evening, the school board and Ms. Raulerson:

- Recognized "academic

achievers" from the Olustee community with honor roll medals and bumper stickers.

• Approved a \$75 consultant contract with Vicky Carrigg of Sanderson for photographing GED graduates.

• Approved a \$300 consultant contract with Carol Ann Para of Jacksonville for four days of piano lessons to middle school band students performing at a solo and ensemble concert.

• Approved soliciting bids for replacing a walk-in freezer at the high school and Keller Intermediate School. The cost is estimated at \$92,500 for the equipment, installation, training for the defrost system, other additions, and removal and disposal of the old freezer boxes.

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MACCLENNY CITY COMMISSION

Broadens sign law authority City manager has say in 'borderline' cases

MIKE ANDERSON PRESS STAFF

Macclenny City Manager Gerald Dopson will have greater authority to determine whether advertising signs violate the city's sign ordinance even if they don't specifically meet the definition of a prohibited sign.

The Macclenny City Commission granted the city manager the authority in an amendment to the ordinance, which contains 32 specific types of prohibited signs, at a board meeting on the evening of March 19.

"Any sign that appears to fall within one of the 32 prohibited definitions, or is not technically specified (as being prohibited) would go to the city manager for direction," Code Enforcement Officer Joy Chapman said.

"This is done to cover all the gray areas that we can't possibly put down on paper," she said. Over the years, the city has had to revisit the ordinance and conduct hearings to draft new language to cover new types of signs.

The new amendment, which becomes effective immediately, is an attempt to expedite the process by giving the city manager broad powers to determine whether signs violate the intent of the ordinance, if not the specific letter of the law.

Any business owner that wants to erect a sign is required to seek a permit at city hall, which would be the time for a determination to be made as to whether the proposed sign would be permissible. However, some signs are erected without a permit, in which case violations are usually caught by Ms. Chapman or the assistant city manager, Roger Yarborough.

The city manager said he would consult with the city attorney and the code enforcement office staff in the process of reviewing the legitimacy of any questionable sign brought to his attention.

During the commission meeting he said one type of sign that needs immediate scrutiny are those that are held aloft by people, often dancing, on sidewalks and street corners in front of retail strip centers advertising a particular store.

"I've seen them in Orange Park and other places," Mr. Dopson said. "I enjoy some of it. They do a pretty good dance and all."

He asked City Attorney Frank Maloney if such advertising signs would violate the city ordinance.

"That would be a very interesting call," Mr. Maloney said. "If you want to do away with human signs you should add it to the ordinance. It's probably not prohibited."

Ms. Chapman said the test is whether signs "create a distraction" to motorists and, therefore, constitute a safety hazard.

Mayor Gary Dopson said he didn't think hand-held signs by people dancing on sidewalks would be "any worse" than flag signs intended to bring more attention to a business, which are specifically prohibited by ordinance.

Last month, commissioners reluctantly voted to reject a business owner's request to use flag signs to help advertise his auto repair shop, which he opened last summer on the old

Ace Hardware site on US 90.

He had put two small flags — one reading "Auto Repair" and the other "Brakes" — on a fence in front of his shop, C&W Automotive, but was ordered to remove them a couple of weeks later by the assistant city manager.

City Manager Dopson was directed to discuss the issue of human signs and flag signs with the city attorney for a possible amendment to the ordinance at a later date.

"No matter how we tweak it, we're never going to get a perfect sign ordinance that's go-

Ms. Chapman said the owner of the property was notified in a letter recently that he had 30 days to remove the old sign structure and that he has about one week left.

"If it's not taken down the city will take it down and put a lien on the property," she said. In other business, commissioners:

• Received a report from consultants on the progress of a \$700,000 federal Community Development Block Grant targeting standard housing in need of rehabilitation. Consultant Spencer Nabors said 18 applications

from contractors and 18 applications from homeowners had been received, but only nine of the homeowners were eligible to receive funds.

The 18 contractors were approved by commissioners, but Mr. Nabors asked for additional time to return with a list of 12 eligible homeowners, which is the minimum number that the grant was intended to serve.

The nine homeowners that failed to meet the criteria were deemed ineligible for a number of reasons, including "deed issues, back taxes not being paid and having too much income," Mr. Nabors said.

• Gave preliminary approval to an ordinance that would allow owners, or authorized operators, of semi truck tractors to park the vehicles on the driveways of their residence, with a city parking permit. The ordinance, which does not allow trailers will receive a final review at the next commission meeting on April 10.

The following restrictions would apply:

- 1. The vehicle must remain parked on an area designated as a driveway and will not block any sidewalk or have any part of the truck on a city street.
- 2. Such parking does not violate any deed restrictions or homeowners' association rules.
- 3. The owner or operator must obtain written consent of neighbors on either side of his residence and those directly across the street.
- 4. If any nuisance or violation of city ordinances is caused by the parking of the truck at the owner or operator's residence, the parking permit will be revoked.

• Rejected a request from county officials to meet with them on March 19 an hour prior to the county commission's meeting to discuss the county's proposed special assessment for emergency medical services.

Instead, as City Manager Dopson recommended, county officials will be invited to appear at city hall prior to the next city commission meeting on April 10 to discuss the issue.

"If we're asking the county for something it would be appropriate for us to go to them," Mr. Dopson said. "If they're asking us for something, it's appropriate for them to come to city hall."



Joel Econom (above), 16, of Taylor holds a retailer's sign on S. 6th St. the morning of March 15. At left, the frame of old sign on US 90.



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ing to apply to everyone," the city manager said.

The new language adds the following under prohibited signs: "All signs which the City Manager determines do not

meet the intention of Section 14-5, Purposes and Intent, and Section 14-24, Appearance Standards, of this ordinance or in the manager's opinion is an attempt to circumvent this Chapter."

In addition to non-conforming signs, the city manager said another concern are old, damaged signs that have clearly outlived their usefulness and have become eyesores.

"There are many signs out there that are dilapidated," he said.

One such sign that was recently brought to the city's attention is an old, rusted, bent sign frame in front of a narrow vacant lot on US 90 between a glass shop and seafood outlet. The sign appears to have been there for decades and Mr. Yarborough said he thought a seafood market used to occupy the now-empty lot.

Pulls knife on grandma

A Macclenny teen was arrested the evening of March 14 for pulling a knife on his grandmother after she refused his request to go off for the weekend.

The grandmother, 73, told Deputy Tony Norman the incident occurred about 6 pm at their residence on DeLong Rd. east of Macclenny. She said the boy produced a pocket knife, unfolded it and pointed it at her chest area in a threatening manner before running off to a nearby residence where he was arrested.

The charge is a third-degree felony.

In other cases, a Glen St. Mary man faces a similar charge for pointing what turned out to be a BB pistol at an acquaintance the

evening of March 17. Brian Hance, 28, said Shaun Harrell, 38, leveled the pistol and threatened to kill him during an argument at a residence on Orby Rhoden Rd. about 9 pm. The two earlier had removed a vehicle from another residence.

Deputy Chris Walker arrested Mr. Harrell after questioning him at a nearby address, where he recovered the pistol from a shed.

In other reports, a 50-year-old male patient at Northeast

Florida State Hospital was named in a criminal complaint for battery on an employee the evening of March 13.

The employee, Kristina Bergeron, 25, of Fort White, said the patient struck her with a closed fist on the eye and, after pulling her to the floor, on the shoulder during a counseling session.

A similar complaint was filed the following day against a 53-year-old patient for an attack on another patient, age 27. Both are females.

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# To mull Barber Rd. dilemma Residents say again — we want it closed

MIKE ANDERSON  
PRESS STAFF

Barber Road, half paved and half dirt, used to be a quiet neighborhood road extending from 6th Street down to SR 228 through a wooded low area and across a tiny creek.

That was before Walmart moved to a larger store on SR 228 a few years ago.

Since then, increased traffic and speeding vehicles using it as a short cut have turned it into a dangerous place, several area residents told county commissioners during a board meeting on the evening of March 19.

"It's basically commercial traffic going through a residential neighborhood — people using it for their convenience at our safety risk," Barber Road homeowner Cindy Collins said during the meeting.

Barber Road was on the board agenda as a continuation of a previous discussion a couple of months ago during which commissioners heard similar complaints and asked County Manager C.J. Thompson to conduct a traffic study on the road. Mr. Thompson said a 7-day traffic survey this month counted 5,155 vehicles, which compared to just under 5,000 last year.

Ms. Collins and other residents in the neighborhood say they're well aware of the traffic increases through their neighborhood. They urged commissioners to close the road to all traffic. Signs at both ends of the road state that it's closed to through traffic, but they do nothing to deter cut-through traffic, residents said.

"We had very little traffic before the Walmart came," said Pat Shannon, who said he has lived on Barber Road for 42 years. In the past decade, he said, four telephone poles have been knocked down by vehicles or hit so hard they had to be replaced, two houses have been damaged by vehicles and at least two have overturned into the creek off a narrow bridge with no guard rails.

"It's going to take somebody dying, or getting hurt bad, to close that road," Mr. Shannon said. Nearly a mile of Barber Road is paved from 6th Street eastward, where it becomes dirt and slants downward to a bend in the road in front of a driveway leading to a residence. There, three stop signs are located to halt traffic converging at that spot, but residents say nobody stops.

"The three-way stop signs, you might as well take 'em down," Mr. Shannon said. "It's a three-way go sign." Eric Rice, who said he moved to Barber Road in 2010, said the stop signs are little more than "a suggestion."

And Melissa Barber Adams, who said she has lived on the curve on Barber Road "forever," said some drivers rush right past the stop signs and go sliding around the turn. Not only is it a dangerous road, she said, it's also a place where litterbugs throw out trash all the time and some people stop to relieve themselves in the creek.

"They love to use it as a public rest room," she said, "and beer bottles and everything else is thrown out. They have no respect."

Don Elliott said he lives about 100 yards from the corner and he has to "take my life into my hands backing out of my driveway." He said speed bumps would help

slow vehicles down.

"You put a big enough speed bump there and people are going to slow down," Mr. Elliott said.

He also echoed comments from others about the amount of trash that many people carelessly toss out of their windows, adding: "They're a bunch of slob."

Commissioners said speeders and litterbugs are not just a problem for people on Barber Road. They are county wide. However, the board agreed to conduct an informal hearing to continue discussions.

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"Something needs to be done," Commissioner Jimmy Anderson agreed. "We'll just have to figure out what can be done."

Commissioner Giddens said Bob Kirkland Road is in his district and that he had received phone calls from people complaining about the lime rock dust, but there wasn't much he could tell them.

"I told them the issue is money," he said. "If we had the money we'd pave every road in the coun-

ty. "Baker County has been diligent in paying its fair share of Medicaid bills, and we protect our taxpayers by rejecting bills sent to us incorrectly," reads the letter written by the county manager. "House Bill 5301 would unjustly force counties to pay up front for bills we know to be incorrect."

Declared April as Water Conservation Month and urged all citizens to take active roles in conserving water and promoting the limited resource's efficient use. The proclamation was approved at the request of the Suwannee River Water Management Dis-

trict. • Appointed Jack Baker to serve on an interim basis on the county's Land Planning Agency basis, a six-member advisory panel which currently has three vacancies.

trict. • Authorized the county manager to send a letter to Gov. Rick Scott urging him to veto House Bill 5301, legislation that would pass along greater costs to Florida's 67 counties for Medicaid expenses.

"The underlying problem is a

crossing the issue during the April 3 board meeting at 5 pm.

Meanwhile, Commissioner Michael Crews suggested residents might want to "inundate" the Baker County Sheriff's Office with phone calls complaining about the situation. He also said he favored closing the road, a suggestion he has made in the past.

Commissioner Adam Giddens said he opposed closing the road, at least until other options have been explored, but he agreed that the complaints focus on a "law enforcement issue."

"Maybe we should encourage the sheriff to put somebody out there to write some tickets," he said.

Another road issue also generated a bit of conversation during the board meeting when several residents complained about dusty conditions in their neighborhood since the county laid down lime rock on Bob Kirkland Road two years ago.

"You can't keep your porches clean. You have to hose down your car two or three times a week. And some days I can't even see the house across the street because of the dust," said Wilma Rowe, a 44-year resident, who presented a petition containing about two dozen signatures.

As long as rain keeps the lime rock wet it serves as a decent road base, but dry conditions are far more prevalent, petitioners said.

The petition states, in part: "We are inundated with lime rock dust and desperately need relief from it. Our homes, porches, patios, windows, garage floors and carpools are covered in a thick layer of lime rock dust. It settles on our outdoor furniture, in our swimming pools, on our boats and campers and vehicles. There are persons with medically documented breathing conditions and this is causing them medical distress."

Barbara Lee said she was told in 2000 that Bob Kirkland Road was on a list of roads to be paved.

"I have asthma and I know for a fact the lime rock affects me," she said. "I cannot breathe it. We would really like to have the road paved."

The board agreed to look into the situation to see if anything can be done, but made no prom-

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A truck exits the dirt road portion of Barber Road heading west toward S. 6th St. the evening of March 20.

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# Had cocaine and pot Arrests the result of traffic stops

Traffic stops by county deputies the morning of March 17 led to the arrests of two persons for felony drug possession. One of them was wanted on felony warrants in two southwest Florida counties.

Deputy Rodney Driggers said he stopped a 2012 Nissan on Interstate 10 near Macclenny for speeding about 8 am and arrested passenger Heather Herrera, 31, of Tampa on multiple charges including both felony and misdemeanor possession, giving a false identification and possession of a smoking pipe.

A check with the crime computer data base revealed that Ms. Herrera was wanted in Hillsborough County for grand theft and failure to appear in court for

driving on a suspended license.

A second warrant from Pasco County was similar to the second count in the first warrant.

The officer said he detected an odor of marijuana coming from the interior of the rental car when he approached it, and during a consent search found both smoked and unsmoked marijuana cigarettes.

He also collected cocaine residue from the carpet near Mr. Herrera's passenger seat, along with the smoking pipe. She admitted smoking the drug.

The driver, Christina Travis, 33, of St. Petersburg, was not charged.

In a second case that occurred four hours earlier, both

occupants of a vehicle stopped at SR 121 and CR 23A were arrested on drug-related charges.

Deputy Chris Walker said he stopped a 1992 Chevrolet driven by Christian Hall, 18, of Sanderson after observing it leave the pavement after turning off 121 about 3:50 am.

He found a small container of powder cocaine under the driver's seat and arrested Mr. Hall for felony possession. He was also ticketed for not having a driver's license, and for making an improper turn.

Passenger Aracely Stewart, 31, of Sanderson was charged with having a smoking pipe in her shirt pocket. She admitted using it to smoke pot earlier.

# Burglary at vacant property

A Sanderson landlord estimates the loss of property and accompanying vandalism amounts to over \$3400 as a result of a burglary on Thomas Sweat Rd. between March 8-12.

Bill Raulerson said an air conditioner valued at \$2500 was taken, along with two tool boxes and contents stored in the rear of a pickup truck. In addition, he told Deputy Rodney Driggers \$200 damage to ducts and a power pole occurred when the air conditioner was removed.

The location was rental property that Mr. Raulerson noted has been vacant. He reported the loss on March 13.

In other recent thefts reported to the sheriff's department

- A box containing an estimated \$500 in tools was taken from the rear of a pickup belonging to Matthew Murchand and parked on Largo Lane overnight on March 17.

Other property taken from the vehicle includes

a battery charger valued at \$150 and a \$50 electric chain saw.

• A Boston terrier valued at \$300 was taken from the property of Fay Raulerson on CR 23A north on March 11.

A neighbor told Sgt. Brad Dougherty a white female with shoulder length brown hair and driving a blue mini-van took the dog, which she claimed she saved from being struck on the road.

The witness quoted the woman as saying she would return it, but two days later still had not. The owner was gone at the time.

• Alice Lauramoren reported two rings valued at \$2000 were taken from the bedroom of her residence on CR 127 between the early morning hours of March 11 and that afternoon.

She gave Deputy Robert Aberly the names of two persons who had access to the residence. She reported the loss on March 16.

# Attempts to switch drivers

Two motorists who attempted to switch places with front seat passengers were arrested within hours of each other for driving with multiple license suspensions.

Carl Rhoden, 29, of Baxter was taken to jail late on March 17 after a computer check confirmed he has ten suspensions for failure to appear in court and failure to pay fines.

Deputy Chris Walker said he and Lt. Scotty Rhoden were on a traffic stop at CR 127 and Moccasin Circle in Baxter about 10:25 when a 1992 Nissan driven by Mr. Rhoden squealed to a

stop nearby and he saw the driver exit around to the passenger side.

Mr. Rhoden had changed places with Billie Valley, 24, of Belleview, FL, who was not charged. He was also ticketed for having an inoperable headlight.

In the second case, Deputy Earl Lord said he was aware that Lee Battles, 21, of Macclenny had a suspended license when he spotted him on US 90 downtown at the wheel of a 1993 Toyota the morning of March 18.

When the officer pulled in behind the vehicle just before 7

am at the Macclenny Mart, Mr. Battles was attempting to switch seats with a female who the officer did not name.

His license has seven prior suspensions.

Another chronic offender, Joshua Thornton, 26, of Glen St. Mary, was arrested the afternoon of March 16 after Deputy Walker spotted him in west Macclenny driving a 2006 Jeep without a seat belt.

He was ticketed for that violation and taken to jail for driving with 11 suspensions on his license.

# Arrests for fighting downtown

County deputies made a three arrests the past week of patrons at two local bars, two of them who had left minutes before when police were called.

Deputy Chris Walker said he noticed commotion coming from a 2008 Pontiac parked near the Macclenny Mart downtown just past midnight on March 13. He arrested two of the vehicle's occupants who were fighting in a rear seat and refused several requests to calm themselves.

They were identified as Dylan Strickland, 18, and Dustin Martin, 19, both of Macclenny. The officer described both combatants as "very intoxicated." They were charged with affray [fighting].

The two were involved in the fracas at nearby Mac's Liquors that triggered the call to police minutes earlier.

• Gary Harper, 25, of Middleburg was arrested by the same deputy outside the Country Club Lounge on SR 121 south of Macclenny at closing time on March 18.

Deputy Walker was parked nearby about 2 am when he spotted Mr. Harper confronting patrons outside the bar and twice cross SR 121 attempting to stop traffic.

He told the officer he was attempting to get a ride back to Middleburg, and then was told he could not walk home because of his intoxication. Deputy Walker arrested him for disorderly intoxication after Mr. Harper returned to the bar parking lot and began again to argue with others.

• Deputy Chad Montean interviewed Anthony Hanley of Jacksonville at the Fraser Hos-

pital emergency room where he was being treated about 2 am on March 16 after he was struck in the parking lot of the Country Club Lounge.

Mr. Hanley said he was seated in a friend's vehicle when a white male approached and struck him in the head.

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# Bogus crack at high school

A campus deputy made three arrests of students at both Baker County High School and Baker County Middle School the past week, including one boy in possession of fake crack cocaine and another with an 8-inch steak knife.

The student caught with counterfeit drugs, a 16-year-old from the Sanderson area, was also charged with having marijuana seeds in a baggie stored in his backpack.

Deputy Allen Markley said administrators at BCHS received a tip from the student's teacher at the adjoining Alternative School that he was brandishing the baggies to classmates the morning of March 13.

The Alternative School is for disruptive students pulled from regular classrooms.

The deputy said what was suspected to be rocks of crack turned out to be another substance. Possession of counterfeit drugs is still a felony. The marijuana charge is a misdemeanor.

The teacher retrieved the baggie of fake crack after seeing the student toss it to the ground. In other arrests:

- A 16-year-old male student from the Macclenny area was ar-

rested the morning of March 16 in possession of seven prescription pills found in a baggie in his backpack.

Asst. Principal John Staples told Deputy Markley he was tipped off by another student the previous afternoon but did not confront the suspect until the next morning about 9 am.

Deputy Markley said the baggie contained three kinds of controlled drugs, two painkillers

and a third used to ease craving for alcohol. The accused insisted the pills were planted in his backpack.

• A 13-year-old middle school boy from the Sanderson area was arrested the morning of March 13 for having the steak knife in his pocket. He allegedly showed it to another student in a threatening manner.

The two were feuding over comments made on Facebook.



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# Farmers market adopt-a-thon rescues dogs, cat from shelter

Baker County Animal Control's adopt-a-thon March 10 found four animals from the animal shelter on Steel Bridge Road new homes. Pictured above is Ava Griffis playing with one of the 15 dogs and one cat brought to the farmers market that day by animal control director Georgia Monfort and shelter volunteers. The chocolate colored female feline was adopted along with a 5-month-old female chihuahua, 4-month-old male black lab mix and 2-year-old male dachshund. Ms. Monfort called the adoption rate "about average," but she hopes to hold another event in a more visible location, perhaps on US 90 in Macclenny. "A lot of times people will look and not follow through (with adoption), I never say it worked until they sign the paper," she said. Adoptions are \$65 for dogs and \$50 for cats. For more information, please call 259-5786.

# 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@bakercountypress.com. All nomination forms must be completed and submitted by Friday, March 30.

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.**  
CASE NO. 02-2011-CA-0137  
PLAINTIFF:  
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC.  
VS.  
PHILIP R. HORNE, ET AL.  
DEFENDANT(S).

**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
To: Nancy Ann Home & Unknown Spouse of Nancy Ann Home  
RESIDENCE: UNKNOWN  
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 424 Islamorada Dr. S., Macclenny, FL 32063  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property located in Baker County, Florida:  
LOT 24, CYPRESS POINTE UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGES 90 THROUGH 92, INCLUDING THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to this action, on Gladstone Law Group, P.A., attorneys for plaintiff, whose address is 1499 W. Palmelto Park Rd, Suite 300, Boca Raton, FL 33486, and file the original with the Clerk of the Court, within 30 days after the first publication of this notice, either before April 23, 2012 or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.  
DATED: March 13, 2012 Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: Jamie Crews Deputy Clerk of the Court

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# Aid to 250-300 families

**JOEL ADDINGTON NEWS EDITOR**  
reporter@bakercountypress.com

The Oklahoma City-based nonprofit Feed the Children sent a semi-trailer full of food, toiletries and household cleaning supplies to Macclenny on March 15 for distribution to families in need.

Local nonprofit groups, which supplied some 30 volunteers for the event, were asked to register families in advance to receive food. The only requirement was that recipients have children in the home.

An estimated 250-300 families picked up donations beginning at 3:30 pm in the National Children's Study parking lot on S. 6th St. in the Crossroads Shopping Center.

"The event was a great success yesterday when every bit of food, cleaning and hygiene items were distributed to Baker families," said Kerry Dunlavey, director of the Baker County Health Department, by e-mail last week. "We were blessed to have the event here this year for the first time."

Feed the Children is a private international charity organization founded in 1979 to deliver "food, medicine, clothing and other necessities to individuals, children and families who lack these essentials due to famine, war, poverty or natural disasters," according to the nonprofit's website, www.feedthechildren.org.

The organization has delivered donations in Jacksonville for the last two years through a partnership with the Northeast Florida Healthy Start Coalition. Now in its third year, the program was expanded to Baker and St. Johns counties.

Other event sponsors included Angel Guardian ad Litem training begins April 9th

You can be the one who is there for an abused and neglected child who was taken away from parents for their own protection, who thinks it is their fault, who has never been to a dentist or doctor, who does not know how long they will be alone in a life filled with strangers, and who believes in their hearts that no one cares.

Some of these children have been in three or more foster homes this year and four schools in the last two years. You can be the one for the child that has never been told they are loved, smart, talented, strong, worthy — that they are somebody.

Guardian ad Litem volunteers are ordinary people doing extraordinary work. The program offers free training, legal and staff assistance. Volunteers commit to at least one year and about 10 hours per month.

If you are there for the child, providing valuable information and recommendations to the court and lifting up that child's voice in court, that child is half as likely to languish in foster care and much more likely to find a safe and permanent home.

The next guardian training class starts April 9. Call Lisa at 904-966-6237 or go to www.gal.alchua.fl.us for more information.

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**Woman's Club fashion show**

The GFWC Woman's Club of Macclenny will hold its 5th annual fashion show on March 24 at the clubhouse, 144 S. 5th St.

Proceeds from the show benefit scholarships, the special olympics and other community service projects of the club.

Brunch will be served at 10 am with the show to begin at 10:30 am. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

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# OBITUARIES

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**CHURCH AND OBITUARY NOTICE INFORMATION**

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

**CONTACT US**

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

**Timothy Crawford 52, of Sanderson**

Timothy Eugene Crawford, 52, of Sanderson died March 19, 2012 at his residence. He was born on April 7, 1959 to the late James Lee Crawford and Anna Mae Baxter Crawford. He was a resident of Baker County for 16 years after moving from Jacksonville.

Timothy honorably served in the US Army and later was employed as a truck driver. He wrote Gospel music, loved to play his guitar, ride his motorcycle and spend time with his beloved chihuahuas.

Survivors include loving wife of 31 years Donna Lynn Pease Crawford; children Pamela Lynn Pease and Chad Wesley Pease; brothers Steven, Jamie and Kevin Crawford; sisters: Lucy, Robin, Rhonda and Dee Dee Crawford; uncles Johnny and Teddy Johnson.

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

**Isabelle Marmie, 97, of Macclenny**

Isabelle Stafford Marmie, 97, of Macclenny died March 18, 2012. She was born January 24, 1915 and resided in Newark, Ohio until the death of husband Ralph Marmie. She moved to Macclenny and lived with her daughter for 10 years. She was predeceased by daughters Janet and Shirley, and son Bill.



Isabelle Marmie

Survivors include daughter Bonnie (Frank) Craig of Macclenny; sons Danny, Jerry, Ralph and Tom Marmie; grandchildren Mike (Diane) Craig of Sanderson, Rod (Sue) Craig of Lake City; Becky Cabrera (Larry) Lord, Tami (Rondle) Lyons, Andy (Merri) Craig, Brad (Connie) Craig; 21 great-grandchildren; 30 great-great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild.

Mrs. Marmie will be laid to rest in Licking County, Ohio. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Community Hospice in her name. Guerry Funeral Home of Macclenny is in charge of arrangements.

**Edward Murphy of Glen St. Mary**

Edward "Ed" D. Murphy, 92, of Glen St. Mary died March 18, 2012 at the VA Medical Center in Lake City.



Edward Murphy

He was born in Lyons, GA to the late Charley Murphy and Viana A b o t t Murphy on December 18, 1919. He honorably served in the US Army during World War II and in later years was an automotive mechanic.

Mr. Murphy was a resident of Baker County since 1981 when he moved from Jacksonville. He was a single father. His children were first in his life and world. He enjoyed woodworking, yard work, gardening and activities where he could use his hands. He was predeceased by his son Donald Edward Murphy.

Survivors include children Anne (John) Bowman of Glen St. Mary and Randy (Candy) Murphy of Jacksonville; grandchildren Robert Taylor, Tammie Smith, Tiffanie Taylor, Pete, Chris Murphy and Mark Murphy; great-grandchildren Elle and Kellen Taylor, Aiden and Peyton Murphy, Aaron, Scott and Bryan Smith.

The funeral service with military honors was held on Wednesday, March 21 at 11 am at First Baptist Church of Glen St. Mary with Pastor Randy Williams officiating. Interment followed in Riverside Memorial Cemetery in Jacksonville. V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Community Hospice of NE FL at 4266 Sunbeam Road Jacksonville, FL 32257.

**Shirley Quinn, 70, of Macclenny**

Shirley Jean Quinn, 70, of Macclenny died Sunday, March 18, 2012 at Macclenny Nursing and Rehab Center after a long illness. Ms. Quinn was born in Jessup, GA to the late J.T. and Sara F r a n c e s Riddle Surreny and lived most of her life in Macclenny.



Shirley Quinn

She enjoyed growing roses and flowers, reading her Bible and praying. She attended the Vineyard of Love Ministries in Olu-ttee when able.

Ms. Quinn was preceded in death by sisters Gail Carnal, Frances Upton and Linda Chisholm, and brother Thad Surreny.

Survivors include her children Donna Williams, Alma (Delbert) Benefield, James Geiger, Thomas Geiger and John Wayne Geiger; brother Tommy Surreny; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Wednesday, March 21 at 2 pm at Guerry Funeral Home with Rev. Troy Alexander officiating. Interment followed at Woodlawn Cemetery, Macclenny.

**Stephen Sands, 48, of Sanderson**

Stephen William Sands, 48, of Sanderson died Sunday, March 18, 2012. A lifelong resident of Baker County, he retired from the Florida Department of Corrections and was the former owner of Sands Land Clearing. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

Survivors include sons Nick Sands, Justin Sands and Mith Davis, all of Sanderson and Mathew Sands of St. George, GA; daughter Kayse Sands of St. George; brothers George Franks of Glen St. Mary, Buddy Franks of Sanderson, Kay Sands of New Orleans, LA and Chance Johnson of Macclenny; three grandchildren also survive.

The funeral service will be held Friday, March 23 at 2 pm at Moniac Baptist Church. Interment will follow at North Prong Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6-8 pm on Thursday, March 22 at the church. Forbes Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**Shirley Timmons 68, of Macclenny**

Shirley Timmons, 68, died Saturday, March 17 after an extended illness. She lived at 11865 Faye Road in Macclenny but was in West Jacksonville Nursing Facility for the last two years. She was born in Jesup, GA to Marion and Isabelle Griffis and they moved to Jacksonville when she was a toddler. She is preceded in death by daughter Jamie Lee Timmons Ives and sisters Velma Jones, Juanita Jones, Letha Vinson and Dorothy Bell.



Shirley Timmons

Survivors include son Douglas Michael Timmons; grandsons Albert Sailor Ives III, Jamie Scott Timmons and Jason Ryan Timmons; siblings Ginny (Bebe) Starling, Buddy (Pat) Griffis, Evelyn (Tony) Walden, Wayne (Linda) Griffis, Judy (Leroy) Johannes, Raymond Griffis; loving companion of 31 years Joe Starling; many nieces and nephews.

The funeral service will be held Friday, March 23 at 1 pm at Town and Country Funeral home with Eddie Griffis officiating. Interment will follow at Riverside Memorial Park Cemetery. The family will receive visitors Thursday, March 22 from 6-8 pm at the funeral home.



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The family of Aric "Sissy" Lauramore Carter would like to take this time to let everyone know how much we appreciated your help during our time of need.

Thank you to friends, family and especially Tommy and Traci Crews and the ladies of Mantown and Sanderson Congregational churches for the food and supplies you brought to our home and to the church prior to the service.

A very special thank you to Pastor Oral Lyons and Louie Creekmore for driving all the way to Abilene, TX to bring Jimbo home. Because of you he was able to pay his final respects and say "good-bye" to his granny. Without you, he would not have had that chance.

Thank you to all the nurses at Brooks Rehab, especially Ms. Grace who went far beyond the call of duty. Thank you to all the wonderful pallbearers who Mama selected herself years ago; Ronnie Harvey, Terry Starling, Gary Dopson, Gene Harvey, Gerald Dopson and Cliff Barton.

Thanks to Dr. James Smart—without you we would not have had Mama near as long as we did. God sends angels when you are in need and you were ours. To Forbes Funeral Home and everyone else who had a hand in helping see Mama out of this life in a peaceful and respectful way, thank you. We will always remember those who came to show support and love for our family.

To Mama's pastor Rev. David Hodges, a very special thank you. Without you and your wife coming over and talking with Mama and praying we couldn't have said "We know our Mama's in Heaven." Due to your dedication and love we can and will shout with joy.

"Our Mama's now in Heaven."

Sincerely,  
Debbie and Bill Sirmans,  
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DADDY, MAMA AND TUCKER

**Heartfelt thanks**

The family of Christopher Crews would like to thank everyone who sent flowers, food, prayers, love and kind words during our time of loss. We express a special thank you to the Macclenny Church of God for its caring generosity and love during our difficult time. We appreciate everything everyone did and may God bless everyone.

The family of Christopher Crews

**Heartfelt thanks**

I would like to take the time to personally thank Hank and Dana Forbes of Forbes Funeral Home for all the kindness and truthfulness that they showed me during the loss of my mother this past week. They did just what I asked of them and beyond that they treated us with respect and made me feel like a person, not a dollar sign. Again thanks and God bless.

Debbie Sirmans,  
daughter of Aric "Sissy"  
Lauramore Carter

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**DINKINS NEW CONGREGATIONAL METHODIST CHURCH**  
CR 127 N. of Sanderson  
Sunday School 10:00 am  
Sunday Morning Service 11:00 am  
Sunday Night Service 6:00 pm  
Wed. Night Service 7:30 pm  
Pastor Allen Crews  
Assistant Pastor Timothy Alford



**In loving memory of our son Garrett Scott Harris**

3/23/1986 - 2/14/2007

With hearts left full of memories of you, we celebrate this special day in your honor.

With 26 candles on your birthday cake gently placed in front of your empty chair, we celebrate you.

Always missed, forever loved and never forgotten.

LOVE,  
MOM, DAD, KAYLA AND JUSTIN

**Heartfelt thanks**

Thank you, dear family and friends, for your sympathy and support. It meant a great deal to us. Your kindness at this time is more appreciated than any words can express.

Sincerely,  
The family of  
Daisybelle Williams

**In Loving Memory of my Daddy Garrett Scott Harris**  
3-23-86 ~ 02-14-07



PHOTO BY JOEL ADOBONTO

**Ronald McDonald performs for preschoolers to promote reading**

Ronald McDonald took the stage at Baker County Middle School the morning of March 14 to perform two, 45-minute shows for area preschoolers. Nearly 300 children from public and private preschools in the county learned about the importance of reading with Ronald, who preformed magic, told jokes and read with the youngsters to promote literacy. "It's nice because they can associate reading with a character they already know and love," said Naomi Anderson, a director at the school district's PreK-Kindergarten Center. The annual event was sponsored by Episcopal Children's Services and the local McDonald's restaurant in Macclenny. The shows are a part of the company's Ronald Reading Ranger program. Each student receives a certificate and "Reading Challenge Card" to present at local libraries. Each book they read gets them one stamp on the card and five stamps will mean a free burger from McDonald's. Above are Abe Harvey (left) and Owen Griffis.

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4/15/12

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121 North + 259-4461  
Macclenny, FL  
Pastor Tim Cheshire  
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Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am  
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 pm

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

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3/22p

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The Franklin Mercantile will be closed
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Stop by soon and see what's new! 259-
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Children's Elite is accepting applications
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clenny. 3/15-22p

Dump truck driver wanted. Experienced
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2000 Chevy Z-71 4x4 LT cab, 4 door,
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3/22p

1999 Mercury, Grand Marquis GS, white,
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2000 GMC Z71 4x4, ex-cab 4 door, 5.3L
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2007 Chevrolet Silverado (Classic) 1500
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MISCELLANEOUS

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clenny. Denise 259-1345. www.youravon.
com/cibofair. 3/22p

Alcoholics anonymous meetings Mon-
day and Friday at 8 pm. Call Wanda 904-
994-7750. 209 Macclenny. 3/12-27p

I have one opening full or part-time to
keep your child in my home. Please call
904-397-0120 or 904-207-0455. Refer-
ences available. 3/22-29p

Stolen dog, 3 year old Boston Terrier was
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North last Sunday morning March 11 by
a lady driving a dark blue van. Please call
us at 259-3803 or the Sheriff's office at
259-2861 with any information you might
have. Thank you, Fay and Jack Raulerson.
3/22p

LOST & FOUND

Lost Dog male, black lab mix with white
on chest and nose. Went missing Saturday
behind Fraser's, Cash Reward!! Please
call 904-626-1771. 3/22p

Found domestic rabbit near Bob
Burnsded/Odis Yarbrough Rd. 904-338-
1556. 3/22p

Found set of keys at 23B and 121. Call
259-4237 to identify. 3/22p

Lost Male Min-Pin, lost the first of March
in vicinity of my jail. Black with rust fea-
tures and docked tail. Looks like a small
doberman and weighs about 12 to 15
lbs. Older with gray showing on his face.
Grandchild heartbroken. Reward offered.
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Copper Creek lot #21 for sale, \$42,000.
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FSBO - 3 BR, 1 1/2 X 80 singlewide on
2.66 fully landscaped acres with 25 x 30
detached block garage and 2 car carport
off John Rowe Rd. in Macclenny. \$74,900.
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3 BR, 2 BA brick home on 1/2 acre in Glen-
field Oaks, a gated community, \$145,000.
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3/22-29p

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garage with succulstone exterior, tile bath
and shower with custom wood cabinets,
stainless steel appliances, \$143,900. 904-
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Two city lots (cleared), in Glen St. Mary.
Two blocks north on Sherman Ave off US
90. Across from Westside Daycare and two
blocks across from the high school. 904-
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PRN-Registered Nurse and Speech Pa-
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Sundress City is accepting applications for
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sundresscity@yahoo.com. 3/22p

Mental health therapist- Macclenny,
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Community Behavioral Healthcare Ser-
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3.46 acres, north Sanderson, set up for
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6/30tc

7 1/2 acres, prime property, cleared with
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On Hwy 185, Mosaic, 1800 SF doublewide
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YARD SALES

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Friday only 8:00 am - 7, 532 N. 5th St., Macclenny.
Huge multi-family, a little bit of everything.

Friday only 9:00 am - 7, US 90 to Sanderson, 229 N across RR tracks, 2nd
road on left. Lots of everything, cheap prices, everything must go. Exercise
equipment, cookware and appliances, CD, DVD, books, clothes and shoes
all sizes. It will be worth your drive.

Friday and Saturday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm, 6666 N. 40 Circle off Bob Kirk-
land, Macclenny. Furniture, antiques, household items, homemade crafts,
clothing (new and used) for men, women and children. Too much to men-
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Friday and Saturday 8:00 am - 7, 7060 E. Franklin St. down from the
Franklin Mercantile in Glen.

Saturday only 8:00 am - 7, 6362 Laurel Ct, gated community off Wood-
lawn. Lots of baby stuff and kids stuff.

Saturday only 8:00 am - 7, 11789 Blueberry Ln, Rolling Meadows. House-
hold goods, decorative items, craft supplies, books and clothing.

Saturday only 7:00 am - 7, in the Macclenny City Hall parking lot on US 90,
Kid's camp fundraiser for Taylor Church. Clothes, baby items, stereo equip-
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audio/video cables, music equipment, computer equipment, furniture, toys,
dinnerware sets, household items, health and beauty, church recording
equipment, books and concessions.

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Crain - Brown

**To wed March 24**

The families of Keri Crain and Robert (DacDae) Brown are pleased to announce their upcoming marriage.

The wedding will take place March 24, 2012 at 5 pm at The Steele House in Glen St. Mary with reception to follow. Family and friends are invited to attend.

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

**Press Ad Deadline:  
Monday 5:00 PM**

**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

**March 22**

BCHS: Postsecondary Education Readiness test for the 11th grade, Tennis vs. West Nassau, 3:30 pm, Junior Varsity Baseball at Suwannee tournament, TBA, Baseball vs. Bradford, 6:30 pm BCMS: After School Lab, 2:10 - 3:40 pm, Softball at Lake City, 4:30 pm KIS: FAIR Testing WES: Good Morning Show Club Meeting, 8 am, Tutoring/After School Reading Club, 3:15 pm MES: FCAT Fun Intervention, Math PK/K: Curefinders for Cystic Fibrosis Fundraiser Begins

**March 23**

BCHS: Track at Bishop Snyder, TBA, Junior Varsity Baseball at Suwannee Tournament, TBA, Beta Club Candy Sale Ends, Boys Weightlifting Qualifier at Bradford, 2:30 pm KIS: FAIR Testing, No Referral Reward Dance, 6-8 pm WES: Positive Behavior Support Club Meeting, 8 am MES: FCAT Fun Intervention - Math PK/K: Curefinders for Cystic Fibrosis Fundraiser Begins

**March 24**

BCMS: FCAT Math Blitz, 8:30 am - 12 pm

**March 26**

District-wide: End of 3rd Nine Weeks BCHS: Cheerleading Try-outs Clinic, 3 pm, Junior Varsity Baseball vs. Paxon, 6 pm BCMS: After School Lab, 2:10-3:40 pm, Accelerated Reading Points Due KIS: FAIR Testing MES: Journalism Club Meeting, 3:15 pm PK/K: Scholastic Book Fair, Spring Parties

**March 27**

District-wide: "Leaving a Legacy" Scholarship Fundraiser dinner, by ticket or invitation, 6:30 pm BCHS: Postsecondary Educational Readiness Test for 10th and 12th Grades, Cheerleading Try-outs Clinic, 3 pm, Track at Bradford County, 3:30 pm, Tennis at Terry Parker, 3:30 pm, Baseball vs. Suwannee, 6:30 pm BCMS: Softball vs. Hilliard, TBA KIS: FAIR Testing WES: Tutoring/After School Reading Club, 3:15 pm PK/K: Spring Pictures, Scholastic Book Fair, Kindergarten Readiness, 6-8 pm

**March 28**

BCHS: Boys Junior Weightlifting, TBA, Varsity and Junior Varsity Softball at Oakleaf, 3 pm, Cheerleading Try-outs Clinic, 3 pm KIS: FAIR Testing WES: Merrie Melodies, 8 am PK/K: Scholastic Book Fair, Spring Parties



Rhoden - Mette

**To wed March 24**

David and Anita Mette of Glen St. Mary are pleased to announce the upcoming marriage of daughter Christy Mette to Danny Rhoden.

Mr. Rhoden is the son of Steve and Mary Rhoden, also of Glen.

The wedding will take place March 24, 2012 at 4 pm at the Christian Fellowship Temple with reception following at the Baker County Fairgrounds. Family and friends are invited to attend.



Bristol Nicole Harvey

**Daughter arrives**

Jonathen Harvey and Heather Vazquez of Glen St. Mary are pleased to announce the arrival of daughter Bristol Nicole on March 10, 2012 at Orange Park Medical Center.

Bristol weighed 7 lbs., 5 oz. and measured 18 3/4 inches long. Grandparents include Tony and Elaine Vazquez of Bryceville, and Bubba and Lora Harvey of Glen St. Mary.

**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.

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**School Lunch MENU**

March 26 - March 30

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 26**

**Breakfast:** Turkey sausage pancake wrap, orange/pineapple juice and milk.

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

**Tuesday, March 27**

**Breakfast:** Breakfast burrito, peach slices and milk.

**Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza hot pocket or ham with beans and rice with a wheat roll. Choice of 2 sides: steamed green peas, raw veggies with ranch dressing, seasonal fresh fruit, fresh baked cake and milk.

**Wednesday, March 28**

**Breakfast:** Sausage biscuit, pineapple juice and milk.

**Lunch:** Cheese pizza or BBQ pork on a bun. Choice of 2 sides: baked fries, green beans, mix fruit cup and milk.

**Thursday, March 29**

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

**Lunch:** Roast pork slice with a whole grain roll or fish crisp on a bun. Choice of 2 sides: Italian green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, seasonal fresh fruit and milk.

**Friday, March 30**

Teacher Planning Day - No School

## Eagle's Nest, Little Playmates tops

**JOEL ADDINGTON  
NEWS EDITOR**  
reporter@bakercountypress.com

With VPK — Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten — enrollments on-going at public and private preschools around the county, here's a look at the latest kindergarten readiness rates for each preschool.

Preschoolers take exams early in kindergarten and the results are tracked by the Florida Department of Education, which assigns the readiness rates.

The rates reflect the percentage of children from a particular preschool program who score high enough on two tests to be considered ready for kindergarten.

The latest readiness rates reflect the performance on tests administered last fall to children

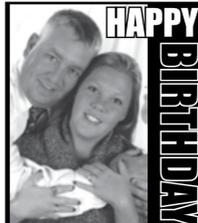
**20th class reunion planned for August**

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

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**Upcoming events at the Baker County Family YMCA**

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**Swim Conditioning** April 24

**Healthy Kids Day** April 28

**Kids Triathlon Training** Saturdays at 10 am, Event April 29, 2012

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who finished preschool in the 2010-11 school year.

The top-rated preschools in the county were Eagle's Nest School in Macclenny and Little Playmates Preschool Center, Inc. in Glen St. Mary, both of which had 100 percent of their 4-year-olds score high enough to be considered kindergarten ready.

VPK providers with readiness rates below 70 percent are deemed "low-performing" preschools by the state.

Two of the nine VPK providers in Baker County serving enough children in 2010-11 to receive a readiness rate failed to reach the benchmark. They were Westside Nursery Preschool, Inc. of Glen St. Mary and Love Center Preschool & School Age Facility, 574 Minnesota Ave.; 50.

For more information on VPK providers here and around the state, visit <https://vpk.fl DOE.org> or call 1-866-447-1159.

Head Start, 418 S. 8th St., Macclenny, 75;

• Westside Nursery Preschool Inc., 10274 N. Sherman Ave., Glen St. Mary, 67; and

• Love Center Preschool & School Age Facility, 574 Minnesota Ave.; 50.

- ABC Childcare & Learning Center, LLC, 627 S. 5th St., Macclenny, 93;
- First United Methodist Preschool and C.C., 93 N. 5th St., Macclenny, 88;
- Baker County Pre-K, 362 South Blvd. E., Macclenny, 86;
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**SPORTS NOTICE SUBMISSIONS**

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Photo by Judo Johnson

## Little league kicks off 2012 baseball season

The Baker County Little League began the 2012 baseball season at the Knabb Sports Complex in Macclenny the morning of March 17. Softball starts this weekend. More than 700 youths, ages 4-16, are participating in little league this year, said league official Melissa Burnsed. She added that the group was the largest in league history. The regular season runs through the second week of June with all-star play to follow. This year's opening ceremony included an address by Baker County Commission chairman Gordon Crews, an award presentation to Sheriff Joey Dobson as well as the Pledge of Allegiance (pictured) and National Anthem before play began.



Photo by Judo Johnson

Kyle Horne looks to throw during the Kenny game last week.

## Losses to Kenny, Verot, N. Florida

**BOB GERARD | SPORTS**

Last week was one the Wildcat baseball team would like to forget. The Cats lost a close one to district foe Bishop Kenny and then dropped games against state powers North Florida Christian and Bishop Verot in the UNF Tournament of Champions. They bounced back a little in their final game of the tourney, beating Eagle's View.

The week started badly with a 2-1 district loss to Kenny as the Crusaders took advantage of some breaks at home on Thursday, March 15. Chris Waddell threw five innings and Brad Stone came in for the sixth inning.

"We just didn't execute enough to win the game," said Coach Fred Matricardi. "We had chances but couldn't get that big hit."

The Cats came out on Friday with a hangover from the Kenny game and it showed as they lost to North Florida Christian 8-3. BCHS gave up five runs in the second inning and that proved to be the difference.

"We made a couple of uncharacteristic mistakes and came out a little flat after the Kenny game," commented Matricardi.

Hunter Hanks led the offense, going 3 for 4.

On Saturday the Wildcats played a double header in the UNF tournament, losing to Bishop Verot of Fort Myers 10-3 and beating Eagle's View 7-2.

Bishop Verot scored eight in the first inning and that was the difference as the Cats were unable to scratch back into the game. Verot was the eventual winner of the tournament.

"We played much better but sometimes a team can hit and there isn't anything you can do about it," said Matricardi. "We batted back and swung the bats well. Ethan Wilkerson and John Lambright had two hits each."

Jacob Milton threw a complete game to get his third win of the season versus Eagles View.

"We needed him to go deep because our pitching was getting thin and he responded well," praised Matricardi.

Brandon Miller and Hunter Hanks had two hits apiece to lead the offensive attack.

"This tournament was good for us to see where we're at with some of the best teams in the state," said the coach. "We played two defending state champs (North Florida and Bishop Verot) and if you take one inning away in each game we're right there. I think this will help us down the road."

The Cats host Bradford County on Thursday, March 22 at 6:30 pm.

## Girls back on slugfest

The Lady Wildcat softball team rallied back from its shocking one-run loss to Yulee last week by out scoring Terry Parker and Forrest by a combined 28-0 runs. The girls were in command from start to finish in both games.

The Cats remained undefeated in the district with a 9-0 home win over Terry Parker on March 13. They scored early and often, with a pair of runs in each of the first four innings and a single run in the sixth.

Haley Crews allowed only two hits on the night and struck out 16 Braves batters.

Crews got things going in the game with a triple in the first inning. Tina Hauge singled to bring her in and scored herself.

In the second inning Genie Taylor and Tayler McCann crossed home for the Cats. In the third it was Clara Harvey and Brooke Roberts. Harvey cracked a solo home run to electrify the home crowd.

Kylie Holton and Taylor Crumme scored in the fourth and Roberts wrapped up the scoring with an insurance run in the sixth inning.

Taylor was 3 for 4.

The Cats traveled to Forrest on March 15 and being away from home didn't stop the Wildcat bats. They had a 10-run second inning that put the game out



Photo by Judo Johnson

Genie Taylor slides onto base.

Shelby Gatto and Mackenzie Wingard combined to no-hit the Rebels. The Cats got a pair of runs in the first inning off of Gatto and Kylie Holton. A Crumme double brought them in.

In the second the Lady Cats exploded for 10 runs and four doubles. Roberts, McCann (2), Crews, Hauge (2), Gatto, Holton, Crumme and Taylor all scored.

BCHS wrapped things up in the third inning with seven runs. The game was called after that due to the mercy rule.

Holton, Crumme, Branda Jarvis, Roberts, Taylor, McCann and Crews all scored. Crumme had 4 RBIs and Hauge 3.

The girls travel to Daytona Beach this weekend for the Daytona Beach Softball Slam at Spruce Creek. The Lady Cats are 9-4 overall and 7-0 in the district.

## Weightlifters blow past Tigers, Bulldogs

**BOB GERARD | SPORTS**

The state champion Wildcat weightlifting team again demonstrated its domination over area schools by crushing Columbia High and Suwannee High by over 30 points on March 14 at Columbia High. The Cats scored 67 points to 35 for CHS and 7 for Suwannee.

First place finishes went to Dalton Williams (119-pound class), Dalton Jackson (129), Brian Goldsmith (139), Dalton Dyal (154), Jaremy Green (169), Hunter Sullivan (183), Kendrick Singleton (199), Jeremy Wannamaker (219), Terry Givens (238), and heavyweight Dillon Mills. Brandon Harvey (129), Rickie Tharpe (169), and Bodean Gray (heavyweight) had second place finishes, while Brian Atkinson (154), Talmage Turner (183) and CeCe Jefferson (238) finished third.

All 15 Wildcat lifters qualified for the next round of state sectionals at BCHS on April 5.

## Tennis teams win two

The Baker High boys and girls tennis teams notched a pair of wins this past week, defeating Union County and Yulee. The boys defeated Yulee in Nassau County on March 13 by a score of 7-0.

Nick Dukeman won the number one singles match 8-1 and Sam Murphy won 8-3. Jared Stafford won 8-1 and Hunter Stavely won 8-0 with Grant Burns winning 9-7 in the road contest.

Stafford and Tyler Curry won 9-7 and Evan Barrett and Tanner Orberg won 8-4.

The Cats defeated Union County 6-2 on March 15. Dukeman won the number one singles match 8-1 and Murphy the number two singles match 8-2. Jared Stafford won 8-1 and Hunter Stavely won 8-2. Grant Burns

won the number five singles match 8-6.

Stafford and Tyler Curry won the number one doubles match 8-5. Evan Barrett and Tanner Orberg lost 5-8.

The girls beat Yulee 6-2. Tiana Raysor won the number two singles match 8-0. Kaylann Stafford lost 6-8 and Stephanie Gross lost 6-8. Logan Raulerson won 8-0 and Hayleigh Latimer won 8-3. Raysor and Stafford won 8-6 and Gross and Raulerson won 8-4.

The girls struggled to defeat Union County 4-3 on March 15. Raysor and Stafford both lost by identical 8-9 scores. Raulerson won 8-1 and Latimer 8-3. Torree Jones lost 3-8. Raysor and Stafford won 4-1 on a Union County forfeit and Raulerson and Latimer won 8-2.

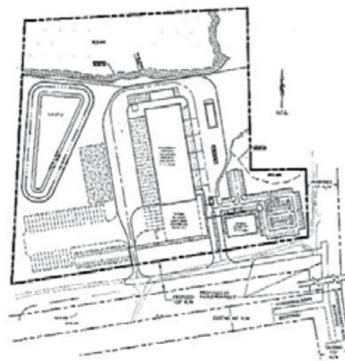
## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR IWMS BIO-MEDICAL THERMAL REDUCTION FACILITY

The Baker County Board of County Commissioners will hold two Public Hearings on Monday, April 3, 2012 at 6:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as possible, and on April 16, 2012 at 6:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Baker County Administration Building, 55 North Third Street, Macclenny Florida, to consider entering into a development agreement with IWMS for the development of the 24.07 acre site as a Bio-Medical Thermal Reduction Facility located on Tax Parcel: 27-2S-22-0000-0000-0035 at the north end of Enterprise East Boulevard. The agreement includes a variance to the Baker County Land Development Regulations as to the maximum allowed height of structures.

Proposed Development Uses: Construction of a bio-medical thermal reduction facility, together with appurtenant facilities, a portion of which is no taller than 100 feet tall requiring a variance, such as but not limited to, an office building, driveways, vehicle parking, guardhouse, truck wash, a truck maintenance garage, storm water facilities, power supply and other accessory uses

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Copies of said development agreement may be inspected by any member of the public in the Commissioners office, address stated above. On the above mentioned dates, all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed development agreement which is titled as follows:

Development Agreement By and Among Baker County, Florida Baker County Development Commission and Integrated Waste Management Systems, Inc.

In accordance with Section 286.0105, F. S.: "If any person desires 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."

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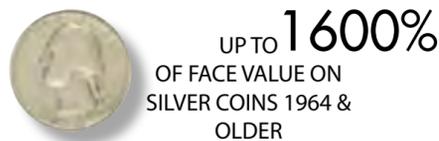
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Almost everyone has something of value they no longer need or want: Inherited items, jewelry that doesn't fit your style, watches that are old or even broken, silver pieces. Several items that might be useless to YOU... may be considered treasures by the collectors from our vast international network.

**REASONS TO SELL**

- 1. International Coin Collectors Association specialize in evaluation and buying New and Antique jewelry. Our generations of experience qualify us to evaluate everything from small pieces to the finest and most valuable estate jewelry
- 2. International Coin Collectors Association has an undisputed reputation. We work in compliance with your Local and State Government.
- 3. This is an ideal opportunity to have your valuables evaluated (especially if you inherited them) by specialists right here in this area. Come in for a free consultation and cash offer-NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY
- 4. If you are not wearing or enjoying the items that you have, then this is a great chance for you to convert them to CASH. This is much better than just holding hard to sell diamonds, jewelry & coins.

**International Coin Collectors Association ONE DAY ONLY**

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