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Bundled crossing guard Carolyn Roberts on CR 125 in Glen.

Frigid air descends; school is optional

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Schools in Baker County reopened after the Christmas break on January 7 despite record-breaking arctic air that swept through Northeast Florida, causing temperatures to plummet into the teens and remain at freezing or below until nearly noon.

During a school board meeting the previous evening, Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson said that classes would resume as scheduled. However, she said she understood if some parents kept their children at home on opening day due to the extremely cold conditions outside.

According to the University of Florida's extension service, a low temperature of 20.7 degrees was recorded at its Macclenny station about daybreak Tuesday. The expected high that afternoon was 39 degrees.

"We feel like our schools are a safe place for many of our children," she said during the opening moments of the board meeting in the district office building on South Boulevard East.

Not only would children be safe and warm inside their classrooms, Mrs. Raulerson said, but they would also receive nourishing meals, which for some might be the only food they get.

"They'll get a nice, warm meal and be in a safe, warm environment," she said.

The superintendent's com-

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Glen man accused of molesting 13-year-old female

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YouTube: BCHS video 'hate speech'

Yields to protests by 'N.A.' activists

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A YouTube video of the Baker County High School History Club's annual "pow-wow" program at the Pre-K-Kindergarten Center last November has prompted an international backlash on the web in recent weeks from the same people the program was supposed to represent.

So much so that YouTube.com, the website hosting the video, took it down on January 7, likely at the request of Native Americans who say they are highly offended by the portrayal of their culture. Some call the video "racist" while others said it constitutes "hate speech."

Apparently, YouTube agrees. Now when you click play on the video this statement pops up: "This video has been removed as a violation of YouTube's policy prohibiting hate speech."

Mark Hartley, a former history teacher at BCHS and faculty sponsor for the history club, says neither he nor the students in the video meant to offend



Scan the QR code at left to view the video banned by YouTube as "hate speech." Above BCHS history club members (from left) DJ Griffis, Tyler Moran and Tanner Orberg demonstrate a holiday-themed dance during the pre-Thanksgiving Day program on November 21.

anyone and didn't intend for the program, which was

done in partnership with the preschool, to be a historically and culturally accurate depiction of Native Americans.

"They're making a lot more

out of it than what it was," said Mr. Hartley, who also serves on the county commission. "I think they kind of got upset about using the 'pow-wow' name. That wasn't the history club's thing; it was more of the Pre-K Center's name. We never mentioned it being official with the traditional regalia or what they were. It was costumes, like

you buy at Walmart to dress up for Halloween. I'm sorry they got offended but that certainly wasn't intended."

The video itself shows history club members performing a brief sketch of the males coming back from a successful buffalo hunt to a teepee with females waiting outside. Upon their return one male is

rewarded with a feather in his headband. The preceding narrative stated the women were waiting for the males to return, "preparing meals and taking care of the small children."

Joelle Clark, president of the United Urban Warrior So-

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'Secret ballot' vote violated Sunshine Law

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The Macclenny City Commission violated the state's Sunshine Law when it voted by secret ballot on December 30 to appoint a replacement for the late commissioner Tommy Johns, who died in November.

That, albeit temporarily, called into question the validity of the tie vote and coin toss that gave the seat to Cecil Horne Jr., a landscaper, substitute teacher and grandson

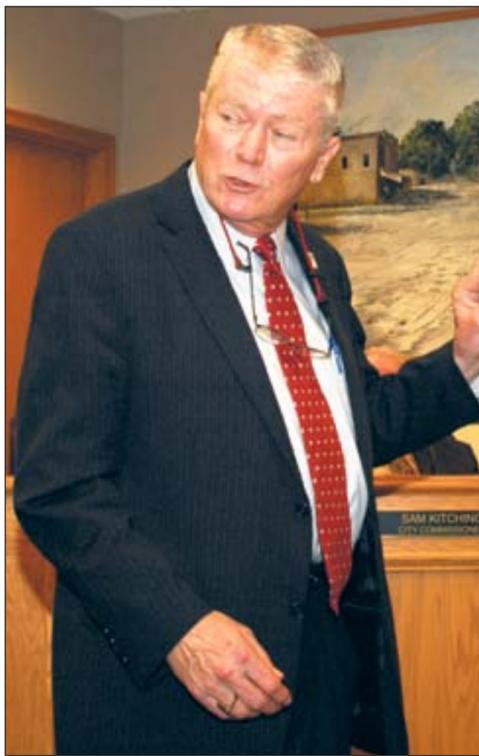
"I didn't want anyone to feel any pressure or be influenced by another commissioner's intent to support another applicant. There is peer pressure at times, whether spoken or not.

-City Manager Phil Rhoden

of former county commissioner O.C. Horne.

When notified of the potential violation on January 2 by *The Press*, City Manager Phil Rhoden consulted with City Attorney Frank Maloney, who oversaw the appointment meeting.

Their initial assessment was that there was no violation of the Sunshine Law — which prohibits anonymous



City Attorney Frank Maloney just prior to the coin flip.

votes or voting by secret ballot — because, as Mr. Rhoden said, had anyone questioned the procedure, a public vote would've been done instead. Plus, he said, anonymous voting was how similar vacancies had been filled in the past, notably the appointment of B.J. Cannon in 2002.

It was a coin toss that finally decided that Mr. Horne, and not the only other applicant still in the running, former county commissioner and electrician Alex Robinson, would be the board's newest member.

The coin flip by Mr. Maloney was triggered after consecutive tie votes by the four sitting commissioners — two votes from Mr. Horne and two for Mr. Robinson.

Commissioners were given a sheet of paper with four applicants names on them, though two applicants pulled out just hours prior to the 6 pm meeting. They were then asked by Mayor Dr. Gary Dopson to circle one name, either Mr. Horne or Mr. Robinson, fold the papers and pass them to the left to the board's secretary, who subsequently read the vote tallies aloud.

But there was no record of who voted for whom, which would've satisfied the requirements of the Sunshine Law.

The law is meant to ensure decisions made by elected officials take place at publicly noticed meetings and records are kept so the public can review those decisions after the fact.

Mr. Rhoden, the city manager, disclosed on January 2 who voted to appoint Mr. Horne and who voted for Mr. Robinson after getting authorization from the commissioners individually. Commissioners Sam Kitching and Vernon Bennett selected Mr. Robinson, while the mayor and commissioner Mark Bryant, who was appointed to the commission by a 4-1 public vote last summer, voted for Mr. Horne.

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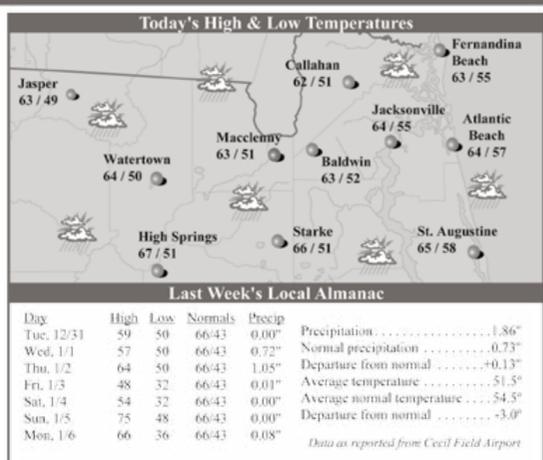
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Glen man jailed for teen molestation

A Glen St. Mary man is in county jail under \$100,000 bond, charged with molesting a 13-year-old female on numerous occasions between November, 2012 and early last month.

The investigation was launched at the behest of the victim's mother, and court records indicate that the Child Protection Team looked

into similar allegations in June, 2012 but closed the case when the girl recanted her claim that she was improperly touched by Mr. Hale and made to perform lewd acts.

Records also indicate the accused was formally charged with lewd and lascivious acts on a child on December 27. An investigator for CPT also interviewed another alleged victim, this one 11 years old, on December 9 and court documents



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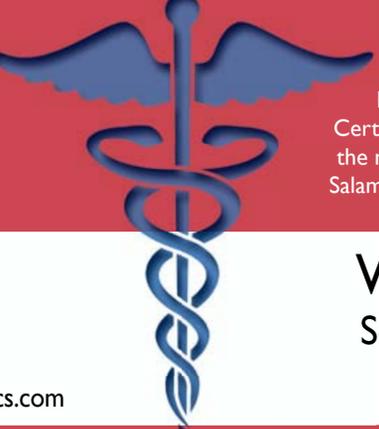
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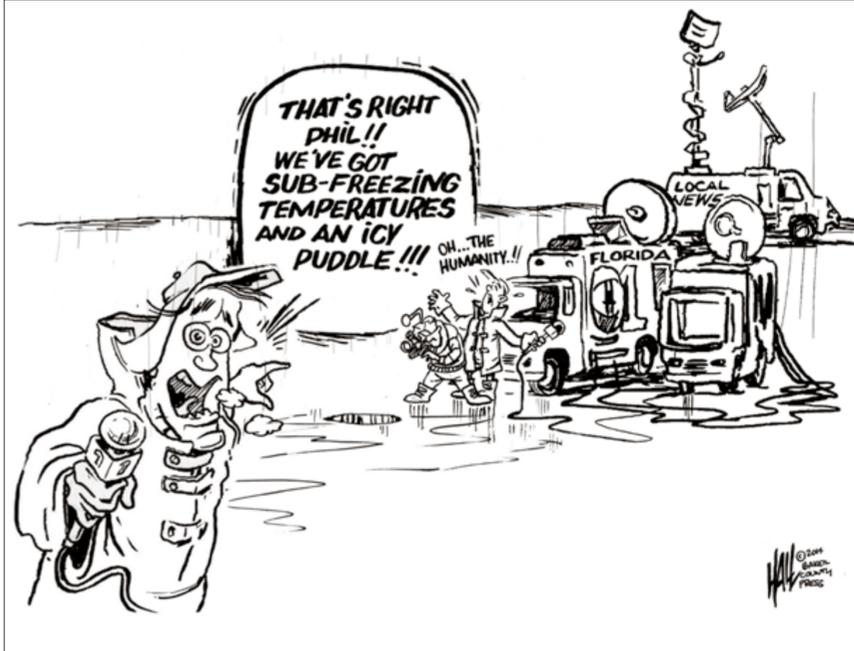
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Retail drone warfare? Not round here

When I was a kid I read a lot of science fiction. Robert Heinlin, Ray Bradbury, Philip K. Dick and Poul Anderson were my favorites with their stories about robots, flying cars, wrist radios, lasers and such.

MY SIDE OF THE MATTER ROBERT GERARD

This really hit home last month when Amazon revealed its plan to deliver packages using robot drone aircraft within the next five years. The drones would only be available in metropolitan areas and will deliver packages within a 10 mile radius of an Amazon facility.



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Freezing temps gives students a pass on school day

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and feeling like -50, like it is here in Chicago, then I'd understand. Michelle McAnallen Stewart: Lol, one that was raised in 80 degree weather.

personal experience. Shannon Mihlfeld Frady: They have been out two-plus weeks, put on extra clothes! And the buses and classrooms do have heat! Jess Davenport: Kids are way too coddled today.

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BCHS video 'hate speech' ...

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city in Gainesville, a nonprofit advocacy group for indigenous peoples, thinks such statements reinforce inaccurate stereotypes about plains tribes.

She said it was not unusual for women to participate in the hunting or gathering of food and many tribes were matriarchal societies in which women played the leadership role, rather than the subservient shown in the video.

But that was just the tip of the iceberg.

Mrs. Clark said giving a hunter a feather for bringing back food was not tradition for plains tribes, and acting out that narrative is offensive to natives who know the real meaning of the gesture.

"It's a backhanding to our entire culture, but especially for those who have earned those feathers," Mrs. Clark said.

She also cited the improper face and body paint depicted in the video, how the females' legs weren't covered down to their ankles and the "silly" songs and dances the history club students led their younger counterparts through.

Mr. Hartley argues the dances were not supposed to be traditional in nature.

He said the music was played by the preschool, not the history club, and the high school students helped demonstrate the moves, like rubbing their belly or flapping wings, to the youths.

"That [singing and dancing] had nothing to do with our Native American thing," said Mr. Hartley. "It was [physical education]. My kids were just out there being kids, too."

However, Mrs. Clark and many others through online comments or direct messages stressed to *The Press* that the video had no historical or cultural value and asked that the newspaper take down the video.

"Shame on you!" one comment read. "What are you teaching? Ignorance and cultural insensitivity? Is your next presentation going to be a bunch of white kids in black face? This is offensive to everyone of color. Don't tell me you couldn't get local elders from tribes in your area. You should take this video down. I am offended, disgusted and ashamed for you."

Another viewer, identified as Dee Lane Mock, said: "This video needs to be removed immediately. It is totally disrespectful of indigenous cultures and instead not only promotes disparaging stereotypes but mocks our cultures as well. Further, it was used to 'teach' a younger, impressionable generation erroneous information about our cultures! We demand the removal of this video and a written apology from the school with the assurance that in the future an actual indigenous person will be invited to speak to its student body!"

Though most of the comments online were similarly negative in tone, some were not.

"I have been blessed to be Native American and raised in a home where our heritage was always a part of my day-to-day life ...," commented Emma Anderson on Facebook. "Maybe some of you who are so enraged by these children and teachers would instead maybe be that passionate about helping them show these kids the beauty and love that our people had for each other, the world we live in, the songs we sing, the shakers we carry; [them] maybe they would be able to understand our heritage a little better."



Tanner Orberg during the history club's program in November.

Mr. Hartley never thought the "pow-wow" program would cause such an outcry. He said the history club has been putting on the program for years and never experienced such a backlash.

We never mentioned it being official with the traditional regalia or what they were. it was costumes, like you buy at Walmart to dress up for Halloween. I'm sorry they got offended but that certainly wasn't intended.

—History Club sponsor Mark Hartley

In fact, he said he understands the difference between a traditional pow-wow because he's taken students on field trips to the annual Cherokee of Georgia pow-wow in St. George. He said one former history club student was Native American and participated in the preschool program wearing her tribe's regalia while explaining to the children the significance of it to her people.

"We made sure the kids knew that," said Mr. Hartley.

Going viral

The video went viral late last December, popping up on two Native American blogs and being shared across the Internet. The video has been viewed more than 21,000 times, more than any other video ever posted by the newspaper.

Why did this happen? Nahnda Garlow, a Canadian journalist, member of the Onondaga Nation of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and pow-wow dancer herself, said the Christmas season is the off-season for their dancing and wardrobe.

"I think the video went viral because the pow-wow circuit is very active online," said Ms. Garlow by e-mail. "There are two kinds of pow-wows. The traditional style are very ceremonial and there are certain practices in individual tribes that are more restrictive as to who can participate. Competition pow-wows, on the other hand, are very interactive for non-native people and participation is encouraged during 'intertribal' dances where non-native people can come out and dance together."

"Competition pow-wows are fierce. Usually one takes place every weekend during the on-season with the top prizes in each category being around \$1500 a person. For some who dedicate their lives to this part of the culture there is a lot of time and money involved in travelling, making regalia and practising." She believes that someone searching dance videos came upon *The Press's* video, which included pow-wow in the title, found it shocking and contacted the media.

However, you may still see it on *The Press's* website at <http://bakercountypress.com/?p=8580>

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"I first saw it from *Indian Country Media Network Online* and they have a huge fan base of Native Americans from across the country," explained Ms. Garlow. "They have a large roster of talented writers and analysts. I think someone saw the video, was honestly offended and went to the largest indigenous media they could find in return shame BCHS for their ignorance. But that is just an honest guess."

For her, a 35-year-old resident of the Six Nations Indian Reserve in Ontario, the video was offensive, especially in the year 2013, but she doesn't blame the students.

"The responsibility is on the staff of BCHS," she wrote. "Educators and facilitators within the school system should, in 2013, be aware enough to know what the kids were presenting was inappropriate at least."

Unlike some others offended by the video, though, Ms. Garlow does not think it should be removed from YouTube.

"I think you should leave the video up. It has brought enlightenment on what is still being taught to children in 2013 and perhaps if you re-caption the video it might encourage BCHS to do another teaching with accuracy someday. Also, as a news organization, if it were a video of a politician doing something equally embarrassing, removing the video from YouTube would not be considered," she said.

Will the backlash change anything?

Whether or not the calls, e-mails and letters to school district officials from those decrying the history club's "pow-wow" program and the video will have an impact on the program remains to be seen.

Mr. Hartley, while dismayed that the program was so reviled online, said there are no immediate plans to change the annual program, but that could change in the future.

"I haven't really talked to the principals that be," he said. "The powers that be, I'm sure would do it anytime ... I'm sure we'll talk about it."

Nonetheless, Mrs. Clark pledged to do whatever it takes to correct the situation, even if that means legal action. She said she's waiting to hear back from school district officials.

Another concerned party, Jeff Martin, also of Gainesville, hopes to organize a more traditional program to share Native American culture with the preschoolers in Baker County.

"I'm not going rant and rave about this one, other than to say the subject and execution were so far off the mark as to be appalling," said Mr. Martin by e-mail. "I will do my utmost to get a proper educator into that school to correct the program, and can tell you there are 2-3 dozen tribal or native elders within one hour's drive of the school's location."

YouTube's declaration that the video in question constitutes hate speech, which its community guidelines defines as "speech which attacks or demeans a group based on race or ethnic origin, religion, disability, gender, age, veteran status, and sexual orientation/gender identity," means the video can no longer be seen on YouTube.

However, you may still see it on *The Press's* website at <http://bakercountypress.com/?p=8580>

Anonymous ballot violated sunshine

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Still, at that time, the votes remained invalid because they were cast anonymously in violation of the Sunshine Law, which is detailed in the latest edition of the *Government in the Sunshine Manual* published yearly by the Florida Attorney General's Office and the Florida First Amendment Foundation with new case law and attorney general opinions related to the law. The manual clearly states there was a violation.

"Board members are not prohibited from using written ballots to cast a vote as long as the votes are made openly at a public meeting, the name of the person who voted and his or her selection are written on the ballot, and the ballots are maintained and made available for public inspection ..." it reads. "... By contrast, a secret ballot violates the Sunshine Law."

The manual goes on to say, "Recognizing that the Sunshine Law should be construed so as to frustrate all evasive devices, the courts have held that action taken in violation of the law is void."

Jon Kaney, general counsel for the First Amendment Foundation, concurred.

"This is a pretty egregious instance of a secret ballot," he said by e-mail. "... My rather severe view is that the secret ballot had the effect of unlawfully closing a part of the meeting so that (a) clearly the election of the new commissioner is void, but (b) any other action that the commission took in that meeting is also void because a portion of the meeting was closed, and a meeting is either fully open or closed with no in-between category."

Fortunately, the board did not take up any other business, other than the coin toss and declaration that Mr. Horne was the new commissioner.

After further review, the city attorney and city manager agreed on January 3 the commission did commit a technical violation of the law, but they said it was not intentional.

Knowingly breaking the Sunshine Law is a criminal offense punishable by up to 60 days in jail and a \$500 fine.

When the decision was made on how the vote would take place, city officials expected to have four applicants and Mr. Rhoden said it was clear from his conversations with individual commissioners the vote would not be unanimous.

"I didn't want anyone to feel any pressure or be influenced by another commissioner's intent to support another applicant," explained Mr. Rhoden, a former commissioner himself. "There is peer pressure at times, whether spoken or not."

However, the commission routinely employs a roll call-style voting in which each member votes yes or no on a particular motion individually.

When the vote was taken, a clock was ticking, too. The city's charter required that the board make the appointment within 60 days of Mr. Johns' death, or hold a special election with 120 days, which would be more expensive for the city. The ties occurred four days before the 60-day window closed on January 3.

To comply with both the city's charter and correct the Sunshine Law violation, Mr. Maloney advised that commissioners would immediately sign and notarize their ballots, and then at their next regularly scheduled meeting on January 14, reaffirm their previous decision.

Those actions would put the city commission in conformance with both the city's charter and a 1972 Attorney General's opinion that says while secret ballots violate the Sunshine Law, they "may be cured by a subsequent corrective open public vote upon the matter."

Three of the four commissioners signed their ballots later that day. Mr. Kitching was traveling at the time, Mr. Rhoden said, and could not do so immediately.

Ironically, at the end of the December 30 meeting in which the Sunshine Law violation occurred, there was some discussion about the law with Mr. Horne and other commissioners, namely about how commissioners are barred from discussing matters that could come before them in the future outside of publicly noticed meetings.

At the end of the discussion, Mr. Maloney made a note to supply the two newest members of the board, Mr. Horne and Mr. Kitching, copies of the *Government in the Sunshine Manual*.

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ments segued into a recognition ceremony next for Kathleen B. Harter, a food service assistant who retired on December 31 after preparing and serving meals to thousands of pupils over the past 12 years at Macclenny Elementary School.

"Kathleen is a wonderful friend and employee ..." Mrs. Raulerson said, as she presented a plaque to the new retiree. "She served wonderful, hot meals to our school children. Sometimes, the only meal some of them get is here at our schools."

Mrs. Harter, who appeared at the meeting with her son Michael, said her retirement came with mixed feelings.

"I'm going to miss it," she said. "Today, I filled out a volunteer form so I can come back as a volunteer if they need me."

The school board then continued on through the regular agenda, which included approval of several grants, annual contract renewals and a host of personnel items, including the resignations of former Baker High head football coach Ryan Sulkowski and his wife Heather, a coach and teacher at the alternative school. Their resignations were effective December 20.

Meanwhile, Ryan Sulkowski's brother Joey Sulkowski, remains at the high school as an assistant football coach and will travel to Indianapolis, Ind., January 13-14 to attend the American Football Coaches Association National Convention. The request for travel was submitted by Baker High principal Tom Hill, although Mr. Sulkowski noted in a letter to the school board that he will pay "all expenses, including airfare, convention fees, meals and lodging."

In other business, the school board:

- Scuttled a plan to replace two canopies and install new lights — one on the south side of the district headquarters building and the other on the adjacent middle school campus — because the \$49,800 price was deemed a bit high.

- The \$49,800 was deducted from a re-roofing project, which will cost an additional \$53,800 to replace the one on Building 9 at the middle school. Reeves Roofing was the low bidder on both projects.

However, officials said the



Daniel Robinson, 10, poses for a photo with a frozen tree near Manntown Nursery off CR 125 South.

canopies are in poor condition and bids will be sought in the future for their replacement.

"They're in pretty bad shape," agreed board member Charlie Burnett.

Denny Wells, the district's facilities director, said the canopy at the middle school had already been upgraded with a new aluminum top, but that it needs additional work.

The canopy expense was first questioned last month by board member Dean Griffiths, who said then that it seemed to him that \$49,800 was "a lot of money for a little walkway." However, the former board chairman said this week that he originally thought the money was just to replace one canopy.

"There was a miscommunication," Mr. Griffiths said.

- Approved a 48-month lease agreement through the state with Sharp Electronics Corp. for a copy machine at the high school and the middle school for \$12,704.64. Cathy Golon, purchasing and warehousing director, said the contract will save the district about \$20,000 per copier over four years.

- The board also received an audit report on the internal accounts at all seven county schools, which listed assets and liabilities totaling \$850,264. Most of the income is derived from fees collected for athletic events, music programs and various classes, clubs and departments.

- Board chair Patricia Weeks noted that this audit contained "the usual criticism," pointing to

- "The current state contract is significantly less than current pricing," Ms. Golon wrote in a request seeking the board's approval.

- Renewed a contract for one year with Owens and Associates Insurance Services Inc., which helps the district select employee health insurance plans annually.

- Approved an audit of the Baker County Education Foundation Inc., which reported total assets of \$73,907, including \$13,599 in private contributions and \$11,515 in employee payroll deduction contributions at the end of June 2013.

- The audit also revealed \$18,150 in scholarship grants had been awarded by the foundation and \$17,255 spent on "program enhancements."

- Mrs. Raulerson said the audit marks the 25th anniversary of the foundation, which she praised for its "legacy of scholarships totaling close to \$1 million."

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Plans for a zip line park near US 90 and Interstate 10 in Sanderson, which the owner says may be expanded in the future if the first phase is successful, only needs the approval of state regulators to move forward.

The proposed development on a 218-acre parcel, which was approved by the Baker County Commission last month, is in the hands of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and other state regulatory agencies that monitor local comprehensive plans and proposed land use changes.

"It's not just the state department of economic opportunity that's involved," County Planning Director Ed Preston said on January 7. "It's all the state agencies that review comprehensive plans, and there's about six of them."

One is the St. Johns River Water Management District, which Mr. Preston said he received a letter from on January 7 affirming that the district sees "no adverse impacts" from the proposed development.

Mr. Preston said he anticipates approval from the other state agencies involved within 30-60 days, adding: "It doesn't look very controversial."

Mark Broughton wants to build what he terms an "aerial adventure park," comprised of cables suspended from poles that will send thrill-seekers gliding rapidly downward at an angle to another lower level and eventually to the ground.

Although the entire parcel encompasses 218 acres, it is divided into two separate parcels of 110 and 108 acres, including a narrow strip connecting the property to US 90.

The zip line park will be located on the south half of the 110-acre portion, toward I-10 and away from US 90. The northern half of the 110-acre parcel and the surrounding 108 acres will remain in their natural state, which is mostly pine trees and woodland vegetation.

The multiple-level zip lines will range upward to 75 feet high on a portion of the 218

acres, which will remain largely vacant for the time being. Future expansion plans, including other types of adrenalin-creating activities, could be in the works, Mr. Broughton told commissioners at public hearing on December 17.

"This could be a (tourist) destination point for our county," he said, adding that he would like to begin construction in March and complete the project before summer.

Initially, he said he plans to hire eight full-time employees, eventually having a total work force of 12 when the park is "grown out."

"They'll all have health care and a good living wage," Mr. Broughton said.

The plan is virtually identical to one submitted by Mr. Broughton earlier last year for 108 acres on SR 121 near Northeast Florida State Hospital south of Macclenny. He and his wife abandoned that plan after buying the 218-acre site in rural Sanderson.

"This is the land we wanted all along," he said. "It gives us an opportunity to dream a little bigger."

He said marketing studies indicate about 19,000 people a year will travel to the zip line park, mostly from surrounding Northeast Florida counties but also some from Baker County.

He said trained staff, who will be experienced in aerial rescues as well as CPR, will help customers get strapped into harnesses and give them instructions on what to do to ensure they reach the ground safely.

"The goal is to help people finish the event, not to have to rescue them," Mr. Broughton said.

Previously, he has stated that a RV park and possibly a restaurant could become part of the development, depending upon whether the initial phase is successful.

An office building, Mr. Broughton said, will include a staging area for customers to go through a brief training exercise, public restrooms, and a room set aside for "people if they get sick."

Once all state approval has been granted, the application will come back to the county

commission for final approval of a detailed site plan.

"That's when he has to show where the buildings and driveways would go," said Mr. Preston, adding that "at a minimum" a public well and septic tank also would be required by the health department.

Although the county's comprehensive plan calls for water and sewer facilities to be built to serve a development resulting from a large scale land use amendment, such as the zip line park, Mr. Preston said Mr. Broughton's plans would generate "very light demand for water and sewer services (and) he could easily get by with a public well and septic tank."

Officials hope that a recreational facility like this would spark further commercial developments in the area, possibly including a restaurant.

Last month, Commissioner James Craft asked Mr. Broughton if he had made any plans for "eating facilities, or grilling out" for families who might want to eat lunch before or after experiencing the zip lines.

"Not in Phase 1," Mr. Broughton replied. "But I have a dream."

For the time being, he said, he only plans to offer "an ice box full of water" for his guests.

The proposal requires the following changes in land use and zoning on the property:

- Increasing the existing height restriction of 35 feet to 85 feet, which is 20 feet higher than Mr. Broughton's original proposal.
- Changing future land use in the county's comprehensive plan from very low density residential to recreation and agricultural.
- Rezoning the site from RC-1 (which allows one residence per acre) to recreational resource and Agriculture 10 (which permits homes on 10-acre sites).

Though he hasn't revealed any of his ideas for future enhancements at the park, Mr. Broughton said he thinks it will be an asset to Baker County.

"I want the county to be so proud of this," he said.



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Christmas sweater party potluck for 4-H

The Baker County 4-H Christmas party and potluck was held December 17 at the Ag Center in Macclenny featuring games, crafts and tacky sweaters. 4-H members played holiday-themed "minute-to-win-it" games and ate finger foods, appetizers and desserts. Pictured above is Tucker Crawford, winner of the tacky Christmas sweater contest. Below (from left) are Matthew North, Jalen Ruise, Tucker Crawford, Damian Scaif, Nick Melvin and Alex Stokes playing Santa's Beard game.



Several arrested in Mac's bar fights

County deputies were called to Mac's Liquors on US 90 in downtown Macclenny several times during the New Year's week and made several arrests for fighting and one case of domestic battery.

Deputy Clements Leo was at the bar investigating a dance floor fight in the early morning of January 4 when he saw Brandon Wilkerson, 27, of Maxville standing near the outdoor patio railing with one hand on the throat of his girlfriend Kayla Blackburn, 25, of Glen St. Mary.

Mr. Wilkerson was angry because the girlfriend had earlier filled out a witness statement for police concerning the alleged battery of Tony Linton, 42, of Macclenny at the hands of Jeremiah Giddens, 33, also of Macclenny.

A criminal complaint was filed by Deputy Brandon Kiser charging Mr. Giddens with punching the victim on the face and head after approaching him on the dance floor.

Mr. Linton said he earlier received a threatening text message from the accused, who reportedly is dating his ex-girlfriend. Deputy Kiser noted the victim had facial swelling, a small laceration and was bleeding from an ear.

Deputy Leo while arresting Mr. Wilkerson for battery on Ms. Blackburn found a syringe in the suspect's pocket that the girlfriend later claimed was hers. A subsequent search of her purse turned up a small baggie with spoons and more syringes, according to the deputy.

Mr. Wilkerson was booked

also for possession of drug paraphernalia, but the girlfriend was not charged.

In other incidents, Krissy McCune, 33, of Jacksonville was arrested the evening of January 4 for threatening lounge employee William Cooler with a knife and threatening to burn down the building.

Ms. McCune, who police also noted has a last name of Starling, left the bar shortly after and was questioned by Sgt. Shawn Bishara after the vehicle she was in was stopped in south Macclenny.

The knife used in the alleged threat was found under her passenger seat, and Ms. McCune was booked for aggravated assault, disorderly intoxication and resisting officers at the scene of her

arrest.

- Pricilla Miller, 31, of St. George, GA was arrested late on New Year's Eve for disorderly conduct at Mac's.

Deputy Earl Lord was called to the bar about 11 pm and told by employees that Ms. Miller was attempting to start fights and refused several requests to leave. She also refused to calm herself when asked by deputies.

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Jacksonville man nabbed trying to swap sex for drugs

The sheriff's department arrested a Jacksonville man after using a confidential informant to set up a "sex for drugs" liaison at a Macclenny lounge and nearby motel.

The informant contacted sheriff's investigator Matt Yarborough before the January 3 arrest to say she had made contact with Gary Carter Jr., 28, via Facebook and he promised to furnish her with marijuana and cocaine in exchange for sex.

A meeting place was set for the Country Club Lounge on South 6th and several investigators and deputies were stationed nearby when Mr. Carter arrived there in a Chevrolet pickup about 3 pm.

A short time later, the couple left the bar and crossed the road to the Travelodge where officers converged on them and made the arrest.

Mr. Carter was arrested for felony possession of both drugs and soliciting the informant for prostitution, a misdemeanor.

In other arrests, Deputy Chris Walker charged Richard Hartley, 53, of Glen St. Mary with misdemeanor possession of marijuana and a smoking pipe after stopping the 2013 Chevrolet pickup he was riding in the afternoon of December 31.

Mr. Hartley, who the officer described as "very intoxicated," had been involved earlier at a disturbance at the home of Ronald Harvey on Carl Brown Rd. in the north county.

The driver of the pickup, Steven Raulerson, 43, of Macclenny was arrested for driving on a suspended license. Deputy Walker said he was previously aware of the suspension status.

Deputy John Minkel arrested Jessica Haggard, 29, at her residence on Eastwood Dr. south of Macclenny the afternoon of January 4. The officer served her with a Lake County warrant for failure to appear in court for driving on a suspended license.

Lowell Anderson, 46, of Glen was arrested by Deputy Walker at Woody's Bar-B-Q in Macclenny in the early afternoon of January 3 after a manager complained he was loitering and asking patrons for money.

Mr. Anderson was booked for violating a trespass order issued in 2011 banning him from the restaurant property.

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Boyfriend alleges attack At New Year's party on Clay Hole Trail

The sheriff's department arrested a woman in the early hours of the new year for attacking her live-in boyfriend when he asked her to come inside with their 1-year-old child.

Deputy Earl Lord said when he arrived at the couple's residence on Clay Hole Trail near Macclenny on a disturbance call just before 3 am, he observed Travis Johnson, 25, with scratches on both sides of his neck and bleeding from a bite wound on his chest.

Mr. Johnson said girlfriend Ashley Wolfe, 21, became angry with him when she was outside at a fire with friends, and slapped him across the face before scratching his neck and biting him.

The officer soon contacted Ms. Wolfe at the home of a friend nearby where she went on foot along with the child following the incident. She initially denied attacking him but later admitted she did so after he pushed her.

Deputy Lord arrested her for domestic battery after she changed her story several times.

He observed that both parties appeared to be under the influ-

ence of alcohol.

In another incident involving a confrontation between a boyfriend and girlfriend with a young child, Deputy John Minkel arrested Darrin Gibbons, 26, of Macclenny for domestic assault on Consuelo McCall, 26, at their residence on Rock Court the afternoon of January 5.

The couple argued around 4:30 pm after Mr. Gibbons accused the girlfriend of seeing other men, and a witness claimed to hear him threaten, "You won't be around to get to see your baby turn one year old."

In another assault case, Deputy Michael Clark arrested David Cook Jr., 23, for threatening to kill estranged wife Peggy Cook, 23, if she told his mother he had been drinking.

Ms. Cook played a voice mail message to that effect after the deputy arrived late on January 2 at her Deerwood Circle residence in Macclenny.

Deputy Clark arrested Mr. Cook after interviewing him at Fraser Hospital where he and other family members went when a 15-year-old male relative was taken there unresponsive with a

suspected alcohol overdose. Another relative and brother of the young boy who was believed to be drinking at a Laverne St. residence earlier that evening, Kenneth Largacci, 27, was arrested for disorderly intoxication when he became unruly outside the emergency room, cursing loudly and refusing to calm himself.

The youth was later transferred to Wolfson Children's Hospital in Jacksonville.

A complaint for violating a no contact order was filed on December 31 naming Tara Washington, 41, of Macclenny.

Deputy Chad Montean said Ms. Washington, who has been in an ongoing feud with Ramona Roberson, 26, of Macclenny, had earlier been warned to stay away from her.

The officer was called to a 9th St. address about noon when Ms. Roberson said she received a phone call from the accused saying she was dispatching her daughter to beat her up.

Ms. Washington also allegedly drove her Cadillac into Ms. Roberson's yard and spun it around.



Attendees at First Coast Women's Services' fourth annual prayer breakfast January 7 sit down for a morning meal.

Fathers critical to family

Says dad at prayer breakfast

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Adoptive father David Paulk (above) was the keynote speaker at the event.

About two dozen people attended the fourth annual prayer breakfast hosted by the First Coast Women's Services on January 7 to thank the faith-based abortion prevention organization's partners and supporters.

This year's keynote speaker, David Paulk, a volunteer with the First Coast Women's Services men's ministry and father to an adopted daughter, spoke about the important role men should play in the home supporting and protecting their wives and newborns and leading the family in accordance to Christian principles.

"It was God himself who made the roles of mothers and fathers," said Mr. Paulk that morning at Christian Fellowship Temple. "We realize the family is the building block of our nation, our society. It's the cornerstone of civilization. And within the family one of the important roles is that of a father ... Unfortunately, today in our society, the father's role has been diminished."

Mr. Paulk went on to quote scripture from Ephesians 5 instructing wives to submit to their husbands as husbands submit to God, before getting to the part some men may like to overlook.

"Sometimes we men forget this verse — 'In the same way husbands often love their wives as their own bodies, he who loves his wife, loves himself.' Many men today who visit the center do not have that understanding. And it's a God-given understanding that they should be the protector and provider," he said.

She said in six years, the agency's location on South 6th Street has seen more than 2000 clients, more than half of which either chose abortion or lost touch with the agency.

"Without strong fathers at home, children will suffer in many ways," he told the group made up of local pastors, a former client of First Coast Women's Services, its staff and others.

It was roughly one year prior when that client, Jacqui Thrift, an expectant mother well along in her pregnancy, spoke to attendees at last year's prayer breakfast.

She took the microphone again this week, after putting down her 1-year-old son Sean, to thank the agency's local staff, including director Lori Dugan, for helping her choose life for her son.

Despite the sleepless nights, the stress and other trials of early motherhood, Ms. Thrift said Sean's "been a blessing."

"If not for First Coast Women's Services, he may not have been here," she said.

"That's what we do everyday," added Ms. Dugan.

Battery complaint against patient

A male patient at North-east Florida State Hospital was named in a complaint for felony battery on two employees that resulted after he was asked to clean up juice that he tossed on the floor "in anger."

Patient Babar Ansari, 28, allegedly "sucker-punched" employee Dennis Winters Jr., 45, of Jacksonville the morning of January 5, causing a small cut and swelling about the eye and face, according to a report by Deputy John Minkel.

Mr. Winters said the incident occurred about 10:15 during a regular dispensing of juice to patients, and that Mr. Ansari then jumped atop him and continued striking and kicking him.

Fellow employee Sherry Coleman, 42, of Glen St. Mary said she fell onto the floor while attempting to pull the patient off Mr. Winters, and she was injured on the wrist.

A hospital security team ended the melee by subduing Mr. Ansari.

In other incidents, Sharee Jackson, 28, of Glen St. Mary is accused of punching Carrie Starling, 35, of Macclenny twice in the face while the latter sat in a vehicle in the parking lot of the Kangaroo store on South 6th St. the morning of January 2.

Mr. Starling told Deputy Koty Crews the two argued over a landlord-tenant dispute before she was struck and Ms. Jackson drove off in a Nissan SUV. The deputy questioned her later that day, and the accused and a witness insisted the confrontation did not turn physical.

The deputy observed facial swelling consistent with Ms. Starling's version, and a store clerk also affirmed it as well.

Kevin Wilkerson, 36, was named in a complaint for allegedly accosting Leon Amerson in the accused's front yard on Memory Lane near Cuyler the evening of New Year's Day.

Mr. Amerson told Deputy Jeremiah Johnson he went to the residence to see his estranged wife Rebecca after arranging the meeting on Facebook. He said the accused then pulled up behind him in a vehicle and refused to allow him to leave.

Mr. Wilkerson then struck the victim about the mid-section with a pole or stick and the two then fought. Mr. Amerson's version of events was corroborated by two witnesses who were with him.

Ms. Amerson, however, insisted to Deputy Johnson that the accused was never at the address that day and her ex-husband fabricated the Facebook correspondence.

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Accused Jeep thief brings vehicle back

A criminal complaint was to be filed naming Romona Robertson, 26, of Macclenny for grand theft of a vehicle she later brought back to the owner's residence on Joan St.

Terry Thomas called police after he saw Ms. Robertson drive off from a neighbor's residence in a 1995 Jeep about 6:15 pm on December 31. Mr. Thomas and the accused had argued in his front yard just prior to that, and witness Alexis Thomas told Deputy Earl Lord that Ms. Robertson came into her house, took the keys and left.

The vehicle belongs to Luevenia Givens, who was out of town at the time, and was reportedly returned to her property undamaged. Deputy Lord said he was unable to contact Ms. Robertson, and indicated he was awaiting the owner's return before filing the complaint.

In other theft reports over the New Year's week, Ashley Amerson, 27, of Macclenny claimed ex-boyfriend Sammie Evans Jr., 30, paid his phone bill the evening of December 31 using her credit card.

Ms. Amerson told Deputy Jeremiah Johnson that Mr. Evans came to her residence on E. Ohio Ave. about 9:30 pm for an hour-long visit, and she believes he used the card number when he left her briefly to use the bathroom.

The unauthorized charge for \$54 was discovered the next day. Landon Sigers, 33, of Macclenny was arrested the afternoon of New Year's Day for attempting to leave Walmart with two batteries after changing their price codes.

A store security worker told Deputy Jacob Satterwhite he observed Mr. Sigers remove the tags from two \$30 batteries and place them on units valued at \$110 each. He then paid the lower price at checkout.

The same employee summoned police after he said Linda Matelsky, 35, of Glen St. Mary neglected to pay for \$130 worth of merchandise at the self-checkout the afternoon of January 4.

Deputy Satterwhite said he viewed a surveillance video that showed the accused looking around before placing items in a shopping bag without scanning them. She did, however, pay just over \$200 for other merchandise before attempting to leave the store just before 4 pm.

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Wendle Mann dies December 30 at 61

Wendle Mann, 61, of Glen St. Mary died on December 30, 2013 at St. Vincent's Medical Center. He was born in Baker County on December 24, 1952 to Melvin Mann and Clo Rhoden, and was a lifelong resident of Baker County where he enjoyed his career in the iron industry and as a skidder operator.

Carl Mobley, 85, noted genealogist

Carl W. Mobley, 85, of Belle Isle, Florida died on December 21, 2013. He was born on January 2, 1928 to the late Rufus C. and Maude Mobley in Glen St. Mary and enlisted in military service at the age of 18.

Mr. Mobley was preceded in death by his parents, his son David Mobley and brother Michael Patrick Mobley. He is survived by his loving wife Liz Mobley; daughter Diane Bottoms; grandchildren Jennifer Rich, Michael McLeod, Cara McLeod and Sara McLeod; six great-grandsons; sisters Dorothy Lise Mobley Barnes and Carolyn Elizabeth Mobley Russell; step-mother Fannie Kirby.

The funeral service was held on Thursday, December 26 at Conway United Methodist Church in Orlando, followed by interment at Woodlawn Memorial Park in Gotha, FL.

Funeral held Tuesday for David Morse

David Wayne Morse, 57, of Baldwin died suddenly on Wednesday, January 1, 2014 at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Jacksonville. He was born in Boston, Massachusetts and resided in Goose Creek, S.C. before moving to Baldwin 14 years ago.

Mr. Morse is survived by his wife Debra Jean of Baldwin; daughters Bridgett J. (William) Fries of Knightville, S.C. and Brandi (Ryan) Tomberlin of Hannah, S.C.; sons Benny J. Morse of Baldwin and Cory W. Morse of Goose Creek; siblings Dan Roy of Moncks Corner, S.C., Lynn S. Morse of Edenville, N.C., Mike J. Morse of North Charleston, S.C., Lee E. Rocheau of Hendersonville, N.C., Lonnie R. Morse of Ellerslie, Ga. and Bonnie A. Schmidt of Brook City, Illinois; grandchildren Brandon Morse, Brittany Fries and Rokee Fries, Carrie Tomberlin, Madison Tomberlin and Parker Tomberlin.

The funeral service was held at 11 am on Tuesday, January 7 in the chapel of Guerry Funeral Home in Macclenny with Cory W. Morse delivering the eulogy.

Private funeral later for Agnes Brown

Agnes Jane Brown, 66, of Macclenny, died on Thursday, January 2, 2014. Originally from Cortland, NY, Ms. Brown resided in Baker County since 1981. She was a retired registered nurse who loved being with her family and friends, especially her grandchildren. She enjoyed gardening and nature and was an avid Elvis Presley fan.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Forbes Funeral Home of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.

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Irene Taylor, 91, of Moniac dies Dec. 31

Irene Canaday Taylor, 91, of Moniac, GA died Tuesday, December 31, 2013 at Macclenny Nursing and Rehab Center following a long illness. She was born in Moniac and resided in Jacksonville for many years before moving back to Moniac in 1977. She was a homemaker and a member of the Moniac Baptist Church.

Mrs. Taylor was preceded in death by parents Canaday and Sallie Burnsed Canaday and her late husband Lee Roy Taylor, step-mother Pearl (George) Brown, sister Kay Canaday (H.C.) Braacewell, and brothers Aaron (Frances) Canaday, Ronald (Lottie) Canaday, and George Ray (Shirley) Canaday. She is survived by son Larry D. (Linda) Taylor of Moniac; grandchildren Cathy Mizell of Jacksonville and Windy (Keith) Brown of Moniac; great-grandchildren Heather Mizell, Sabrina (David) Prater, Crystal Brown and Brian Brown Jr.; great-great-grandchild Lorlie Moore.

The funeral service was held at 11 am on Friday, January 3 at her church with Rev. Bill McClood officiating, assisted by Rev. Matt Roush, pastor of Moniac Baptist Church. Interment was at Canaday Cemetery in Moniac. Guerry Funeral Home of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.

Juanita Moore-Mansell, 51, of Macclenny

Juanita Moore-Mansell, 51, of Macclenny died on Sunday, January 5, 2014. A 30-year Baker County resident, Ms. Mansell enjoyed spending time outdoors. She loved animals and country music, and especially loved spending time with her family and friends.

She is survived by her husband Marty Mansell; daughters Veronica Moore and Cristy Moore, both of Lake City and Karry Donaldson and Jennifer Wilson, both of Macclenny; brothers Clifford Joe (Terri) Moore of Knoxville, TN and Dale (Gwen) Moore of Athens, TN; sisters Vickie (Ricky) Smith and Moushell Moore, both of LaFollette, TN; numerous grandchildren and other family members.

A memorial service will be held at 3 pm, Saturday, January 11 at the Sanderson Revival Center with Pastor Randall Griffis Jr. officiating. Forbes Funeral Home of Macclenny is in charge of arrangements.

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Dr. Roy Vining

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Macclenny, FL
Pastor Tim Cheshire
Sunday School 9:45 am
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 pm

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Sunday Bible Study 9:45 am
Worship 10:30 am - 11:00 am
Worship Services 11:00 am
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm
Minister Sam F. Kitching

Sanderson Congregational Holiness Church
CR 127 N., Sanderson, FL
Sunday School 10:00 am
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Evening Worship 6:00 pm
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NOTICE OF EXCHANGE PROPOSAL
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
Case No. 2012CA000193
Bank of America, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. William M. Amos; Carol E. Amos; Unknown Person(s) in possession of the subject property, Ridge Estates Property Owners Association, Inc., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
IN HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 18, 2013, entered in Case No. 2012CA000193 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit, in and for Baker County, Florida, wherein Bank of America, N.A. is the Plaintiff and William M. Amos, Carol E. Amos, Unknown Person(s) in possession of the subject property, Ridge Estates Property Owners Association, Inc., are the Defendants, that I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the east door of the courthouse at 339 E. Macclenny Ave., Macclenny, FL 32063, beginning at 11:00 AM on the 12th day of February, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOTS 14 AND 15, RIDGE ESTATES, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 14 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH THAT 1987 MERIT LITE STOCK TRAILER DOUBLE WIDE MOBILE HOME WITH VIN # FLMM12P7515764A AND FLMM12P7515764B.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
Case No. 2013-CA-00016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 18, 2013, entered in Case No. 2013-CA-00016 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit, in and for Baker County, Florida, wherein Freedom Mortgage Corporation is the Plaintiff and Jerry Young, Cynthia Young, Unknown Tenant I, and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under any of the above-named Defendants, are the Defendants, that I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the east door of the courthouse at 339 E. Macclenny Ave., Macclenny, FL 32063, beginning at 11:00 AM on the 12th day of February, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
Case No. 2012CA00090

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 18, 2013, entered in Case No. 2012CA00090 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit, in and for Baker County, Florida, wherein the Plaintiff and Jerry Young, Cynthia Young, Unknown Tenant I, Unknown Tenant II, and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under any of the above-named Defendants are the Defendants, that I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the east door of the courthouse at 339 E. Macclenny Ave., Macclenny, FL 32063, beginning at 11:00 AM on the 12th day of February, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

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LOT 1, CYPRESS CREEK, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 15 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA. GRANTOR RESERVES RIGHT OF INGRESS AND EGRESS OVER AND ACROSS THE EAST 30.05 FEET OF THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID LOT 1, A DISTANCE OF 332.21 FEET; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 34'52" E, 330.00 FEET TO THE MONUMENTED EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 1; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 25'08" W, ALONG SAID EAST LINE, 335.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, AND BEING MORE FULLY DESCRIBED BY INSTRUMENT 200800002722 RECORDED ON 04/25/2008 AGAINST THE LAND RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FL. ALONG WITH A 1985 SPRI DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME IHW G4FL343A1017581 AND G4FL-14541017524.

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Pastor Allen Crews
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No. 02-2011-CA-0142
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR CARRINGTON MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2006-FRE1 ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, Plaintiff, vs. KIM R. WIDEMOND, ET AL, Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated December 20th 2013, and entered in Case No. 02-2011-CA-0142 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for Carrington Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2006-FRE1 Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Plaintiff and KIM R. WIDEMOND, ET AL, are defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 339 E. Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, FL 32063, SALE BEGINNING AT 11:00 a.m. ON THE PRESCRIBED DATE on the 19th day of February 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
Case No. 13000108CA
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. DAWN SHEPHERD A/K/A DAWN M. SHEPHERD, ET AL., Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 02-2012-CA-000136
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. CAROL D. INGRAM, LEDARREL INGRAM, MACCLENNY CIVIL DISABILITIES ACT, INC., UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 2, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CAROL D. INGRAM, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LEDARREL INGRAM, Defendants.

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CASE NO. 02-2013-CA-000025-CAAX-MX
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. RODNEY D. GUIDASH; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RODNEY D. GUIDASH; MELISSA A. THOCK; IF LYING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANTS; IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LENDORS, AND TRUSTEES; AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANTS; STATE OF FLORIDA WILLIAM C. BAKER, STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL; WHETHER DISSOLVED OR PRESENTLY EXISTING, TOGETHER WITH ANY OTHERS, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LENDORS, OR TRUSTEES OF SAID DEFENDANT(S) AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT # 1, UNKNOWN TENANT # 2, Defendants.

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4-H helps fund Avon Teddy Bear bags for children

Baker County's 4-H and livestock clubs closed the year with a community service project that supplied Avon bags with Teddy Bears and other items for first responders to have on hand for children they encounter in crisis...

Undefeated lady lifters eye playoffs

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SPORTS EDITOR
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After cruising through its regular season with an undefeated record, the BCHS girls' weightlifting team turned its attention to the state series with the sectional being held on January 10 at Bishop Snyder.

Each school is allowed to have 15 competitors in the state series, and Coach Scott McDonald's team has lifters spanning 10 weight classes. At sectionals, the Lady Wildcats will have Kristian Carter in the 101, Sydnee Watson and Kayla Sampley in the 110, Haylieh Crawford and Kelsey Anderson in the 119, Madyson Perry-Ruiz in the 129, Kaitlin Muse in the 139, Mackenzie Hand and Rebekah Long in the 144, Casey Alford and Mya Whitehead in the 169, Glenna Godwin and Jacqueline Anderson in the 183, Lacey Nettles

in the 199, and Olivia Adams in the unlimited weight class competing for an opportunity to advance to the next stage.

Friday's sectional meet will be the biggest challenge the girls will have faced all season, Coach McDonald said, as they will be going up against 13 other schools. Although he doesn't know the lifters his team will be competing against due to the lack of classifications among schools in girls' weightlifting, he has high hopes for the Lady Cats.

"I coached for six years before taking two years off and returning this year, and this has been my best overall team that we've had," Coach McDonald said. "We've always had those two or three lifters who stood out every year, but we have good totals for the overall team. All of these girls are better-than-average lifters. I'm very excited."

As good as the top lifters have been in the past, the Lady Wildcats have never had a lifter

score at the state meet. Coach McDonald said that could possibly change this year, but he doesn't want to say who it is just yet.

"I don't want to put her name out there just yet," he said. "I try to treat things totally different with the girls than I do the boys. It's not a sport that everyone is too inclined to look at as a female sport and I don't want to put the wrong personas with it."

The top four lifters from each weight division at the sectional will advance to the sectional meet, which will be held January 25 at Bishop Snyder.

If Baker County weightlifters advance to the sectional, they'll compete against 27 other schools for a chance to move on to the state meet. The top three lifters in each division at the sectional meet will advance to state on February 8 in Kissimmee, and the top six lifters in each weight class will score.

New Little League rules

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There are several rule changes for the Baker County Little League that affect residency requirements and approved equipment for the upcoming season as sign-ups begin on January 18.

The first change is a major shift in residency rules for players to participate in the Baker County Little League. If the player goes to school in Baker County, then he or she is eligible to play in the Baker County Little League.

This is a drastic change from the previous requirement that players had to live within the boundaries of the league. Senior board member and information officer Melissa Burnsed said she expects the league to grow past last year's record-breaking numbers of more than 700 kids and 50 teams with the change in rules.

"It used to be that Little League was very specific on eligibility," she said. "We used to have to turn kids away. We are expecting the same growth again this year."

Little League has also issued a new list of approved composite bats as well. They have been plagued with breaking in the past, Mrs. Burnsed said, so Little League has put together a list

of approved bats the players are allowed to use that have passed testing and are safe to use.

The list of approved bats can be found at LittleLeague.org/Learn/Equipment.

"We want to make sure parents know which bats are approved before sign-ups begin so they don't spend money on a bat their child won't be able to use," Mrs. Burnsed said. "They have to use an approved bat for safety issues."

Sign-ups run for three weeks after they begin on January 18. Players are eligible from 4-years-old through - if the interest is

there - 18-years-old. The season begins on Friday, March 14 for the girls, with the boys' season getting underway the next day. The season runs through the end of the school year for the younger leagues, but All-Star teams determine the length of the season beginning with the 9-10 year-old age group. Baker County will once again host some of the All-Star tournaments, but Mrs. Burnsed said they don't yet know which specific tournaments they will host.

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Advertisement for Baker Guns & Gold Pawn, featuring guns, ammo, bows, and jewelry. Includes address: 1159 S. 6th St. Macclenny, 259-7800.

Advertisement for Cypress Landing, a wedding and reception venue on the St. Mary's River. Includes contact info: 476-0402 today!

Advertisement for Woodlawn Kennels, featuring a photo of a dog and text: "Ben Detwiler hoped to make the world a better place. That hope died when he was killed by a drunk driver..."

Advertisement for Woodlawn Kennels, Quality Professional Care, GROOMING 259-4757 BOARDING. Services include Private, Spacious, Indoor/Outdoor Runs, Complete Bath, De-flea & Groom, etc.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the proposed ordinances, whose title hereinafter appears, will be presented in a public hearing to the Baker County Land Planning Agency for review on Thursday, January 23, 2014 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible...

Ordinance 2014-... AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 91-1, AS AMENDED, REGARDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN...

Ordinance 2014-... AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, REZONING 10 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY GLEN PROPERTY LLC FROM AG 7.5 TO RESIDENTIAL CONVENTIONAL 1/2 UNIT PER ACRE...

Persons interested in commenting on the proposed changes may appear and shall be given an opportunity to speak at the public hearing or may send written comments to: Baker County Planning Department, 360 E Shuey Street, Macclenny, Florida, 32063.

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Wildcats dominate Rebels 53-to-31

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The BCHS Lady Wildcats got a fresh start in 2014 as they broke their five-game losing streak with a dominating 53-31 victory over the visiting Forrest Lady Rebels on January 6 to move to 6-8 overall and 1-1 in District 3-5A.

Sophomore star Delicia Washington's 32 points and tight defensive pressure allowed the Lady Cats to cruise by the Lady Rebels. The Lady Wildcats limited their mistakes while forcing Forrest to commit 30 turnovers that led to easy buckets on the offensive end to extend their lead.

The team also cut down on the fouls that plagued it throughout its losing streak. The Lady Cats played a clean game and committed only nine fouls, including only three in the first half. As a result, the Lady Rebels attempted just three free throws in the entire game, which was a stark contrast to the 30 attempts the Lady Cats had.

Although they made just 12 of those free throws, it gave them the cushion they needed to comfortably win.

The Lady Wildcats took the lead with about 2:00 remaining in the first quarter when Abby Rice scored two of her seven points. They never trailed for the remainder of the contest and their 23-point lead to end the game was the largest of the night as Washington capped off



PHOTOS BY JON JOHNSON

Above, Jada Johnson watches Abby Rice attempt to steal the ball. At right, Delicia Washington shoots. She finished with 32 points.

another explosive offensive performance with a last-second half-court shot.

The team will now try to build upon its blowout win and move above .500 in district play when the girls travel to play Bishop Kenny on January 9. They'll be on the road again to play Eagle's View on January 13 in a non-district match-up.



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Free agency will test Mojo's value and future here

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The Jacksonville Jaguars said goodbye to their longtime center Brad Meester after the team's Week 17 30-10 beat down by the Indianapolis Colts, but they may also be wishing another cornerstone of the franchise farewell in the near future.

The Jaguars plan to allow running back Maurice Jones-Drew to test the free-agent market before committing to whether they should resign him or not. Jones-Drew has been the face of the franchise almost from the moment he stepped foot in Jacksonville after being drafted in the second round of the 2006 draft. He holds the franchise record for touchdowns (81) and his 8,071 rushing yards trail only Fred Taylor's mark.

There is no denying Mojo has been one of the lone bright spots on the Jaguars' offense during the majority of the last decade, but General Manager David Caldwell is making the right decision in allowing the running back to test his market value.

At 28-years-old, Jones-Drew's best days are growing distant in the rear view mirror. Top running backs generally begin breaking down as they approach the age of 30, and Jones-Drew isn't any different.

Years of constant pounding finally caught up to the running back in 2012 when he was sidelined for most of the season with a Lisfranc injury that required surgery. He never proved that he was fully recovered from the injury during the 2013 season as he rushed for a career-low yards-per-attempt (3.4) and the third-fewest yards in a season (803).

The Jaguars could already have Jones-Drew's replacement on the roster as first-year running back Jordan Todman showed flashes of potential throughout the season. Although Todman averaged the same yards-per-attempt as Jones-Drew, the young running back's ability earned him more playing time as the season progressed and shined when given the opportunity. Todman started in place of an injured Jones-Drew in Jacksonville's Week 15 game against the Buffalo Bills and rushed for 109 yards on 25 attempts.

Todman is younger, healthier, has more upside, and is a cheaper option, which makes Jones-Drew expendable at this point in his career.

But that doesn't mean the veteran shouldn't be re-signed for the right price, which is why Caldwell is wise allowing him to test the market. The Jaguars and Jones-Drew will get a grasp on the type of deal the running back will warrant in free agency, and if the franchise can match an offer, provided it thinks the contract is reasonable. If not, then they'll wish "Pocket Hercules" the best on his new team.

In the NFL, it's all about the money. And money will ultimately decide whether Jones-Drew stays or goes.

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At the start, it looked as if Winston had too much cake. Auburn brilliantly game planned its defensive effort and Winston and the offense was thrown into disarray. It was a testament to how good the Tigers have become over the course of the year as they went up 21-3.

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Gus Malzahn's Tigers, who had made the biggest year-to-year turnaround in the history of college football, didn't give up and regained the lead with 1:19 left in the game.

It was then that Winston demonstrated why the red-shirt freshman won the Heisman Trophy. He calmly drove the ball down the field, hitting roommate Kelvin Benjamin in the end zone for the score and a 34-31 win.

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CeCe Jefferson (right) makes a steal. At left is the Wildcat's Bryce Wallace.

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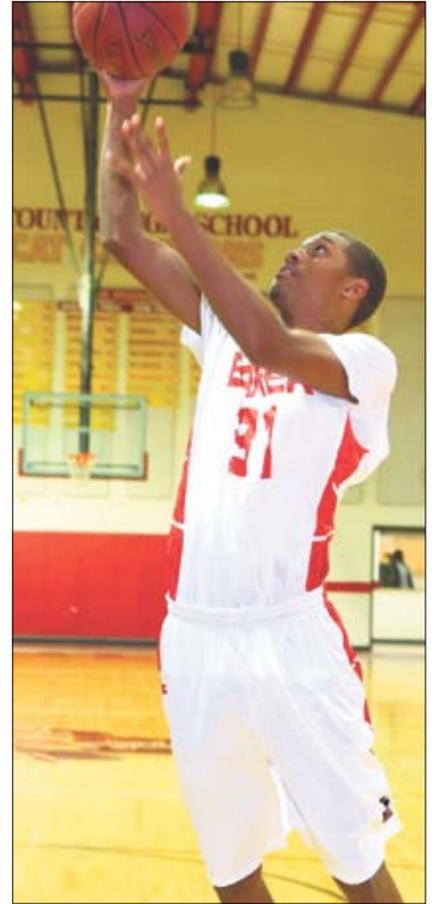
Bryce Wallace breaks up the play for the steal.

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Charles Ruise Jr. sinks a shot over Warriors defenders.

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Brandon Lewis gets an open lay-up.

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Defense late gets the win

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It wasn't the dominant victory the BCHS Wildcats have grown accustomed to so far this season, but their hard-fought 60-53 victory over the visiting West Nassau Warriors on January 7 extended a four-game winning streak and improved their overall record to 11-2.

The teams traded leads throughout the game as neither squad was able to pull away from the other. The Cats used their defensive pressure to force the Warriors into 19 turnovers to give themselves opportunities on the offensive end, while West Nassau's perimeter offense was almost unstoppable all night as the Warriors drained six of their 10 three-point attempts in the first three quarters.

But the Warriors went dry when they needed the three-pointers the most. The Cats' defense gave up only one three-pointer on four attempts in the fourth quarter.

The improved perimeter defense allowed the Wildcats to pull away on the offensive side as a 7-0 fourth-quarter run helped them seal the game.

The Cats' offense also came to life in the second half after being cold for much of the first half. The offense struggled for the first quarter and the Cats trailed 17-18. Charles Ruise Jr. finally ended the home squad scoring woes with six of his 18 points coming in the second quarter to help give his team a 33-31 halftime lead.

The teams traded leads in the third quarter before the Cats put it away in the fourth. CeCe Jefferson's 14 points and Brian Walton's 13 points gave the team enough offense to win its fourth straight game.

Baker County will try to continue its win streak during a busy week of home games beginning January 9 against Middleburg.

The Cats will then welcome the Lee Generals, who they already defeated by 32 points this season en route to the First Coast Classic title, the following night.

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