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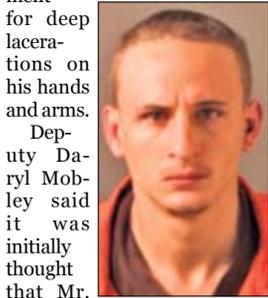


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Felon is arrested for having meth lab

Police arrested a Sanderson man and his girlfriend on multiple charges following a pre-dawn confrontation at a residence where ingredients used to produce methamphetamine were later found during a warrant search.

Phillip Bennett, 25, who has a felony conviction record for drug and property crimes, was jailed that morning after an investigation that began when Travis Johnston, 25, went to the Fraser Hospital emergency room about 5 am seeking treatment



Phillip Bennett

for deep lacerations on his hands and arms. Deputy Daryl Mobley said it was initially thought that Mr. Bennett stabbed

Mr. Johnston at the former's address on Sunshine Lane. Later, officers learned he received the cuts attempting to strike Mr. Bennett with a coffee cup. When deputies went to the address to question Mr. Bennett, they found the interior blood-stained but no suspect. Deputy Mobley said Mr. Bennett and girlfriend Birtney McEachin, 20, also of Sanderson, turned up at a hospital in Union County that morning and were held by authorities there for questioning.

A warrant was obtained after the initial search for possible injured occupants at the Bennett house revealed ingredients for manufacturing meth, a small amount of the drug, a baggie of marijuana and other paraphernalia.

Both Mr. Johnston and witness Thomas Braddy told Deputy Mobley that Mr. Bennett had a pistol in his hand when they went to the residence in the early morning hours, ostensibly to pick up a dog. Mr. Johnston and Mr. Bennett then argued about money, police were told, and the injured visitor was ordered at gunpoint to leave.

Mr. Bennett was booked on two counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

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Porter: No to Union obelisk at park

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State Representative Elizabeth Porter of Lake City declared last week that the proposed memorial to Union soldiers at Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park will not be located near the existing Confederate memorials.

"That is not going to happen," said Mrs. Porter during the annual legislative delegation meeting held on Halloween at the county commission's chambers in Macclenny.

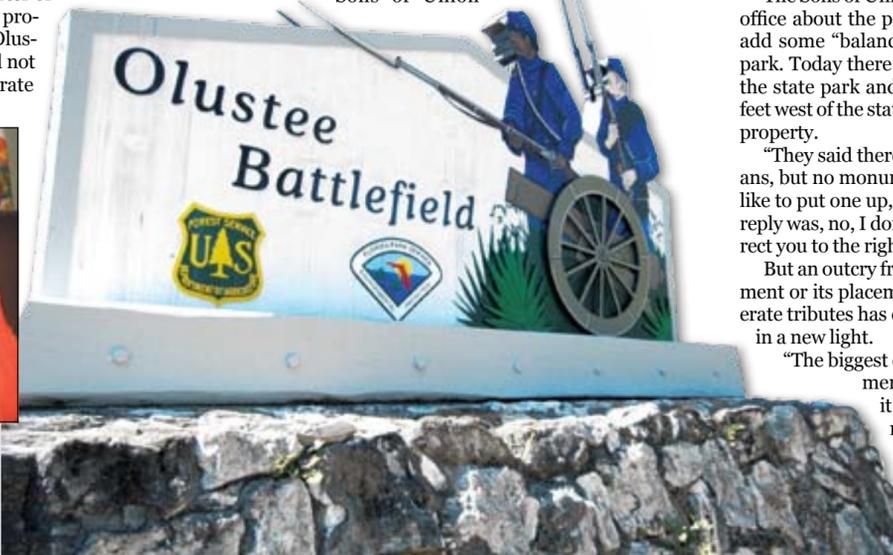
The Republican legislator said she initially supported the project placing a 10-to-12 foot tall black granite obelisk across from the larger and older white granite Confederate monument and mid-



Rep. Porter

way between two other monuments of the same material dedicated to a pair of Confederate generals at the state park in west Baker County.

The monument is sought by the Sons of Union



Veterans of the Civil War to honor the Union soldiers who fought during the battle, including those from three black units fighting for the North. The group began planning the effort back in 2011.

The Sons of Union Veterans approached Mrs. Porter's office about the proposal, which the group says would add some "balance" to the monuments already at the park. Today there are three Confederate monuments at the state park and a Union grave memorial about 500 feet west of the state park on what's believed to be federal property.

"They said there's monuments for Confederate veterans, but no monument for Union veterans, so we would like to put one up, do you have a problem with that? My reply was, no, I don't see a problem with that. We can direct you to the right people," said Mrs. Porter.

But an outcry from those either opposed to the monument or its placement in close proximity to the Confederate tributes has caused the legislator to see the project in a new light.

"The biggest complaint I've heard about the monument has mostly been the placement of it — in between the two general monuments and the cannons, and in front of the large monument that already exists there — that's out," she said emphatically.

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PHOTO BY JOEL ADDINGTON

Costume-clad kids enjoy games, prizes at Halloween day fall fest

Students at the PreK-Kindergarten Center, including Ally Willingham above, got an early start to Halloween the morning of October 31. Children played games and collected many prizes throughout the day. Go to www.bakercountypress.com for more photos.

\$1 million gift for Olustee museum

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A foundation founded by a Civil War buff and trucking company owner has ponied up \$1 million for a new museum at Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park.

The new facility is being planned by the battlefield's Citizen Support Organization with oversight from the Florida Parks Service. It will feature interactive exhibits as well as new exhibits arriving periodically to keep the public coming back, said CSO president Gary Dickinson of Jacksonville.

He said the group toured a number of museums or "interpretive centers" within the regional state park system to research the best ways to display items to encourage interaction. That way, he said, "people can feel like they are more a part of the exhibit than if they were just sitting there looking at stuff."

"We like some of the new technology," Mr. Dickinson said.

The project is currently in the design phase.

The museum building will resemble a cracker-style house to match the time period of the Olustee Battle in 1864, the largest Civil War conflict in the state involving more than 10,000 soldiers. The location will be generally where the park ranger's residence sits today.

"He [the ranger] is retiring, and the house has some age on it, but we may be able to utilize the existing building on the back side of the museum," said Mr. Dickinson, who works with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office community affairs division. He

said design concepts are still being mulled as well as ideas for exhibits.

"My vision is I don't want a museum that sits there the same year after year," he said. "I want it to change and be vibrant. Portions may remain intact, but I want someone who comes one year to come back the next year to see different things."

Civil War memorabilia collectors or traveling exhibits could be tapped to fill the museum's space with fresh items. Macclenny's Dickie Ferry, a avid collector, has agreed to supply items for the opening exhibit.

"It's Florida's largest battle and it's very easy to get off the interstate, so we'd like to have something that's a draw, more than just the February time frame, but all year," Mr. Dickinson said.

The foundation pledging \$1 million to the project, the HTR Foundation, was started by the late Arthur Copeland Hill, the owner of the Hill Truck Rental.

As a young trucker, Mr. Dickinson said, Mr. Hill would stop and study Civil War battlefields during his travels. At the end of his life, he set up the foundation to benefit such battlefields.

"There's other monies available and we hope to continue to receive grants to expand other things on the battlefield," he said. "We want a first-class type of field and exhibits out there for folks, whether they're coming to walk the grounds or see the museum. We want them to have a great experience when they go out there."

The Olustee Battlefield

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Funeral for Tommy Johns, 75, on Friday

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ONLINE POLL RESULTS

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| Do you support the proposal to place a Union monument at Olustee Battle Historic State Park? | 44% Yes |
| | 36% No, not at the park |
| | 20% Yes, different location at Olustee Battlefield |

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Keep monument off parade ground

Dear Editor:

As a member of the Andrew Jackson Padgett Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and both secretary and charter member of the Olustee Battlefield Citizens Support Organization, I strongly oppose the erection of a Union monument anywhere on the area known as the parade grounds.

I found during research of the original deed that the land was donated in 1909 for the Olustee Monument. The money for the Olustee Monument was raised by the Florida Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy to honor those killed in defense of Florida and its importance to the Confederacy.

The UDC administered the Olustee Battlefield Memorial until 1949 when the Florida Board of Parks and Historic Memorials assumed responsibility for Olustee Battlefield. Today the site is administered by the Florida Department of Natural Resources, Division of Recreation and Parks, thus making the Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park Florida's first state park.

In the 1990s the Union Army, District of Florida, raised the monies to erect a monument to honor the Union soldiers who fought at Olustee. This monument is in the cemetery across the railroad track adjacent to the USFS land and was dedicated on June 2, 1991. The Union monument is in place of a wooden one that was erected in 1866. It is inscribed, as was the original one, "To the memory of the officers and soldiers of the United States Army who fell in the Battle of Olustee, February 20, 1864."

It is my understanding that many black cemeteries rose up around areas where Union troops are/were buried. A passenger on a train recalled that the wooden cross erected over the site of the mass grave.

Quite a bit of research went into the placement of this monument in the cemetery; in fact it is known as the Monument Cemetery. I was there the day the footer was dug for the monument and the men digging the footer stated that there was indeed a grave there based on the color of the soil, which changes where bodies are buried.

No one knows for sure if this is the correct site for the mass grave, but thanks to Jeff Grezlak and the Union Army District of Florida, a monument to the Union casualties at Olustee already exists.

So what's the point in building another one and having funds spent that are really unnecessary. If the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War have to spend money at Olustee, let them donate it for items for display in the planned new museum. There money would be a welcome addition and be recognized for whatever they wish (of course, approved).

There should be no hard feelings on this matter from anyone, and everyone needs to work together to help with the new museum as the CSO is laying the foundation.

Maybe the Union monument that already exists should be utilized more than one day a year and I know for a fact that not all of the Union troops who are part of the annual reenactment do not attend the services held at the monument each year. Maybe the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War could enhance or add to the existing monument to honor not only those who died at Olustee but also those who fought at Olustee.

Many of us consider the area where the Confederate monument exists to be hallowed ground. And the area of the existing Union monument is also hallowed ground.

Maybe, not everyone realizes that there is already an existing Union Monument at Olustee, because it is not on the Parade Ground-but on the site believed to be the mass grave of the Union troops. It is listed in all the programs for the reenactment and the Union Troops do have a yearly ceremony there.

It would be a sacrilege to the memory of all the little old ladies who helped raise the funds for the Confederate monument and to all of those who died at Olustee, both Union and Confederate, to split hairs over something so wrong to place another monument in the shadow of the Confederate monument.

Those who are wanting to add another Union monument should step back, think, and look at what already exists and does not need to be duplicated. "Cultural balance" already exists at Olustee.

There are many of us who work so hard to make the Olustee Re-enactment a premier event and to build Florida's Civil War Museum at Olustee. Too much time has been put forth on this issue and we all should work together with our main focus being the new museum and that we can achieve a cultural balance within it.

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Claims GOP chair is a censor

Dear Editor:

Censorship is alive and well with the chairman of the Baker County Republican Party.

I have been a Republican since I was old enough to vote and a member of the Baker Republican Executive Committee [REC] until last month.

Last December we elected Kirk Gravelle as chairman and I was looking forward to working with him. A few months ago I responded to an article that Joel Addington had written about our local party committee. I felt that Joel had insinuated that the REC was becoming divisive and extreme.

I countered his argument stating the Republicans believe in school prayer, strong national defense, limited government, repeal of Obamacare, life begins at conception, strong 2nd Amendment, etc. All of these ideals were listed in the 2012 GOP platform.

I signed my letter and *The Press* graciously published it.

At the next REC meeting I was promptly taken to task for voicing my opinion. Mr. Gravelle told me that my letter was divisive,

listed Tea Party values and would certainly alienate any atheists, homosexuals or pro-choice citizens that would have joined our party had I not written the letter.

Mr. Gravelle also told me that any future communication with *The Press* would have to be cleared by the communications team, of which he was the chair. This directive led to a heated exchange between myself and Mr. Gravelle about 1st Amendment rights and his role as chairman. Mr. Gravelle then asked for my resignation three times.

Recently I spoke at the county commission meeting and wrote *The Press* about the Chamber of Commerce holding a small business round table that was not open to all local small businesses. Although I was not confronted directly, I was told that Mr. Gravelle expressed his displeasure to several committee members that I had, once again, voiced my opinion without seeking clearance from the "communications team."

Once again I find myself at odds with Mr. Gravelle, this time over sand mining. I am dead set against sand mining coming to our county. I feel the negative impact to our environment far outweighs the six jobs that

Oldcastle promises. Mr. Gravelle supports Oldcastle and has stooped to using the Baker County Republican Facebook page to call a private citizen who opposes sand mining a liar. In addition, posts updating the public about the mediation process have been deleted.

It appears to me that Mr. Gravelle may be attempting to discourage free speech among Baker County Republicans. This type of censorship will negatively effect current REC members and discourage party growth. After all, who would want to join a party who's chairman must give his stamp of approval before you speak in public?

Nowhere in the party rules does it say that the chairman has this right. In order to grow the party and win elections, our party must appeal to conservatives, moderate Republicans, libertarians and Blue Dog Democrats. We must fiercely protect our Constitutional rights, especially the 1st Amendment.

Mr. Gravelle would be wise to remember that.

Theresa Rhoden
Glen St. Mary

The late Tommy Johns took couple under his wing; was a best friend

By Bill Schwartz
Special to The Press

My wife and I moved to Baker County in 1996 to work as youth pastors at First Assembly of God. Through the years we lived and worked in Baker County for a total of 10 years. Our season of living in this community held many life-changing events for us. We bore our two amazing children, made life-long friends and I was an assistant basketball coach at the high school when the team made it to the state playoffs.

My family and I now live in Belgium where we are church planters and Bible College instructors. Last evening I received a Facebook message that Tommy Johns had passed away. Tommy was the first person to greet us at our first visit to First Assembly. He was wearing a blue blazer, white pants and had the most welcoming smile. He also served on the board that hired my wife and I as youth pastors. Our arrival to Baker County started a beautiful friendship with Tommy.

For more than a year Tommy came to the office and took my wife and I to lunch almost every day. I think because he knew how much our salary was. He also took me to the first Gator football and basketball games I ever attended. He took me on multiple tours of Macclenny in the "Gator Car." He invited me to join the "Chain Gang" for the Wildcats where I was the youngest member by many decades.

Together we spent countless hours driving to high school football and basketball games. Many other hours were spent fishing and riding motorcycles. We hold a very precious memory of the day he came to our home on Woodlawn Road to present us with a restored rocking chair that his mother used. This was for my pregnant wife, as we were close to delivering our precious first born Rachel.

In August 2013 I was back in the states for the first time in a couple of years. I made sure to go by and see Tommy in the nursing home. Although his speech was impaired from the stroke, I'm so glad I spent this time with him. It was emotional for both of us when I left. Baker County just won't be the same without Tommy "Gator Man" Johns!

He will always have a place in our hearts as one of the best friends we've ever had.

Another 'new plan'?

Dear Editor:

Thanks to Commissioner Mark Hartley for standing firm at mediation and upholding the decision he and the majority of the board made in denying Oldcastle's application for a special exception to mine sand in Baker County.

So now Oldcastle has to submit a "new plan" to the commission for review. How many "new plans" have they already submitted? I think they are out of ideas. What else can they possibly manufacture?

Oldcastle's attorney has threatened that if all attempts for approval to mine fail that they will file litigation against us. What happened to being a good corporate citizen? What happened to being a good neighbor? What happened to [lobbyist] Elizabeth Revelle running all over town spreading money, good cheer and making empty promises?

They're now going to threaten to sue us? Nice neighbors, indeed! Bullying and threatening their way in just goes to show what their true character was all along.

Corporate greed is what this is all about and they will do anything to attain it. Let's not be fooled by the smoky veil of false friendship.

I read with disgust and contempt a recent article in the *Hometown Journal* in which

Ms. Revelle stated that our commissioners voted on the special exception based on "emotions" and not "facts." Maybe Ms. Revelle needs to go back and review the minutes from that hearing and educate herself on what the real truth is.

Commissioner James Croft made a motion to turn down the special exception application based on facts that are certainly sustainable by law and are within our county's comprehensive land use plan. Mr. Croft in his motion to deny stated that there were unanswered questions by Oldcastle, uncertainty of taxes to be paid by Oldcastle, that Oldcastle will not be advantageous to our community and neighborhoods, that open pit mining does not fit in the urban development zoning of the area, that Oldcastle presented no certain evidence to demonstrate that granting of the exception will promote the appearance, welfare or be of any comfort to the residents of the county.

Oldcastle is like a pouting child because they didn't get their permit so now they bully and threaten. There's something amiss here and it smells like rotten fish! With friends like that, who needs enemies?

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Mark Lyons
Glen St. Mary

The Baker County Press Weather

Nov. 7, 2013

| Seven Day Forecast | |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Thursday | Mostly Cloudy High: 80 Low: 56 |
| Friday | Partly Cloudy High: 73 Low: 50 |
| Saturday | Few Showers High: 76 Low: 58 |
| Sunday | Few Showers High: 78 Low: 57 |
| Monday | Partly Cloudy High: 76 Low: 54 |
| Tuesday | Partly Cloudy High: 79 Low: 55 |
| Wednesday | Partly Cloudy High: 78 Low: 52 |

| Today's High & Low Temperatures | |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| Jasper | 82 / 55 |
| Callahan | 79 / 57 |
| Fernandina Beach | 77 / 63 |
| Maccleddy | 80 / 56 |
| Jacksonville | 79 / 61 |
| Atlantic Beach | 78 / 65 |
| Watertown | 82 / 57 |
| Baldwin | 80 / 57 |
| High Springs | 82 / 59 |
| Starke | 80 / 58 |
| St. Augustine | 79 / 64 |

| Sun/Moon Chart This Week | | |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Day | Sunrise | Sunset |
| Thursday | 6:48 a.m. | 5:36 p.m. |
| Friday | 6:49 a.m. | 5:35 p.m. |
| Saturday | 6:50 a.m. | 5:34 p.m. |
| Sunday | 6:50 a.m. | 5:34 p.m. |
| Monday | 6:51 a.m. | 5:33 p.m. |
| Tuesday | 6:52 a.m. | 5:33 p.m. |
| Wednesday | 6:53 a.m. | 5:32 p.m. |

| St. Mary's River Levels | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Now | Change |
| Monic, GA | 5.14 ft. -0.04 ft. |
| Maccleddy | 2.66 ft. -0.10 ft. |

| Hunting/Fishing Times | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Day | Peak Times |
| Thu | 3:12-5:12 2:42-4:42 |
| Fri | 4:10-6:10 3:40-5:40 |
| Sat | 5:04-7:04 4:34-6:34 |
| Sun | 5:56-7:56 5:26-7:26 |
| Mon | 6:46-8:46 6:16-8:16 |
| Tue | 7:34-9:34 7:04-9:04 |
| Wed | 8:22-10:22 7:52-9:52 |

| Weather History | |
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| Nov. 7, 1940 - The Galloping Gertie bridge at Tacoma, Wash. collapsed in strong winds just four months after its grand opening, resulting in a six million dollar loss. | |

| Last Week's Local Almanac | | | | | |
|---------------------------|------|-----|---------|--------|---------------|
| Day | High | Low | Normals | Precip | Precipitation |
| Tue, 10/29 | 77 | 48 | 78/57 | 0.00" | 1.13" |
| Wed, 10/30 | 81 | 54 | 78/56 | 0.00" | 0.49" |
| Thu, 10/31 | 82 | 57 | 78/56 | 0.00" | 0.64" |
| Fri, 11/1 | 82 | 66 | 78/56 | 0.02" | 64.9" |
| Sat, 11/2 | 73 | 50 | 77/55 | 1.11" | 66.6" |
| Sun, 11/3 | 68 | 46 | 77/55 | 0.00" | -1.7" |
| Mon, 11/4 | 72 | 52 | 77/55 | 0.00" | |

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Olustee: 2nd battle seen over Union obelisk

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The Florida Parks Service is also reconsidering its approval of the proposed Union monument's location, which the department selected after its staff made a visit to the roughly 3-acre state park. The largest Confederate monument was dedicated in 1912 by the United Daughters of the Confederacy, or UDC, and sits on park's northern side. The two smaller generals' monuments were placed to the east and west, so the Union monument as proposed on the south side would create a rectangular space in the middle. Mrs. Porter said the parks

Felon had meth lab

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various counts related to having the meth ingredients and manufacturing equipment, along with misdemeanor marijuana possession. Ms. McEachin was charged with tampering with evidence when she refused to reveal the whereabouts of a second firearm allegedly in her boyfriend's possession that morning. The couple declined to seek charges against Mr. Johnston. In a second incident that resulted in serious injury, a Maccleddy man was flown to UF Health Jacksonville (Shands) early on November 1 after he was repeatedly struck in the head while inside Mac's Liquors downtown. Deputy Trey McCullough said he responded to a call at the bar about 12:40 am to find Andrew Altom, 38, of Maccleddy lying on the floor and bleeding from a head wound that witnesses claimed was the result of being struck by Coy Powell, 21, of Sanderson. Bar owner Joyce Truluck said she observed Mr. Powless, who she described as a non-regular patron, enter the bar via a west door and begin pummeling Mr. Altom. The assailant was identified by witnesses and Deputy Katy

service, a division of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, has extended its public comment period on the project through November 14 and a meeting is tentatively scheduled to discuss the matter on December 2, though a location has not been finalized. The parks service is seeking comments specifically about alternative sites for the Union monument, she said. That's all welcome news for Maccleddy's Larry Rosenblatt, a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, a group firmly opposed to the Union monument. Mr. Rosenblatt said he could "tolerate" the monument some-

where else, but placing it where the blood of his ancestors was spilled and adjacent to the Confederate monuments is going too far, he said. "It's a state park. The UDC worked for years just to get the property and get the monument put up and got no help out of the federal government," he said. "It was all done by the State of Florida, for the State of Florida, [because of the] people who were invading the State of Florida. To put another monument up on that ground, especially sticking it right there in the front or even on that 3 acres, would be a slap in the face to a lot of southerners." "It is a monument to the invaders of Florida, on very hallowed ground and it is being pushed by political correctness," said Mr. Rosenblatt, adding that it's the history of the Civil War and its aftermath, when southerners were oppressed, that also motivates his opposition. He described the effort by the Sons of Union Veterans as a "sneak attack." "You think they would let me put a Confederate monument up at Gettysburg?" Mr. Rosenblatt asked rhetorically. The Sons of Union Veterans is amenable to changing its monument's planned location, said Lloyd Monroe of Tampa, a retired attorney whose black forefathers were among those fighting in the Battle of Olustee for the Union. Mr. Monroe is president of the commission managing the project for the Sons of Union Veterans. He said previously that if the state reverses its approval of the monument's proposed location, the project would still move forward. "We're willing to move it to another location for a reasonable or logical reason, but that may increase the scale or add other features because it would

Benefactor gives \$1M for a museum

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would not be what it is today without the generosity and support of many people throughout the decades. Mr. Dickinson explained that the battle re-enactment originally took place in Jacksonville at the Gator Bowl, now Everbank Field and the home of the Jaguars football team. He estimates the first re-enactment took place 30 years ago. "It's really neat how it's grown since then," he said of the battle, which typically attracts some 15,000 visitors from across the country. Mr. Dickinson, a re-enactor himself at the Olustee Battle and others in Florida and South Georgia, is looking forward to the new museum's ground breaking in February. The sign that greets visitors to the park was also recently refurbished by the CSO group. They repaired or replaced missing or broken pieces of the

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Topics vary at legislators' conclave

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Baker County's two state legislators joined a handful of public officials for the annual delegation hearing at the county commission chambers about mid-afternoon on October 31. During the 35-minute hearing, Sen. Charlie Dean (R-Inverness) and Rep. Elizabeth Porter (R-Lake City) heard from the school board's Patricia Weeks about funding and filling a vacant seat on the panel, the county manager about the newly-built but empty prison re-entry facility in Sanderson and the Olustee Union monument controversy, and County Judge Joey Williams on fleeing probationers, among other issues. "Why do we not have the statutory authority to require some probationers to post a bond while they're on probation? And I do that actually," said Judge Williams. Generally, after suspects are arrested and booked at the county jail, their bond is set and upon paying 10 percent of the bond amount, the suspects are released from jail until their trials begin or they strike a plea bargain with the state. But the judge said he often requires a bond when sentencing offenders to probation in lieu of jail or prison to "prove [they're] a good risk." The risk, he said, is that without such bonds, probationers have little incentive to remain in the county and in compliance with the terms of their probation, which often require drug and alcohol testing and other restrictions. When offenders flee the area and violate their probation, a warrant is issued locally for their arrest, but they are not pursued in other jurisdictions unless they are suspected of committing a crime there or otherwise come into contact with law enforcement. "I'm very concerned whether that money will be there next year to fund the salary schedule we have in place," said Mrs. Weeks. "I know that was the intention but I'm bringing it up because it does concern me. I know budgets are always tight." Funding for facility maintenance and repairs, and possibly new construction, is sorely needed, too, said the school board member. "That's always a concern for us in a small county — having the money to make repairs and even fund some new things. We'd like to build a ninth grade center to replace 17 portables at our high school campus but right now we don't have money to do that." County Manager C.J. Thompson asked the legislators about the state's plans for the Baker Correctional Institute's Re-Entry Center on US 90 in Sanderson. The centers are facilities where inmates within three years of release are placed to receive assistance with reintegrating into society, including job training, substance abuse counseling and life skills classes. The re-entry center here was completed two years ago, but remains empty today. Neither Sen. Dean nor Rep.



State Senator Charlie Dean and Representative Elizabeth Porter during last week's delegation hearing in Maccleddy.

association submit a proposal to the senate's judicial committee for review. "I think it has some merit," he said of the strategy. Mrs. Weeks of the school board requested the legislators speed up the appointment of someone to fill the vacated school board seat of Jesse Davis, who left last summer for a new job in Atlanta. She said her biggest concern, however, was that funding the state gave local districts for teacher raises this year remain in the state budget going forward. It amounted to about \$850,000 for Baker County, she said. "I'm very concerned whether that money will be there next year to fund the salary schedule we have in place," said Mrs. Weeks. "I know that was the intention but I'm bringing it up because it does concern me. I know budgets are always tight."

Sen. Dean hopes to encourage cooperation among state and regional environmental regulators, private environmental groups and agri-business to develop scientific, evidence-based best practices for protecting the state's water for future generations. "I would like to facilitate that type of thinking — not bring a bill — but I want to see us start to build a foundation for this kind of thinking throughout the state," he said. Rep. Porter said she plans to continue her focus on reforming the state's education system, specifically ways the state can foster more engagement among students during their middle school years. "Last year we tackled high school reform and made a lot of progress," she said. "This year we'll delve into middle school reform, trying to find ways we can keep our middle school students interested and invested. That seems to be a place where we lose them — going from an interactive, hands-on elementary school environment where you do a lot physical activity and interact with the teacher, to being thrust into a middle school environment where it's basically a lecture series."

Goals for 2014 session
The senator, who chairs the Senate Environmental Preservation and Conservation Committee, intends to continue his efforts to protect the state's water resources, following up on his success last session in helping secure some \$36 million for springs protection projects in north and central Florida. This session Sen. Dean said he wants to "move to a more comprehensive approach to water quality, water quantity and water impacts in the State of Florida for all districts and all counties." He said the issue has been

Porter pointed to what lies ahead for the center, however. "I have not heard anything new on the re-entry center, so I don't have any information for you," said Rep. Porter. "We can do some research at the office to see if there is anything new." Prior to the hearing, Mr. Thompson said the state allocated funding to build the 400-plus bed center, to be used for inmates being released in Northeast Florida, but not funding to operate the facility. He postulated the delay might be due to the question of whether the state will operate the re-entry center or outsource that role to a private company. Nonetheless Sen. Dean and Rep. Porter both support public management of the facility. Sen. Dean noted the many state-run correctional institutions in his District 3 as motivation for his position on privatization. He said his district also includes more first class magnitude springs than anywhere in the country and possibly the world, which accounts for his strong support for clean water in recent years. He's fought for funding to cleanup Florida's waterways and tighter regulations for septic tanks.

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Additional counts for suspect in fair fraud

The sheriff's department filed three more fraud charges against a Maccleddy woman for operating a Facebook-based scheme to bilk cash from people registering for a craft fair that never took place. Shauna Taylor, 35, was already facing counts of fraud and petty theft involving 11 persons from Baker and neighboring counties who paid \$40 registration fees for the event that was supposed to be held at the county fairgrounds. The latest counts, based on complaints from persons in Lake City, Jacksonville and Middleburg, were filed on October 29 and are for felony fraud only. Police learned in mid-October she paid an \$800 security deposit for the fairgrounds exhibition building, and at the time estimated she may have signed up as many as 80 people. She also falsely claimed she refunded registration fees when she learned the building was already reserved that day, a statement refuted by a fairgrounds official. Ms. Taylor at the time was out on bond for diverting to her bank account a \$1500 tax refund due to the mother of her boyfriend. In another case of fraud, a 49-year-old Glen St. Mary man reported to police on October 31 that his Vystar account was hacked for \$46 at an Atlantic City, NJ casino. The transaction took place in the early morning hours the previous day.

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GED registration
The next round of GED testing will be December 2-4 at the Baker County Adult Education Building on West Minnesota in Maccleddy. Registration for the tests will be at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, November 12 at the adult center and is limited to the first 30 people. The test fee is \$70 and a photo ID and Social Security card are required to register. Discounted test fees are available for students currently enrolled in GED prep classes with a minimum 12 hours class time. For more information, call Becky Satterwhite at 259-0403.

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Steals ring during moving

A Maccleddy woman was named in a criminal complaint in the early morning of November 3 for third-degree felony grand theft for stealing a wedding ring while helping friends move. Dennis Haskew of Maccleddy told sheriff's investigator Tracie Benton the previous day when he discovered the \$1,000 ring missing from a storage box used when he and his wife moved into their residence in Owens Acres several days earlier. After realizing the ring was missing, the victim's wife told Deputy Trey McCullough she remembered friend Amanda Duncan, 35, of Maccleddy carrying the box containing the ring. The Haskews called Mrs. Duncan's husband Jeremy Johnson, who told them she had brandished a gold ring with diamonds on top on November 30. Deputy McCullough went to

Mrs. Duncan's residence, and said she admitted taking the ring, which she surrendered. It was returned to Mr. Haskew. The officer said he was made aware that Ms. Duncan is mentally impaired, and the state attorney's office will decide whether she is charged in the theft. In another burglary-related incident, Deputy Jeremiah Combs requested for a 18" 12 gauge semi-automatic wood grain Winchester shotgun be entered as a stolen weapon on the morning of November 3 after Lloyd Raines told the officer that his ex-girlfriend stole the weapon earlier in the week following an argument. He told the deputy that his ex-girlfriend was the only other person at his residence. He said she left his residence on CR 124 in the north county the evening

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Rape recovery team Opens office here, focus group this month

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The Women's Center of Jacksonville's Rape Recovery Team is now on the ground in Baker County with regular office hours at the Family Service Center at the Keller Intermediate School's campus.

The office is manned by Diana Boatman, the program's coordinator here and a victim advocate, who can assist survivors of sexual assault, both male and female, who are 12 years or older, and their families, regardless of whether the assault was reported to law enforcement.

The team can also help past victims of sexual assault access counseling and other support services. All of the team's services are free and all communication between the victims and the organization are kept confidential.

"I want them to know when they come into my office it's a safe place and everything is confidential. And I'm flexible. They don't even have to come to my office," said Ms. Boatman. Her office is open from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

While the Women's Center has been assisting women here for some time, the organization has not had staff in Baker County on a full-time basis.

That began to change last year when the center received additional grant funding through a program from the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Violence

Against Women, dubbed the Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Assistance Program.

The center was selected by a Florida-based organization, the Florida Council Against Sexual Violence, to receive some \$177,000 over three years to establish a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) for Baker County and staff an office here.

The team will be made up of community partners like the sheriff's and state attorney's offices, the health department, Fraser Hospital and other regional agencies that operate here like the FBI's Jacksonville field office and Hubbard House, a domestic violence shelter.

"In a nationwide study of SART outcomes reported in 2009 indicated that in communities with SARTs, survivors of sexual assault were happier with the services they received, they perceived they were safer, the number of law enforcement reports increased and the number of cases prosecuted increased," reads a press release on the benefits of such teams.

In an effort to improve the local response to sexual assaults by team members, Mrs. Boatman will host a focus group of community residents to assess how much is known about the resources available to such victims and what opportunities exist for making the response better.

The Press will also post an online poll to its website this week

Sudden passenger arrested on felony misdemeanor counts

Police arrested a Sanderson man for third degree felony cocaine possession and two misdemeanor drug-related counts late on November 1 after he entered the vehicle a county deputy was following to make a traffic stop.

Deputy Robert Simpkins observed Lester Donaldson, 32, driving without a seat belt on Tony Givens Rd. and turned around to follow the vehicle. He located the Toyota Tacoma blocking Sanderson Circle with a passenger who was not previously in it, who would later be identified as Charles Northington, 41.

The deputy engaged a traffic stop and the driver pulled his truck into a driveway. The officer witnessed Mr. Northington drop a metallic object out the window and called for assistance.

When Deputy Trey McCullough arrived on the scene, both occupants of the truck and the vehicle were searched and no illegal substances found.

The metallic object was a drug pipe with a small amount of white residue and Mr. Northington admitted to dropping it out the window. He was arrested for misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia.

Once the suspect was placed in the back of the patrol car, the deputy noticed a substance partially hanging out of Mr. Northington's mouth that had the appearance of crack cocaine.

Mr. Northington tried swallowing the substance when the deputy ordered him to spit it out, but the officer placed his hand around the suspect's throat to keep him from swallowing. Mr. Northington complied upon Deputy Simpkins' second request to spit the substance out, and the deputy gathered the two white substances.

A field test produced positive results for cocaine on the tablet-like substance. The burnt residue in the metallic pipe also tested positive for cocaine, and a small amount of marijuana was also found on the ground nearby.

Mr. Donaldson, also of Sanderson, told officers he was unaware that Mr. Northington was in possession of drugs and allowed the suspect into his truck where Deputy Simpkins found him stopped in the street. He was issued a citation for a seat belt

violation and was released at the scene.

In other drug-related incidents, Marcus Bennett, 19, of Sanderson was arrested in the early morning of November 2 for misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia.

The suspect was one of five occupants in a vehicle stopped by Deputy McCullough on CR 127 in north Sanderson about 2:40 am on November 2 because of an inoperable headlight.

Mr. Bennett admitted to having a small scale and an empty pill bottle in his pocket. The officer found the scale in the suspect's pocket with the empty prescription pill bottle smelling of marijuana. The deputy also found more than \$200 in mostly \$20 bills, but Mr. Bennett denied involvement in criminal activity.

Mr. Bennett admitted he purchased marijuana from an unknown man earlier in the day at the "Shop," a dance club off County Road 229. He told the deputies he used the scale to verify the weight of the marijuana and placed the drugs inside the empty prescription bottle.

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Juveniles are arrested for a pair of home burglaries

Police arrested 11 and 16-year-old males on November 3 on charges of third degree felony burglary of an unoccupied structure and armed first degree felony burglary of a structure.

Deputy Trey McCullough and Lt. David Bryant responded to a report from Daniel McGonigle, who reported a burglary occurred earlier in the day at his residence on D. E. Long Rd. near Macclenny when he was away visiting his family. Several hours after arriving home, the complainant noticed an estimated \$1,300 in jewelry and watches were missing from a jewelry box.

Other valuable items such as televisions and firearms remained untouched, which the officers said was consistent with other crimes committed by juveniles, and asked the victim if any lived nearby. He told the officers that four juveniles lived next door. He also informed the deputy and lieutenant of another juvenile, 16-year-old Terrance Potts, who lived a short distance from the residence and was said to be "constantly terrorizing the neighborhood."

The officers then went to the house next door and received permission from the juveniles' mother to speak to them. They included two 11-year-olds, and two others 13 and 15.

Lt. Bryant noted a pink bracelet similar to one described by Mr. McGonigle on the wrist of one of the 11-year-olds. The child told the officers he got the bracelet from the Potts suspect, and two of the others told the authorities they also received items from him. They retrieved the property, which also matched descriptions from the victim.

The four juveniles denied any involvement or knowledge of how suspect Potts received the items. The officers then went to the suspect's address and he initially told them he knew about the burglary but had no involvement in

it. Only after they confronted him with the recovered property did he recant.

The teen then showed the deputy more property in his bedroom. He told them that he and one of the 11-year-olds entered through the victim's back sliding glass door and stole several items.

The officers returned to the previous residence where the second suspect tearfully admitted his involvement in the burglary.

Deputy McCullough noted he later received a call from Mr. Potts' grandmother after she searched her grandson's bedroom and found a handgun under his bed. She assumed the

handgun was stolen.

The officers again questioned young Potts about the handgun, and he admitted that he and the 11-year-old suspect stole two handguns out of a dresser at a residence of Larry and Crystal Matthews on Glory Rd. several days earlier. He said he loaned the second gun to a 14-year-old friend.

A 45 caliber semi-automatic handgun and 52 rounds of ammunition were recovered from the Potts residence, and at the 14-year-old's residence police retrieved a .38 special revolver with a single round in the chamber.

The suspects were placed in the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice in Gainesville.

Please be advised that Macclenny's City Hall will be closed on Monday, November 7, in observance of Veterans Day.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to an application submitted by Mark and Allison Broughton to be granted a Variance to the Baker County Land Development Regulations Article 3.04.31.03D Recreational Resources - Maximum Height of Structures 35 feet. The property is located in the southeast quadrant of 1-10 and US 90 west of Sanderson. The Baker County Land Planning Agency (LPA) will consider the request at a public hearing scheduled for Thursday, November 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in the County Administration Building, 55 North Third Street, Macclenny, FL. On the above-mentioned date, all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the Variance request. Written comments for or against the Variance request may be sent to the Baker County Planning Department, 360 E. Shuey Avenue, Macclenny, FL 32063. Faxed comments may be sent to (904) 259-5057. Copies of the Variance application may be inspected in the Planning Department by any member of the public. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the agency, with respect to this matter, they will need a record of the proceedings, and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. According to the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Administration Department at (904) 259-5123 at least 48 hours prior to the time of the hearing.

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The Baker County Land Planning Agency will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, November 14, 2013 at 7:00 PM in the Baker County Administration Building, 55 North Third Street, Macclenny Florida, to consider for recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners a proposed Large Scale Land Use and Zoning Amendment, by ordinance to the Baker County Comprehensive Plan. The Amendment request was submitted by Mark and Allison Broughton. Copies of said ordinance may be inspected by any member of the public in the Commissioners office, address stated above. On the above mentioned date, all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinances which are titled as follows:

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BAKER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Eye truancy, testing Westside, Keller upgrade plans

MIKE ANDERSON
PRESS STAFF

The remaining two Baker County school improvement plans for boosting student academic performance at Westside Elementary and Keller Intermediate in 2013-14 were presented to the school board the evening of November 4.

Officials predicted improvements will come, not only on test scores but in lower absenteeism and more parental involvement in the schools.

"Overall, our attendance rate is 95 percent. I want a hundred percent," Westside principal Lynne Fort told the board. "If they're not there they can't learn." She said she believes parents will be more actively involved in their children's school work this year than ever before, based on a recent open house at the school that drew a record attendance — 80 percent of the student body and their parents.

"We've never had that big of a group," Mrs. Fort said.

Goals outlined in the school's improvement plan include achieving greater gains in reading, through various strategies including two-hour uninterrupted reading blocks, group instruction, accelerated reading, an after school readers club, parent workshops with their kids and other resources.

Only 61 percent of all third graders at Westside scored above a level 3 on Reading FCAT 2.0 last year, which fell short of the 73 percent goal. The goal this year is to have 76 percent of third graders at that level.

Similarly, 70 percent of Westside pupils scored at or above level 3 on the Math FCAT 2.0 last year. The goal this year is 80 percent.

"We've got quite a few things to be proud of," Mrs. Fort said, noting that an after school reading program for kids who need a little extra help has been very successful, running about eight children per class.

Parent workshops, wherein moms and dads receive guidance for helping their children learn how to read and asking the right questions to help them gain a better understanding of the material, also has been well received, she said.

Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson asked Mrs. Fort to prepare a presentation for the school board in the near future to give members a clearer understanding of how the workshops function.

Giving children greater exposure to math and science at Westside will be accomplished through numerous STEM — Science, Technology, Engineering, Math — projects this year, including gardening, embryology (studying chicken eggs), a recycling fair, and dissecting the regurgitated remains of an owl's meal called a "pellet."

"It's a hands-on experience," Mrs. Fort said. "Some kids like it, some don't."

She wrapped up her presentation by telling the board and superintendent that she and her faculty have "a lot of things going on and we're going to continue to have a lot more."

"You're doing great things over there," Mrs. Raulerson told Mrs. Fort. "Our schools challenge kids and provide a great education. I commend you'll for what you're doing."

Keller Intermediate, which received a D rating by the state in 2012-13, also has big plans for turning things around this year, according to principal Gail Griffis, now in her sixth year as the school's top administrator.

Mrs. Griffis said monitors from the State Board of Education's Office of Accountability have been and will continue to observe classroom procedures and teaching techniques throughout the year to help

bring about desired improvements in reading, writing, math and science.

Goals this year include: 70 percent of students performing at level 3 or higher on the FCAT reading exam, compared with 57 percent last year; 75 percent scoring at or above 3.5 on the FCAT writing test, up from 42 percent last year; 70 percent scoring at achievement level 3 or higher in math, up from 54 percent last year; and 55 percent scoring at level 3 or higher in science, up from 37 percent last year.

To help achieve these goals, teachers have received professional development training in writing techniques designed to improve writing skills among students. Also, a dedicated 45-minute writing block will be conducted in all fourth grade classes each day.

A further goal at Keller is for learning gains in math and reading to be demonstrated by at least 50 percent of the pupils in the lower quartile. After school tutoring is offered two days a week to provide the additional instruction.

Tutoring has been so popular that the enrollment had to be capped in order to keep classes small enough to be effective after parents signed up 190 pupils this year, said Mrs. Griffis, adding, "We now have a waiting list."

Our schools challenge kids and provide a great education. I commend y'all for what you're doing.

Sherrie Raulerson
Baker County School Superintendent

Board member Patricia Weeks said she knows the school has struggled to help children in the lower 25 percent improve. But she asked Mrs. Griffis what is being done to help those in the upper quartile.

"The struggle is keeping them from sliding," Mrs. Griffis replied. "When they're already at a high level, learning gains are very small."

One tool that will be instrumental in helping bring about greater academic achievement at Keller, Mrs. Griffis said, will be a much tougher stance on truancy.

"We have aggressively gone after students who are truant," she said, including closer and more frequent communication with parents and even taking some to county court to explain why their kids have been absent from school so much.

"Once a student reaches 15 days (absent from school) that's when it goes to Judge (Joey) Williams," she said.

Mrs. Griffis, who taught math for 24 years at Baker County Middle School and later was an assistant principal there before taking her current job at Keller, said she has a personal reason for wanting Keller to earn a higher grade from the state and help her students do their very best in class.

"This is my last year and I want us to do well," she said, adding that after the 2013-14 school year ends she plans to retire and spend more time with her family.

The Westside and Keller improvement plans were presented to the board during a workshop prior to the regular bi-monthly meeting that began at 6:30 p.m. All school improvement plans will be formally adopted by the board on November 18.

The agenda was relatively light for the board meeting, which included a few personnel changes, recognition awards for two school district retirees, adoption of the district's 2012-13 annual school health report and a "Vocabulary Parade" featuring 13 Keller Intermediate students wearing Halloween costumes and bearing multi-syllabic words, complete with their definitions, on signs draped around their necks.

Haunted Jail was a success!

The Baker County Historical Society and the Baker County High School History Club combined their talents to offer the "Haunted Jail" in late October. We appreciate the community members who attended the blood-curdling event staged by the History Club members. The Society thanks the Baker County Sheriff's Office, the Baker County maintenance department and the Baker County Commission for their help. The Macclenny Walmart Supercenter, Winn-Dixie, and Hagan Ace Hardware also contributed to its success. Modern Woodmen of America will match the money raised by the Historical Society.

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Clues are left in stolen pickup

Police have a possible lead on the identity of a suspect responsible for stealing a pickup truck near Baker County Middle School the evening of October 28.

Robert Brittain of Glen St. Mary, a janitor at the school, called the sheriff's department when his shift ended about 10 pm and found that his 2004 pickup was taken from a parking space on South Boulevard.

He told Deputy Robert Simpkins he last saw the truck about 6:30 pm and left it unlocked with the keys under a seat.

Two nights later, the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office recovered the vehicle on South Lane on the city's west side, and the owner's wife contacted the sheriff's department the next day when it was returned to Baker County and she found several items that did not belong to her husband.

Among them was a cell phone payment receipt bearing the name of the possible suspect, along with a contact number.

A GPS system, keys and other items were also left in the pickup. In another incident involving a stolen truck, police are looking for a man who took it to a Lake City recycling center and sold it in late October for \$520.

The 1979 Chevrolet flatbed truck belonged to Anna Burnham of St. George, GA and had been parked under a shelter at the residence of her brother-in-law Mike Norman on Cedar Creek Farms Rd. northwest of Glen for some time.

Ms. Burnham told Deputy Marc Heath she received a tip that the truck was at Tri-County Recycling, and an employee there confirmed that Johnny Burnham, 31, of Macclenny brought the truck there.

Mr. Burnham later told the deputy he was enlisted to do so by his uncle, T.C. Green, 63, of Glen, who paid him \$100.

The officer said initial efforts to contact Mr. Green were unsuccessful.

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Macclenny Elementary's Kinita Bishop leads students in singing "Let There Be Peace."

PHOTOS BY JOEL ADDINGTON

Veterans saluted in a 'radio' format

JOEL ADDINGTON
NEWS EDITOR
reporter@bakercountypress.com

A mock radio broadcast performed by second and third graders at Macclenny Elementary School the morning of November 5 before school faculty and family members paid tribute to the United States of America and its veterans.

Morgan Ruis and Keirstan Blackshear played newscasters periodically checking in with reporters in the field, who were doing research about world peace, the stars and stripes in the American flag, what's best about America and what makes a hero.

"People are reporting that the best thing about this country is that we are a free country," said Madison Colbert, playing one of four journalists in the field. "In fact ... let me get my notes ... The exact quote is, 'The best thing about America is freedom, peace and there are no wars to hurt us.'"

Those segments were interspersed with songs from the school's choir both on stage and in the audience of the school's auditorium slash cafeteria.

They sang *Star Spangled Banner*, *America the Beautiful*, *Trish*



Navy commander Susan Miller of Glen St. Mary bows in prayer.

Blessing and Let There Be Peace. Principal Debbie Fraser opened the program, greeting those in attendance and assistant principal Doug Register led the gathering in prayer after honoring the veterans present, including Navy Commander Susan Miller of Glen St. Mary, who has 23 years in the service and a son in the third grade at Macclenny Elementary. Jacob Miller, Mr. Miller, Ms. Colbert,



Keirstan Blackshear (left) and Morgan Ruis play WMES newscasters.

Emma Hunt and Ty Walker filled the role of field reporters during the program.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No. 2013-CA-000102

TRUDY ANN ALLEN, Petitioner
Vs.
JOHN DERRICK THARP, Respondent

NOTICE OF HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Tuesday, the 10th day of December, 2013, beginning at 1:30 p.m. The Disposition in the above-referenced case will be heard before the Honorable Phyllis M. Rosen in her Chambers at the Baker County Courthouse, 339 E. Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, Florida

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PUBLIC AUCTION
Grays Lock & Key Mini Storages
1169-1 S. 6th Street
Macclenny, FL 32063

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Jessie Delp #2
Deborah Pratt Tabor #18
Lisa Curtiss #18
Debra Crawford #29
10/24-11/14c

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The quarterly meeting of the Baker County Transportation Deactivated Local Coordinating Board will take place at 10 a.m., Thursday, November 21, 2013, at the Baker County Commission Building, 55 North 3rd Street, Macclenny, Florida, 32063. All interested persons are invited to attend. The Northeast Florida Regional Council adheres to the Americans with Disabilities Act and will make reasonable modifications for access to this meeting upon request. Requests should be received at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting in order to allow time to provide the requested services. For more information, contact the Northeast Florida Regional Council at (904) 279-0880 between the hours of 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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10/3c

Registration of Fictitious Names
I, the undersigned, being duly sworn, do hereby declare under oath that the names of all persons interested in the business or profession carried on under the name of SHARKBITES CAJUN COOKING-whose principle place of business is 347 Barber Rd., Macclenny, FL 32063 and the extent of the interest of each is as follows:

Brian Edward Weeks 100%
Brian E. Weeks
Signature

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF BAKER
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of November 2013.

AL FRASER
Clerk of Court
By: Stacie Harvey
Deputy Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No. 02-2013-DR-320
IN RE: THE MATTER OF:
JAYDEN NICOLE BROWN
DOB# 9/28/12.

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: ALTIMUN CREWS, natural mother of Jayden Nicole Brown
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Verified Petition for Temporary Custody of Minor Child by Extended Family Member has been filed for the child Jayden Nicole Brown.

You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the action on the Petitioner's Attorney whose name and address is HUGH D. FISH, JR., at P.O. Box 531, Macclenny, Florida 32063, on or before November 30, 2013, and file the original with the Clerk of Court, either before service on the petitioner's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise an Order of Temporary Custody of Minor Child will be entered in this case.

WITNESS My hand and Seal of this Court on this 30th day of October, 2013.

AL FRASER
Clerk of Court
By: Stacie Harvey
Deputy Clerk

Hugh Fish, Jr.
P.O. Box 531
Macclenny, FL 32063
11/7-28c

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Baker County District School Board will hold the following public hearing on Monday, December 2, 2013, at the District School Board Room located at 270 South Boulevard East, Macclenny, Florida, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The following items will be considered at the public hearing: 2013-14 Student Progression Plan and 2013-14 Student Code of Conduct. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. The documents will be available for review at the Superintendent's Office located at 270 South Boulevard East, Macclenny, Florida, beginning Tuesday, November 5, 2013 (8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.). You may also access the document on our district website at www.baker.k12.fl.us.

Sherrie Raulerson
Superintendent of Schools
11/7-28c

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
Case No. 2007-CA-192

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS, COWABS, INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-8, Plaintiff,
vs.
SHANNON BURNESE, et al, Defendants).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated September 30, 2013 and entered in Case No. 2007-CA-192 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida wherein THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS, COWABS, INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-8, is the Plaintiff and SHANNON BURNESE, CHRISTY BURNESE, are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 4:00 PM AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE BAKER COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00 AM on the 20th day of November, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 9 IN BLOCK 6 OF E.R. RHODEN RHODEN'S ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF MACCLENNY, FLORIDA.
ADVA 405 LINDA STREET, MACCLENNY, FL 32063

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on November 5, 2013.

AL FRASER
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Tabitha Wilson
Deputy Clerk

Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L.
P.O. Box 25018
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018

**See Americans with Disabilities Act
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Ms. Jan Phillips
Human Resources Manager
Alachua County Family/Civil Courthouse
201 E. University Avenue, Room 410
Gainesville, FL 32601
Phone: 352-337-6237
Fax: 352-374-5238

11/7-14c

Higginbotham's Towing & Recovery Inc.
7611 West Mt. Vernon St.
Glen St. Mary, FL 32040

The following vehicle will be sold at public auction on November 22, 2013 at 10:00 am at Higginbotham's Towing & Recovery 7611 West Mt. Vernon St., Glen St. Mary, FL 32040:

1996 Infiniti 4 Door
Vin# JNKGA2AD7T307514
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No. 02-2013-CA-000126

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SOCIAL & SCHOOL

SOCIAL NOTICE SUBMISSION INFORMATION

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PHOTO BY JOEL ADDINGTON

From right: Jade Jackson, Emily Pendelton and Christian Thomas of Westside Renshaw's first grade class trace the lines on the outside of the pumpkin before counting them on October 31 at Westside Elementary.

Mixing science and Halloween

JOEL ADDINGTON
NEWS EDITOR
reporter@bakercountypress.com

How many seeds are inside a pumpkin? Will they float? And what's their circumference? These were just some of the questions groups of first graders at Westside Elementary School were researching on Halloween with help from parents and

teachers. Each group had a pumpkin to experiment with by tracing and counting its ridges, measuring its height and circumference, weighing it, placing it on bucket of water, and finally, opening it up to count the seeds. Caitlin Harper's guess before tallying them: 1000, of course. Fourth-year teacher Tiffany

Renshaw said the activity was a great way to mix science and math lessons with holiday fun. She said the children spent the early part of the week learning about the life cycle of pumpkins and how to make and test predictions. Michele McDonald, Jamie Church and Marti Conner's first grade classes participated as well.

Band receives superior rating

JOEL ADDINGTON
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The Baker County High School's marching band recently returned from the Florida Bandmasters Association's Marching Music Performance Assessment with multiple superior ratings from the festival's six judges. The event was held October 26 in Williston, FL and featured 16 bands from area high schools

including Gilchrist, Columbia, Dixie, Bradford, Union and Alachua counties. BCHS band director Michael Warren said during the Wildcats' performance titled "Latin," the band played numbers like "El Cumbanchero," "One for the Floor," "I Know You Want Me," and "Echano," the song performed during half-time shows. The band was deemed superior in two music categories, marching and maneuvering,

auxiliary and percussion. Students received an excellent rating in the general effect category. The overall rating was superior as well. Mr. Warren said the scores were better than those of two years ago when the group performed songs from "Grouse." "Needless to say, this program is continuing to grow and students are showing hard work, dedication, excellence and pride!" he said by e-mail last week. "I told them, I wanted our district to see Baker County in a new way; and did they perform! My colleague down in Union County was impressed. She had her police escorts stop traffic so we may have a speedy journey home; her words were, 'a gift from one Superior band to another!'"

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Pvt. Majetich

Finishes basic

PFC James Majetich graduated on November 1 from 13 weeks of Marine Corps basic training at Parris Island, S.C.

He is the grandson of Don and Jolene Marshall of Macclenny and a 2010 graduate of Baker County High School. PFC Majetich was awarded expert marksman status with the highest rifle scoring in his platoon. Following a brief leave, he will be at Camp Geiger in North Carolina a month before reporting to the Defense Language Institute in Monterey CA for 15 months of linguistics training.

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Larry Bonner dies of Agent Orange illness

Larry J. Bonner, 64, of Macclenny died on November 1, 2013, at the VA Hospital in Gainesville after a lengthy battle with illnesses caused by exposure to Agent Orange while serving his country honorably in the Army during the Vietnam War.



Larry Bonner

He was born on December 4, 1948, in Michigan and raised in Lapeer by his parents Elizabeth and Leo Bonner. He married his childhood friend and neighbor Betty Bonner, on September 26, 1982 and they shared 31 years together. He loved and cared deeply for his step-children and their spouses. He loved his grandchildren, who will always remember fishing with their Papa.

Many will remember Larry, who built lifelong friendships through his caring, generous and kind nature. Many people will remember fishing with him, his barber shop, and the many haircuts he gave there. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans and will be buried at the National Cemetery in Jacksonville. Giddens-Reed Funeral Home of Baldwin was in charge of arrangements.

Funeral Wednesday for Frances Brown

Frances P. Brown, 72, of Macclenny died on Thursday, October 31, 2013. Born in Broxton, GA to the late Levi and Pearl Pipkins. Ms. Brown was a homemaker who enjoyed spending time outdoors and playing the lottery. She also enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

She is survived by her son Danny (Pia) Dugger of Boynton Beach; brother Buddy Pipkins of New Mexico; sister Mae Unger of Punta Gorda; grandson Devin Dugger; numerous nieces and nephews.

The funeral service will be held at 2 pm Wednesday, November 6 in the chapel of Forbes Funeral Home in Macclenny. Interment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Macclenny.

'Boot' Davis of Sanderson dies at age 99

Harmon "Boot" Davis, 99, of Sanderson died Saturday, November 2, 2013 at the Acosta-Rau Center for Caring in Jacksonville following an extended illness. He was born in Sanderson on December 30, 1913 and moved in 1952 to Jacksonville, where he resided for over 60 years before moving back to Sanderson in 2011.



Harmon Davis

Mr. Davis retired as a custodian with the Duval County School Board after 25 years of service. As a young man he worked with the W.P.A. in the 1930's on the Baker County grade and power line installations, and for Asphalt Paving Company and Florida Maintenance, both of Jacksonville, Fla.

He was a member of the Pine Level Church in Baker County, a member of Masonic Lodge #217 in Baldwin and three-time Worshipful Master of the Lodge. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, playing bingo, playing the harmonica, mandolin, fiddle and loved farming.

Mr. Davis was preceded in death by parents Gilford and Rosetta Williams Davis and his late wife Alene Raulerson Davis. He is survived by daughters Nettie Jean Strickland of Leesburg, Fla., Maybell Davis Fraser of Macclenny, Marilyn (Delleanon) Raulerson of Sanderson and Melanie Faye Davis of Jacksonville; sons William L. "Bill" Davis of St. George, Ga. and Warren Davis of Hilliard; sisters Louise Dinkins and Annie Ruth Combs, both of Jacksonville, Fla (Car) Taylor and Edith (John) Young, both of Lake City; brother Lester (Pat) Davis of Glen St. Mary; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at 11 am on Wednesday, November 6 at his church in Baxter, Fla with Pastor Fred Raulerson officiating, assisted by Rev. Gene Burnsed. Interment was in North Prong Cemetery. Guerry Funeral Home of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.

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Funeral Saturday in Bradford County for Carlos Ford Sr.

Carlos Robert Ford Sr. died on Thursday, October 31, 2013. He was the son of the late Learntine Cuffee and Willie Ford, born November 11, 1947 in Starke. He attended RJE High School in Bradford County.



Carlos Ford

Mr. Ford was preceded in death by daughter Sabrina Evans, grandson Jarvis Reed, grandmother Marie McGee and brother Zurney Ford.

He is survived by sons Bernard Reed of Macclenny, Alphonso Green of Jacksonville, Carlos H. Ford of Talladega, AL, Carlos R. Ford Jr. of Graceville, FL, Carlos Ford of Tampa; daughters Carla Jones (Lamar) of Macclenny, Lashero Ford and Quechanna Ford of Gainesville, Trevette Green of Perry, FL, Chasity Ford of PA; sister Sylvia Jefferson of Starke; brother Ancil Ford (Burnette) of Jacksonville; grandchildren and great-grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

The funeral service for Mr. Ford will be at noon on Saturday, November 9 at the Church of God by Faith, 730 Old Lawtrey Road in Starke. The family will receive friends from 5-8 pm on Friday at the church. Combs Funeral Home of Lake City was in charge of arrangements.

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Evening Services 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Private service later for Marie Galleri, 89, who died October 24th

Marie Alice Galleri, 89, of Olustee died October 24, 2013 at her residence. She was the daughter of the late David and Florence McKinnon Malcolm and lived in Olustee the past thirty-eight years. She enjoyed crocheting and spending time with her family.



Marie Galleri

She is survived by children Daniel Galleri (Patricia) of Colorado and Deborah Byram of Olustee; grandchildren Jenna Craven, Nicolas Byram, Dylan Galleri and Chelsea Galleri; great-grandchildren Matthew Byram, Avamarie Craven and Baxley Craven.

A private family service will be held at a later date. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of the Dees-Parrish Family Funeral Home in Lake City.

'Marty' Gray of Lake City, relatives here

Martha Elizabeth (Marty) Gray, age 64, of Lake City died Sunday, October 27, 2013 at Athens Regional Hospital, Athens, Georgia following a brief illness. She was born in Jacksonville on May 28, 1949 and lived in Ocala before moving to Lake City. She was a sales associate in the fishing supplies industry and was avid in the sport, fishing on the Pro-Bass Circuit.

She was preceded in death by her father Joe Gray II and brother Monroe Alvin Gray.

She is survived by a daughter, Cynthia S. Crawford of Ocala; sons Tony Hates and Sean Johns of Jacksonville and Christopher Johns of Knoxville, Tennessee; grandson Drew Harris and two great-grandchildren, all of Ocala; mother Edith Davis (John) Young of Lake City; brothers Joe Gray III of Providence, Florida and Tim (Gwen) Gray of Sanderson.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, November 2 at 1 pm at the Cedar Creek Church in Sanderson with the Revs. Randy Ogburn and Carl Taylor officiating. Guerry Funeral Home was in charge of local arrangements.

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Pastor Tim Cheshire
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Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 pm

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

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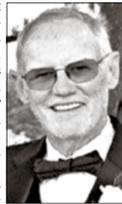
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Funeral on Friday for Tommy Johns, 75

Tommy Gerald Johns, 75, a lifelong resident of Macclenny, died on November 4, 2013 at Macclenny Nursing and Rehab surrounded by his family. He was born in Macclenny on October 14, 1938 to the late Clarence and Kathryn Davis Johns and graduated from Baker County High School in 1956. During high school, Tommy was a member of the Wildcat track team where he specialized in relay races and was a quarterback of the football team. From an early age he enjoyed athletics and education.



Tommy Johns

After high school he attended South Georgia College in Douglas for two years and was the football team manager under Coach Bobby Bowden. After college Tommy enlisted in the Army Special Forces, helping guard the border in Germany for 18 months and specializing in Morse code. He was employed by the former Sands Motors in Macclenny as a salesman for many years and his passion for education and learning led him to enroll in the Dale Carnegie leadership training courses. He also worked for the former Keith Griffis Ford in Macclenny before retiring.

Mr. Johns was a Shriner at the local Dawkins Lodge # 60 for many years and president of the Macclenny Hunting Club for over 30 years. He volunteered as an active board member for the Council on Aging and loved helping others and teaching young adults life skills. He took his knowledge he obtained as a track star and applied as a volunteer track coach for over 20 years for Baker County High School. He encouraged his track team to go to college by taking them to the University of Florida track meets at his own expense. He later led them to running in track events in Gainesville.

Tommy also attended the Wildcat football games and ran the "Chain Gang" for over 27 years. He loved Baker County and loved being a member of this community. He was a Macclenny city commissioner from October, 1999 to the time of his death. He was a longtime member of Macclenny First Assembly of God where he served as a deacon, but recently he started attending Christian Fellowship Temple. Tommy witnessed to many people and influenced many lives. He lived life to the fullest by being a loving family man and serving the Lord. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and riding outdoors in the woods. An avid Gator fan he was a part of the Gator Bus Crew. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother George Ray Rhoden.

Mr. Johns is survived by his loving children Tommy Gerald Johns II of Mesa, AZ and Leslie ("Eddie") McGee Jr. of Camden, TN; long time companion Janie Echols of Macclenny; brother Jimmy (Peggy) Johns of Macclenny; grandchildren, Zachary Johns, Olivia (Trey) Johns McCullough, Dillon McGee and Laine McGee; three great-grandchildren; niece and nephews.

The funeral service will be held on Friday, November 8, at 2:00 pm at Christian Fellowship Temple with pastors David and Pastor Timmy Thomas officiating. Interment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery with military honors and Masonic rites. The family will receive friends on Thursday, November 7, 2013 from 5-8 pm at the church. Memorials may be made to the Athletic Scholarship Fund for the future use of student athlete's education at Country Federal Credit Union, 602 S 6th Street, Macclenny, FL 32063. V. Todd Ferreria Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

Thanks so much

Thanks to each of you who shared in the time of our sorrow after the loss of our loved one Sister Cynthia S. Daniel. Thanks for your presence, your support and your prayers. May God bless you and please continue to keep us in your prayers.

Clarence Daniel, husband and family

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Under Chapter 197.322 notice is hereby given that the 2013 Certified Baker County Tax Rolls have been delivered by the Property Appraiser to the Tax Collector and are open for collection November 1, 2013. These rolls cover Ad Valorem tax rolls for Real Estate, Tangible Personal Properties, Railroad Properties and Non-Advalorem Assessment Rolls.
Districts and Cities included are:
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4 percent discount will be allowed for November; 3 percent for December; 2 percent for January; 1 percent for February. The taxes paid in March shall be without discount. Penalties are effective April 1.
The Tax Collector's office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; the last working day of each month the hours are 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. We are located at 32 North 5th Street, Macclenny, Florida; telephone 904-653-4518 or 904-653-4519.
Statements have been mailed to all property owners November 1, 2013 at last known address. If you have acquired property since January 1, 2013 and do not receive a tax bill, please inquire at the Tax Collector's office for your tax statement.
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'Ben' Mond's, 55, of Callahan dies Oct. 29

Nathan Benjamin "Ben" Mond's, 55, of Callahan died on October 29, 2013. He was born in Orange Park on March 18, 1958 to James and Ellen Mond's and was a supervisor for the Department of Transportation and a member of Fire Tower Hunting Club in Baxley, GA. Ben was an avid hunter and fisherman.

He is survived by his loving wife of 30 years, Ellen Mond's, sons Nathan Mond's and Frederick Mond's of Lyons, GA, Jonathan Mond's of Callahan and Joshua (Nicole) Mond's of Norfolk, VA; daughter Sarah Mond's of Jacksonville; mother Ellen Elaine Mond's of Macclenny; brothers Derrell Mond's, Joseph Mond's, Philip Mond's, David Mond's and Donald Mond's; sisters Sharon Mond's and Julie Mond's; eight grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father and his brother James Mond's Jr.

The funeral service for Mr. Mond's was held on Saturday, November 2 at 1 pm at the Anchor Church of God in Callahan with Pastor Randy Ray officiating. Burial followed at Jones Cemetery.

The family asks that donations be to the Wounded Warrior Project in his memory. Nassau Funeral Home in Callahan was in charge of arrangements.

Tommy Owens of Maxville dies at 54

Tommy Gene Owens, 54, of Maxville died after a brief illness on October 31, 2013 surrounded by family. He was born on March 13, 1959 in Jacksonville to Clyde Owens and the late Judy Padgett.

Mr. Owens is survived by his wife of 30 years, Beth Owens; daughter Ashley (Cody) Johnson and son Tyler (Nichole) Owens; grandsons Canon and Colsen Johnson; his father; brothers Timmy (Leah) Padgett and Marty (Joy) Owens; sister Talitha (Hampton) Owens; numerous family and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother and step-father Marcus Padgett.

The funeral service was held at 11 am on Monday, November 4 at Long Branch Baptist Church with pastors Bill McLeod and Harry Conway officiating. Interment followed at Nolan Ridge Cemetery.

Louis Wilbanks, 60, enjoyed electronics

Louis Wilbanks, 60, of Glen St. Mary died on Saturday, November 2, 2013. Mr. Wilbanks was a retired truck driver and an ordained minister who enjoyed teaching the Gospel in the local prisons. He also enjoyed reading his Bible, tinkering with electronics, CB radios and video games. He also enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

He is survived by son Lorin D. Wilbanks of Miami; brother William Wilbanks of Homestead; sister Laura Wilbanks of Glen St. Mary; numerous nieces and nephews. No memorial service is planned at this time. Forbes Funeral Home of Macclenny is in charge of arrangements.

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The age divisions will be as follows: 13 and under, 14-18 and 19 and over. Authors must reside or attend school in Baker County. Details on the two respective contests:

• **Thanksgiving essay contest:** Essays of no more than 1000 words answering the question, "What are you thankful for this year?" must be received by November 15 and include the

author's name, age and contact phone number.

• **Christmas short story contest:** Christmas-themed short stories of no more than 2000 words must be received by December 13 and include the author's name, age and contact phone number.

All entries will be judged by the newspaper's staff for creativity, completeness and entertainment value as well as grammar, spelling, punctuation and the like. Entries may be emailed to reporter@bakercountypress.com, by mail to P.O. Box 598, Macclenny, FL 32063, or hand delivered to our office at 104 S. 5th St. Mon-Friday 9 am - 5 pm.

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Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-?, 14610 Tim Rhoden Road, Glen. White house at corner of Odys Yarborough & 23C. Moving sale. Antiques, Princess house, Longaberger baskets, decorative items and lots more.

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Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-?, Rolling Meadows Subdivision, 5603 Blueberry Court, 3 families.

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Saturday, 8:00 a.m.-?, 6755 E. Smooth Bore Avenue, Glen. Lots of women's clothes, all sizes, house decor, Christmas decorations and much more.

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Rough for UF, Jags

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Wow! The Jaguars looked great on Sunday.

They were competitive all afternoon. Blaine Gabbert had his best outing of the season. Justin Blackmon didn't get arrested. It was a great day to be a Jaguar.

Wait a minute! You might ask yourself why you didn't see anything about the Jaguars breaking their eight-game losing streak.

Well ... they didn't. They were off Sunday.

As a result, they had the best showing of the season. Maybe they should be off next weekend too.

No such luck. The Jaguars travel to Nashville to take on the Titans. Oh well.

It was an exciting day Saturday if you were a Bulldog or Seminole fan. Not so much if you are a Gator.

It has to be very frustrating to be a Gator fan and watch the team battle back to within a hair's breath of winning the game against Georgia, only to see it slip away as the players couldn't con-

trol their emotions.

It left coach Will Muschamp and the Gator faithful fuming and well it should.

Three hours away down I-10, the Seminoles were entering a game that would help define their season. The #3 ranked Seminoles faced the #7 ranked Miami Hurricanes.

One or both of those teams were overrated, and the game would decide which.

It clearly did.

Take away a pair of Jameis Winston interceptions that the Hurricanes turned into touchdowns and this very well could have been a 41-0 shutout. Other than those two miscues, Winston lived up to the hype. He was cool, calm and collected.

The running game was impressive and though it got physical and chippy from time to time, the coaching staff kept it under control.

As it stands now, the Seminoles travel to Wake Forest, and host Syracuse and Idaho before they take on the Gators in Gainesville. If the cards fall for the Seminoles, they could well be in the hunt for the national title.

Who would have thought it last season?

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Michael Boone is tackled.

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Penalties galore in season ending loss

Wildcats fall short in bid for districts

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For the second straight year, Bishop Kenny ended the BCHS Wildcats' football season.

The Wildcats were eliminated from playoff contention with a 38-20 road loss to the undefeated Crusaders November 1 in their final game of the regular season to finish third in District 3-5A.

Mistakes plagued the team for the second consecutive game. While the Wildcats could overcome the miscues against the lowly Stanton, the errors proved costly against a team the caliber of Bishop Kenny.

Freshman quarterback Joe Green was thrust into a tough position in just his second varsity start playing against one of the district's best defenses. Although he made some nice plays during the game, his three interceptions, including two returned for touchdowns, ended several Baker County drives and allowed the Crusaders to add to their lead.

The Wildcats' mistakes didn't just involve turnovers, but they continually triggered penalties throughout the night. The team was flagged for 12 penalties for 120 yards.

Even though the final score doesn't reflect it, Baker County was competitive until midway through the third quarter. In fact, it was the Wildcats making the big plays early.

Usually an offensive standout at wide receiver, senior Mike Boone recorded his first interception of the season when he picked



Brody Crews chases down the Bishop Kenny receiver

Photo by JUD JOHNSON

off a pass from quarterback John Wolford on the second play of the game. The offense couldn't move the ball far and the drive ended with a missed field goal.

Baker County's defense almost forced another turnover in Bishop Kenny territory on the next drive after recovering a fumble, but there was an inadvertent whistle from a referee that forced the down to be replayed. The defense forced a punt on the next play.

Bishop Kenny took a 3-0 lead early in the second quarter on a 37-yard field goal following a scoreless opening quarter.

Green then threw his first interception of the night. The turnover led to the Crusaders extending their lead to 10-0 on an incredible touchdown pass from Wolford where he fought off Wildcat defenders and found a wide receiver in the corner of the end zone.

The Wildcats weren't phased by the second-quarter deficit as

Green connected with Boone on a 73-yard touchdown pass where the receiver outran the defense to score. A failed two-point conversion made the score 10-6.

The Crusaders responded with a 10-play scoring drive when they got the ball back following Boone's lone touchdown of the night. Wolford capped off the drive with a 14-yard touchdown throw to Chuck Wade to make the score 17-6 at half.

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The defense stepped up to force the Crusaders to punt as junior defensive end CeCe Jefferson dropped Wolford on a third-

down sack and gave the offense another chance to cut into the lead.

On the first play of the offense's next possession, Green's second interception of the night was returned for a touchdown to add to the Crusaders' lead and make it a 24-6 game entering the fourth quarter.

The Wildcats were driving the ball offensively to open the fourth quarter with the help of an 18-yard run from running back Dalton Dyal and a 25-yard catch-and-run from wide receiver Anthony James and a 3-yard scoring run by Dyal. Wolford found the end zone one final time on a 21-yard run to put the game

Swimmers ousted at regionals meet

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The Wildcat swim team's season came to an end at the Class 2A Region 1 meet November 1 in Pensacola as none of the swimmers moved on to state and the Wildcats posted times comparable to the results from the rest of the season.

The boys' 400-yard freestyle relay team, consisting of sopho-

mores Daughton Martin and Matthew Morgan and juniors Jonathan Mobley and Brandon Miller, swam a personal record time of 4:06.42, but the team was disqualified for leaving the block too early.

Martin also competed in two individual events. He finished 19th out of 25 swimmers in the boy's 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:27.44. His time of 1:12.57 in the 100-yard breaststroke was slightly more than a half-second off his personal best time and placed him 21st out of 24 competitors.

Swim coach Jonathon Mobley said he was proud of the effort the team put in all season.

"All of the kids have worked extremely hard this season, and most have showed a lot of improvement this season," Coach Mobley said in an e-mail. "I am proud of every one of them."

Runners dashed at regionals

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The BCHS cross country season ended November 2 at the Class 2A Region 1 meet in Lake City when the two Wildcat runners were unable to advance to state.

Junior Steve Kish and sophomore Brandie Callaway represented the cross country team at the regional meet at Alligator Lake, where the runners competed earlier in the year.

Kish finished 70th out of more than 100 male runners and posted a time of 19:43.37, about 20 seconds off his personal best he set the week before at the District 3-2A meet.

Callaway also finished 70th of 93 female runners at the regional meet. She posted a time of 25:28.65, about seven seconds slower than her time from the district meet.

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Quarterback Joe Green runs downfield.

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further out of reach.

Green finished the game completing 10 of 19 passes for 195 yards with two touchdowns and three interceptions. He also led the Wildcats with 69 rushing yards. Boone was the team's leading receiver with four receptions for 103 yards and a touchdown.

The loss closed out the Wildcats season and dropped their final record to 7-3 overall and 5-2 in District 3-5A.

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Wildcat opener at Fernandina

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The Wildcats varsity basketball team will be looking to build upon its 19-7 record last year when the team's season tips off on November 14 against Fernandina Beach.

Coach Charles Ruise Sr.'s squad has been hard at work the last couple weeks making final preparations for its season-opening two-day classic at Yulee where the team will play Fernandina on the first night and Yulee the second.

The coach said he's pleased by all the effort shown by the players during practice thus far.

"We've pretty much gotten down to the core that we're going to kick the season off with this year," the head coach said. "The kids have been working real hard and have demonstrated the desire to get better each day."

His son, junior Charles Ruise Jr. and seniors Jesse Gardner, Brandon Lewis and Adrian Robinson will give the team experience and provide leadership on the floor.

They will be joined by several standouts from last year's JV team who will make the step up to varsity after playing well during the summer league.

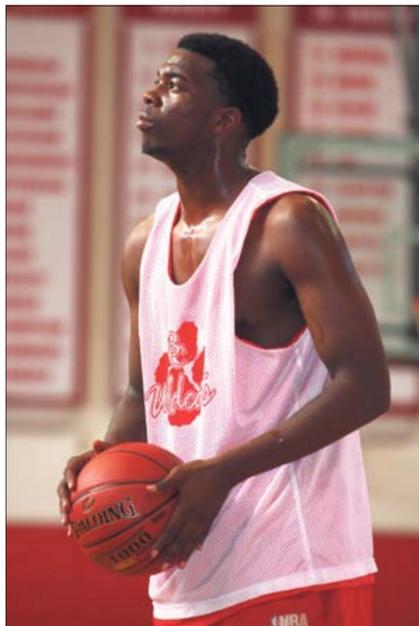
The Wildcats also welcome two newcomers in Brian Walton and Bryce Wallace, who Coach Ruise said he expects good things from.

Baker County is trying to win the district after finishing as runner-up to Bishop Kenny last season. The coach said he thinks his Cats will have a great chance to do just that.

"We're looking forward to finishing really well in the district," Coach Ruise said. "We're going to be an exciting team and we're going to try to give the community what they've been waiting on. We're going to be just as athletic and just as skilled as the other teams in the district. The players are going to fight real hard to do what they need to do to represent what we stand for in Wildcat country."

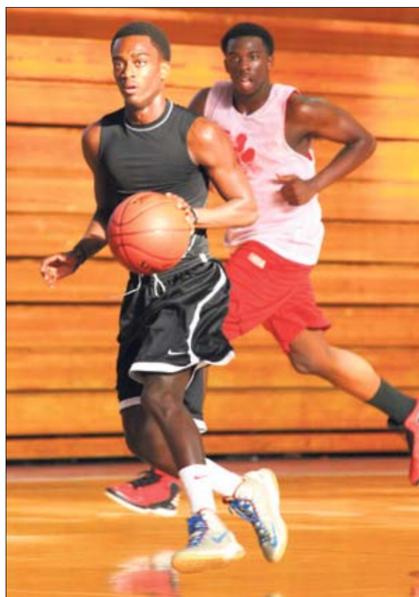
The head coach said he hopes to see a packed gym when the Wildcats tip off their home schedule November 21 against Yulee.

"I would like to see people come out and support Wildcat basketball," he said. "We're going to try to put good play on the floor they can be proud of."



Adrian Robinson shoots free throws.

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Brian Walton dribbles down court. Also pictured Adrian Robinson.

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