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Griffis is re-caught after flight

A two-day plus manhunt in Baker and surrounding counties for former county manager Jason Griffis ended at mid-afternoon May 24 with his re-arrest at a Bradford County lake on property owned by a relative.

Mr. Griffis, 40, surrendered without incident as a contingent of local and Bradford County deputies converged on a tract at Sampson Lake where the fugitive was camped out. Major Gerald Gonzalez said the sheriff's



Jason Griffis

department earlier obtained information as to his whereabouts.

He was uncertain as to the relationship between Mr. Griffis and the owner of the lakeside property, but said no one will be charged as an accessory.

Mr. Griffis violated terms of his bond release by texting his ex-wife Amy Griffis. He also did not appear at a non-mandatory courthouse hearing the morning of May 23 on the protective order sought by Ms. Griffis.

The former official was arrested the evening of May 18 after he went to the residence of Timothy Dugger, 55, north of Macclenny and threatened to kill him. He also damaged Mr. Dugger's personal vehicle and a work truck owned by the City of Macclenny.

Mr. Dugger is a longtime city employee and has been dating Ms. Griffis, who was at the residence that evening. She is the daughter of former city manager Gerald Dopson, also Mr. Dugger's boss until the manager's recent retirement.

Mr. Griffis was fired in December, 2005 as county manager for improper use of a county-issued cell phone and credit cards. Most of the illegal calls were made to Manager Dopson's then-secretary.

Major Gonzalez said Mr. Griffis' original \$100,000 bond was hiked to no bond by Circuit Judge Phyllis Rosier during a hearing in Starke on Saturday morning before he was brought back to the Baker County jail.

2nd ATV accident in 4 days injures female rider

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Mrs. Collins in her former store's location on S. 6th St. She recently moved into a larger space on U.S. 90.

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Organic: Mom's death inspired her to shun 'modified' food for the 'unprocessed'

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After Teri Collins lost her mother to cancer, she started paying close attention to what she put in her body. Her health and lowering her cancer risk became high priorities.

The married mother of two from Macclenny was shopping at health food stores for products that were made with largely natural, organic ingredients not tampered with chemically or genetically.

Research during her mother's cancer fight and her medical background as a dental assistant convinced her non-organic foods were detrimental to her health.

So-called GMOs, short for foods made with genetically modified organisms, became enemy number one.

Some ingredients commonly found in processed foods, including soy and corn, have become genetically modified in greater and greater numbers during the last few de-

cadecades to make them resistant to herbicides that kill weeds and pesticides that kill insects.

"It's changing people's body chemistry and it's



not good for digestion," Mrs. Collins said of GMOs.

Since 1997 the number of acres planted in the U.S. with GMO soy beans has jumped more than 500 percent and the number

planted with GMO corn rose more than 1000 percent, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Mrs. Collins' mother died about six years ago, and though she didn't know it at the time, the loss would lead her to open a discount healthy foods store a few months ago.

It's called Smart Market.

"That's what started it at least for me," she said. "My sister has always been very health conscious, but I wasn't until my mom died. I was like 'huh, I could get cancer too.' So we've been on kind of a quest to be healthy so we don't get cancer, basically. That's my driving force."

She eventually discovered a wholesale company that sells dented, mislabeled or nearly expired products bound for large retailers like Whole Foods.

"Then it just evolved into something that I thought, well, I could buy this stuff and bring it back to Baker County and it's still going to be cheaper than the Whole Foods store, so (Smart Market) grew out of

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Outsourcing prospects diminish

MIKE ANDERSON
PRESS STAFF

Dozens of Baker County employees left a packed county commission workshop last week knowing that their jobs would not be outsourced to private contractors after commissioners agreed only to pursue privatization of the county's vehicle fleet.

Officials had scheduled the meeting on May 21 to continue

discussing whether the county could save money and reduce future budget deficits by privatizing public works, solid waste hauling, recreation, animal control and emergency medical services.

County Manager C.J. Thompson said that based on his preliminary research little in the way of savings could be achieved by hiring outside con-

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County employees with stern faces packed the commission hearing May 21.

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Board is still mum on closure of BCCS

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Board members for the now closed and taxpayer-funded nonprofit Baker Community Counseling Services [BCCS] continue to conceal why they shut down the organization two weeks ahead of schedule in mid-April.

The Press has confirmed that some or all of the board members — including Sheriff Joey Dobson, local pastor Joe Ruise, Clerk of Courts administrator Regina Berger and Property Appraiser Tim Sweat — were informed about allegations of sexual and financial misconduct among BCCS employees and following interviews with each employee individually, the board decided to close its doors during a board meeting held April 17.

The nonprofit's executive director Chris Thomas said previously that BCCS would remain open through April 30, when a new provider for mental health and substance abuse services would assume BCCS' role under a new contract. Mr. Thomas and a handful of other employees were laid off and promised a month's severance pay, Sheriff Dobson said.

Board members contacted by The Press in recent weeks have been reluctant to discuss what prompted the early closure in any detail beyond saying the organization needed to get its affairs in order.

During multiple phone interviews with the newspaper, Sheriff Dobson contradicted himself. He has both acknowledged that allegations were brought to his attention and said there were no allegations made.

"There were allegations, certainly," said Sheriff Dobson on May 13. "But it was nothing we as a board could get into."

When asked to confirm the allegations were brought to the board's attention by BCCS staff, the sheriff said there weren't any allegations. Instead he described the new information as "things that needed to be handled by closing [BCCS] down" and declined to elaborate further on what those "things" were.

In the same interview, the sheriff contended that BCCS was shuttered on April 17 — 13 days ahead of schedule — as a routine matter prompted by the organization's loss of its contract with the state.

Mr. Ruise, the board's chairman, made the same statement in late April, when Mrs. Berger said she'd been "sworn to secrecy" regarding the board's

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Firehouse a menace to safety—who knew?

IMPRESSIONS Jim McGauley

Imagine that. Macclenny's fire station across from city hall is such a decrepit rat trap that it's no longer fit for use.

Fire chief Buddy Dugger has for several months painted such a bleak picture of how structurally menacing conditions are over there that it makes one wonder why he and his fire marshal shouldn't be chastised for placing firefighters in such a potentially dangerous environment.

Entering burning buildings is perilous enough. Tolerating such squalor to house personnel, vital equipment and the administrative epicenter of the department — well, that just borders on gross incompetence.

Okay, that's a bit acerbic, but never underestimate the fervor with which public employees will lobby for new, and always more well-appointed, surroundings in which to spend their on-duty hours.

Last week the Macclenny Commission said "Onward!" to construction of a new main fire station on US 90, and the plan is to secure as much as possible in grant funding, then supplement the remainder with a long-term USDA loan.

The board rejected requests to locate the station elsewhere on city-owned property for a number of reasons. Fair enough, though the argument could be made as well to preserve the land for future commercial development — and tax revenue — if and when the economy comes back.

Justification for keeping it across the street on the site of the now-ramshackle building makes sense for many reasons as well.

City fathers should promise us one thing: please, please adopt a design that enhances the downtown. Something traditional with bricks and pillars, a nice roof line. And no metal siding anywhere near it.

The present building — the one that's near collapse any day now — is, well, an eyesore. For years I thought it couldn't get worse. Then it was painted a color that did just that.

Make it a dignified-looking public edifice, like the re-do of city hall itself. It has been transformed into an attractive, eye-pleasing center of government. Other downtown landowners should follow the city's example.

Smoking to surfing: who tried it first?

Here's another list of stuff that has always made me shake my head in wonder, things I just never have been able to wrap my head around. I'm sure that there's an easy answer to explain most of these, but you never know.

Take smoking. What possesses someone to smoke for the first time? Who would have thought that sticking something burning in their mouth and inhaling the smoke could possibly have been pleasant? Perhaps the first person besides native Americans who smoked was Sir Walter Raleigh. Here's what must have gone

through his head.

"Hey, you know what would be fun. I think I'll stick this rolled up leaf in my mouth and set it on fire. And then, I will suck all the smoke into my

colonial version of an MTV reality show.

I was watching news coverage of a big fire. As soon as the firemen put it out, the first thing a couple of them did was reach inside their jackets and light up.

I thought, "What? You can't get enough smoke wading into burning buildings?" Didn't make a lot of sense to me.

I don't understand potatoes, either.

I like them boiled, fried, baked, covered in cheese, any way they are served. But who first dug them out of the ground and looked at them all dirty and covered in roots and thought,

"Hey, I'll eat this!" They must

have been starving.

The same is true for greens. "Hmm. The cows seem to like it. Why don't I give it a try?"

When I was a kid, my cousin Diane tried to use that reasoning on me. "Hey Robbie, eat this handful of grass."

"No."

"Why not? Cows eat it and like it."

"I'm not a cow." A couple of days later she tried again.

"Hey, Robbie. Eat this worm. It's good."

"No."

"Why not? Birds eat them so they must be good."

"When I can fly, I'll give them a try."

"Okay. Go grab the sheet off

your bed and jump off the roof. It will be like a parachute. I know it will work."

"Then you do it." I wasn't born yesterday.

Surfing's another one that stumps me.

Who was the first Hawaiian swimming around in the Pacific and to get it in his head: "You know, I bet if I were to stand up on a board, I could ride it in to the beach and I wouldn't have to swim?" Because of course, balancing on a board is completely natural.

Sort of like walking across hot coals. I'd be willing to bet it was the same guy. "Hmm, there's a big old strip of molten lava in my way. I'm in a hurry so instead of walking around it, I'll just walk over it." Once again, the Polynesian version of an MTV reality show.

Speaking of reality television, I'm often at a loss about how some of these shows are actually chosen. Do program directors sit in a room and think, "You know what we need for our cable channel? We need a show about a 15-year-old mom."

"That's right. We'll put it on after our show about a family with 19 kids."

"Do they live in a shoe?"

"No, but that would be an idea."

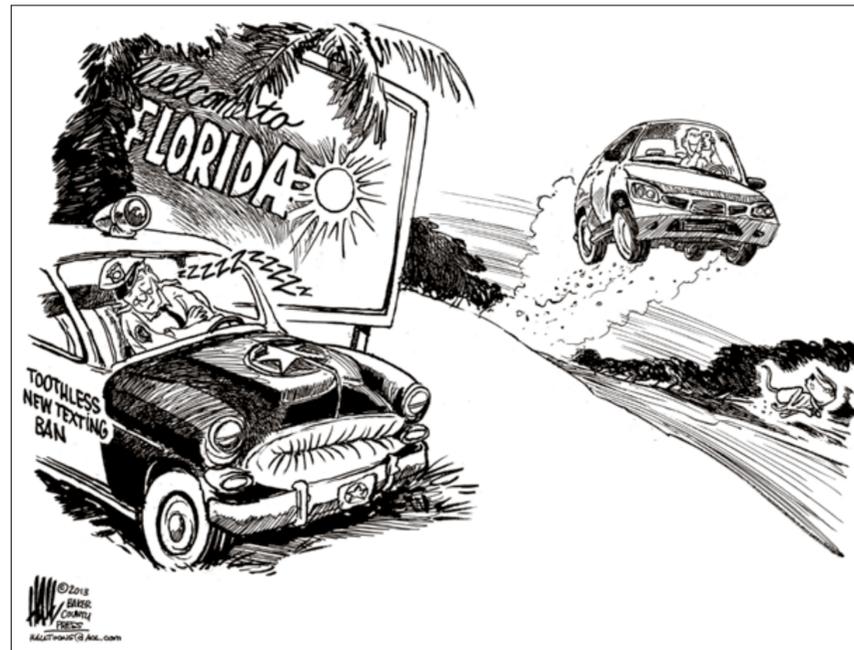
"Let's put it on before our new show about dwarves who want to get married and have a family."

"Are they hoarders by any chance?"

"No, but that's a good idea too. It could lead into a show about guys who make duck calls."

"What's interesting about that? I'd prefer a show about guys who catch alligators for a living."

Baffles me how people come up with this stuff. It's like somebody being paid for writing about goofy stuff that he wonders about.



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FACEBOOK FANS 'What you had to say ...'

Florida bans texting while driving ...

Governor Rick Scott signed Florida's texting while driving ban this week so we turned to Facebook to find out what readers thought of the new law, which allows texting while vehicles are stationary and makes it a secondary offense, i.e. one that will not get you ticketed unless you're driving erratically or violating another law. "Is it too strict or too lenient?" we asked. Here's what our friends online had to say:

Clayton Yarbrough: It's a joke. Texting and driving is just as bad as drinking and driving. Either way you cannot be in control of the 3500-pound missile you are driving and putting everyone and yourself in danger of injury or death. Anyone caught doing either should have their driver's license revoked. Those who do either have zero respect for others or their own lives.

Will Combs: It sounds good in principle, but with it not being a primary offense, it's useless. Way to go Florida lawmakers, another useless law.

Katie Giles Combs: With this law being a secondary offense I don't see it working.

Nick Apromollo: Well, drunk drivers on average react 17.5 times faster than people texting and driving, and it's quickly becoming one of the most deadly causes for crashes ever. Legal or not, just don't do it.

Anne Layberger Whitener Reynolds: It's not just their life they are putting in danger but everyone else

driving as well, losing a loved one is very devastating.

Alyssa Nicole Fernandez: If the cops are actually going to follow through and crack down on it, I think it's a good idea. But banning drinking and driving still didn't stop a lot of people from doing that either, so we'll see.

Pam Clark: Great. Shannon Frady: Good idea. Diana McMahan Haire: If people don't have that sort of common sense on their own, that's why the law's there.

Richard Clark: It's a shame that we have to create a law to prevent people from doing something as stupid as texting while driving, but there are a lot of people in our society who are a menace to others and they don't have the right to endanger another by their careless action. If the law passes then give it some teeth like a six-month suspension of their driver's license for the first offense. If you don't wake them up, you're wasting your time.

Leslie Wahlstrom Teeter: I would like to think it'll work, but I doubt people will stop unless they are caught. I'm guilty of checking texts at red lights, but not while my wheels are rolling.

James R. Hart Sr.: Good law but it needs to be a first offense so they can pull them over for it and not have to find another reason to pull them over.

Danny Ellis: It's about time. Marie Pogue: Had an experience with a police officer yesterday. I was turning onto I-10 from 228 and the officer was on his cell and pulled out

right in front of me! Had to slam the brakes. Not texting but clearly distracted by the phone!

James Clay Rhoden: It is actually better than Georgia's as it bans reading as well as texting. In Georgia you can get off by saying you were dialing your phone, therefore it's not illegal.

Gay scouts welcome ...

Then we asked readers for their opinions on the Boy Scouts of America's recent move to allow openly gay scouts to join their ranks. "Will it affect your decision on whether or not to allow your child to participate?" we wondered. Here's a look some of our reader's reactions:

Cheri McLelland: My kids will not be joining because of this. Not because I think that being gay means you are bad or a molester, but because I'm trying to teach my children to live by the Bible and I feel this would encourage ideas I believe to be wrong.

Alyssa Nicole Fernandez: If you're going to go by the Bible, doesn't it say to love thy neighbor? How is keeping them out going to teach them that? It's not. All it's going to tell them is that we don't associate with those people. I think it's closed-minded and loveless behavior to keep your kids out just because of that. Integrating people didn't make white people turn black; why would it turn a straight child gay? Teach your children to love others first, instead of running away.

Katie Robinson: I'm actually more inclined to let my son join now that I know he won't be surrounded by closed-minded individuals who will do nothing but teach him to hate and discriminate just because someone may be different than him.

Christoper Apromollo: The scout program is to teach younger people good character and how to become

well-rounded citizens. If a man, woman, child, black or white, gay or straight, can teach these things then I don't understand where the problem is. How irrational can you get. Ignorance is far more a problem than homosexuality will ever be.

Nick Mercorella: We are sexualizing all aspects of our kids' lives. If you keep sexuality out of boy scouts then gay or straight becomes irrelevant. Most of these boys are too young to be this exposed to sexuality. It is scouting, not sex ed class.

Charlotte Knowles Woodward: If my children were still small, then I would not allow them to participate. And I will encourage my children not to allow my grandchildren to participate.

Katie Robinson: This is just flat out ridiculous. I have never been so ashamed of and disappointed in the community that I live in. Those of you who are preaching from the Bible ought to take a step back and re-read the part where it says to treat others as you want to be treated and to love your neighbors.

Keith Overstreet: I'm OK with this. The only problem is the compromise. We will have to tell an openly gay scout that the organization that welcomed him as a boy will consider him persona non grata when he hits adulthood. This makes no one satisfied and makes no sense to me.

Ann Hardin: My child stated, "It is shocking to me that being 16 and pregnant is more acceptable than being gay or lesbian." The children will believe what we teach them. As an adult, I feel it is best to teach them to think for themselves.

Pam Clark: Why do we have to even know that someone is homosexual? I don't go around saying I'm heterosexual. That is a sexual preference, not who you are.

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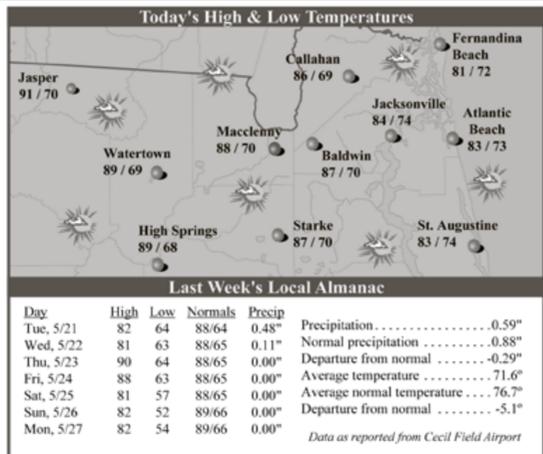
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	Friday	6:27 a.m.	8:25 p.m.	
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	Sunday	6:26 a.m.	8:26 p.m.	
New 6/8	Monday	6:26 a.m.	8:27 p.m.	Full 6/23
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motives for shuttering early. That change in contractors was announced in March. The new contractor, River Region Human Services of Jacksonville, took over services on May 1 as scheduled, but sent staff ahead of the switch to answer phones and refer clients due to BCCS' sudden shuttering.

The allegations in question were characterized by a former employee as financial and sexual misconduct. The employee also confirmed the board was notified of the allegations.

According to State Attorney Bill Cervone of Gainesville, no formal complaints of that nature have been filed with his office.

Moreover, he said, issues of sexual misconduct in the workplace often surface in the civil court system as only certain types of conduct represent criminal acts, like sexual assault (unwanted touching) for instance. Financial misconduct may be criminal in nature as well, again, depending the circumstances.

Sheriff Dobson explicitly denied that allegations of criminal activity were brought to his attention.

He said, however, that BCCS' accountant, Lyons & Lyons of Macclenny, has been reviewing the organization's financial records since the April 17 closure, but no irregularities had surfaced.

BCCS routinely accepted cash payments from clients, which may or may not have been documented.

The accounting firm's Greg Lyons, when contacted by *The Press*, referred all questions about his review to the board, saying he was not authorized to

revenue, particularly if he was authorized to hire a full time clerk. He now has a part time clerk who also works part time for another county department.

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GLEN TOWN COUNCIL ATM project bids let Shuns costs share for sewer line snafu

The Glen St. Mary Town Council accepted bids for paving and lighting at the proposed site for a Vystar ATM on town property, and also authorized Mayor Juanice Padgett to sign the agreement leasing out the small tract on US 90 adjacent to the post office.

The project has been in the works for several months, and the council got its first look as a group at the lease during its regular monthly meeting the evening of May 21.

Council members expressed some concern over the paving portion that came in considerably lower than three other bids, however.

Bids for the foundation and paving ranged from a high of \$22,320 from Duval Asphalt Products, Inc. of Jacksonville to \$8100 from winning bidder Advanta Asphalt of Live Oak.

Only one contractor, P&R Electric, submitted a bid for four lighting poles and connecting power to them and the ATM that will rest on a concrete pad inside the 400-square foot patch of land. The firm's bid was \$10,477.

The \$18,577 total is higher than the \$15,000 the town anticipated as its outlay in the lease agreement that requires Vystar to pay \$18,500 up front. The town will then credit Vystar \$5000 as the first year's lease payment, and \$4250 each for the next two years.

The initial payment is non-refundable, and Vystar has the option for two additional five-year leases. The annual payment remains at \$5000 for the second term, then jumps to \$6000 for years 11-15.

Glen St. Mary will pay the lighting utility costs, and Vystar all electric costs for the ATM itself.

In another topic that evening, the council rejected a request that Glen St. Mary share some of the estimated \$10,000 cost to realign a gravity sewer under construction in the east town.

According to engineer Brian Cassidy representing the developer of the project, the sewer pipe serving the new store is at a depth that places it in conflict with Glen's force main route. He requested the town help out with a portion of the change order since the system benefits Glen as well.

revenue, particularly if he was authorized to hire a full time clerk. He now has a part time clerk who also works part time for another county department.

His clerk is responsible for collecting information from patients and their families and from insurance companies to send to the collection agency. Mr. Richardson told commissioners that revenue, such as gasoline taxes, that may only be used to fund public works projects.

"If you have a million dollar deficit and move forward with this (privatization of public works) you still have a million dollar deficit," Mr. Thompson told commissioners.

Even if the county did turn over some public jobs to contractors, Mr. Thompson and commissioners agreed, the quality of service likely would suffer as a result because the top priority of private companies is profit, not customer service.

"They're here to make money. They're not here because they're a good neighbor or they're trying to help you out," said David Richardson, emergency medical services director, speaking of private EMS contractors.

EMS has traditionally operated in the red, with expenses far exceeding revenue, mainly due to unpaid bills for medical service and to a lesser extent transportation to hospitals. Since the start of the current fiscal year in October, the department reported revenue of only \$481,792 and expenses totaling \$713,980 - a \$232,188 shortfall.

A private collection agency was hired last summer to boost revenue by collecting past due bills and implementing better billing procedures and the change has recently begun to pay off.

"We brought in close to \$100,000 in collections this month," Mr. Richardson said. "That's the best ever. We've worked a lot of problems out."

Mr. Richardson told commissioners he felt confident that more effective billing procedures could be implemented to increase

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2nd serious ATV accident in 4 days

A Macclenny woman received serious injuries when she lost control of her eastbound 2003 Kawasaki ATV on Steel Bridge Rd. the morning of May 23 and struck a power pole. It marked the second serious accident on a Baker County road involving an off-road vehicle inside a four-day span. Florida Highway Patrol Trooper K.M. Boatright Jr. said Melissa A. Pope, 27, was exiting a sharp left curve just west of E.E. Wilkerson Rd. about 11 o'clock when she traveled off the pavement onto the south shoulder and struck the pole. The impact threw her from the vehicle into the pole, and she was taken via rescue ambulance to UF Health Jacksonville (Shands). Passenger Tammy Pitts, 47, of Macclenny received minor injuries that did not require transport from the scene.

discuss it publicly. Mr. Ruise said this week the financial review is underway, but he has not received any results and he doesn't know when the review will be finished.

Mr. Ruise and Mrs. Berger, the board secretary responsible for keeping meeting minutes, have not provided the meeting records or e-mails requested by *The Press* in accordance with Florida's broad public records law.

On May 13, the newspaper sent public records requests to the sheriff, Mr. Ruise and County Manager C.J. Thompson seeking documents related to BCCS board meetings since March 1 and BCCS e-mail communications since that date.

Sheriff Dobson responded by phone the same day, saying he had no e-mail communication about BCCS and only discussed such matters by phone or in person.

Mr. Ruise was asked to supply the meeting records and e-mails between board members and Mr. Thomas, as required by Florida's public records law.

While BCCS' computers were connected to the county's network, its e-mail accounts were

providing by a third party company JT Computer of Macclenny. "None of their e-mail was ever through our servers," said county IT director Nick Frilling. "It's my understanding that the last thing that Chris [Thomas] told [JT Computer] to do when he 'left' was to freeze the e-mail accounts and the only people that can change that would be a board member of BCCS."

But given that BCCS was a quasi-government agency, providing court-ordered drug counseling and other programs mandated by judges, and doing so on county-owned property using public funds, it's likely the organization is subject to the state's public records law.

Nonetheless, Mr. Ruise responded to *The Press*' records request in a similar fashion as the sheriff, saying there were no records.

"There is no such record that exist[s] concerning any business meeting of the board of directors at Baker Community Counseling Services," he wrote in a May 13 e-mail response.

He did not address the request for the e-mails, nor did he cite any statutory exemption to the public records law, as the law

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BCCS: board mum on impropriety

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FCAT: some gains, losses

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On the annual FCAT testing this year, tenth, fourth and third graders at Macclenny Elementary all improved their results year-over-year, according to the first round of results released by the state last week.

Third graders at Westside Elementary and eighth graders at the middle school, meanwhile, lost ground compared to their 2012 performance.

At the high school, only tenth grade students are administered the FCAT 2.0 Writing test. Among the 257 sophomores who took the exam, 65 percent scored a 3.5 or higher on the 6-point FCAT scale, which is the threshold deemed by the state to demonstrate proficiency.

Last year, 57 percent were judged proficient in writing.

The time limit for completing the writing test was extended this year from 45 minutes to 60 minutes. The change was made to

graders scored on grade level on the reading test this year compared to 69 percent last year, a 7-percent decrease.

In math, the decline was 8 percent, with 71 percent scoring on grade level.

In other school-related developments, the middle school's band director Matthew Jernigan has resigned, effective at the end of the school year on June 6.

BCMS principal Sherrie Barrett said Mr. Jernigan is moving to Georgia to be closer to his fiancé.

"We've already gotten some really good applicants, so I'm really excited," she told the school board during its May 20 meeting.

That evening the school board also donated one of its buses, a 1998 International with a Carpenter body designated Bus 18, to the Macclenny Fire Department for training purposes. It has no engine or transmission.

"We salvaged as much as we could," said district transportation director Johnnie Jacobs.

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BAKER CORRECTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Federal inmate count still down, climbing slowly

MIKE ANDERSON PRESS STAFF

After a big drop in inmate population at the 512-bed Baker County jail during the first quarter of this year, primarily due to a decline in the number of federal detainees, the numbers have begun to rise again but still remain dozens fewer than last year.

According to a financial statement presented to the Baker Correctional Development Corporation on May 22, the average daily inmate population declined from 432 in October to 355 at the end of March but was back up to 382 by the end of April, according to Brian Bishop, the sheriff's office administrative chief.

Going back to October 1, the first day in the 2012-13 fiscal year, Mr. Bishop said after the board meeting that the "year to date" average daily inmate population was 406 and rising.

There was no discussion of inmate population by board members at last week's meeting, however, which was unusual since the board routinely receives such data at every meeting and the agenda included "inmate population update" under new business items.

Items that were discussed included a financial report from auditors for the fiscal years 2010-11 and 2011-12 and a report on a recent three-day inspection performed by Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials.

Auditors from LBA Certified Public Accountants in Jacksonville said BCDC was financially secure and was "bringing in more revenue than you're expending in costs," although future obligations total \$77.2 million in principal and interest payments on \$45 million in revenue bonds that were sold in 2008 to finance the facility.

That enormous debt, coupled with the recent loss of federal detainees and subsequent drop in income, has generated some concern among county commissioners who fear the worst case scenario could be the county eventually becoming legally and financially responsible for completing what BCDC began.

Sheriff Joey Dobson assured commissioners earlier this month that the county will not be on the hook for any outstanding debts incurred by BCDC. The following paragraph on page 8 in the audit report, however, says the county and BCDC are legally entwined:

"The Corporation was determined to be a component unit of the county in accordance with authoritative guidance. Component units are legally separate entities for which a primary government is financially accountable. The County is financially accountable due to the significance of the fiscal relationship with the Corporation."

As a further indication of the non-profit corporation's improving financial soundness, auditors reported growth in operating revenues, from \$13.4 million in 2011 to \$13.9 million last year, and a deficit reduction from \$5.2 million in 2011 to \$3.8 million last year.

"The net deficit was reduced during the year ended September 30, 2012 by \$1,416,053 as the result of an increase in inmate population," according to the audit. "The annual average inmate population increased from 426 (in 2010-11) to 439 (2011-12)."

The ICE inspection also produced favorable results. Major John Finley, director of the corrections bureau in the sheriff's office, said the jail had passed the vast majority of the federal agency's standards during a comprehensive inspection April 16-18, during which he said inspectors "looked at everything we do - security, transportation, medical care, food service..."

"Out of 660 standards we passed extremely well," he said, adding that the inspectors' only negative comments had to do with the lack of a barbershop with special lighting and the fact that incoming mail is not opened in front of inmates.

Major Finley said that with hundreds of pieces of mail arriving daily for inmates it's not practical to open every letter or package in front of each one. And there's no special area set aside as a barbershop, he said, because "that would cost quite a bit of money."

Sheriff Joey Dobson said he was pleased that the ICE inspectors, who perform similar inspections at many jails throughout the United States, found very little to complain about.

"They come in here from all over the country and they did not find anything major," he said, adding that the recommendation for a special place for inmates to get their hair cut under fancy lighting was a bit much. "We're not going to have a full-fledged barbershop for inmates," he said.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO: 02-2013-00085

PATRICIA L. FISH, as Trustee of the BENJAMIN F. FISH REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST, AND PATRICIA L. FISH, as Trustee of the PATRICIA L. FISH REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST, Plaintiffs,

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT, MARATHON COUNTY BRANCH FAMILY COURT BRANCH Case No. 2013FA00227 DIVORCE 40101

In re the marriage of: GRETA DENISE THOMPSON 519 Lincoln Avenue Wausau, WI 54403, Petitioner,

-and- MICHAEL KEELY THOMPSON last known address: 5947 Woodlawn Cemetery Road Macclenny, FL 32063 Respondent.

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

To the person named above as respondent:

You are hereby notified that the petitioner named above has filed a petition for divorce against you, which is attached, stating the nature and basis of the legal action.

Within 20 days of receiving this summons, you must set forth in Wis. Stat. § 767.081 from the office of the court clerk, or file the petition. The court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow you to the relief demanded in the Complaint or Petition or directed to this court, whose address is:

Clerk of Circuit Court Municipal Family Court Courthouse 500 Forest Street Wausau, WI 54403

and to Cwekyk Law Office

the petitioner's attorney, whose address is: 625 Washington Street Wausau, WI 54403

You may have an attorney help or represent you.

If you do not provide a proper response within 20 days, the court may grant a judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the petition, or you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorporated in the petition. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future and may also be enforced by garnishment of wages or seizure of property.

You are further notified of the availability of information set forth in Wis. Stat. § 767.081 from the office of family court commissioner, which provides as follows:

174.081 Information from the office of family court commissioner. (1) Upon the filing of an action affecting the family, the office of family court commissioner shall inform the parties of any services, including referral services, offered by the office of family court commissioner and the office of family court counseling services under s. 767.11.

(2) Upon request of a party to an action affecting the family, including a request of judgment or order under s. 767.32 or 767.325.

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b. The major issues usually addressed in such an action.

c. Community resources and family court counseling services available.

4. The procedure for setting, modifying and enforcing child support awards or modifying and enforcing child custody or physical placement judgments under s. 767.11.

(4) The office of family court commissioner shall perform such other acts for inspection or purchase, with a copy of the statutory provisions in this chapter generally pertinent to the action.

Dated this 18th day of April, 2013.

Cwekyk Law Office Attorneys for the Petitioner

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Frank E. Maloney, Jr., P.A. Attorney for Plaintiff 445 E. Macclenny Ave., Macclenny, FL 32063 519-39c

Notice of Sheriff's Sale

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Writ of Execution issued in the County Court of Duval County, Florida, on the 1st day of April 2013, in the cause within, THE GRAND RESERVE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., was plaintiff and SUE FARMER TAYLOR AND GUY TAYLOR, were defendants, being Case No. 10-2007-CC-016586 in said Court, L. Jerry E. Dobson, Sheriff of Baker County, Florida have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the parties named in the Writ of Execution, Sue Farmer Taylor and Guy Taylor, in and to the following described real property, to-wit:

Lots 11 and 12, Block 39, Town of Glen St. Mary, Florida, according to plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 11 of the public records of Baker County, Florida.

I shall offer this property for sale, at the Baker County Courthouse, 339 East Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, Florida County of Baker, State of Florida, on June 18, 2013 at the hour of 11:00a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. I will offer for sale all of the defendants' Sue Farmer Taylor and Guy Taylor, right, title and interest in the aforesaid real property at public auction and will sell the same, subject to taxes, all prior liens, encumbrances and judgments, if any, to the highest and best bidder for CASH IN HAND. The proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and the satisfaction of the above described execution. (NOTE: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Baker County Sheriff's Office at (904) 259-6245 prior to the date of the sale.)

Joey B. Dobson, Sheriff of Baker County, Florida By: Pamela L. Davis Deputy Sheriff

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WELL DRILLING

Please be advised that the Baker County Board of Commissioners will be accepting written sealed bids for the drilling of a 2" Public Supply well at the Sanderson Community Center located at 6274 Thomas Sweet Road, Sanderson FL 32087.

Bids must be submitted from licensed contractors to the Baker County Administration Office located at 55 North 3rd Street, Macclenny, FL 32063 no later than June 7, 2013 at 3:00pm. Questions please contact Sara Little at (904) 259-3913 or saralittle@bakercountynfl.org.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2012-CA-000113

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs. PENNY SIMMONS, ET. AL. Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE (BAKER COUNTY STANDARD INC.)

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Default Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 21, 2013, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 339 East Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, FL 32063, on July 23, 2013 at 11:00 a.m., on the following described property:

COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SW 1/4 SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND RUN IN 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 14 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 20, 1108.96 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF FAY ROAD, THENCE 0 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID WEST LINE, 127.88 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE CONTINUE 0 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID WEST LINE 103.38 FEET, THENCE S 89 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST, 420.56 FEET, THENCE S 0 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, 103.38 FEET, THENCE N 89 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, 420.56 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING THE SAME AS LOT 36 OF YARBROUGH AND HEWIS SUBDIVISION, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION IN SECTIONS 20 AND 29, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, CONTAINING 1.22 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN MOBILE HOME, ID # 846250018

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 11808 FAY ROAD, MACCLENRY, FL 32063, BAKER

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE US FORECLOSURE MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

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Witness my hand on 22nd day of May, 2013.

At Fraser Clerk of Court

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 02-2010-CA-000259

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs. CHARLES R. MAIN, et al. Defendants).

Cwekyk Law Office Attorneys for the Petitioner

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NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 16, 2013, and entered into Case No. 02-2010-CA-000259 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida in which Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. is the Plaintiff and Charles R. Main, Shelly Mann, Rolling Meadows of Macclenny Homeowners Association, Inc. are defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, SALES WILL BE HELD AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE, 339 E. MACCLENRY AVE., MACCLENRY, FL, 32063. THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER MUST PAY AT LEAST 20% OF THE SUCCESSFUL BID BY CASH OR CASHIER'S CHECK AT THE TIME OF THE SALE. THE REMAINING BID AMOUNT MUST BE TENDERED BY 4:00PM ON THE DAY OF THE SALE BY CASH OR CASHIER'S CHECK ONLY. Baker County, Florida at 11:00AM on the 31st day of July, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 04, ROLLING MEADOWS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE(S) 96, 97, 98, 99, 100 AND 101, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

AKA/ 11781 BLUEBERRY LANE, MACCLENRY, FL 32063-4163

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any other than the property owner as of the date of the sale, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Clerk of the Circuit Court Baker County, Florida

By: Tabitha Wilson Deputy Clerk

Albertelli Law Attorney for Plaintiff P.O. Box 23026 Tampa, FL 33623 (813) 221-4743 (813) 221-9171 facsimile eE-mail: servelaw@albertelli.com

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Notice of Action

to: DENNIS L. GALLOWAY, last known address: 273 East Michigan Avenue Macclenny, FL 32063

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Dissolution of Marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the petitioner, Barbara M. Galloway, whose address is 19896 Noah Raulerson Road, Sanderson, FL 32087, on or before July 7, 2013, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 339 East Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, FL 32063 before service on petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Family Law Form TD 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

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Dated: May 28th.

As Clerk of the Circuit Court By: Julie B. Combs Deputy Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 02-2011-CA-000074

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC. Plaintiff,

vs. BARBARA KIEJZI A/K/A BARBARA M. GALLOWAY AKA BARBARA MARIE KIEJZI AKA BARBARA M. KIEJZI, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BARBARA KIEJZI AKA BARBARA M. GALLOWAY AKA BARBARA MARIE KIEJZI, TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY OR THROUGH UNDER OR AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS, WHO (IS/ARE) NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR WHOSE WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN, CLAIM AS HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEE, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS.

Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 27, 2013, in this cause, I will sell the property situated at Baker County, Florida, described as:

BLOCK 01, LOT 7 OF THE TOWN OF MACCLENRY, AS PER PLAT OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK "D", PAGE 800 OF THE CURRENT RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

a/k/a 273 E MICHIGAN AVENUE, MACCLENRY, FL 32063

at public sale on June 18, 2013, at eleven o'clock a.m., at the front door of the Baker County Courthouse, 339 E. Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, FL 32063, to the highest bidder for cash, except as prescribed in paragraph 4, in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any other than the property owner as of the date of the sale, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated at Macclenny, Florida, this 24th day of May, 2013.

At Fraser Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Tabitha Wilson Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Josie Davis, 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 Number: 11-00055 Year of Issuance: 2013 Description of property: Lot 1, of SOUTH ESTATES SUBDIVISION as per Plat Book 3, Pages 114-115 of the public records of Baker County, Florida.

All of said property being located in Baker County, Florida.

Names in which assessed: Jeanie D. Knabb, a married adult

Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law, the property described herein will be sold to the highest bidder at the east door of the Baker County Courthouse, Macclenny, Florida on August 8, 2013, at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 21 day of May, 2013.

At Fraser Clerk of Court Baker County, Florida

By: Julie B. Combs As Deputy Clerk

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ADVERTISING DEADLINE Monday at 5:00 pm

Organic: farms sprouting up in county

From page 1

"The demand for organic foods and products made using environmentally-friendly methods has been growing nationally for years and it appears to be picking up steam in Baker County, too.

After only a few months operating from a 750-square-foot space on South Fifth Street in Macclenny, Smart Market has moved to a space twice as large on CR 127.

It's been a slow but rewarding process.

Mr. Asbury is a former construction worker turned prison nurse. Mrs. Asbury also works in nursing at an assisted living facility. The 38-year-old couple has three boys, ages 11 to 19, and one 17-year-old daughter.

Their day jobs, the burgeoning farm and the kids keep them very busy.

What they didn't have was much experience beyond their first garden while living near Arlington in Jacksonville.

Today their property, dubbed Sunrise Jubilee Farms, is home to 90 chickens, ducks, geese, 45 rabbits, corn, watermelon, cantaloupe, cucumber, okra, tomatoes, beans, nutmeg and herbs.

They hope to add pigs in the future.

"Everything started with the economy," said Mrs. Asbury in a recent phone interview with The Press. "When the economy fell out from under us, we were looking for ways to cut back."

Her grandmother was battling breast cancer at the time as well, which spurred the couple to study healthy eating habits and lifestyles.

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Attacks girlfriend after she chained up bulldog

Police arrested a Glen St. Mary man for attacking his live-in girlfriend after he came home drunk the evening of May 23 and became angry because she had chained his bulldog to a tree.

Nancy Mayo, 59, told Deputy Chad Montean that Brandon Wilkerson, 36, her boyfriend of one year, initially left their address on Crews Rd. then returned a short time later and struck her on the side of the head. He also allegedly twisted both her arms before a juvenile-age witness called police.

The witness backed Ms. Mayo's version of events and Mr. Wilkerson was arrested for domestic battery.

In another arrest for the same offense, Joann Battles, 49, was taken to jail the evening of May 24 after she allegedly punched her daughter Romona Robertson, 25, in the face and pulled her hair.

The incident occurred about 9 p.m. at the residence of Yolanda Reed, 36, who corroborated key elements of Ms. Robertson's statement to Deputy John Minkel. The victim said her mother came to the address seeking to buy drugs, and Ms. Robertson said she told the accused she needed treatment for addiction.

Ms. Battles then became angry and attacked her daughter. She denied the allegation, saying she was at the residence because she had given Ms. Reed a ride home. Questioned further, Ms. Reed admitted she had taken a ride from Ms. Battles but it was earlier in the day.

Deputy Chris Walker filed criminal complaints for domestic battery against Charles Hall, 46, and his wife Peggy Sue Hall, 55, following an incident at

their residence on North Lowder in Macclennny late on May 20.

The couple's daughter Amanda Hall, 21, said she was struck in the face by her mother, then dragged to an outside porch by her father after he told her father ordered the property. Once outside, she said her father ordered a brother to tackle her, then her father struck her about the face while she was on the ground.

The parents were angry at Ms. Hall because she had a vehicle accident earlier and they believed she had been drinking.

A complaint for violating a protective order because of past domestic violence was filed on May 23 against Natalie Giordano, 22, of Macclennny.

Ex-boyfriend Matthew Blodgett, 23, called police after a text message was traced back to the former address of the accused. Ms. Giordano was interviewed at her residence southwest of Macclennny and told Deputy Trey McCullough an acquaintance sent the text.

In non-domestic incidents, both at Northeast Florida State Hospital, a 24-year-old female patient was named May 22 in a complaint for battery on employee Krystal Pittman of Baldwin.

She told Deputy Jeremiah Combs she was bitten on the hand by the patient when she intervened the previous day as the accused went after another nurse with a piece of PVC pipe.

A 21-year-old male patient was named in a complaint May 26 for attacking two other males, ages 54 and 38, while they slept. They had facial injuries.

Passed out in middle of US 90

Police took a Glen St. Mary man to jail after he was found passed out and lying in the east-bound lane of US 90 early on May 21 just west of Macclennny.

Jason Parmeley, 35, told Deputy John Minkel he was attempting to get a ride home from Mac's Liquors and passed out on the pavement near the entrance to St. Mary's Circle. The officer noted that shift Sgt. James Marker applied a sternum rub three times before Mr. Parmeley awakened.

He was jailed for disorderly intoxication and for misdemeanor or possession of two small bags of marijuana found at his feet during a routine body search. The incident occurred about 1:30 a.m.

In a second early morning arrest, this one about 3:30 on May 24, Eugenia Finley, 30, of Lake Butler was charged with disorderly intoxication after she drove to the parking lot of CVS Pharmacy in downtown Macclennny and fall to the pavement cursing.

Deputy Trey McCullough said Ms. Finley had a difficult time maintaining balance, and at one point stumbled into him, knocking them both to the ground. She said she had been at the Country Club Lounge on South Sixth.

Two were habitual offenders

County deputies arrested three motorists on successive days last week for driving on licenses with multiple suspensions. Two of them are logged into the state computer system as habitual offenders.

Deputy Koty Crews said he recognized Brett Cloer, 46, at the wheel of a 2005 Hyundai on Klein rd. west of Glen St. Mary the evening of May 24. Mr. Cloer, who lives in the neighborhood, was driving on a license that has been revoked for five years.

The next afternoon in north Sanderson, Deputy Clements Leo stopped a 1984 Pontiac driven by Crystal Coleman, 28, of Macclennny because she was not wearing a seat belt. She has habitual status as well.

Deputy Shawn Bishara stopped a 1998 Chevrolet pickup driven by Russell Wood, 28, of Glen St. Mary the afternoon of May 26 after he ran through the stop sign on Steel Bridge Rd. at the boat ramp on the St. Mary's River.

A computer check revealed nine suspensions on Mr. Wood's license for failure to pay fines. He gave the deputy a false name initially and was ticketed for having a license tag assigned to another vehicle, and a renewal decal belonging on another tag.

Car sold for scrap was not his

A Sanderson man was named in a complaint for taking a vehicle that did not belong to him to the Recycling Center in Lake City and collecting \$332 for its scrap value.

George Hill, 28, was identified by records at the scrap yard as the person who brought in a 2002 Mazda on May 16. The vehicle had a "destruction date" of May 24 but was recovered before then.

Owner Evanda Ellis of Macclennny contacted the sheriff's department on May 22 when she learned the vehicle was no longer at the residence of Mr. Hill on Dolphin St. in Sanderson.

Ms. Ellis told Deputy Rodney Driggers the Mazda had mechanical problems and had been left there for several months by her son Joaquin Wright, an ex-roommate of Mr. Hill.

The officer then obtained records of the transaction at the Recycling Center in Columbia County, including a photograph and fingerprint of Mr. Hill, who had several days earlier in an obscene text message indicated the vehicle was gone from his address.

He will be charged with felony grand theft.

In a second complaint involving a vehicle, Lucretia Hadley, 18, of Macclennny was accused of striking a 2003 Chevrolet belonging to Sharonda Tisdale when her first while it was parked at her residence on MLK Dr. the evening of May 21.

The victim told Deputy John Minkel the blows resulted in several dents.

SOCIAL & SCHOOL

SOCIAL NOTICE SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Birth announcements, wedding notices and social events (military service notes and school graduations) must be submitted within four weeks of the event. All news and advertising must be submitted to the newspaper office prior to 5:00 p.m. on the Monday prior to publication, unless otherwise noted or arranged. It is requested that all news items be typed or emailed to insure accuracy in print.

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'Mardi Gras' theme to prom on June 7th



Ms. Lambert and Mr. Dykes

Vows next spring

The parents of Jamie Lynn Methvin Lambert and Aaron Wayne Dykes, both of Macclennny, are pleased to announce their engagement and approaching marriage.

Ms. Methvin is the daughter of Robert and Laurie Methvin of Macclennny and Mr. Dykes is the son of Paula Randall and Gary Dykes, both of Jacksonville.

The couple plans to wed at The Hilltop in Orange Park on Saturday, April 5, 2014.

MDA 'Fill the Boot' starts on May 31st

The City of Macclennny Fire Department's annual donation drive for the Muscular Dystrophy Association will take place May 31 and June 1 at the 6th Street and U.S. 90 intersection.

With the help of firefighters, MDA raises funds for medical research related to muscular dystrophy, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis or Lou Gehrig's disease, and some 40 other neuromuscular diseases.

MDA services are available at Nemour's Children's Clinic, Mayo Clinic and UF Health Jacksonville, formerly Shands Jacksonville. Visit www.mdaua.org for more information.

Benefit poker run scheduled June 1

Gator Patrick's in east Macclennny is sponsoring a benefit poker run on June 1. Proceeds will be donated to Heather Nipper of Baker County, who was born blind with a sight disorder and is scheduled for a stem cell treatment in Thailand.

A motorcycle caravan will leave the bar at 11 am for stops in Clay and Bradford counties before returning with a local stop at the Country Club Lounge.

The event includes poker hands and dinner, a bake sale and raffle. Call 259-1921 for more details.

Cash donations for Heather can be made at Vystar Credit Union (acct. #2046738).

Upcoming events at the Baker County Family YMCA

Contact the Baker County Family YMCA for more information or to register for these upcoming programs!

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Membership not required to participate in programs or events.

Taylor reunion

The descendants of Gordon Stewart and Eliza Lee Taylor will have their 63rd annual reunion on Saturday, June 1. It begins at 11 am at the Taylor Community Church in Taylor and lunch follows immediately in the cafeteria.

Wear comfortable clothes, bring your favorite foods and renew family connections. Please encourage your extended family to attend this long-standing tradition.

If you have an evening dress, a dressy church dress, or any appropriate accessories that you no longer need, we would love to have them. Drop dresses off at 101 E. Macclennny Avenue or call 259-2223, and we will be happy to pick it up.

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WEDDINGS & BIRTHS
4 week deadline

Gospel play tryouts

Baker County Community Theatre is looking for some singers, actors and musicians for its premier production of *The Old Time Gospel Jubilee*. Auditions will be June 4, 5 and 6 from 6-8 pm in the BCHS auditorium.

The Old Time Gospel Jubilee takes place in 1938 in the radio studio of WBT in Charlotte. The radio performers have been offered a chance for stardom with a national radio gig if they will agree to give up gospel for country music. Nestled inside the play is an hour long radio show jam packed with great gospel songs

like *Turn Your Radio On, I Saw the Light, Blessed Assurance, Will the Circle Be Unbroken and I'll Fly Away*.

There are six non-singing roles, six singing roles for men and seven singing roles for women. There are three singing roles for girls 6-12.

There will be a live band, so musicians are also needed. Instrumentation includes guitar, bass, mandolin, banjo, fiddle, drums, piano and lap steel. Musicians should be able to play *I'll Fly Away* or *I Saw the Light* in the key of D for auditions.

10 years for Badcock heist

A Jacksonville man due to be tried a third time for his role in the July, 2009 night burglary of the Badcock furniture store in Macclennny instead pleaded to several felonies and was sentenced on May 21 to 10 years in prison.

Justin Wescott, 24, gets credit for more than 1400 days he has been in custody since his arrest later the morning of the burglary that was interrupted when police responded to an alarm. His twin brother Jamel was convicted in early 2010 and drew a 20-year sentence.

They had been out of prison a month when re-arrested for the Badcock burglary.

DUI after sideswipe on May 17

A Macclennny woman was arrested for DUI after her vehicle crossed the center lane of US 90 the morning of May 17 and sideswiped an eastbound SUV west of the Nassau County line.

Tammy Lynn Mullner, 33, who lives on Thomas Dr. near the accident scene, continued westbound after the collision and later told Florida Highway Patrol Trooper K.A. Hilliard she was returning in a Honda with her boyfriend from a methadone clinic in Jacksonville and may have given an overdose.

A neighbor of Ms. Mullner's called police shortly after she came to her residence and admitted she may have caused an accident on US 90. The accused said she drove home and took a shower before seeking out the neighbor. The accident occurred about 7:30 am and the accident report notes police were called shortly after 10 am.

The driver of the second vehicle, Angela Callahan of Macclennny, was not injured, nor were her two children.

Ms. Mullner was arrested after she refused to submit to a urine test. A breath analysis showed no trace of alcohol and she appeared to be under the influence of a substance.

In a second case, Trooper J.W. Barry arrested James E. Collingswood, 23, of Sanderson for drunk driving after a single vehicle accident about midnight on May 19 on John Williams Rd.

Mr. Collingswood told the trooper he lost control evading a raccoon in the roadway, and the officer noted he smelled strongly of alcohol and had slurred speech.

He also refused to submit to both field sobriety testing or a breath test, which under Florida law triggers the drunk driving charge.

Justin Wescott pleaded to grand theft, burglary and felony criminal mischief just prior to the May 13 date for his third trial. The state dropped counts of grand theft and giving a false name.

The defendant's first trial in October, 2009 ended in a hung jury, and he was convicted two months later in a second trial during which he represented himself. An appeals court ordered him retried. His twin also acted as self-counsel and was convicted a month later.

The court adjudicated both brothers as habitual offenders.

In other prisoners handed down that day by Circuit Judge Mark W. Moseley, Dustin Brady was given a 15-year term for violating probation with his arrest for burglary in Columbia County in March, 2009. The sentence runs concurrently with one from Columbia County and the defendant was already in state custody when brought to court here for the plea.

Mr. Brady was on probation after serving time for burglary, possession of controlled drugs and possession of contraband.

Jason Perryman, 31, admitted violating probation for a series of burglaries and thefts in late 2009 and was given one year plus a week in prison.

Court records indicate Mr. Perryman violated terms of probation with an arrest in Clay County in April for petty theft

and failure to abide by conditions that included payments for supervision and failure to complete drug and alcohol abuse treatment.

Judge Moseley gave Rashaad Church a county jail sentence just short of one year after pleas of no contest to multiple counts of sale and possession of cocaine, plus dealing in stolen property and grand theft.

Mr. Church gets credit for 116 days in jail and will be on drug offender probation two years. He was also ordered to get a full time job.

Eight-month jail sentences were handed down to James Orville Williams after he pleaded no contest to a reduced charge of burglary and to James Andrew Wilson after he admitted to violating probation on a 2012 charge of trafficking in stolen property.

Robert Dyer pleaded no contest to reduced counts of possession and sale of controlled drugs and was placed on house arrest for one year, followed by 30 months on drug offender probation. He also was ordered to repay a \$550 investigative cost and undergo evaluation for substance abuse.

The original charge of child neglect was reduced to contributing to the delinquency of a minor in the case against Niyia Blue. She will be on probation one year and do 50 hours of community service in addition to submitting a three-page essay to the court.

Taco Bell manager allegedly stole cash

A Taco Bell shift manager will be charged with grand theft for failure to make a deposit of cash proceeds from the restaurant on May 17.

Lauran Smith, 23, of Bronson, FL in Levy County admitted to a sheriff's investigator during an interview on May 23 that she took the bank bag and cash, and it wasn't the first time she "float-ed" money from the Taco Bell.

Area manager Richard Williams of Starke contacted the sheriff's department on May 22 after he was contacted by the home office about the receipts from the Macclennny store on South 6th St. that were to be deposited that night at the local branch of First Federal Bank.

Deputy Michael Clark soon learned that Ms. Smith was arrested on May 19 in Baker County for driving on a suspended license and released the next day. On May 22, the suspect telephoned Mr. Williams to say she would not be at work and was moving back to Bronson.

Sheriff's investigator Chris Volz interviewed her the following day when she was brought back to jail, and Ms. Smith divulged that the deposit bag was in the glove box of a vehicle belonging to her boyfriend Eddie Strong, who later that day returned it with \$1013 in cash, including \$300 of his funds.

In other commercial thefts, two shoplifters were arrested at the Macclennny Walmart: Joseph Mullins, 34, of Sanderson on May 23 for attempting to steal two cigarette lighters and a recorder and James Wynne, 36, of Macclennny on May 25 for attempting to steal a tape measure and channel lock set.

Merchandise value in the first case was \$70; in the second \$20.

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Summer camps: here's some local suggestions

Many students will be dismissed from school next week for summer break, leaving parents with the annual conundrum of what to do with the kids for the 13 weeks of summer.

Here's some suggestions we culled together from local organizations. All the programs listed are open to the general public.

4-H camps

The Baker County-UF Extension Services 4-H club has four themed day camps for children, three for ages 8-13 and one for ages 8-18. All but one camp begins in June. Contact Shana Bennett at 259-3520 to register for all the camps.

There's the four-day "Mad Scientist Day Camp" for ages 8-13 that will explore engineering, robotics, science and history. Youths will tour the University of Florida and its college of engineering, see robots at Sally Corp. in Jacksonville and take a trip to the Museum of Science and History.

The camp runs June 10-13, generally from 9 am to 2 pm. Lunches are not provided. The cost is \$15 for one day or \$55 for all four days. There is no registration deadline but participants are encouraged to do so as soon as possible.

The "Exploring Florida and Beyond Day Camp" for ages 8-13 will be available during two periods - from June 18-21 and from August 6-9.

The deadline to register for the first camp is June 1, and the second camp July 15.

The camp will introduce participants to the Florida outdoors, including Stephen Foster State Park, gardening in the state, the Florida Museum of Natural History and Butterfly Rainforest, Heritage Park in Macclenny and the Beaches Museum in Jacksonville, which has a real steam engine on site.

The camps generally run from 9 am to 2 pm. Lunches are not provided. The cost is \$15 for one day or \$55 for all four days.

The "Food: It's Out of this World Day Camp" for ages 8-13 also runs during two periods, the

first from June 25-28 and from July 8-11, generally from 9 am to 2 pm.

The deadline to register is June 1 for the first camp and July 17 for the second.

The camp will explore different cultures and foods from different countries around the world by making each country's traditional dishes. On the final day, the best foods will be made for a family dinner.

The cost is \$15 for one day or \$55 for all four days. Lunch is provided.

The final camp "Camp Cherry Lake" is July 15-19 at Cherry Lake near Madison, which features rustic cabins, an open-air pavilion and dining hall, kayaking, swimming, archery, outdoor cooking and more.

The camp is open to ages 8-18 and the deadline to register is July 1.

The cost is \$215 for non 4-H members, but \$205 for 4-H members. Payment plans are available.

YMCA day camp

The Baker County YMCA's nine-week Summer Day Camp located at the middle school is open to ages 5-12. It runs June 10 through August 9, from 6:30 am to 6 pm Monday through Friday, except July 4.

The weekly rates are \$120 for non members and \$90 for members.

Campers will swim at the Y pool three days per week weather permitting and swim lessons are available for an extra fee. Some weeks of the camp have a different theme and event/field trip as follows:

- June 10-14, prehistoric times, trip TBA.
- June 17-21, no additional information indicated.
- June 24-28, American bandstand, music from Baker County.
- July 1-5, American week, NAS Jacksonville.
- July 8-12, Wild Wild West, Native American storyteller show.
- July 15-19, no theme indicated, MOSH museum.
- July 22-26, Medieval Times,

Castillo de SanMarco.

- July 29-August 2, To Infinity and Beyond, Camp Immokalee.
- August 5-9, no additional information indicated.

There is an orientation session scheduled for parents who register for the Y summer camp on June 3 at 6:30 pm at the health department.

United Christian Church's Surge

The United Christian Church's summer program "Surge" begins June 3, though registration can take place after that day.

The camp has singing, dancing, learning and performing drama, games, crafts and more, "but most importantly, learning about God's love as we learn about the fruits of the spirit!" according to the program's flyer.

Campers will also visit the Baldwin pool every Friday. Call 259-1199 to register.

Destiny People Worship Center's Epic Day Camp

Destiny People's summer camp "Epic" is open to younger ages kindergarten through fifth grade and runs from June 10 through August 9 from 8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday at the church on SR 121 South.

There are extended day hours from 6 am to 6 pm free of charge. The cost is a \$25 per child registration fee with a T-shirt and mug included, plus \$85 a week or \$20 per day. A hot lunch and afternoon snack are provided.

Campers will have daily classes on gymnastics, dance, arts and crafts, sports, water activities and archery. Each week of the camp will have different themes like science, western (horseback riding) and survival skills.

Please contact camp director Sophia Chestnut at (904) 415-4222 for registration.

Editor's note: This is not a comprehensive list of all activities this summer. Other options are featured elsewhere in this edition and in previous editions.



PHOTOS BY JOU JONKSON

Antique appraisers draw hundreds to Heritage Park over the weekend

One of the first ideas new Heritage Park manager Michelle Hodges had to draw crowds to the venue was an event like the PBS series *Antiques Roadshow*. She contacted appraiser Barbara Langston of B. Langston's Antiques and Liquidations in Jacksonville, who pulled in her husband and another appraiser Richard Mette of First Coast Antiques for the May 25 show. "It turned out pretty good," said Ms. Hodges. "They [appraisers] had a full deck the entire time." The six-hour event drew several hundred people, she estimated. Some of the highest valued items brought for appraisals were a Gibson guitar and a Victrola record player, both of which were valued near \$5000. Pictured (clockwise from top) are Mr. Mette with Shirley Moffitt's print and Jesse Wilkerson, Cade Yarborough serving up cotton candy and some of the craft vendors that participated.



PHOTOS BY JOU JONKSON

25 compete in BCHS talent show

Senior Wesley Combs won first place at the high school's year-end talent show the evening of May 16 singing "Wanted" by Hunter Hayes. Second place went to Rebekah McNeil for an opera number and third place to Jewell King (pictured above at right). Twenty-five students in all competed for gift card prizes and school officials said there was a good turnout for the evening affair. Also pictured is contestants Elizabeth Register.

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Michael Bowden, former resident

Michael Bowden, 56, of Lake City died at Lake City Medical Center on May 26, 2013. He was a native of Columbia County and lived for a time in Baker County. Mr. Bowden was employed by the public works department of Lake City.

He is survived by his wife Sonja Bowden of Lake City and daughters Mikeshia (Keke) Bowden and Krystal Bowden of Sanderson.

The viewing will be held on Friday, May 31 from 5-7 pm at Combs Funeral Home in Lake City and the funeral will be the following day at 1 pm at the Olivet Missionary Baptist Church in Lake City. Interment will be at 10:30 am on Monday, June 3 at Jacksonville National Cemetery.

Service Saturday for Daphne George

Daphne George, 43, of Olustee died on May 23, 2013.

She is survived by daughters Jalesa Gallon and Joslyn Brown; grandchildren Ray Morris III, Jaylon Morris and Rajon Morris; grandmother Ernestine Broomfield; sisters Tonni George and Trivenne Denson of Orlando; Lakeyca Jefferson of Tampa, Phyllis Mitchell, Jamea George and Hillary George, all of Gainesville, and Jamie George (deceased); numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends.

The funeral service for Ms. George will be held on Saturday, June 1 at Emmanuel Church of God in Christ in Macclenny with Elder Joe Ruise and her pastor Rev. Martae Talfair-Smith officiating. Interment will follow at Olustee Cemetery. Toston-Lafrens Funeral Home of Jacksonville is in charge of arrangements.



Daphne George



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The days have slowly turned into years. The thought of losing you still brings me to tears. I have asked a million times, why the Good Lord took you to your home in the sky. I have tried so hard to be strong and live my life as it must go on. As your Mom, my heart is broken. I'm missing all the "I Love You's" that are left unspoken. Even though you are gone, your memories will forever live on. We love and miss you so very much!

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Rites for Ronald Goodwin on Thursday

Ronald Gray "Body Man" Goodwin Sr., 79, of Sanderson died on May 26, 2013 in Jacksonville surrounded by his family. He was born on February 25, 1934 in Wilson, North Carolina and served his country proudly in the US Navy during the Korean War. He will be remembered as an avid Washington Redskins fan who touched the lives of many and who will be greatly missed.

Mr. Goodwin was predeceased by son Randy Gray Goodwin; brother Billy Goodwin and grandson Dathan Wray Goodwin. He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Shirley A. Goodwin; daughter Deborah Jo Dowling (Bradford); sons Kenneth Wray (Cynthia), Ronald Gray Jr. and Richard Craig Goodwin; twin brother Donald Wray Goodwin; sister Rebecca Winchester; ten grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren; many other loving family members and friends.

The funeral service will be held at 11 am on Thursday, May 30 in the chapel of Jacksonville Memory Gardens Funeral Home in Orange Park. Interment will follow in the cemetery there with military honors. The family will receive friends from 5-7 pm on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Inez Ritchey, 87, loved Gators, Elvis

Inez Diane Ritchey, 87, of Macclenny died on May 24, 2013 at the Morris Center with family by her side. She was born in Taylor County, FL on January 10, 1926 to the late Archie Holden Bennett and Ruby Clara Shaw Bennett. She was a resident of Baker County for the past 20 years, most recently residing at W. Frank Wells Nursing Home. She was an avid Florida Gator fan and loved Elvis Presley. Inez enjoyed baking and most of all she enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her brother Cecil Bennett; sisters Hyacinth Bennett and Ruby Linton; former spouse G.H. McNeill; sons-in-law Eric Ayers and Wayne Akridge.

Mrs. Ritchey is survived by her loving daughters Sharon (Dan) Dundon of Jacksonville and Pamela Ayers Akridge of Glen St. Mary; sisters Dorris Whittaker of Gainesville, Helen Marshall of Keystone Heights and Louise Roebuck of Stewart, FL; grandchildren Jereme Ayers, Brandon (Carolyn) Ayers, Sheri Weber and Crissy Leonard; four great-grandchildren.

V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.

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Wildcats take the field the evening of May 24 to face First Coast.

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Ida Fish leaving as Wildcat trainer

BOB GERARD | SPORTS

Midway through the second quarter of Friday's Wildcat football game, an offensive lineman came limping out of the game with an ankle injury. He was met at the sideline by trainer Ida Fish, who immediately sat him down on the bench and started working on his ankle.

For Ms. Fish, it was a bitter-sweet moment. She has been the head athletic trainer for the past six years and will be hanging up her tape and scissors at the end of this school year.

"I'm looking for a change of direction in my medical career," said Ms. Fish. "I'm at a point in my life where I can make a move to something new."

Ida Fish, a Baker County native has always loved Wildcat athletics since her playing days when she went to the state final four in basketball. She got a master's degree in exercise science from Auburn University and was assistant athletic trainer at Newberry College in South Carolina before moving home to become trainer for the Wildcats where she is in charge of prevention, first aid, care and rehabilitation of injuries for the entire athletic program.

She also teaches personal fitness and immediately became involved in the numerous activities at BCHS. She sponsored a class, was a chaperone on the NYC Humanities trip and was also seen on stage in drama performances. But her main joy came from working with the athletic programs and watching them succeed.

"The best part of my job is the relationship with the kids. It's like they are my own kids in a lot of ways," said Ms. Fish.

Her favorite memories were four years ago as Coach Scott

McDonald's weight lifting team won the state title. She also loved being a part of the Wildcat football team's three-peat as district champions during the Bobby Johns years and following the softball girls to



PHOTO BY JUD JOHNSON

Athletic trainer Ida Fish.

the state final four.

The memories have not all been positive, however, and she often found herself challenged professionally and emotionally. "When BCHS football player Milton 'Oshay' Johnson was paralyzed by a practice injury it was a tough time for all of us," said Ms. Fish. "It was a catastrophic injury and I had to help the team deal with the ramifications physically and emotionally."

She has also had to treat, rehabilitate and counsel kids with ACL tears, broken femurs and a number of injuries that could end their playing careers. In the end it just got too much for her.

"I was emotionally drained seeing kids hurt. I would worry about them constantly, on the field and the decisions that they made off the field. Finally, I came to the decision that it was time to focus on my own life."

Fish plans to stay in the medical field but is going to take some time off and recharge without having to think about sprains, tears and concussions.

"It's time to start a new chapter," she says.

But it will be hard to stay away when the lights come on every Friday night in fall.

Single TD pass swamps Cats

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The BCHS Wildcat football team put up a stiff fight against a tough First Coast High in Friday night's spring jamboree at Memorial Stadium, and only a 74-yard pass play gave First Coast a 7-2 win.

From the start the Wildcats knew that it would be a tough fight. First Coast is big, fast and loaded with Division 1 athletes. The Cats would have to play hard, tough football and catch a few breaks if they were going to come out on top.

Within the first few seconds it looked as if they might get their wish. With the Buccaneers under center, All America quarterback DeAndre Johnson dropped back, bobbled the ball and Hunter Chambers forced a fumble. The two teams fought for the fumble as it rolled down the field and out of the end zone for a safety. Before they even touched the ball the Wildcats found themselves up 2-0.

When they did touch the ball, rising senior Mike Boone showed why he is so dangerous and why he has been offered a scholarship by the South Alabama Jaguars. Boone took a pitch from Jacob Carter and raced 62 yards before he was caught from behind at the 13-yard line.

At that point, the Cats were stopped and a field goal attempt was no good. But for the Wildcats it remained the best possible start. It threw First Coast out of rhythm and forced them to play from behind.

The combination of momentum and lack of rhythm was the recipe for the remainder of the first quarter. The Wildcats gave the Bucs all they could handle defensively.

With CeCe Jefferson hampered by consistent double teaming, Elijah Lee was left free to harass Johnson. The Buc quarterback was forced to move around in the pocket, which was not his forte, and the First Coast running game shut down.

Lee, Rashodd Hadley, Ruger Raulerson and Brody Crews were standouts on the defensive side of the ball. The Cats controlled the line of scrimmage and swarmed to the ball.



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Above, Rashodd Hadley makes the hit; and at left, Brandon Miller runs up field after the catch during the Wildcat's 7-2 loss the Bucs.



Johnson did have some success with short balls to the wide receivers. The Wildcat cornerbacks were playing eight yards off the line to give the speedy receivers some cushion and were hurt by a pair of dump passes that turned into good gains. It would come back to haunt them in the second period.

The Wildcats had some success moving the ball with passes from Carter to Boone and Anthony James, who is being courted by Alcorn State. Both made some good catches. Boone also stopped a drive with an interception from his corner position.

Carter consistently threw accurately, but had a couple of key drops that stopped drives. The running game didn't really get

started against the swarming First Coast line.

First Coast began to find some rhythm in the second quarter and, aware that they had success with the short passing game, the coaches moved the corners up to the line of scrimmage.

Johnson took advantage of that and receiver Tristan Peyton streaked past coverage as Johnson lofted a beautiful spiral down the left sideline. Peyton took the ball over his right shoulder and loped 74 yards into the end zone for the game's only touchdown.

The BCHS coaching staff now has a better idea where to focus its off-season attention. The running game was ineffective but Carter is developing as a medium range passer. He has two good

receivers in Boone and James, and he got pretty good protection most of the night.

Late in the second quarter, the offensive and defensive lines got involved in a rugby scrum as the Cats met the Buccaneer runner at the line of scrimmage. The First Coast offensive line pushed the BCHS defensive line almost a full 10 yards before the referee blew the whistle. That will be dealt with over the summer.

All in all, despite the 7-2 loss, it was a good outing for BCHS. They stopped a potent offense for the entire half, with the exception of a long bomb and offensively they moved the ball against a talented defense. Their inability to score in the final third will be a worry, but there are plenty of positives to temper the hard work they will do over the summer.

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