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FDOT chief touts growth



FDOT Secretary Anath Prasad

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Florida Department of Transportation Secretary Anath Prasad, now in his third year heading the agency, spoke at the weekly Rotary Club of Baker County's weekly meeting January 22, touting Governor Rick Scott's record on jobs and his commitment to fostering economic growth.

It was his first trip to Macclenny as secretary.

"I appreciated the people who participated in the luncheon," he said afterwards. "They were very focused and understood that the economy is changing for the better and they want to play an active part in it."

His message about economic growth was tempered with acknowledgement that such growth shouldn't come at the expense of public safety, the environment or taxpayers. But once those issues are addressed, the state should "roll out the red carpet," said Mr. Prasad.

"That doesn't mean we ignore water quality or cut forests out, but you know what, if they [businesses] want to invest their capital in this state to grow and create jobs, the least we can do is go with an open attitude to create a win-win solution, not only for them, but for our state and our citizens," said Mr. Prasad.

In stumping for the governor's re-election bid in November, the secretary focused on Florida's job growth, the falling unemployment rate and the state's inherent advantages when it comes to attracting more growth — namely low taxes, nice weather and abundant recreational pursuits that help draw tourists and transplants to the Sunshine State.

"Hopefully you're feeling [the economic recovery] a little bit as a bedroom community to Jacksonville, and obviously a bedroom com-

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Take Bass Pro Shop. If they are talking to you and they want to come to Baker County but they don't have a road to I-10, I will give you a letter saying if you break ground, I'll give you the road. Done deal.

—FDOT Secretary Anath Prasad



PHOTO BY JUD JOHNSON

Wildcats snatch top district spot by defeating Bishop Kenny Friday

The Baker County High School Wildcats basketball team secured the number one seed in the district with a decisive 57-42 victory over district rival, the Bishop Kenny Crusaders, the evening of January 24. Above, Charles Ruise Jr. leaps over defenders for a shot during the game. The boys have two more games before the district tournament begins on February 5. See page 14 and 17 for more basketball coverage, including the Lady Wildcat district tournament win.

4 arrests for having meth labs in vehicles

Traffic stops by county deputies for minor infractions led to felony charges against four persons for being in mobile "meth labs" with ingredients and equipment along with meth residue.

Deputy Robert Simpkins said he stopped a 1997 Dodge van driven by Brian Adams, 54, of Green Cove Springs on South 6th in Macclenny the evening of January 24 after noting he was not wearing a seat belt and that the renewal decal did not belong on his license tag.

The driver consented to a vehicle search and Deputy Simpkins said he found most of the contraband in plastic bags stored in the van's cargo area.

Mr. Adams, along with passengers Thomas Akridge Jr., 25, and Dylan Fain Strickland, 20, both of Macclenny, were arrested for possessing chemicals with the intent to manufacture methamphetamine. The driver faces additional counts for having a straw with meth residue in a jacket pocket and the traffic violations.

Mr. Akridge is facing one count of possessing lab equipment, possession of methamphetamine, and possession of jail contraband for having a handcuff key in his sock discovered when he was searched while being booked.

A third passenger, the driver's son, was not charged.

Mr. Strickland was charged with having the ingredients, a needle found near where he was seated in the rear of the van, and having a Xanax pill on his person when booked.

Just after midnight on



Brian Adams



Thomas Akridge Jr.



Dylan Strickland

LPA approves homes amid opposition

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When Frank Pendleton looks across his wide back yard in Glenwood Subdivision he sees nothing but woods on the other side of Nursery Boulevard, a dirt road between US 90 and CR 125 at Interstate 10 in Glen St. Mary.

He's not happy about how the view will change if plans for a new higher-density subdivision are approved by the county commission next month, following a recommendation of approval by the county's Land Planning Agency last week.

"I know it won't be beneficial to me," Mr. Pendleton told the LPA board during a public hearing on the proposed development on January 23. Some of

his neighbors shared his view. Rock Rhoden, a custom home builder, is seeking to rezone vacant land his family owns on the east side of Nursery Boulevard, just west of Glen St. Mary, from agricultural to residential for new homes starting around 1,500 square feet in size.

The change would increase the allowable density from one dwelling on 7.5 acres to one dwelling per half-acre.

Meanwhile, to the west of Nursery Boulevard, the 1980s-era Glenwood Subdivision consists of large homes well in excess of 2,000-3,000 square feet sitting on lots of one to two acres.

In all, the Rhoden family owns a 30-acre tract, but Mr. Rhoden is only seeking a rezoning and land use change on one 10-acre parcel as phase one. He estimated the first phase could take five to six years to complete.

All three 10-acre sites are planned for homes on both sides of one road ending in a cul-de-sac.

In addition to a new zoning status the application seeks to have the future land use design-

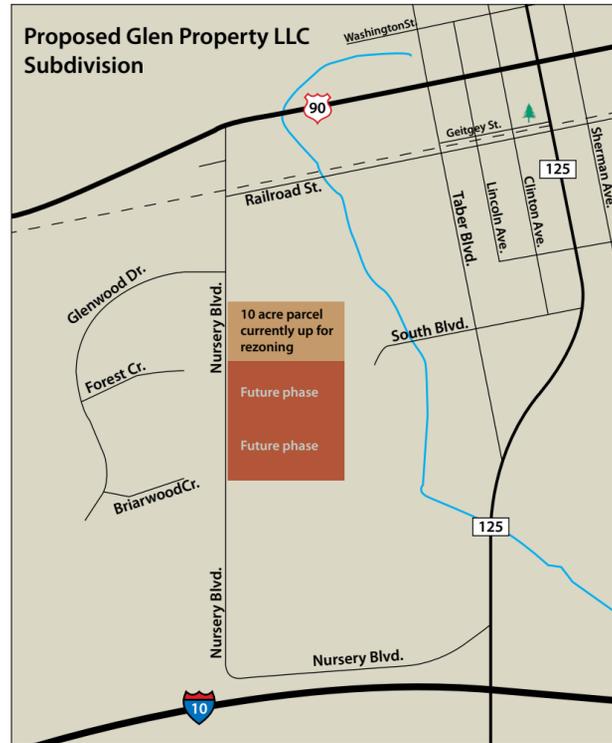
nation changed from Agriculture B, which is intended to be used for "small scale agriculture activities," to Medium Density Residential, which allows up to four units per acre.

Other Glenwood Estates homeowners, many of whom have lived there for over two decades, also raised concerns and objections to the plans, including increased traffic the new subdivision would generate and drainage problems that have plagued the area for years.

Despite those concerns, the board voted 3-1 in favor of Mr. Rhoden's application after county planning director Ed Preston said the Development Review Committee had recommended its approval after Mr. Rhoden agreed to a zoning that only permits conventional housing - no mobile homes.

"The Baker County Planning and Zoning Department," Mr. Preston said, "finds this proposed zoning change and future land use amendment consistent with the land development regulations and comprehensive plan and recommends" its approval.

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GRAPHIC BY JESSICA PREWITT

Map of proposed Glen Property LLC subdivision.

Sidewalk coming to dangerous stretch of 228 south

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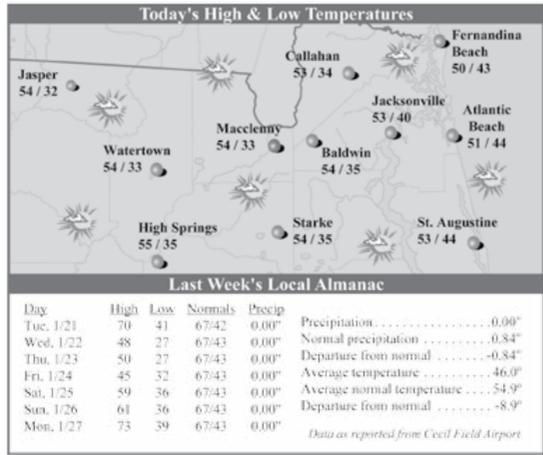


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Not everyone dreads the cold

IMPRESSIONS Jim McGauley

With the waves of Arctic air sweeping down on the Deep South during this winter of 2014, it puts those of us who grew up in the frigid Midwest and Northeast in mind of days gone by.

Everyone reading this over the age of 50 remembers the dreaded "snowsuit" our mothers stuffed us into on those 15 degree days.

One has to watch how one phrases it in northeast Florida, but I genuinely enjoy cold weather. The key, especially as one ages, is cloaking oneself with sufficient layers before venturing outside

Many of us who spent our early years up North don't miss the snow, except in snippets (I ran three miles in zero-degree snow two weekends ago in my hometown of St. Louis and lived to tell you about it).

We'd wake up before dawn after an overnight snowfall and glue ourselves to the radio for the list of school closings. Hearing that "St. Luke's School" was on the list was like hearing your Mom survived the sinking of the Titanic.

I'm not sure how the "global warming" crowd (or "climate change" as it's now described) will spin what's happened in recent weeks in the continental United States, but they will have to contend with facts like snow predicted in New Orleans tonight (my daughter walked home six miles in snow today in Birmingham, AL.)

One won't win a popularity contest touting the benefits of freezing temperatures in Glen St. Mary, but some of us like it anyway.



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FDOT's Prasad touts growth... Mobile meth labs...

From page 1 community to DOT in Lake City with two of our leadership people living here and commuting," he told about two dozen Rotarians and guests, which included city and county officials, businessmen and other FDOT staff, at Church of Christ in Macclenny.

Mr. Prasad also highlighted Gov. Scott's "full funding" of a channel deepening project for the Port of Miami to allow mega-sized ships passing through the soon-to-be widened Panama Canal to dock in South Florida, and how the governor helped streamline the state's environmental permitting process.

Officials across Northeast Florida are pushing for a deepening of the Port of Jacksonville to accommodate the larger cargo ships and boost commerce in the region.

And while Mr. Prasad talked about the importance of the port expansions, and how they could be catalysts for growth in manufacturing and logistics, he cited more localized development, too. He used examples like Starbucks, McDonald's, Walmart, Target and Bass Pro Shop as desirable growth.

"Our job is to make sure if Target is coming, we do what's responsible to taxpayers and what's right from an engineering standpoint, but facilitate a way for the business to come here and flourish," he said. "If they flourish, local folks will work at the store and generate taxes and commerce that helps Baker County," he said. "You do one Starbucks, one McDonald's, one Walmart at a time — that's what creates organic growth the county needs."

While such projects contribute to the local economy by creating new jobs, some have criticized the governor because many of them during his tenure have been in service sectors requiring lower skill levels and garnering lower wages than other more lucrative sectors like healthcare, finance or manufacturing.

Among the roughly 25,000 jobs added in Florida in December, a monthly employment report from payroll company ADP shows, some 21,000 were service sector jobs versus about 4,000 product-producing jobs.

In the Jacksonville metro area, which includes Baker County, the biggest job gains

during the last year have occurred in the retail sector, adding an estimated 56,900 jobs, according to WorkSource's monthly jobs report released Friday.

Mr. Prasad has some good news for the transportation industry, however. The secretary said the state expects its second \$1-billion budget surplus in as many years for fiscal year 2014-15, and he and governor are seeking a record amount of money for transportation infrastructure, specifically projects with the potential to increase commerce.

The design and engineering of a bypass road from US 90 east of Macclenny to SR 228 South near the interstate and Walmart is one such project that's already funded.

At the meeting, FDOT District 2 urban transportation development manager and Macclenny resident James Bennett announced that state grant money for the job has been allocated and the county commission could receive a contract on the project in the next six-to-eight weeks. The design and engineering grant is about \$650,000.

Once built, the road will open up large swaths of vacant property in the east county to development, much of it owned by the Knabb and Barber families.

"Great things are happening," said Mr. Prasad, adding the governor's budget recommendations, to be released by month's end, will include \$8.8 billion for FDOT capital projects.

"Next year's transportation budget is going to be the record budget year ever in the history of the department and

the state," he said, signaling his confidence that state lawmakers, which craft Florida's budget, will follow the recommendations.

FDOT contractors are already working in many parts of the county on roads, bridges and sidewalks (see related story on page X). Following his talk, Secretary Prasad said by e-mail that funding for such projects are based largely on gas tax revenues from each county, and presently, Baker County is getting transportation funding as required by state statutes.

But in the next five years, he said, Baker County will see a "slightly higher" amount in revenue return to the community than what's called for by the statutory formula.

"However, the overall funding is consistent over time," said Mr. Prasad. "We remain focused on projects that provide economic benefits to our rural counties. Projects such as the truck bypass provide relief to issues created by trucks, allows for economic development opportunities and improves opportunities for a rural county to create jobs."

The secretary has worked under three governors at FDOT and called Gov. Scott "one of the best bosses to work with" because as an engineer he and the governor both work with "numbers and facts."

"He's very direct," said the secretary. Following Mr. Prasad's talk, Chamber of Commerce director Darryl Register was direct as well, sharing with the secretary a significant hurdle Baker County has faced in attracting new businesses to the county's ample supply of vacant land.

Mr. Register said, "We'd

love to have automobile assembly plants but the challenge we have is the infrastructure to serve our land, even great industrial land. And it's not just the transportation part of it. Under the rules we've operated under for many years, there's no funds available for infrastructure until you get the jobs on the hook. In last 10 years, companies are not willing to wait the time to get infrastructure in place because there's so many other sites with infrastructure already available."

The Chamber director did note that Enterprise Florida, a private-public partnership headed by the governor and Florida Secretary of Commerce Gray Swoope, is working to change the rules to make funding for infrastructure available for rural counties before companies commit to bringing jobs to Florida.

"It's kind of a chicken and egg thing," Mr. Prasad responded.

"I can't speak for Enterprise Florida or other utilities like water and sewer, but for roads, I'll tell you this, and you can take it to the bank," said the secretary. "Take Bass Pro Shop. If they are talking to you and they want to come to Baker County but they don't have a road to I-10, I will give you a letter saying if you break ground, I'll give you the road. Done deal."

Visit www.bakercounty-press.com to see video of the secretary's full speech.

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January 21, Deputy Trey McCullough stopped a north-bound 1993 Pontiac on CR 127 after it twice crossed the center line.

Driver Brandon Dicks, 28, of Lake City agreed to a vehicle search after the deputy found a small amount of marijuana on him, and it yielded similar equipment and ingredients to make meth.

Ingredients routinely include items like batteries, muriatic acid, coffee filters, tubes, tear-off cold compresses and over-the-counter cold medicine containing pseudoephedrine.

The officer also learned that Mr. Dicks is on probation for burglary in Columbia County.

In other drug-related cases: • Three occupants of a 2001 Toyota stopped late on January 20 on CR 127 north of Sanderson ended up in county jail charged with felony possession of cocaine.

Deputy Simpkins said he stopped the vehicle about 11 pm after noting that driver Rashaad Church, 22, had no seat belt and the vehicle had a cracked windshield.

Just over \$200 found on the driver was seized as evidence because of the pending trafficking charge.

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His taste in vehicles falls short of a Jaguar

My son Dylan is sitting across from me discussing cars as he reads about Motor Trend's Car of the Year (a Cadillac).

"There's always something about a Lincoln that I just hate (the grill) and always something that I just love (the tail end). I wonder why that is?"

Got me. "Hey what is this Kia doing in with Jaguar F Types and Mercedes?"

Got me. Really, I don't know. I have no idea how people choose cars. I try to pick something that is fuel efficient, relatively safe, inexpensive and doesn't look too hideous to drive. That's how I've always picked my cars — which should be obvious from what I cruise around town in.

I drive a used Toyota Tacoma, a little truck. It has no heated seats, no power windows, no cruise control, no Internet access, no GPS. Basically, it has an engine and a body. It suits me just fine.

Other folks must have all the comforts of home at a price similar to that of a home. What they drive and how they look driving is very important. As a result they pick a car or

truck that costs the same as a mobile home.

Unless I need a truck that can pull a 747 or drive through raging fires like in the television commercials, I don't think I need to spend \$65,000 on it, let alone a car that costs that much. Unless I plan on living in it.

"This Aston Martin Vantage S has 500 brake horsepower." That's nice. Try driving through Waldo at 187 mph and see what that gets you. I might be driving a great looking James Bond car, but as much as I may think differently, I'm still not going to look like Daniel Craig driving it.

When I step onto a car lot, I realize that. A good car salesman knows just looking at a customer if their car buying experience is going to be about — Love.

So many people walk onto a car lot knowing exactly how much they want to spend and what they want to buy and are surprised when they drive off the lot in something completely different. Halfway home they think, "How did this happen? How did I wind up in this car that I can't afford?"

Love. Pure and simple. They were convinced to love the car. They were assured

that they looked great in that convertible Mazda Miata and given the picture of driving down palm tree lined streets with, as Don Henley crooned in Boys of Summer, "Your hair pulled back and those Wayfarers on baby." What a great image.

Doesn't work for me. I'm too much the pragmatist to buy a convertible sports car. A convertible means I would have to clean out the back seat or all my fast food cups and school papers would blow out. I would have to pick bugs out of my teeth and I'd drive through a surprise rain shower.

Nope. No 180 mph, cherry red sports car that has a growl like a grizzly bear for me. No matter what I would do, people would drive by, shake their heads and say, "What is he doing in that car?" I know, because I've said the same thing about others.

Don't believe me? Here's a list of the cars I have owned as proof. My grandfather's pink Rambler Ambassador station wagon with push button ignition was my first hand-me-down. Why my grandfather had a pink car is a mystery to me.

A 1968 Chevy Impala convertible with a dry-rotted top that wouldn't lower. I got the car for \$500 after the brakes failed on the Ambassador at 65 mph and I had to run into a tree to keep from being killed at an intersection. The Impala's canvas roof leaked so badly that I once tried using an umbrella as I drove to FSU in a rainstorm.

A used Dodge Dart Swinger. My favorite car and the only one with a little style. It dropped its transmission in the parking lot of the Holiday Inn where I was a waiter.

A succession of three Plymouth Colts built by Mitsubishi. Great cars that looked like a milk carton on wheels. A Mazda van in child rearing years. A Chevy Venture van. A Town and Country van that was a really nice vehicle. The truck. Finally, a Subaru Outback that is probably the best car we've ever owned.

As you can see, I'm not exactly a slave to fashion. It wouldn't matter if I was. You can dress me up in a really nice, expensive suit and send me out in the world and within 20 minutes I will look like

I pulled that suit out of a pile on the floor. I attract wrinkles like garbage attracts flies. So it's pointless for me to look longingly at the Motor Trend Car of the Year and its collection of Jaguars and



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Shop local for Valentines Day

As guys and gals prepare to show each other how much they love each other on Valentines Day, we turned to Facebook to brainstorm gift ideas from right here in Baker County. We posted, "Valentine's Day is quickly approaching! Share a recommendation for local businesses selling gifts for that special someone." Here's a look at the responses:

Kellina Crews: Liked this. Mistee Adcock: Our one and only Sugar and Spice. Ms. Laura Livingston will hook you up. Love them. Connie Walker: Classy Crossroads — if you don't know her size, don't guess. Get a gift certificate. Super friendly staff.

Jennifer Ann Bennett: Gift card from PRN Scrub Boutique! Every nurse/medical staff needs new scrubs!

Allison Broughton: Reflections Photography for couples' portraits. King Nails for couples' pedicures.

Richard Clark: That is my birthday so my recommendation is to spoil me on that day.

Theresa Rhoden: Elegance in Bloom.

Molly Williams Graham: Dreamette Macclenny, FL has gift certificates and will be open on Valentines Day!

VjandKeri Katz: Whoever does facials/massages in town. Great gift idea!

Kudos for BCHS cheerleaders

After we swapped out our Facebook cover photo of the Baker County High School competitive cheerleaders, our readers were quick to offer their congratulations and compliments on the team's recent wins. Here's what they had to say:

Tammy Raulerson: Great group of girls! So very proud! Let's bring home a state ring girls!

Lisa Chaney Chacon: Beautiful! Go Wildcats! Class of '78!

Phyllis Kirchain Beasley: Beautiful ladies. Debbie Aabye Griffin: Love that

LETTER TO THE EDITOR 'Pow-Wow' video 'clumsy'

Dear Editor: I would like to expound briefly on the article in the January 9th edition of The Press about the YouTube "Pow-Wow" video.

I don't think the video was deliberately insensitive or meant to be a mean-spirited mockery. However, it was a clumsy and disrespectful interpretation of Native American customs. Mr. (Mark) Hartley, the faculty sponsor for the (BCHS) History Club commented that this was just "kids being kids." I agree, but as an adult and school employee it is his responsibility to provide guidance.

This was a gross departure from anything that could be construed as educational. The article noted that Mr. Hartley serves on the county commission. I would think his personal experience as a public official and former history teacher would make him more sensible to the plight of different ethnic groups.

Native Americans have a rich and amazing culture. They are indigenous to this continent and should be honored thoughtfully. It was the content and not the intent of this video that caused such an immediate and negative response from people.

Mr. Hartley also said "... they are making more out of it than it was." I'm surprised at his brassiness in the face of national criticism. Sometimes people use bad judgement and it's always best to acknowledge it and move on gracefully and with class.

The History Club should implement some changes to be cognizant of the feelings of our fellow man. Positive change, no matter how marginal, signifies progress.

Don't view my commentary as an indictment on Mr. Hartley's character, because we all make mistakes. I bid him godspeed in the hope that he uses his standing as a facilitator and educator to cultivate the minds of our youth with a knowledge and respect for other cultures.

Gerard Church Macclenny resident Mariama Federal Correctional Institution

Advertisement for eye care featuring a pair of glasses and the text: Amanda Geiger never saw the drunk driver. Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk.

LPA okays home tracts near Glen

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The first proposed 17-lot subdivision, the northernmost of the three sites, lies just a few hundred feet south of Glenwood Drive, the entrance to Glenwood Estates. A retention pond and the neighborhood street would take up the remaining acreage.

Mr. Rhoden said the custom homes he wants to build would be an asset to the community and would provide jobs and affordable housing for new families. He said he would not build "a typical tract subdivision where all the houses look the same."

"We don't feel like we're deviating from what's around there," he said.

Not everybody agreed, however. Most of the comments expressed by Glenwood residents had to do with the fact that the houses and lots would be considerably smaller than those across the street and could potentially put a drag on their property values.

Jim McGauley, publisher of *The Baker County Press* who resides on a 30-acre farm bordering the Rhoden property to the north, asked Mr. Rhoden what he meant when he said the size of houses he wants to build would be "market driven."

Mr. Rhoden replied that he simply meant 1,500 square feet

of living space "would be the smallest."

Mr. McGauley also wanted to know if Mr. Rhoden would be required to extend the pavement on Nursery Boulevard from Glenwood Drive to his property.

"Are you committed to do what they say tonight? Are they bound by this?" Mr. McGauley asked.

Mr. Preston's reply was yes, if Mr. Rhoden builds his subdivision he will be required to extend the pavement.

In that case, Mr. McGauley said the new neighborhood could be "a very viable residential area in the coming years."

George Weeks, president of the Glenwood Landowners Association, said poor drainage has been a problem in the vicinity for many years, especially along Nursery Boulevard where numerous washouts have occurred during heavy rains.

Mr. Preston said the St. Johns River Water Management District will review the plans and engineering to determine the appropriate size of retention ponds that will be required to "hold that water on site."

After a brief presentation Dr. Weeks noted that drainage was his only concern, adding, "Glenwood is not against this. We hope it goes well."

Anthony Sedell, who has

lived across the road from Mr. Rhoden's property for six years, said he didn't see how the developer was going to control drainage with houses on half-acre lots in an area that's basically "a swamp."

"I don't think that's possible," Mr. Sedell said. "We put eight loads of dirt on our two acres to make our property less swampy. I don't know where in the heck all this water's going to go across the street."

Mr. Sedell said he was worried that "our property values are going to plummet when these houses are built."

The estimated completion time for the project - up to six years for phase one, alone - was also a major concern to Mr. Pendleton.

Mr. Rhoden said if he were required to connect to the town's municipal utility system he would have to build twice as many houses - four per acre - to make the project financially feasible.

Since the project is so small it will not require state review and approval, meaning that if the county commission gives a thumbs up to Mr. Rhoden's plans he can begin construction immediately. The commission will vote on the proposal after a public hearing at 6 pm on February 18.

After the board voted 3-1 to support the request Mr. Adams submitted a written dissenting opinion, including his concerns about additional traffic, a desire not to mix agricultural zones with medium density residential, and the potential damage to Nursery Boulevard and drainage ditches.

He also noted that the Town of Glen St. Mary has a central water utility system and "partial city sewer," suggesting that Mr. Rhoden could possibly tap into the municipal utility lines.

Mr. Preston said the site may be developed with private wells and septic tanks, as Glen St. Mary's municipal water and sewer system has not been extended that far west.

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The project is scheduled for completion this summer though bad weather or other unforeseen circumstances may push the end date further into the future.

The state transportation agency estimates it will take two months to complete a second safety-related project in the same vicinity - installation of 13 high-mast lights at the I-10 interchanges with SR 121 and SR 228.

The \$2.1 million project also includes 2.3 miles of median guardrail on the interstate running between the busy interchanges.

FDOT hired Anderson-Columbia Company of Lake City to complete the projects. Spokeswoman Laurie Windham of the agency's district office said periodic lane closures may be necessary on I-10, and on both the entrance and exit ramps at both interchanges.

The closures are not allowed on weekends.

228 sidewalk, I-10 lights and guardrail projects commence

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Construction was scheduled to begin this week on a South 5th Street sidewalk to more safely direct pedestrians from the intersection with Lowder Street where the current sidewalk ends to the Walmart Supercenter to the north.

The highly-trafficked stretch of South 5th was the site of a vehicle versus pedestrian crash that killed 61-year-old George C. Crawford.

The victim was riding in a motorized wheelchair heading north on the road shoulder in November, 2011 when a truck heading the same way struck the wheelchair and ejected Mr. Crawford. He died from his injuries about two months later.

Engineering work on the new sidewalk began in 2012 and construction was set to start January 28, but was likely delayed due to rain.

The sidewalk will run along the west side of South 5th between William Barber Road, the northern most entrance to the Walmart shopping center, and Lowder. The project will also include drainage improvements and widening of the southbound turn lane into Walmart to accommodate a new bike lane.

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BAKER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Recognizes Sanderson scholars

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The Baker County School Board had only one item on its January 21 agenda beyond routine business, so the majority of the roughly hour-long meeting recognized students from the Sanderson area for their academic achievements.

"One of us in this room could be a valedictorian one day," said Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson to those gathered at Sanderson Congregational Holiness Church. The school board periodically meets in communities out-

side Macclenny to honor the achievements of students in those areas.

Students' names were announced and then they shook hands with board members before receiving a medal and certificate noting their academic prowess.

The recognitions came after Baker County Middle School received a \$1500 check from First Federal Bank of Florida. BCMS principal Sherry Barrett said the money will fund a new school sign.

"We really appreciate that," she said to the bank's president Dana Wood.

Ms. Wood also presented Baker County High School with a check in the same amount. It will go toward the girls softball complex.

After approving routine employment items - like replacing data processor and instructional assistant Rebecca V. Satterwhite, who resigned, with Alicia D. Chauncey - the school board approved unanimously an inter-agency agreement with 21 other partners to guide "a seamless community-wide and family-focused" transition for children with disabilities from birth and early childhood to first grade and be-

yond, the agreement states. The agreement expires in 2016.

The next school board meeting is scheduled for February 3 at 6:30 pm at the school board office on South Boulevard East, when school-related employees of the year will be recognized.

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of living space "would be the smallest."

Mr. McGauley also wanted to know if Mr. Rhoden would be required to extend the pavement on Nursery Boulevard from Glenwood Drive to his property.

"Are you committed to do what they say tonight? Are they bound by this?" Mr. McGauley asked.

Mr. Preston's reply was yes, if Mr. Rhoden builds his subdivision he will be required to extend the pavement.

In that case, Mr. McGauley said the new neighborhood could be "a very viable residential area in the coming years."

George Weeks, president of the Glenwood Landowners Association, said poor drainage has been a problem in the vicinity for many years, especially along Nursery Boulevard where numerous washouts have occurred during heavy rains.

Mr. Preston said the St. Johns River Water Management District will review the plans and engineering to determine the appropriate size of retention ponds that will be required to "hold that water on site."

After a brief presentation Dr. Weeks noted that drainage was his only concern, adding, "Glenwood is not against this. We hope it goes well."

Anthony Sedell, who has

lived across the road from Mr. Rhoden's property for six years, said he didn't see how the developer was going to control drainage with houses on half-acre lots in an area that's basically "a swamp."

"I don't think that's possible," Mr. Sedell said. "We put eight loads of dirt on our two acres to make our property less swampy. I don't know where in the heck all this water's going to go across the street."

Mr. Sedell said he was worried that "our property values are going to plummet when these houses are built."

The estimated completion time for the project - up to six years for phase one, alone - was also a major concern to Mr. Pendleton.

Mr. Rhoden said if he were required to connect to the town's municipal utility system he would have to build twice as many houses - four per acre - to make the project financially feasible.

FDOT has contracted with Marquee Development, Inc. of Tampa to complete the job for \$343,355. The work is expected to take place on weekdays from 7 am to 4:30 pm with lane closures only after 8:30 am.

The project is scheduled for completion this summer though bad weather or other unforeseen circumstances may push the end date further into the future.

The state transportation agency estimates it will take two months to complete a second safety-related project in the same vicinity - installation of 13 high-mast lights at the I-10 interchanges with SR 121 and SR 228.

The \$2.1 million project also includes 2.3 miles of median guardrail on the interstate running between the busy interchanges.

FDOT hired Anderson-Columbia Company of Lake City to complete the projects. Spokeswoman Laurie Windham of the agency's district office said periodic lane closures may be necessary on I-10, and on both the entrance and exit ramps at both interchanges.

The closures are not allowed on weekends.

Daylight burglary near Sanderson

A daytime burglary at a residence in north Sanderson on January 21 resulted in the loss of an estimated \$2800 in property, including a pricey Rolex watch.

Schlinda Ruise said she returned to her Dolphin St. residence about 2:30 that afternoon to find it had been entered through a rear door. Missing property also included two televisions, an electronic game, two laptops and two jewelry boxes and contents.

Deputy Jeremiah Johnson said it appeared the mobile home was entered by breaking glass on the door and reaching around to unlock it.

Two neighbors said they saw three persons behind the residence earlier that day. Ms. Ruise had been away since 9 am.

In other incidents:

- Donna Davis said someone entered her trailer off Barber Rd. in south Macclenny during the night on January 12 while she was sleeping and removed two black boxes.
- She told Deputy Michael Clark the boxes contained keepsakes and car titles, along with her checkbook, identification cards and medication.
- A neighbor that Ms. Davis said might be responsible denied involvement, as did her brother who lives with her.
- A complaint for criminal mischief was filed on January 22 naming Christopher Cole, 24, of Maxville for punching out the window of a rear door at the residence of Randy Walker on North Boulevard in Mac-

clenny.

- Mr. Cole, who along with Jamie Siegers, 36, was invited there the previous evening by Mr. Walker, who told Deputy Trey McCullough he ordered them to leave when the accused became angry at the other guest.
- The suspect allegedly damaged the door on his way out.
- An organization assisting the disabled that is contracted for maintenance at the two I-10 rest stops west of Sanderson reported on January 23 that a \$450 backpack blower was stolen, and shortly after someone attempted to pawn it in Lake City.
- The theft took place in the early afternoon.

Arrest for attacking sleeping girlfriend

Police arrested a Macclenny man for an early morning attack January 22 on his sleeping girlfriend at their residence on MLK Dr.

Sharon Tisdale, 28, accused Joseph Reed, 25, of grabbing her by the forehead and biting her on both the forehead and forearm during an altercation after he returned home just after midnight.

Deputy Robert Simpkins said the woman's head and arm bore signs of the attack, and that police had been called to the residence several times before when Mr. Reed started altercations after coming home drunk.

Ms. Tisdale's 5-year-old son witnessed the attack. Mr. Reed was jailed for domestic battery.

In a case that involved a brother attacking his sister, Eugina Godwin, 32, had bruising and marks on her face and throat that she told police were inflicted by Marlin Mette, 34, the evening of January 21.

Ms. Godwin and her mother Katherine Mette, 62, told

Deputy Koty Crews that Mr. Mette became enraged when his sister called his girlfriend a derogatory name. He then allegedly struck her several times about the face and head, choked her and threw her against a wall before leaving their residence on South Boulevard.

The victim also said her brother and mother denied her use of a phone to call police, so she did so from a neighbor's.

Deputy Simpkins said Mr. Mette returned to the residence later that evening and was arrested for both felony and misdemeanor battery.

- A complaint was filed naming Wendell Meadows,

45, of St. George, GA for violating a protective order by going to the residence of estranged wife Sharon Meadows, 32, on W. Stansel in Macclenny.

The wife told Deputy Thomas Dyal she was awakened shortly after midnight by the alarm on her 1999 Honda and saw Mr. Meadows drive off in it. They own the vehicle jointly.

- Criminal complaints for battery were filed January 24 against both male patients, ages 25 and 34, involved in a fight at Northeast Florida State Hospital, and against a 22-year-old female patient for an alleged attack on another female, age 55.

LPA okays additional dwelling

Mike Anderson, Press Staff

Glen St. Mary Town Councilman Dickie Foster's request for higher-density zoning to accommodate a second dwelling on five acres on Brandyvine Lane was approved 4-1 by the Land Planning Agency last week.

The tract is on a private, unpaved road just north of Cotton-

tail Lane, another private, unpaved road east of Bob Burned Road.

The applicant said he had given his daughter the front 2.5 acres and he planned to build his new home in back. The board voted 3-1 to grant the request, with Mr. Adams casting the sole dissenting vote.

In other cases the evening of January 23, the LPA board

unanimously approved a request for a special exception to subdivision regulations to permit a temporary family lot on 7.5 acres in Cedar Creek Farms north of Claude Harvey Road.

The applicant, Traian Jurovski, told the board he plans to build a new house for himself and he wants to let his sister live on 2.5 acres.

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-William J. Bunnell; ARRT, MS Radiological Sciences, CRA Executive Director of Medical Imaging (Retired), Jacksonville, FL.

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Will explore ice machine lease

MIKE ANDERSON
PRESS STAFF

There's not much demand for ice water among county road department employees working outdoors on cold, winter days. But for most of the year the county has to keep a steady supply of ice on hand to help keep work crews hydrated during warmer weather. And it's not cheap.

The county spent about \$10,000 on bagged ice purchased from Reddy Ice in the past two years, which is why the Board of County Commissioners recently asked County Manager C.J. Thompson to explore the possibility of buying an ice machine so the county could make its own frozen water.

But after Mr. Thompson reported his findings to the commission during a board meeting on January 21, officials decided against doing so due to the initial expense and costly

maintenance requirements. Instead, they decided to pursue the possibility of leasing a machine.

Commission Chairman Jimmy Anderson said he has been leaning toward leasing the equipment for some time and leaving maintenance up to the contractor.

"Ice machines break down a lot and repairs are very expensive," said Mr. Anderson, a roofing contractor who knows a thing or two about working outdoors in all kinds of weather. "I'm not interested in purchasing it."

Even if the county did buy an ice making machine, Mr. Thompson said the work force is stretched so thin that no one would be available to pick up ice and distribute it to work crews.

Besides, he added, if the county bought its own ice machine a filtration system would be needed, too, because the water at the road department building is loaded with iron and sul-

fur and, as such, not very desirable to drink. A filtration system would cost roughly \$1,800 to \$2,000, or one could be leased for \$30 to \$40 monthly, Mr. Thompson said. The price for a commercial ice machine would probably be \$2,500 to \$3,000, or one could be leased for \$75 to \$100 a month, he said.

"These prices are all estimates," he said in a written report to the board. "Better prices may be available through the formal procurement process."

Commissioners asked the county manager to obtain at least three price quotes for leasing the equipment and report back to the board with a recommendation at the next meeting on February 4.

Meanwhile, Mr. Thompson said he would see if he could negotiate a cheaper price for ice purchased from Reddy Ice, which he said presently charges the county \$1.76 per bag.

Plan to update CR 250 drainage

MIKE ANDERSON
PRESS STAFF

Eighteen months after Tropical Storm Debby rolled through the region, efforts remain to fix the damage done or protect against future damage are ongoing.

The latest project funded mostly by the federal government — improving drainage and culverts along CR 250 — was approved by the Baker County Commission on January 21. The area was heavily damaged by high winds and flooding caused by the storm.

Adam Faircloth, the county's emergency management director, said the first phase of the project will be limited to engineering and calculations necessary to complete the construction by 2015.

County road and bridge workers will do much of the work on culverts and ditches to meet the county's matching contribution of \$18,750. The federal government would pay the remaining \$56,250.

Commissioner Mark Hartley said he hoped the improvements would prevent the scope of flooding that occurred during Debby when some people could not even get out of their own homes because of all the water surrounding their property.

"People can't be trapped like that again," Mr. Hartley said. "It was bad."

In other business during its regular meeting that evening, the board:

- Approved a contract with the Florida Department of Transportation for resurfacing and installation of a box culvert on the extension of CR 127 North at Bluff Creek.

- Directed the county manager, at the suggestion of Commissioner Adam Giddens, to explore the possibility of obtaining less expensive general liability and automobile insurance. Currently, Mr. Giddens said, the county pays \$400,000 a year to the Florida League of Cities for the insurance.

- Rejected a proposed contract with county Emergency Medical Services personnel and sent it back to the bargaining table to resume negotiations. The main stumbling block had to do with how compensation is calculated for personnel for vacation and overtime pay.

"We can go back to the drawing table," Mr. Thompson told commissioners. "But we may have to bring them (union negotiators) in and have the board negotiate with them directly."



Macclenny Nursing and Rehab's management team pose for a photo with the facility's 2014 annual survey results. Pictured are (back l-r) Barbara Nicholls, Tracy Bute, Becky Raulerson (hidden), Kristi Carter, Art Pritchard, Theresa Harris, (middle l-r) Julie Crockett, Sarah Underwood, Amy Crawford, Bambi Barber, Ginger Crews, (front l-r) Ron Harris, administrator John C. Simmons, nursing director Amy Hunter and Melves Alston.

'No deficiencies' in inspection

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Macclenny Nursing and Rehab Center of Macclenny achieved a very rare feat last December by passing an annual health and safety inspection with no deficiencies. Only eight of the state's 676 nursing homes did so last year.

"It's only the second time in 10 years I've been here that it's happened," said Macclenny Nursing's top administrator John C. Simmons. He said he was very proud of his staff for its commitment to achieving a clean inspection report, which he received earlier this month.

"This is a very rare occurrence," added LuMarie Polivka-West, senior policy director for the Florida Health Care Association, which advocates for assisted living facilities statewide. She said in the year 2012, Florida only had 17 deficiency-free annual surveys.

The surveys are performed periodically by inspectors for Florida's Agency for Health Care Administration, or ACHA, the state regulatory arm of the federal Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, which

funds much of the nursing home care for seniors and the disabled. As such, assisted living facilities are highly-regulated.

Annual surveys evaluate the facility itself, the food served to patients, the medical care administered and the services and programs offered to patients, among other measures, like information gleaned from interviews with the patients.

While no deficiencies were found at Macclenny Nursing, a privately-owned for-profit facility built in 1989, during its 2013 inspection, ACHA uncovered six fire safety violations and five medical violations the previous year, all of which were corrected upon re-inspection.

The fire code violations included not properly maintaining and testing the fire suppression system and failing to train certain staff on proper fire safety procedures. The medical violations consisted of failing to properly assess patients for hospice care, follow sanitation and hygiene procedures and properly keep clinical records.

The nearly 47,000-square-foot facility is licensed for 120 patients, while the other assisted living center in Macclenny, W. Frank Wells Nursing Home is smaller with

68 beds and about 22,000 square feet. The latter facility, constructed in 1997, is managed by the nonprofit Baker County Medical Services, Inc.

Frank Wells has not had a deficiency free annual survey since 2004, the earliest year for which records were available, said ACHA's press secretary Shelisha Coleman.

ACHA's inspection records show Frank Wells was cited during its most-recent annual survey last November for three violations — not keeping patient funds in interest-bearing bank accounts, failing to provide flu shot literature to patients who received the vaccine and not completing background checks on employees as required.

The deficiencies were corrected the following month.

ACHA inspection reports are available online at http://apps.acha.myflorida.com/dm_web/.

There's also a federal website, <http://www.medicare.gov/nursinghomecompare>, where consumers can compare nursing homes based on a five-star rating system. That site gives Macclenny Nursing an overall rating of five stars, compared to Frank Wells' overall rating of three stars.

Going 107 mph before DUI arrest

A Sanderson man whose pickup truck was clocked on Interstate 10 west of Glen St. Mary at 107 miles per hour was arrested for drunk driving during the early morning hours of January 24.

Deputy Matt Riegel said he was on patrol about 12:25 am exiting the interstate at Glen when he spotted a 2011 Dodge abruptly back up on Nursery Blvd. near 125, then enter the westbound ramp after crossing a grassy area.

The deputy gave chase and recorded the speed of the pickup driven by Kyle Cooper, 29, before stopping it as the vehicle exited at CR 229. The pickup veered in and out of its lane while on the interstate.

The driver had a strong odor of alcohol and failed several sobriety tests at the scene before he was taken to county jail where he refused to submit to a breath test, which by law triggers a DUI charge.

Mr. Cooper was also ticketed for having an expired li-

cence tag.

In another drunk driving case, Andrea Doss, 20, of St. Augustine was charged after her vehicle was observed crossing the center line on Woodlawn Rd. the afternoon of January 21.

Sheriff's investigator Matt Yarbrough said he was behind Ms. Doss' 2004 Chevrolet when it ran up on the median after turning north onto SR 121 shortly after 2 pm. She failed field sobriety testing by Deputy Daryl Mobley and blew an .08 at county jail on the breathalyzer, the minimum required for intoxication.

One of the vehicle's occupants, Jason Eddins, 37, of Macclenny was arrested at the scene for disorderly intoxication and resisting arrest without violence after he continually cursed at officers and refused to exit Ms. Doss' vehicle.

Mr. Eddins was tased by Sgt. Ben Anderson after he re-

sisted being handcuffed.

While Mr. Eddins was being medically cleared at Fraser Hospital before he was taken to jail, Deputy Trey McCullough arrested Jackie David Mercer, 58, of Sanderson for disorderly intoxication and resisting arrest without violence.

Mr. Mercer, accompanied by his girlfriend, created a disturbance in the waiting room of Fraser's ER about 4:40 pm and refused to calm himself when confronted outside by the deputy. The girlfriend said he had been drinking and taking prescription medicine, and had sought treatment for an unknown malady at Fraser.

• Deputy Koty Crews arrested Randall Barton Jr., 24, near his residence on Tom Wilkerson Rd. in north Macclenny the evening of January 26.

Police had been called to the area two times before during a two-hour period that night to calm Mr. Barton, who

was drunk and attempting to start fights with his father and others.

When Deputy Crews arrived, the suspect was arguing loudly with his girlfriend and had a large contusion on his forehead that he said was from falling on a fence. He was charged with disorderly intoxication.

• Theron Walker Jr., 38, of Macclenny was arrested for disorderly conduct at Mac's Liquors downtown early on January 25 after police were called for the third time due to his behavior.

Deputy McCullough said he confronted Mr. Walker on an outdoor patio about 12:30 am after the bar manager complained he was cursing loudly and attempting to start fights.

Mr. Walker said he became upset because his estranged wife was talking to another man inside the bar.

Arrested for possessing, then pawning a 9mm pistol

A Sanderson man has been charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon after a sheriff's investigator learned he pawned a 9 mm pistol in October.



Eddie Bishara

Eddie Bishara, 40, was taken into custody on January 23 after Investigator Rodney Driggers determined that information he supplied on burglaries in the Sanderson area last year was insufficient to make arrests.

When he interviewed Mr. Bishara in October, the investigator said he had the gun in his possession only a short time and it was given to him by his father in Jacksonville to pawn for cash. The transaction turned up in a routine search of records at Pavdersons in Macclenny.

In that earlier interview, Mr. Bishara offered to cooperate with police on the burglary cases in return for leniency on the felony charge.

Investigator Driggers noted in his recent re-

port that Mr. Bishara admitted asking his father to bring the weapon to Baker County so he could pawn it.

The suspect was placed on a ten-year-probation in 2009 for attempted drug trafficking and served time in prison for selling drugs.

Deputies the past week made a trio of arrests on outstanding warrants, all involving people at county jail as inmates or a visitor.

• Daniel Nobles, 24, of Jacksonville was checking in at the jail as a visitor on January 20 when authorities learned he was wanted in Clay County for violating probation for illegal dumping of trash.

• Two days later, inmate Lauren Bryant, 24, of Atlantic Beach was served with a Duval County warrant for bringing contraband into a prison.

• Lynwood Kirk, 37, of Lawtey was in jail on January 23 for felony driving on a suspended license when served with a Charlton County, GA warrant for violating probation on a marijuana growing count and bringing contraband into the jail.

Mr. Kirk also has a St. George, GA address.

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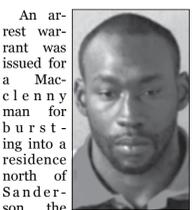
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Ricky Tisdale

An arrest warrant was issued for a Macclenny man for burgling into a residence north of Sanderson the evening of January 25 and threatening another man at gunpoint.

Ricky Tisdale, 31, allegedly became angry when he tele-

phoned Shakeria Harmon, 21, also of Macclenny, wanting to see their child. Ms. Harmon, who was at the residence on Tony Givens Rd. when the incident took place, told Deputy Trey McCullough that Mr. Tisdale had been making threatening calls to her all day.

That evening she asked Demetris Paige, 22, to answer the phone if Mr. Tisdale called again, and he confirmed they had a conversation just prior to the suspect coming to the residence and pointing what was described as a black semi-automatic pistol at him while making verbal threats.

Deputy McCullough said Mr. Tisdale left the address before he arrived, reportedly in a 2013 Toyota belonging to Robin Phillips, 38, of Fort White. Other officers were alerted that the suspect may have returned to his residence in Macclenny, and questioned Ms. Phillips, who refused to reveal his whereabouts.

Ms. Phillips told Deputy McCullough the next day she argued with Mr. Tisdale the previous evening and never saw him again. He then allegedly phoned her earlier that day and denied making the armed threat.

The warrant is for felony aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

A complaint was filed by the same deputy the evening of January 25 alleging simple assault by Manda Wainwright, 47, for allegedly making threats at the residence of Wade Harvey Jr., 44, on Frank Combs Circle in the north county.

The report also notes that an active protection order forbids Ms. Wainwright to have contact with estranged boyfriend Charles Hobson, 68, who was also at the address that night around 7:30.

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Infant's mother caught stealing beer

Police filed a criminal complaint naming a Glen St. Mary woman who pleaded that she not be arrested for shoplifting at Walmart on January 24 because she had to be home caring for her sick 1-month-old baby.

Among the items that Dominique Daniels, 27, was attempting to steal from the store late that afternoon were two cases of beer.

A store security employee told Deputy Robert Simpkins he observed Ms. Daniels exit through the garden center with a cart containing merchandise that also included laundry products. She had no receipt and the items were not in bags, but she continually denied stealing them.

The items were valued at \$72, the largest portion in beer.

• Two days earlier, Deputy Thomas Dyal arrested Danielle Hansen, 22, of Baldwin for attempting to steal \$226 worth of merchandise, including a baby seat she was seen taking out of its box and presenting to the customer service desk attempting to get cash.

A store employee told Deputy Dyal that Ms. Hansen was refused a refund, then took the baby seat out to her vehicle and returned to the store where she placed other merchandise, mostly bath items, in a shopping bag before attempting to leave.

• Rebecca Bailey, 38, of Macclenny was arrested in the early afternoon of January 21 for switching tags on clothing at Walmart, then paying \$16 for merchandise with a \$75 retail value.

In what appears to be a case of Social Security fraud, a 42-year-old north county man reported to the sheriff's department on January 21 that his last two months of checks were auto-deposited in an account tied to a Middleburg, FL address. The checks totaled \$1902.

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More than 450 students in all six county schools were given flu vaccine on January 28 as part of a free program from Healthy Schools, LLC, a non-profit Jacksonville based organization headed by former Jaguars player Tony Boselli.

Healthy Schools formed last summer and began administering flu vaccine around the region in mid-October. Its representative Katie Wiles said the group hopes to expand the program, which began in Clay and Duval County schools, state-wide next year.

"Every year thousands of children miss valuable time in the classroom learning to read, write and do mathematics because of the dreaded flu," reads a letter from Mr. Boselli at the organization's website. "If that isn't bad enough they bring it home with them, infecting loved ones, and causing them to miss work. Based on data from other counties in Florida, as well as in other states, we know the in-school flu vaccination program works and stops the flu in its tracks."

February is generally the height of flu season in Florida, said the Baker County Health Department's head of nursing Ziegi Campbell. She said the flu season has been mild here in Baker County and she's not heard about any local death from the various strains of the virus.

But a dozen fatal influenza cases have been reported by UF Shands in Gainesville since October, including cases of the H1N1 or "swine flu" strain that's affecting an unusual group — those under 40 years old. All of the victims were not vaccinated, however.

Typically the very young, pregnant women and the elderly are the most at risk during the flu season because their immune systems are weaker than others and less equipped to fight off the flu. Experts recommend those groups get flu shots every year.

If you haven't been vaccinated, Ms. Campbell said it's not too late to get a flu shot. They are available at the health department on West Lowder Street, Walmart, CVS and other healthcare providers. This year's vaccination pro-

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3 local entries at Westminster

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Three show dogs from Macclenny will compete at the Westminster National Dog Show next month.

Two of owner Joi Hosker's plott hounds — Preacher and Emily — won entry after garnering titles at the Eukanuba Championship in Orlando last month.

Preacher, also known as Heads I Win, is 2 years old and Emily, who is co-owned by Kristen Blocke of North Carolina, is 6 years old. Both are hunting dogs but also show dogs.

Preacher finished the Orlando competition with the title of best male plot hound while another of Ms. Hosker's hounds, Thatcher, a 3-year-old female plott, won the best of breed title.



Photo courtesy of Joi Hosker
Joi Hosker's plott hounds Preacher (left) and Rommel.

male who won at Eukanuba in 2012, at the Westminster competition at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

Judging begins the morning of Monday, February 10 and will be streamed live online at www.westminsterkennelclub.org/2014/show/info.html. The winner of the plott breed competition will move on to the live television show that evening. It will air on CNBC from 8 to 11 pm.

Emily has just blossomed and loves to show," said Ms. Hosker by e-mail. "She had some good wins and all of a sudden she was on the top."

Emily and Preacher will be joined by Ms. Hosker's plott hound Rommel, a 3-year-old

CIRCUIT COURT Sentenced for corner store hold-up

A South Georgia man drew a 13 1/2-month prison sentence for holding up a Sanderson convenience store in September, 2013 during which he got \$119 from the cash register.

Kristopher Kent, 25, of Homersville entered no contest pleas during regular circuit court session on January 21 to robbery, tampering with evidence and driving on a suspended license.

He was arrested near Cuyler shortly after he robbed Gaskins Corner Store on US 90 and fled north on CR 127; he was unarmed at the time. Judge Mark Moseley allowed credit off the sentence for the 130 days Mr. Kent has been in county jail.

In other cases resulting in prison terms:

The judge ordered Kyle Raulerson of Glen St. Mary to serve a year and a week after he admitted to violating probation for a number of theft and forgery cases.

Court records indicate that Mr. Raulerson, 33, was placed on probation in May, 2013 for five years for theft of checks and a credit card from a Charlton County, GA woman. He was re-arrested in September for forgery, and is on probation in Georgia as well.

The defendant was given credit for 198 days in jail.

Autumn Steiger, 32, of Macclenny has already served nearly all of a 13-month sentence for grand theft, burglary and pawn shop fraud stemming from cases in both 2012 and 2013.

She and a co-defendant were arrested for burglaries in the Macclenny area, and Ms. Steiger for pawning a bicycle taken in one of the cases. The state dropped one count of having contraband inside county jail.

Melinda Sue Davis was given credit for ten days in jail off a seven-month sentence for possession of drugs without a prescription and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The state dropped one of two grand theft counts against

Blaine Scheider will be on house arrest two years, followed by a similar period on drug offender probation for multiple counts of sale and possession of controlled drugs.

Judge Moseley gave him 60 days to get a job and ordered 20 hours of community service a month until then. He will also enroll in outpatient treatment for drug addiction.

Jessica Puhl admitted to violating terms of her probation for possession of drug paraphernalia and has already completed a 90-day jail sentence.

Adrian Rogers gets credit for 37 days off a 200-day jail term after pleading no contest to felony fleeing police.

In another probation violation case, the judge allowed a month already confined to county jail as Brad Crawford's sentence and re-instated previous probation for multiple counts for stealing firearms and burglary.

Theodore McSwain III pleaded no contest to possessing drugs without a prescription and will be on probation two years. The judge withheld adjudication of guilt.

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You can beat identity thieves and protect your money, credit score and personal information from the prying eyes of criminals, but it's not easy.

Advances in wireless technology have made it possible for unscrupulous people with a little know-how to steal your credit card information remotely, from up to six feet away, said Cathy Costley, an identity theft victims specialist with the state's Office of Attorney General.

She made a presentation at the Chamber of Commerce on January 28 about identity theft, including ways to guard against such crimes, what to do if you become a victim of identity theft and how to report suspicious activities to authorities.

For starters, Ms. Costley reviewed the top five types of identity theft.

Number one is using someone's identifying information to apply for government benefits like Social Security or disability payments. Then there's credit card fraud, in which perpetrators use a victim's personal information to open credit card accounts or steal credit card information to make purchases in the valid account holder's name.

Similarly, with banking fraud, thieves can attempt to take out a loan in the victim's name. Phone or utilities fraud is number four. It's when a perpetrator opens a cell phone, Internet or similar account with stolen personal information.

"It's when they stop paying the bills that the companies come find you," said Ms. Costley. "And unlike traditional crime, where you're innocent until proven guilty, identity theft is different. The victim has to prove they're innocent. They [the company] already thinks they know who you are. They have your information in front of them, so the burden is on you to prove that you did not commit this offense or make all these purchases you're now saying aren't yours."

Finally, there's employment-related fraud, in which thieves target someone's identity to use in finding a job.

One out-of-state victim who no longer lives in Florida discovered someone was using her Social Security number to gain employment here when the IRS notified her she owed back payroll taxes, said Ms. Costley.

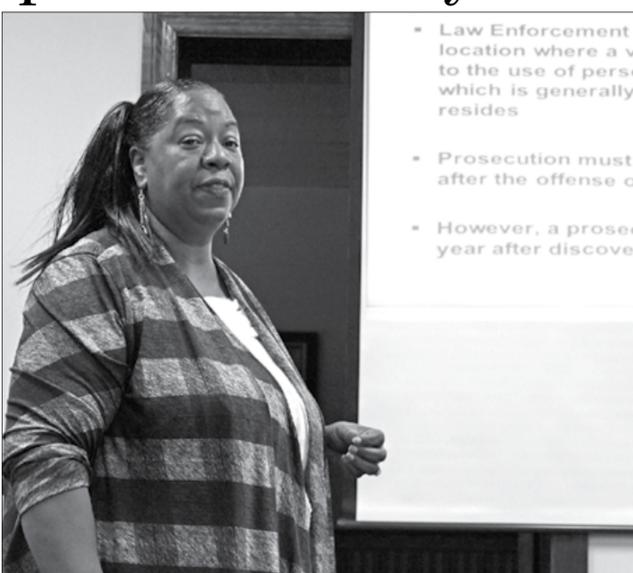
And that's just the top five types of identity theft.

Another form of the crime involves someone committing a crime or traffic infraction and giving authorities a false identity. In such cases, Ms. Costley said the victims could have outstanding arrest warrants and not even know it.

In 2012, the latest year for which figures are available, more than 12 million people nationwide were victims of identity theft, or one person every three seconds, Ms. Costley said.

"It's a very serious problem in the country, but according to the Federal Trade Commission, Florida is ranked number one in identify theft complaints in the nation and also number one when it comes to other types of scams and fraud," she said.

Protecting your personal information, including your name, date of birth, social security number, mother's maiden name, address, account numbers, passwords and pin numbers, is all very important to guarding against identity theft. Such information is actually



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Cathy Costley, an identity theft victims specialist with Florida's Office of Attorney General, speaks at the Chamber.

more valuable than your money, said Ms. Costley, because thieves can use the same information over and over again to exploit victims.

She offered the following advice to reducing your risk of identity theft:

- Keep your Social Security card in a secure place unless it's needed for a specific reason, rather than keeping it in your wallet, purse or vehicle.

- Only carry credit cards that you use often. Spare cards should be kept locked away.

- In addition, some newer credit cards use unsecured radio frequency technology to transmit account information. Such cards, which are usually labeled with curved lines similar to the symbol for wifi, are vulnerable to remote scanners that when close to the cards can steal account data.

- The good news: most credit card companies will supply "non-wifi" cards upon request.

- "They seem to be pretty responsive because they want to keep your business," said Ms. Costley.

- Destroy anything with personal information, including bills, medication bottles, financial documents, and the like. Shredding documents is recommended, Costley says, because identity thieves are known to dig through trash in search of a potential victim's

- Law Enforcement location where a victim resides to the use of personal information which is generally not disclosed
- Prosecution must occur after the offense is committed
- However, a prosecutor can file charges a year after discovery

personal info.

- Use secure mailboxes because thieves will target outgoing mail as well. If that's not possible, Ms. Costley recommends placing outgoing mail in your box as close to the time of pickup as possible.
- When using the Internet or e-mail, whether on your mobile device or home computer, don't click on unfamiliar links. Doing so can cause your computer to download software tasked with stealing your personal information.
- Check your credit card and bank accounts regularly for unusual charges and check your credit report every few months.
- Ms. Costley recommended using passwords at least eight characters long letters, numbers and symbols.
- Each of the three credit bureaus — Equifax, Experian and TransUnion — will give you a free credit report once each year. The reports do not include your credit score, however.
- Call 1-877-322-8228 or visit http://www.annualcreditreport.com online to check your credit report.
- Use complicated passwords for your online accounts, including social media.
- For more information about combating identity theft, please visit http://myfloridalegal.com/identitytheft.

COUNTY COURT Dispositions from January 22 session

The following case dispositions were ordered by Judge Joey Williams in county court on January 22:

- Marvin Carter, false report or commission crime; court costs.

- Timothy Grantham, disorderly intoxication; six days in jail, court costs.
- James Laughlin, petty theft; failed to appear, warrant issued.

- Joseph MacQuarrie, no valid driver's license; two days in jail.

- Arkeem Ruise, resisting arrest without violence; 60 days in jail.

- Brandon Ruise, criminal mischief and battery; 101 days in jail.

- Ciara Stokes, trespass and resisting arrest without violence; six-month probation.

- John Vermillion, violation of protection injunction; court and investigative costs, 12-month probation and \$500 fine.

- Tara Washington, battery; house arrest, six-month probation, court costs and take anger management class.

- Craig Widemond, no valid driver's license; failed to appear, warrant issued.

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THIRD GRADE: Binn-Garrison Fish, Amber Phillips, Majorie Pippins, Jaree Poole, Jasmine Roberson, Dowling-Hannah Dyla, Auttum Hane, Joshua Owens, Faith Scott, Shayla Stewart, Elijah Williamson, Ely York Rhoden-Caroline Cooper, Brady Griffis, Gabe Jewell, Jahaemon Jones, Ridge Rhoad Hand-Kelsey Walker-Payne-Joey Bolt, Eli Bowles, Cynanne Carey, Don Cox, Amber Faulk, Shi Godwin, Savannah Gulley, Lucas Juravsch, Bradley Kirby, River Neri, Taiven Rhoden, Taylor Strayer, Avery Times, Alek Tsaregorodtsov, Noah Underwood-Rhoden-William Richardson Shivers-Leyce Dopson, Grace Norman Wendel-Katie Small White-Natalie Moberly

Honor Roll - 2nd Nine Weeks

FIRST GRADE: Church-Chason Davis, Logan Davis, Amiraclae Haygood, Re'Yuanna Williams, Conner-Azarias Allen, Bradley Hardenbrook, Hunter Rountree, Lucy Taylor, Matthew Turner-Crews-Katelyn Gales, Veronique Johnson, Austin Judson, Cleve Perryman, Cayden Sands, No Smith, Gavin Sparkman, Justin Street-Driggers-Elizabeth Barth, Savannah Bass, Hunter Brown, Dantwan Larry, Olivia Lucas-Delp, Paytan Robinson-Mallard-Journey Green, Tommy Harrell, Landon Khan, Landon Stewart, Na'Khi Williams-McDonald-Haley Combs, Trenton Holland, Jordan Jarrell, Lane Joines-Lexister, Angelina Lugo-Maldonado, Allan Phan, Katelyn Rhoden, Emily Shupe, Irin Tisdale-Renshaw-Alyiah Chauncy, Tristian Chessman, Brayden Dietz, Baylon Frisbee-Sheridan-Jacie Blanton, James Bourkney, Shalyn Howard, David Kinley-Trim-Kiley Cushman, Bradley Dodd, Travis Finley, Cooper Kersey, Casey Nipper, Ryan Pack, Brian Sparkman, ShaDiamond Watkins, Nicholas Williams-Whitehead-Caedan Crain, Emiley Harris, Trinity Thomas-Wilson-Kyra Edwards, Ryan Rothfeldt, Azariah Harper

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No. 13000208CAAXX
Cameron Revere Mortgage Solutions, Inc.
Plaintiff
vs.
ALEX J. LEE A/K/A ALTO LEE
A/K/A ALTO J. LEE, et al
Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION
To the following Defendant:
UNKNOWN HEIRS, SUCCESSORS, RENEWED INTERESTS, CLAIMING RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST FROM OR UNDER ALTA J. LEE A/K/A ALLEE A/K/A ALTO J. LEE
511 JOHN ST
MACCLENNY, FL 32063

LOTS 19 & 20, BLOCK D-2, SUB D OF BLOCK D OF WMA KNABB ADDITION RECORDED IN PG 8 PAGE 86 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 511 Joan St, Macclennny, FL 32063
Has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to be on Utdren Law Offices, P.C., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 2101 W. Commercial Blvd, Suite 5000, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309 on or before February 17, 2014, a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in Baker County Press and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

You have 30 calendar days after the first publication of this Notice to file a written response to the attached complaint with the clerk of this court. A phone call will not protect you. Your written response, including the case number given above and the names of the parties, must be filed if you want the court to hear your side of the case. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case, and your wages, money, and property may thereafter be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may call an attorney referral service or a legal aid office (listed in the phone book).

This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No. 21265.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Jan Phillips, ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Courthouse, 201 East University Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601 at (352) 337-6237 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing impaired call 711.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 17th day of January, 2014.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
As Clerk of the Court
Al Fraser
By: Tabitha Wilson
As Deputy Clerk

Utdren Law Offices
2101 West Commercial Blvd.
Suite 5000
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309
954-378-1757

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

The following vehicle will be sold at public auction on 18 February 14, 2014 at 10 am at Higinbotham's Towing & Recovery 7611 West Mt. Vernon St., Glen St. Mary, FL 32040:

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Case No. 02-2012-CA-000151
BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP
Plaintiff
vs.
GLENN C. MURPHY, et al
Defendants(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE
IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA
Civil Action Case No. 10-100228
HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION III,
Plaintiff,
vs.
CAROL ACKLIN, et al,
Defendants(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated January 13, 2014, and entered in Case No. 10-100228 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida in which Household Finance Corporation III is the Plaintiff and Carol Acklin NKA Carol D. Taylor, Randy Acklin, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Corinthian Mortgage Corporation dba Southbank Mortgage, Unknown Spouse of Carol Acklin NKA Cara D. Taylor et/ia James Taylor, are defendants, the Baker County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the FRONT DOOR OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NW CORNER OF SAID BLOCK 32/A, AND RUN THENCE N 79 DEG 30 MIN 04 SEC E, ALONG THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SHAWRY STREET A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE N 79 DEG 30 MIN 04 SEC E, STILL ALONG THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY A DISTANCE OF 99.06 FEET; THENCE S 10 DEG 37 MIN 53 SEC E, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 8, PAGE 86 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, 200.00 FEET; THENCE S 79 DEG 30 MIN 12 SEC W, 101.29 FEET; THENCE N 10 DEG 00 MIN 00 SEC W, PARALLEL TO THE EAST LINE OF FIRST STREET, 200.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

PARCEL "C" A PART OF BLOCK 32 OF THE "TOWN OF MACCLENNY" AS PER PLAT AS RECORDED IN DEED BOOK "B" PAGE 86 OF THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NW CORNER OF SAID BLOCK 32/A, AND RUN THENCE N 79 DEG 30 MIN 04 SEC E, ALONG THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SHAWRY STREET A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE N 79 DEG 30 MIN 04 SEC E, STILL ALONG THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY A DISTANCE OF 99.06 FEET; THENCE S 10 DEG 37 MIN 53 SEC E, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 8, PAGE 86 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, 200.00 FEET; THENCE S 79 DEG 30 MIN 12 SEC W, 101.29 FEET; THENCE N 10 DEG 00 MIN 00 SEC W, PARALLEL TO THE EAST LINE OF FIRST STREET, 200.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

LOT 23, ST. MARY'S RIVER ESTATES, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 98 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, LESS AND EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 23; THENCE SOUTH 84 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 108.65 FEET TO A SET CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE NORTH 79 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER MUST PAY AT LEAST 5% OF THE SUCCESSFUL BID BY CASH OR CASHIER'S CHECK ONLY. Baker County, Florida, at 11:00 AM on the 15th day of April, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment entered September 26, 2013:

Property Address: 5203 SHUEY ST. E, MACCLENNY, FL 32063
A person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 16th day of January, 2014.

By: Tabitha Wilson
As Deputy Clerk

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NEW 5 TON HEAT PUMP SYSTEM
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SOCIAL

SOCIAL NOTICE 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 all news items be typed or emailed to insure accuracy in print.



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Pop tabs benefit McDonald House

Students at Marie Agnes Jones Elementary School in Baldwin are collecting soda cans to benefit the Ronald McDonald House Children of Jacksonville. Pictured with many of the tabs are school safety patrol sergeants (from left) Bryce Cole, Katelyn Sadler and Joseph Eddy. The tabs are recycled for cash that supports Ronald McDonald House. Its mission is to support the health and well-being of critically ill, chronically ill and seriously injured children.

Kiwanis name 'Terrific Kids'

The Kiwanis Club of Baker County recently recognized TERRIFIC – as in Thoughtful, Enthusiastic, Respectful, Responsible, Inclusive, Friendly, Inquisitive and Capable – Kids at Macclennny Elementary, Westside Elementary and Keller Intermediate School for the second quarter of the year. The motto of Kiwanis International is "Serving the Children of the World," and to that end they sponsor programs for children of all ages. Terrific Kids is a program to promote character development and good citizenship. While all of the students in Baker County are "terrific kids," each quarter each teacher is asked to select one student from his or her class who meets the standards of the program. Those selected from their respective schools by grade were:

- Macclennny Elementary, first grade: Kayla Wallace, Calvin "Ty"Rewis, De'Anna Paige, Akshar Patel, Madison Satterwhite, Lilly Sapp, Ahmaad Sims, Elijah Stevens, Breylan Brown, Teagan Rosamonda, Mylee Stephens, Heather Anderson, De'Asia Glover and Blaine Thomas; second grade: Jessalyn Lauramore, Jessica Blanchard, Miles Romines, Jada Wilcox, CameronWhite, Tucker Thrift, Camdyn Jewers, Brynne Canaday, Kenyon Dolison, Kelton Kaech, Michael Collet and Kansas Kirch; third grade: Mattisyn Shouse, Jahmel Glover, Katelyn Nelson, Kendra Davis, Mandi Thomas, Jessica Hartzog, Serenity Jackson, Pearceston Milton, Taylor Clevevger, Ty Walker, Brooklyn Larry and Kyla Moring.

Westside Elementary, first grade: Harmony Edenfield, Owen Griffis, Austin Street, Ke'nais Williams, Avery Royal, Jordan Jarrell, Luke Padgett, Luke Conway, Shalyn Howard, Annabelle Schwien, Gracie

Gray and Case Foster; second grade: Katie Smith, Gracelyn Long, Amber Wood, Shyllyn York, Colton Crews, Javen Thomas, Kaylen Dinkins, Mahki Henderson, Kaylee Heppner, Dylan Juravsch and Will Griffis; third grade: Houston Notes, Alex Garcia, McKenzie Lowery, Aubrey Fuller, Hunter Roberts, Bailey Llaoura-more, Avery Times, Brookkey Padgett, Kassie Davis, Alexis Combs, Jesse Hobbs and Tana Brooks Barton.

Keller, fourth grade: Carey Bryson Burkhalter, Chloe Clevevger, Morgan Barber, Sierra Lauramore, Kristen Helm, Raneigh Castillo, Alex Stokes, Anais Hodges, Colton Clark, Martez Ruse, Haley Harris, Lilian Adams, Kimberley Lepper, Jordan Long, Jacob Gipson, Kaiden Sharman, Toby Kinghorn, Mackenzie Norrell and Billy Elledge; and fifth grade: Malegh Combs, Brandon Lanch, Elizabeth Crews, Derek Brown, Lane Carter, Joshua Dialo, Emma Hauge, Carley Baxley, Caleb Whiting, Brooklyn McSwain, Abbi Karpf, Ciara Sluski, Wendy Bryan, Tyler Barwick, Allyson Crossland, Raechel Henderson, Shay Bennett and Parker Ferry.

All workshops will be held 6-7 pm at the Baker County Kindergarten Center and taught by 4 kindergarten teachers. Your child will receive school supplies and four books.

Please call 259-0405 to register your child before each workshop. We encourage you to attend all four sessions!

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Photo courtesy of Wyman Davis

Pictured (front from left) are Carlena Tyson, Chris Harvin, Heather Crawford, Connie Walker, (back from left), Wyman Davis and Bill Lowery.

Donation to EMS will buy refrigerators

The Baker County Emergency Services benefited recently from a \$5000 donation that will be used for refrigerators in all of the county's rescue ambulances. Half of the funds were raised during a pre-Thanksgiving turkey shoot last year that netted \$2500. The remainder was a match by the Modern Woodmen of America chapter. The money was presented by local representative Wyman Davis of Glen St. Mary. Carlena Tyson coordinated the event for the EMS department.

Glitz set for Feb. 1

Glitz, Glam and Goodies, a woman's themed fair organized by the Chamber of Commerce annually, will take place February 1 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Ag Center. The event will feature local businesses, a fashion show and other entertainment, raffles, giveaways and food. Admission is free. Raffle tickets are being sold for a patio set, furniture from Gibson McDonald Furniture and a four-day cruise. Tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce office, First Federal Bank or Gibson McDonald.

Call 259-6433 or e-mail bbblackshear@bakerchamberfl.com for more information.

10th reunion

A meeting is planned for February 9 at 2 pm to discuss a tenth reunion of the Baker County High School Class of 2004. It will be held at Firehouse Subs in Macclennny. All classmates interested in assisting or planning the event are encouraged to attend. Direct questions to Erica Raulerson-Pride at bcbsclassof04@gmail.com

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Who's ready for Kindergarten?

Do you have a child who will be enrolling in Kindergarten for the 2014/2015 school year? The Baker County School system will be offering free **Kindergarten Readiness Workshops**. Let us help make the transition into kindergarten exciting!

The following workshops will be offered:
February 4 - Introduction to school personnel, *The Kissing Hand* and craft
February 27 - Nurse and Guidance Counselor- *The Carrot Seed* and planting activity
March 4 - Ride the school bus & school bus book
April 15 - Book Fair, participate in resource rotation, and *Clifford's First School Day* book

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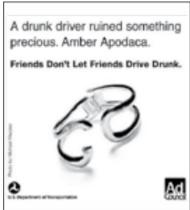
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CHURCH AND OBITUARY NOTICE INFORMATION

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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Funeral Tuesday for 'Eve' Brown

Evelynia "Eve" Brown, age 76, of Lake City died on Saturday, January 25, at Custer Care Center-Haven Hospice in Orange Park following a long illness. She was born in Lawley and lived in Pensacola and Starke before moving to Lake City 54 years ago. She worked for over 30 years as a cashier with S & S Food Stores, Suwannee Swifty Food Stores and Kirby Oil Company, all of Lake City. She was a member of The Lord's Church in Taylor and loved to bowl with the Wednesday Nite Womens Bowling League in Lake City. She also enjoyed gardening and traveling with her grandchildren.



Evelynia Brown

Mrs. Brown is survived by daughter Deborah (Pablo) Ferrari of Jacksonville; sons Michael Brown of Macclenny and Mitchell Brown of Palm Bay, FL; sister Nettie Norsworthy of Lake Butler and brother Leon Sweat of Ocala; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The funeral service was conducted at 11 am Tuesday, January 28 in the chapel of Guerry Funeral Home in Macclenny with Elder George Dugger, pastor of the Woodstock Park New Congregational Holiness Church in Jacksonville officiating. Interment was in North Prong Cemetery. Please make memorials to the Ray and Athena Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund, Florida Gateway College, 149 S.E. College Place, Lake City, FL 32025-2007 or Haven Hospice, 745 Blanding Blvd., Orange Park, FL 32065.

Anne Conner, 44, of St. George

Annie Jeanine Burnsed Conner, 44, of St. George, GA, died on January 21, at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville following a lengthy illness. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of St. George. She is survived by her husband of 25 years, Buddy Conner; son Brandon Conner; daughter Kristie Conner; Parents J.W. and Suzanne Burnsed; brother Tim Burnsed; sisters Stephanie (Rusty) Hicks and Missy (Ricky) Rhoden; a number of nieces and nephews spoiled dearly by their Aunt Jeanine.

The funeral service was held Sunday, January 26 at 2 pm at her church with Revs. Kenny Marr and Ray McKendree officiating. Burial followed at Moniac Cemetery. Shepard Funeral Home of Folkston was in charge of arrangements.

'Billy' Crockett dies January 26

William John "Billy" Crockett Sr., 86, of Macclenny died on Sunday, January 26, 2014 at Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville following a long illness. He lived in Macclenny all of his life and owned the former Edwray Theater for many years along with other rental properties, and also owned Crockett's Trucking Company of Macclenny for over 50 years until his retirement in 1989. He was a member of the Soul's Harbor Church of God in Glen St. Mary and loving fishing, riding horses, car racing and his grandchildren.



William Crockett

He was preceded in death by parents Dr. Edward Wray and Beatrice Granger Crockett Sr., his wife Frances E. Crockett and brother Edward Wray Crockett Jr. He is survived by daughter Beatrice "Vickie" Crockett of Macclenny; sons William John "Billy" Crockett Jr. and Boynton Lee Crockett, both of Macclenny; grandchildren Timmy Hines, Carmie McNarnay, William John Crockett III, Marc Crawford and Charles Highsmith; 10 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service will be conducted at 2 pm Thursday, January 30, in the chapel of Guerry Funeral Home in Macclenny with Mr. Sam Adbo of Panama City speaking. Entombment will be at Macedonia Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6-8 pm Wednesday, January 29 at the funeral home.

Mrs. Denney buried in Alabama

Melba Nell Denney, 85, of Baldwin died on Friday, January 24 at St. Vincent's Medical Center Riverside in Jacksonville following an extended illness. She was born in Albertville, Ala. and had resided in Baldwin for 57 years. She was a certified nursing assistant at Ed Fraser Memorial Hospital in Macclenny for many years, and a member of the Grace Baptist Church in Baldwin. She was an expert quilter and seamstress.

Mrs. Denney was preceded in death by parents Odie and Kathryn Shelton Dick; brothers Robert Garthel Dick and Delano Dick. She is survived by daughters Gloria (Louis) Lang of Baldwin, Zannie (Foster) Andrew of Jacksonville and Susan (Van) Long of Houston, Texas; son Michael (Marie) Denney of Jacksonville; brother Odie Dick Jr. of North Carolina; seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

The funeral service was conducted at 3 pm on Sunday, January 26, in the chapel of Guerry Funeral Home in Macclenny with Rev. Donnie Williams, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. A graveside service was held at 3:30 pm on Monday, January 27, at the Union Grove #1 Cemetery in Albertville, Alabama.

Memorial at river Saturday for Mr. Johnson

Jewell Lee "Johnny" Johnson, 72, died at his Macclenny home on Sunday, January 19, 2014. He was a lifelong resident of Baker County and a native of Lexington, GA. Mr. Johnson is survived by daughter Tamme (James) Jewell Johnson Messersmith; brother Robert; grandchildren Kristen, Brianna, Stetson and his namesake Destiny Jewell; great-grandchild Ruben.

Mr. Johnson was well known by many long time Baker County residents for his sense of humor, his smile and his laugh that will be missed by all who knew him. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, his Yorkie Luey and fishing at the river.

A memorial service is scheduled for 3 pm on Saturday, February 1 at the public ramp (Boy Scout camp) on the St. Mary's River.



Jewell Johnson

Nancy Kennedy, 61, of Glen dies

Nancy Elizabeth Kennedy, 61, of Glen St. Mary died Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at Shands of University of Florida Medical Center in Gainesville following a long illness. She was born in Lake City and lived in Sanderson before moving to Glen 43 years ago. She was employed as an underwriting assistant with State Farm Auto Insurance Company in Jacksonville for 29 years until her retirement in 1999. She was a graduate of Baker County High School and a member of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Macclenny. She loved fishing, shopping and vacationing with her family and being a grandmother.



Nancy Kennedy

Mrs. Kennedy is survived by her husband Steve Kennedy; daughter Jennifer (Alan) Chambers and son Eric (Katie) Kennedy, all of Glen St. Mary; godson Randy Jessemann of St. George; sisters Barbara (Johnnie) Croft of Olustee, Lynda Combs, Sandra (Jim) Nickles and Pat (Lester) Davis, all of Glen, and Karen (Rodney) Little of Lake City; brother Junior (Gail) Combs of Baldwin; grandchildren Hunter, Brook and Kelton Chambers and Elizabeth and Grady Kennedy.

The funeral service was held at 2 pm on Friday, January 24 at the First Baptist Church of Macclenny with Rev. Mike Ramondetta, pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, officiating, assisted by Dr. Edsel M. Bone, Senior Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Macclenny, Fla. The eulogy was delivered by Mrs. Kennedy's brother-in-law Jim Nickles. Interment was in Cedar Creek Cemetery, Sanderson. Guerry Funeral Home of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.

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Linda Pert, sister of local man

Linda Ann Pert, 56, a lifelong resident of Jacksonville, died January 21, 2014 at her residence. Linda was born in Jacksonville on January 21, 1958 to Jack Eugene Rautio and Helene VanHoffelen Rautio. Linda was a homemaker for many years and enjoyed raising her daughter. She attended St. Luke's Episcopal Church for many years and was an avid Gator fan who loved animals, watching movies and going to the beach. Linda was a caring, loving person who would always help others before helping herself. Linda's hair will be donated to Locks of Love.



Linda Pert

Linda is survived by her parents of Crescent Beach; daughter, Chrissie Rood and granddaughter Alexandria Rood both of Middleburg; brother Ronald (Carol) Roelofs of Macclenny; sister Sonia (Michael) Himmelberg of Jacksonville; her loving dog Tebow; many nephews, nieces and close friends.

A private funeral will be held at a later date on the beach. In lieu of flowers and gifts the family requests donations be made to the Jacksonville Humane Society, 8464 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32216. V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.

Renee Teague dies January 20

Renee Michelle Teague, 51, of Glen St. Mary died on Monday, January 20, 2014 at her residence. She was born in Memphis, Tennessee and resided in Jacksonville before moving to Glen St. Mary 15 years ago. She was a nail tech with a beauty salon in Jacksonville, Fla. for many years, and a member of the Baxter Community Baptist Church.



Renee Teague

Mrs. Teague is survived by children Maurice B. Vaughn III and Bayne Colby Teague III, both of Jacksonville, and Casey Mitchell Thomas of Keystone Heights; parents Jack and Frances L. Harper of Glen St. Mary; sister Anita Lynn Shockley of Jacksonville; brother Jack Dwayne Harper of Jacksonville; grandmother Louise Clements of Glen St. Mary.

A celebration of her life will be held at 4 pm Wednesday, January 29, in the chapel of Guerry Funeral Home in Macclenny. Visitation for family and friends will begin an hour before the service.

Melrose Williams of Baldwin

Mother Melrose Williams of Baldwin died on January 23, 2014 in Jacksonville. She was born February 23, 1919 in Baldwin to the late James C. Smith Sr. and Viola Dallas Smith, and was educated in the Duval county school system.



Melrose Williams

Early in her adulthood she moved to Philadelphia, and there married Robert Lee Williams who preceded her in death. She returned to an live in Baldwin in the mid-1990s and was an active and faithful member of New St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church until she became ill. She worked on the Pastor's Aid Board and Mother Board of the church.

Mrs. Williams is survived by loving son Alan Williams (Laverne) of Peachtree City, GA; grandson Adair B. Williams of Torrance, California; great granddaughter Kacy Williams; brother James C. Smith Jr. of Detroit; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and sorrowing friends.

The funeral service was held at 11 am on Wednesday, January 29 at her church in Baldwin. Interment was in Piney Grove Cemetery.

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Boys on 12-game win streak

Cats top Kenny by 15 to earn top district seed

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The BCHS Wildcats sealed the No. 1 seed in the District 3-5A tournament and remained undefeated in district play with a 57-42 home victory over Bishop Kenny on January 24.

The team picked up its 11th consecutive victory with the help of Charles Ruise Jr.'s double-double (12 points and 12 rebounds) and Jesse Gardner's incredible night from behind the three-point arc (6-7 for a team-high 22 points). The Cats trailed by one at halftime thanks to Gardner's nine second-quarter points off three three-pointers, which kept the team within striking distance.

"Jesse has that ability," said head coach Charles Ruise. "He gives us the presence on the floor to pull out a deep ball when things are in the crunches. He put it up and the rest was history."

The second half was a completely different game as the Cats upped their defensive pressure to easily pull away from the Crusaders. Baker County held the Crusaders scoreless for the final 6:26 of the third quarter and didn't give up any more points until about a minute into the fourth quarter. The dominant defensive effort set the team up for easy offensive opportunities to help them go on a 15-0 run to put the game away.

"We kept giving them good looks in the first half," coach Ruise said. "We gave them some second and third shot opportunities. We addressed those areas and issues at halftime and it made a big difference. When they weren't scoring, we were getting some good looks."

The Crusaders struggled throughout the game to connect with three-point shots and made just four of their 26 attempts from behind the arc. The missed shots gave the Wildcats the chance for transition buckets and allowed them to extend their lead to 19 in the fourth quarter.

The 15-point victory over Bishop Kenny gave the team the top seed in February's district tournament. Being the No. 1 seed will make a major positive impact for the team's chance to win the tournament.

"It puts pressure on the other teams to step up," coach Ruise said. "Don't get me wrong, we are still going to have to come out and play. It puts us in a situation to control our own destiny."

The Wildcats increased their winning streak to 12 games with a 78-52 victory at Baldwin the night after the Bishop Kenny win to improve to 19-2 overall. Ruise Jr.'s 27 points and Brian Walton's 13 points helped the team step up and win without CeCe Jefferson, who had a prior engagement for a football honor.

Jefferson's double-double (12 points and 12 rebounds) and Ruise Jr.'s 23 points allowed the Cats to cruise past Madison on the road 61-48 earlier in the week on Janu-



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Brandon Lewis takes a jump shot.

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ary 21. The defense was able to force turnovers to create scoring opportunities to help the team get the easy win.

The Wildcats still have three games to go before the district tournament begins on February 5. The boys traveled to Yulee on January 28 (see next week's edition for further coverage) and will play Suwannee January 30. They will wrap up their regular season with a home game against Baldwin on February 1.

Coach Ruise is confident heading into the closing stretch of the season.

"This group of young men, they understand the hard work we've put in," he said. "They treat every game like it's a champion-



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Brian Wallace drives past the defender.

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ship game. I've been impressed with how they've been able to come in and approach each game."

'Fantasy' Pro Bowl now real

I never used to consider the NFL Pro Bowl a football game. Instead it was a paid vacation to Hawaii and occasionally a football play would happen. It was nice to see some Jaguars get honored but that was about it.

Not that was on Sunday. It was a great lead up to the Super Bowl this Sunday in the Meadowlands. It was a hard hitting, creative, hard-fought game that saw Team Rice beating Team Sanders 22-21 by scoring a two-point conversion.

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That's right, Team Rice and Team Sanders. No longer the AFC vs the NFC. The Pro Bowl was on the point of being phased out unless there was some way found to make it more competitive than in recent years.

Because of the popularity of fantasy football, the NFL adopted a similar procedure, with two captains, Jerry Rice and Peyton Sanders, to draft teams from a pool of players.

It was a great strategy that lent instant interest to the game. Rice and Sanders are both extremely competitive and the players fed off their intensity. It was also possible that you had two players on the same team lining up against each other. So there was a "brother vs brother" vibe.

There was a lot of trash talking between the captains in the lead-up to the game and it was clear in the first few minutes that the NFL got what it wanted, an All Star game that looked like a playoff game.

It was great TV. It was up against the Grammy Awards so my sons kept flipping back and forth, but you could tell from the outset, when Jamaal Charles got hammered by Kansas City teammate Derrick Johnson and Drew Brees was sacked twice in the first series that they weren't taking a vacation.

"You have to admit it was very competitive," said a grinning NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell. It was at that.

Though the uniforms were ridiculous with Team Sanders looking like they were wearing what looked like castoff Oregon Duck uniforms and Team Rice looking like a Dreamsville.

Beyond that, however, the play was inspired and the score, usually in the 40s, was held down by dominating defense.

If you didn't bother to tune in you were probably not alone, but I can tell you that if they continue with this fantasy football format, I'll be watching again next year.

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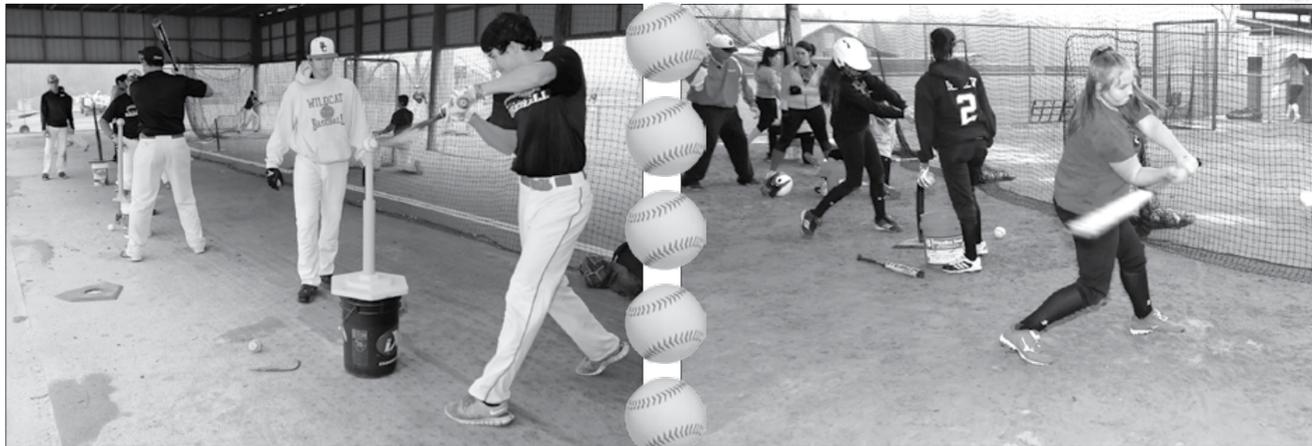
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Jared Crews watches Jordan Kennedy during batting practice.

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Angel Jackson (right) takes a few swings at batting practice.

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Baseball: team re-tooling

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While the Lady Cats will have veteran players to guide them through the season, Coach Frank Matricardi's baseball team will have a re-tooled lineup after losing three key players who were named to *The Florida Times-Union's* All-First Coast teams last year.

Two of those players, Hunter Hanks and Ethan Wilkerson, were lost to graduation and are now playing baseball at the collegiate level. Hanks was named *The Times-Union's* All-First Coast baseball player of the year.

The third player, Jacob Milton, was lost for the season due to a torn ACL. Coach Matricardi said it's going to take a team effort to replace the impact those three players had.

"It's going to be hard to replace those guys," he said. "If we have everyone do a little bit, it will go a long way."

Even with the departed players, the team is still loaded with talent and will once again be in the thick of the district title race. The Wildcats already have three athletes who are committed to play at the collegiate level next season, and those are the

key players Coach Matricardi expects to step up to fill the void.

Both Mikal Flores and Brandon Miller are committed to playing at Paine College in Augusta, Georgia, while Garrett Crews will play at South Georgia. The coach expects them, along with sophomore Dylan Hall, to make a major impact on the team.

"We might drop off a little defensively," said Coach Matricardi, "but we still have those college guys, so it won't be that big of a drop off."

He said he still expects the defense to be the team's biggest strength, but the squad will be built around doing all the small things effectively to win.

The revamped team has a chance to once again reach the playoffs after being eliminated by eventual state champions Ponte Vedra in the regional round last season. It's going to depend on how the Wildcats play under the new district schedule rules.

The schedule will be similar to college baseball where teams

play back-to-back nights and alternate venues. The new schedule calls for eight total district games to be played on Thursdays and Fridays. Coach Matricardi said he has wanted this schedule to be implemented for several years and he is happy it has finally come to fruition because it truly determines who the best teams are.

The Wildcats will host two pre-season games against Forrest on February 4 and Bishop Snyder on February 6. The season will then start the following week when the Cats play Eagle's View at FSCJ. Coach Matricardi has high hopes for his team once the season begins.

"We might not win 21 games like we did last season," he said. "We'll need to have some kids step up, but I think we'll be able to advance as far as we did last season. I see us fighting for one of those playoff spots."

Softball: repeat last year

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The goal for both the BCHS varsity baseball and softball teams is a simple one: Repeat last season's success.

Coach Franklin Griffith's softball team will be relying on five returning seniors to help the team win its fourth consecutive district title and move past the regional round of the playoffs that has ended the Lady Wildcats' seasons in recent years.

Catcher Kylie Holton is one of the five players returning for her senior year and is coming off a season where she was named to *The Florida Times-Union's* All-First Coast first-team and being named the Florida Athletic Coaches Association's Class 5A Offensive Player of the Year.

Although Coach Griffith expects the College of Central Florida commit to have another productive season for the Lady Cats, there are other seniors who will be counted on as well. He said that Mackenzie Wingham is respected by the players as one of the team leaders, while Jennifer Hodges, who com-

mitted to play at St. Petersburg College next season, will lead the outfield.

"We have all grown up together," Coach Griffith said. "I'm really excited for them to get to play their senior year."

Even though the bulk of the team will be made up of returning players, the Lady Cats will still have to rely on three freshmen — Macy Jackson, Hayleigh Mulkey and Madison Kennedy — to fill out the lineup. Coach Griffith said the team is still in the process of figuring out where all the players fit on the current roster.

"We're just trying to get team chemistry and certain positions nailed down," he said. "We have a lot of talent on the team and we just have to find the right combination of players."

The Lady Cats will have the opportunity to lock down any final position changes during a pre-season tournament at Trinity Christian. The girls will play Univer-

sity Christian on January 30 before battling Trinity on February 1. The regular season begins three days later when they host First Coast on February 4.

The head coach is confident in his team's talent level and expects them to play well in all phases of the game, especially offensively.

With all the new and returning talent, Coach Griffith said he thinks the Lady Cats have a chance to make it deep in the playoffs this year.

"Each year it seems like the talent level picks up," he said. "We are in better shape to move past where we stalled the past few years. I feel like we have a legitimate shot to make a trip to the Final Four or state championship."



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Cats clinch district game

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The BCHS Lady Wildcats carried over the momentum from a strong finish to their regular season into the District 3-5A tournament as they rolled by the visiting Stanton Lady Blue Devils 53-17 in the opening round on January 27.

The outcome of the lopsided victory was never in doubt as the girls quickly took the lead off the opening tip and led 26-2 at the end of the first quarter.

The Lady Cats defense shut down Stanton's offensive attack as Lindsey Love dominated the low post with six first-quarter blocks and the team forced 11 turnovers in the opening frame to set up easy scoring opportunities. Delicia Washington scored 14 of her team-high 26 points in the first quarter.

A sloppy second quarter allowed the Lady Blue Devils to close the gap, but the Lady Wildcats were never in danger as they led 35-12 at halftime.

The Cats continued to control the game after the break and shut out Stanton for almost the entirety of the third quarter. Stanton didn't get a shot to fall until the buzzer to end a 16-0 scoring run for Baker County. A running clock was implemented during the quarter due to the team's giant lead, which stretched to as much as 39 in the quarter.

The squad's reserve players received most of the court time in the final quarter.

In addition to Washington's big game, Kiala Pigott added 13 points for the team.

With the win over Stanton, the girls will advance to host Paxon on January 29. The two teams met once during the regular season with Paxon defeating the Lady Cats 75-50 in December.

The Lady Wildcats' tournament victory came after the girls went on a six-game winning streak to conclude the regular season with a 13-9 record.

Washington's 42 points helped the girls blow out visiting Union County 65-

Two going on to state Girl lifters qualify at Snyder meet

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Two members of the BCHS girls weightlifting team qualified for the state meet in February based on their performances at the sectional meet at Bishop Snyder on January 25.

Madyson Perry-Ruiz in the 129 and Mackenzie Hand in the 154 weight class both finished in second place out of 10 in their respective weigh classes to advance to state. Perry-Ruiz posted a 290 total and Hand had a 270 total to finish near the top of their weight classes. Coach Scott McDonald said he was proud of the way the team performed against the 27 other schools.

"The girls really went out there and competed," he said. "I couldn't ask for more. They did a phenomenal job. It was awesome."

Perry-Ruiz and Hand have a couple of weeks to prepare for the state competition in Kissimmee on February 8. Coach McDonald will continue to work with the girls to improve their technique in the hopes of adding another five to 10 pounds to their overall total.

Those extra few pounds could be all that is needed for Baker County to have its first ever Lady Wildcat weightlifter score by placing in the top six at state. Coach McDonald said Perry-Ruiz could be the first female weightlifter in school history to achieve that honor.

"We know the benchmark to hit by going online to look at previous years' results and comparing where she is to that," he said. "Normally, about a 300 total is the bench mark to get to. She is right there at that."

To reach that level, she is going to have to break her own

school record of a 290 total set during the season. She also set school records for the 129 class in the bench press (135) and the clean and jerk (160) this season.

Perry-Ruiz wasn't the only record-breaker on the team, though. In the 159 class, Lacey Nettles set school records for the bench press (160), clean and jerk (135) and total (290), while fellow state qualifying lifter Hand set a new mark in the bench press (135) for the 154 class.

As for Hand's chances at state, Coach McDonald said she is in the middle of the pack, but she has the potential to get close to the scoring mark by working hard in the upcoming weeks.

The coach said he's proud of what his team has accomplished so far, and will be happy at state regardless of the outcome as long as the lifters continue to put in the same effort they have all season.

"I expect them to come and compete," Coach McDonald said. "As long as they do their very best, that's all I can ever ask of them. They make me proud to be their coach."

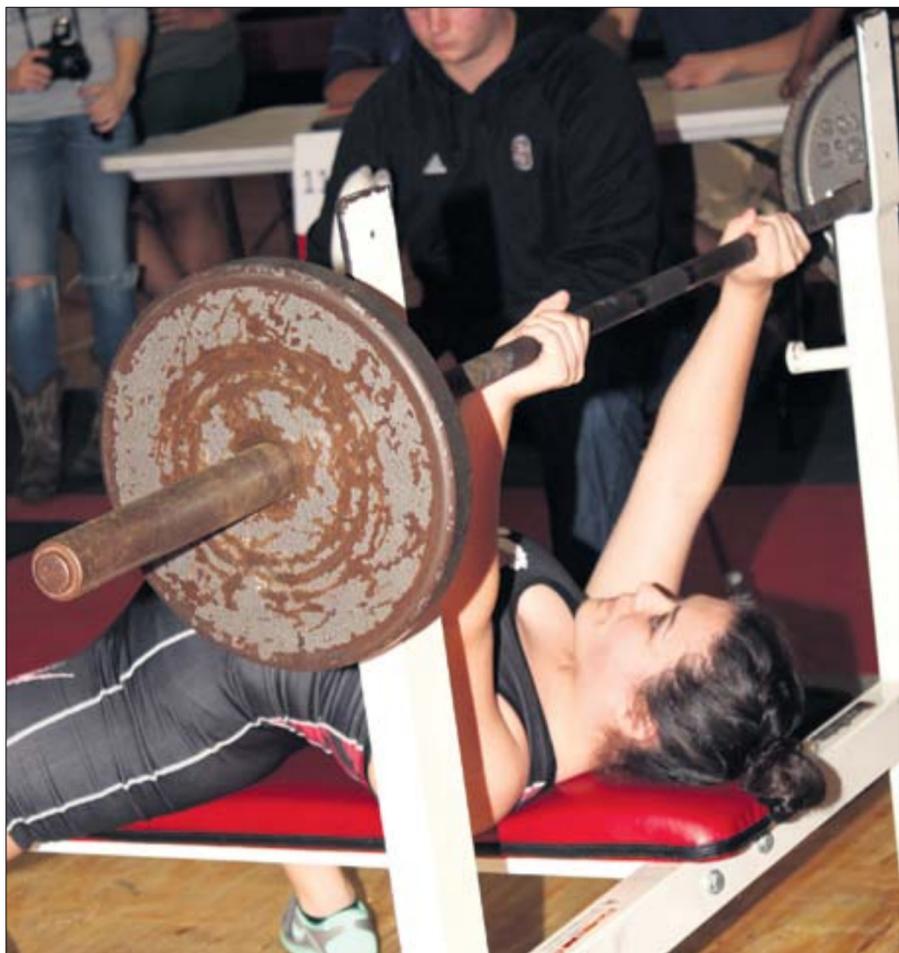


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Sophomore Sydnee Watson with Coach Scott MacDonald.



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Kelsey Anderson prepares for her bench press.



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Teammates wait for their turn on the bench press.

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