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Is BCBS saying 'so long' to coach?

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Will the Wildcats' head football coach Ryan Sulkowski have his job next year?

That's the question Baker County High School principal Thomas Hill side-stepped on November 25.

Unconfirmed reports have surfaced that Mr. Sulkowski, who went 7-3 this season, was notified November 15 he would not be rehired next year during a meeting with Mr. Hill and perhaps other superiors. If that's true, the school district appears to be keeping the decision private for the time being.



Ryan Sulkowski

In his reply e-mail to a question about whether such a meeting took place, Mr. Hill wrote:

"Your question is in regard to one of my staff members. I have a duty to treat this person in a professional and ethical manner. There are very clear procedures for addressing employee reappointments. School boards and associated agenda items exist to publicly conduct school business. Answering your question regarding any reappointment or employment would circumvent the normal board procedures."

Mr. Hill did not confirm the meeting with Mr. Sulkowski took place, but he did not deny it either.

Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson responded similarly, saying by e-mail: "Principals meet with students, staff, teachers and parents on a regular basis. Out of respect for individuals that we work with and communicate with, we do not feel comfortable sharing the contents of these meetings. These are not matters that we discuss with other parties."

School district employees are either retained or not retained during the summer, when annual employment con-

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Wildcat basketball team thumps Yulee

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Children sample Native American history, dance

The BCBS History Club helped students at the PreK-Kindergarten Center sample Native American culture on November 21, seven days before the Thanksgiving holiday. The children learned how American Indians lived in teepees while hunting and gathering for their survival. Above, Maegan Grace presents an animal skin to a young boy. At right, three history club students (from left DJ Griffis, Tyler Moran and Tanner Orberg) lead the kids in a holiday-themed dance, "Turkey in My Belly." Visit www.bakercountypress.com to see additional photos and video from the pre-Thanksgiving event. The History Club's faculty sponsor is Mark Hartley, who also serves as a county commissioner. He teaches history at the high school.



Fleeing car driver gets 22 months

One of the occupants of a rental car who led police from multiple agencies on a high-speed chase over several counties before crashing near Sanderson was sentenced November 19 to 22 months in prison.

Terrick Lundy, 27, of Jacksonville has been in jail since February 28 when he fled into nearby woods off Interstate 10, touching off a massive manhunt that ended three hours later when he gave himself up.

Judge Mark Moseley ordered Lundy to be on drug offender probation two years following release. He pleaded no contest to fleeing police resulting in serious injury, leaving the scene of an accident, possession of marijuana with intent to sell, resisting arrest, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession for trafficking.

The state dropped counts of fleeing police and felony marijuana possession.

Mr. Lundy's co-defendant Ronnie Williams, 31, a passenger in the Dodge Charger, was seriously injured. Officers found about a pound of marijuana in the trunk of the

heavily damaged vehicle.

The chase began in Madison County when a deputy stopped the Dodge for speeding and it sped off amid gunfire. Mr. Lundy eluded a "stop stick" maneuver in Columbia County and was going an estimated 100 mph when he attempted to do so again just east of the US 90 interchange. He lost control of the car and it slammed into a large tree.

Court records indicate Mr. Lundy's criminal record includes drunk driving, possession of drug paraphernalia and a license violation.

In other sentencing that day, Willie Dempsey Jr. was ordered to serve a 30-month prison term after pleading no contest to multiple drug charges, including sale of controlled drugs to an undercover buyer, possession with intent to sell and growing marijuana.

The 23-year-old defendant, of Macclenny, will be on drug offender probation following release. His criminal past includes drug sale and possession counts.

• Judge Moseley ordered a 13-month



Terrick Lundy

prison sentence for Robert Proctor Jr., 27, of Glen St. Mary for violating probation with a recent arrest for domestic battery on his girlfriend.

Mr. Proctor was placed on probation in August for trafficking in stolen property.

• In another probation violation case, Michael Sharp, 29, of Jacksonville drew a one year, seven-day sentence. He was placed on a two-year probation in 2011 for burglary and theft and violated it when he was arrested in Nassau County in September for aggravated domestic battery and related counts.

• Michaelann Harris pleaded no contest to producing methamphetamine and was given credit for 84 days jail time off an eight-month sentence, to be followed by 30 months on drug offender probation. The state dropped a count of maintaining a dwelling where drugs are used or sold.

• The judge ordered Troy Melton to serve 30 days in jail for violating terms of house arrest on a 2010 firearms case.

• Cody Hall admitted to violating probation for sale and possession of controlled

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Records lawsuit tossed by judge

A circuit judge on November 21 threw out a lawsuit by an immigrant rights group against Sheriff Joey Dobson and Baker County seeking public records relating to the operation of the Baker County jail, whose majority population consists of ICE inmates.

Judge Phyllis Rosier did allow the south Florida-based Americans for Immigrant Justice, Inc. 20 days to re-submit a claim for unspecified records that are obtainable under Florida's Public Records Law.

"We were trying to get information about conditions... What is supposed to be happening; what is ICE doing, what is Baker County doing?"

— Losmin Jimenez

Attorney for Americans for Immigrant Justice

The advocacy group served the sheriff's department last April with a demand for 31 areas of documents related to the jail operation, including agreements with ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) and policies related to inmate treatment.

The sheriff's department did not respond to the request until after the immigrant group filed the lawsuit in July. The group subsequently noted that the CD containing some of the information was not accompanied by a list of records omitted and an explanation.

Sheriff Dobson, through a Tallahassee-based attorney, responded that other documents are not subject to Florida's Public Records Law because they deal with federal inmates. A motion to dismiss was heard in circuit court on November 5.

Judge Rosier's ruling last week affirmed the defense's contention that it had complied with the request to the extent that it could, with the exception of what the court noted were "a couple of missing pages from what the parties referred to as Attachment 9."

During that hearing, plaintiff's counsel Losmin Jimenez indicated the sheriff may also have "other policies that have not been disclosed" and she would like to re-make the demand.

The request and lawsuit grew out of an "Expose and Close" manifesto issued some time ago by the advocacy group Detention Watch Network al-

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BAKER COUNTY COMMISSION

Little change seen in Oldcastle stance

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A showdown could be in the making with Oldcastle Southern Group over the company's attempt to force county commissioners to reverse themselves and grant a sand mining permit that was denied in July.

An announcement related to the ongoing conflict is expected to be made at the next county commission meeting on December 3, by which time the county will have already made its position clear to a special magistrate appointed to conduct a mediation hearing in the case last month.

So far, there has been no indication from county officials that their position has changed in the slightest since July, when commissioners voted 4-1 to reject Oldcastle's application for a zoning change to permit sand mining along CR 228 a few miles south of Interstate 10.

County Manager C.J. Thompson said on the morning of November 25 that the county's official position was being prepared for transmittal to Sam Goren, a Fort Lauderdale attorney who presided over the non-binding mediation hearing that began at the county courthouse on October 29.

"We've talked to all the commissioners," Mr. Thompson said, meaning himself and County Attorney Rich Komando, who told them at a board meeting on November 19 that he had received Oldcastle's latest proposal and needed direction on which way to proceed by the end of the week.

Mr. Thompson would not reveal any details about the conversations with commissioners, as the mediation process is excluded from public scrutiny until an agreement is reached or an impasse is declared.

One of those scenarios is likely to be announced at next week's commission meeting, possibly by Commissioner Mark Hartley as his last official act as board chairman before he turns over the leadership role to Commissioner Jimmy Anderson.

Mr. Anderson, who joined the board two years ago and has two years remaining on his first term, was appointed chairman at the November 25 meeting. Commissioner Adam Giddens, also midway through his first term, was selected to fill the vice chair position.

Mr. Hartley said last month that he had heard nothing new from Oldcastle that persuaded him to change his anti-mining stance and he gave no indication this week that his position had changed.

He said he had not received very many telephone calls from people on either side of the mining issue. However, he said numerous people in the community had expressed their view to him at various places, such as stores and restaurants around town.

"Mostly," he said, "they still don't want it."

Oldcastle has indicated it may sue the county, if necessary, to secure what company officials perceive as their right to mine on property previously mined by duPont. The difference is that Oldcastle would remove huge quantities of sand, using hydraulic dredges, and leave large lakes in the area when the mining ceases, about 50 years or so, whereas duPont simply removes titanium from the ground and leaves most of the sand in place.

Oldcastle claims the mining would not harm the environment and would not deplete precious water resources because the company would use treated wastewater from the City of Macclenny in the mining process.

Opponents have expressed fears that, regardless of what Oldcastle claims, sand mining would be detrimental to the environment and that the company could decide to increase production years ahead and seek a permit to withdraw water from the Floridan Aquifer.

Critics, led by the Baker County Conservation Alliance, further have contended that the proposed mining plan did not meet the criteria for a special zoning exception and was not consistent with the county's comprehensive

plan. County Planning Director Ed Preston, on the other hand, has stated that the company's mining plans do meet county requirements for the zoning exception and are consistent with the comprehensive plan.

Sand mining has been one of the mostly hotly contested political issues of the past year and a half, generating citizen protests throughout the county. When asked what had been the most challenging part of his past year as chairman, Mr. Hartley responded without hesitation: "The most challenging is the sand mine stuff. We never had a mediation before and we didn't know what to expect."

He described the mediation hearing and officials involved on both sides of the conflict as "very cordial," despite the legal and political issues that divided them. If no agreement is reached between the county and Oldcastle, an impasse will be declared and Oldcastle could then file a lawsuit and ask a judge to settle the matter.

Mr. Hartley said one thing people in the community have told him is they cannot under-

stand how a judge could order the county to do something against its will and that of so many of its citizens.

A history teacher at Baker County High, Mr. Hartley said he looked forward to resuming his role as just one of five commissioners and handing the chairmanship over to Mr. Anderson, a roofing contractor.

"I think he'll do a fine job," Mr. Hartley said. "He seems to be very well versed in everything."

Mr. Anderson, who represents the county on a number of boards and panels including the Northeast Florida Regional Transportation Commission, said he considered it an honor to be selected chairman and looked forward to the coming year.

In other business during the November 19 board meeting, commissioners:

- Awarded a three-year contract to Credit Management, LP, a Texas collection agency, to begin collecting delinquent balances on customer accounts for money owed to Baker County Emergency Medical Service.

Under terms of the contract, Credit Management will be paid

12 percent of the total amount of outstanding debt collected on behalf of the county. The contract is subject to annual renewal and either party may terminate the agreement with 60 days written notice.

- Directed the county manager to tell the Florida Department of Transportation that commissioners want permanent safety improvements at the Interstate 10-US 90 interchange where a number of serious traffic accidents have occurred, including several fatalities.

Mr. Thompson advised commissioners that DOT had recommended divided highway signs be installed below existing stop signs on the I-10 westbound ramp in Sanderson. Such signs already exist on the eastbound ramp at the same location.

"It wasn't satisfactory to me and I didn't think it would be satisfactory to the board," Mr. Thompson told commissioners, adding that a DOT official told him that the new signs were "just a temporary fix," and that a more permanent solution would be sought.

- Adopted a number of budget

amendments, including new revenue totaling \$165,815 from state grants for planning and developing recreational trails at Shoals Park; \$146,200 in Federal Emergency Management Agency reimbursement for repairs to roads damaged by Tropical Storm Debby last year; and an additional expense of \$119,366 for inmate medical care.

- Adopted a resolution proclaiming November Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month to bring attention to the fact that an estimated 45,220 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States this year and that about 38,460 will die from the disease, including 2,770 in Florida.

- Adopted the 2014 calendar of county holidays — from New Year's Day to Christmas Day — in addition to eight hours of paid personal leave per year for each county worker.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

ACA is destined for failure

Dear Editor:

For the first time in modern history, we are attempting to fund an entitlement program with current dollars (ObamaCare). Comparisons to Social Security and Medicare are not relevant.

They were popular when instituted, but as currently configured are unsustainable. The true cost of these programs is coming due much faster than Washington is willing to admit.

The media talks about website performance, premium subsidies and expanded Medicaid. Hidden taxes, phony savings and massive cost shifting will be apparent shortly. Assuming we could overcome these problems without destroying our society, and certainly our middle class, ObamaCare will fail for a very simple financial reason.

It will fail because Americans will behave in a rational way. They will not, or in many cases cannot, pay high deductibles that make ObamaCare premiums seem affordable. While the subsidies will help many people pay their premiums, vast majorities do not have thousands of dollars for out-of-pocket annual medical expenses.

Providers' receivables will explode, and they will quickly realize to remain in business they will need cash for services. If you think providers are reluctant to accept Medicare and Medicaid patients now, ObamaCare patients without cash up front will be "toxic."

Whether ObamaCare was a political power grab or a noble experiment, it is going to fail dramatically.

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Holiday movies

It's that time of year when there's tons of holiday television programs and movies being played in households across the nation. Some are nostalgic classics while others are fresh out of the Pixar Animation Studios. We turned to our Facebook faithful to ask, "What are your favorite Christmas movies to watch with the family?" We also posted a top ten list to jog the memory. Here's a look at some of the comments we received back:

Robert Thompson: "A Christmas Story" not on the list?
Amy Luding Williams: We like to watch "Love Actually."

Paula Miller: "It's A Wonderful Life" first and then "Miracle on 34th Street" (not the remake).

VjandKeri Katz: Die Hard and Love Actually.

Sarah Giles Bridges: Mickey's Christmas Carol.

Linda Burnsed Lagle: Christmas Vacation.

Tommy Thompson: Bad Santa? What the heck, it is missing ... Family Man is good too.

Alyssa Nicole Fernandez: We love Polar Express and The Santa Clause.

Lynne Bolen: "It's A Wonderful Life," "Miracle on 34th Street" (both versions) and "The Polar Express" are the top three, but we do watch all the Hallmark & Lifetime ones that come out, too.

Kelly Ward Wallace: I agree, Christmas Story. Top of my list. "I want a red Ryder BB gun with a compass in the stock."

DCF's 'town hall meeting' missing 'the town'

Town Hall. The often-used phrase to describe a meeting between citizens and their civic leaders

On Point In Print

Joel Addington

It harkens back to the days of old when, I assume, towns were so small that everyone in town could gather in one place to commiserate or pelt the mayor with vegetables or otherwise express their concerns and opinions about their government.

Today's town hall meetings, however, seem more about creating an illusion that government and its representatives are actually responsive to the people.

Beyond creating some funny moments for the camera — see "Don't tase me bro!" or embarrassing ones, i.e. Chris Christie berating any number of his constituents — they're pretty much useless.

I applaud any leader who is willing to stand up in front of his or her voters and listen to their criticism. But all too often, town hall meetings seem to do little in terms of changing or improving the way our government works. Perhaps that's by design.

You'll see on page 5 our coverage of the town hall held at Northeast Florida State Hospital the afternoon of November 19. The Department of Children and Family's regional director and officials from DCF partner agencies were in town to provide information on the agency's services and answer questions from residents. At least that's what the press release said.

"As part of DCF's continuing efforts to engage communities, DCF will hold a Town Hall meeting that will be open to the public," it read.

Note the terms "communities" and "residents." Well, at 3 pm on a Tuesday, where do you think most of the community's residents were? They certainly weren't at

the town hall meeting.

Nearly all of those in attendance either worked for DCF or were employed by one of its partner agencies, like Partnership For Strong Families, which is funded by DCF and our tax dollars.

When asked about the meeting time, the regional director said his staff recommended it as the best time to host the town hall. Best for who? The staff, the partner agencies'

staffs?

While hosting the meeting on a Tuesday afternoon, when most folks are working, is convenient for the state agency, and certainly for me, it's not going to get DCF a complete picture of the community's concerns, let alone the concerns of the people the agency actually serves.

I seriously doubt anyone at the meeting currently accesses DCF's services. There were cer-

tainly no "residents," as they call them, of the state hospital present. There were no foster kids. There were no single moms on food stamps.

That's not to say these people can't give DCF their feedback. It's just unlikely they'll do it at a town hall meeting at 3 pm on a Tuesday. And that's no accident.



'Benchmark' year to be thankful

Thanksgiving is here and I can tell you that I have a lot to be thankful for.

This time of year if you stop and chronicle for a moment it's not terribly difficult to list some things that you can be honestly thankful for.

Sometimes it's a quiet and thoughtful list. And then there are years when what you're thankful for just jumps right out at you and makes you shake your head in awe.

I've certainly had that year. My father-in-law Carl was diagnosed and treated for a rare cancer. He is cancer free.

My brother-in-law Jim, who usually has the constitution of a horse, went into the hospital with pneumonia. He's fine.

There were some scary moments with some tests for wife Kelley, but they turned out normal.

So Spencer is poised to graduate from UF with a degree in public relations in December. I'm so proud of him.

Son Dylan rearranged some life plans at what proved to be just the right moment and is considering new career goals because of it. He has been so wonderful with our daughter Sara Beth. It's amazing to watch.

We had a beautiful wedding in April and welcomed a son-in-law, Aaron, into our life.

I was blessed by the reaction I got from my play *The Old Time Gospel Jubilee*. It seems

to have spoken to some people and I'm thankful for that.

Then there's Sara Beth. She's alive when for 24 hours or more that was in doubt.

She's tough. She's a fighter and was determined to live and to heal and had some of the best doctors and nurses helping her do just that, buoyed by the thoughts and prayers of hundreds of people.

She's been discharged from the hospital in Atlanta and is thriving in rehab, physically healing and slowly regaining her memory.

She is so cheerful and positive that it makes the therapists' job much easier. Later this week we will get a prognosis on when she can return to Florida to continue her rehab closer to home.

I'm thankful for our friends who have supported us in countless ways through the last two months, and who continue to hold us up.

I am thankful for all of you who have said a prayer, or signed a card or banner, or attended a fund raiser, or even just kept us in your thoughts.

I've been writing this column since Sara was a few months old, and she has grown up in these pages, as have all my kids.

You probably know them better from reading this column than you do some of the children who live down the street from you.

That's why I've felt compelled to keep you updated on her condition. I know many of you out there have had similar things happen in your own life and you know how difficult it can be. For those of you who thankfully have not, you might find it hard to believe when I say that in the darkest times we've felt the love and support

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Covered walkway for \$50K?

Old one is 'bad,' says the supt.

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Ever wonder what a \$49,800 covered walkway looks like?

You'll get a chance to find out next year. That's the price tag for the soon-to-be installed walkway on the rear of the school board chamber and offices on South Boulevard East, one of two projects approved 4-0 by board members November 19, albeit with some sticker shock.

Reeves Roofing of Jacksonville won the construction contract and was the lowest of two bidders. J Register, the other Jacksonville contractor, bid \$72,000 for the job.

"It seems like a lot of money for a little walkway," commented Dean Griffis, the board's outgoing chairman.

The district's facilities and maintenance director Denny Wells explained the upgrade will require footers, metal work and feature a new structure on the building's eastern side.

The condition of the existing walkway is poor, according to Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson, whose office is in the same building. "It's bad," she told board members before the vote.

The walkway improvements were coupled with another project, to reroof Building 9 at the middle school. Reeves Roofing was the low bidder on that job as well at \$53,800.

Mr. Wells said later the projects should take three to six months and begin after the Thanksgiving holiday.

"If it goes six months, we're in trouble," said Mr. Wells.

In other business last week, the school board:
• Approved a contract with the College Board that will, for the first time, let high school juniors take the SAT during school hours for free, leaving students and the district no costs.
"This is a fantastic opportunity



The covered walkway to be replaced outside the school board building on South Boulevard East.

ty for our students," BCHS principal Thomas Hill said in his letter to the superintendent.

By taking the test, he explained at the meeting, the students can demonstrate they are ready for college-level courses during their senior year.

"They only do this for a handful of schools in Florida," Mr. Hill said of the \$50 testing fee waiver.

• Handed out checks to school principals from R.H. Davis Oil, Inc. of Macclenny.

The middle school received \$150, which principal Sherry Barrett said would benefit the school's PBS (Positive Behavior Support) program, which rewards students for good behavior.

The high school was given the same sum, which Mr. Hill said would pay for calculators needed for math exams.

Keller Intermediate School, Macclenny Elementary, Westside Elementary and the PreK-Kindergarten Center all received \$1,000. Officials from those schools said they planned to use the money to enhance math and science programs at their respective schools.

• Approved an agreement with John Goetze Physical Therapy of Macclenny as the clinical site for high school students in the Health Science Academy seeking their CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) credentials.

The agreement will facilitate "supervised learning experiences in the care of patients," states Adult Education director Ann Watts' letter to the superintendent.

Mr. Griffis thanked the business, saying, "the more of these [clinical sites] we can get, the better off our district."
• Renewed the board's con-

tract with the law firm Foley and Lardner and its attorney Johnathan W. Oliff. The two-year contract binds the school board to pay \$500 for each meeting Mr. Oliff attends, plus \$300 per hour for professional services beyond attendance at meetings. There is no retainer.

The next school board meeting will be December 2 at 6:30 pm in Baxter at Pine Level Baptist Church.

Santa breakfast on December 14

The seventh annual Breakfast with Santa will be held at Baker County Middle School on Saturday, December 14 from 8-10 am, presented by the school's Bobcat and Wildcat Pride bands.

The admission price (\$5 in advance and \$7 at the door) includes a hot breakfast, photos with Santa for children 12 and under, a band concert and a chance at door prizes.

The first children 12 and under will receive a special gift and join in with the band.

The event is sponsored by the Baker County Friends of Instrumental Arts, which uses proceeds to purchase band instruments.

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GLEN TOWN COUNCIL

Gives go-ahead on grant application for sewer extension

The Glen St. Mary Town Council took a first tentative step toward extension of a central sewer system to residences on the north side of US 90.

During a workshop following the board's brief monthly meeting the evening of November 19, Mayor Juanice Padgett was authorized to bring the grant application process with Jordan and Associates, an Orange Park consulting firm that will handle the details.

Ms. Padgett hopes the town will have sufficient standing on a complicated points system to secure a \$600,000 Community Development Block Grant similar to others used to bring central water to both sides of US 90 and a gravity sewer line along the main thoroughfare.

The mayor said earlier this week no cost estimate on the new project has been made, and indicated the north side of town is the logical starting point because the main US 90 line already exists on that side.

Because the number of low to moderate income households in Glen is relatively high, and the town is prepared to waive a tap-in fee for those residents, Mayor Padgett is counting on the "point system" to be high enough to be in the running for grant funding.

In other business during the regular meeting session that evening, the council unanimously adopted an ordinance adding

tap-in fees of \$1200 for water service and \$600 for sewer.

The town board also renewed without dissent its two-year contract with Joel Foreman, its Lake City-based counsel.

Mr. Foreman's fees remain the same at \$500 a month retainer and \$150 per hour beyond routine attendance at meetings and up to two hours consulting time during a given month.

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The Florida Department of Children and Families' (DCF) regional director David Abramowitz hosted a town hall meeting last week at Northeast Florida State Hospital.

Following a roughly 30-minute presentation about DCF's services, which range from helping the poor access public assistance programs like food stamps to investigating child and elderly abuse to supplying substance abuse and mental health counseling, Mr. Abramowitz asked for feedback from the roughly 50 people in attendance.

The agency has come under scrutiny recently due to the deaths of some 40 children under DCF supervision this year alone, but the November 19 town hall didn't include any discussion on the subject.

Rather, the room of mostly DCF employees or those of partner organizations, had little in the way of criticism for the state department.

County health department administrator Kerry Dunlavey, however, requested that DCF help keep someone employed and physically present in Baker County to help low-income residents navigate the agency's digital application for public assistance online. Paper applications



DCF's regional director David Abramowitz at last week's town hall at NEFSH.

are no longer used.

A few years ago, DCF closed its office here, which was replaced by a single staff position, funded half by DCF and half by the health department, to provide guidance to residents seek-

ing benefits at the health department on West Lowder Street.

Ms. Dunlavey said she heard the position will soon be eliminated, which she fears will make it more difficult for some residents to access help.

Disorderly conduct at shopping center

Police arrested a Glen St. Mary man for disorderly conduct the evening of November 23 after he harassed several persons in the vicinity of the Cornerstone shopping center in south Macclenny.

Wayne Jefferson, 31, had a strong odor of alcohol about him when questioned by Deputy Jacob Satterwhite about 8:30 pm. Amber Garten, 29, of Macclenny called police after the suspect made derogatory comments to her and acquaintance Katie Baldwin, 20, of Sanderson, then attempted to follow them into the Metro PCS store after they went inside and locked the door.

When the officer arrived at the scene, he found the then-shirtless Mr. Jefferson confronting Elliott Haire, 28, of Sanderson in a threatening manner after the former asked him to leave the area.

In another arrest, Shannon Waters, 42, of Davie, FL was jailed for disorderly intoxication after she refused to leave Mac's Liquors in downtown Macclenny in the early morning hours of November 24.

The manager told Deputy Thomas Dyal that Ms. Waters was stealing drinks from other patrons, and the officer said she attempted to re-enter the bar after being told to leave.

Several persons were arrested on outstanding warrants from two Georgia counties, including Daniel Taylor, 31, of Macclenny, taken into custody by investigators Rodney Driggers and Chris Volz the afternoon of November 20 at his residence on Pine Top Rd.

Mr. Taylor was wanted in Charlton County, GA for failure to make a court appearance on a marijuana possession count.

• Another Charlton County warrant was served on Rebecca Mann, 26, by Deputy Michael Clark the morning of November 20 at her residence on Cow Pen Rd.

Police went there on a disturbance call and learned that Ms. Mann was wanted for violating probation on multiple misdemeanor charges.

The previous afternoon, Deputy Marc Heath arrested James Romansik, 20, at his residence on Tom Wilkerson Rd. He was wanted in Cook County for jumping bond.

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Records lawsuit is tossed...

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leging the Baker County jail opened in 2009 is one of the "ten worst" facilities that house immigrants.

Among the complaints were they have no access to the outdoors, the food is sub-par, inadequate medical and mental health care, a "no contact" visitation policy and other areas.

Ms. Jimenez, in a telephone interview shortly after the hearing in early November, indicated the lengthy request for operational documents at the jail was an effort to "find out what's going on there."

"We were trying to get information about conditions in Baker County and what is supposed to be happening; what is ICE doing, what is Baker County doing," she said.

Judge Rosier left room for the parties to sort out the disposition of legal fees so far, noting that the plaintiff filed the lawsuit after a lack of response by the sheriff's department on the original public record demand.

Florida statute provides for public agencies to cover legal expenses of plaintiffs in that event. Both parties indicated in the earlier hearing they were amenable to resolving the fees issue, but if they fail to do so the judge reserved the right to re-visit the matter after the plaintiff submits an itemized statement.

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Adult ed classes

Adult basic education and GED preparation classes will resume on Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at the Adult Education Center on West Minnesota in Macclenny.

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Proof of Florida residency is required at registration. Call Becky Satterwhite at 259-0403 for a list of proof documents for those without a driver's license or state ID card.

There is a \$30 fee for the prep classes to be paid in cash or money order at registration. The adult office is open Monday through Thursday 8 am-3:30 pm.

"We have a challenge," said Mr. Abramowitz. He said the state agency needs to get better at preventing such problems before DCF has to get involved. He also identified a need for more foster families in Baker County, which only has two registered with the state, especially for teens in state custody.

Tracie Sides, director of the Baker Prevention Coalition, Inc., offered words of thanks and encouragement to the regional director for the state's funding of coalitions like hers for the first time this year. The coalitions focus on preventing substance abuse at the community level.

Refer questions to either Jim Knabb at 591-0441 or Cliff Wignall at 923-0291.

Bass club to meet

The Baker County Bassmasters Club will hold its first regular meeting of the season at Xtreme Outdoors in Macclenny on December 3 at 7 pm.

All past and prospective new members are encouraged to attend.

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Driver sentencing...

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drugs, and will be on house arrest six months, followed by a year on probation. He was in jail 24 days.

• Joshua Poturich pleaded no contest to possession of drugs without a prescription and marijuana possession with intent to sell, and will be on drug offender probation two years. The judge withheld adjudication of guilt and ordered the defendant to undergo a drug abuse evaluation.

• Matthew Morris pleaded no contest to aggravated assault with intent to commit a felony and will be on probation five years. He was also ordered to undergo a mental health evaluation.

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Jobless, work force numbers drop

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The unemployment rate in Baker County continued falling along with the size of the labor force, and last month stood at its lowest level since the Great Recession hit about five years ago.

Since June, when the local jobless count was 6.9 percent of the county's 12,748 workers, the rate has dropped more than 1 percent to 5.7 percent of a labor force totaling 12,432 workers in October, according to the latest employment report from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity released November 22.

The most recent rate puts Baker County below the Jacksonville Metro Area's rate of 6 percent, the state's rate of 6.6 percent and the national rate of 7.3 percent for October.

The size of the labor force has fallen during the last five months along with the number of unemployed workers, suggesting that workers are leaving the workforce for retirement,

training or because they've given up searching for a job. Such workers are not included in the jobless calculation.

A similar trend can be seen throughout the region, and it's definitely in the right direction, University of North Florida economist Paul Mason told the Jacksonville *Financial News and Daily Record* recently.

"It would be better if the labor force was still growing," he reportedly said, adding that some of the decline is likely due to students returning to school in the fall and it suggests that Christmas hiring hasn't been captured in the data yet.

Regional job numbers released last week as well show the area's in and around Jacksonville had the second largest year-over-year job growth in professional and business services and mining, logging and construction behind the Tampa-St. Petersburg area.

Other sectors like trade, transportation and utilities, finance and leisure and hospitality gained jobs over the year as well. Non-agriculture employment jumped in the region 1.9 percent from a year ago.

BY THE NUMBERS...

County unemployment rate

5.7% October

6.2% September

6.2% August

6.8% July

6.9% June

Student arrest for felony battery

A 12-year-old special ed student was named in a complaint for felony battery on his teacher during a midday scuffle on November 21 during which he slammed a door on her hand.

Teacher Patricia Vinzant of Glen St. Mary told campus deputy Allen Markley the boy initially shoved her and attempted to get around her when she escorted him into a "cool down" room for disruptive students around noon. She was attempting to contain him to the room when he slammed the door, causing a minor laceration and bruising.

The student will also be charged with disrupting a school function.

In another school-related incident, a complaint for misdemeanor battery was filed on a 16-year-old female student for following another girl, also 16, off a school bus on Carl Brown Rd. in the north county, then attacking her.

The victim told Deputy Michael Clark her assailant struck her with her fist and knocked her to the ground in an attack that was also witnessed by the victim's family.

Bus driver Roy Maley said a verbal exchange took place on the bus earlier involving the victim and two other females.

In other cases, a complaint was filed the evening of November 20 naming Randall Barton Jr., 23, of Macclenny for battery on Derek Wayne Griffis, 53, during an altercation on Tom Wilkerson Rd.

Deputy Trey McCullough said he spoke with a bloodied Mr. Griffis at his Estates St. address following the 7:30 pm incident. The victim said he was accosted by Mr. Barton while attempting retrieval of a Christmas ornament from Heather Padgett.

The officer later spoke with Ms. Padgett, 28, who lives at the

Wilkerson Rd. address, and she said Mr. Barton came to her residence when Mr. Griffis attempted to get her to leave with him to purchase crack cocaine.

The accused had left the area when Deputy McCullough arrived.

Complaints for battery were filed against two male patients at Northeast Florida State Hospital

the afternoon of November 20 following an altercation that began when one of them grabbed the buttocks of a female patient.

One of the males, 32, admitted to Deputy Jeremiah Johnson he struck the other patient, 54. The second battery count stemmed from the victim accosting the female, 19, while they were waiting for a bus.

Government, education and health services, and manufacturing jobs continued to shrink, however.

Foreclosures slowing

Foreclosure filings in Baker County spiked last year, more than doubling the total for 2011, but this year's total appears to be dropping with about one month left in 2013.

Back in 2011, there were 94 foreclosures filed here, according to the Clerk of Courts online database. The total hit 202 the following year and stands at 133 for 2013.

California-based RealtyTrac reports monthly foreclosure and property sales trends by zip code. Its data reveals the real estate market is improving in Baker County.

During October, the last month for which information is available from the firm, the median sale price in Macclenny increased 3 percent, the median list price rose 6 percent and the median sale price for foreclosure properties jumped 13 percent when compared to the same month last year.

RealtyTrac reports that 1 in 270 properties in the 32063 zip code were in some stage of foreclosure last month. The ratio drops in the county's other zip codes. In Glen St. Mary it's 1 in 432 properties and in Sanderson it's 1 in 508 properties.

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Jax man arrested for felony fleeing

A Glen St. Mary man who refused to stop after a county deputy got behind his vehicle in north Sanderson in the early morning of November 22 was arrested for felony fleeing.

Michael Williams, 27, was northbound on CR 127 about 12:25 am when Deputy Trey McCullough observed his 1994 Chevrolet cross the center line. The officer said Mr. Williams refused to stop after he turned on his emergency lights, then made an abrupt turn onto Five Churches Rd. before speeding up and making another quick turn into a private driveway.

A black male exited the passenger side door while the vehicle was still moving and ran north from the scene. After Deputy McCullough said he handcuffed Mr. Williams, another black male seated in the rear also took off running.

The driver declined to identify either occupant, explaining he merely was giving them a ride.

Mr. Williams was ticketed for the traffic violation in addition to the felony charge.

In other recent arrests triggered by traffic stops, two of three motorists were found to have multiple license suspensions as habitual offenders.

- Deputy Daryl Mobley said he questioned Audris Moore, 29, of Jacksonville after stopping his motorcycle on MLK Dr. in Macclenny for having an expired tag and because the driver had no eye protection. A computer check revealed Mr. Moore's license had 11 suspensions.
- Another habitual offender, Melvin Norman, 46, of Glen St. Mary, was stopped by Deputy Jeremiah Combs the afternoon of November 20 after the officer spotted him at the wheel of a 2005 Toyota that drove off from a Sanderson convenience store.
- Deputy Combs was aware that Mr. Norman did not have a license, and confirmed it was suspended indefinitely as an habitual offender.
- Deputy Thomas Dyal stopped a westbound 1992 Chevrolet on US 90 in Glen the evening of November 24 because it had an expired tag. He arrested Corey Scipio, 32, of Lake City for driving on a license with four suspensions for failure to pay fines.

License offenders sentenced

The following cases were adjudicated during regular county court session on November 20 before Judge Joey Williams:

- Pamela Belfour, driving on an expired and suspended license; two days in jail, six-month probation.
- Casey Bennett, no valid driver's license; one day in jail, six-month probation, substance abuse evaluation and apology letter.
- Dakota Canaday, disorderly intoxication (2 cases); 25 hours community service, attend addiction meetings.
- James Clark, driving on suspended license; 90 days house arrest, six-month probation.
- Noah Davis, marijuana possession; six-month probation.
- Eugenia Finley, disorderly intoxication; 17 days in jail, six-month probation, attend addiction meetings.
- Bobby Gaskins, criminal mischief; \$450 restitution.
- Eugenia Godwin, violation of pre-trial release for domestic violence; 12-month probation, no alcohol and batterers intervention class.
- Thomas Haehnel, DUI; 120 days in jail, six-month probation.
- Joseph Reed, marijuana possession; two days in jail, 12-month probation, attend drug abuse meetings.
- Pamela Starling, petty theft; six-month probation, attend theft class.
- Shawn Thomas, disorderly intoxication; six-month probation, 30 hours Give Back to Baker, attend addiction meetings.

Guns, coins taken in burglary

The sheriff's department may have a suspect in the theft of three firearms and other property from a residence on Cow Pen Rd. during daylight hours on November 22.

Kevin Weeks called police when he returned from work to find that two rifles and a shotgun he left lying on his bed were gone, as were a plastic bag with about \$200 in loose change, a drill and floor jack. The guns he valued at \$1950; the floor jack and drill at \$450.

Mr. Weeks told Deputy Jacob Satterwhite he received a phone call that day from an acquaintance inquiring whether he was home, adding that the person does not phone him on a regular basis. The officer said attempts to contact the possible suspect were not fruitful.

Entry was likely through an unlocked rear door.

In other thefts, Justin Ploucher reported \$800 worth of tools and accessories taken from an unlocked tool box on his Toyota truck parked overnight on November 18 outside his E. Ohio St. residence in Macclenny.

Lynn Feague called police when she learned her daughter's cell phone and charger were missing from her residence on Tom Wilkerson Rd. north of Macclenny.

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Tossed cocaine out window of his truck

A Jacksonville man was arrested in north Sanderson early on November 23 for possession of drugs he allegedly tossed out the window while being stopped by a county deputy for speeding.

Fiellah Teague, 23, was also driving his 2012 Ford pickup without a license that had been suspended nine times as an habitual offender, according to deputy Jacob Satterwhite.

The officer said he first spotted the suspect about 12:45 am

southbound on CR 229 going 51 mph in the 35 mph zone, then followed the truck as it turned onto Friendship Place and into the parking lot of "The Juice" where the suspect was observed throwing something out the driver's side window.

Deputy Satterwhite said a search of the ground yielded a baggie with four smaller ones containing cocaine, and another baggie of marijuana.

Mr. Teague was booked for felony possession of cocaine, misdemeanor marijuana possession and felony driving on the suspended license. He was also ticketed for speeding.

In another drug-related case, warrants for misdemeanor possession of both marijuana and paraphernalia were sought for a Glen St. Mary couple following an inspection of their residence on Cow Pen Rd. the evening of November 19.

Sheriff's investigator Mike Hauge went to the address of Stacey Gombert, 39, based on a tip that narcotics were being consumed at a residence with children.

The investigator noted that Ms. Gombert failed a drug test administered by a case worker from the Department of Children and Families, and after she consented to a search of the residence and a nearby shed, a baggie of marijuana, smoking pipes and papers were seized.

Mr. Gombert, 31, was not present at the time of the visit but told his wife where to find the marijuana in the master bedroom.

Felony theft at Walmart

A Jacksonville man was jailed the morning of November 19 for felony shoplifting and resisting efforts of a store employee at the Macclenny Walmart to detain him until police arrived.

The security worker told Deputy Brandon Kiser he observed DeAntae Lundy, 19, place two drills and a bag of dog food in a cart before exiting the store though the garden center about 8 am. He was also wearing a hat he took off a shelf.

The employee said Mr. Lundy briefly attempted to run when confronted in the parking lot, but tripped when his shirt was grabbed.

The value of the merchandise was \$400.

In a second shoplifting case, a criminal complaint was filed the same morning naming Wesley Zipperer, 25, of Macclenny as the person who stole a soft drink from the Kangaroo store across from the county courthouse.

A store employee alerted courthouse deputy William Goo-tee after she saw the suspect walk across the street and enter the building. He later exited with two acquaintances after leaving an upstairs courtroom, and walked away when questioned by the officer near the front steps.

Deputy Kiser identified Mr. Zipperer from the store video.

In other reports, a Glen St. Mary woman reported to the sheriff's department on November 21 that her identity was stolen in three instances.

The woman attempted to open an account at AT&T, only to find out one was already open using her Social Security number. Later she learned a fraudulent Verizon account was opened in August and a bogus credit check inquiry was made by PNC Bank.

A Macclenny woman reported on November 23 that she was contacted by Vystar Credit Union about bogus charges to her account at feed stores in Washington State.

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Cane grinding, BBQ highlight fall festival

Several hundred people turned out under beautiful fall skies for the annual event at Macclenny's Heritage Park on Saturday. The festival with craft booths, old-fashioned cane grinding and superior BBQ is one of several events around the holidays planned for the park. The City of Macclenny recently decided to promote the park as a profit-making entity with events year round.

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.
CASE NO.: 02-2013-DR-320
IN RE: THE MATTER OF JAYDEN NICOLE BROWN D/O/B 9/28/12.

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: AUTUMN 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.

AL FRASER
As Clerk of the Court
BY: Stacie Harvey
Deputy Clerk
(COURT SEAL) 11/28c

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

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
Florida Department of Transportation
Bids will be received by the Tallahassee Office until 10:30 A.M. on Wednesday, December 4, 2013, for Proposal ID 12509. A Certification of Qualification is not required for this Proposal ID 12509, a Sidewalk project on CR 127, from Tony Givens Rd. to Five Churches Rd. in Baker County. Budget Estimate \$176,136.00. Complete letting advertisement information for this project is available on our website at http://www.dot.state.fl.us/contracts-admin/letting/Project_Info.htm or by calling (850) 414-4000. 11/21-28c

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.

Public Auction Notice
America's Best Storage will conduct a public sale to the highest bidder for cash only on their premises at 305 East Florida Avenue, Macclenny, FL 32063 on Saturday, December 7, 2013, at 1:00 pm on the units listed below.

- Unit #71 Farrell, Tom
- Unit #79 Price, Mike
- Unit #73 Thompson, William
- Unit #67 Dowle, Crystal
- Unit #78 Peters, Debbie
- Unit #106 Dial, Nicky
- Unit #67/68 Horrell, Kimberly
- Unit #98 Pearson, Tawanna
- Unit #98 Padgett, Lisa
- Unit #75 Dupree, Abby
- Unit #54 Swain-Cruick, Chris
- Unit #82 Johnson, Vickie
- Unit #45 Ruise, Lydia
- Unit #109 Braman, Ryan
- Unit #98 Shuster-Borough, T.
- Unit #65 Dixon, Ashley
- Unit #47 Dowling, D.
- Unit #43 McClain, Michelle
- Unit #95 Crews, Matthey
- Unit #55 Owens, James

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LARGE SCALE AMENDMENT TO THE BAKER COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Baker County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on December 13, 2013 at 10 am at Higginbotham's Towing & Recovery 7611 West Mt. Vernon St., Glen St. Mary, FL 32040.

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11/28c

A R&R, Inc.
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Macclenny, FL 32063

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VIN 2B3K443R6H415031
11/28c

PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE
The company reserves the right to reject any bid and withdraw any items from the sale. All property in units are household items. Please call the office at (904)259-2602 the confirm auction.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, REZONING 218 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY MARK AND ALLISON BROUGHTON AND IDENTIFIED BY BAKER COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS 11 35 20 0000 0000 0091, 11 35 20 0000 0000 0000, 14 35 20 0000 0000 0040 and, 15 35 20 0000 0000 0015 18-35-22-0000-0000-0015. 110 ACRES WILL CHANGE FROM RESIDENTIAL CONVENTIONAL 1 DWELLING PER ACRE (RC-1) TO RECREATION RESOURCES AND 108 ACRES WILL CHANGE FROM (RC-1) TO AGRICULTURAL 1 DWELLING PER 10 ACRES (AG-10) ON THE ZONING MAP; PROVIDING FINDINGS BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING DIRECTION TO THE CODIFIER AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

SOCIAL & SCHOOL

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

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



Whitley Ray and Harper Lee

Westside Nursery turkey feast

Some 60 children five years old or under at Westside Nursery in Glen St. Mary were joined by family and other guests for a large feast on November 21 ahead of the Thanksgiving holiday seven days later. The lunch time meal featured plenty of the classic holiday dishes including turkey, potato salad, stuffing, green beans, deviled eggs, sweet potatoes and desserts. Pictured above during the meal are 3-year-olds (from left) Marlin Givens, Laura Goodwin and Victoria Butler.



Whitley Ray and Harper Lee

Twins arrive on November 12th

P.J. and Shayna Monds of Macclenny are pleased to announce the birth of Whitley Ray and Harper Lee Monds on November 12, 2013 at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Jacksonville. Whitley weighed 5 lbs., 6 oz. and Harper 5 lbs. 10 oz. Both were 18 inches in length. They join sister Killian Monds. Grandparents include Chris Green and Gina Parker, both of Macclenny, and Norman Green II of North Carolina.

Free art, computer classes set

Free art classes for persons 18 and over will be offered at the Baker County Adult Education Center in Macclenny beginning in January. The mediums include charcoal drawing, exploring color with pastels and acrylic, and the classes include live demonstrations and supplies.

Classes will be from 2-5 pm on Wednesdays, 9 am-12:30 pm and 2-5 pm on Fridays starting January 22. Also being offered at the center on West Minnesota: Acrylic painting for citizens 55 and older starting January 21 from 9 am-12:30 pm and again in the afternoon from 2-5 o'clock. Art supplies are included. Computer literacy for beginning and intermediate skills aimed at persons 55 and older starts January 23 from 9 am-noon and 1-4 pm.

Space is limited in all of these classes and pre-registration is required starting on December 9. For more information, call 259-0403.

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WES students proud Americans

As a Veterans Day tribute earlier this month, students from Westside Elementary penned and read aloud short essays about why they're proud to be Americans. At the request of Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson, who called the program "absolutely marvelous," some of the school's children read their essays once again at the school board's November 19 meeting last week. Some of the reasons they cited: the freedom to make choices like which church to attend, the freedom to vote for whomever you like, Madison Petry's reason "because my father is on a Navy ship." The children received books after their presentation before family and school officials. The first graders were (pictured above from left) were William Johnson of Mrs. Church's class, Cheyenne Dunnam of Mrs. Renshaw's class, Emma Goodnass of Ms. Trimm's class, Madison Petry of Ms. Conner's class, Alexa Salts of Mrs. Murphy's class, Caedan Crain of Mrs. Whitehead's class and Mikera Washington of Ms. Sheridan's class.

Happy 99th Birthday
Lettie Rhoden
November 29
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Happy 2nd Birthday
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Tentative Five-Year Work Program
Florida Department of Transportation
District Two
Fiscal Years 2014/2015—2018/2019

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will conduct a public workshop and hearing pursuant to Section 339.135(4)(c), Florida Statutes, to consider the Department's (District Two and Florida's Turnpike Enterprise) Tentative Five-Year Work Program for Fiscal Years 2014/2015 through 2018/2019, and to consider the necessity of making any changes to the Work Program. All persons are invited to attend and be heard.

Thursday, December 5, 2013—2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
FDOT District Two Office—Madison Room
1109 S. Marion Avenue, Lake City, FL

This meeting will be conducted as an open house. There will not be a formal presentation of the Tentative Five-Year Work Program. Department staff will be on hand to answer questions or concerns for the following counties:

- Alachua
- Bradford
- Columbia
- Dixie
- Gilchrist
- Hamilton
- Lafayette
- Levy
- Madison
- Suwannee
- Taylor
- Union

Monday, December 9, 2013—5:30 p.m.
FDOT District Two Urban Office—Training Facility
2198 Edison Avenue, Jacksonville, FL

This meeting will serve as the official public hearing. There will be a formal presentation of the Tentative Five-Year Work Program. Department staff will be on hand to answer questions or concerns for the following counties:

- Baker
- Putnam
- St. Johns
- Nassau
- Duval
- Clay

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Bill Henderson at (800) 749-2967 ext. 7873 at least 7 days before the hearing. Written comments will be received by the Department at the workshop or hearing and until December 31, 2013. Comments should be addressed to:
Mr. Greg Evans, FDOT District Two Secretary
1109 S. Marion Avenue, Mail Station 2000
Lake City, FL 32025-5874
(800) 749-2967 ext. 7800
Greg.Evans@dot.state.fl.us

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

OBITUARIES

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CHURCH AND OBITUARY NOTICE INFORMATION

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

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Sharon Nannie, 70, of St. George dies

Sharon Leneve Nannie, 70, of St. George, GA died at her home on November 15, 2013. A native of Jacksonville, she is survived by daughters Toinette Blair, Roxanne Ransley and Traci Ransley; "children of the heart" Chris Nannie, Michael Nannie and Michelle Crews; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild; numerous family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the American Cancer Society. There will be no service per her request. Arrangements handled by Guerry Funeral Home.



In loving memory of Corey Scott Bell 02/11/1977-10/22/2013

In our hearts you will stay until we meet again in Heaven!

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In loving memory of Liam Jace Meyer 11/29/2012-2/24/2013 Happy 1st Birthday in Heaven

We thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new. We thought about you yesterday, and days before that, too. We think of you in silence, we often speak your name. All we have are memories, and your picture in a frame. Your memory is our keepsake, with which we will never part. God has you in His keeping, we have you in our hearts. A million times we've wanted you, a million times we cried. If love could only have saved you, you never would have died. It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone. For a part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

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In loving memory of My sweet angel Liam 11/29/2012-2/24/2013 Missing You So Dear

You were the best thing to happen to me and I'm missing you so dear. I remember the first time I got to hold you near. Your beautiful face was so soft to the touch; I never knew I could love someone so much. Little did I know the pain that you would go through. God knew, He made a fighter out of you. You are my little hero 'cause of all that you went through. If I could have, I would have traded places with you. I cherish every moment that I got to spend with you. I know you're with Jesus and now your heart is new. Even though my heart is broken and we're torn apart, you will forever remain in my heart. Although our time on earth was so short and bittersweet, I can't wait till Jesus calls me home so we can meet. Oh, what a glorious day that will be, when you get to spend eternity with me.

LOVE, MOMMY

In loving memory of Maranda Merrett 5/14/1986-11/26/2008

Those we love don't go away. They walk beside us everyday. Unseen, unheard, but always near. Still loved, still missed and very dear. For death leaves a heartache no one can heal, and love leaves a memory no one can steal.

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Sunday School 10:00 am
Sun. Morning Worship 11:00 am
Sun. Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Eve. Bible Study 7:00 pm
Dr. Roy Vining

Sanderson Congregational Holiness Church
CR 127 N., Sanderson, FL

Sunday School 10:00 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Evening Prayer Serv. 7:30 pm
Pastor: Oral E. Lyons

In Memory of Corbit "C" Crews
Departed this life November 25, 2003



Ten years have passed since you went away, telling us all to watch and pray. Missed by everyone. Jeanette Crews, children, grandchildren & great-grandchildren.

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Evangelist Beth Stephens is coming to Christian Fellowship Temple!

For one day only, Beth Stephens will be visiting Baker County and speaking at CFT on Sunday, December 1, 2013.

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Service times are Sunday, December 1st at 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

For more information or directions to Christian Fellowship Temple, visit our website at www.christianfellowshiptemple.com



In loving memory of Johnny Knight 12/15/1951-11/27/2011

We thought of you today, but that is nothing new. We thought of you yesterday, and days before that, too. We think of you in silence; we often speak your name. All we have are memories, and your picture in a frame. Your memory is a keepsake from which we will never part. God has you in His arms, we have you in our thoughts.

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Mt. Zion N.C. Methodist Church
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Pastor Tim Cheshire

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The Baker Tobacco Free Partnership & Students Working Against Tobacco would like to recognize **Baker County Sheriff's Office & Walgreens** for observing the **Great American Smokeout November 21, 2013** and promoting cessation to their employees.

For more information on tobacco free policies or the partnership call **904-653-5246**

'No Butts' campaign SWAT students' anti-smoking effort

JOEL ADDINGTON
NEWS EDITOR
reporter@bakercountytpress.com



SWAT club students (l-r) Megan Anderson, Kelly Lawler and Collin Crews.

The high school's Students Working Against Tobacco, or SWAT, club set up shop in the cafeteria for the Great America Smoke Out on November 21.

The smoke out is an effort to encourage people nationwide to quit smoking, even if it's only for one day a year.

The SWAT club's Megan Anderson said the majority of her classmates don't smoke, so their activities focused on preventing youths from picking up the habit.

They passed out candy and educational materials, including a notice about citations issued by campus deputies to those under 18 caught using tobacco at BCHS. Ms. Anderson, a senior, said the tickets have been somewhat effective at curbing tobacco use there.

Teen smoking across the state is on the decline, according to a recent press release from the Florida Department of Health. Since 2007, the state agency reported a 40 percent drop in cigarette smoking among youths.

The data was gleaned from the 2013 Florida Youth Tobacco Survey, which is taken anonymously in schools. The most recent survey showed 8.6 percent of high school students reported current cigarette use, meaning they smoked a cigarette at least once during the past 30 days.

In addition, the survey results showed that 13.5 percent of high schoolers were smoking cigars, a 31 percent drop since 2007, and 5.6 percent were chew tobacco users, which is 12.3 percent less than five years ago.

County-level survey results are released every other year with the next release coming in 2014.

More troubling to public health officials is the rise in youths using so-called e-cigarettes, which are electronic cigarettes that still release nicotine and other harmful chemicals but without burning tobacco. The number of Florida high school students who have tried e-cigarettes doubled — from 6 percent in 2011 to 12.1 percent in 2013, the state reported.

The Baker County Health Department partnered with the SWAT club as well as two local employers for smoke out-related activities.

"Our focus was to get employers to promote [smoking] ces-

sation to their employees," explained Pam Jeralds, the health department's tobacco prevention specialist, by e-mail last week. "The sheriff's office and Walgreens are participating."

The department supplied "quit bags" to the employers with information on local tobacco cessation classes, tips on quitting, stress balls, oral care products, pens and lip balm, as well as promotional posters and buttons for those employees who participated in the smoke out.

Employees who smoke cost businesses, on average, more than \$6000 per year when compared to nonsmokers, the Florida Department of Health reports. The figure accounts for sick days, about \$2000 more in healthcare costs and lost productivity.

Next month the Northeast Florida Area Health Education Center is offering a free tobacco cessation class from 7 to 9 pm Friday, December 13, at the health department, 480 W. Lowder St., in Macclenny.

The "Tools to Quit" class will include a week of nicotine replacement therapy, funded by a settlement in a national lawsuit against tobacco companies. Participants must register by calling (904) 482-0189.

For more information on quitting tobacco use, please visit

Guardian ad Litem class Jan. 13

During the holidays, everyone is busy with places to go and family to see. What if you were a child who had been taken away from their parents due to neglect, abuse or abandonment and were in a home with strangers with no place to go and no family to see?

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Guardian ad Litem Volunteers are ordinary people doing extraordinary work. Your input to the courts can help find safe and permanent homes for these children. The program offers free training, legal and staff assistance. Volunteers commit to at least one year and about 10 hours per month.

The next class starts January 13 in Macclenny. Don't wait until the last minute; sign up before the holidays. Call 904-966-6237, go to www.gal.alachua.fl.us, or just browse to get more information.

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'Penny Wars' nets \$2402 for Thanksgiving food baskets

Mark and Allison Broughton continued their efforts to raise money for food for needy Baker County families with a "Penny Wars" contest among employees (pictured above) of Mr. Broughton's company based in Jacksonville. The Glen St. Mary resident said 10 of his 41 workers, including himself, reside here, but all of the \$1201 raised, plus the company's match, will benefit local families. The Broughtons's also helped organize the recent "Outrun Hunger" 5K with their church, which raised another some \$400. Both fundraisers were first-time events. Mr. Broughton estimated the money will feed more than 100 families this Thanksgiving.

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Keller's fall fest Saturday

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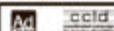


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Top Box Top collectors in Baldwin

Pictured here are the top monthly box top collectors at Mamie Agnes Jones Elementary School in Baldwin. From left is the August winner, Addisyn Boatright of Angela Bank's second grade class, September winner Sienna Surrency of Vicki Walls first grade class and October winner Domarien Fletcher of Janice Moore's first grade class.

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