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One year for vodka fatality

A Macclenny man arrested nearly a year ago for supplying vodka to a teenage girl who later died was sentenced in county court on October 18 to a year in jail.

James Roy Harmon, 24, entered a no contest plea before Judge Joey Williams to a single count of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. A companion charge was dropped as part of the plea agreement.



James Harmon

Mr. Harmon, who has been out on bond since his arrest on November 22 of last year, begins his jail term the evening of October 26.

He admitted to furnishing Alexis Lloyd, 14, with the shots the evening of November 17 when she, her brother and other friends showed up at the defendant's Barber Circle residence to eat pizza.

The teen returned later that evening to her mother's residence on Twin Oakes Lane in Glen St. Mary where she became ill. Her mother Rachel told police she checked on her daughter in a bedroom and she had stopped breathing.

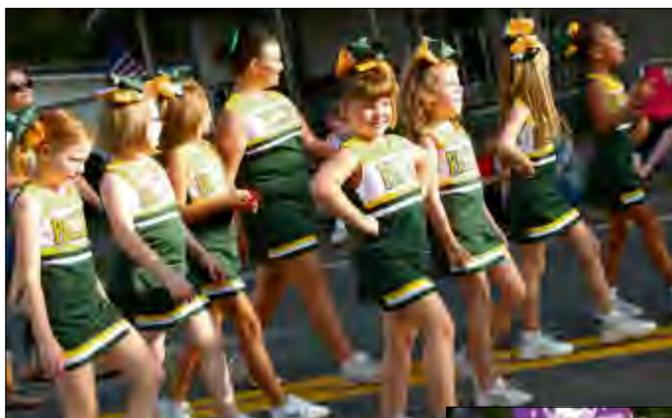
The girl was flown to Shands Jacksonville that night and died November 25 at Wolfson Children's Hospital without regaining consciousness.

Her blood alcohol level at the hospital was .08, equal to legal intoxication.

Mrs. Lloyd described her daughter, a BCHS student, as "very outgoing and free-spirited with an infectious laugh."



BCHS HOMECOMING 2012



PHOTOS BY JUD JOHNSON AND JOEL ADDINGTON
Homecoming fever took over central Macclenny late last week beginning with a parade down US 90 to Memorial Stadium where the Cat Growl pep rally took place immediately afterwards on October 18. Pictured at top are the BCHS majorettes performing their flaming baton routine at the Cat Growl. Above at right are (center) homecoming queen Haley Dopson and runner-ups (left) Laken Head and (right) Joshaly Brown at halftime of the homecoming game against Terry Parker the following evening. Also pictured from the parade are (clockwise from top left) the senior float, which won 4th place among the classes, Packers youth cheerleaders, riders of the Relay for Life float and two members of the sophomore class hamming it up along side their third-place float. Juniors got 1st place, and freshmen 2nd.



County commission...

Candidates for county commission took the stage first, addressing issues like the Barber Road closure, sand mining, their political affiliation and others during the 40-minute portion of the program dedicated to the county's governing board.

Democrat Mark Hartley, the District 5 incumbent, is facing Republican Eddie Davis, Jr. while Gordon Crews, the

board's current chairman and a Democrat, is up against Republican Leonard Davis in the District 3 race.

Their first question from debate moderator and *Press* publisher Jim McGauley: "Why would you be a better commissioner than your opponent?"

Both incumbents said their respective experience on the commission and in the community sets them apart from their challengers.

Mr. Crews pointed to his eight years on the board and his nurse management experience in Fraser Hospital's ER. Mr. Hartley pointed to his 12 years in office and ample volunteer work in the community.

Leonard Davis leaned on his

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2nd forum was a bit more lively

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Six candidates for local office squared off debate-style at the high school the afternoon of October 20, exactly seven days before early voting begins here and across the state.

It was the second election forum organized by *The Press* this year and featured a more lively format allowing candidates to respond to their opponent's answers.

The first forum in late July did not include rebuttals and each candidate for the same office answered the same questions. This time around, some questions were posed to specific candidates while others were answered by all the commission or sheriff candidates.

Questions were collected from both readers and the newspaper's staff during the weeks leading up to the debate, which started at 3 pm in the school auditorium and drew 100-200 attendees. Commission hopefuls fielded nine questions and the sheriff candidates seven.

To see the complete debate, please visit the video section of www.bakercountypress.com.

Sheriff candidates...

The debate between 16-year incumbent sheriff Joey Dobson and his youthful challenger Cameron Coward grew more contested as the 25-minute affair moved along.

The candidates sparred over crime statistics, the new jail and enforcing traffic laws as backers clad in campaign T-shirts applauded and hollered in sometimes raucous displays of support.

Like the county commission candidates who preceded them on the stage, Mr. Dobson, the Democrat, and Mr. Coward, the Republican, were asked initially why voters should select them to serve as the next sheriff rather than their opponent.

"I have nothing against the sheriff," responded Mr. Coward. "I think he's done this

county extremely well." But, he said, it was time to "pass the torch to another generation" and his dual experience in small business and as a sheriff's deputy in St. Johns County make him the better choice.

"I think I'll do a great job. I know I will with your help," Mr. Coward said.

Sheriff Dobson talked about his experience managing the department for more than a decade, adding that, "I know what my agency does. I know how we have run Baker County and helped the people of Baker County and we will continue to do that in the next four years."

Then the sparks began to fly. At the last candidate forum in late July, which the sheriff

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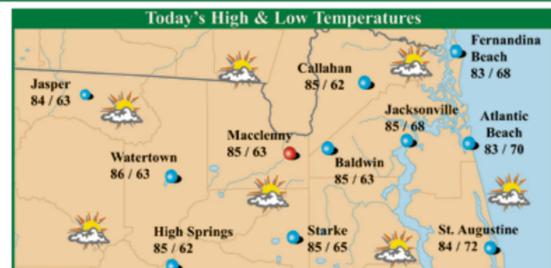
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Hunting/Fishing Times table with columns for day, AM, and PM.

Weather History section with text about severe thunderstorms in 1988.

Sheriff candidates spar over crime, jail

From page 1 did not attend, Mr. Coward cast doubt on reports that crime has fallen in Baker County.

"My answer is simple," Mr. Coward said. "A 26 percent increase one year and a 12 percent decrease the next year is not a true decrease."

The candidate, however, failed to include years prior to 2009 in his analysis.

FDLE's uniform crime reports show that the crime rate here spiked considerably in 2005 and again in 2009; but the net change depends on when you start tracking the changes.

For instance, between 2008 and 2011, the latest year for which FDLE data is available online, the net decline was 15.8 percent.

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"Is this claim true or false and please explain why?" questioned debate moderator and Press publisher Jim McGauley.

Mr. Dobson initially dismissed the claim as "false," but added, "We do have an accounting of what we have at the sheriff's office ... Did we have some issues moving to the new facility? We absolutely did."

The sheriff alluded to not having enough staff to conduct the inventories, saying a position was created to include that job but it was never filled.

In his rebuttal, Mr. Coward held up a letter from the sheriff to auditors in which Mr. Dobson addressed the lack of an inventory.

After the event, Mr. Dobson clarified the point further. He said each department keeps a separate property inventory, but nobody tracks property and equipment agency-wide for auditors to review.

Next the candidates tackled a reader's question regarding speed limit enforcement, specifically in 121, 228 and 125.



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Commission hopefuls: deficits, taxes, Barber Rd.

From page 1 resume as well, noting his experience in the Civil Service managing large budgets, planning and developing policies and procedures for the government.

"I think we (the county) need more detailed policies and procedures ... and more long-range planning," he said.

Eddie Davis, meanwhile, drew a contrast between his personality and the demeanor of his opponent. He said Mr. Hartley was a "fine fella," but his stronger, more forceful personality, in his opinion, was better suited for the office of commissioner.

"Mr. Hartley is a little more reserved," Eddie Davis said.

A package of constitutional amendments on the November ballot could give many new tax breaks to various groups of property owners and reduce funding for local governments.

The commission hopefuls were asked to express their positions on Amendment 4, specifically, which would save money for first-time home buyers and owners of commercial real estate, but put more strain on cash-strapped local governments.

None of the candidates opposed the amendment outright, but some commented on how difficult it will be to make-up the lost revenue should the amendment pass with 60 percent of the vote in November.

Mr. Crews said he was undecided on the measure, but could support other amendments that would cut property taxes for seniors and the disabled.

"They need a break," he said. Leonard Davis said he's already voted for the amendment, but called it, "a double-edged sword."

"Our county is hurting for funding right now. So I'm for it, but we still need more creative ways to finance our county down the road," he said.

Eddie Davis also expressed support for Amendment 4, but said he would like to see the county eliminate its impact fees, too. "That would be my biggest way to cut," he said.

Mr. Hartley said he would support "anything that would help senior citizens," but did not address Amendment 4 alone.

"We'll have to look at our budget and decide what we have to do to compensate for that cut, as we do any other time," he said.

There was also general agreement on cutting the salaries and benefits of commissioners themselves to show their commitment to reducing county spending. They receive travel and cell phone stipends, about \$29,000 in salary, plus health and retirement benefits.

"We have to look at everything," commented Mr. Hartley. "It's going to be tough times

coming up," his opponent, Eddie Davis, said.

"We should start from the top down," said Leonard Davis, adding that he would also like to cut other expenses in the county commissioner's office.

Leonard Davis was also asked to defend a recent campaign ad in which he pledged to attract more volunteer firefighters to the county department and reduce

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Mr. Crews said he would not pursue that course, at least not yet.

He said the county has requested funding from the state to build a bypass road from US 90 near the Walmart Distribution Center to 228 near the Walmart store, and then from the store west to 121.

"That might happen," said Mr. Crews. "If we get that appropriation, then we can consider turning over the right-of-way."

Mr. Hartley agreed, adding that the bypass road would also keep tractor trailers out of downtown Macclenny.

Both he and Mr. Crews defended their votes to close Barber Road, citing safety concerns about the narrow wooden bridge over Turkey Creek and a sharp curve that leads to it from the west.

But Leonard Davis and Eddie Davis (no relation) used the opportunity to reiterate, as they did at the last forum, their support of opening the road back up to traffic.

Leonard Davis acknowledged the safety problems, though, saying the road should be improved to address those issues before it's reopened.

Last week Mr. Crews announced his opposition to proposed sand mining plans and in doing so joined the rest of the candidates, who have also publicly stated their resistance to the plans.

Multiple reviews of the mining plans by both a county consultant and state regulators are still ongoing. So, during the debate, Mr. Crews, was asked why he changed his previous position, expressed at the last forum in late July, when he said wanted "to hear all the information" before taking a stand.

Mr. Crews attributed his opposition now to his own research and prayer time. "Nowhere did I find it would be beneficial to Baker County," he said.

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FDOT will pay for new bridges

MIKE ANDERSON
PRESS STAFF

Tropical Storm Debby is just a fading memory four months after dumping torrential rains on Baker County. But the devastation the storm left in its path is still being felt by folks whose homes were destroyed by floodwaters and those whose daily lives were disrupted by the destruction of two bridges.

Raging waters washed out the Cedar Creek Bridge on CR 127 north of Sanderson and the South Prong Swamp Bridge on CR 229 south of Interstate 10, forcing people to find detour routes to work, to go shopping, or to visit friends or relatives.

But help is on the way.

The county commission approved an agreement with the state last week obligating the Florida Department of Transportation to replace both structures. No cost estimates nor any definite construction startup dates were announced, but work has already begun on a temporary bridge on CR 229 to allow traffic to cross over the South Prong Swamp.

The temporary bridge over what is commonly known as Greens Creek, a tributary of the St. Mary's River, could be open "as early as Thanksgiving," County Manager C.J. Thompson told commissioners during a board meeting on October 15.

Robert Fletcher, head of the county's road and bridge department, said this week that sufficient right-of-way already existed to build a temporary bridge on 229 because that span had already been scheduled for replacement in 2017. Tropical Storm Debby just accelerated the urgency.

No such right-of-way was available to erect a temporary bridge across Cedar Creek on 127, but one would not have been built anyway because residents north of that bridge can use CR 124, a paved road, to get where they need to go, Mr. Fletcher said. On the other hand, he said, people who live near CR 229 south of Greens Creek have a very limited selection of detour routes. They can take Clet Harvey or Richardson roads, both long and unpaved, or they can go "all the way to Raiford" before hitting another paved detour route back to Macclenny.

After Tropical Storm Debby passed through in late June, county road crews were at work quickly cleaning up and grading the most heavily damaged dirt roads to lessen the hardship on motorists who could no longer use the bridge.

"We put asphalt millings on Richardson Road from Clet Harvey over to Mud Lake Road," Mr. Fletcher said. "That has helped a lot."

The county manager said construction on the new Cedar Creek Bridge is expected to begin in early spring 2013 and Mr. Fletcher said the project should be completed within four to six months.

No tentative startup date has been announced for the new Greens Creek Bridge, which is not as critical because the temporary bridge will be there. Mr. Fletcher said the temporary span will be constructed of steel panels placed on pilings driven deep into the ground.

He said both bridge projects will be jointly funded by the Fed-

eral Highway Administration, which will pay 80 percent of the cost, and Florida DOT, which will pick up the remaining 20 percent.

Another transportation issue discussed by commissioners last week centered on a proposal to join a new Northeast Florida Regional Transportation Commission, with the City of Jacksonville serving as the core member. If all counties join the association, the region would be comprised of Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, Putnam and St. Johns.

Mr. Thompson told commissioners membership would cost Baker County \$6,570 a year if Baker is the only outlying county to join, or about \$4,850 if other counties joined as well. Jacksonville's share would be \$96,000 a year, based on a five-year commitment.

"It's a good project," said Commissioner Jimmy Anderson. "It brings all the region together and can help us with some road funding. It can give us more leverage."

Perhaps, Mr. Anderson said, membership could even help the county obtain state funds to build a much-desired transportation link, sometimes referred to as the "Walmart to Walmart Road," between US 90 near the Walmart Distribution Center and the Walmart Supercenter at CR 228/Interstate 10.

Such a road would help divert heavy truck traffic from downtown Macclenny by giving them a more direct path from I-10 to US 90.

However, commissioners tabled a decision on the proposal pending further study. They said they wanted to see what other counties in the region do before deciding whether or not to join the transportation commission because there's no guarantee that Baker County would benefit much from its membership.

"If there's no value to the citizens of Baker County there's no buy-in for Baker County," Mr. Anderson said.

During last week's board meeting commissioners also:

- Renewed an agreement with the Baker Community Counseling Services Inc. to act as a drug court coordinator and liaison between the court, attorneys, treatment providers and other agencies involved in counseling, treatment and supervision of drug offenders. The agreement calls for the county to pay BCCS up to \$20,000 a year.

- Adopted a proclamation extending "greetings and best wishes to all commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Morrill Act Establishing the American Land-Grant System and the University of Florida as Florida's

1862 Land-Grant University."

President Abraham Lincoln signed the Morrill Act into law on July 2, 1862, thus creating a nationwide network of public institutions of higher learning known as land-grant universities for the purpose of teaching agricultural science, engineering and military tactics.

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The proclamation credits UF with making "a tremendous impact on the lives of Floridians through its core land-grant mission of research, teaching and outreach."

- Adopted a resolution declaring November Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month in recognition of the fact that in 2012 an estimated 43,920 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States and 37,390 will die from the disease, including 2,670 in Florida.

Pancreatic cancer is the fourth leading cancer in the U.S. and is the only major cancer with a

five-year relative survival rate in the single digits at just 6 percent. There is no cure as yet and there have been no significant improvements in survival rates in four decades.

Blacks have the highest incidence rate of pancreatic cancer, between 34 percent and 70 percent higher than all other racial/ethnic groups.

Despite these grim statistics the federal government invests significantly less money in pancreatic cancer research than it does in any of the other leading cancer killers and it only constitutes about 2 percent of the National Cancer Institute's federal research budget, "a figure far too low given the severity of the disease, its mortality rate and how little is known about how to arrest it," the resolution states.

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Race-based student goals well-intentioned, misguided

Some readers may be following the discussion following the release two weeks ago of new

goals set by the Florida Board of Education on reading and math skills.

The board set percentage goals for students in the state to either reach or surpass by the year 2018. Nothing new here — states are insisting on minimum standards on basic skills and in Florida's case we even assign school and district grades based on student performance and progress from year to year.

The debate, however, swirls around the state board's setting different percentage goals based on race. In a nutshell, Asian students have the shortest distance to go reaching the goals, but goals are set higher.

White students are lower, followed by Hispanic. Blacks are the lowest; they are performing at the lowest levels in 2012 and even if they reach goals set by the board in six years, they're still not expected to do as well as other groups.

And that's the rub. One official labeled it "the soft bigotry of low expectations," resurrecting a phrase coined in the George Bush years. That's a subtle but damning indictment of what many see as condensation toward black students and ultimately, black culture, in this the fifth decade since the passage of civil rights legislation and integration of public schools.

A reasonable argument as far as it goes. But what policies like this say in a broader sense is we're still too fixated on race and ethnic breakdowns. And a major blame for this stubborn habit we have goes right to government agencies like, well, the Florida Board of Education.

How this revised "race and ethnic-based" goal setting will affect Baker County schools isn't known, but what the education industry doesn't need in 2012 is another quota-driven policy that, in effect, creates strata of learning.

Do Asian kids excel generally? Yes.

Do white kids do better than blacks and Hispanics. Seems to be so.

Is anything public schools do likely to alter that anytime soon? Mmm, doubtful.

Why do you suppose that is? Do you think it's because of what's going on in children's lives outside classrooms, off school grounds and at other times than during the school day. You think?

What the Board of Education is trying to accomplish is fine, and it may be effective in

tightening that learning gap in reading and math. Different

racess and ethnicities are now going to the same schools but spitting out different results, so pardon

some of us if we cast a wary eye. It seems the more government attempts to "equalize" results, the wider the "outcome gap" appears to get. There are, of course, many exceptions

and that's probably what keeps them trying to make things "equal" for all of us.

Trouble is, the more people go about their daily routines — including school students — aware that different things are expected of them on the basis of what color or race they came into the world belonging to, the less assimilated we all become.

If you haven't noticed, we're feeling "divided" enough already.



'Old' is 19 hours on a school bus

I'm not as young as I used to be.

What in the world could cause me to say that? The "middle age belly?" The hair graying? What oh, what?

Okay. All of that stuff.

But mainly it's how lousy I feel after driving a school bus for 19 hours.

Like I've been hit by a baseball bat. My fingers don't want to work right on the keyboard. My eyesight is a little fuzzy around the edges. Every inch of me feels fuzzy around the edges and it's working its way to the middle fast.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Blackened teacher's character

Dear Editor:

I am perfectly furious because Mr. Addington has attempted to blacken the character of our neighbor and friend Judith Rutherford.

The whole article (*Alleges child abuse at school*) could have been written without mentioning the name of any involved, particularly since DCF will not publish its findings of total innocence; only as the article said: "If criminal charges are sought."

Now people who don't know her as we do will always wonder what happened. We are certain no criminal charges will be sought unless the accusing party is found guilty of something. I find this article to be slanted toward accusation with nothing to substantiate it other than the word of a fired, disgruntled employee.

Mrs. Rutherford has been our neighbor for almost six years. She has consistently been a good neighbor and fine

Christian lady. She does not deserve in any way to be put through this public humiliation on the word of someone who was fired and won't tell why.

Surely a good reporter could nose around and find out why. I am certain he could have found "unnamed sources" only too glad to tell all about the firing. I believe, from what I have heard from my "unnamed sources," plenty could be told.

This reporter must have been reading the *Times-Union* from Jacksonville and studying how to slant stories for more sensationalism.

Patricia A. Cornell
(Mrs. Ron Vinson)
Baxter

Outraged by story on Mann trial

Dear Editor:

I am writing to express my sincere disappointment with your publication of the story of October 18, 2012 *Not guilty of child sexual batteries, votes Mann jury*.

I am outraged that this story was published. Have you no consideration for the poor child who is now known to every reader of *The Baker County Press*? Whether the accused was found guilty or not, this story should never have been published. Whatever happened to protecting the identity of the victim [and yes, her identity will be known, because you published her father's name]?

Did you not take into consideration that it will now be known by every person of Baker County, plus any others that read this publication, that this child considers herself a victim of sexual assault. Baker County is a small community and information spreads like wildfire.

Now, not only does this child have to live with the circumstances of the accusation and subsequent trial, but also with everyone and anyone knowing who she is. Shame on you for not considering the full impact of this story.

Did the entire county need to know that this man was not found guilty? What purpose did it really serve? That you would stoop to such low standards just to get a headline is unconscionable.

Kimberly Robinson
Macclenny

Facebook fans

'What you had to say ...'

Debates seem to be everywhere of late, but none more high profile than those featuring the presidential candidates. We turned to our Facebook peeps to ask, "Do you feel the presidential debates help voters make up their mind or is the decision made before the debates even begin?" Here's a look at some of the reactions:

Charming McWonderful: "Most people's minds are all ready made up and don't care to get an education on the facts at hand. Our society has become dependent on the government and that's just what the Obama administration wants. Most have become sheep."

Dwayne Norman: "My decision was made well before any of these debates. My vote is based on moral values that are straight from the word of God."

Dana Pulley: "My mind is already made up; I research as much information about each candidate as I can, then decided who best represents my POV."

Jason Randall: "Totally made up beforehand. That's why Facebook claims both of them won the debates, despite gaffes, falsities and lack of information."

Mike Richardson: "I'm just trying to figure out what people are going to talk about on Facebook when politics and football season is over."

Jessica Brown: "Unfortunately, far too many people don't bother to do any research at all into the candidates, their records, their plans and their positions. I don't think the debates change many minds in part because our relentless media machine has been telling us what to think from all sides."

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CIRCUIT COURT

'Crime spree' youth gets 50 months for violating probation

A Macclenny man who violated terms of probation and house arrest for his part in a burglary spree in August, 2010, will be going to prison for 50 months after entering a plea in circuit court on October 16.

Chad Green, 19, has been in jail 217 days and that will be knocked off the sentence. He was arrested on March 5, 2012 after leading several county deputies on a high-speed chase south of Interstate 10 between Glen St. Mary and Sanderson. The charges associated with that incident, including felony fleeing and escape, constituted five separate violations of the probation agreement.



Chad Green

Mr. Brooks, who has a lengthy criminal record that includes battery, drunk driving, cocaine possession and other offenses, was caught with a loaded pistol in August. Court records also indicate he violated terms of probation by not observing a curfew and failure to keep a daily activity log.

Mr. Green, who was a juvenile when he and several others were arrested for breaking into numerous vehicles during the night in two neighborhoods between Macclenny and Glen St. Mary, was sentenced in October, 2010 to a year in jail, followed by a year on house arrest and three years on probation.

Judge Phyllis Rosier revoked that probation at sentencing. Mr. Green was one of four defendants sent off to prison that day for terms ranging from 42 months to 15 months.



Timothy Hardenbrook

Timothy Hardenbrook, 46, of Macclenny pleaded no contest to selling prescription pills from his north city trailer and drew a term of 42-3 months.

He was arrested in June, 2011 after informants working for the sheriff's department bought 100 pills from him. Mr. Hardenbrook has a prior record that includes possession of cocaine, theft, burglary, robbery and kidnapping.

Billy John Burnham will get credit for 228 days he's been in county jail since his arrest for driving on a suspended or revoked license and manufacturing methamphetamine at his residence on Moccasin Circle near Baxter.

Sheriff's investigators went to his address, described as a shed, in March of this year and found a plastic bottle containing meth residue.

In May of this year, Mr. Burnham was arrested driving in Macclenny while having previ-

ous license suspension convictions in both Holmes and Columbia counties. His criminal record also includes theft and drug arrests.

• Rodney Keith Brooks, 47, of Macclenny admitted to violating probation conditions and will be in prison 15 months less 171 days already in jail.

• Michael Ray Johnson pleaded no contest to felony theft and felony driving without a license and will serve 11 months in county jail, minus 60 days.

• William Mash entered a no contest plea to a reduced count of felony battery and will be in county jail ten months less 171 days.

• Joseph Parrish pleaded no contest to possession of a controlled drug and drew a year-long sentence in county jail, less 87 days.

• Christen Hand pleaded no contest to felony criminal mischief and was placed on probation for 18 months. Other provisions of the sentence include paying \$2522 restitution, doing 25 hours of community service and penning an apology letter.

Judge Rosier withheld adjudication of guilt if all provisions are met.

• Frederick Tyson will be on drug offender probation 18 months after pleading no contest to possession of controlled drugs and grand theft. The judge also ordered him to stay away from Walmart.

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BAKER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

BCHS grads not college-bound Even if they test 'ready' many don't go

surprised to hear about the lack of students motivated to seek college degrees immediately after high school. He said he offered a \$1000 scholarship last year and, "we had to beat the bushes to find somebody to take it."

Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson suggested conducting "exit surveys" with seniors to uncover why they're not seeking higher education after graduation or where they're heading instead. Perhaps families cannot afford the bill for college tuition, she said.

The problem is not limited to Baker County, either. Mr. Hill explained that other small, rural counties in the region, like Bradford and Union, are seeing similar outcomes.

Mr. Hill said he struck a deal with the College Board, which administers college entrance exams like the SAT and ACT, to administer the SAT to some 300 juniors in February free of charge.

The testing, estimated to cost about \$20,000 under normal circumstances, "will provide us an inroad to reducing that 34 percent," the principal said.

Mr. Hill's presentation also reflected student performance during the 2011-12 school year, including FCAT and other testing, attendance rates, discipline problems, and the soon-to-be released graduation and drop out

rates. Among the more positive developments: A nearly 8 percent rise in total FCAT points from the previous year and a 22 percent increase since 2009.

Students taking the ACT college readiness exam upped their scores 10 percent over the last three years.

Attendance rose by 3 points to 90 percent last school year and the frequency of "physical alterations" dropped 40 percent, which Mr. Hill attributed to more severe punishments for physical violence and more monitoring between classes by teachers.

Though the drop out and graduation rates have not yet been finalized, Mr. Hill said he expects a decline in graduation due to a shift in how the rate is calculated.

The school's goal for this year is to graduate at least 80 percent of the students who entered high school four years ago. But beginning last year, BCHS could no longer count the recipients of special degrees like GEDs as graduates.

Given that change, Mr. Hill said, he expects the 2011-12 graduation rate to be 15 percent lower than this year's goal, or 65 percent.

"We need to be very open with our community," he said, "because it will appear our graduation rate has plummeted ... But it's OK. We will do right by kids and continue to show progress going forward."

JOEL ADDINGTON NEWS EDITOR report@bakercountypress.com

MIKE ANDERSON PRESS STAFF

Road fatality memorial this Sunday

Virginia Jennifer Kirk, a Baker County High School graduate and pre-nursing student at Florida Gateway College in Lake City, will be celebrating her 26th birthday this coming Sunday, surrounded by her three children and other family members.

Instead, her life will be remembered that afternoon during a memorial service at the intersection in Glen St. Mary where she was killed by an alleged drunk driver on March 26.

The event marks the first officially sanctioned roadside memorial service in Baker County to honor the lives of people killed in traffic accidents on county roads. The county commission authorized the Baker County Memorial Marker Program at the request of Ms. Kirk's mother, Debbie Pruett, on September 4.

"The mother asked us if we could wait until October 28, her daughter's birthday," said Sheriff Joey Dobson, who appeared with Ms. Pruett at the commission meeting last month and said his department would assume responsibility for the memorial services.

"We're going to put up a metal sign and have some flowers and a memorial wreath," Sheriff Dobson said. "We're going to have one of our chaplains there, Sam Kitchens. He's a pastor at Church of Christ in Macclenny and also our programs coordinator. We'll probably get the state attorney's office involved, too, to help her (Ms. Pruett) get some closure."

Originally, the plan was to conduct the service in the morning but was later changed to 2 p.m., the sheriff said, because some of Ms. Kirk's co-workers at Northeast Florida State Hospital wanted to attend.

Ms. Kirk, a single mother working as an aide with mentally ill patients for four years, had just ended her evening shift at the hospital the night of the accident and was heading northbound on CR 125 to pick up her children at her mother's home on CR 127 in Glen. They lived in a rented house in Macclenny.

A heavy-duty welding truck traveling at an estimated 40 mph ran through the stop sign at East Andrews Street and slammed into the passenger side of the victim's compact car, killing her instantly at 11:40 pm, authorities said.

"The impact pushed her 2004 Toyota across the intersection and into the north ditch of Andrews west of 125 where it came to rest facing east," said FHP Lt. Kevin L. Blom. "The truck spun around and came to rest in the same north ditch, also facing east."

Troopers on the scene collected "several beer bottles that were strewn about the pavement," Lt. Blom said.

The driver of the 2007 Dodge truck, Randall H. Morrow, a 25-year-old welder from Mississippi, was treated for minor injuries at Fraser Hospital and released. Passenger Gregory D. Calvert, 29, also of Mississippi, was not injured. Both were wearing seat belts; Ms. Kirk was not.

The highway patrol later charged Mr. Morrow after blood samples taken at the hospital revealed he would never wake up.

myriad of homemade signs and memorial structures, including wooden crosses and plastic flowers, that loved ones place on local, state and federal roads throughout Baker County.

That doesn't mean other markers will be removed, however. "We will never remove the ones that are already there and we would never ask anyone to remove any one to el-related deaths annually in the United States," Mr. Harms said. "These numbers are not acceptable."

And it's not just alcohol or drug-impaired drivers that are killing innocent victims, he said, adding that many times drivers who cause accidents are brushing or combing their hair, putting on makeup and even "eating while driving."

Now, seven months after Jennifer Kirk died, her mother and her three kids are left to mourn her death as they try to move on with their lives; Debbie Pruett without her daughter and the children without their mother.

DRIVE SAFELY IN MEMORY VIRGINIA JENNIFER KIRK

will not keep track of all traffic fatalities on county roads and automatically schedule roadside memorial services for them. The service will be available only upon request from families, the sheriff said.

In addition to the sheriff, Ms. Pruett was accompanied to the county commission meeting last month by Jacksonville victim advocate Carl Harms, who said his father was killed five years ago by a drunk driver in Mississippi.

Mr. Harms said that incident is what led him to campaign for tougher laws against drunk drivers and to work as an advocate for other victims who have lost loved ones in similar tragedies.

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Both spouses implicated Following fight over cell phone

A county deputy filed domestic battery complaints against both parties following a physical confrontation the afternoon of October 21 at an address off Mond's Trail near Glen St. Mary.

Both Freddie Reynolds and estranged wife Amber Reynolds gave conflicting versions of events that transpired when the husband went to the residence of the wife's mother about 5:40 pm. Both are 26 years old.

Mr. Reynolds told Deputy Jeremiah Johnson he was struck in the face and scratched on the neck when he went to retrieve a cell phone. Mrs. Reynolds countered in a later interview with Deputy Robert Simpkins that she was dragged from a porch and pinned to the ground as her assailant attempted to get the phone from her pocket.

Mrs. Reynolds sought treatment at the Fraser emergency room for injuries that included a sprained foot and bruising. Mr. Reynolds also bore signs of bruising about the face and scrapes on his neck.

In other domestic-related calls the past week, Tyler Freeman, 21, was arrested the morning of October 21 for domestic battery on his estranged girlfriend at their residence on Claude Harvey Rd. near Sanderson.

Deputy Koty Crews said Amanda McHale, also 21, had bruising about the face and head, along with pulled hair consistent with her version of events. She said Mr. Freeman had been drinking heavily at a party earlier and during an argument about 6:20 he dragged her by the hair out of the residence, struck her about the face and repeatedly struck her head on pavement.

Ms. McHale also said the boyfriend has attacked her before but she did not report it because he promised to cease in the future. Mr. Freeman claimed during questioning he was defend-

ing himself and he did not know where she received her injuries.

A criminal complaint for domestic battery on her child was filed on October 20 against Leslie Perryman, 30, based on information that originated via an anonymous call the previous day to the Department of Children and Families hotline.

Deputy Chad Montean said the caller accused Ms. Perryman of scratching her 10-year-old daughter on the face and striking her head against a wall. DCF was told the child has a physical condition that makes blows to the head particularly dangerous.

The caller also said the mother and her boyfriend often fight in front of her four children and that they take drugs.

The girl, by then in the custody of other relatives in Glen St. Mary, bore signs of the facial scratching and told the investigator and deputy the attack occurred at her residence on Altman's Way several days earlier when she missed a school bus.

The mother told Deputy Montean later she fell back asleep after awakening the girl and her brother, and denied the allegations.

A domestic battery complaint was filed by Deputy Johnson the evening of October 19 after Shakera Harmon, 20, said she was attacked by ex-boyfriend Larry Major, 18, because she refused to give him a ride from her Grissholm St. address.

The girlfriend said she was struck on the face and shoulder. Mr. Major is also from Macclenny.

A complaint for domestic assault was filed on October 18 alleging that George Hill, 28, threatened to punch estranged girlfriend Amber Linster, 26, in the stomach during an argument that morning. She is seven months pregnant and they were in a vehicle returning from a doctor visit.

Complaints for violating a

domestic violence protective order and for filing a false police report were made against Ledarrell Ingram, 46, of Macclenny after alleged repeated telephone calls to ex-wife Carol Ingram, 50.

Deputy Simpkins said he interviewed Mr. Ingram at a Deerfield Circle address the afternoon of October 16 after the suspect called police accusing a friend of the ex-wife of sexual battery on his daughter.

When Investigator Tracie Benton interviewed Ms. Ingram, she learned that he had been making allegations for some time, and she insisted they were false. She also said the ex-husband had been harassing her by phone, including 57 calls on October 15 and 16, many of them at her workplace.

Police soon learned that the husband was hospitalized in Jacksonville for threatening suicide.

Dakota Canaday, 18, of Glen was arrested the evening of October 20 for striking his step-father James Brogdon, 35, on the head following a verbal argument off Andrew Raulerson Rd.

Mr. Brogdon told Deputy Jeremiah Combs he was escorting the step-son off his property when struck. Mr. Canaday was also charged with disorderly intoxication.

The unit was the property of Ralph King of Glen St. Mary.

The owner of the Honda told Deputy Daryl Mobley the next day her vehicle had several items in it that did not belong to her, including a hydraulic jack, hub caps, a lug wrench and jumper cables.

Deputies were also called the past week to a rash of burglaries and attempts involving parked vehicles.

Copper welding leads valued at \$650 were taken from a work truck parked at the residence of Scott Norman on PeeWee Harvey Rd. near Sanderson during the early morning hours of October 15.

The leads and damaged welder were the property of A.J. Johns, a Jacksonville contractor.

Three vehicles belonging to Dorothy and Jack Simmons were entered the evening of October 19 outside their residence on Fred Harvey Rd. south of

Car theft suspect flushed out of woods by K-9 after fleeing

Deputies used the K-9 Tango to flush a car theft suspect out of the woods off Woodlawn Rd. late on October 16 after he ran from a nearby parking lot.

Deputy Jeremiah Johnson said the man, later identified as Anthony Torres, 18, of Interlachen, FL took off on foot while being questioned at the nearby Econolodge lot about 11:10 pm. The officer responded to a suspicious person call and first spotted the suspect seated in a 1997 Honda that police later learned was stolen in Columbia County.

The sheriff's department canine was employed to capture the suspect hiding about 50 yards off Woodlawn in thick vegetation. He had a knife in his backpack.

Mr. Torres was booked at county jail for dealing in stolen property and resisting arrest by running. The next day, he was charged with theft of a GPS worth \$400 from a semi-truck in the same parking lot.

Two tires valued at \$150 were damaged by puncture on a vehicle belonging to April Brogdon of Macclenny the evening of October 20 or early the next morning while it was parked at Mac's Liquors in Macclenny.

Kendall Hurd of Glen St. Mary said an electronic game and DVD valued at \$105 were taken from his 1994 Chevrolet while it was parked at the Family Dollar Store on US 90 in Macclenny the evening of October 16.

The owners told police that prescription medication, two guns, knives, a tree climber, necklace, watch and purse were stolen.

Neighbor John Staples heard an alarm sound when a 2008 Pontiac belonging to Sharon Edmunds was entered about 1 am on October 22. He saw a male figure run from the 3rd St. address in Macclenny west on Minnesota Ave.

The owner said nothing was taken from her car.

A complaint for battery was filed after the deputy was unable to locate Ms. Carter.

In another battery complaint, a 25-year-old patient at North-east Florida State Hospital said he was struck on the arm by another male patient, 19, the morning of October 21.

The patient told Deputy Jacob Satterwhite the accused attempted to strike him with a stick, and he was struck while he held him down until staff members arrived.

Hospital security officers said the younger patient has a history of aggressive behavior.

Alleges ex-beau's girlfriend struck her

A Sanderson woman named her ex-boyfriend's new girlfriend as the person who pulled her off the porch of her residence on Arlie Givens Lane the evening of October 19, and then attacked her while she was on the ground.

Shirley Gray, 21, told Deputy Michael Clark she was holding her infant son when she opened her door and Lora Carter, 18, of Glen St. Mary pushed her. She then said she put her son down before the alleged assailant grabbed her by the neck and pulled her onto the porch.

The deputy noted that Ms. Gray had scratches on her neck and under her left eye. She said the accused retreated and drove off after she began kicking and striking her back.

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Suspect in roofing fraud is arrested for pot possession

A Glen St. Mary man facing multiple felony counts for falsely claiming he was an insured roofing contractor and failing to complete jobs was arrested the morning of October 18 for possession of marijuana and paraphernalia.

Darrell Perry, 33, was also charged with driving on a license suspended multiple times as an habitual offender.

Deputy Daryl Mobley said he recognized Mr. Perry as the driver of a 2007 Chevrolet pickup southbound on CR 125 about 8 am and pulled the vehicle over at the Citgo station near Interstate 10. The officer was aware of Mr. Perry's license status.

He detected the odor of marijuana smoke coming from inside the pickup, and Mr. Perry consented to a search that turned up a baggie with smoking papers in the console, and a second one with marijuana in a brief case behind the front seat.

A passenger identified as Douglas Givens was released.

Mr. Perry failed to appear in circuit court on October 16 for a case management conference on the fraud charges, and a warrant was pending until officials learned he was seeking medical treatment for an unspecified condition.

He was charged in July after complaints from several homeowners that he took money for roofing contracts but failed to

complete them. Mr. Perry also faces counts for falsely certifying himself as an insured contractor.

In other arrests, Nikki McBean, 29, of Glen St. Mary was charged with DUI after her swerving vehicle was stopped near CR 125 and Park St. early on October 14.

Trooper K.M. Boatright of the Florida Highway Patrol said the vehicle was speeding in a 30 mph zone about 2:30 am when he got behind it. Ms. McBean failed field sobriety testing and refused to submit to a breath test at county jail.

Marcella Ebanks, 33, of Gainesville was arrested for disorderly conduct and resisting police outside the Country Club Lounge on SR 121 South on October 20.

Deputy Brandon Kiser said he responded shortly after 10 pm because the intoxicated Ms. Ebanks was causing a disturbance attempting to leave in a vehicle. Witnesses said she nearly struck another vehicle on the roadway.

The officer said Ms. Ebanks refused several times to calm herself and answer his queries, and slipped out of handcuffs when placed in his patrol car. She also repeatedly struck the windows.

Mr. Williams had been involved in a disturbance with his sister about 7:30 pm, and Deputy Johnson said he had an odor of alcohol and slurred speech.

The officer also noted that the suspect fell to his knees on a porch while being escorted from

Lt. governor attends GOP women's lunch

Lt. Governor Jennifer Carroll (right) was the guest speaker at the Baker County Women's Political Network's "Women for Romney Luncheon" the afternoon of October 20 at the Ag Center. She talked for about a half-hour about the virtues of Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney and the importance of defense spending by the federal government. The retired Navy lieutenant commander said 39,000 jobs in Florida connected to defense contractors could be lost if Congress doesn't reach a deal on the federal budget and so-called sequestration cuts go into effect in 2013. Pictured below (from left) are Kate Meadows, Charissa Williams and Emily Meadows.



Arrested on warrants

Police responding to disturbance calls in two unrelated cases the past week ended up arresting suspects found to be wanted for criminal offenses in other counties.

Deputy Jeremiah Johnson went to a residence on North Boulevard in Macclenny the evening of October 15 and learned via a computer check that David Williams Jr., 47, had warrants from Putnam County for probation violation and Clay County for failure to appear in court for refusing to submit to a DUI breath test.

Mr. Williams had been involved in a disturbance with his sister about 7:30 pm, and Deputy Johnson said he had an odor of alcohol and slurred speech.

The officer also noted that the suspect fell to his knees on a porch while being escorted from

the residence "and started yelling stop hitting me and that he is not resisting."

He was admonished by his sister to "stop pretending" and that she saw him lie down.

In the second incident, Deputy Jacob Satterwhite responded to a report of a couple arguing in a parked van in the Cornerstone shopping center on South 6th in Macclenny the afternoon of October 18.

One of the occupants, James Jones, 21, of Jacksonville, was wanted in St. Johns County for failure to appear in court and criminal mischief.

Derek Steppig, 41, of Macclenny was arrested at his residence on Keith Griffiths Circle by Deputy Robert Simpkins the evening of October 16. He was wanted in Marion County for a vehicle registration violation.

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A 'hardware' hawk

Predator bird roosts in Hagan Ace

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The Ace Hardware store in Glen St. Mary got an unexpected guest the morning of October 12 when a red shoulder hawk flew in through the garden center in pursuit of another bird.

No one was injured in the encounter and employees managed to capture and release the predatory bird outside not long after a wildlife officer dispatched to the store called for backup.

Sales associate Wayne Helton fetched a fishing net from home and later attached it to the end of an extended pool cleaning pole.

Then he and store manager Leonard Pittman spent some 20 minutes pursuing the hawk around the store, attempting to corner it. They came close one time, but couldn't spin the net around fast enough and the hawk escaped.

"He didn't like that, but I'm sure he's glad to be out and sitting in a pine tree," said another employee, Brent Dennard, shortly after the capture.

"It took a while but we finally tired him out," Mr. Pittman said. Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission Lt. David Lee responded to the US 90 store that morning.

He, like customers and Ace workers, could do little as the hawk flew around the store, perching itself in the rafters well out of reach.

Lt. Lee said he called in a captive wildlife investigator who specializes in catching wild animals, but the expert was about an hour away. In the meantime, the officer decided to grab some lunch.

"This is a rare occasion when we get a hawk inside a building," said Lt. Lee.

"We don't want to harm the hawk, but we want to get it out of the store... That beak can take the head off a rabbit," he said.

The officer added later the hawk reportedly entered through the garden center chasing a "twenty bird."

He complimented the "enterprising" store employees for their help in releasing the bird, which was no worse for the wear.

The next morning Mr. Pittman, the store manager, found the hawk squawking loudly in an oak tree near the store's retention pond. He videotaped the animal with his cell phone to capture the communication.

"I thought it was his way of saying thank you for getting him out of there," said Mr. Pittman.



Ace Hardware sales associate Wayne Helton releases the captured hawk.

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Preschoolers let loose in the pumpkin patch

Children from the Pre-K/Kindergarten Center, including those from Jalinda Owen's pre-K class shown here, visited the United Methodist Church pumpkin patch on October 19. They were read a holiday story before being unleashed through the pumpkin patch. The trips concluded with a drink and snack in the shade. Pictured (clockwise from top) are Madalyn Sparkman, Layla Burke, unidentified boy, Ms. Owens and (bending over) Logan Vickers; Hayden Hobbs inspecting one of the more unusual pumpkins; and (atop the turkey) Samuriah Major, Rhadya Gaskins Ruise and Logan Tedrick.



Holiday writing entries sought

The Press is sponsoring two writing contests this holiday season, one will be a Christmas-theme short story contest, the other, a Thanksgiving-theme essay contest answering the question, "What are you thankful for this holiday season?"

The contests are open to all Baker County residents and authors should limit their entries to no more than 1000 words.

Entries for the essay contest will be due by November 15 and those for the short story contest will be due by December 10.

Entries can be dropped off at the newspaper, 104 S. 5th St. in Macclenny, or e-mailed to reporter@bakercountypress.com. Please include a name and contact number with entries.

The newspaper staff will judge entries for creativity, style, impact, spelling, grammar and story-telling ability.

The winner in each age division — 13 and under, 14 to 20, and 21 and older — will receive a prize valued at \$50. The winning entries will also be published.

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Airman Acosta

In AF training

Nathan Acosta recently graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas, and is currently training in electrical and environmental systems at Sheppard AFB, Texas. He will be there until February.

Airman Acosta is attached to the 125th fighter wing at Jacksonville International Airport and is employed as a detention deputy at the Baker County jail.

He is the son of Brenda Acosta of Macclenny and Daniel Acosta of Lake City and a 2008 graduate of Baker County High School.

His fiancé is Danielle Sikes and his daughter is Bailey Madison, both also of Macclenny.

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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.

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Robert Brown Jr., 51, of Jacksonville

William Robert Brown Jr., 51, died on Tuesday, October 16, 2012. He was born March 22, 1961 and was a native and lifelong resident of Jacksonville. The son of the late William and Mary Wade Brown, Robert was a master electrician and worked with Allstate Electric Company and for Munson and Bryan Electric Company, Inc. at the time of his death. Robert was a hard worker and was well liked by all who knew him. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, brother, uncle, and will be dearly missed by all.

Survivors include his wife of 30-plus years, Barbara; son Robert Adam Brown; daughter Regina Brown; brother Blaney Brown of Macclenny; sisters Carol Brown, Shirley Young, Trudie Brown, all of Macclenny, and Lanie Thornton (Nathan) of Jacksonville; mother-in-law Joann Godwin of Jacksonville; brother-in-law Robert Godwin; three grandchildren; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

A graveside service for Mr. Brown was held on Wednesday, October 24 at 11 am at Manning Cemetery in Jacksonville with Rev. Freddie Griffiths officiating. The family received friends at the graveside starting at 10 am. Cedar Bay Funeral Home of Jacksonville was in charge of arrangements

Queen Davis loved to cook and decorate

Queen Esther Davis, 71, a Macclenny native and resident of Kansas City, MO, died September 27, 2012. She was the daughter of the late John H. Johnson and Alice Wynn, and was preceded in death by husband Willie Davis, daughter Alicia A. Davis and grandson Earl Ramsey Jr.

Mrs. Davis was educated in Baker County and later earned an associate degree in medical management. She moved to Kansas City in 1969 and attended Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church.

Queen was a family-oriented woman who firmly believed in the strength of family and friends. She enjoyed rehabilitating homes, interior decorating and was a songwriter who loved to cook.

She is survived by daughters Gwendolyn Henderson and Phyllis (J.L.) Davis-Gay; grandchildren Tiffany, Queen, Jameel, Corey and Willica; great-granddaughters Jamesha and Trinity; brothers and sisters William Henry (Gayron), Billy, Betty, Salome (Charlie), Nazarene (Mike), Rufus (Alma), Emmory (Samuel), Linda (Gabriel), Claudia; a host of other relatives and dear friends.

The funeral service for Mrs. Davis was held on Saturday, October 6 at 4 pm at Duane Harvey Funeral Home in Kansas City with Rev. Nathaniel Davis officiating.

Ernest DeHart, 77, of Glen St. Mary dies

Ernest Gene DeHart, 77, of Glen St. Mary died on Thursday, October 11, 2012. Mr. DeHart was a United States Navy veteran and a retired industrial mechanic. He was a member of the VFW and Moose Lodge 2412 in Macclenny. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, solving crossword puzzles, feeding wild birds, hunting and fishing.

He is survived by his wife Chessie DeHart of Glen St. Mary; son Michael (Lorraine) DeHart of Glen St. Mary; daughters Deborah (Mike) Brost of Atlantic Beach, Brandi (James) Wood of Mission, TX and Candl DeHart of Jacksonville; 14 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by daughters Tonya Blaine and Kathy Heathco.

The funeral service was held at 2 pm Sunday, October 14 at Taylor Church with Pastor Jim Cox officiating. Burial followed at Taylor Cemetery. Forbes Funeral Home in Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.

Sally Manning of Baldwin dies

Sally Ambrose Manning, 81, of Baldwin died on Sunday, October 21, 2012 at her home following a lengthy illness. She was born on December 20, 1930 in Cross City, Florida. She is the daughter of the late Jacob Guy Ambrose and the former Bertha Lee Howell. She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Brad Manning; son Vance Prestwood Sr.; daughters, Suzanne (Eddie) Bibb, Melody (Tim) Rigdon and Stephanie (Lee) Pittman; grandsons Brad Chessman, Vance (Alysia) Prestwood, Jr., Brent (Kristen) Chessman, Ben Pittman and Sam Pittman; granddaughters Betsy Chessman, Windy (Kane) Cahill, Sarah Rigdon, Rebecca (Jonathan) Reavis, Rachel Pittman and Amy Pittman; sister Lily Harrington; nine great-grandchildren and numerous extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her son David Prestwood.

The funeral service was held at 11am on Wednesday, October 24, at the First Baptist Church of Baldwin with Rev. Chris Drum officiating. Interment followed at Brandy Branch Cemetery, Bryceville.

The Road to Calvary
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Sunday School: 10:00 am
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Sunday Evening Service: 6:00 pm
Wednesday Night: 7:30 pm

Mrs. Hartley, 88, funeral on Friday

Amy Lucille Hartley, 88, a lifelong resident of Glen St. Mary, died October 23, 2012 at W. Frank Wells Nursing Home with family at her side. She was born in Glen St. Mary on September 21, 1924 to the late Grover Cleveland Norton and Trudie Holt Norton. Lucille retired in 1986 after 13 years as a certified nursing assistant at Northeast Florida State Hospital and worked at the Baker County Council on Aging for many years. She was a member of Manntown Congregational Holiness Church and enjoyed cooking, loving and helping others, traveling to the mountains, spending time with her family and booking events and traveling with Rushing Wind Quartet.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 43 years, Marcus Hartley; sons Larry Hartley and J.C. Hartley; granddaughter Amy Ash; sister Virginia Eddy; brothers Milledge, Emmitt, Carl, and G.L. Norton. She is survived by her sons, Mark (Ronda) Hartley of Glen St. Mary, Jimmy (Pam) Hartley of Macclenny, and Edwin (Darlene) Hartley of Glen St. Mary; daughter Nancy (Joe) Ash of Macclenny; brother Ray Norton of Jacksonville; sisters Viria Long and Carlene Ashton, both of Ocala, and Geraldine Murray of NC; 16 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and several great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral service for Mrs. Hartley will be held on Friday, October 26 at 11 am at her church with pastors David Hodges and Mark Woods officiating. Interment will follow at Macedonia Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Thursday, October 25 from 6-8 pm at the church. V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services of Macclenny is in charge of arrangements.

Fall festival

The First Community Church is having a community fall festival on Saturday, October 27 beginning at 3 pm at Jonesville Park north of Sanderson off CR 127. Bring your kids and lawn chair and have a good time. For more details, contact Pastor Vick Givens at 275-2094.

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ANGELICAN CHURCH

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

Glen St. Mary, Florida
1/2 mile South of I-10 on CR 125,
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Pamela Pelt, 42, BCHS graduate

Pamela Kathleen Pelt, 42, of Lake City died on Tuesday, October 16, 2012. She was born on Christmas Day, 1969 to Robert W. Pelt and Shirley Ann Blanton Pelt. She was raised in Macclenny and was a graduate of Baker County High School class of 1990. She was a member of East-side Baptist Church in Lake City and was preceded in death by her mother in 1994.

Survivors include her parents, Robert W. Pelt (Mary) of Gainesville; brother Gary Pelt of Alachua; sister Sherri McQueen (Brian) of Brunswick, GA; nephew John McQueen of Brunswick; numerous extended family and friends. A memorial service was held on Saturday, October 20 at 1:00 at her church. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the church in memory of Ms Pelt. Memorialization by cremation. Guerry Funeral Home of Lake City was in charge of arrangements.

Doris Rielly, 96, was retired nurse

Doris Braddock Rielly, 96, of Glen St. Mary died October 20, 2012 at Acosta-Rua Center for Caring in Jacksonville. She was born in Indianapolis, Indiana on November 27, 1915 to the late Arthur Collins and Lucille Collins and was raised in Jacksonville after moving there in 1925. She attended and graduated from Jacksonville Tech in 1955 as a licensed practical nurse and worked at Baptist Memorial Hospital and later at Jacksonville Memorial Hospital.

Doris became a member of San Jose Baptist Church in Jacksonville in 1980. She enjoyed reading, crafts, and traveling and will always be remembered as a loving mother to her three sons. She was preceded in death by three husbands, LH "Dick" Braddock, Walter Richardson and JW "Jim" Rielly; sons Richard L. "Dickie" and Robert E. "Bob" Braddock; sisters Donna C. Hadcock and Ester Collins Thompson; brother Lester Collins; grandsons James L. "Jimmy" and Daryl C. Braddock. She is survived by her loving son and caregiver since 2004, Jerry Braddock of Glen St. Mary; daughter-in-law Joyce Braddock of Glen St. Mary; four grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

A graveside service was held on Wednesday October 24 at 11 am at Riverside Memorial Park in Jacksonville with Pastor Perry Hays officiating. In lieu of flowers please make donations in Doris' name to a favorite charity or organization. V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.

Calvary Baptist Church
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'Jack' Taylor, 76, dies October 9th

John T. "Jack" Taylor, 76, of Baldwin died on October 9, 2012 in Jacksonville. He was born on December 5, 1935 in Brantley, AL to the late Henry Marvin Taylor and former Lillie Pearl Burnett. Mr. Taylor is survived by daughter Chabrier Walker; sisters Sarah (Edmond) Williams and Willie Mae (Lawrence) Keys, both of Plant City, Florida; brother Luther Burnett of Plant City; special friend Inez Debo-blabin; a host of grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by brother John Henry Taylor. He was dearly loved and a good friend to many, and will be missed.

A graveside service for Mr. Taylor was held at 11 am Friday, October 19, 2012 at Piney Grove Cemetery in Baldwin with pastor Gene Billon officiating.

Churman Yonn, 89, of Sanderson dies

Churman Y. Yonn Jr., 89, of Sanderson died October 9, 2012. He served his country proudly in the U.S. Army and is survived by wife Judy Mollica Yonn, a daughter, sister, granddaughter and other loved ones.

The funeral service for Mr. Yonn was held on October 22 in the chapel of Jacksonville Memory Gardens Funeral Home in Orange Park. Interment followed in the nearby cemetery.

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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



Family grateful

The family of Queen Esther Davis extends its sincere gratitude for the many prayers, phone calls, flowers, visits and other acts of kindness shown during its time of grief. Queen now joins her late husband Willie, along with her parents, a daughter and grandson. Queen, we will miss you, especially knowing that in the month of October you were planning your visit to Florida.

Love forever,
Beverly, Nazarene, Salome, Emery, Linda, Rufus, William Henry, Billy, Val, Teddy, Mike, Charlie, Samuel

Friday gospel sing

The Road to Calvary church in Glen St. Mary will host its monthly gospel sing on Friday, October 26 at 7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

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Words cannot express how blessed our family is to have so many caring friends. Your cards, food, flowers and words of sympathy are so appreciated. We miss our mother terribly, but would not wish her back in the condition she was in, and we are comforted by the knowledge that she is healthy and happy once more. She has a new and perfect body and mind, and we are certain that her crown has many jewels in it. What we can only imagine, she is actually experiencing—the incredible beauty of Heaven and being reunited with her loved ones in the glorious presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

THE FAMILY OF BERNICE GREEN



Burnter memorial plaque grows

The Macclenny Woman's Club added a new section to the Joseph Burnter Memorial Plaque at the sheriff's office, presenting the new portion to Maj. Gerald Gonzalez (left) on October 18. The late Mr. Burnter, a Baker County native, was killed in line of duty in 1995 while with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office. Also shown (l-r) are the club's Peggy Arend and Francis Frost.

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What are the most important issues in your campaign?

1. I am very concerned over the growth of government over the last several years. Revenues have not kept pace with expenditures and the county reserve fund has been tapped to balance the budget to the point where we simply can not afford to resort to this tactic to the same degree in the future. We are going to have to scrutinize the budget more closely and earlier to reach a better resolution. Having to balance the county budget with dwindling revenues; yet maintain services to the citizens will be the challenge. It can not be shied away from. 2. I want an inventory of county equipment and resources performed each year. We not only need to account for the county's items, but some determination made on the status of the equipment. Is it functional or scrap and what amount is in supply? 3. I want more communication by our government with the people on issues. I want issues fully vetted before the public. More and more people are interested in the work of the commission. We can video the commission meetings at a minimal cost and we can certainly be more inviting when the public comments. A more hospitable meeting environment for the public will stimulate more input.

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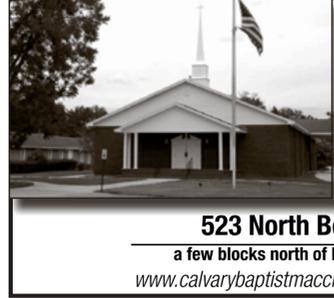
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Animals

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Friday and Saturday, 8:00 a.m.-? 121 N., left on Eva Jones Road. Lots of good stuff.

Friday and Saturday, 8:00 a.m.-? 7902 Redwood Lane. Computer desk and chair, dining room table with 4 chairs, bathroom vanity.

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B-Cats lose bid

The Lady Bobcat volleyball team ended its season against Lake City Middle School October 16, losing a tie-breaker that would've put them in the conference championship. Coach Kori Richardson said the team started slowly, falling in the first set 14-25. They performed much better in the second set, but lost narrowly 23-25. "Leading the team was Captain Jesslyn Williams, and great plays by 8th graders Hayleigh Mulkey, Macy Jackson and Linsey Love made for an exciting match," she said. A week prior, the team played its last conference game against Suwannee Middle, winning in straight sets 25-16 and 25-16. "Setters Yvonne Raulerson and Jesslyn Williams lead the team to victory," said Coach Richardson. "Service aces by Lindsey Love and Madison Kennedy along with great offensive plays by Haley Mulkey and Emily Johnson helped bring in the big win." The girls end the season with a 5-2 record.

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Isabella Mathis

Born September 22

Stacy Mansell and Danny Mathis of Macclenny are pleased to announce the arrival of Isabella Abigail Mathis on September 22, 2012 at Orange Park Medical Center.

She weighed 5 lbs., 7 oz. and was 18 1/4 inches long. Isabella joins siblings Emma Self and Danielle and Danny Mathis Jr. Grandparents include Marty Mansell and Pat and Albert Smith, all of Macclenny.

Basic skill tests

Basic skills testing for adults will be given on November 2 at the school district's Career and Adult Education Center on West Minnesota in Macclenny.

Registration starts at 8:45 am and testing goes from 9 am to 1 pm. There is a \$20 fee and a valid photo ID is required. Please bring the exact money.

Contact Becky Satterwhite at 259-0403 with questions.



Pvt. Dalton Combs

Wed October 12th

Paul and Sandra Harvey of Taylor, along with Gregory and Julie Combs of Glen St. Mary, are pleased to announce the marriage of their children Megan Harvey and Dalton Scott Combs.

The couple exchanged vows on October 12.

The bride will reside in Glen St. Mary until Pvt. Combs completes his Marine Corps training.

Candy is sought

Frank Wells Nursing Home in Macclenny seeks donations of candy for its annual Halloween Trick or Treat during which residents welcome young ghosts and goblins into the facility.

Please drop off the donations at the nursing home. Call Linda Moore at 259-6168 for details. The event goes from 6-8 pm on October 31.

BCMS re-routes student drop-offs

JOEL ADDINGTON
NEWS EDITOR
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Middle school principal Sherry Barrett announced this week a new route for parents who drop off their children for school in the mornings.

The new drop-off point, which will be used starting October 29, will be behind the superintendent's office on E. South Blvd.

Ms. Barrett said an increase in student drop-offs has caused school officials to become concerned about the safety of students walking to school.

"With the greater number of parent vehicles, traffic issues on South Boulevard have begun to develop," she said. "BCMS administrators, district staff members, and parents have worked together to develop a new plan to better enhance safety and security for our students. With student and parent cooperation, this will quickly become more convenient and safer for everyone."

To accommodate the new drop-off point, South Blvd. will become two lanes heading east from 5th St. and then merge into one lane in front of the gymnasium building. The one lane of traffic will feed into the gate between the gym and the superintendent's office, continuing to the seven drop-off gates, which are alongside covered walkways that can provide shelter on rainy mornings.

Vehicles will not be able to enter South Blvd. from College St. or 4th St., only from 5th St.

"We realize this may take a little extra time for a few days while getting the flow of traffic running efficiently; however, the safety of our children is everyone's number one concern," said Ms. Barrett. "Please allow extra time during this transition period. Also, to expedite the drop-off for everyone, students need to have all their belongings ready and exit the vehicles quickly from the passenger's side."

"We request that you drop students off in this designated 'safe car rider' zone only. Please do not allow your child to exit your vehicle at the gym gate or in the front of the school. For safety purposes, these entrances are now designated for student walkers only."

Drop-off is between 6:55 and 7:30 am. Student pick-up procedures will continue unchanged.

Both FFA chapters shine at state meet

The Baker County High School and middle school FFAs both had an outstanding showing at the State Forestry Contest this past weekend in Perry.

Teams from BCHS took both first and second and won fifteen of eighteen individual awards. BCMS placed third in its division.

Senior Sarah Harrell was first overall and Mason Mobley was second. Harrell was a member of the first place team with Chase Brannan, Kayla Long, and Clayton Lyons. Mobley, Delaney Arabie, Alex Register, and Caban Tarte were on the second place team.

Individual award areas included, Sarah Harrell, 1st in dendrology, 2nd in forest disorders, 3rd in equipment, 3rd in compass and pacing; Mason Mobley-1st in equipment identification, 1st in forest disorders, 1st in general knowledge and 3rd in dendrology; Chase Brannan, 2nd in equipment, 3rd in general knowledge and 2nd in timber estimation; Kayla Long, 3rd in timber estimation, 2nd in general knowledge, Delaney Arabie, 2nd in dendrology; Alex Register, 2nd in compass and pacing.

The BCMS teams included Team A: Christy Crews, Shelby King, Trad Seymour, and Jes-



Welcomes Grandson Jimmy and Nancy Oliver

are pleased to announce the birth of their second grandchild Evan James Oliver. He joins sister Gracelyn. Evan was born August 30 in Dothan, Ala. He was 7 lbs. 7 oz and 21 inches long. Proud parents are Captain Dustan and Carissa Oliver.

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At left, CeCe Jefferson tackles the running back in the backfield, and at right, Michael Boone on the run.

Cats top Parker, 42-21

BOB GERARD | SPORTS

Coaches will tell you one thing quickly – it's put up or shut up time.

Before last Friday's Homecoming versus the Terry Parker Braves, the Wildcats were looking at three consecutive district games to decide if they would reach the playoffs for the first time under Coach Ryan Sulkowski's reign.

They put their foot forward the evening of October 19 with an emphatic 42-21 win over the Braves. Ahead they face two teams that are tied with BCHS for the district lead, Forrest and last year's champs, Bishop Kenny.

It's easy to get distracted by the hoopla associated with Homecoming. There are dress up days at school, the parade and voting for the queen. It can be difficult to put your whole focus on football.

But that's what coaches are for – to motivate and encourage and narrow their players' focus on the game ahead.

For the first 20 minutes it looked as if all the scattered Homecoming energy might have gotten to the Cats. Parker scored first on a 6-yard run to take a 7-0 lead.

The Wildcats moved the ball well, but Parker came to play, and after scoring first and holding BCHS scoreless in the first period, one sensed the visitors thought they could spoil the Homecoming party.

As the clock inched closer to halftime, it looked as if they might be right. But then Corey Lawler got a seam and it was all over but the shouting. Lawler juked and jived and powered past the Braves' defenders and then turned on the jets for a 61-yard touchdown run to open the scoring for BCHS. The PAT was no good and Parker held a 7-6 lead.

The Lawler run woke up the Cat offense and inspired the defense. There's an old cliché that speed kills and four minutes later Lawler demonstrated the truth of the adage. Lawler found Mike Boone in the open and Boone simply outran the Braves for a

dynamic 64-yard touchdown scamper. Lawler added the two-point conversion and BCHS took a 14-7 lead.

With the floodgates open, the Wildcats weren't finished. Two minutes later, Lawler once again found a little space from the Parker 21-yard line and punched past the Brave defense, waltzing into the end zone. Lawler was unstoppable in the second quarter both running and throwing, and he added the two-point conversion for a 22-7 lead.

With under a minute to go, Falon Lee picked off a pass to stop a Parker drive and ran the ball back 36 yards for yet another score. Lawler ran in the conversion to put the Cats up 30-7 going into the extended halftime.

The defensive touchdown inspired Lee. With nine minutes to go in the third period he broke free for an exciting 44-yard touchdown scamper. The conversion attempt was no good and the Cats led 36-7.

Lee topped off the scoring for BCHS with an 11-yard run as time ran down in the third period. The fourth period belonged to Parker as BCHS seemingly eased off the gas a little. Parker scored on a 14-yard run and a 12-yard pass reception.

For the Wildcats it was an important win. Bishop Kenny continued to impress with a 36-22 win over Clay County. Forrest, struggling in non-district games, remains perfect in district play, defeating Paxon easily 38-13.

The wins leave a logjam at the top of the District 3-5A standings with all three teams at an identical 3-0 record.

BCHS faces a dangerous Rebels team on the road Thursday, October 25 at 7 pm and then travels to Bishop Kenny to take on the reigning district champions. Forrest is a must-win game for BCHS because a loss will force a victory against the Crusaders for a spot in the playoff.

A win versus Forrest and a Kenny victory over Parker sets up a titanic struggle on November 2 with Kenny for the district championship.

JV season ends at 3-3 record

The JV Wildcats finished off their 3-3 season in impressive fashion, shutting out Bradford County 26-0 at home on October 16. The Cats scored all their points in the first half and then the defense shut out any Tornado attempt at a comeback.

The strong showing impressed Coach Adam Brunner. "Before our first game this year I stressed the importance of maturing as a football team and as individuals," said Brunner. "This game was a statement moment and my players proved

to me that hard work, dedication and remaining positive pay big rewards."

The JV was playing on only five days rest, having played on the previous Thursday, but conditioning gave them the edge in the game.

Quarterback Owen Register got the first score of the night on a 7-yard rush. Register had his best night, running the ball with 72 yards on 12 carries to lead a ground attack that gained 191 yards on 37 carries.

Vick Givens scored a defen-

sive touchdown to lead off a 19-point second quarter. Givens blocked a Tornado punt and ran it in from 13 yards out. Andrew Dehart scored the third touchdown on a 14-yard run and then scored a defensive touchdown on a punt block and a 6-yard return.

"These players have a bright future," said Brunner. "It's been a season of growing and developing, now these kids leave on a winning note, and hope to carry these results over to the 2013 season."

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Even though you and your agency are most often on the opposite side of a case from my office, you and your staff always treat my attorneys and staff with the utmost respect and professionalism. The attorneys in my Baker County office have worked with you for many years. They have always found you to be a man of your word. You have proven to us that you are a "hands on" Sheriff—you are often seen attending routine court events and we find that you are aware of the facts of many cases pending in court. You respect the rule of law, and if the facts of a case don't add up, you are quick to take action to make sure the accused's rights are protected.

I look forward to continuing to work with you in the years to come. Please accept this letter as authorization to add my name to the lengthy and distinguished list of your supporters.

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Bobcats approach title with 6-0 mark

BOB GERARD | SPORTS

The BCMS Bobcats ran their season record to 6-0 with a 40-22 victory over Duval Charter Middle School on Tuesday, October 16. The win propels the middle school into a contest with Suwanee Middle on Thursday, October 25 at 7 pm in Live Oak.

Coach Rock Rhoden's team jumped out to a big lead allowing him to play his second and third string for most of the game.

"I was really pleased that my sixth and seventh graders got to play," said Rhoden. "They got a lot of playing time in the game, not just a few plays."

The B-Cats got a big offensive effort. Will Rhoden scored three times and James Render pulled in a 70-yard pass play for a touchdown from second string quarterback Cameron Mobley. Jamon Jones and Curtis Harmon also scored and Savoy Jefferson converted twice.

"We played great all year despite losing quarterback Joe Green," said Rhoden. "It changed us from a passing team to a running team but our big boys up front really made the difference."

Rhoden's offensive and defensive line of Daulton Thomas, Shaquan Griffin, Trayveon Clayton, Tayveon Reed and Jacob Perryman opened big holes on offense and shut down opposition running attacks on defense.

"Our sixth and seventh graders played really well in the game, particularly Braedon Sanders and Dylan Williams," said Rhoden.

If the B-Cats win on Thursday they will play for the conference title on Tuesday, October 30.



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Jamon Jones.

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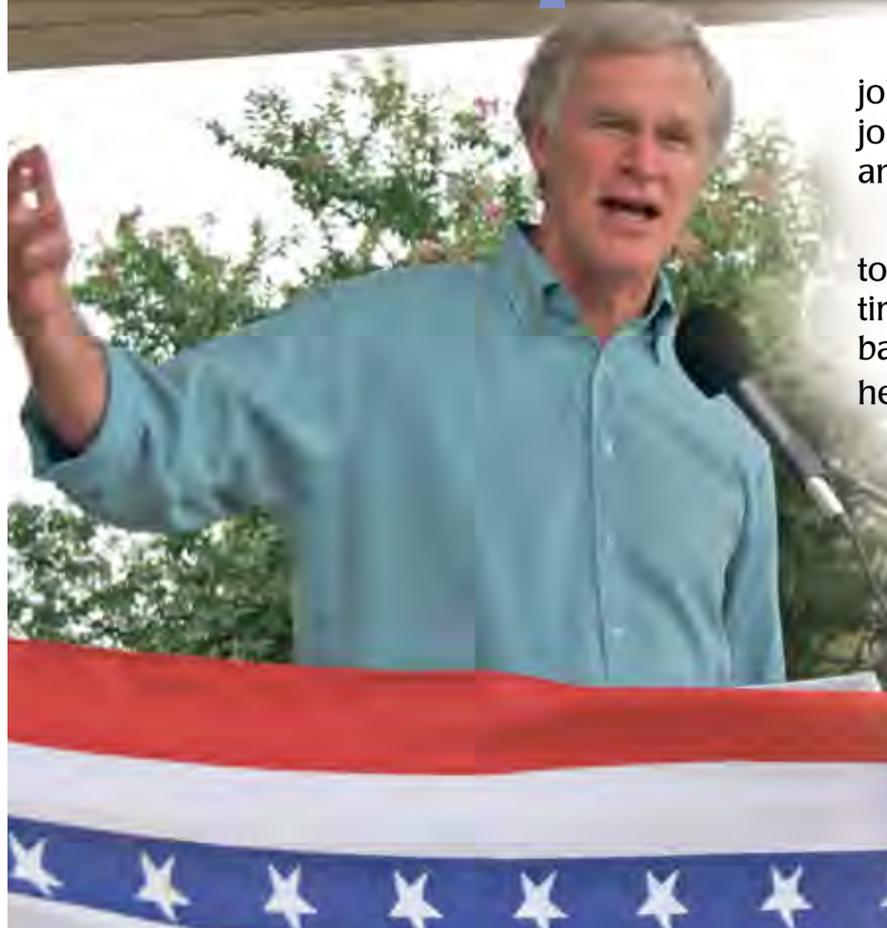


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