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Five year sentence meted for DUI death

The Mississippi man who was driving a work truck that slammed into another vehicle in Glen St. Mary in the spring of 2012, killing a young mother of three, was sentenced on March 4 to five years in prison.

Randall H. Morrow, 27, pleaded no contest to DUI manslaughter in the death of Virginia Kirk, 25, and will be on drug offender probation ten years



Randall Morrow

after he is released. Circuit Judge Mark Moseley also ordered him to do 100 hours of community service each year he is on probation and permanently revoked his license.

Ms. Kirk, an employee at Northeast Florida State Hospital who was enrolled in a pre-nursing program, was returning from her night shift job about midnight when her Toyota heading north on CR 125 was struck on the right side by Mr. Morrow's west-bound 2007 Dodge truck that failed to stop at the intersection with Andrews St.

Mr. Morrow, a pipe welder working in the Jacksonville area at the time, had earlier been drinking with friends including his passenger Greg Calvert, and said he was unfamiliar with the area and his GPS did not indicate he was at an intersection. In addition, he claimed the stop sign was partially blocked by tree moss.

Ms. Kirk, who was on her way to a babysitter to pick up her children, died on impact.

The defendant's blood-alcohol level was measured at .128 and he had moments before left the residence of fellow worker Clint Harvey, who along with Mr. Calvert and him had spent part of the previous evening at Calendar's in Macclenny.

Court records indicate Mr. Morrow had no criminal past or alcohol-related offenses, and had cooperated with all pre-trial orders since his re-

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COA garage bids high, plan being revised

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Practice field squabble erupts

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Baker County has lots of youth baseball and softball teams. That's a good thing. Problem is, there aren't enough county-owned ball fields to ensure all teams get to use them whenever they would like.

The divisive issue was brought to the county commission last week by about three dozen folks representing Baker County Little League, which has been around for many years, and travel teams, which are relatively new but rapidly growing in numbers.

During a somewhat contentious meeting that lasted an hour and a half on March 4, coaches bickered over practice times and field availability in a system that some said gives preference to Little League teams over other youth sports organizations.

The central issue pointed to a schedule that limits travel softball and baseball teams' use of the ball fields to only Wednesdays and Sundays, which coincide with church times. Robert Davis, a Glen St. Mary native who grew up playing Little League ball and went on to play baseball at Baker County High School for four years, told commissioners it wasn't fair.

"As a father, a coach, and a taxpaying citizen here in Baker County I ask ... why is travel ball the only one that has to plan their practice times or games on a church day or a church night when there are days that are available for use that are not on these two days," Mr. Davis asked.

"I, along with many other players, parents, grandparents and our church community, do not find this fair that these kids are only allowed to utilize these facilities except on church days only."

Mr. Davis coaches fast pitch girls softball travel teams for players 10 and under and 13 and under in an organization



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Twelve-year-old Haiden Fish of the Angels pitches during practice on March 10 at the ball fields.

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Weston Sands, 12, of the Angels at batting practice early this week.

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he founded called Baker Blast, which he said includes 22 players from "right here in Baker County." The older group is currently ranked 26th in the country by the United States Specialty Sports Association.

While the county schedules travel teams to use ball fields on Wednesday and Sunday, Mr. Davis read a list of other organizations and the days of the week that they are allowed to use the fields: church league softball, Monday and Friday; adult city league softball, Tuesday and Friday; Little League baseball and softball: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

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Trio of new faces to vie for the BCSB

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Three new candidates for two open school board seats announced their intentions to run this week against former schools superintendent Paula Barton and incumbent board member Artie Burnett.

James Rhoden, 47, and DeAnna Rewis-McDuffie, 42, are both collecting petition signatures to qualify for the District 3 race against Ms. Barton, who has already qualified for the primary scheduled for August 26.



James Rhoden

The seat was vacated last summer by Jesse Davis, an insurance broker who moved to Atlanta and resigned his post on the school board.



DeAnna McDuffie

John "Jody" Anderson, 43, of Cuyler has also qualified to run, but against Mr. Burnett, who is gathering petitions to qualify for the District 4 race. Mr. Burnett is finishing his first term in office.



John Anderson

Mr. Rhoden was recently hired as a direct care worker at Northeast Florida State Hospital in Macclenny. He is a certified emergency medical technician and spent more than 20 years in business management, including as a sales manager for an Arkansas-based radio station and an area supervisor for Heilig Meyer's Furniture in Orlando and Aaron's Inc. in Atlanta.

Mr. Rhoden has been married 17 years. He's the father of two boys ages 15 and 28, and step-father to another son who graduated from Baker County High School in 2010.

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Glen man arrested for molesting teen

The sheriff's department charged a Glen St. Mary man with molesting a 14-year-old girl who along with several friends was spending the night over the weekend at his residence on Mud Lake Rd.

Bruce Aaron Griffis, 52, was taken into custody after an interview at county jail later that day. He is charged with lewd or lascivious molestation, a first-degree felony.

The victim called police just before 7 o'clock that morning after running from the house into nearby woods. She told Deputy Michael Antonin that Mr. Griffis and two friends returned home intoxicated about 2 am and he fell asleep on the living room floor beside her.



Bruce Griffis

Three of her friends, all female teens, were also asleep in the room in reclining chairs, and they told the deputy and Investigator Brad Dougherty that Mr. Griffis shortly after he returned attempted to get into the chairs with them, and when they resisted he left them alone.

Just before dawn, the victim said she was improperly touched and that the accused attempted to have sex with her before she managed to get free from him and ran to a nearby bathroom, then out of the residence.

Mr. Griffis denied the allegation, claiming he remained asleep until awakened by police that morning. One of the witnesses countered that, telling the investigator she saw him follow the victim when she fled the living room and locked herself in the bathroom. Another girl said the accused ran after him, "yelling ... to let him explain what happened."

Mr. Griffis in a subsequent interview

admitted he followed the victim and attempted to get into the bathroom, then ran after her outside. Investigator Dougherty noted in his report that the accused could not give a reason for his actions.

The victim also recounted how the evening before she and her friends had gone with Mr. Griffis to Cuz's One-Stop in Sanderson where he began drinking with Wesley Wilkerson, 35, of Sanderson, and that the two raced back to the Mud Lake address at speeds as high as 100 mph.

Mr. Wilkerson and his girlfriend Mary Covington, 30, of Sanderson were the acquaintances who returned with him early that morning. They told police they were sleeping elsewhere in the house and heard nothing.

Court records indicate the accused has a pending case for violating an injunction for protection from domestic violence dating back to November, 2013.

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Field squabble...

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Clint Cooper told commissioners that he has been a Little League coach and volunteer umpire for over five years in addition to now coaching a softball travel team, and he supports both organizations.

"This is not about harboring any grudges ... towards any person or organization," he said. "This is simply an issue of what is right for one organization or taxpayer is good or right for the next."

However, he said he was disgruntled when told that his travel team was "relegated to practicing only on church night Wednesday and Sunday."

He further stated that while Little League girls' softball enrollment has declined this year, travel ball team numbers have soared 300 percent "with another girls' team scheduled for startup this fall." On a travel ball team, the very best players from Baker County and adjacent counties are selected to play in district tournaments.

Joel Burnett of Glen St. Mary said he has been involved with travel ball for four years, helping to bring tournaments to the county, which "is good for the economy."

"Our biggest necessity is we need (more) fields," Mr. Burnett said, echoing the comments of everyone at the meeting.

Jason Knabb, whose relatives donated the land for the county's baseball complex, urged commissioners to "do what's right for all kids" and allow travel teams to use ball fields on days other than Wednesday and Sunday when some kids would rather be in church than playing ball.

"Don't make them make that choice," Mr. Knabb said.

Jerry Carter, president of Baker County Little League, said the league sponsors 34 baseball teams and 13 girls softball teams this year. Practices began a couple of weeks ago and regular season games will begin this month on fields that Little League has helped improve, he said.

"Travel ball has not put any money into these fields. Little League has," said Mr. Carter, who also coaches travel ball.

"We've definitely got a problem," he said. "The only answer may be more fields."

Mr. Carter said it simply wasn't possible to "incorporate travel ball into Little League practice times."

But Jennifer Payne of Glen St. Mary said she found it odd that "there was room for 20 (Little League) softball teams last year and not 13 this year," adding that "underlying reasons" might exist for Little

League's reluctance to be more accommodating.

Mr. Carter said it's true that the softball enrollment has dropped some, but it's not unusual for participation to fluctuate. It could increase again next year, he said.

"There is no animosity between the League and travel ball," Mr. Carter insisted.

After listening to arguments on both sides of the issue, Commission Chairman Jimmy Anderson called for cooperation between Little League and travel ball supporters to find a mutually agreeable solution.

"I can see we have a problem, but I don't think it's something that can't be fixed," Mr. Anderson said. "We're all going to have to work together to make this thing work."

Mr. Davis urged a speedy resolution, rather than letting the conflict "drag out for weeks or months."

Commissioner Gordon Crews said perhaps new scheduling rules were in order and he volunteered to serve on a committee with County Manager C.J. Thompson to meet with interested parties to find a solution. Some agreed that travel ball teams should be allowed to use the fields for practice on Friday evenings, as well as Wednesday and Sunday.

When asked if he might have a workable solution to present to the board at its next meeting on March 18, Mr. Thompson said: "It'll all be sorted out by then."

School board: three new faces to vie

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Mr. Rhoden is also a BCHS grad and disabled US Air Force veteran.

The north Macclenny resident said he decided to seek the office, which pays about \$26,000 annually plus benefits, "to really get involved and get more people involved with the school system to better the community and try to grow more support from the public. Too many times the public doesn't get involved — and it's like voting — if you don't vote, you can't complain."

When asked how he plans to better engage the public in public education, Mr. Rhoden said he wants to look to other school districts to find solutions and ways to improve the school system here.

"I'm not going to say it [the district] is broke," said Mr. Rhoden, "but I always look to find ways to improve things, and community involvement is something we need, along with a fresh face and fresh ideals."

Like Mr. Rhoden, Mr. Anderson also wants to find ways to better the school district.

The 18-year roofing contractor and brother of county commission chairman Jimmy Anderson said he often spends days off in his children's classes and looks forward to the opportunity to spend more time with students, teachers and inside various district departments, like the bus garage, to observe how the school system functions and how it could work

better for all involved. "You can always do better," he said.

"I want to be involved in the community and have the opportunity to make the right decisions for children to succeed. I don't want to see kids left behind," said Mr. Anderson.

He attends Glen Church, has been married for 16 years and has two daughters, ages 23 and 21, as well as 12-year-old son, 7-year-old daughter and one grandchild.

If elected, Mr. Anderson said he wants to work with teachers and administrators to revise the new, more rigorous education standards being implemented by the state, commonly referred to as Common Core. When asked about the series of standardized tests most students take each year, he said they're useful and he does not believe students are tested too much.

Ms. Rewis-McDuffie, meanwhile, wants to focus her efforts, if elected, on ensuring high school athletes go onto college, and have a way to pay for higher education.

"Sometimes we don't go the extra mile and we need to go that extra mile," she said.

Ms. Rewis-McDuffie also wants to help "underprivileged children" pursue extra-curricular activities their families cannot afford.

"We all know sports and other extra-curricular activities curb negative behavior and foster a foundation for discipline, integrity and a sense of belong-

ing, not to mention the positive reflection on their resume or college application," she said in a prepared statement to *The Press*.

The Macclenny resident was hired last year as the general manager of the zip line park being developed in Sanderson by Mark Broughton.

She previously worked at Orange Park Medical Center as the lead technician in the cardiac cath laboratory and in medical supply sales. She was also a licensed bail bonding agent with Renee's Bail Bonds and a vice president with McDuffie Global Monitoring.

Ms. Rewis-McDuffie graduated from BCHS in 1989. She earned an associate's degree from Santa Fe Community College in cardiovascular science and a bachelor's degree from University of Phoenix in business marketing. She attends Christian Fellowship Temple and has a 9-year-old daughter.

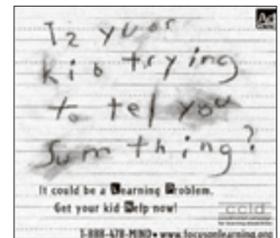
"I'm very involved in her school and her classes," said Ms. Rewis-McDuffie, who also spent time substitute teaching. "I'm at the school a lot. I really

enjoy the kids."

In addition to the school board races, county commissioners Jimmy Anderson and Adam Giddens, both elected in 2010, are also running for reelection. The deadline to qualify by petition is noon on May 19. Candidates must get at least 140 signatures to qualify, which is 1 percent of the registered voters county-wide.

Candidates may also qualify by paying a fee — about \$1850 for the county commission races and some \$1050 for the school board. The deadline to qualify by fee is noon on June 20.

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Extra! Extra! Teacher union right on VAM

Long-time readers of this column may be scratching their heads or cleaning off their eyeglasses when they scan the following sentence:

The local teachers' union opposition on the newly instituted action plan for measuring competence called Value-Added-Model (VAM) is well-founded.

The union president was quoted in last week's edition saying that VAM is not "a valid determination" of teacher accountability.

In short, critics maintain there are too many moving parts in the underpinnings of the rating system, which is supposed to measure how much "above" or "below" expected progress their students made during a defined period as measured by FCAT scores.

That progress level is determined based on average standardized testing for similar grade levels and subjects throughout Florida.

Got that? VAM ratings can be used for up to half a teacher's annual evaluation, and this applies to all teachers even though only about 35 percent of them are actually in grade levels taking the FCAT. Music and gym teachers, for instance, are assigned ratings based on the overall VAM ratings of their particular school.

Any clearer now? Based on figures released by the Florida Department of Education only after it was ordered by a court to do so, Baker County teachers had the third highest VAM ratings in Florida, hot news that the teachers' union threw ice water onto claiming, as do other unions in Florida, the ratings are inaccurate and shouldn't be used to determine overall effectiveness.

Normally, just knowing teacher unions are against something pretty much triggers a reaction that we should line up in favor of it. But not this time.

No doubt VAM will soon go back to the repair shop (envision a bunch of PhDs in education theory huddled together in a large room clad in lab coats) for a revision, the latest attempt to arrive at a system where classroom teacher competency can be accurately and objectively measured.

Truth is, consumers of the state's public education system — along with lawmakers constantly badgered because it doesn't seem to be producing a satisfactory end product — will never have a "one size fits all" way to evaluate effectiveness.

Except word of mouth, that is. And when it comes to that,

smaller counties like Baker are better positioned.

Parents who care enough to know pretty much catch on to who's good and who's not so good in the classroom. Fellow teachers know it as well, and are more inclined to share that information with other parents and friends outside the school system.

Granted, judgements of this kind coming out of the

school system can fall prey to intangibles such as likability and cliquishness, but overall people are decent judges of whether a teacher is effective enough to advance their child a year or more, or whether they'll just have to hope for better luck next year.

Knowing that there exists an "underground" network of evaluation out there is a positive motivator for a school districts as well. Administrators know that replacing bad teachers may be difficult in the short run but easier in the long

run because they don't have to deal with parents when they find out their children are stuck for a year with "you know who."

VAM's biggest weakness, though it's not the only tool used to evaluate teachers, seems to be the small sampling; only about a third of them are in classrooms subject to the FCAT tests. So that means a formula has to be invented to judge the remaining two-thirds. Doesn't seem quite right, and the unions know it.

It's one more cog in the

"school effectiveness" wheel that, frankly, the public will place little faith in because it's too complicated.

So while they work this thing out and trot out a "revised" rating system, be thankful you're in a smaller, compressed school district where, if you really care to know who the effective teachers are, you can find out without any input from the Florida Department of Education.

When fridges are given brains...

MY SIDE OF THE MATTER
ROBERT GERARD

"Hey, how do I make this slide bigger on this PowerPoint? I can't read it."

For the third time I wander over to the computer to help my wife with a presentation.

"Never mind. I figured it out."

Good. She calls me for help under the mistaken opinion that I am tech-savvy. I'm not. I'm just stubborn. If something techie gives me trouble I push buttons until either the computer freezes up or I figure it up. It's about a 50-50 proposition.

But tech is moving so fast that it won't be long before it has advanced past where I am able to deal with it.

I listened to a tech talk on NPR the other day and shook my head in dismay. The commentator was talking about security issues. He said that in the near future the biggest security issues won't be with computers but with the computer chips in our cars, our phones, our thermostats, our television, our home routers and our refrigerators.

Yep. It seems many people have thermostats with computer chips that allow them to set their heating and cooling preferences from their phone.

That seems useful. But refrigerators? Why do I need a computer chip in my refrigerator? Supposedly, smart refrigerators can detect when you need certain staples and let you know to pick up a gallon of milk by sending a text to your smart phone.

My mind starts to work in cartoon mode when it hears stuff like that. In my cartoon brain I see little guys with ice skates and walkie talkies skating around in the old fridge.

"This is Ice-T to Chilly Willy. Come in, Chilly Willy."

"Chilly Willy to Ice-T. What's your status?"

"We've had a serious accident in the frozen mixed vegetables. It's a real mess out here on Route I. I've got peas and carrots all over the place. Oh Lord. We've got a broccoli spear jack-knifed between the Stouffers Meat Loaf and the Edys Mint Chocolate Chip."

"Help is on the way, Ice-T."

"Roger that. Ice-T out."

"Chilly Willie this is Eskimo Pie. Come in Chilly Willy."

"What's your report, Eskimo Pie? What's the yogurt situation?"

"I've got some out of date Yoplait ... wait — hold on. Hold on. I've just discovered some macaroni and cheese in a Tupperware behind the Yoplait that is growing fur. I repeat — green and furry. Green and furry."

"Copy that, Eskimo Pie. Get out of there. Get out of there! I'm sending in the Hazmat team."

I could see that being useful. But if you really want your refrigerator user friendly, you should be able to pair it with your television remote or Bluetooth it to your iPhone. It would read where you are on the couch and at the press of a button lob a cold adult beverage to you. It would calibrate the trajectory like a Soyuz spacecraft and drop that icy refreshment right in your lap. Now that's progress.

IMPRESSIONS

Jim McGauley

formation with other parents and friends outside the school system.

Granted, judgements of this kind coming out of the



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What issues should the school board candidates address this year?

The Press recently asked readers what school related issues they hope to hear about from school board candidates as they campaign for office this summer? What problems need addressing? What successes need to be expanded or replicated?

Jamie Webb: Book bags are so heavy it "could" possibly cause health issues. I'm amazed at how heavy my

daughter's backpack is.

Walter Kelly Crews: No. 1: Teachers do not seem to teach much anymore. The kids are told to listen to a recording, so to speak, have slide shows and work out of workbooks a lot. When my daughter which makes good grades and others ask for help some of the teachers just say read your notes or workbook it will tell you how. Of course they are busy playing on their I-phones and such. Ridiculous but they will surely want a raise in the near future. No 2: Borderline dangerous weights of book bags or backpacks since the kids aren't allowed to use lockers because someone could hide contraband in them. Schools in America are not getting better even with the addition of technology. Human interactive teaching is still the best way and if not then just put a robot, cameras or video screen in the classroom because at this rate many teachers just become high-paid babysitters.

Laura Stafford-Jacobs: Sex in bathrooms, between portables, behind buildings and on buses. Yuck! Surely something can be done to stop this.

Terri Hicks Wilds: School bullying, teaching from handouts (some kids are scared to ask a teacher for help for fear of being sent back to his seat and then laughed at by his classmates). This actually happened to my son in his high school math class. What happened to the days you could

go up to a teacher and get individual help? I guess all the teachers who actually cared have retired. Danny Boutwell, Betty Sands, Betty Taylor, Mrs. Johnson (German teacher) Duncan Harvey, Alana Harvey and others. I guess it's all about a paycheck now!

Aaron Scott: I teach in Duval County. I don't know if the same things apply in Baker, but some of the key issues I see are:

1) There are studies that pretty much support every single way of teaching. I'm sure if you look hard enough, there's probably a study that "confirms" that if teachers will just wear the right colors—or paint the walls a certain colors—students will learn better. The problem is that this means that teachers can be told to "teach it this way," and there be at least some support for that—even though there is plenty of support for continuing to teach just like they've always taught. This creates a constant state of flux and reduces the opportunities for teachers to truly become masters in their field.

2) Teaching new subjects every year. I believe I could be one of the best teachers in the county if I could just spend three years teaching the same thing—Ha! I understand that teachers must be flexible, but if I am saddled with a new "prep" I spend an awful lot of time creating lessons, lectures, presentations, assessments, etc. Instead of being an expert, I am a "newbie" that must work to keep ahead of my class.

3) I have been blessed to score decently on teacher evaluations. But the only figure that matters is how well our students do. In some cases it is entirely possible for a teacher to score as "effective," yet their students do terribly. Or it's entirely possible for a teacher whose students do re-

markably well to be considered "ineffective" due to the quite subjective views of an observing administrator. We need to make up our minds about what really matters...and measure only that.

4) Having come through that tough first (and second) year of teaching, I would try to make the first year as easy as possible on a new teacher because they have incredible pressure on them. Many teach only a single year before they move on to some other career. If we can make that first year a positive experience, we might retain many great teachers who are otherwise lost to this great profession.

5) Lastly, the way we used to teach served us quite well, the sort of education that Thomas Edison received. So why are we trying to change it? Why do we want them to teach for no more than 15 out of 90 minutes, then turn it over to the students? Yep, there's a study for that. We put a man on the moon, built technological and engineering marvels, and created the great literature of America — all while doing it "the old way."

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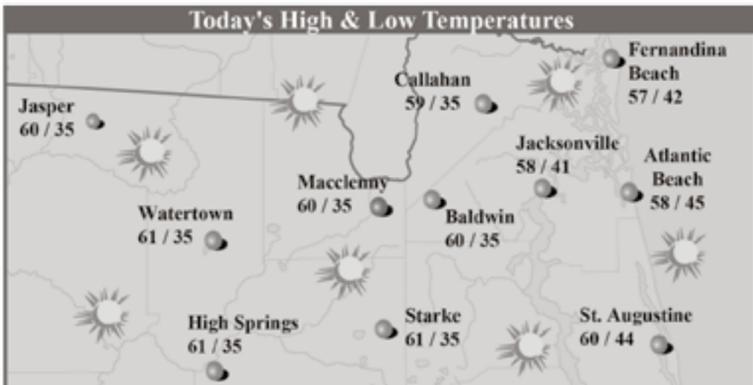
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	Sunday Few Showers High: 75 Low: 55
	Monday Few Showers High: 74 Low: 51
	Tuesday Mostly Cloudy High: 71 Low: 52
	Wednesday Partly Cloudy High: 74 Low: 48



Sun/Moon Chart This Week				
Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moon	Phase
Thursday	7:39 a.m.	7:35 p.m.		New 3/30
Friday	7:38 a.m.	7:36 p.m.		
Saturday	7:37 a.m.	7:37 p.m.		
Sunday	7:35 a.m.	7:37 p.m.		
Monday	7:34 a.m.	7:38 p.m.		
Tuesday	7:33 a.m.	7:39 p.m.		First 4/7
Wednesday	7:32 a.m.	7:39 p.m.		

Last Week's Local Almanac				
Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Mon, 3/3	81	48	73/48	0.00"
Tue, 3/4	68	45	73/48	0.00"
Wed, 3/5	48	41	73/49	0.10"
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Fri, 3/7	48	41	74/49	0.11"
Sat, 3/8	68	34	74/49	0.00"
Sun, 3/9	75	39	74/49	0.00"

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Location	Now	Change	Peak Times
Moniac, GA	9.90 ft.	-0.30 ft.	
Macclenny	10.90 ft.	-0.19 ft.	

Day	AM	PM
Thu	10:28-12:28	9:58-11:58
Fri	11:11-1:11	10:41-12:41
Sat	11:30-1:30	11:00-1:00
Sun	11:56-1:56	11:26-1:26
Mon	12:10-2:10	12:40-2:40
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DUI death: man gets 5-year term

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lease on bond after returning from his hometown of Batesville, MS to surrender to authorities after he was formally charged.

His attorney Craig DeThomasis in a pre-plea brief noted his client's behavior since the time of the accident at midnight on March 29, 2012 has been one of remorse and concern for the victim and her family. The court file is rife with letters to the judge both from Ms. Kirk's and the defendant's family and friends.

Representatives of both parties met just prior to the plea and sentencing. The state dropped related drunk driving charges as part of the plea agreement.

In another circuit court case that resulted in a prison sentence, Jimmy Wayne Wilkerson was given four years after pleading to sexual battery and lewd or lascivious battery on a Glen St. Mary teen in July, 2012.

Court records indicate that Mr. Wilkerson, 36, of Macclenny, enticed the girl, then 15, into a vacant house on North 6th St. and had sex with her. The girl had left her home earlier that evening without her parents' knowledge and met the accused near the Mac-

clenny Park. They then walked to the house that belonged to the defendant's sister on the premise that the victim could spend the night there.

The two had not known each other before that night, and police tracked Mr. Wilkerson based on information from the home owners.

- Jonathan K. Harvey, 40, admitted to violating probation and will spend one year and a week in prison. The defendant, with a Fort White, FL address, was placed on a five-year probation in 2012 for aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, and violated with an arrest for shoplifting at the Lake City Walmart on February 13.

He was caught attempting to steal a leaf blower and also charged with resisting store employees attempting to hold him until police arrived.

- Cleveland Mann will be in county jail six months, followed by 18 months on probation after pleading no contest to trafficking in stolen property, possession of controlled drugs, grand theft and criminal mischief.

- Phillip Pendleton admitted to violating probation on multiple burglary and theft counts dating back to 2012 and will serve nine months in county jail.

COA garage bids all come in high

MIKE ANDERSON
PRESS STAFF

Plans for the long-awaited Council on Aging transportation center to institute bus service throughout Baker County may have to be down-sized substantially unless someone comes up with a boat load of money to help finance the project.

As it turns out, a \$2.1 million Federal Transportation Administration grant to build the facility behind Winn Dixie in Macclenny falls far short of the amount of money contractors say it will cost.

Nine bids received by the county averaged \$3,412,530, ranging from the lowest at \$3,188,000 to the upper end of the scale at \$3,659,500, but only about \$1.8 million remains in the grant fund for construction after paying design and engineering costs.

However, County Manager C.J. Thompson said this week that he has been working on a plan to move the project forward this year without costing taxpayers or the Council on Aging any money, despite the much higher-than-expected bids.

"I thought they were going to be high, but I didn't think they would be that high," Mr. Thompson said on March 10. "I thought they would be in the range of \$2.4 to \$2.5 (million). That would still be high but it would be more manageable."

The grant-funded center on a site donated by the Council on Aging, which provided the required local match for an original \$2.7 million grant, has been in the works for nearly four years and "can't be put off" any longer, Mr. Thompson said.

Because he will present his findings and recommendations to the county commission on March 18, he did not want to disclose specific details about his proposal for the project.

"I'd rather wait till next week," Mr. Thompson said. "I've got an idea to make all the pieces work. We've got to restructure the building some and do the site work differently. We'll probably bid it out separately and use county employees to do some of the work."

Will the scaled down version of the facility require a significant reduction in services? No, the county manager promised.

"With my plan you end up with a fully-functioning transportation center," he said.

The design and engineering plans prepared by Bentley Architects + Engineers, Inc. of Longwood, Fla., detail a 15,550-square-foot transportation center on 9.36 acres, of which 5.16 acres will be used for the project.

The transportation hub will become the home of the Council on Aging's fleet of buses, which are used to take seniors, the disabled and low-income residents on shopping, medical or education-related trips in the region. In 2012, the non-profit agency took over management of a shuttle between Macclenny and downtown Jacksonville along US 90 formerly operated by Jacksonville Transportation Authority.

The remainder of the site, located at the southwest corner of Buck Starling and Willis Hodges roads, is reserved for a future 15,400-square-foot senior center for COA, which has been housed for years across from City Hall on US 90.

The property was purchased by the council in 2008 with another grant for about \$500,000 and deeded to the county for development of the transportation center.

When asked why he thought such a wide gap existed between the federal grant award and the original cost estimate, the county manager said, "That's the aggravating part."

The \$1,862,000 estimate, he said, was prepared by Parrish-McCall Constructors, a Gainesville general contractor that worked with Bentley Architects + Engineers on the design and engineering phase of the project.

But for some reason, Mr. Thompson said, Parrish-McCall, a design-build and construction management firm for commercial projects, did not submit a bid to build the center.

Even though the projected cost was a "rough value esti-

mate" and minor revisions were made to the plans, Mr. Thompson said, they weren't significant enough to make the bid amounts that much higher than the estimate.

The county manager wasn't the only person taken aback by the high bids. Jackie Wright, executive director of the Council on Aging, said this week that she was "disappointed" to say the least.

"I'm hoping that they (county officials) will redirect this thing," she said. "I don't want to lose hope."

After taking over the top leadership role at COA about two and a half years ago, Ms. Wright has overseen an expansion of transportation services, including the Macclenny-to-Jacksonville route which was renamed the Wildcat Shuttle.

Public transportation is becoming increasingly important in Baker County and the service needs to continue to keep up with a growing need, Ms. Wright said.

"We desperately need this center," she said. "We move everybody from the elderly to the transportation disadvantaged. We transport about 19,000 passenger miles a year with our 14 buses."

Soon, Ms. Wright said, COA buses will begin transporting HMO patients under the Affordable Care Act to medical appointments under contracts with insurance companies. Transportation also is available for patients to kidney dialysis centers and cancer patients for chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

Future services envisioned in the near future include COA buses meeting JTA buses at the Duval-Baker county line and transporting patients from Jacksonville to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Lake City and back.

Other concepts in the works, Ms. Wright said, involve a partnership with the Suwannee Valley Transit Agency to help transport patients from Lake City to doctors in Jacksonville and to transport Baker County students to Florida Gateway College.

"We're in the middle of everybody," she said, noting that COA could be a vital link in a network of regional public transportation services.

Also, a service sorely lacking in Baker County could soon become a reality: bus service within the county for commuters, shoppers and other people who lack private transportation.

"We've got two grants for that," Ms. Wright said. "One is called New Freedom, a \$106,000 grant, and the other is called Job Access, a \$55,000 grant, both from the Florida Department of Transportation."

For the first time, she said, people who live in remote parts of the county but work in Macclenny, say at Burger King or Hardee's, would be able to catch a commuter shuttle to work.

There will be a charge for the service, but she said it would be "minimal," because most of the passengers would fall in the low-income category.

When the grant money runs out another application will be filed for a continuation grant the following year, she said.

"Hopefully, we'll be able to get the grant again next year. I'm hoping we will be able to continue this service," she said.

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A crew from Marquee Development, Inc. of Tampa prepares to pour concrete on the new sidewalk on West Lowder.

2nd sidewalk project begins

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As one new sidewalk project is well underway in Macclenny, another is getting started in Sanderson.

The Florida Department of Transportation is funding both sidewalks, the latest on the west side of CR 127 from Tony Givens Road to the Church of God by Faith, just north of Five Churches Road.

According to FDOT, the stretch of 5-foot wide pavement will also tie into Lee Givens Road on the east side of 127.

The new sidewalk will feature wheelchair ramps as required by federal law.

Drivers in the area are warned that daytime lane closures are possible after 8:30 am though they will not be allowed between 2-3:30 pm. There will not be construction after 5:30 pm as well.

Residents will be notified prior to any temporary driveway closures for pouring of concrete.

FDOT hired Advanta Asphalt of Live Oak to build the sidewalks for \$138,499. The project is expected to be complete this summer, depending on weather and any other unforeseen delays.

Meanwhile, the new sidewalk construction along the west side of South 5th Street in Macclenny, which began last month, is progressing and expected for completion near the end of April.

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 Street. The project also includes drainage improvements and widening of the southbound turn lane into Walmart to accommodate a new bike lane.

FDOT has contracted with Marquee Development, Inc. of Tampa to complete the job for \$343,355. The project is anticipated to wrap up soon, though rain has delayed work in recent weeks.

"They should be completed in about six weeks at their current pace but they have 60 days left in their contract," said FDOT District 2 spokeswoman Gina Busscher.

The state is also in the midst of installing 13 high-mast lights at the nearby I-10 interchanges with 228 and 121. That \$2.1 million project also includes 2.3 miles of median guardrail on the interstate running between the busy interchanges.

BAKER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Evolves into 'praisefest'

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Last week's school board meeting was less about the board and more about touting the achievements and good deeds of the community in which the meeting took place.

Welcome to Taylor Church, where school board members, principals and Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson applauded the north county community's "academic achievers" from various area campuses.

Each school's principal sounded off the list of achievers as parents and district officials clapped and handed out prizes to the children.

Officials also recognized the volunteers from Taylor Church, who cooked dinner for the March 3 bi-monthly school

board meeting.

Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson presented the church with a plaque featuring a pair of hands in prayer.

"I know ya'll do more than just fix food for us," she said.

The recognitions took about 40 minutes of the roughly hour-long affair, which was followed by the meal and some social time with school board members and faculty.

Among the agenda items approved unanimously by the four-member board (a fifth vacant seat will be filled in the fall elections):

- A Keller Intermediate School fifth graders field trip to Wild Adventures in Valdosta on May 22.

- A \$75 contract for a photographer to document the upcoming GED graduation ceremony.

The superintendent also reminded board members of the Baker County Education Foundation's annual "Leaving a Legacy" scholarship dinner on March 18.

The event raises money for scholarships from the foundation, which go to both students and employees to further their education. This year's banquet will mark the foundation's 25th anniversary.

Mrs. Raulerson also lauded the school district's new wellness initiative to encourage faculty to live healthy lifestyles and set an example for students.

Marcelle Richardson, the district's finance director, said the district is ranked 65th in the state in terms of the health and wellness of students, out of 67 districts statewide.

BCI officer, son are arrested

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An officer with Baker Correctional Institute and his son, both of Jacksonville, have been arrested on drug charges following an undercover investigation by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

Both Clayton R. Whitley II, 45, and Clayton R. Whitley III, 22, of the same address in northwestern Duval County are accused of selling prescription pills to confidential in-

formants working with FDLE agents from the Jacksonville Regional Operations Center last December.

FDLE received a tip that the father was selling pills in the region, according to the state's arrest affidavit.

The first alleged sale of five 30-milligram Oxycodone pills for \$150 took place on December 12 at the family's home. It was set up by Clayton R. Whitley II by phone, the affidavit reads, but when the exchange took place, it was the son, Clayton R. Whitley III, who reportedly carried it out.



Clayton Whitley III

Then six days later, the affidavit states Clayton R. Whitley II again agreed by phone to sell six or seven pills of the same medication. The next day, December 19, the suspect allegedly sold an informant five Oxycodone pills and five doses of Dilaudid for \$300.

Both suspects were arrested on March 5, a day after a judge signed their warrants.

Court records indicate the father, Clayton R. Whitley II, bonded out the same day of the arrests. His son, however, remained in the Duval County jail early this week.

The bonds for both suspects was set at \$25,000.

County court case dispositions

The following case dispositions were ordered by Judge Joey Williams during regular county court session on March 5:

- Jacklyn Allen, driving on a suspended license; failed to appear, warrant issued.
- Marcus Allen, driving on a suspended license; failed to appear, warrant issued.
- Randall Barton Jr., disorderly intoxication; two days in jail, court costs.
- Anthony Bondi, domestic battery; 12-month probation, 50 hours community service and batterer intervention.
- Shelley Rae Brantley, driving on a suspended license; license school and obtain a license.
- Suresh Chaudhari, sale of alcohol to a person under 21; failed to appear, warrant issued.
- Henry Coley, no valid driver's license; failed to appear, warrant issued.
- Mitchell Conner, no valid driver's license; failed to appear, warrant issued.
- Laci Conti, petty theft; failed to appear, warrant issued.
- Patrick Conway, non-assigned license tag; failed to appear, warrant issued.
- Jocelyn Cunningham, driving on a suspended license, failed to appear, warrant issued.
- William Curran, disorderly intoxication; 23 days in jail.
- Dominick Daniels, petty theft; hold sign in front of retailer, 25 hours community

service.

- Eric Foster, trespass and loitering; 29 days in jail.
- Jeremiah Giddens, battery; failed to appear, warrant issued.
- Timothy Grantham, disorderly intoxication; 23 days in jail.
- Shuan Harrell, DUI; 30 days in jail, 12-month probation, electronic monitoring.
- Jose Hernandez, no valid driver's license; court costs.
- Edrick Jackson, no valid driver's license; six-month probation, license school.
- Lindsay Lagle, petty theft; six-month probation, no contact with Walmart.
- Ronnie Nipper, petty theft; five days in jail, six-

month probation, attend theft class.

- Duane Parker, petty theft; failed to appear, warrant issued.
- Christopher Rountree, no vehicle registration, non-assigned tag and driving on a suspended license; failed to appear, warrant issued.
- Jaime Sigers, possession of drug paraphernalia; 34 days in jail, 12-month probation, community service and attend addiction classes.
- Bianca Simmons, driving on a suspended license; six-month probation.
- Robert Thompson, possession of drug paraphernalia; one-year probation.

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BAKER COUNTY COMMISSION

Wants St. Mary's off water list

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PRESS STAFF

The Baker County Commission approved a letter on March 4 asking the St. John's River Water Management District to remove the St. Marys River from the district's 2013 draft water supply plan as an "alternative source" of water in North Florida.

"The St. Marys River," the letter states, "is a low volume waterway with a small watershed and, as such, its waters are limited in supply and incapable of absorbing the economic, social and environmental effects of overuse via this (potential) withdrawal.

"If the St. Marys River continues to be included as an alternative source of water ... it will lead to irreparable damage to this rare and scenic black water river. The withdrawal will also result in adverse economic and environmental conditions for the river and those who depend on it."

The letter was prompted in part by a presentation at a Chamber of Commerce "Lunch and Learn" on March 4 during which an offi-

cial of the St. Johns Water Management District mentioned that the river was one possible "alternative water source" to alleviate future shortages.

The preliminary study, however, had yet to produce figures on the yield of water, and the official intimated the St. Mary's is unlikely to remain on the list.

In other business from that meeting, commissioners approved a plan for summer internships this year for several Baker High School students in a cooperative agreement with the school district's Youth Workforce Training Program.

The county manager said he might be able to hire four to six students to help with office tasks in various departments, which he said "will free up some full time employees" to do other work.

Ann Watts, director of community education, told the board the district has been approved for a \$750,000 grant to place 10 or more students in summer jobs for the next five years to help them learn good work ethics and prepare them for careers after gradu-

ation.

Attempts will also be made to place students in private sector jobs. The school district will reimburse the county's costs, Ms. Watts said.

The county manager reported that the "rough estimate" to pave the remaining portion of Nursery Boulevard from where pavement now ends just south of US 90 to CR 125 would range from about \$230,000 to \$300,000.

Mr. Thompson had been asked by Chairman Anderson last month to research the paving costs and report back to the board this month, although there is no money in the budget for the project and no immediate plans to do the work.

Mr. Anderson said he was simply curious as to how much it would cost if the county should decide at some point to pave the road, which frequently washes out during heavy downpours and renders the road virtually impassable to many vehicles.

Erratic driver had array of drugs without prescription

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A Sanford woman was arrested for felony possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and on multiple misdemeanor charges on the morning of March 4 after being pulled over for driving erratically.

Tiffany Jones, 25, told Deputy Christopher Clutter that she had driven all night from Sanford, but she didn't have a response when the officer informed her that the time frame didn't add up. The deputy noticed marijuana residue scattered around the center console and cup holder area of her vehicle and he conducted a search of her car.

Deputy Clutter found burnt marijuana residue in the front cup holder and residue throughout the floorboard. He also found a purse containing

a metal pipe, burnt marijuana, 3.5 grams of weed and a metal push rod to clear the marijuana pipe.

After being handcuffed, the suspect told the officer that the purse belonged to her boyfriend's mother, but she knew that it had marijuana in it.

The deputy continued searching the vehicle and found an unmarked prescription bottle with 12 pills inside it, which Ms. Jones said were Hydrocodone. She said her mother is a doctor and gives them to her, but she didn't have a prescription. A check revealed the pills contained acetaminophen, butalbital, caffeine and codeine.

In the trunk, Deputy Clutter discovered a plastic bag containing marijuana, a rolling device, a metal grinder and a metal pipe with burnt residue on it. He also found a prescription

bottled marked to Ms. Jones with five Hydrocodone pills. She said she got the pills from her mother.

In addition to the drug charges, the suspect was also issued a written warning for careless driving.

In a similar incident, a Sanderson man was arrested on two misdemeanor drug charges late at night on March 4 after Deputy Jeremiah Johnson searched his car when the suspect appeared nervous during a traffic stop.

Colby Harris, 19, was pulled over for an inoperable tag light and the deputy searched the vehicle. The officer found a bag in the passenger seat containing marijuana, a scale and a metal grinder.

Mr. Harris was arrested for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Couple arrested for going into house

A Lawtey, FL woman and her boyfriend from Tampa were arrested the afternoon of March 8 for entering a vacant house near Sanderson owned by her estranged step-father.

William Crockett Jr. called police about 2:30 pm when he noticed a Chevrolet sedan parked near the house once owned by his late mother on Richard Oliver Rd. He blocked the vehicle's exit from a driveway with his Chevrolet pickup until Deputy Michael Antonini arrived, and the deputy questioned its occupants Angela Pitts, 26, and Eric Rodriguez, 33.

Ms. Pitts, who the victim said he had not seen in ten years, said she was showing her boyfriend her childhood home and they had no intent to steal property. Mr. Rodriguez, questioned separately, said once inside the house his girlfriend began collecting stuffed animals and other property to take with her.

Ms. Pitts said the front door was open, but Deputy Antonin found fresh damage suggesting the house was forcibly entered.

The couple was booked for burglary, criminal mischief, trespass and attempted theft.

A criminal complaint was filed on March 4 charging Daryl Norman Jr., 31, of Glen St. Mary with dealing in stolen property and fraud when he allegedly pawned seven swords worth nearly \$200 at the Pawnderosa in Macclenny.

Owner Caleb Alford called police that day when he recognized several of the swords at the pawn shop. He told Deputy Johnny Hodges he last saw them in May of last year stored in a travel trailer on his parents' property on Bertha Mae Harris Rd.

Pawn records and a license photo in the state's data base identified Mr. Norman as the person who brought the swords in on January 22 and pawned them for \$25.

Deputy Hodges filed the complaint when he was unable to locate Mr. Norman.

Passer-by tips deputies to man beating girlfriend

Two county deputies, acting on a tip from a passing motorist, arrested a Glen St. Mary man for beating his live-in girlfriend on the roadside off CR 125.

Deputy Chad Montean said he and Sgt. Bill Starling were at the CR 125-Crews Rd. intersection about 1:45 the afternoon of March 3 when the witness said he saw Thomas Baughman, 50, beating Tabitha Johnson-Courson, 28, before placing her in a red Toyota pickup.

The deputy noted that moments later the witness identified the truck as it drove northbound on 125. When the officers stopped it a short time later, they found Ms. Courson had swelling above an eye, scratches on her neck and she was bleeding from her mouth and left ear.

She claimed she was injured fighting with a sister earlier that day and refused medical treatment. Mr. Baughman was arrested for domestic battery and driving on a suspended license.

In other incidents of violence involving couples, Christopher Jones, 35, of Sanderson was charged with domestic battery on estranged girlfriend Berry Hadley, 20, of Macclenny in the late morning of March 9.

Deputy Christopher Clutter said he responded to a call on CR 139 in Margaretta and was met by a frantic Ms. Hadley, who said she was attacked by Mr. Jones after he came to the area to see the child they have in common.

While he was questioning her, Deputy Clutter said the boyfriend left the area in a Dodge passenger car and ran from it when the officer got behind it on Oscar Ruise Rd. He surrendered without incident shortly after when he was found hiding behind vegetation.

Mr. Jones denied shoving Ms. Hadley into an irrigation ditch, instead claiming she fell when he attempted to take the child from her. He told the officer she is jealous because he has a new girlfriend, and that she is pregnant again with their child.

Jason Pryde, 39, of Macclenny was arrested on March 3 for violating a protection order when he drove by the intersection of SR 228 and Jonathan St. that morning while the petitioner Sheina Deyoung, 38, of Sanderson was manning it as a crossing guard.

Ms. Deyoung told Deputy Clutter that Mr. Pryde yelled an invective at her while passing by, an allegation he denied.

A criminal complaint filed on March 6 names Mary Thornton, 34, of Macclenny for domestic battery on Casey Lauramore, 21, at his residence on Ben Rowe Circle.

Mr. Lauramore told Deputy Jacob Satterwhite he argued with his estranged girlfriend and mother of his child, and she struck and scratched him after she attempted to take the child.

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The Baker County FFA spring plant sale is on with a variety of vegetable and annual flower plants. The vegetables are in trays of 72 and the flowers are in trays of 48.

Stop by the high school ag department during school hours (7:30-2:30) Monday through Friday to check out the vast variety of tomatoes and peppers, along with a wide assortment of popular annual flowers. Several types of herbs are also sold individually.

All proceeds go to FFA activities.

EMS open house April 5

The Baker County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) plans a day-long open house for the public on Saturday, April 5 at its headquarters on US 90 west in Macclenny.

The event will start at 8 am and last into the evening.

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Monitored phone call leads to cache of drugs in vehicle

A Macclenny man whose vehicle was stopped just after midnight on March 6 ended up charged with felony drug counts after a sheriff's investigator monitored the suspect's phone call from county jail later that day.

Investigator Mike Hauge, who handles drug cases for the sheriff's department, said he was on routine patrol about 12:05 when he spotted a 1995 Chevrolet driven by Charles Unartel Jr., 26, parked in the middle of Estates St. off SR 121.

The vehicle accelerated from the area, and the investigator stopped it for having an expired tag and inoperable tag lighting. He also learned that Mr. Unartel's license had five prior suspensions. He was taken to jail on that charge and for having an open container of beer in the vehicle.

Later, the investigator said Mr. Unartel phoned an unknown male from jail seeking to get his vehicle out of storage where it was towed earlier that morning.

He, along with Investigator Matt Yarborough and canine deputy Chris Walker went to AR&R Towing in Macclenny where the department canine Blitz alerted to scent of narcotics inside the vehicle.

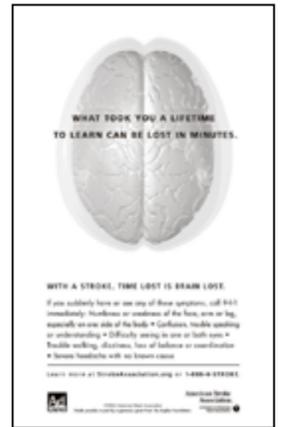
During a subsequent search they found a locked box that contained 45.5 grams of mari-

juana, a box of small baggies commonly used for packaging, three smoking pipes, rolling papers and a scale.

Based on that inventory, Mr. Unartel was charged with felony possession and possession of marijuana with intent to sell.

In another license suspension case, this one not involving drugs, Wesley Permenter, 54, of Macclenny was arrested by Deputy Michael Antonin late on March 9 following a traffic stop.

The officer said Mr. Permenter was not wearing a seat belt when he turned onto US 90 from Lowder St. in the west city. His license was suspended for failure to pay a fine and submit results of medical testing.



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

The Baker County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday March 18, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the Baker County Administration Building, 55 North Third Street, Macclenny Florida, to consider adoption of a Large Scale land Use and Zoning Amendment, by ordinance to the Baker County Comprehensive Plan. The Amendment request was submitted by Mark and Allison Broughton. Copies of said ordinance may be inspected by any member of the public in the Commissioners office, address stated above. On the above mentioned date, all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinances which are titled as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2013
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, MAKING A LARGE SCALE AMENDMENT TO THE BAKER COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY RECLASSIFYING APPROXIMATELY 218 ACRES OF PROPERTY, OWNED BY MARK AND ALLISON BROUGHTON, AND IDENTIFIED BY BAKER COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS 11 35 20 0000 0000 0091, 1135 20 0000 0000 0090, 1435 20 0000 0000 0040 and, 15 35 20 0000 0000 0015 18-35-22-0000-0000-0015. THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION WILL CHANGE ON 110 ACRES FROM VERY LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO RECREATION ON THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP. ADDITIONALLY, 108 ACRES WILL CHANGE FROM VERY LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO AGRICULTURE A ON THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP; PROVIDING FINDINGS BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING DIRECTION TO THE CODIFIER AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, REZONING 218 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY MARK AND ALLISON BROUGHTON AND IDENTIFIED BY BAKER COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS 11 35 20 0000 0000 0091, 11 35 20 0000 0000 0090, 14 35 20 0000 0000 0040 and, 15 35 20 0000 0000 0015 AND, 18-35-22-0000-0000-0015. 110 ACRES WILL CHANGE FROM RESIDENTIAL CONVENTIONAL 1 DWELLING PER ACRE (RC-1) TO RECREATION RESOURCES AND 108 ACRES WILL CHANGE FROM (RC-1) TO AGRICULTURAL 1 DWELLING PER 10 ACRES (AG-10) ON THE ZONING MAP; PROVIDING FINDINGS BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING DIRECTION TO THE CODIFIER AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A copy of said ordinance may be inspected by any member of the public in the Commissioner's office, address stated above. In accordance with Section 286.0105, F. S.: "If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the County Commission with respect to any matter considered at this scheduled meeting or hearing, the person will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purposes the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based."

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

Dropped off tobacco stash

At jail, where he was recently released

JON SHUMAKE
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A Macclenny man who was recently released from county jail was arrested on felony smuggling contraband charges and multiple misdemeanor charges on the afternoon of March 7 for dropping a bag of tobacco off to an inmate at the jail.

Thermon Walker Jr., 38, attempted to drive around the security gate to the secured area of the maintenance shop. He handed a bag of smoking tobacco to trustee Marcus Fennell and told the inmate "Here is something for you to smoke."

Mr. Fennell told Cpl. Koty Crews he had no arrangements for Mr. Walker to bring him the tobacco and was surprised to receive it. The inmate said the suspect quickly left the facility.

Mr. Walker damaged the arm of the gate as he was attempting to bypass it on his way into the facility.

The officer located the suspect driving the same vehicle he used in the incident and pulled him over. Mr. Walker admitted to driving into the secured area without permission and to giving Mr. Fennell the bag of tobacco.

In addition to the felony charge, he was also charged with misdemeanor trespassing and crim-

inal mischief.

In another incident, a Macclenny man was arrested for loitering and prowling in the early morning of March 5 after police found him walking down the street as they responded to a burglary in progress.

Deputy Johnny Hodges spotted Roy Gray, 42, about 4:30 while he was en route to the burglary call. Mr. Gray tried to hide himself by walking toward the ditch.

The suspect told the officer that he was on his way to the store to buy cigarettes. While talking to the suspect, the deputy received word from the patrol units at the burglary scene that the suspect had possibly fled the area prior to their arrival. Due to the seriousness of the situation, Deputy Hodges handcuffed Mr. Gray.

Deputy Jeremiah Combs then arrived on the scene and informed the officer that he saw Mr. Gray walking near the house where the attempted burglary took place.

Mr. Gray denied being near that location, but he was placed under arrest.

At the potential burglary scene, police cleared the residence and found nobody had been inside but the complainant.

Foot chase after wanted man

County deputies arrested five persons on outstanding warrants, including one who was chased down in south Macclenny the late afternoon of March 5.

Deputy Clements Leo said he was responding to a theft call on Jimmy Lane when advised that Travis Johnston, 25, of Macclenny had fled the area and was also wanted in Charlton County, GA for battery.

The officer said when Mr. Johnston spotted him near Brent Lane off Willis Hodges Rd. he fled on foot but shortly after gave himself up when spotted hiding behind a tree.

Deputy Leo added a charge of resisting arrest without violence.

Reginald Keith, 27, was arrested by Deputy Chris Walker on March 5 on Ruise Lane in Margaretta, charged via warrant with animal cruelty for his role in a cock fighting raid two days earlier. He was on probation for a driver's license offense, and also is charged with four counts of resisting arrest.

Deputy Michael Antonin arrested Joshua Reynolds, 20, of Havana, FL on March 3 in Margaretta on warrants from Hamilton County for burglary

and Columbia County for failure to appear in court for marijuana possession.

Investigator Chris Volz was on a credit card fraud case when he arrested Justin Luke, 22, of Sanderson on March 7 for violating probation on charges of sale and possession of controlled drugs and paraphernalia, trespass and theft.

James Green, 34, of Macclenny was in a vehicle stopped by Deputy Leo the evening of March 6 for a traffic violation when arrested on a Charlton County warrant for marijuana possession.

FCAT retakes

Testing dates for former Baker High students to retake the FCAT tests are set for three days in April.

The computer-based reading test will be given April 8 and 9 at 8:15 am and the math test on April 10 at the same time. All testing is at the school district's adult ed building on West Minnesota Ave. in Macclenny.

Students who were required prior to 2000 to pass the HSCT test can use passing FCAT scores to meet graduation requirements.

All test takers must pre-register by calling 259-0403.

Women steal swim suits

Police have scant clues as to the identity of two women believed to have stolen \$285 worth of women's swim wear from Dixie Outfitters on South 5th in Macclenny the afternoon of March 3.

A clerk told Deputy Michael Antonin the white suspects, one accompanied by an infant in a carrier seat and the other holding a diaper bag, left the store shortly after 1 pm after trying on a number of swim-suits. The clerk, believing they stashed several of them in the diaper bag and possibly the infant carrier, confronted the women outside the store as they got into a blue passenger car.

They told the clerk they left the merchandise on the counter, and when she made an

inventory she discovered the missing suits. Deputy Antonin said a surveillance video was not helpful producing descriptions of the suspects.

In other recent shoplifting cases, all of them at the Macclenny Walmart:

- Judy Nelson, 44, of Glen St. Mary was stopped the afternoon of March 5 attempting to leave the store with \$142 worth of merchandise from jewelry to cosmetics and a watch.

Store security earlier observed Ms. Nelson use a scissors to snip off holders from rings and also conceal items in her purse. She paid for some groceries in her cart.

Deputy John Minkel booked her at county jail for petty theft.

- Deputy Matt Riegel said he recognized Mary Thornton, 34, of Macclenny on a surveillance video as she stuffed a speaker valued at \$40 in her jacket before leaving Walmart the evening of March 5.

Store security received a telephone tip about the incident and called police. Deputy Riegel filed a criminal complaint after unsuccessfully attempting to make contact with Ms. Thornton.

- Monica Johnson, 18, of Macclenny was named in a complaint the evening of March 4 after she was observed taking a \$4 package of child's socks, one of which she placed on the feet of her young child before being confronted.

\$10K in diesel fuel is stolen

Police are looking into the theft of over \$10,000 of diesel fuel from a jimmied pump at the Exxon Shop on SR 121 just south of Interstate 10 on three days in February.

Store manager Deborah Millhorn told Deputy Michael Antonin the wiring on a single pump was tampered with after the suspect or suspects removed panel screws to gain access. Surveillance video yielded no identity clues, but the manager recalled seeing two similar white semi trucks at the pump on the days in question.

The altered wiring also did not allow clerks on duty to know fuel was being dispensed from the pump. The device has since been equipped with security locks.

Deputy Antonin said 1414 gallons in all were removed from the fuel inventory, and the thefts took place on February 19, 20 and 21.

In other recent thefts, a laptop computer valued at \$1000 was reported missing from a rental work truck parked at the residence of Christopher Romo on CR 23A

in north Macclenny overnight on March 2.

A second vehicle in the driveway was also entered that night between midnight and 9 am, and initially nothing was reported missing, according to Deputy Michael Clark. The victim discovered the missing computer later.

Police are looking into the possible connection between the Romo burglary and the

theft of \$500 worth of tools from a work truck belonging to Auzzie Johns, who lives nearby.

Mr. Johns, a sheriff's department employee, initially told Deputy Christopher Clutter the grinder and drill were likely taken while the vehicle was parked at Walmart the evening of March 2, however surveillance video showed no one entering the truck.



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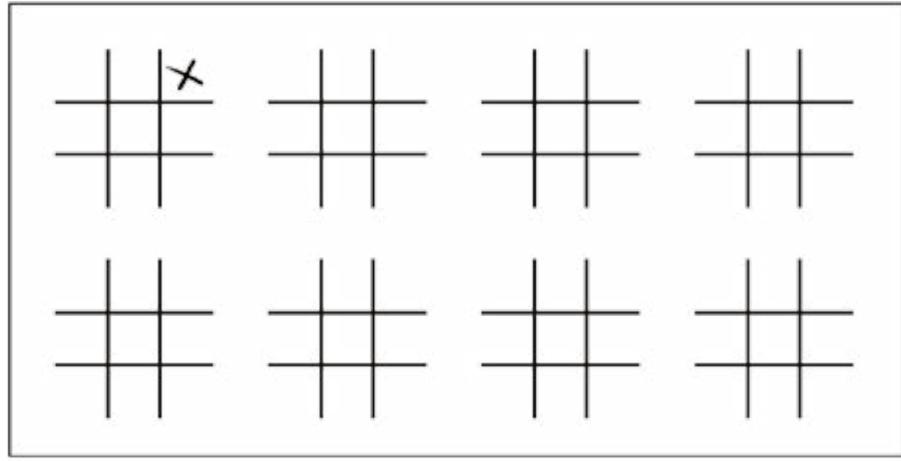
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Math challengers from BCHS (back, l-r) Megan Anderson, Hannah Rodgers, Summer McCray, (front, l-r) Ethan Rivest, and Forrest Elledge.

Photo courtesy of Leigh Ann Hays

'Mega Math' students

BY LEIGH HAYS
BCHS MATH DEPARTMENT

What is your favorite way to spend a beautiful, sunny Saturday? How about 14 hours applying problem solving skills and math formulas to a health and education issue?

A BCHS team comprised of seniors and team leaders Megan Anderson and Forrest Elledge, and juniors Summer McCray, Ethan Rivest and Hannah Rodgers, gave up half their weekend on Saturday, March 8 to compete in Moody's Mega Math Challenge (M3). The Challenge is sponsored by the Moody's Foundation, a charitable organization established by Moody's Corporation. Moody's is committed to supporting education, in particular the study of mathematics, finance and economics.

This year's problem required students to create a model computing caloric needs based on student attributes. Team members worked together to write a paper detailing student nutritional needs and a school lunch plan which would satisfy the preferences of the competing school lunch program's major stakeholders.

The students met at BCHS at 6:45 a.m. Saturday morning to await the downloading of the problem. They were supported by family members who brought snacks and meals throughout the day,

plus Dr. Dorman Landtroop and Leigh Ann Hays, who facilitated the event at BCHS.

The organizer of the event is the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM) headquartered in Philadelphia, an international society comprised of applied and computational mathematicians and computer scientists, as well as other scientists and engineers. The M3 poses a relevant and ambitious applied math problem — this year to thousands of high school students in 29 eastern U.S. states.

The students did not have a clue what the problem topic would be or what they would be asked to do until 7 a.m. on Challenge day. This is the spirit of the M3 Challenge, a free, Internet-based math competition that will award \$115,000 in scholarship prizes this year. Students gathered to research, gather, compute and ultimately solve a practical "real-world" problem in just 14 hours.

Panels of PhD-level applied mathematicians serve as judges in the three rounds of judging. Coaches and teams will be notified in April of the judging results. Teams selected for the top six prizes are required to present their papers at the confirmation (third) judging round in Manhattan to determine final rank-order of those papers.

For further information about the challenge, please visit www.siam.org.

Talking to teens

Let's Talk is a parent-teen communication workshop taking place at the health department on Saturday, March 16 from noon to 3 pm.

The department's Healthy Start program coordinator Sue Murphy said recent "listening tours" funding by a grant from the Jacksonville Jaguars Foundation and Florida Blue to curb teen pregnancy confirmed a disconnect between teens and parents when communicating about sexual health.

"We need to take baby steps," she said, alluding to the *Let's Talk* event this weekend.

She said she will be leading games that promote bonding and communication, but not necessarily about sex. She's seeking teens age 11 through 18 and their parents to participate.

Please call Ms. Murphy at 653-5255 for more information.



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Class calendar

The senior class of 2015 at Baker County High School is hosting a Calendar Girl Pageant on April 12 at 6 pm in the middle school auditorium. It is open to girls grades 8 through 12.

Judges will choose one Calendar Girl Cover Queen and 12 runners-up to grace the pages of a 2014-15 school calendar. The deadline for applications is March 25. Call Shellie Smith at 259-0343 for details.

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With warmer weather and springtime planting under way, it is important to remember that water conservation is one of the most important strategies to help meet Florida's water supply needs now and in the future, says the St. Johns River Water Management District.

Watering restrictions are in place throughout the year within the district's 18-county region, including Baker County, to ensure the efficient use of water for lawn and landscape irrigation.

Coinciding with the return to daylight saving time on March 9, landscape irrigation is allowed up to two days a week before 10 am or after 4 pm.

Landscape irrigation is limited to the following days:

- Wednesday and Saturday for residential landscape irrigation at addresses that end in an odd number or have no address.
- Thursday and Sunday for residential landscape irrigation at addresses that end in an even number.
- Tuesday and Friday for

nonresidential landscape irrigation.

In addition, irrigation is limited to 3/4 inch of water per irrigation zone and to no more than one hour per irrigation zone on each day that irrigation occurs.

The restrictions apply to water withdrawn from ground or surface water, from a private well, or from a public or private water utility. Some exceptions apply, such as the use of water from a reclaimed water supply, which is allowed anytime except when a local

government restricts the use of reclaimed water.

Landscape irrigation is limited to one day a week during Eastern Standard Time, which resumes November 2.

Stay informed about district programs, projects and issues through social media. The district is on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. Through its social media sites, the District posts timely news and information about its work and shares information from other agencies, community groups and stakeholders.

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 Nearly 200 guests attended last weekend's "Tebow Fusion" fundraiser for First Coast Women's Services.



Photo courtesy of Pamela Blume

Bob Tebow's 'message of life'

JOEL ADDINGTON
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Nearly 200 guests gathered at First Baptist Church of Glen St. Mary the evening of March 7 to have dinner and hear a passionate plea from missionary Bob Tebow, the father of former NFL quarterback Tim Tebow, to support First Coast Women's Services.

The nonprofit pro-life organization with a branch in Macclenny "offers hope and help in a time of crisis," said FCWS's Lori Dugan, director of the location here. She told the group how the Macclenny center has counseled more than 2000 clients since 2007, 948 of whom were either considering abortion or "abortion vulnerable."

Of that group, she said, 866 chose life and "we give thanks to God for that."

Before Bob Tebow, director of the Bob Tebow Evangelistic Association, took the microphone to deliver the keynote address, one of the 160 male clients of FCWS shared his story.

Matthew Arnold said even after speaking with his church pastor and fellow congregates, he began to believe abortion was the answer for his family. He and his wife already had three children and were expecting another.

"It got so bad that this bass-playing, band-rocker for Jesus every Sunday was questioning his own faith," Mr. Arnold told the group.

But his wife convinced him to visit FCWS.

There he said he found love and learned about the risks of abortion. The couple got a free sonogram, one of the services provided by FCWS. The image showed girl and the couple was overjoyed, said Mr. Arnold.

"God saved us from ourselves," he said. Now he volunteers with the FCWS center's mens ministry.

Following a song from Marshall Combs titled "Future Generation," Bob Tebow began his speech, which included a mixture of Scripture, stories about his family and his faith, and a call to for attendees to donate to FCWS and help change what he called "a culture of abortion" in the U.S.

He said women may be considering abortion as a viable option, but he doesn't believe they truly want to terminate their pregnancies.

"Inside, women are saying 'Talk me into keeping my baby. I want to keep my baby. Talk me into it.' I think they're waiting for someone to talk them into it," he said.

Bob Tebow urged the crowd to be those voices, whether the women are friends, family or strangers. He illustrated his belief with a story.

It was back when his youngest son "Timmy" was in the Heisman trophy race. Bob Tebow said a television reporter spent two hours interviewing him and his wife Pam.

He explained how Pam was pregnant in the Philippines while they were doing missionary work and how turbulent the pregnancy turned out to be. He shared how their female doctor recommended abortion, fearing the pregnancy could harm his wife.

The doctor's advice fell on deaf ears, however; and another physician, who would deliver Tim Tebow, called his birth a miracle, his father said.

"This liberal, New York, Jewish reporter played that 20 seconds — Timmy's birth story — on television. That's God's doing," he said, adding that his



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 Bob Tebow delivered the keytone address.



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 Former FCWS volunteer sonographer Amber Griggs (right) is served dinner.

wife later met a women who saw the interview and it convinced her to keep her baby.

Bob Tebow ended his talk by encouraging attendees to open their wallets and "give your money, more than you want to," because God will repay you, not only in this life, but in the afterlife.

The program ended with a live auction and raffle, which featured vacations, hunting trips, artwork, cakes and other items, about 9 pm. The event raised some \$21,000 for FWCS.



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 FCWS Macclenny center director Lori Dugan addresses the audience.

Animal control's top volunteer for 2013...

Baker County Animal Control director Georgia Monfort (left) presented Pam Blume with a plaque at last week's county commission in honor of her selection as the department's 2013 Volunteer of the Year. "She stood out with her dedication to solving the plight of homeless animals in our community by participating in all of the adoption events," according to a press release on the award. "She also made it her mission to take weekly photographs at the agency to submit them for publication to promote adoption. Mrs. Blume and her husband also adopted a dog named Murhpy from the program last year." Ms. Monfort said at the March 4 county commission meeting that the county owes Ms. Blume a debt of gratitude for the many hours she devotes each year to helping the shelter provide a refuge for stray animals, often at her own expense.

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CASE NO.: 02-2014-CA-0029

VALIDATION OF NOT EXCEEDING \$1,500,000 CITY OF MACCLENNY, FLORIDA PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2014

CITY OF MACCLENNY, FLORIDA, a public body corporate and politic of the State of Florida,

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Defendants.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA, THROUGH THE STATE ATTORNEY FOR THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, THE SEVERAL PROPERTY OWNERS, TAXPAYERS AND CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF MACCLENNY, FLORIDA, INCLUDING NONRESIDENTS OWNING PROPERTY OR SUBJECT TO TAXATION THEREIN, AND ALL OTHERS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN PROPERTY TO BE AFFECTED BY THE ISSUANCE BY PLAINTIFF OF BONDS HEREINAFTER MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED, OR TO BE AFFECTED IN ANY WAY THEREBY:

You and each of you are hereby required to appear on the 10th day of April, 2014, at 3:30 p.m., before the Circuit Court for the Eighth Judicial Circuit, in and for Baker County, Florida, at the Baker County Courthouse, in Macclenny, Florida, and to show cause why the Complaint filed in this action should not be granted, and the Bonds therein described and the proceedings authorizing the issuance thereof validated and confirmed, said Bonds being designated "City of Macclenny, Florida Public Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2014" in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,500,000, a more particular description of said Bonds being contained in the Complaint filed in this action.

This Order to Show Cause shall be published in the manner required by Section 75.06, Florida Statutes, as amended, in the Baker County Press, a newspaper published and of general circulation in Baker County, Florida, once each week for two consecutive weeks prior to the date of the hearing set forth in the preceding paragraph, the first publication to be at least twenty (20) days prior to said date.

DONE AND ORDERED at Macclenny, Baker County, Florida, this 25th day of February, 2014.

PHYLIS M. ROSIER, CIRCUIT JUDGE

Cc: Frank E. Maloney, Jr., P.A.
William P. Cervone, State Attorney
3/6-13c

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO: 1200246CA

VENTURES TRUST 2013 I-H-R BY MCM CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC ITS TRUSTEE,

Plaintiff,

v.

DAVID R. PEMBLETON, et al.

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the cause pending in the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit, in and for Baker County, Florida, Case No. 201200246CA, in which VENTURES TRUST 2013 I-H-R BY MCM CAPITAL PARTNER, LLC ITS TRUSTEE, is Plaintiff, and David R. Pembleton, Sr. a/k/a David R. Pembleton, Sr., Barbara Belleville, Jodi Jo Hunter, Livingston Financial, LLC, Joseph Franklin Starling, Riley Lee Starling, State of Florida Department of Revenue, Carolyn Annette Thomas and Unknown Tenant, Defendants, the undersigned Clerk will sell the following described property situated in Baker County, Florida:

A PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF BAKER AND STATE OF FLORIDA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, AND RUN EASTERLY ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 1760.0 FEET, MORE OR LESS TO THE WEST LINE OF WEST BOULEVARD OF THE TOWN OF MACCLENNY, THENCE SOUTH 10 DEGREES 24 MINUTES EAST, 309 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF OHIO AVENUE, THENCE SOUTH 79 DEGREES 10 MINUTES WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE OF OHIO AVENUE, 937.39 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF A 60.0 FOOT STREET OR ROAD; THENCE RUN SOUTH 8 DEGREES 16 MINUTES EAST ALONG THE WEST LINE, 864.78 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 80 DEGREES 16 MINUTES WEST, 122.86 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 80 DEGREES 16 MINUTES WEST, 122.86 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 2 DEGREES 12 MINUTES WEST, 81.41 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 80 DEGREES 16 MINUTES EAST, 130.28 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 2 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 02 SECONDS WEST, 80.21 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Together with an undivided percentage interest in the common elements pertaining thereto at public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash at 11:00 am on the 7th day of May, 2014, in the lobby of the Baker County Courthouse at: 339 E. Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, FL 32063.

Any person claiming 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 10th day of March, 2014.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE No. 02-2012-CA-000162

GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC,
Plaintiff,

vs.

ABDULAL, JAMAL, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in Case No. 02-2012-CA-000162 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida, wherein, GREEN TREE SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff, and, ABDULAL, JAMAL, et al., are Defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at Main entrance, 339 E. Macclenny Ave., Macclenny, FL 32063, FL, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., on the 10th day of April, 2014, the following described property:

Lot 8 of ROLLING MEADOWS, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page(s) 96-101, of the Public Records of Baker County, Florida.

Property Address: 5534 HUCKLEBERRY TRAIL SO, MACCLENNY, FL 32063

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

DATED this 13 day of February, 2014.

AL FRASER
Clerk Circuit Court
By: Tabitha Wilson
Deputy Clerk

GREENSPORN MARDER, P.A.,
TRADE CENTRE SOUTH, STE 700,
100 WEST CYPRESS CREEK ROAD,
FT LAUDERDALE, FL 33309

IMPORTANT

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA

CIVIL DIVISION:
CASE NO.: 02-2013-CA-000110

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
Plaintiff,
vs.

JOSEPH L. MOREFIELD; COUNTRY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOSEPH L. MOREFIELD; AND THE UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 3rd day of March, 2014, and entered in Case No. 02-2013-CA-000110, of the Circuit Court of the 8th Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA is the Plaintiff and JOSEPH L. MOREFIELD COUNTRY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOSEPH L. MOREFIELD AKA RHONDA MOREFIELD UNKNOWN TENANT(S); and IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door of the Baker County Courthouse, 399 E. Macclenny Ave., Macclenny, FL, 11:00 AM on the 7th day of May, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

Lot 19, Block 1, Timberland Estates, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 3, pages 3 and 4 of the public records of Baker County, Florida. TOGETHER WITH the following described easement for ingress and egress described as part of the SE ¼, Section 28, Township 1 South, Range 21 East, Baker County, Florida, recorded in Official Records Book 413, page 218 of said County, more particularly described as follows: Commence at the NW corner of said SE ¼ and run S 0°50'08" W, along the West line thereof, said West line also being the East line of Timberland Estates, as recorded in Plat Book 3, pages 3 and 4 of the public record of Baker County, Florida, 340 feet to a point also being the Point of Beginning, thence N 82°19'48" E, 468 feet, more or less, to a point of the East line of Lot 22, Block 1 of said Timberland Estates, said point being also on the West line of said SE ¼, thence N 0°50'08", along said West line, 60.02 feet to the Point of beginning.

Along with a 1994 Gran Cypress Doublewide Mobile Home ID#G1091AFL and G1091BFL

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

Under the American 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 ADA Coordinator at (352) 337-6237, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call 711.

If you are deaf or hard of hearing and require an ASL interpreter or an assisted listening device to participate in a proceeding, please contact Court interpreting at interpreter@circuit8.org

Dated this 7th day of March, 2014.

AL FRASER
Clerk of the Circuit Court
of Baker County, Florida

By: Tabitha Wilson
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA

CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 0222012CA000269CAXXXX

US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR RFMSI 2007SA3

Plaintiff,

vs.

MICHAEL J. MATIS, et al
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated March 3, 2014, and entered in Case No. 0222012CA000269CAXXXX of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for BAKER COUNTY, Florida, wherein US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR RFMSI 2007SA3, is Plaintiff, and MICHAEL J. MATIS, et al are Defendants, the clerk will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, beginning at 11:00 AM at BAKER County Courthouse, Front Door Entrance, 339 E. Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, FL 32063, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, on the 5th day of May, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to wit:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF BAKER, STATE OF FLORIDA BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE IN LOT 74 OF OLD NURSERY PLANTATION AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGES 85, 86, THROUGH 88, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA; SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 74 AND RUN SOUTH 88 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 05 SECONDS WEST ALONG WITH SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 74, A DISTANCE OF 309.18 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 74; THENCE RUN NORTH 08 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 74, A DISTANCE OF 328.53 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 86 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 18 SECONDS EAST, 352.10 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 74; THENCE RUN SOUTH 01 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 55 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID EAST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 339.14 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR UTILITIES AND GENERAL ROAD PURPOSES ACROSS THE COUNTERLY AND WESTERLY 30 FEET THEREOF.

TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR UTILITIES AND GENERAL ROAD PURPOSES ACROSS THE FILLET OF A CURVE WITH A RADIUS OF 100.00 FEET AND THE RADIUS POINT BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENT AT THE WOUTHSET CORNER OF SAID LOT 74 AND RUN SOUTH 88 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 05 SECONDS WEST, 195.10 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 01 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST, 130.00 FEET TO THE RADIUS POINT.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds 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 at Macclenny, BAKER COUNTY, Florida, this 7th day of March, 2014

Al Fraser
Clerk of said Circuit Court
By: Tabitha Wilson
As Deputy Clerk

US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR RFMSI 2007SA3
c/o Phelan Hallinan, PLC
Attorneys for Plaintiff
2727 West Cypress Creek Road
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954-462-7000

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Ms. Jan Phillips, ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Family and Civil Justice Center, 201 East University Avenue, Room 410, 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 seven (7) days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 02-2012-CA-0120

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR GSAMP TRUST 2005-HE5, POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2005,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Henry M. Forbes, Jr.; Dana M. Forbes; MERS, Inc., as nominee for SouthStar Funding, LLC;

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 27, 2014 and entered in Case No. 02-2012-CA-0120, of the Circuit Court of the 8th Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR GSAMP TRUST 2005-HE5, POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2005, is Plaintiff and Henry M. Forbes, Jr.; Dana M. Forbes; MERS, Inc., as nominee for SouthStar Funding, LLC, are Defendants, the Clerk of Baker County will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Front Door of the Baker County Courthouse, located at 339 E. Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, FL 32063 at 11:00 A.M on the 5th day of May, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to wit:

Lot 1, Block 1, MACCLENNY SOUTH, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 1 and 2, of the public records of Baker County, Florida Located: 4699 Mulberry Street, Macclenny, FL 32063

and all fixtures and personal property located therein or thereon, which are included as security in Plaintiff's mortgage.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds 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 at Macclenny, Baker County, Florida, this 7th day of March, 2014.

Al Fraser
Clerk of said Circuit Court
By: Tabitha Wilson
As Deputy Clerk

Clarfield, Okon, Salomone, & Pincus, P.L.
Attorney for Plaintiff
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA

CIVIL DIVISION
Case No.: 02-2012-CA-000118

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.
Plaintiff,

v.

GARY KENNEDY; ET AL.
Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment dated 1/30/2014, entered in Civil Case No.: 02-2012-CA-000118, of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Baker County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is Plaintiff, and GARY KENNEDY; ASHLEY KENNEDY; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAME UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, are Defendants).

AL FRASER, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the main entrance of the courthouse located at 339 E. Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, FL 32063 at 11:00 am on the 4 day of June, 2014 the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:

LOT 23, BLOCK B, MACCLENNY II UNIT II, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGES 64 AND 65, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

This property is located at the Street address of: 4387 Hickory Street, Macclenny, FL 32063

If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After 60 days, only the owner of record as of the date of the lis pendens may claim the surplus.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on February 26, 2014.

AL FRASER
CLERK OF THE COURT
By: Tabitha Wilson
Deputy Clerk

Attorney for Plaintiff:
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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 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 or voice impaired call 711.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 02-2012-CA-000236

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,

v.

MELISSA A. CARTER, et al.,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned, Tabitha Wilson, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Baker County, Florida, will on the 10th day of April, 2014, at 11 o'clock A.M., EST, at Baker County Courthouse Step, 339 E. Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, FL 32063, in accordance with Chapter 45, F.S., offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Baker County, Florida, to wit:

COMMENCE AT THE SW CORNER OF THE NE ¼ OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, RUN THENCE N 0° 25'12" E, ALONG THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID NE ¼ A DISTANCE OF 397.29 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PARCEL OF LAND HEREIN DESCRIBED, CONTINUE THENCE N 0°25'12" E, ALONG SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY A DISTANCE OF 150.0 FEET; THENCE S 89°34'28" E, A DISTANCE OF 374.96 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF A 50 FOOT COUNTY ROAD, RUN THENCE S 0°25'12" W, ALONG SAID WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 150.0 FEET; THENCE N 89°34'28" W, A DISTANCE OF 374.96 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

PROPERTY: 14384 Wildcat Alley, Glen St. Mary, FL 32040

pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in a case pending in said Court, the style and case number of which is set forth above.

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

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 Baker County Clerk of Court Disability 339 E. Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, FL 32063 or by phone 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 or voice impaired, call 711.

WITNESS my hand and official seal of this Honorable Court, this 12th day of February, 2014.

AL FRASER
Clerk of the Circuit Court
of Baker County, Florida
By: Tabitha Wilson
DEPUTY CLERK

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Registration of Fictitious Names

I the undersigned, being duly sworn, do hereby declare under oath that the names of all persons interested in the business or profession carried on under the name of **Sunbelt Commercial Capital** whose principle place of business is: **14125 Leonard Norman Road, Macclenny, FL 32063** and the extent of the interest of each is as follows:

NAME	EXTENT OF INTEREST
Andrew Taggart	100%
Andrew Taggart Signature	
STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF BAKER	Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of March 2014.
Al Fraser Clerk of Court Baker County, Florida	
By: Julie B. Combs As Deputy Clerk	

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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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FFA landscaping teams (l-r, front) Ashton Norman, advisor, Hannah Sluski, Emily King, Kylie Carter, Christy Crews and Shelby King, (back row) Avery Bryan, Hannah Wilkerson and Collin Crews.

High places for FFA kids

BY ASHTON NORMAN - FFA SPONSOR

The state nursery and landscaping contest was held this past weekend in Apopka at the University of Florida Research Center, and the teams from both Baker County High School and Baker County Middle School turned in high placements.

The high school team finished sixth of 23 teams and the middle school second of ten teams.

Team members from the middle school included Emily King-5th high individual, Kylie Carter-7th high individual, Avery Bryan and

Hannah Sluski.

The high school team included Shelby King-4th high individual, Christy Crews-5th high individual, Hannah Wilkerson and Collin Crews.

The contest involves plant, pest, and tool identification, written management exam, problem solving practicums on customer assistance and identifying and controlling plant disorders, and live practicums such as plan layout and job evaluation.

The students worked very hard preparing for this contest! It was a pleasure to coach them and I am very proud of all their accomplishments.



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Cub Scout Pinewood Derby

Cub Scout Pack 555 held its annual Pinewood Derby Race this past weekend on March 8 at Dawkins Masonic Lodge #60 in downtown Macclenny. The boys, with help from parents, created many cars with designs that ranged from race cars to cartoon characters. Members from local Pack 655 also had scouts competing in the race. The top winners from the four Cub Scout dens will go on to compete in the district championships in Jacksonville on March 28. Top winners from Pack 555 are: Tigers — Benjamin Archer, Asher Jay and Avery Royal; Wolves — Matt Fowler, Cannon Wimpey and Caleb Richardson; Bears — Landen Scott, Austin York and Garrett Hodges; and Webelos — Chase Gaskins, Daniel Westinghouse and Mikey Cody. Members from 655 eligible to go to the district championships are Colby Hapgood, Lance Padgett, Leo Zarella, Victor Zarella and Nathen Taylor. Pictured above are the top three winners from the Cub Scout Pack 555 (from left) Avery Royal, Benjamin Archer and Asher Jay with Danny Knight, the derby official and leader of the Tiger den. Pack 555 thanked the Dawkins Masonic Lodge and all the parents who helped out to make the event possible.



Photo by Jud Johnson

Miss BCHS pageant queens crowned at March 1 show ...

Crowned in the Miss BCHS pageant on March 1 were (from left) Princess Wilneshia Johnson and Miss BCHS Jackie Anderson. They are pictured with outgoing Miss BCHS Whitney Moore, and (right) Duchess Mallory Mobley.

Relay pageant

The Relay for Life of Baker County will sponsor a beauty pageant at the Baker Middle School auditorium on Saturday, March 22 starting at 6 pm. All proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

Entries are sought for these categories: Tiny Miss, ages 2-5; Little Miss Relay, ages 6-9; Junior Miss Relay Princess, ages 10-12; Teen Miss Relay Princess, ages 13-15; Miss Relay Queen, ages 16-18; Ms. Relay Queen, 19 and up.

There is a Miss or Ms. Charity for contestants who raise the most money prior to the pageant — all ages.

Registration and other information can be obtained from the front offices at both BCMS and BCHS, or via email at marcyknight@ymail.com. Entry forms must be turned in to the middle school front office on or before Monday, March 17.

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Mrs. Beeder dies in North Carolina

Olivene Jean Holton Beeder of Wilmington, N.C. died on February 22. She was preceded in death by her father Harvey Holton, step-mother Corraine Holton; brothers Lloyd and Marvin Lee Holton.

Mrs. Beeder is survived by brothers Bill Holton of Macclenny and Harley Holton of Sanderson; sisters Nancy Baker of Alabama, Minnie Starling and Rhonda Holton of Glen St. Mary, Barbara Cox of Taylor, Linda Daniels of Macedonia; nieces Diane Norman, Sharon Mallory and Cindy Worthington of Macclenny, and Brenda Gibbs of Glen St. Mary.

She was laid to rest on March 1 at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Wilmington. Coble Ward Smith Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Burnsed buried at North Prong

Willard E. Burnsed, 46, of Fernandina Beach died on Saturday, March 1, 2014 at Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville. A native and lifelong resident of Fernandina Beach, he was the youngest of three children, born on July 27, 1967 to the late Willard Wayne and Florence Faye Rewis Burnsed. After graduating from Fernandina Beach High School, he worked in residential construction, shrimping and as a millwright.



Willard Burnsed

Mr. Burnsed was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed fishing the waters of Nassau County and hunting in the woods with his father at Lofton Pasture and in South Carolina. He was a Baptist.

Mr. Burnsed is survived by daughter Tara Burnsed of California; sister Donna Altman Bishop (Raymond) and brother Robert McKenzie (Bonnie), all of Fernandina Beach; three nephews and a niece, along with various other relatives.

The funeral service was held at 11 am on Saturday, March 8 in the Burgess Chapel of Oxley Heard Funeral Home in Fernandina with Revs. Jackie Hayes and Tyson Lee officiating. Interment was beside his parents in North Prong Cemetery in Baker County.

Funeral March 12 for Ralph Odom

Ralph Odom, 92, of Macclenny died peacefully Sunday, March 9, 2014 at Macclenny Nursing and Rehab. He was born on December 31, 1921 in Eastman, Georgia to the late King Soloman Odom and Leoma Taylor Odom. Mr. Odom was an Army veteran who served in the South Pacific. He was a faithful member of the New River New Congregational Methodist Church since 1964, where he was a song leader, steward and trustee for many years. He retired from Union Correctional Institute in Raiford and was preceded in death his wife Irene Shadd Odom.

Mr. Odom is survived by daughter Sandra Odom and son Mikell Odom (Cynthia), both of Macclenny; grandchildren Alane, Lee and Sarah.

The funeral service was held on Wednesday, March 12 at 11 am at his church with Revs. Randall Griffis and Alvin Griffis officiating. Burial followed at Pinegrove Cemetery. Archer Funeral Home of Lake Butler was in charge of arrangements.

Funeral this Saturday for Ann Shiver

Ann Geoghagan Shiver, 80, of Macclenny died on March 10, 2014 at St. Vincent's Hospital with family by her side. She was born in Lake City on January 19, 1934 to the late Alice and Allen Geoghagan. Mrs. Shiver lived in Macclenny for over 25 years before moving to Perry, Florida in 2000. She was a lifelong member of Falling Creek Chapel in Lake City. She was a graduate of Jones Business College and worked for the Royal Liverpool Insurance Company. She loved flowers, traveling (all 50 states and five countries), and spending time with her family.



Ann Shiver

Survivors include her loving husband of 57 years, Bill Shiver of Perry; children Debbie (Tom) Highsmith and Patricia (Pat) Fedick of Jacksonville, Bill (Cathy) Shiver Jr. of Callahan, Joe (Jodie) Shiver of Riverview, FL, and Becky (Jeremy) Eddy of Jacksonville; sister Julia Osburn of Lake City and sister-in-law Elouise Snider of Mayo, FL. Mrs. Shiver also had 18 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren and numerous nephews and nieces.

A celebration of her life will be conducted at 2 pm on Saturday March 15 at her church with Pastor Cheryl Pingel officiating. Interment will follow immediately after the service. Visitation with family will be at Dees-Parrish Funeral Home in Lake City on Friday, March 14 from 5-7 pm. In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to Falling Creek Chapel P.O. Box 3715, Lake City, FL, 32056.

Graveside rites Thursday for Betty Ward

Jane E. "Betty" Ward, 89, of Macclenny and formerly of Jacksonville, died early Tuesday morning, March 11, 2014 at Macclenny Nursing and Rehab. Mrs. Ward was born in Macclenny to the late Richard Gideon Cox and Conetta "Netta" Joyner Cox, and was a longtime resident of Jacksonville. She worked for the Duval County School Board for many years. When able, she attended the Park City Baptist Church in Jacksonville and enjoyed sewing, bowling and dancing when she was younger. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Sutton Ward Sr. and daughter Patricia Annette Ward, both in 2000, and sister Helen Cox in 2013.



Jane Ward

Survivors include her son Robert Sutton Ward Jr. of Jacksonville; daughter Sherry Klein of Kennebunk, ME; brothers R.G. Cox of Cordele, GA, Gene Cox of Cross City, FL and Bobby Cox of Titusville, FL; sisters Margaret Holt of Macclenny and Phyllis Tatham of Jacksonville; nine grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

A graveside funeral service will be conducted on Thursday, March 13 at 3 pm at Manntown Cemetery in Glen St. Mary. Guerry Funeral Home of Macclenny is in charge of arrangements.

Family grateful

The family of William (Billy) Crockett would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, phone calls, gifts, food and flowers. Also, thanks for the support during our time of loss. A special thank you to Pastor Eddie Sanders, Bro. Sam Abdo and Gail Moore for the beautiful music.

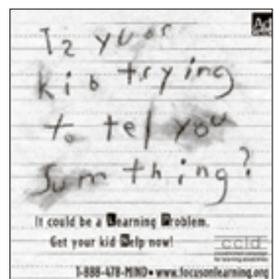
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Jones Elementary observes Black History

Students and staff at Mamie Agnes Jones Elementary in Baldwin observed February's Black History Month recently. Pictured from the activities are school librarian Teresa Bright reading to students in Vicki Walls' first grade class *Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt* by Deborah Hopkinson. That was followed by an art lesson on quilting patterns. Each class had activities for the observance, including watching videos and discussing black history.

Now's time to prune roses

BY ALICIA LAMBORM
HORTICULTURE AGENT

In central and north Florida, hybrid teas, grandifloras and floribundas roses should receive a major pruning in early March. Major yearly pruning consists of shortening main canes and lateral branches, and removing twigs and canes that are dead, diseased, injured or spindly.

This improves form, regulates height and improves air circulation and light penetration within the plant. Leave at least half the length of each main cane that is 1-3 years old.

Other types of roses, particularly shrub roses and old gar-

den roses like the Chinas and Teas, are lightly pruned only as needed.

After pruning, fertilize and apply a fresh layer of mulch. Select a fertilizer formulated for roses, preferably one containing micro-nutrients and controlled-release nitrogen.

There is little research on growing roses in Florida, but rose growers usually recommend that roses should be fertilized once monthly from mid-February to mid-November except in South Florida where monthly application can be made year-round. Apply one cup of fertilizer per plant application or a half-cup bi-monthly. Reduce this amount and frequency for small plants, old

garden roses or shrub roses. Slow release fertilizers can reduce applications even further, down to 2 or 3 applications per year. The first flowers can be expected eight to nine weeks after pruning. For more information on roses in Florida, please visit <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/ep339>.

Brighten up your garden

BY ALICIA LAMBORM
HORTICULTURE AGENT

Add some color to your garden with these yellow flowers.

There's the Golden Globes (Lysimachia procumbens), a bright yellow flower that can brighten any partial to full sun area of your landscape from spring through summer.

It makes a nice ground cover, but is great for container gardens and hanging baskets! And it only needs watering during hot, dry weather.

Check out the Yellow Firecracker Plant (Russelia 'Candlelight'), a weeping shrub with pale yellow flowers that attract hummingbirds and butterflies! It's great for containers, too, as well as butterfly gardens and water-wise gardens that receive partial to full sun.

To add color to shaded gardens, try the Jacobinia (Justicia carnea), or the Flamingo Plant. The tropical looking perennial reaches up to 2 feet high and is perfect for adding a splash of color.

Although tender to frost, it can withstand our cold winters and grow back quickly in the spring time. Blooms cover the plant during the summer and a variety of flower colors, including pink, white, yellow, apricot and lavender, are available. If you don't have a shade garden, it can also grow in containers on a shaded porch or patio.

School activities thru March 19th

March 12, 2014

District-Wide
Baker County High
Baker County Middle
Macclenny Elementary

Early Dismissal
CTE Business Partner Luncheon, 12:45 PM
Book Fair
Just Say No Club, 8:00 AM

March 13, 2014

Baker County High

FFA to "Ag on the Hill"
Tennis @ Yulee, 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Baseball @ Stanton, 6:30 PM
Book Fair
Family Reading Night, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
SAC Mtg., 6:00 PM

March 14, 2014

Baker County High

Softball @ Middleburg, 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Baseball HOME Stanton, 6:30 PM
Book Fair
School Dance, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Baker County Middle
Westside Elementary
PK/Kindergarten Cr.

March 17, 2014

District-Wide
Baker County High

School Board Mtg. BCHS Aud., 6:30PM
JV Baseball HOME Camden Co., 05:00 PM
Baseball @ Clay, 6:00 PM
BB/SB @ Wilkinson, 4:30PM - 6:30PM
Spring Book Fair
Journalism Club, 3:15 PM

Baker County Middle
Keller Intermediate
Macclenny Elementary

March 18, 2014

Baker County High

FFA to PreK Farm Day
Tennis @ Bishop Snyder, 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM
SBall @ First Coast, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
JV Baseball HOME Oakleaf, 6:00 PM
BB/SB vs. Lake Asbury, 4:00PM - 5:30PM
Spring Book Fair
Family Book Fair Night, 4:30 PM
Glee Club, 8:00 AM
Kindergarten Zoo Field Trip
Farm Day Presentation for Pre-K
"Leaving A Legacy Scholarship Dinner" at 6:30 pm. Tickets \$25 at 259-0427.

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ORDINANCE 2014- AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 91-1, AS AMENDED, REGARDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, WITH RESPECT TO ONE PARCEL OF LAND, BEING APPROXIMATELY 10 ACRES IN SIZE, RELATING TO SMALL SCALE DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3215, FLORIDA STATUTES, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY HARVEST BAPTIST CHURCH; PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE IN LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM AGRICULTURAL B LAND USE TO INSTITUTIONAL; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CODIFIER AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE 2014- AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, REZONING 10 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY HARVEST BAPTIST CHURCH FROM AG B TO INSTITUTIONAL; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CODIFIER, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Persons interested in commenting on the proposed changes may appear and shall be given an opportunity to speak at the public hearing or may send written comments to: Baker County Planning Department, 360 E Shuey Street, Macclenny, Florida, 32063. Copies of the ordinance are available for public inspection at the Baker County Planning Department. For additional information, please call (904) 259-3354.

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JV teams at 6-3, 6-1 respectively

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The high school's JV teams continued to have strong seasons. The boys won two out of three games to move to 6-3 and the softball team picked up its fifth straight win to improve to 6-1.

Pitcher Crews Orender struck out eight batters and the team scored four runs in the fifth inning to pull away from visiting Middleburg to win

6-3 on March 11. Two runners scored when Bryce Watson connected with a single and then advanced to second on an error. Owen Register picked up his second and third RBIs of the game later in the inning on a similar play.

Baker County padded its lead in the fifth inning when Will Rhoden hit an RBI double.

The JV Cats held off a sixth-inning rally attempt by the JV Broncos, who had two runners on base with the tying run at the plate with one out. Orender recorded his final strike out and forced a fly ball to the second basemen to secure the victory.

The home victory came a few days after Watson pitched five scoreless innings to help the squad pick up a 6-1 road victory over West Nassau on March 8. While Watson kept the JV Warriors at bay, Baker County's offense was led by Corey Adams and Chaise Taylor's doubles.

The lone blemish during the three-game stretch came on March 10 when the boys lost a close 8-7 game at Columbia. The team fell behind early but rallied back strong through the later innings. Jeremiah Iverson connected with a two-RBI double in the top of the sixth inning to pull the Cats within one run, but the early deficit was too much for them to overcome.

The JV boys' season continues when they host Camden County on March 17 and then they welcome Oakleaf to town the following night.

The JV Lady Cats struck out 10 batters as they stopped hosting Terry Parker 12-0 on March 4 to notch their fifth consecutive win. The girls

looked to extend their winning streak with games at Paxon on March 11 (see next week's edition for coverage). They head to Middleburg on March 14.

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Bracket predictions for March Madness and college hoops

To quote one of my most loathed sports commentators, Dick Vitale, "It's championship week Baybee."

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Here are a few interesting factoids I picked up about the tournament championships. The two top teams in the Big Ten, Michigan and Michigan State, have never met in a Big Ten tournament. Granted the tournament format is pretty young, but that still surprises me a bit, considering how good both teams are.

The Florida Gators go into the SEC tournament having made history by going 16-0 in the conference. It's the first time any team has gone undefeated in the SEC regular season.

Just go ahead and pencil Gonzaga in as the West Coast Conference champs. In the 14-year history of the conference tournament the Zags have won the championship 11 times.

Conference USA has a realistic chance of putting five teams in the Big Dance (another Vitale phrase). UTEP, LA Tech, Southern Miss, Middle Tennessee and Tulsa all have a shot - though not a big one. They will need a good showing in what should be a very competitive conference tournament.

Some teams have a way of making it into the bracket no matter how they finish in the conference tournament. NC State, Oklahoma, Kentucky, Ohio State all come to mind.

What I like about the tournament is that there are teams you never hear about all season long that big teams fear when it comes tournament time. I'm thinking about Creighton, Princeton, Virginia Commonwealth, Memphis, Tulsa, Temple and Weber State.

This year's shocker could be the Shockers. Wichita State is this season and will undoubtedly get a number one seed wherever they happen to be bracketed. I would not like to run up against this high-flying team.

Depending on the bracket, it's possible the Shockers and Gators could match up in the final. That would be a very interesting match-up with the Gator's outstanding defense and the Shockers' outstanding offense.

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Lady Bobcats catcher Danae Miller makes the out at home.

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Lady Bobcats pull above .500

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Coach Angela Lauramore's Lady Bobcats have won four straight games to claw their way above .500 for the first time this season with a 5-3 record.

The girls edged out a tight 2-1 home victory over Suwannee on March 11 to keep their winning streak alive. Mickenzie Carter scored the team's first run and drove in the winning run to help the Lady Cats win. Pitcher Morgan Smith pitched a complete game and kept Suwannee's hitters from mounting much offense.

The Lady Cats dominated hosting Lake Asbury with a 17-1 victory in four innings on March 10 to move past the .500 mark. The Lady Cats jumped on the home team early and scored 12 runs in the first inning. Danae Miller connected

with a bases clearing double, while Emma Gibson had a strong showing with a double and a triple.

Gibson blasted a grand slam and Miller and Taylor Dyal both added triples to give the Lady Cats a 12-4 win over visiting Wilkinson on March 7.

The girls picked up their second win over Yulee this season with a 7-3 home victory on March 4. The Lady Cats fell behind 2-0 in the top of the first inning, but their bats were hot and responded with four runs of their own in the bottom of the inning. Coach Lauramore said it was a team effort as all the players hit well at the plate.

Both the boys and girls teams are scheduled to have a busy week and it starts when they host Richardson in a district game on March 14. The teams are then scheduled to play three games in four days. They will travel to Wilkinson on March 17 before hosting



Allie Crumme sets for the play.

Lake Asbury the next day. The teams will then play their final home games of the regular sea-

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son when they host Richardson on March 20.

Track teams finish in third

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Both the boys and girls BCHS track teams finished in third place at their opening meet of the season at Palatka on March 4.

The boys' team finished "very close" to Suwannee for second place, according to coach Adam Brunner, with Palatka taking first place. The Wildcats finished ahead of Interlachen and Keystone Heights.

The boys had a great showing and swept the top spots of several events. Joseph McCray finished atop the triple jump with a 20-5 1/8 hop, skip and jump. Mason Batten finished in second place with a 19-8 and Mike Boone took third with a 19-7. The three of them swept the top three spots in the long jump with Boone coming in first, McCray second and Bat-

ten third.

Rashodd Hadley beat out teammate CeCe Jefferson for first place in the shot put. Hadley also finished in second place in the discus, while Jefferson finished fourth.

Pooby Jackson's time of 17.36 seconds was good enough for him to earn first place in the 110-meter hurdles.

Overall, coach Brunner said he is happy with the results of the first meet.

"We lost a lot of kids last year, so we're kind of rebuilding," he said. "We're putting together a new structure for the program. We have an awesome group of kids and they had a great showing."

Madison Perry had an outstanding day and finished in the top three positions of a few events to help the girls take a third-place finish. She came out on top of the long jump with a leap of 30-1. Her hop, skip and jump of 14-4 earned her a

second-place finish in the triple jump. Perry was also a part of the 4x100 relay team that finished in third place that also included Demitra Gibson, Emily Orender and Kiala Pigott.

Perry wasn't the only Lady Wildcat who made an impact at the opening meet. Amy Lee Crite's distance of 28-8 in the shotput gave her a first-place finish. Abby Rice ended up in third place in the discus with a throw of 85-5.

Girls' coach Charles Ruise said he expects his young team to continue to improve as the season moves along.

"We returned a few veterans from last year," he said. "For the most part, the young ladies are working real hard. With their work ethic, I think we could have a good season this year."

The Wildcat track season continues on March 13 with a meet at Yulee.



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Caleb Scott at bat against Suwannee on March 11.

BCMS boys get fifth straight win

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The Bobcat baseball team added three more wins to its five-game win streak to improve to 5-2 overall on the season.

The boys avenged an early season loss and picked up their fifth straight win with a 7-1 beat down over visiting Suwannee on March 11. Caleb Scott connected with two triples and drove home three RBIs to lead the team in the batter's box.

The team broke away from the visitors with a four-run fifth inning. Scott picked up two RBIs on his second triple of the game and Preston Sutton and Hunter Wilson crossed the plate when Suwannee's catcher dropped the ball after Clayt Smith struck out.

The big win over Suwannee came a day after the boys took care of business on the road with a lopsided 15-8 victory over Lake Asbury on March 10.

The Bobcats blew out Trinity Christian for the second time in as many weeks with a 15-0 road victory on March 4. Baker County pounced on the host team early and scored five runs in the first and third innings. Smith's perfect 3-3 performance at the plate and three runs scored led the offense. Wade Johnson also went 3-3 hitting and Scott added a double.

Coach Matt Turner said his team is finally reaching its potential as they enter the second

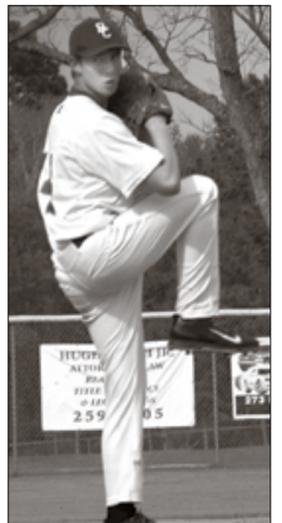


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Preston Sutton on the mound.

half of the season.

"The way the past couple of games where we've been hitting the ball, the team has been playing like I expected them to after tryouts," coach Turner said. "It took us about two games to get into the groove of things. I feel confident when the whole team is clicking and moving the same direction."

Churchleague

The Baker County church softball league invites all churches interested in participating in the 2014 season to attend the meeting on Tuesday, March 18 at 7 pm at the Christian Fellowship Temple. The meeting will be held in the Cross Roads Sunday School classroom.

We are also trying to start a women's league/co-ed. Everyone is invited to attend and join the league. For additional information, contact Mike Carrigg at 904-482-2080.

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Wrestler champ in Naples

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Seven-year-old Tucker Thrift has only been wrestling six months, but he's already captured his goal of becoming a champion by winning the 2014 Florida Amateur Wrestling Association Rookie Folk Style Championship held in Naples on March 1 and 2.

The Macclenny boy made short work of his opposition in the rookie division, which is reserved for young wrestlers with less than two years of experience. He pinned his two opponents on March 1 in 25 and 36 seconds in the first round to win the championship.

The next day, Thrift once again came out on top of a two-out-of-three falls match in two straight falls. He pinned his opponent in 39 seconds to win the first fall. The second fall lasted until the second round, but Thrift picked up the pin 31 seconds into the round using his favorite move, the cradle.

"I felt proud," the young competitor said about his performance at the tournament, which featured more than 300 wrestlers across a variety of divisions.

Thrift began wrestling in August and practices every week at the Pin-N-Win Wrestling Club in



Photo courtesy of Sabrina Thrift

Tucker Thrift after his championship win in Naples.

Middleburg. He had his first match in September at Terry Parker High School.

His mother, Sabrina Thrift, said her son's goal was to become a FAWA champion and he achieved that goal in Naples.

With the championship victory, Thrift now turns his attention to the freestyle and Greco-Roman season. He will compete in his first Greco-Roman match on March 22 at the Orange Park Performing Arts Center.



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Brandie Callaway slides under the tag from Kenny's short stop.

Ladies on 8 game streak

Cats top BK 9-2, improve to 10-1

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The Lady Cats are on a roll. The girls extended their winning streak to eight games by thumping visiting Bishop Kenny 9-2 on March 10 to move to 10-1 overall on the season and remain undefeated at 5-0 in District 3-5A play.

The Lady Wildcats broke a 2-all tie in the bottom of the fourth inning with five runs to put the game away. The team made the most out of Bishop Kenny's pitching struggles as three straight batters reached base on walks, the third of which scored Branda Jarvis to break the tie. Two wild pitches allowed runners to get into scoring position and Macy Jackson took advantage of one to extend the team's lead.

Genie Taylor and Ashton Alford knocked in runs on back-to-back at bats. The play ended with Brandie Callaway's RBI double, but she was thrown out going for third.

Baker County added two more runs in the fifth inning to cushion its lead. Jarvis scored on another wild pitch by the Lady Crusaders, while Payton Parker knocked Jackson home with a sacrifice fly.

Pitcher Mackenzie Wingard pitched a complete game and picked up her eighth win of the season. She gave up only six hits and struck out three batters.

The big district win over Bishop Kenny came a few days after Wingard struck out 10 batters and Jarvis hit a two-run home run to give the Lady Cats a 5-2 road victory at Trinity Christian on March 7.

Jarvis' fourth-inning home run tied the game at two after Trinity took the lead on a double in the bottom of the previous inning. Kylie Holton's sac-



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Ashton Alford looks for the pitch.



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Kylie Holton catches foul ball.

rifice fly in the top of the fifth inning gave the squad a lead it wouldn't relinquish.

The Lady Cats extended their lead in the top of the sixth inning when Jarvis crossed home on an error and Delicia Washington batted in Jackson.

Wingard sealed the win by striking out the side in the bottom of the seventh inning.

The Lady Cats started out its week with a 21-1 road stomping of district opponent Terry Parker in four innings on March 4. While Baker County's books had the score at 21-1, the official score was 19-1 due to a malfunction with the scoreboard. Either way, the girls easily defeated Terry Parker for the second time this season.

It was a tied game until the Lady Cats broke away with an 11-run third inning. Jennifer Hodges jump started the high-scoring inning with a two-RBI single to break the tie. Holton followed it up with a two-run home run.

Wingard and Hodges each added another two RBIs in the



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Mackenzie Wingard winds up.

inning, while Washington and Holton each batted in another run.

The girls followed it up with a nine-run fourth inning. Jackson and Taylor drove home two runs in the inning and Alford and Madison Kennedy had RBIs. Corley Sweat also scored on an error.

The Lady Cats were also scheduled to host Stanton on March 6, but the game was rained out and is scheduled to be made up on March 28.

Baker County will go on the road for six straight away games. The girls traveled to Paxon on March 11. See next week's edition for a recap. They will visit Middleburg on March 14 before going to First Coast on March 18.

Three Cats college bound

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Three senior Wildcat baseball players signed national letters of intent during a ceremony held at BCHS in front of family and friends on March 7 to continue their playing careers at the collegiate level.

Mikal Flores and Jared Crews signed to join South Georgia State College in Douglas, Ga. next season, while Brandon Miller committed to Paine College in Augusta. All three said getting the chance to play college ball is a dream come true.

"It's a wonderful feeling," Miller said about signing his letter of intent. "It's something I've looked forward to all my life playing baseball and I worked very hard for it. It's just a tingling feeling on me all day just knowing that I actually got to do what I wanted to do."

The signing day wasn't just a memorable day for the players; it was one for Wildcat head coach Fred Matricardi, too.

"It's special to me," coach Matricardi said during the ceremony. "These three were freshmen in my first year here. It's really my first graduating class as being a head coach



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Baseball players (l-r) Mikal Flores, Jared Crews and Brandon Miller.

here. We are extremely proud of these guys."

Each player said their schools are perfect fits for them because of their locations and the coaching staff and campus made them feel like home. Miller said he is looking forward to turning a Paine College program into a winning one, while Flores and Crews are excited to continue being teammates next season after growing up playing together.

"It's going to be great," Flores said about joining Crews at college. "We've built a bond since we were 8 years old and now we're going for two more years."

But before they start a new chapter of their lives at the next level, they all have one goal in

mind for their final few months at Baker County: Winning a district championship.

Whether they reach that goal or not, coach Matricardi said sending players to college to continue their education is what ultimately matters.

"When you see these kids go on you know you're doing the right thing," he said. "It feels like we're doing a good job of developing our kids and getting them ready to go off to college. I feel like they're prepared. We know that they're going to go on to the next level, do well and the most important thing is get a degree."

To see video of the signing ceremony, please visit www.bakercountypress.com.

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