

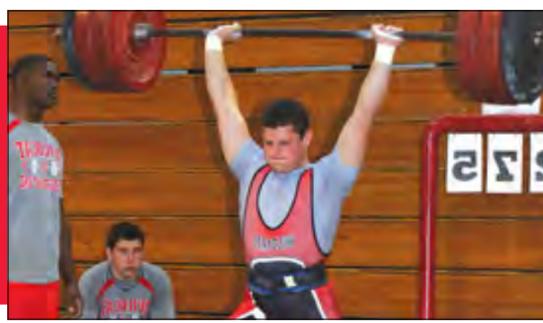
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## Meth lab found in woods off 90



EMS personnel medically clear Mr. Spivey.

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The Baker County sheriff's department arrested another man suspected of making methamphetamine early this week, this time at a dilapidated trailer east of Macclenny the morning of April 9.

Michael Tillman Spivey, 33, was booked at county jail for manufacturing the drug after being cleared by emergency medical services personnel called to the residence at 11261 Rayonier Rd. about 11 am.

There sheriff's investigators found various paraphernalia inside, including a digital scale, blow torch, pseudo-ephedrine and plastic two-liter bottles, among other items commonly used to make meth.

Two large dogs roamed the front yard as police collected and photographed evidence. A shaking chihuahua was inside the 728-square-foot mobile home built in 1970 and two junk vehicles, several rusted propane tanks and other refuse littered the front yard.

Investigator Mike Hauge said the sheriff's office received information that Mr. Spivey was purchasing pseudo-ephedrine, a key ingredient in making meth, in Jacksonville before visiting the address on Monday.

Mr. Spivey was arraigned the following afternoon and his bond set

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## Incinerator firm calls off hearings

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Integrated Waste Management Systems, the Pennsylvania-based company with plans to build a medical waste incinerator facility on 24 acres north of the Walmart Distribution Center, has canceled two public hearings on the project previously scheduled for April 12 and 16.

In a letter to the Baker County Commission dated April 9,

**See page 4 story on industrial bonds and other potential incentives for development of the proposed medical waste incinerator facility**

the company apologized for "any misperceptions that may have been created" during public hearings last week and asked that the board defer taking any action on the development agreement.

The development agreement is a three-party contract between the company, county commission and Baker County Development Commission, which owns the property in Enterprise East and off US 90 on which the incinerator facility is planned.

A previous hearing drew a standing-room-only crowd and prompted 14 residents to voice their opposition to the facility during the county commission's meeting the evening of April 3.

"Before we do anything else regarding this project, we want to ensure that our company has clearly answered commis-

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## Vote looms on closure of Barber Road, set for May 21

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## County Line Fire spreads May need local crews to protect Taylor

**JOEL ADDINGTON**  
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State and federal wildfire officials have warned Baker County Fire Department that local firefighters may be needed to protect homes in Taylor should the so-called County Line Fire in the Osceola National Forest get out of control.

County fire Chief Richard Dolan said the afternoon of April 10 he learned during a briefing earlier that morning that the wildfire nearly doubled in size during the last few days to some 22,000 acres.

The blaze located in the Pinehook Swamp near the Baker-Columbia county line began about 12 am on April 5 due to lightning, the US Forest Service [USFS] reported.

No structures had been damaged by the fire as of late Tuesday, but the fire had grown to some 25,000 acres and was 25 percent contained. Crews were expected to work overnight to fortify fire lines to the southeast and east.

Chief Dolan said winds were expected to



Aerial photo taken by pilot Geoff Nelson of the County Line Fire on April 10.

PHOTO BY GEOFF NELSON

shift towards the east and would push the blaze in that direction on Wednesday.

"They're putting us on notice," he said. "If things go right, they may not need us, but it could possibly threaten Taylor ... Right now they're trying to figure out a trigger point to

decide when to call us. If it stays in the box they've built, there's no problem, but it's been pretty unpredictable."

USFS reported that 140 personnel had re-

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## Kids flock to Easter Saturday festivities

A host of Easter weekend celebrations took place under sunny skies the morning and afternoon of April 7 at sites around the county. Destiny People Worship Center's Egg-stravaganza event at the Baker County Fairgrounds featured many activities for area children including pictures with the Easter Bunny above. Shown with him are sisters Reanna (left) and Journey Green. Another event by First Baptist Church of Glen St. Mary at Celebration Park in Glen is where the children pictured at right listened to Pastor Randy Williams speak about the holiday's Christian roots. See page 11 for more photos of Easter Saturday activities.



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# Croft wants back on board; sheriff will seek sixth term

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James A. Croft of Olustee served four years on the Baker County Commission 28 years ago and he's back for more. The 53-year-old evangelist and occasional radio host filed documents with Supervisor of Elections Nita Crawford's office on April 9 to challenge incumbent county commissioner Michael R. Crews of Glen St. Mary.

James Croft

Mr. Crews, a former Baker County Sheriff's Office deputy and head of security at Northeast Florida State Hospital, qualified for the 2012 ballot in February by collecting the 140 petition signatures required.

Mr. Croft has yet to qualify either by petition or by paying the \$1788 fee. Candidates have until May 27 to qualify by petition and until June 8 to qualify by fee.

Both candidates are running for the District 1 seat as Republicans and will meet in the August 14 primary should both qualify. Baker County Sheriff Joey B. Dobson officially launched his re-election campaign this week as well by filing documentation with the election's supervisor on April 9.

A written statement from the sheriff says he intends to run on his record, "advanced professional training" and "substantial law enforcement career experience."

The Democrat has drawn three challengers thus far: two

Republicans in St. Johns County Sheriff's Office Deputy Cameron Coward of Macclenny and Gregory Bohannon, plus Independent Timothy Smith, an employee at the Walmart Distribution Center.

Only Mr. Coward had qualified for the race as of early this week. Campaign finance records show he's raised \$5960 through April 8 and spent \$4336. Sheriff Dobson won re-election in 2008 with nearly 82 percent of the vote, defeating Mr. Bohannon and Mr. Smith, who garnered 10.33 percent and 7.76

Michael Crews

percent of the electorate, respectively, four years ago. Other constitutional officers began filing their 2012 election paperwork recently as well, though none had drawn opponents as of early this week.

Elections supervisor Nita Crawford filed on April 3, Property Appraiser Tim Sweat on April 4, Tax Collector Gene Harvey on April 4 and Clerk of Courts Al Fraser on March 24. All four are running as Democrats. The general election will be November 6. For more information about running for office or the upcoming elections, please call the elections office at 259-6339 or visit www.bakerelections.com.

# Fire is spreading

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sponded to the County Line Fire by April 10. Also assigned were 17 engines, two hand crews, 20 tractor plows, two dozers, four excavators, a road grader, bat-winged mower and four helicopters.

Early this week the large fire and shifting winds sent a smoky haze at times to various areas of the county and points closer to Jacksonville, limiting visibility on roadways. Authorities recommend slowing down when driving in such conditions and turning on low-beam headlights so other drivers can see you.

Another smaller fire ignited in the north county at 13751 Game Rd. in Sanderson about 5 pm on April 8 when a wood burning pile escaped its perimeter.

County firefighters contained the flames and called in the Florida Forestry Service to take over the scene. No property was damaged by the fire.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Incinerator data was 'generalized and vague'

Dear Editor:

I attended the April 3 county commission meeting regarding the proposed bio-hazard treatment plant and I'm concerned about this health risk coming to our hometown.

I find it very troubling that the information presented from the Integrated Waste Management Systems representatives at the meeting was very generalized and extremely vague at best. No specific information was delivered to the concerned citizens or county commissioners, which left me with grave concerns considering specific information was requested of them.

Yet, specific information was presented to the immediate property owners surrounding the planned construction site on March 29. This leads one to believe the citizens of Baker County are intentionally not being provided relevant information regarding the significant health concerns surrounding this project.

Surprisingly, our county officials have been working with Integrated Waste Management for more than a year and no one has presented any type of risk analysis or hazard model regarding the nine regulated toxins that will be steadily released into the Baker County air. Furthermore, the director of our development commission has confidence in the company and the technology they intend to use. Yet, to date, no such plant exists anywhere to determine or ascertain any specific performance measures.

Your article also states, "New, stricter environmental regulations on the disposal of such garbage - which consists of human blood, tissue and things that come in contact with them ..."

Tissue - that means human flesh. So truckloads of containers full of the remains of aborted babies, diseased body parts, blood and containers filled with every other infectious disease known to man could be coming to Baker County for final dispersion into our environment.

Janet Herrick of Onsite Environmental Consulting was quoted: "The resulting gas will then be filtered and the final product will be 'smokeless, odorless and inert.'" She further stated that "under the right weather conditions, the emission could appear as fog." This leaves me wondering if this fog will resemble the same smoke that appeared during the Holocaust.

The director of the Baker County Development Commission also is quoted as saying Macclenny Fire Department personnel are trained to respond to emergencies involving hazardous materials.

God bless the public servants who rush to our aid and respond to everything, whether they are or are not properly equipped and trained. Last time I checked, there was no fully certified HAZMAT (hazardous materials) response team in Macclenny, or for that matter the entire county. Biological hazardous material is not labeled and packaged like other hazardous material. The decontamination processes available to us for biological contamination are very limited.

An Integrated Waste Management Systems official also says the facility would take in "between 30 and 60 tons of processed waste per day, but the latter figure would be unlikely for safety reasons."

Why is there more of a safety risk for 60 tons per day than 30 tons per day? Is there a daily accumulation factor of these toxins to be concerned about? Is it possible the processing 60 tons could exceed known safety thresholds? Why wasn't any of this information made available at the commissioners' meeting?

These aren't difficult questions and certainly someone should be held accountable to insure they are answered from an independent source.

Why was this meeting scheduled during spring break, when a lot of us are on vacation? Why is the next and final meeting scheduled so soon after, on April 16? How can the commissioners make an informed decision in only 13 days? If our county officials have been working on this project for more than a year, why rush now?

It is projected this facility could produce as much as 6,000 pounds of solid waste a day. That amounts to well over 2,000,000 pounds per year. Where is this waste going to go? Is it possible our taxes will one day be raised to support necessary landfills?

Sounds like a win-win for Integrated Waste Management Systems and the local government. Baker County makes money on the sale of the property. Integrated Waste Management Systems imports waste from Pennsylvania and other states, perhaps even from another country and then the Baker County residents foot the bill to extend our landfills.

Facilities such as this one are necessary; however, they should not be located near any town or municipality regardless of the size or population base. There are vast amounts of vacant acreage all over Florida and other regions of the United States where these processes could occur without threatening our health and livelihood.

I bet there's even room in Pennsylvania!

Joe DeFee  
Macclenny

# Consider county's health

Dear Editor:

The county commission should consider the health of Baker County citizens and vote against the medical waste facility.

Twelve years ago I was diagnosed with two auto-immune diseases, and though I am in remission, I fear the carcinogens released into the air will exacerbate my condition.

I also have depression and that would be aggravated with the thought of breathing air tainted with human blood and the bodies of innocent aborted babies.

I trust the commissioners will listen to the voice of the people.

Eva Redmon  
Macclenny

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# Arrested at meth lab off 90 Monday...

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at \$50,000.

The suspect is an habitual traffic offender, court records show. He was released last October after serving 44 days in county jail following an arrest for driving on a suspended license. His criminal history also includes a three-month county jail sentence in January, 2009 for a DUI arrest in 2008.

The roughly 10-acre Rayonier Road property is just east of the Walmart Distribution Center off US 90 in the Mattox Farm subdivision. It's owned by R.T. Spivey Jr. and Verdine Gail Spivey, according to property records.

Manufacturing methamphetamine is a felony. Mr. Spivey's arrest comes just over a month after four other suspects in two separate cases, both involving a male and female, from Glen St. Mary and Baxter, respectively, were arrested in early March for manufacturing the drug or procuring ingredients to do so.

Five other males have been arrested in Baker County on similar charges and two in Baldwin since mid-December of 2011.

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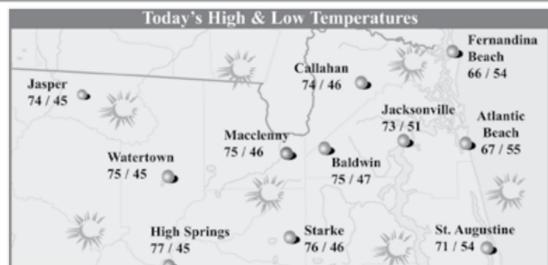
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Hearings on project postponed Teen claims rape at March 31 party

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May close Barber Road Members conflicted; vote May 21

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A Lake City man is facing multiple criminal and traffic charges following his arrest during a traffic stop on Interstate 10 near Sanderson the evening of April 5...

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Suspect is sought in April 9 stabbing

A Macclenny man with a criminal record of both personal and property crimes is sought this week for questioning in the stabbing of another man at an east city residence early on April 9...

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# Health stats take a dip Baker near bottom of the state

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It's been three years since the release of the first County Health Rankings and each year Baker County has lost ground in the statistics tied to the length and quality of life of its citizens. The so-called "health outcomes" ranking for 2012, released last week by the University of Wisconsin and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation along with the status of counties nationwide, places Baker County 63rd among Florida's 67 counties.

The health outcomes ranking consists of five measures that gauge how many people die before the age of 75, how many babies are born with low birth weights and how many people self-report having poor physical or mental health on a telephone survey.

This year Baker County slipped one place in the health outcomes numbers after falling two spots in 2011 from its initial ranking of 60th in the state in 2010.

Baker County's "health factors" slotting, which presumably point to the causes of positive or negative health outcomes, dropped three spots to 53rd in Florida, but remains better than the 57th place the county received in 2010.

The health factors section does not account for genetic or biological health factors, but uses two dozen other measures to determine four rankings for health behaviors, clinical care, social and economic factors and the physical environment, respectively.

This year Baker County fell one place — from 64th to 65th — in health behaviors, largely due to a spike in the chlamydia rate and deaths from motor vehicle crashes. The increases were tempered by slight declines in the teen birth, smoking and obesity rates.

Baker County slid six spots to 48th in clinical care, two notches to 30th in the social and economic category, and 15 places to 50th in the physical environmental areas.

Does such a track record discourage local public health officials?

"Of course not," said health department director Kerry Dunlavey this week, adding that the rankings are not only a reflection on public health organizations, but the community as a whole, including municipal and county governments, businesses and nonprofit groups.

"And it's people's behaviors," she said. "It's important for us to get the information and education out there, but people have to make their own choices."

The health department employs a handful of health educators who coordinate programs to combat smoking, obesity and diabetes, the latter of which has been operating for a decade or more.

The diabetes rate in Baker County fell from 15.4 percent in 2002 to 10.5 percent in 2007, according to statistics from the Florida Department of Health.

Ms. Dunlavey said such programs appear to be effective in putting downward pressure on the prevalence of such illness and the health department and its affiliated nonprofit, Healthy Baker, are endeavoring to reach a larger segment of the local population using the Internet.

She hopes the launching of websites like www.healthybaker.org and more recently www.outspokn.com will spark more interest in healthy living from a larger cross-section of county stakeholders.

"It's really social marketing — getting that information and education out there in a way that people will be interested enough to want to go to those sites," she said. "But we're just starting out and we don't have a tremendous amount of resources to get a web designer. But we're doing our very best and any suggestions we would really like."

The county health figures, released during National Public Health Week on April 1-8, aim to give the general public information about what's making people sick or healthy, both at home and in other counties nationwide.

St. Johns County, for instance, was deemed the healthiest county in Florida while neighboring

Union County to the south the least healthy.

The good news is the 2012 figures reflect health data that is at least two years old, which means the community may be healthier today than in 2009 or 2010, the most recent years of data used to compile the county health rankings in Florida.

But when today's data gets incorporated into Baker County's health rankings in the future, what will it show?

"I think it's going to say that often times where you live matters, your race matters, poverty certainly matters, and whether you have funding to sustain programs matter," said Ms. Dunlavey, alluding to the more than \$1 million lost by the health department during the last five years.

It's unclear whether her agency's tighter budget will have a negative impact on the county's health statistics.

"I don't know," she said. "It sounds like you could think that rationally, but do people in the community and other agencies — and city and county government — do they take the opportunities to promote health? That will be a question they'll have to answer."

The director credited the school district and private physicians for their efforts to improve the health of local residents.

In the only other case on the CEB's April agenda, the board recommended to the county commission a fine reduction in the case of Roger Harvey of Macclenny, who was cited in 2010 for lack of trailer skirting.

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On a motion by Mr. Theus, the board recommended the com-

## CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD

# Wants buildings razed

The Baker County Code Enforcement Board resolved this week to ask the county commission to condemn a two-tract parcel on James Britt Rd. as a health and safety nuisance.

The CEB received a complaint last year about the condition of an abandoned house, trailer home and shed on the property and tabled action on a violation because the owner of record Peter Juba is deceased and does not appear to have any living heirs.

The code board in a February workshop leaned toward petitioning the county to raze the buildings as a health hazard due to refuse and unsafe conditions, and re-affirmed that position on April 9 via a unanimous vote following a motion by Chris Gazes.

Earlier, board counsel Will Sexton repeated his reservations about proceeding with an enforcement order because the defendant's heirs would first have to be notified.

"We can't get past the 'notice' problem for the CEB to take action," said Mr. Sexton. "There's no human being to receive the notice."

Certificates for unpaid taxes have been sold on the property the last four years, and the board had the option of approaching the first-in-line purchaser who would eventually acquire the property. It rejected that strategy as more complicated than direct-approaching the county board, which has condemnation power.

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mission reduce the amount by half and give Mr. Harvey 90 days to pay it.

The CEB in the past has agreed to fine reductions in cases of hardship. Mr. Harvey indicated that until recently he has been out of work and relied on relatives to make payments on the property.

All the sentences will be served concurrently.

She entered the pleas during regular circuit court session on April 9.

Judge Phyllis Rosier also imposed the mandatory \$50,000 fine attached to the trafficking offense and ordered Ms. Womack to be on probation two years following release. She gets credit for nearly a year she has been in county jail.

Among the charges she pleaded to were sales of Hydrocodone to an undercover buyer in March, 2011, and two instances when she stole several thousand dollars worth of jewelry from acquaintances the following month.

In other case dispositions that day, Cornelius Ruise III pleaded no contest to multiple drug possession and sale charges and was given a four-year prison sentence.

Mr. Ruise, 28, of Glen St. Mary also pleaded to pulling a pistol on his girlfriend during an

argument in west Macclenny in November, 2011.

Court records show he sold crack cocaine to a police informant in the parking lot of the Dollar General in Glen twice in February, 2011. Among the charges in the plea deal was resisting police.

Mr. Ruise has a prior record that includes sale and possession of controlled drugs and possession of cocaine with intent to sell.

Robert Burnsed Jr., 34, of Glen St. Mary drew a sentence of one year and a day for operating a meth lab at a vacant residence on Bob Burnsed Rd.

Police acted on a tip last Christmas Eve and arrested the defendant and another man in possession of ingredients to manufacture methamphetamine. The state dropped a charge of possessing a controlled substance.

Gerald Starling will serve a year in county jail after pleading no contest to violating probation for felony driving on a revoked license. Judge Rosier revoked the existing probation order.

The judge revoked probation in the case of Eugene Finley, who violated its terms from a 2009 burglary case. She ordered him to county jail for ten months.

Jonathan Anderson pleaded no contest to felony fleeing police and driving on a suspended license and was placed on an

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The Baker County Land Planning Agency will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, April 26, 2012 at 7:00 PM in the Baker County Administration Building, 55 North Third Street, Macclenny Florida, to consider for recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners a proposed amendment, by ordinance to the Baker County Comprehensive Plan. Amendment request was submitted by David E. Sacks as agent for FBSA 2, L.L.C. Copies of said ordinance may be inspected by any member of the public in the Commissioner's office, address stated above. On the above mentioned date, all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance which is titled as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2012**  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, ABANDONING THE CEDAR CREEK DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT (AS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE 2008-24, AND AMENDED BY TRANSMITTED ORDINANCE 2012-01); MAKING A LARGE-SCALE AMENDMENT TO THE BAKER COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY RECLASSIFYING APPROXIMATELY 1,000 ACRES OF PROPERTY FROM HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ZONE A AND AGRICULTURAL B ON THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP; AMENDING FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT POLICY A.1.9.3.10.B; AMENDING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SCHEDULE; AMENDING THE FUTURE TRANSPORTATION MAP; PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY DAVID E. SACKS AS AGENT FOR FBSA 2, L.L.C., PROVIDING FINDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING DIRECTION TO THE CODIFIER AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

## CIRCUIT COURT

# 9 years for trafficking Pleads to pill sales, stealing

A Macclenny woman received prison sentences ranging from nine years to three years



Denise Womack

after pleading to twin counts of trafficking in prescription drugs and several property crimes.

Denise Womack, 43, must serve a minimum three years of the trafficking sentence that the state downgraded to a lesser offense as part of the plea agreement. A charge of resisting police was dropped.

All the sentences will be served concurrently.

She entered the pleas during regular circuit court session on April 9.

Judge Phyllis Rosier also imposed the mandatory \$50,000 fine attached to the trafficking offense and ordered Ms. Womack to be on probation two years following release. She gets credit for nearly a year she has been in county jail.

Among the charges she pleaded to were sales of Hydrocodone to an undercover buyer in March, 2011, and two instances when she stole several thousand dollars worth of jewelry from acquaintances the following month.

In other case dispositions that day, Cornelius Ruise III pleaded no contest to multiple drug possession and sale charges and was given a four-year prison sentence.

Mr. Ruise, 28, of Glen St. Mary also pleaded to pulling a pistol on his girlfriend during an

argument in west Macclenny in November, 2011.

Court records show he sold crack cocaine to a police informant in the parking lot of the Dollar General in Glen twice in February, 2011. Among the charges in the plea deal was resisting police.

Mr. Ruise has a prior record that includes sale and possession of controlled drugs and possession of cocaine with intent to sell.

Robert Burnsed Jr., 34, of Glen St. Mary drew a sentence of one year and a day for operating a meth lab at a vacant residence on Bob Burnsed Rd.

Police acted on a tip last Christmas Eve and arrested the defendant and another man in possession of ingredients to manufacture methamphetamine. The state dropped a charge of possessing a controlled substance.

Gerald Starling will serve a year in county jail after pleading no contest to violating probation for felony driving on a revoked license. Judge Rosier revoked the existing probation order.

The judge revoked probation in the case of Eugene Finley, who violated its terms from a 2009 burglary case. She ordered him to county jail for ten months.

Jonathan Anderson pleaded no contest to felony fleeing police and driving on a suspended license and was placed on an



Cornelius Ruise

# Resists after being stopped

A Jacksonville woman was booked at county jail the afternoon of April 2 for resisting a county deputy with violence during a traffic stop on Woodlawn Rd.

Cynthia Crossland, 51, allegedly pushed Deputy Steven Smith when he attempted to take her cell phone after asking her multiple times to discontinue a call. She also managed to get out of handcuffs after being placed in the officer's vehicle.

Deputy Smith said he stopped Ms. Crossland after receiving a report she was driving carelessly on South 6th St. about 5:15. She told the officer she was distracted and did not know where she was.

In another, unrelated arrest in the same location, Robert Devries, 27, of Middleburg was charged with disorderly conduct for harassing patrons at the Eeolodge and nearby Raceway station.

Deputy Clements Leo said he responded to a suspicious person call about 7:40 the morning of April 4 and questioned a disoriented Mr. Devries, who said he was drinking the previous night and had passed out in a parked truck.

Other witnesses at the motel and gas station told the officer that the partially clothed suspect approached them acting in an aggressive manner.

Joevita Staley, 38, of Lake City was charged with disorderly intoxication the evening of April 4 when she attempted to ride a bicycle away from SR 121 and Jeff Starling Rd.

Deputy Chris Walker re-

sponded to a disturbance call at the nearby fire station and said Ms. Staley appeared to have been in an altercation. She became unruly and resisted the officer's attempts to prevent her from getting on the bike.

Chastity Ellis, 19, of Glen St. Mary was arrested the evening of April 6 on a Charlton County warrant for violating probation.

Deputy Johnny Hodges learned of the warrant after questioning Ms. Ellis during a traffic stop on CR 23A at Macedonia.

A complaint for resisting police was filed on Christopher Bellflower, 39, following an incident at his residence on Black Jack Rd. south of Macclenny.

Deputy Randy Davis said he responded to a report by a mental health professional and went to the address the afternoon of April 4.

Mr. Bellflower, who apparently had not been taking prescribed medication, confronted the officer and acted in a threatening manner. Cpl. Davis fired two Taser shots that did not subdue him.

Deputies Brad Dougherty and Billy Miller responded as backup and subdued the suspect. Lt. Miller fired several missed shots

at Mr. Bellflower's pit bull that attacked Deputy Davis.

The deputy was treated at the scene for dog bites to fingers and his right forearm.

Mr. Bellflower was confined to a mental health facility under the state's Baker Act.

# Cashier admits to stealing \$13,000

A Macclenny convenience store clerk confessed on April 2 that she stole more than \$13,000 from the cash register dating back to late 2011 shortly after he lost his home.

William Boone III, 40, allegedly confessed during an interview with Deputy Johnny Hodges, who was called to the Kangaroo Store on US 90 across from the courthouse by Carol Markham of Jacksonville. She is a loss prevention officer with the chain, and was responding to an audit that showed the store was short \$13,344 as of March 23.

In addition, Ms. Markham told the deputy she examined surveillance video for six dates between March 3 and April 1 during which Mr. Boone was seen taking nearly \$400 in cash.

He was arrested for grand theft.

The clerk told Deputy Hodges he stole money for hotel rooms and food for himself, his girlfriend and their small child.

He also said he tapped relatives for financial assistance but it was insufficient and he had "no other choice than to steal."

In another recent theft case involving a Macclenny convenience store, a vehicle stolen earlier in Sanford, FL was located behind the Exxon Store on SR 121 South.

A clerk there called police on April 4 after noting a 2001 Mercury lacking a license plate and identification number was parked in a rear lot. The ID number was later determined and a computer check revealed it was stolen between March 15-28 in the Seminole County city.

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## Dancin' Paws to compete for title

The Baker County Middle School's Dancin' Paws competition team, which won first place in the Jacksonville Diamond Championship's hip hop division at the University of North Florida in late March, will compete for another title in Jacksonville on April 28. The Dancin' Paws are coached by Mazy Ruise-Paige.

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# Boyfriend arrested for choking woman, fleeing from police

Police arrested a Maxville man early on April 3 for domestic battery of his girlfriend during an argument at a residence on Cow Pen Rd.

Christopher Cole, 22, allegedly stood over Jamie Sigers, 34, of Macclenny and choked her, then fled on foot from the area when Deputy Chad Montean arrived about 4:15 am.

Initially, Ms. Sigers told the officer she was struck by another male at the scene, but that version was contradicted by witness Shauna Calloway, who lives at the address and saw the confrontation.

The suspect was tracked down by the sheriff's department K-9 Tango in a nearby wooded area. He said he could not recall attacking his girlfriend, who had abrasions on her neck.

Mr. Cole was also charged with resisting arrest.

In other arrests, Jason Smith, 29, was charged with domestic battery on his brother-in-law Marvin Wasdin, 52, at their residence on E. Ohio in Macclenny the evening of April 2.

Mr. Smith allegedly went into a bedroom where the victim was sleeping and struck him on the side of the head.

Larry Brooks Jr., 18, of Glen St. Mary was arrested on a similar charge for striking a 16-year-old relative on the head at their residence off CR 127 the morning of April 5.

The two were reportedly arguing over operation of an air conditioner. Deputy Chris Walker filed complaints for domestic bat-

tery against Charles Roberts, 46, and his wife Tracy Roberts, 40, following a confrontation near Macedonia the evening of April 5 after they left a cook-out party.

The same deputy filed complaints for battery and criminal mischief against Megan Dolison, 22, and Lakeyta Givens, 32, following a fight on Five Churches Rd. the evening of April 5.

A 28-year-old male patient at Northeast Florida State Hospital was named in a complaint for battery after striking another male patient, 54, in the mouth the evening of April 4.

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# Returns to find residence looted of \$7K in property

A homeowner north of Glen St. Mary returned on April 6 from an absence of several days to find his residence ransacked and looted of over \$7000 in property.

James Shumate told Deputy Shawn Bishara entry into the house on Smooth Bore Ave. was likely through a rear window with a faulty lock. The address had been unoccupied since March 31.

Among the stolen items were a bedroom set valued at \$3000, a refrigerator worth \$800, blinds and shelving, a table and wall hangings and a washer/dryer. He placed the loss value at \$7200.

A neighbor interviewed by the deputy said she observed a white truck near the home's front door on April 4, and a black male with short hair on the property.

In other recent property crimes, a locked garage beside a vacant rental house belonging to Larry Chestnut was entered through a window and tools valued at \$760 taken.

The victim told Deputy Matt Yarborough entry was likely through a window at the property off CR 127 north. The burglary occurred between March 30 and April 4. The tools included two drills, a jump

starter and table grinder.

Lewis Covin reported a riding lawn mower valued at \$3500 was taken from a shed on his property off Covin Rd. south of Macclenny between April 4-6.

A prior renter was named as a likely suspect in the theft of a refrigerator and trash compactor from a residence belonging to John Mills on Birch St. south of Macclenny.

The owner reported he theft on April 5 and told Deputy Chad Montean he last visited the house in the summer of 2011.

He valued the items at \$1000. Jimmy Lauramore returned to the camper trailer where he resides off CR 139B near Glen St. Mary the afternoon of April 5 and reported sunglasses and two bottles of cologne were taken. He placed the loss value at \$200.

Deputy Brad Dougherty said there was no sign of forced entry and the trailer had been locked. Mr. Lauramore said he was away for about two hours until 3:30.

In a vandalism case, seven mailboxes along Timber Trace Dr. south of Taylor were destroyed during the night on April 6.

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# 'Games' is good, with faults

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The Hunger Games in the high school library for about a year before I read it. After finishing the book, I immediately recommended it to everyone I know and picked up its sequel, Catching Fire.

It was addictive. By the third book in the trilogy, author Suzanne Collins had really discovered her writing chops and was nominated for a National Book Award.

So, I was naturally very excited by the movie. It is a very cinematic book and the movie looked very promising.

I wasn't particularly impressed with its casting however. In the book, heroine Katniss Everdeen lives in District 12 an impoverished place that looks a lot like a post-nuclear West Virginia. Everdeen, played by Jennifer Lawrence, isn't quite as anorexic a 16-year-old as she is in the book.

At that point I had to shake my head and remind myself that I was watching a movie and not re-reading the book. After that, I was fine and really enjoyed it.

It was tense, relatively true to the story, with several good characterizations and well acted by the leads. They did a very good job of presenting a place that seemed familiar - as if it could be the USA - but not completely familiar.

The burden of the movie falls on Lawrence, who cut her teeth in X-Men: First Class and Winter's Bone. She is excellent. Different from the book certainly, but she paints a clear characterization of Katniss.

If you haven't read the book, the plot line goes like this. In the not too distant future there is a revolution that was put down by the Capital. The 13 Districts that revolted were punished. One was nuked - District 13 - and the other 12 districts must once a year send two tributes, ages 12-18 to take part in a fight to the death called The Hunger Games. Think American Idol on steroids with weapons.

Katniss takes the place of her 12-year-old sister, Prim. She must learn to survive and play the game. Her erstwhile partner from District 12 is Peeta (Josh Hutcherson), a baker's son who has a crush on Katniss.

They are tutored by District 12's only-ever winner, Haymitch Abernathy (Woody Harrelson), a drunk who will barely talk to them until they prove themselves.

Katniss is uniquely qualified for the games, and with the help of a cunning stylist named Cinna (Lenny Kravitz) she is made ready to take the stage. Her preparation for The Hunger Games is one of the high points of the movie.

Kravitz, Harrelson and Stanley Tucci as the master of ceremonies are all excellent. Kravitz steals every scene he is in and Harrelson is utterly convincing as Haymitch. Tucci is always good.

The movie has abundant special effects, but they don't drive it. The story drives the movie and director Gary Ross does a good job with the narrative. There are

If you never read the book there are only a few places where you might be confused, such as when Katniss raises her hand in a three fingered salute. Beyond that it will keep you entertained.

The Hunger Games is rated PG 13 for violence. I give it 3 out of 4 stars.

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# Garden Festival April 14th

By Alicia Lamborn  
Envir. Horticulture Agent

## Baker County Extension Service

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The festival will be open from 8 am to 2 pm with free admission.

If your landscape needs a little sprucing up, we will have a wide variety of plants for sale including annuals, perennials, houseplants, patio plants, fruits, vegetable starts, ornamental shrubs, trees, and more. A number of plant vendors will be there with plant giveaways every half hour and a rain barrel raffle.

Don't need any plants? Consider coming out to visit one of our many educational gardening exhibits and visit with the master gardeners. We'll have exhibits with free information on butterfly gardening (attracting the eye of a butterfly), container gardening (with fruits, veggies, herbs and flowers), prize-winning plants (how to show plants at the fair), plus rain barrels and compost bins will be available for purchase. While you're here you can also tour the arboretum to learn about Florida's unique tree species and learn some key tree-planting tips from the county forester during the tree planting demonstration at 9 am.

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# LEGAL NOTICES

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THERON HELMS the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERTIFICATE NO: 08-00793  
YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2008  
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:  
Lot 13, Block B, William Knabb Addition to the Town of Macclenny, Florida, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 2, page 24, of the public records of Baker County, Florida

ALL SAID PROPERTY BEING LOCATED IN BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: Rosetta Ann Burns, as to an Agreement for Deed executed by virtue of that certain Agreement for Deed as recorded in OR #1970000414 and Louise E. Davis, as the Simple Title by virtue of that certain Quit Claim Deed as recorded in OR #19960011940.

Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law, the property described herein will be sold to the highest bidder at the front door of the Baker County Courthouse, Macclenny, Florida on THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2012 AT 11:00 AM.

Dated this 2ND DAY OF APRIL, 2012

AL FRASER  
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BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA  
By: Julie E. Combs, Deputy Clerk  
4/5-4/26  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO. 02-2012-CP-0002

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF: THELMA LEE FISH, Deceased.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of THELMA LEE FISH, deceased, whose date of death was March 11, 2011 and whose Social Security Number is xxx-xx-8164, is pending in the Circuit Court for Baker County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 339 East Macclenny Ave., Macclenny, FL 32063. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

Estate of Thelma Lee Fish  
Baker County Creditors  
Case No.:

The date of first publication of this notice is April 5, 2012.

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Personal Representative  
CAROL FISH HARRILL  
Personal Representative  
DEA FISH DOPSON  
Personal Representative

HUGH D. FISH, JR.  
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P.O. BOX 531  
MACCLENY, FL 32063  
(904) 259-8606 OR 6705  
ATTORNEY FOR ESTATE

### REGISTRATION OF FICTITIOUS NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of Spatlanman Paintball Park located at 454 South Lower Street, Macclenny, FL 32063 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Macclenny, Florida this 10th Day of April, 2012.

By: John Lee Moore  
Owner(s)(title)

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NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09, FLORIDA STATUTES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of Quality Therapy Solutions located at 6455 E. Andrews Street, Glen St. Mary, FL 32040 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Glen St. Mary, Florida this 9th Day of April, 2012.

By: Catherine Marie Dopson  
Owner(s)(title)

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### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

The St. Johns River Water Management District (District) gives notice of receipt of the following consumptive use permit application(s):

Individual Consumptive Use Permit Application(s)

JEA, 21 W Church Street 1-B, Jacksonville, FL 32202, application #89271. This is a modification requesting a change in wellfield allocation distributions with no requested increase in the overall allocations or change in permit duration. The withdrawals used by this proposed project will consist of groundwater from FAS - Upper & Lower Floridan Aquifer via 3 active wells; groundwater from FAS - Upper Floridan via 2 active wells in Duval County located in Sections: 13, 24 and 35, Township: 4 South, Range: 26 East; Sections: 18 and 19, Township: 4 South, Range: 27 East, known as Community Hill; groundwater from FAS - Upper & Lower Floridan Aquifer via 1 active well and 2 proposed wells in Duval County located in Section: 18, Township: 3 South, Range: 20 East; Section: 5, Township: 3 South, Range: 20 East, known as Westlake North; groundwater from FAS - Upper & Lower Floridan Aquifer via 2 active wells; groundwater from FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer via 1 proposed well and 6 active wells in Duval County, located in Sections: 13 and 49, Township: 3 South, Range: 20 East, known as Highlands; groundwater from FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer via 3 active wells in Duval County located in Section: 15, Township: 3 South, Range: 20 East; known as Adelphi Wellfield; groundwater from FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer via 4 active wells in Duval County, located in Sections: 14 and 15, Township: 2 South, Range: 25 East, known as Marietta; groundwater from FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer via 1 proposed well and 5 active wells in Duval County, located in Sections: 13 and 49, Township: 3 South, Range: 20 East, known as Southeast Wellfield; groundwater from FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer via 3 active wells in St. Johns County, located in Section: 18, Township: 3 South, Range: 20 East; known as Lakeshore; groundwater from FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer via 2 active wells and 3 proposed wells in St. Johns County located in Section: 27, Township: 3 South, Range: 20 East, known as Corina Road; groundwater from FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer via 1 active well in St. Johns County, located in Section: 19, Township: 3 South, Range: 20 East, known as PDL A14 North; groundwater from FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer via 1 active well in St. Johns County, located in Section: 31, Township: 3 South, Range: 20 East; 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groundwater from FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer via 2 active wells and 1 proposed well in St. Johns County located in Section: 20, Township: 3 South, Range: 30 East, known as Ponce de Leon Wellfield; groundwater from FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer via 2 active wells in Nassau County, located in Section: 37, Township: 2 North, Range: 28 East, known as Nassau Regional; groundwater from FAS - Upper & Lower Floridan Aquifer via 1 active well; groundwater from FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer via 5 active wells and 1 proposed well in Duval County, located in Sections: 29 and 33, Township: 2 South, Range: 28 East, known as Oakridge; groundwater from FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer via 2 active wells in Duval County, located in Section: 7, Township: 2 North, Range: 28 East, known as Monument Rd.; groundwater from FAS - Upper & Lower Floridan Aquifer via 8 active wells in Duval County, located in Section: 24, Township: 2 North, Range: 26 East; Sections: 44 and 45, Township: 2 South, Range: 26 East, known as Hendrick; 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All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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Decisions on Standard General permit applications will be made at the District's service center where the application is processed, unless the application is upgraded to an individual permit application as explained below. A substantial objection to a Standard General permit application must be made in writing and filed with the Director, Bureau of Regulatory Support, P.O. Box 1429, Palatka, FL 32178-1429, or by e-mail at applicationsupport@rdwmd.com, within 14 days of notification of the application. Please include either the Permit Application Number or the Project Name in the objection. Notification of the application is either the 15th day after the date on which the written notice is deposited in the U.S. mail for those persons who receive actual notice by U.S. mail, the date on which the notice is e-mailed for those persons who receive actual notice by e-mail, or the date the notice is published in the newspaper if actual notice is not provided by U.S. mail or e-mail. A substantial objection means a written statement directed to the District that identifies the object, concerns hydrologic or environmental impacts of the proposed consumptive use, and relates to applicable rule criteria. A timely substantial objection will cause the Standard General consumptive use permit application to be considered an application for an individual consumptive use permit. If the District receives a timely substantial objection from you, then you will receive written notice of the District's intended decision on the permit application.

Decisions on individual consumptive use permit applications will be made by the District's Governing Board. Notice of Intended District Decisions will be provided to persons who have submitted individual notices. A request for individual Notice of Intended District Decision on an application must be received by the Director, Bureau of Regulatory Support prior to the date the Notice of Intended District Decision is generated. For individual permit applications, you are advised to notify the District within 14 days of notification of the application. If you have questions, objections, comments, or information regarding the proposed consumptive use, if you make a written request to the District for additional information regarding a specific permit application, you will be provided an opportunity to obtain the available information. Please note that filing a written objection does not entitle you to a Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, administrative hearing.

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## Scouts hike 50-mile Florida Trail

Over spring break, Boy Scout Troop 150 completed a 50-mile hike on the Florida Trail. The trek began on March 31 at Stephen Foster State Park. Five days and four nights later, eight of the original 10 hikers ended the journey near the entrance to Suwannee River State Park on US 90 west of Live Oak. "It was awesome to see a bunch of boys strap packs to their backs and hike 50 miles," said troop leader Jon Mobley. "To be able to accomplish that at their age, it was just awesome to see." The group carried their food and purified water along the way. An adult in the group injured a toe, and after persisting and traveling a little farther, he left the group. A young man on the trek twisted his ankle and could not continue as well. "It was fun, but it was very demanding," said Mr. Mobley. Pictured above (from left) are Robert Connor, Trey Connor, Jon Mobley, Jonathan Mobley, Jordan Johnson, Brandon Jones and Stanley Johnson. Troop 150 is planning its summer camp in July at Camp Shands near Melrose, FL. Young men between the ages of 11 and 17 are welcome. Please call Mr. Mobley at (904) 228-2025 for more information.

## Life's end planning suggested by hospice

Community Hospice of North-east Florida is encouraging Baker County residents to complete their advance healthcare directives, an effort that coincides with April 16, 2012 as National Healthcare Decisions Day.

Despite recent gains in public awareness of the medical need for advance care planning, studies indicate that most Americans have not documented their decisions about their healthcare wishes in the event that they cannot speak for themselves.

"Advance care planning is so much more than securing legal documents," said Susan Ponder-Stansel, president and CEO of Community Hospice. "Advance care planning is about thinking, talking and preparing so that health decisions are made in a manner that the individual desires. It is very important that those discussions take place before a health crisis occurs."

In Florida, advance directives can include any of three documents:  
• A living will is a statement, written or oral, made when you are mentally competent, to instruct your doctor whether you do or do not want life-sustaining procedures if you become terminally ill, have an end-stage condition or are in a persistent vegetative state. It spells out what you want done if you are dying or in an irreversible coma, and cannot communicate your wishes.

Healthcare surrogate, someone you designate in advance to make medical decisions on your behalf if you are unable to communicate your own wishes. If you do not do this, a proxy will be assigned to you according to Florida Statute 764.

Durable power of attorney allowing you to name a person to handle your legal and medical affairs if you become unable to do so for yourself. This person acts on your behalf according to the specific responsibilities and duties outlined in the document, which may be very broad or limited to certain specific acts.

As part of this initiative, Community Hospice is partnering with WJCT Public Broadcasting to present "Consider the Conversation." The documentary sheds light on the 21st Century American struggle with communication and preparation at life's end.

Throughout the film, there are intimate accounts of the emotional, spiritual, physical and social burdens associated with the historical shift that has occurred with dying. WJCT will air the program on Friday, April 13, at 9 pm, and on Thursday, April 19 at 8 pm.

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## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to an application submitted by David Hodges on behalf of Manntown C.H. Church to be granted a Variance to the Baker County Land Development Regulations Article 9 Signs, Sections 9.02.01h the total surface area, and 9.02.02a.b Signs which incorporate in any manner flashing, moving, or intermittent lighting. The property is located on S. CR 125 in Glen St. Mary, Florida. The Baker County Land Planning Agency (LPA) will consider the request at a public hearing scheduled for Thursday, April 26, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in the County Administration Building, 55 North Third St., Macclenny, FL. All interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the Variance request. Written comments for or against the Variance request may be sent to the Baker County Planning Department, 360 E. Shuey Avenue, Macclenny, FL 32063. Faxed comments may be sent to (904) 259-5057. Copies of the Variance may be inspected in the Planning Department by any member of the public. According to the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Administration Department at (904) 259-5123 at least 48 hours prior to the time of the hearing.

## PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to an application submitted by Wyman R. Duggan, as agent for Oldcastle Southern Group, Inc., to be granted a Special Exception on property located south of Interstate 10, and east of CR 228 South in Sections 11, 12, 13, & 14, Township 3S, Range 22, utilizing approximately 437 acres of property owned by E.L. Du Pont de Nemours & Co., Inc. in Baker County, FL. The Baker County Land Planning Agency (LPA) will consider the request at a public hearing scheduled for Thursday, April 26, 2012 at 7:00pm in the County Administration Building, 55 North Third Street, Macclenny, FL. All interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the Special Exception request. The request is to be granted a Special Exception in accordance to the Baker County Land Development Regulations in reference to Ordinance 2004-23 Section 2.04.54.01 Mining in Agricultural Zoning District for the purpose of a proposed commercial sand mining operation. Written comments for or against the Special Exception may be sent to Baker County Planning Department, 360 E Shuey Avenue, Macclenny, FL 32063. Faxed comments may be sent to (904)259-5057. Copies of the Special Exception may be inspected by any member of the public in the Planning Department, address stated above. According to the Americans with

# OBITUARIES

**CHURCH AND OBITUARY NOTICE INFORMATION**

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**Edna Hobbs, 85, of Macclenny**

Edna Hobbs, 85, of Macclenny died April 9, 2012. She was born in Frostproof, FL to the late Dan C. Willis and Ruth Gertrude Ward Willis on September 9, 1926. She was a life long resident of Baker County. Edna was a loving mother and grandmother. She enjoyed crocheting and tending to her flowers, but most of all she enjoyed cooking for her family. She made each member of her family special dishes just for them at family events.



Edna Hobbs

Mrs. Hobbs took pride in teaching her children and grandchildren life lessons of honesty and sportsmanship through winning and losing of board games. She was a caregiver and took care of her family and late husband in sickness and in health. She was predeceased by her husband of 65 years Oscar Floyd Hobbs; daughter Kathy Robertson and six siblings.

Survivors include sons Floyd Mitchell (Brita) Hobbs of Plains, GA and John (Charlotte) Hobbs of Glen St. Mary; son-in-law Al "Robbie" Robertson of Macclenny; grandchildren Teresa (Gary) Manning, Bryan (Lily) Hobbs, Geri Hobbs, Lauren (Nick) Hicks, Courtney (James) Mann, Jennifer K. Harvey and Amanda L. Robertson; 11 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held Thursday, April 12 at 11 am at Ferreira Funeral Services with Pastor Edsel Bone officiating. Interment will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery in Macclenny. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, April 11 from 5-7 pm at the funeral home.

**Evelyn Ellis, 53, of Macclenny**

Evelyn Bennett Brown Ellis, 53, of Macclenny died Friday, March 30 at her residence following a brief illness. She was born in Taylor and resided in Baker County all her life. She was a homemaker and enjoyed fishing, camping and telling jokes. She was a member of Road to Calvary Church in Glen St. Mary.



Evelyn Ellis

Mrs. Ellis was preceded in death by her parents Lemmie and Lottie Bell Trowell Bennett, son Jamie Ellis and siblings Alice Marie Bennett and L.J. Bennett.

Survivors include daughters Susan (Gerald Davis) Brown of Taylor, Tina (Andrew) Vetter of Glen St. Mary and their father James Richard Brown of Taylor; brothers Bobbie Bennett Sr. and A. J. Bennett, both of Taylor; sisters Dorothy Finley, Beatrice Lewis, Kitty Blanks, all of Taylor, Ruby Lauramore of Orange Park, Mary Turner of Branford, Ida Cordova and Kathy Waldo, both of Glen St. Mary; step-son Jimbo Ellis of Fitzgerald, GA; step-brother George Wilkinson of Macclenny; five grandchildren and numerous step-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at 11 am Friday, April 6 at her church with Rev. Tommy Anderson officiating, assisted by Rev. Cliff Barton Jr. Interment followed at Macedonia Cemetery. Guerry Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**George Rodgers, 84, of Jacksonville**

George B. Rodgers, 84, of Jacksonville died Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at his home in Keystone Heights. Mr. Rodgers was born in Sanderson to the late William Leroy and Nettie Lee Dowling Rodgers. He moved from Glen St. Mary in 1960 to Jacksonville. He was a member of the teamsters union and a retired truck driver with Carolina Freight Company for over 30 years. Mr. Rodgers was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years Mrs. Shirley Dugger Rodgers in 2011.

Survivors include daughter Gail (Bill) Riddell of Amelia Island; son Billy (Betty) Rodgers, Keystone Heights; brother Rev. James Gordon (Sherron) Rodgers of Glen St. Mary; sister Margie Lee Darnell of Palatka; grandchildren Alison (Scott) Everill, Will (Christina) Riddell, Erin (Luke) Carter, Zachary Rodgers, Rebekah Lynn Rodgers, Michael Ninos and Tyler Rodgers; five great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Saturday, April 7 at 12 pm at Macclenny Church of God with Rev. Charles Snipes officiating. Interment followed at Woodlawn Cemetery. Guerry Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**O'Neil Sharpe, 83, once pastored here**

Rev. Jacob O'Neil Sharpe, 83, of Lexington, SC died April 4, 2012 at Heartland Nursing Home after a courageous battle with Alzheimer's Disease for over five years. He spent most of his life up to this time in the service of the Lord, pastoring Baptist churches in South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, including First Baptist of Macclenny.



O'Neil Sharpe

He was a loving and caring husband, Daddy, Papa, son, brother and friend. He enjoyed talking about times in years gone by. He loved people, spent many hours praying for everyone who came to mind, and was ready to go for anyone in need. He was predeceased by his parents Haston and Alice Sharpe and sister Mary Sharpe.

Rev. Sharpe graduated from Swansea High School and was valetorian of his class, and the University of South Carolina. He attended Louisville Baptist Seminary in Kentucky and took classes at the Lutheran Seminary in Columbia.

He retired from full-time pastoring in 1993 but continued to pastor a mission church in Rolling Meadows Mobile Home Park for 17 years. He retired from Lexington school district II and Riverbanks Zoo after 14 years in 2009.

Survivors include devoted wife of 60 years Joyce Sharpe; daughters Vickie (Vic) Hickman, Terri (Ed) Barton, Tami (Harold) Galloway; special additions Kelly Alcorn and Kenneth (Robyn) Roberts son, Cory; six grandchildren; a brother, sisters and other relatives.

The funeral service was held April 7 at Trinity Baptist Church, Cayce, SC with Rev. Donald P. Davis officiating. Interment followed in Southland Memorial Gardens Cemetery in West Columbia.

**Pamela Weber, 59, of Macclenny**

Pamela Ada Weber, 59, of Macclenny died April 6, 2012. She was born in Mankato, Minnesota to Ada Burnett Harris and the late Alfred Ray Harris on November 15, 1952. She was preceded in death by siblings Peggy Jean Harris, Dennis Ralph Harris and Patsy Marie Flynn.



Pamela Weber

Survivors include mother Ada Harris; brother Dean Harris; sisters Paula K. Evers, Debra R. Harris and Carol Ann Griego; numerous nieces and nephews. The funeral service was held Wednesday April 11 at 11 am at V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services chapel with Pastor Richard Fish officiating. Interment followed at Mt. Herman Cemetery.

**Thanks so much**

We would like to thank all our friends and family in Baker County and surrounding areas for the support during Danny's illness and passing. Your words of encouragement, your prayers and many, many acts of kindness will always be cherished. We could not go anywhere without someone mentioning that they were praying for us, or that their church was praying for us. Thanks also to the sheriff's department personnel for the professional and respectful way they conducted themselves while directing traffic and escorting our loved ones to the service and cemetery.

Danny had a passion for the redevelopment of downtown Macclenny. We hope his passion is passed on to other business owners and we will see continued growth and success for our community. God's ways are not always understood, but His daily abundance of grace helps us through times like this. Continue to remember us as we adapt to this life without our dear Danny, Daddy and GranDaddy.

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**Cemetery meeting**

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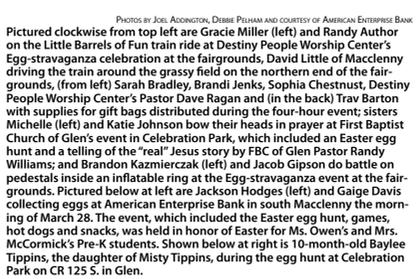
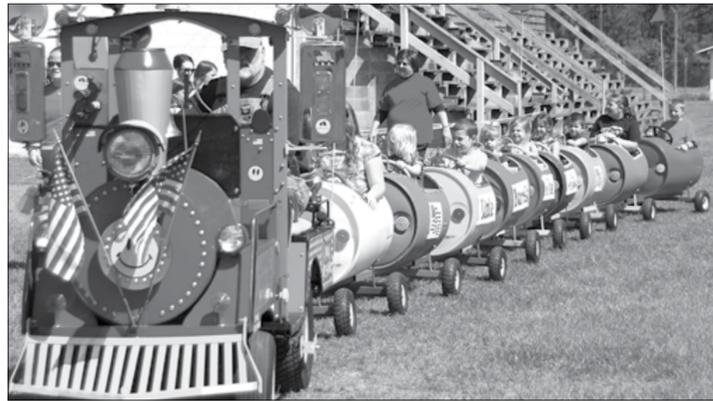
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Wall-Ray

**To wed April 14th**

Charles and Vickie Wall of Jacksonville, along with Steven and Robin Ray of Glen St. Mary, are pleased to announce the upcoming marriage of their children Lauren Ashley Wall and Matthew Steven Ray.

The vows will take place April 14, 2012 at 4 pm at Lake Shore United Methodist Church in Jacksonville.

Following a Caribbean cruise, the couple will reside in Macclenny.



Watts-Jackson

**To wed April 14th**

Lillie Jackson of Macclenny is pleased to announce the marriage of daughter Janet Yvette Watts to Willie James Jackson Jr.

Janet is the daughter of Lillie Jackson of Macclenny and the late Stephen Watts. Willie is the son of Diane Ross of Live Oak and the late Willie Jackson Sr.

The wedding will take place April 14, 2012 at 4 pm at the Baker County Ag Center.

Following a honeymoon in Destin Beach, the couple will reside in Macclenny.

**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

**April 12**  
BCHS: FCAT Math Retakes (Computer). Softball Sr. Night (H), 6-8 pm WES: Good Morning Show Club Mtg., 8 am

**April 13**  
District-wide: Report Cards, GED Graduation, Baker County Middle School Auditorium, 7:30 pm. BCHS: FCAT Jam 7th Period, Football Players & Cheerleaders to Macclenny Elementary Pep Rally, 2 pm, Majorette Try-outs, Gym, 3-5 pm. Softball at Baldwin, 6-9 pm, Baseball at Palatka, 7 pm WES: First Grade Field Day MES: FCAT Pep Rally, 2:20-2:50 pm

**April 14**  
BCMS: Schoolwide FCAT Reading Blitz, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

**April 16**  
District-wide: School Board Meeting, Pine Level Church, Baxter, 6:30 pm Florida Comprehensive Achievement Test (FCAT) BCHS: FCAT Reading (Computer) 10th Grade, FCAT Reading (Paper) 9th Grade, Volleyball Open, Gym, 2:30 pm, Baseball vs. Columbia (H), 6:30 pm BCMS: Cheerleaders, Gym, 6-8 pm

**April 17**

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Ruby Jolene Hunter

**Daughter arrives**

Brian and Sara Hunter of Macclenny are pleased to announce the arrival of daughter Ruby Jolene on March 15, 2012 at Baptist South.

Ruby weighed 7 lbs., 3 oz and measured 21½ inches long.

Grandparents include Rick and Debbie Hunter, Gordon and Cathy Richardson, all of Sanderson, and Perry and Elizabeth Gray. Great-grandparents are Richard and Patsy Hunter, Doyle and the late Betty Sapp and Dorothy Harveley.

**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.

We publish wedding & birth announcements **FREE!**

\$6 with Picture (4 week deadline)



Staiton Rhett Yarborough

**Brother is born**

Jace Hampton Yarborough of Macclenny is pleased to announce the arrival of brother Staiton Rhett on March 16, 2012 at Orange Park Medical Center.

Staiton weighed 7 lbs., 12 oz and measured 21 inches long.

Proud parents are Riley and Jesse Yarborough. Grandparents include Shannon Haines of Macclenny, Kenny and Sandy Hires of Glen St. Mary and Glenn and Teresa Yarborough of Macclenny.

**GED testing May 14 - 16**

Registration for the May GED test will be held at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, April 24 at the Baker County school district's career and adult education building at 523 West Minnesota Avenue in Macclenny.

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

Discounted testing fees are available for Baker County adult education students who are currently enrolled in the GED preparation program with a minimum of 12 hours class time.

The test will be given May 14, 15 and 16. The next scheduled test will be in August. For more information about GED registration, contact Wanda Conner at 259-0403.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the proposed ordinance, whose title hereinafter appears, will be presented in a public hearing to the Baker County Board of County Commissioners for adoption on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at 6:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible, at the Baker County Administration Building, 55 North Third Street, Macclenny, Florida. Copies of said ordinance may be inspected by any member of the public in the Commissioner's office, at address stated above. On the above mentioned date, all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance which is titled as follows:

**ORDINANCE 2012 -**

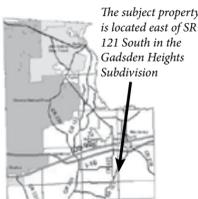
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING AND GRANTING THE APPLICATION OF FBSA 2, LLC FOR THE ABANDONMENT OF A DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT (DRI); REPEALING RESOLUTION 2008-15 (ADOPTING AND ENTERING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND THE CEDAR CREEK DEVELOPMENT ORDER); REPEALING ORDINANCE 2008-24 (ADOPTING A LARGE SCALE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT AND LAND USE PLAN AMENDMENT); ABANDONING THE CEDAR CREEK DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT; PROVIDING FINDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING DIRECTION TO THE CODIFIER AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the proposed ordinances, whose title hereinafter appears, will be presented in a public hearing to the Baker County Board of County Commissioners for possible adoption on Monday, April 16, 2012 at 6:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible, at the Baker County Administration Building, 55 North Third Street, Macclenny, Florida. Copies of said ordinances may be inspected by any member of the public in the Commissioner's office address stated above. On the above mentioned date, all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinances which are titled as follows:

**ORDINANCE 2012-**

AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 91-1, AS AMENDED, REGARDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, WITH RESPECT TO A PARCEL OF LAND, BEING APPROXIMATELY 1.18 ACRES IN SIZE, RELATING TO SMALL SCALE DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3215, FLORIDA STATUTES, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY DENNIS G. COLLINS AS AGENT FOR NANCY S. HARMON PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE IN LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM COMMERCIAL LAND USE TO RESIDENTIAL VERY LOW DENSITY; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CODIFIER AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



The subject property is located east of SR 121 South in the Gadsden Heights Subdivision

**ORDINANCE 2012-**

AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, REZONING 1.18 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY NANCY S. HARMON, FROM COMMERCIAL GENERAL TO RESIDENTIAL (RCMH 1); PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CODIFIER, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Persons interested in commenting on the proposed changes may appear and shall be given an opportunity to speak at the public hearing or may send written comments to: Baker County Planning Department, 360 E Shuey Street, Macclenny, Florida, 32063. Copies of the ordinance are available for public inspection at the Baker County Planning Department. For additional information, please call (904) 259-3354.

NOTE: Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, if any member of the public desires to appeal any decision made at this public hearing, he/she will need a record of the proceedings and for that purpose may need to ensure that he/she transcribe a verbatim record of the proceedings, which record would include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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

**SPORTS NOTICE SUBMISSIONS**

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Wildcat lifters (clockwise from top left) are Hunter Sullivan, Blake Mills and Josh Smallwood. Kendrick Singleton is pictured at bottom left.



**Dozen Cat lifters may go to state**

Twelve Wildcat weightlifters qualified for spots in the selection process for the state tournament during the final sectional meet for the 1A section April 5 at BCHS.

Matanzas, Eastside, Palatka, Pedro Menendez, Keystone, Santa Fe, Bradford, Union, Fort White, Oak Hall and Baker County competed for slots in the state tournament. Lifters who placed in the top four qualified for a chance to go to state.

Coach Scott McDonald explained the way that lifters were chosen for the tournament: "The first place finisher gets the automatic bid to the state meet. The other lifters placing in the top four have their totals put in a pool with the other sections around the state to see if they are one of the top ten totals left

in their weight class from around the state to get a bid to the state meet. Hopefully we will get that list by the end of the day today. I am looking for us to send 9 or 10 to the state meet."

Dalton Jackson placed third in the 129-pound weight class. Brian Goldsmith was second place in the 139 class. In the 154 class, Dalton Dyal placed third.

Darius Green won the 169 class with Rickie Tharpe in second place. Hunter Sullivan won the 183 class and Talmadge Turner was second.

In the 199 class, Kendrick Singleton placed second and Josh Smallwood was fourth place. Jeremy Wannamaker won the 219 class and Terry Gyvens was first place in the 238 class. Blake Mills won the heavyweight classification.

**Cats go 2-1 at Fernandina Classic**

While other BCHS students were at the beach or sleeping late during spring break, the BCHS baseball team went 2-1 in the Fernandina Beach Diamond Classic April 4-7. The tournament consisted of teams from

double and a triple and Austin Rowe added two hits to lead the offense.

On Friday, April 6, BCHS beat Hilliard 4-0 behind good pitching from Dillon Jones (6.1 innings) and Jacob Milton (2/3 inning).

The Cats lost 7-5 to Mamaronek, NY in eight innings. Brad Stone started and went five innings and only gave up one earned run. Jacob Milton threw two innings and Chris Waddell took the loss in the eighth inning.

"We didn't play well defensively," said Coach Fred Matricardi. "They had two earned runs out of the seven they scored. We have to make routine plays if we want to advance come district time." Offensively, Hunter Bell had a



Chris Waddell (above) throws a runner out. Mikal Flores (right) makes a catch at first.

runs in 3 games. Our pitchers did a great job. We executed at the plate and ran the bases really well," said Matricardi. "Our guys are starting to put it all together. They have started buying in to the process of what it takes to be a good team. We hope to peak at the right time and we as coaches

**Local team hauls in the top red fish**

BOB GERARD | SPORTS

High school skippers and bathroom smokers sweat profusely at the name John Staples. Middle school trouble makers feel the same way about in-school detention boss Austin Pride.

But now the BCHS assistant principal and BCMS teacher can add the title *The Men Fish Fear*.

Staples, Pride, Todd Hunt and Allen Markley hauled in the top red fish in the *Florida Times-Union* Redfish Roundup the first weekend in April. The fish had 23 spots, giving the Baker County anglers first place and a \$7200 check.

It was a nasty day for fishing, with cool temperatures and light rain turning to thunderstorms, and 283 entrees sought the right place to fish to bring in a winner.

Pride, who has his own inshore charter business and runs the in-school detention at BCMS, was the boat's captain. The storms had driven much of the competition back to shore and with more bad weather rolling in by the minute the local team decided to call it a day as well.

But they held on for a few more minutes and it paid off as they hooked the fish that gave them the title and the winnings.

"We decided to pack up and go weigh in. We caught that fish in the last 10 minutes before we came in," Pride told the *Times-Union*. "We would have been bringing in one with five spots. But we got lucky when we caught that last one."

Staples agrees. "Austin does a great job. Lightning was popping all around us and Austin cast one last time and pulled it in. It had so many spots we weren't even sure it was a red fish."

It wasn't the biggest fish of the tournament, but it had the most spots and with redfish, that's what counts. The anglers didn't think that their catch would hold up since they weighed in early in the day, but the other boats didn't come close, with the second place fish having just 12 spots.

It was the first attempt for the Baker County team, and beginners luck certainly paid off. Staples quipped that if it continued maybe he'd turn in his notice and get an outdoor Network fishing show.

That's bad news for the fish, good news for the school skippers.

**Sirk tosses 2 scores; catches one for Duke**

BOB GERARD | SPORTS

Former Wildcat quarterback Thomas Sirk took a big step when he decided to leave BCHS early and enroll at Duke University. The Blue Devils' top recruit at quarterback had finished all his high school class work and thought the extra time spent learning Coach David Cutliffe's system would pay off in the long run.

He attended classes, studied film along with Rickie Tharpe in second place. Hunter Sullivan won the 183 class and Talmadge Turner was second.

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