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OCTOBER 10

Tobacco Prevention Partnership meeting
3 - 4 p.m.

The county's Tobacco Prevention Partnership will convene on October 10 at 3 p.m. at the middle school with the BCMS SWAT club. The partnership's Hayden Stevens said the group's meetings are now monthly in an effort to revitalize the partnership. The public is welcome to attend. The partnership focuses on combating tobacco use, including vaping, among county youth.

OCTOBER 13

BCHS Wildcats vs Orange Park
7 p.m.

Memorial Stadium, 169 W. Shuey Ave.

The Wildcats take on

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Mom poisons child, 12 years

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Open for business

Free entrepreneur coach at chamber

Who is Mark Yarick?

Mark Yarick is a certified economic development financial professional. He holds associate degrees in aviation maintenance technology and automotive and machinery technology from LeTourneau University, a bachelor's degree in business administration from Saint Leo University and a master's degree in business from the University of North Florida. He is married with two children and one grandchild. He enjoys working on classic cars.



Mark Yarick

Pro tip: Have a business plan

"The business planning process helps the (potential) owner consider all of the facets of a business like marketing, financial management, human resources, employees, regulatory concerns, etc. and gives him/her a reasonable picture of what it is going to take to make the idea successful and sustainable. Once the business is in operation, the business plan can be used to monitor performance based on the expectations and assumptions of the plan. In this way it serves as a road map to help the owner verify that he is on the right track. The most successful start-ups I have seen far exceeded their business plan projections. The start-ups I have seen fail either did not have a solid business plan, or did not use it to monitor their performance and drive daily management decisions and adjustments as they moved forward."

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Small business coach Mark Yarick from the University of North Florida's Small Business Development Center has a diverse professional background and he's using it to help entrepreneurs start or grow their businesses, all free of charge and confidential.

The rural business consultant has been an aircraft and automotive technician. He spent 11 years in the Netherlands working for a multi-national engine fabrication company before returning to the U.S. and later creating his own business making aluminum cylinder heads. He was a community college instructor and led the college's equipment

management program.

The Live Oak resident began working with rural businesses through the UNF center in 2014, specializing in financial planning, analysis and projections.

"It went really well. They were very informative," said Sally Haynes (pictured above left), a mental health counselor in Macclenny with Fifth Street Center, who met with Mr. Yarick and the UNF's regional director Kevin Monahan last week. "They led me directions I hadn't thought about in terms of finding leads and structuring the business tax wise and marketing."

Ms. Haynes has been a certified practicing therapist for two years now and was interested in learning how to better market her

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Jonz: Pushing past spina bifida trials

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Last July Tara Stenbeck sat in a hospital waiting room as her 4-year-old son Garvin Jonz Stenbeck underwent an MRI scan.

She knew what the doctors and nurses would find — the genetic malformation and dilated ventricles on his brain as well as scarring from an operation he had one day after birth to repair the most severe form of spina bifida.

Mrs. Stenbeck also knew what wouldn't show up on the MRI.

Jonz (pronounced Jon-Z), as he's called, is intelligent, social and analytical. He's got an active imagination, shows compassion for others and he's as resilient as they come.

"... You push yourself be-

yond what you are expected to do," Mrs. Stenbeck, a third-grade teacher at Westside Elementary, wrote in a letter to her son on the anniversary of his diagnosis, July 16, from that waiting room.

"... It takes you twice the amount of energy to move around as that of your able-bodied friends, and yet you do it anyways. You may look more fragile than most but you are tough and you fight with the grit of a warrior. They won't really see your strength."

Today Jonz's journey, as his mother calls it, is on full display.

Superintendent of Schools Sherrie Raulerson played a video Mrs. Stenbeck made about her son and his condition during last week's school board meeting.

The video has been social media since late September



Jonz Stenbeck, 4, at the beach.

after a coworker suggested she make it to kick-off disability and spina bifida

awareness month in October.

Mrs. Stenbeck hopes

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County prepares for 'cane Michael

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School, county and City of Macclenny officials announced Tuesday morning that campuses and government offices would be closed until Friday — except for essential functions and personnel — following Governor Rick Scott's emergency declaration a



Captain Chris Volz

few days ahead of Hurricane Michael.

Macclenny Elementary School will serve as the general population shelter and Fraser hospital the special needs shelter. Both opened at 6 p.m. Tuesday evening.

The Macclenny city yard off West Lowder Street had sandbags and sand, though no inmates to help fill them, on Tuesday. The yard will reopen Wednesday morning and remain open until at least noon, said city manager Phil Rhoden late Tuesday. He said the yard would stay open if demand for sandbags remains and four residents picked up bags on Tuesday.

Garbage collection has also been suspended in the city until Thursday morning.

County commissioners and Macclenny city commissioners declared local states of emergency due to the impending hurricane shortly after a 1 p.m. for the county and 6 p.m. for the city. Such declarations

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Small business advisor: Start with strategic plan

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services. She said she learned about tax structures for nonprofit organizations versus for-profit businesses, the benefits of hiring various types of accounting professionals and seeking out grant funding from government agencies.

Today she works with the Women's Center of Jacksonville, which counsels and supports victims of sexual assault and their families.

Ms. Haynes spent about an hour with Mr. Yarick and Mr. Monahan at the Chamber of Commerce in downtown Macclenny the morning of October 4.

"I can access them anytime," she said. "These guys really have their hand on the pulse of the resources that are out there."

Mr. Monahan explained that everything small business owners share during their meetings with Mr. Yarick stays private. Both he and Mr. Yarick signed what he called "a reverse non-disclosure agreement" with Ms. Haynes that morning.

He said the reasons small business owners, or those who hope to start small busi-

nesses, seek out advice vary widely.

"Some people just have a kernel of an idea for a business and we help explore that with them. Then there are other people who are already in business who are going, wait a minute, this isn't what I expected it to be. Pro or con. They might be expanding really rapidly or they're just not moving as fast as they thought they'd be," said Mr. Monahan.

The Florida Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at UNF targets businesses with \$15 million or less in annual revenue. After that, Mr. Monahan said, they should be able to afford their own business consultants.

The center has served Baker County in some capacity for two decades, "but we wanted to create more of a presence so we collaborated with the Chamber of Commerce to have a consultant available on a more consistent basis," added Mr. Yarick by email. He said he began accepting appointments on Thursdays in late August and has helped a handful of Baker County clients so far.

He works exclusively in rural counties, but said Baker County is unique due to its

close proximity to Jacksonville.

"On the other hand, Baker County is similar to other rural counties as far as the challenges of retail, mom-and-pop enterprises and the concentrated growth around the interstate," said Mr. Yarick.

The passion that rural business owners, including those in Baker County, have for their communities is something else that makes them special.

"The most passionate and invested people in the rural community are its business owners," Mr. Yarick said. "They have taken the most risk, have the most at stake and have tied their personal success to the prosperity of the community."

Asked about the most common pitfalls for small business owners, or aspiring ones, the consultant pointed to metrics.

"There is a Dutch proverb that says, 'Meten is Weten.' It means 'measuring is knowing.' In business we say know thy numbers," explained Mr. Yarick. "The biggest mistake I see in business is that the owners are not paying attention to their financials. We always joke about the person who takes a shoebox full of receipts and statements to

his accountant at the end of the year, but I have met business owners who actually do that! Keeping good financial records is as important as marketing, management or any other aspect of doing business well."

According to the Small Business Administration, only about one quarter of small businesses survive more than 15 years and only about half make it five years. The key to being successful in the long-run is having a strong business plan and using it, Mr. Yarick said.

"The most successful start-ups I have seen far exceeded their business plan projections," he said. "The start-ups I have seen fail either did not have a solid business plan, or did not use it to monitor their performance and drive daily management decisions and adjustments as they moved forward."

For more information on the program, including about SBDC group workshops, please visit www.sbdcatunf.edu. Call the Chamber office at (904) 259-6433 to make appointments with Mr. Yarick.

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Jonz: Pushing past limitations

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those who see the video will "have a new appreciation, not just of kids, but anyone who is differently-abled."

"When you see someone with arm crutches or any impairment you have a tendency to feel sorry for them or be standoffish or scared," she said. "The main point of the video is to show that he is like everybody else."

The video also coincided with a T-shirt sale fund raiser to offset Jonz's \$7200 intensive physical therapy camp this summer at Believe Pediatric Physical Therapy in Winter Park, FL.

"Insurance doesn't cover it so a lot of families can't afford it," explained Mrs. Stenbeck.

But she credits the intensive therapy with helping her son walk without the aid of crutches, which Jonz calls his "go-go sticks."

Due to his spina bifida, Jonz suffered nerve damage that led to paralysis in his feet and lower legs. He learned to get around using a walker up until the summer of 2017, his first trip to the Winter Park therapy facility.

"It was a three-week-long therapy session, five hours a day with only 15-minute breaks," said Mrs. Stenbeck.

"They basically worked him until he was able to walk. So he went to this therapy using his walker and left pretty much able to walk independently for the most part."

She described the experience as "the most miraculous and amazing thing you could ever see and it gives you a sense of hope."

The one-week T-shirt fund raiser raised enough to pay the \$2000 deposit required to continue the intensive therapy in 2019.

"We're so happy with the results," Mrs. Stenbeck said of the T-shirt drive, adding that with travel, lodging and other expenses, "the whole experience is pretty costly."

Jonz and his family — including father Shayne and 1-year-old brother Ollis — reside in Sanderson. He attends the PreK-K Center in Macclenny and has 30-minute therapy sessions weekly in Lake City.

His mom said he's a big fan of superheroes and Spiderman in particular and he loves the beach.

"He doesn't like to swim a whole lot but I think he likes the freedom of it. The freedom to be in his own skin. I think that's what it is. He can play like every other kid can," said Mrs. Stenbeck.

People often tell Jonz he's



The "spider cage" at Believe Pediatric Physical Therapy in Winter Park, FL.

their hero, including Superintendent Raulerson last week, which may be why he's drawn to comic book characters.

"He does extraordinary things despite his disability," his mother said.

Jonz is tough but also very social, which she thinks comes from his frequent

interactions with medical professionals, and he's very much a typical boy who likes to get dirty and play with bugs.

You can follow Jonz though the Facebook page "Journey with Jonz." His mom said T-shirts can still be ordered at <https://www.paypal.me/tarastenbeck>.

Prepping for Michael

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make those jurisdictions eligible for federal emergency assistance.

During his briefing to county commissioners, Captain Chris Volz of the sheriff's office, who heads up emergency management for the county, said Hurricane Michael is expected to make landfall as a Category 3 hurricane but could intensify even more.

He said the latest average wind speed forecast for Baker County was 40 mph and up from 30 mph a few hours earlier.

"I think tomorrow is going to be a rough day," he told commissioners. "We're hoping because it's moving pretty fast it will move through and Thursday won't be as intense. I think the fear is that people will say the storm is passed and all is good."

He said weather experts are warning of tornado activity that could last through Thursday evening. "So we still want people to be vigilant all the way through Thursday," said Capt. Volz.

City fire chief Buddy Dugger echoed those sentiments to county commissioners but reported that the storm had moved slightly to the west and was also downgraded in strength.

"It's still dangerous," said the chief, adding that some damage is expect-

ed to occur. He said about noon on Wednesday the city would decide whether or not to activate more personnel to respond during the storm.

Follow *The Baker County Press* on social media and at www.bakercounty-press.com for the latest updates on local impacts from Hurricane Michael.

The sheriff's office urged everyone to get needed supplies ready. Recommended for emergency preparedness kits are:

- Water - one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- Food - at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert
- Flashlight
- First aid kit
- Extra batteries
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
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Sunny
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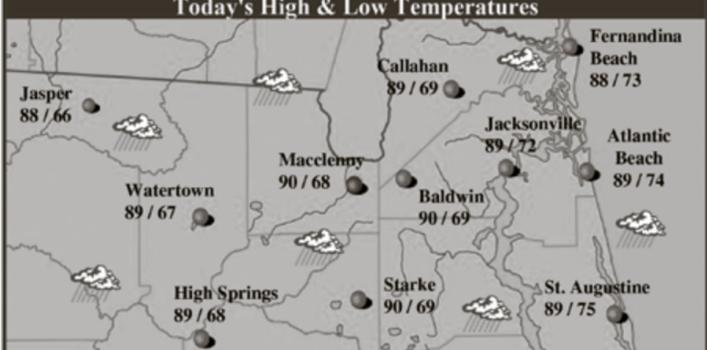
Sunday
Partly Cloudy
High: 89 Low: 67

Monday
Scattered T-storms
High: 90 Low: 68

Tuesday
Chance Showers
High: 94 Low: 72

Wednesday
Few Showers
High: 90 Low: 68

Today's High & Low Temperatures



Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Tue, 10/2	88	70	84/62	0.06"
Wed, 10/3	95	68	84/61	0.00"
Thu, 10/4	93	66	84/61	0.00"
Fri, 10/5	95	64	83/60	0.00"
Sat, 10/6	95	63	83/60	0.00"
Sun, 10/7	91	64	83/60	0.00"
Mon, 10/8	88	72	83/59	0.04"

Precipitation 0.10"
Normal precipitation 1.03"
Departure from normal -0.93"
Average temperature 79.4°
Average normal temperature 71.9°
Departure from normal +7.5°

Data as reported from Cecil Field Airport

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Thursday	7:28 a.m.	7:01 p.m.
Friday	7:28 a.m.	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	7:29 a.m.	6:59 p.m.
Sunday	7:29 a.m.	6:58 p.m.
Monday	7:30 a.m.	6:57 p.m.
Tuesday	7:31 a.m.	6:56 p.m.
Wednesday	7:31 a.m.	6:55 p.m.

St. Mary's River Levels

	Now	Change
Montic, GA	5.25 ft.	-0.05 ft.
Macclenny	4.16 ft.	-0.27 ft.

Hunting/Fishing Times

Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM
Thu	2:06-4:06	2:31-4:31
Fri	2:56-4:56	3:21-5:21
Sat	3:46-5:46	4:10-6:10
Sun	4:35-6:35	5:00-7:00
Mon	5:25-7:25	5:50-7:50
Tue	6:14-8:14	6:38-8:38
Wed	7:02-9:02	7:26-9:26

Weather History

Oct. 11, 1987 - More than 30 cities in the Upper Midwest reported record low temperatures for the date, including Waterloo, Iowa and Scotsbluff, Neb. where the mercury dipped to 16 degrees. Tropical Storm Floyd brought heavy rain to southern Florida.

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THINGS TO DO

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Orange Park in a District 5-5A game.

OCTOBER 16

Congressman Lawson's staff visits
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Staff for U.S. Representative AL Lawson (FL-05) will host mobile office hours every 3rd Tuesday of the month, at the CareerSource NEFL Baker County Conference Room, 1184 South Sixth Street, Macclenny, FL 32063, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., October 16, 2018. Congressman Lawson's staff will be on hand to help with program updates from FEMA, the Small Business Administration, and other federal agencies.

OCTOBER 16

FGC open house
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Florida Gateway College's 2018 open house will be October 16 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Levy Performing Arts Center. Take an interactive campus tour, speak with faculty and staff at the department fair and attend informative sessions. Learn more at www.fgc.edu/openhouse

BAKER COUNTY COMMISSION

New ag extension agent on board

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The Baker County Commission last week hired a new agricultural extension agent, rehired other contract employees and split a full-time position at the library into two positions.

All were moves requested by county manager Kennie Downing.

The board welcomed Alicia Halbritter, a University of Florida master's degree student, local farmer and agricultural extension agent in Duval County, as the Baker County extension service's new agriculture and natural resources agent.

She's set to start the job October 15.

The county and the university will split her \$43,500 salary as follows — 60 percent (UF, \$26,100) and 40 percent (county, \$17,400).

Ms. Halbritter, who owns a chicken and cattle farm here, has been barrel racing since she was 10 and has been a member of the Baker County Horse Association for most of the last decade. She holds a bachelor's degree in equine science from 2016 and is now seeking a master's in agronomy.

Her hobbies include fishing, painting, cooking, wood working and horseback riding.

"I'll try everything once," she told commissioners.

While working in Duval County for the last two years, Ms. Halbritter has led backyard poultry seminars with hundreds of people, several dozen of whom registered for advanced classes at a cost of more than \$2700.

She touted other public outreach work, including a session during a gardening event about truth in labeling for meat, eggs and canned foods.

Ms. Halbritter was the recipient of three state extension awards in communication — best graphics



New extension agent Alicia Halbritter addresses commissioners.

presentation, best team newsletter and best bound book — going on to win a regional award with the latter entry.

"She's already a part of our community, so welcome," said commissioner Jimmy Anderson.

In another personnel-related matter last week, commissioners approved a new three-year deal with the union representing county road department employees. The only amendments to the union contract were to its personal leave policy.

The accrual rates were increased slightly — 1.1 more days a year for workers with less than five years, 1.2 more days for 5-10 year workers, one-eighth of a day for 10-15 year workers and one-tenth of a day for those over 15 years.

However, new language caps the total hours that can be accrued to 1000 hours,

or 125 eight-hour days, and allows workers to request payouts of personal leave in excess of 720 hours, or 90 eight-hour days, once a year at the end of November.

For this year, employees can request the payouts for all leave time in excess of the 1000 maximum.

There are a handful of employees would have more than the maximum today, but most department employees are close to it, said county human resources director Cathy Williams.

In other personnel decisions last week, the commission:

- Split a full-time position at Emily Taber public library on McIver Street in Macclenny into two part-time positions to create greater flexibility in scheduling and save the county money for benefits that full-time workers receive, said Ms. Downing.

Trick or Treat!

Macclenny Nursing and Rehab will again this year host a Trick or Treating event on October 26 starting at 6 p.m. in the front parking lot.

All Trick or Treaters will receive Halloween bag (while supplies last).

The nursing home will accept donations of candy until the day of the event. Happy Halloween!

Candy requested

Trick or treating will be held again this year at Wells Nursing Home on Wednesday evening, October 31 starting at 6 p.m. and lasting two hours.

Due to the increasing volume of children each year, donations of candy will be greatly appreciated. For more information contact Activities Director Linda Moore.

Costume contest for pets!

Start brainstorming now for our Halloween pet costume contest!

The Press will accept photo submissions of pets in costume from October 24 through October 26. The best images as judged by newspaper staff will be posted at www.bakercountypress.com for a public vote October 27 and 28.

The top voted photo will receive a \$10 gift card to Burger King and will be featured in the Halloween edition of The Press!

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State kicks in \$2.25M for CR 127, bridge repairs

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The state is kicking in \$2.25 million for improvements to two county roads, though the county will continue to carry the burden of maintaining them.

That was the pitch from county road department director Robert Fletcher to county commissioners last week when the board approved a series of resolutions and agreements with the Florida Department of Transportation, which will fund the design, engineering, construction and inspection of the two projects.

The larger one — \$1.9 million to repave 5.9 miles of CR 127 from CR 120 to Moccasin Creek Circle in the northern county — will be

funded through the state's Small County Road Assistance Program, or SCRAP.

The less expensive project will be the \$350,000 bridge repair and rehabilitation on CR 125 over Cedar Creek north of the Town of Glen St. Mary. It's set to be funded through the state's Small



Robert Fletcher

County Outreach Program, or SCOP.

Mr. Fletcher said the latter project will fix scouring around bridge's pilings as

well as repair the guardrails.

Both projects are scheduled to be finished at the end of 2021.

"The state is handling it all," Mr. Fletcher told the five-member county commission the evening of October 2. "We're agreeing to let them oversee construction and we'll maintain it."

In addition, the state is funding the repair of damage caused by Hurricane Irma last year on CR 23A (Woodlawn Road) and CR 122.

The latter project involves two-tenths of a mile west of CR 127 and includes repairing guardrails and stabilizing an embankment. The work on CR 23A is similar but also includes replacing a concrete flume between Ben Rowe Circle and Dupree Road.

Cost estimates were not included in those agreements, though a resolution passed last March shows the county spent \$29,565 on emergency repairs for CRs, 122, 23A and 125 after Irma.

Animal adoption fees increased

County commissioners also adopted new animal control fines and fees last



Photo by Joel Addington

Cedar Creek bridge on CR 125 North

week, which have been under discussion for months by the county's Animal Advisory Committee.

The committee is chaired by county manager and dog lover Kennie Downing. The panel also consists of animal control volunteers, rescue operators and Dr. Michal Harrison of Sixth Street Vet.

Cat adoptions rose \$5 to \$55 and dog adoptions jumped from \$65 to \$90

There is now also a new fee for keeping a dangerous dog, which are typically dogs who have bitten or attacked people or other animals in

the past. The fee is \$250 annually, which includes yearly inspection and micro-chipping by county animal control.

Other increases came for euthanasia. Euthanasia at the animal shelter rose \$10 to \$25 and the fee for doing so at the owner's location rose the same amount to \$35.

The new fines and fees schedule eliminated the maximum \$55 fine for free roaming animals. It's now \$30. The same was done for the maximum fine for failing to vaccinate against rabies.

The fine and fee increases were on hold as animal control officer Georgia Monfort hoped to meet with City of Macclenny officials about revising the city and county animal control ordinances to make them more alike.

Those changes as well as the fines and fee changes were to be presented to commissioners at the same time.

Ms. Monfort could not get an appointment with city officials, however, so the fine and fee amendments were presented alone last week.

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Al-Anon meetings

New meetings of Al-Anon will start up on November 1 and continue every Thursday. The session for beginners starts at 6 p.m., and the meeting an hour later.

The meetings are for family and friends of alcoholics, and will be held in the library of the First United Methodist Church on North fifth St. in Macclenny. For more details phone (904)-350-0600.

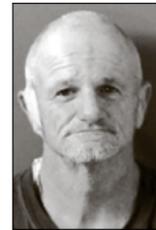
CIRCUIT COURT

10 years for repeat offender

A chronic offender with a dozen felony offenses that earned him prison sentences drew another sentence of 10 years in circuit court on October 2 for multiple felonies in January of this year.

William Mack Cordle Jr., who has been in and out of jail and prison since the 1980s, pleaded no contest to armed burglary and resisting arrest. The state dropped counts of aggravated assault and causing harm to a police dog.

Mr. Cordle, 54, was convicted of breaking into a storage shed in west Macclenny and attempting to take two wheel rims. He was confronted by the owner, and attempted to slash him with a knife before running off. He was tracked down



William Cordle Jr.

shortly after by a sheriff's department canine.

Mr. Cordle has a criminal record of arrests and convictions that sent him to state prison for grand theft of a vehicle (two counts), aggravated assault, armed burglary and grand theft of a firearm. His past sentences ranged from one year up to six years, and he was last released from prison in February, 2015 for possession of a chemical to manufacture meth.

In other cases that day before Judge James Colaw:

- David Arnett, possession of prescription drugs, burglary, dealing in stolen property; 14 months in prison.
- Steven Behm, fraud, forgery to altering a check; nine days in jail, two-year drug offender probation, community service, evaluation for drug and alcohol addiction.
- Virginia Brooks, grand theft; 20 days in jail.
- Preston Burns II, felony battery, simple battery, resisting arrest; two-year probation, community service.
- Christina Carter, uttering forged bills; charge dropped.
- Randy Lee Carter, vio-

lating of probation (VOP) second degree arson, burglary, grand theft; five years in prison.

- Christy Lee Combs, burglary, grand theft; seven days in jail, three-year drug offender probation, drug and alcohol evaluation, community service.

- Sheila Lynn Crews, child neglect (two counts) 20 days in jail, three-year drug offender probation, \$350 cost of investigation, drug and alcohol evaluation, community service.

- James Fletcher, possession of prescription drugs and paraphernalia; two days in jail, 30 months drug offender probation, community service.

- Tiffany Warren, possession of prescription drugs; 10 days in jail, two-year drug offender probation, community service, drug and alcohol evaluation.

- Alan Clark, VOP dealing in stolen property, false statements to second-hand dealers (two counts); 10 days in jail, two-year drug offender probation, drug and alcohol evaluation, proof of SSI insurance within 90 days.

- Ross Long, VOP grand theft; 29 days in jail, two-year drug offender probation, remain in custody until in-patient drug treatment available, night curfew.

- Noah Starling, VOP possession of prescription drugs, fraud to obtain property (three counts); 116 days in jail, three-year drug offender probation, \$800 restitution, community service.

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Says drug use caused fight

Police arrested a north county man on October 6 for domestic battery on his live-in girlfriend at their residence on Hassie Johns Road during which she claimed he pinned her down on a bed and attacked her.

Woodrow Burnsed, 47, who was recently arrested for possession of drugs and a firearm by a felon, was taken back to jail after he returned to the scene and was questioned by Deputy Archie Crews.

Heather Bennett, 30, said she and Mr. Burnsed argued late that evening, and while she was held on the bed, the accused allegedly bit her on the right forearm and held his elbow on her neck as he screamed and spit on her.

Mr. Burnsed denied the incident turned physical. He claimed the argument was over Ms. Bennett's drug use and her having other males at the house while he was in jail. He said his girlfriend of one year was attempting to frame him because he would not buy her drugs.

In other domestic incidents, Nathaniel Strachan, 29, was arrested October 1 for allegedly head-butting live-in girlfriend Tyra Jones, 25, as she lay on a bed with her 2-year-old child in their West Minnesota Street residence.

Deputy James Crews noted a cut above Ms. Jones' eye and a bruise on her leg that she claimed was the result of the accused striking her several times.

Mr. Strachan remained at large until the next day when Ms. Jones phoned the sheriff's department to say he was walking on MLK Drive, where he was arrested while sitting under a tree, said Deputy Crews.

• Darrell Zink, 46, was named in a criminal complaint for domestic assault on September 30 for an alleged attack of estranged wife Sabrina Zink, 40, during an argument when he was moving out of their residence that evening.

She claimed she confronted Mr. Zink because he was taking a motorcycle that belongs to her, and he forced her up against a wall and pushed her on the chest. Deputy John Murphy filed the complaint when Mr. Zink could not be located.

• Deputy Murphy filed a complaint for domestic battery on Donald Brantley II, 27, of Glen St. Mary for an alleged attack on Amanda Bain, 32, when she went to the residence of his father on Odis Yarborough Road on September 28.

Ms. Bain told the officer she took the couple's two children there to see their father, and during an argument he allegedly grabbed her by the hair and tried to drag her out the front door. He then reportedly grabbed her by the face and shoved her into a wall.

Deputy Murphy interviewed Mr. Brantley the following day and he denied the confrontation turned physical. The officer noted no signs of the attack on the complainant.

• Deputy John Finley Jr. arrested William Bailey, 19, of Fernandina Beach October 5 for spitting on him and resisting at the scene of a traffic stop at U.S. 90 and Taber Blvd. The officer said Mr. Bailey refused to pick up trash he had thrown out the window. He allegedly spat on the deputy before being forcibly pulled from the vehicle and subdued with a baton leg sweep.

'Munchausen mom' sentenced

A Macclenny woman was sentenced on October 3 to 12 years in prison for poisoning her prematurely born infant, causing liver failure for the girl.

Shauna Dee Taylor, who was convicted in August of aggravated child abuse and child neglect, was also sentenced to 15 years of probation after her release from prison.

She did not speak at the sentencing.

Investigators found that in 2013, Taylor poisoned the child by giving her Tylenol at Wolfson Children's Hospital in Jacksonville and inside their Baker County home.

According to prosecutors, Taylor gave birth to a premature child in November, 2012. Days after the child was treated and released to Taylor's care in February, 2013, Taylor returned to the hospital with the infant on three occasions.

Each hospital visit included exaggerated or falsified symptoms of the child's health. During the third hospital visit, the infant



Shauna Taylor

went into liver failure.

While the child was receiving treatment, several anonymous tips were made to the child abuse hotline claiming Taylor had Munchausen by proxy and was abusing the infant. The tips also pointed to Taylor's Facebook page, which guided visitors to a fundraising site for her child.

Munchausen by proxy, a mental illness also known as "medical child abuse," is a rare form of child abuse or neglect caused by a primary caregiver who falsifies, exaggerates or induces a child's illness, leading to unnecessary and potentially harmful medical treatment.

Authorities said they later learned Taylor was poi-

soning the baby inside the hospital.

"While the child was admitted to the hospital, she would be there with the child and while she was there she would administer the Tylenol to continue the abuse," Baker County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Tracie Benton, the lead detective on the case, told News4Jax in August.

Ultrasounds of the girl's liver showed abnormalities, and blood tests turned up high levels of iron. Authorities said Taylor was informed of the results and the child's iron levels and liver function returned to normal on their own while under hospital observation.

Investigators also learned Taylor had a history of medical child abuse with her nine other children. Her parental rights for each child were revoked.

Benton said last she heard, the girl is doing well.

The above courtesy of News4Jax.

Heroin syringe in vehicle

JON SHUMAKE

A Sanderson man who was found loitering in his vehicle at Smoker Friendly in Macclenny was arrested the night of October 1 after a syringe filled with heroin and a pill bottle with heroin residue were found in the center console of his vehicle.

Rickie Mashburn Jr., 45, was taken into custody on charges of felony possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia and loitering and prowling after allegedly sitting outside the business on Sixth Street for about an hour-and-a-half, according to Deputy Trevor Bloxham's report.

Mr. Mashburn, who smelled of alcohol, was on probation for possession of a controlled substance with stipulations of no contact with alcohol or illegal drugs. An empty whiskey bottle was found under the driver's seat and another half-full bottle of alcohol was located under the passenger seat during the search following his loitering arrest that also uncovered the heroin, the deputy noted.

Complainant Sheina De Young told the deputy she noticed the vehicle outside the store about 7:30 p.m., and called police after noticing Mr. Mashburn inside the same vehicle after closing the business for the night around 9 p.m.

Mr. Mashburn, who initially told Deputy Bloxham he had been at the business for about 10 minutes to purchase cigarettes, was also charged with loitering and prowling.

In another incident, two people were arrested the night of October 5 on multiple felony drug charges after meth and marijuana were in a vehicle following a traffic stop for faulty brake lights.

Deputy Bloxham pulled over Hannah West, 23, of Macclenny about 10:30 p.m. on Lowder Street and noticed an "overwhelming odor of marijuana" coming from the vehicle while speaking with her. He asked her to step out of the vehicle to speak with her away from passenger Jeffrey Locke Jr., 25, of Tampa.

While speaking with Ms.

West, the deputy noted he saw Mr. Locke reach into or around the vehicle's center console as well as turn around in the passenger seat reaching toward the floorboard.

A search of the vehicle revealed a bag of methamphetamine in a cigarette pack and two other bags of



Rickie Mashburn Jr.

the drug in the center console. The combined weight was 5.2 grams, according to police.

The search also uncovered a total of 16 grams of marijuana found behind the passenger seat, in between the passenger seat and door and between the passenger seat and center console.

Ms. West denied ownership and knowledge of the drugs. Mr. Locke claimed ownership of two of the bags of pot and said the other was Ms. West's. He also said she placed a small bag of meth in the center console and positively described the cigarette pack when asked what color cigarette pack belonged to him, Deputy Bloxham reported.

Both Ms. West and Mr. Locke were charged with possession of methamphetamine with intent to sell and possession of marijuana with intent to sell, both felonies, due to the amount discovered and ownership being unable to be determined, police indicated.

Ms. West was additionally charged with driving on a license with one suspension for failure to pay a financial obligation.

In other drug arrests:

• Both Randall Lawrence, 28, of Glen St. Mary and Wendy Miller, 41, of Jacksonville were jailed the night of October 4 on differing drug charges after methamphetamine, marijuana and a grinder were found during a search.

Deputy James Crews stopped Mr. Lawrence about

9 p.m. for failing to properly stop at the stop sign at the intersection of Blair and Lowder streets. Mr. Lawrence became "nervous and irrational" during the traffic stop, the deputy noted, and eventually gave consent to a search, at which point Mr. Lawrence and passenger Ms. Miller exited the vehicle.

A container with meth inside was found in the passenger door compartment, and Mr. Lawrence said the drugs were not his personally but he would take the charge because they were in his vehicle. A cigarette container with two small bags of meth was found behind the passenger seat, and marijuana was located in a bag in the passenger door, which Ms. Miller claimed was hers, according to the officer.

A search of her purse uncovered a grinder containing particles of a green, leafy substance.

Mr. Lawrence was jailed for felony possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession of drug paraphernalia. Ms. Miller was taken to jail for misdemeanor possession of pot and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• Demond Ruise, 41, of Hollywood, FL was arrested the morning of October 4 for possession of marijuana with intent to sell within 1000 feet of a school, a second-degree felony, after about 47 grams of the drug were found in his backpack.

Deputy Michael Hauge saw a semi truck parked on the side of the roadway in the area of MLK Street and Minnesota Avenue. The narcotics unit had received information about a truck driver delivering large amounts of narcotics in the area where the truck was spotted over the previous few months, he reported.

The officer made contact with Mr. Ruise when he exited the truck and the suspect denied having anything illegal inside it or on his person. A search of the backpack revealed several plastic containers containing marijuana. The pot was packaged in various amounts in the containers, Deputy Hauge reported.

Beams could affect traffic on interstate

Motorists traveling on Interstate 10 between Tallahassee and Jacksonville next week should expect delays as 200-foot bridge beams are delivered to Jacksonville as part of the I-295 Express Lanes project, FDOT said last Thursday.

Beams will begin shipping from Gretna, approximately 42 miles northwest of Tallahassee, at 10 a.m. on Sunday, October 7, utilizing Interstate 10 and Interstate 295. The beams will travel on 18-foot wide carrier dollies and the trucks will utilize more than one lane to travel.

Additional beams will ship on Tuesday, October 9 beginning at 7 a.m., and two more beams will leave Gretna at 7 a.m. on Thursday, October 11 weather permitting.

Motorists traveling along these routes on shipment days should anticipate delays.

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Ex-con is jailed for rash of regional burglaries

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A Jacksonville man released from prison last March was arrested October 3 in connection with a series of similar burglaries across the region, including three at stores in Macclenny.

Tyrone V. Whitehead, 55, was identified as a likely suspect in burglaries at the Raceway on Woodlawn Road on June 22, at the Quick & Handy on Lowder Street on July 11 and Baker

Beverage on September 11 through cooperation among law enforcement agencies here and elsewhere, the Baker County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) reported last week.

"As detectives continued to investigate they learned that there had been several other burglaries across Northeast Florida that were similar to the ones here in Baker County," the sheriff's office posted to its Facebook page last week. "Detectives began to collaborate with those law enforcement agencies and determined that the same suspect may have also committed those burglaries as well."

Mr. Whitehead, who was on probation and has a history of burglary offenses, was identified and placed under surveillance until enough evidence was gathered for an arrest warrant.

He was arrested by BCSO detectives and officers with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office. He faces three counts each of commercial bur-

glary, grand theft and felony criminal mischief for the trio of crimes here. His bond was set at \$330,000.

Mr. Whitehead has outstanding warrants from several other jurisdictions. He's suspected to be involved in nearly a dozen other burglaries in at least eight other Northeast Florida counties.

"The Baker County Sheriff's Office would like to thank their law enforcement partners for their dedication and assistance with the safe and successful apprehension of this suspect," read the statement posted by BCSO.

In other warrant arrests recently:

- Kelly J. Prowant, 35, and Dustin L. Rhoden, 32, both of Sanderson were arrested on warrants for dealing in stolen property connected to the theft of thousands of dollars in tools from a Fred Harvey Road residence in August.
- Kaylyn D. Holmes, 23, of Sanderson was arrested

October 8 on a warrant for property damage and trespassing.

- Jason T. Dupree, 39, of Glen was arrested October 6 for VOP from a domestic violence case last year.

- Ashley G. Jowers, 34, of Glen was arrested the same day for failing to appear in court on a battery charge.

- Brian A. Hance, 34, of Glen was arrested October 5 for failing to appear in court on two counts of driving without a valid license or registration last December.

- Lydia A. Dillow, 36, of Lake Butler was arrested the next day for VOP stemming from a petit theft case from January.

- Samantha D. Nobles, 37, of White Springs was arrested October 3 for VOP in a meth trafficking case from May, 2006, court records indicate. She failed a drug test, didn't report to her probation officer or gain consent for a move.
- Randy L. Carter, 49 of Glen St. Mary was arrested

the same day for violating a three-year probation stemming from a 2017 burglary, grand theft and trespassing case. He was arrested for arson last May, leading to the violation.

- Johnathan D. Mann, 27, of Glen was arrested that day for VOP connected to a culpable negligence case from 2017.

- Kenneth D. Stelma, 22, of Jacksonville was arrested October 1 violation of probation stemming from a burglary case in January, 2018.

- Casey J. Lauramore, 26, of Macclenny was arrested October 2 on a violation of probation (VOP) warrant stemming from a firearms charge from September 17. He failed a drug screen.

- Idrissa C. Danner II, 25, of Jacksonville was arrested September 28 for violating terms of his probation in a grand theft case dating back to May of 2016.

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Driver leaves scene of wreck on 125

Police arrested a north county woman late on October 5 and charged her with felony hit and run after she wrecked her car on CR 125 north of Cuyler and left the scene along with her boyfriend after being picked up by a passer-by.

Deputy John Finley Jr. traced the registration of the Chevrolet Impala that left the road and crashed into a phone box to the residence of Stacey Brooks, 52, who when interviewed there claimed she had "two beers" and left the road about 7 p.m. to avoid hitting an animal.

Later, after the Florida Highway Patrol was called in to assist in the investigation, Ms. Brooks said she left the scene because she had been drinking and she attempted to get in touch with friends to retrieve the vehicle before police noticed it.

Deputy Finley said an open container of whiskey was found in the car. The boyfriend Shaun Harrell said they had been at the 121 Club in Macclenny and were returning home at the time. He had a laceration on his forehead and was described as "heavily intoxicated."

Trooper A. Brannon said Ms. Brooks was medically cleared at Fraser Hospital before she was taken to county jail.

In another FHP case, Trooper J.E. Farley arrested Ty Herndon, 32, of Jacksonville for drunk driving the early morning of October 7.

The officer said he witnessed the accused's Chevrolet spin tires and accelerate quickly on SR 228 to near 100 mph about 12:23 a.m. Once stopped, Mr. Herndon exhibited signs of intoxication including slurred speech and an odor of alcohol. A nearly empty bottle of liquor was on the back floorboard.

The driver did poorly on field sobriety tests and refused to take a breath test.

- Deputy Archie Crews arrested Kevin Combs Jr., 25, of Sanderson the evening of October 6 for driving on a license that was canceled indefinitely with multiple suspensions.

The officer stopped Mr. Combs on Woodlawn Road for having no tag light. He was also charged with having a non-assigned tag and possession of a live round of ammunition by a convicted felon.

- The same deputy arrested Takeya Jones, 33, of Macclenny near midnight on October 2 for felony driving on a revoked license as an habitual offender. She was stopped at South Sixth Street and Barber Road for having an expired license tag and faulty tag lights.

- Craig Blackburn, 37, of Macclenny was charged with driving on a suspended license following a traffic stop in north Macclenny by Deputy Trevor Bloxham early on October 3 for having an expired tag on his Ford pickup.

Caught in vehicle stolen from Starke

An Asheville, N.C. woman and her passenger were taken into custody the early morning of October 3 after they were caught with a vehicle that had been reported stolen in Starke.

The red Honda driven by Lois Banks, 30, was spotted by Sgt. Patrick McGauley on SR 228 and followed as it entered I-10 eastbound, according to the report by Deputy James Crews. Earlier, police agencies in the area had been advised of the car belonging to Sheila Johnson of Starke.

Passenger William Moses, 37, of Interlachen, FL told police a person named Jimmie, who he described as a friend of a cousin, agreed to let him borrow the vehicle.

Ms. Banks was booked for grand theft and possession of a syringe containing a clear liquid after it was discovered during in a wallet during a property inventory.

In other recent property crime cases, Hunter Combs, 20, and Kevin Wilkerson, 41, were arrested for felony dealing in stolen property after they were linked to the theft of two rifles on September 11 from the home of James Brown on Eddy Grade Road in the north county.

Sgt. Chris Walker was told by Mr.



Lois Banks

Combs and Felicia (FeFe) Lisette, 32, of Sanderson came to his house on Hilltop Road claiming that she and Michael Bullock took the rifles from the bedroom and asked him to "get rid" of them.

Mr. Wilkerson contacted Detective Keith Parker about a firearm he was asked to buy, then led officers to a ditch off Wint Rewis Road where one was found in a plastic bag in pieces.

- Inmate Christopher Graves, 46, of Nicholls, GA was charged October 2 with criminal mischief at county jail after he was captured on a surveillance camera earlier ripping the lid from a mailbox and walking away with it.

- Two Rent-A-Vision customers were named in criminal complaints for failure to make payments on merchandise — Willie Williams, 48, of St. George, GA for a refrigerator and Cheri McNeil, 35, of Glen St. Mary for a television.

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Two are arrested for prank

Three suspects, two of them juveniles, are said responsible for playing "ding dong ditching" on East River Circle in Macclenny the early morning of September 30.

The term is used to describe a prankish practice of kicking or knocking hard on the front door of a residence then running off.

Michael Oyinloye called police about 12:45 a.m. and said he was in the living room when he heard multiple male voices outside. The voices grew close and someone kicked the front door "very forcefully" before they ran off.

When he looked outside, there was no sign of anyone and only a muddy shoe print in the center of the door.

Deputy John Murphy said as officers fanned out into the neighborhood, Deputy Trevor Bloxham caught one of the juveniles after chasing him down near a wooded area. He admitted to the prank and said two others were involved.

Later that day, Deputy Andrew Thames went to the residence of Angel Novak, 20, on Hid Dugger Road based on information from the youth that he was with them.

He said Mr. Novak became aggressive and approached him in a threatening manner, pushing the officer's hand off his chest. He was arrested for resisting, loitering and prowling, as was the one juvenile. A criminal complaint was filed against the other juvenile. Both are 15 years old.

In another arrest for resisting, Deputy Murphy took an intoxicated James Slade III, 59, into custody following a disturbance at his residence on Arnold Rhoden Road the late evening of September 28.

Police had been told that Mr. Slade might have a gun in a bedroom, and Sgt. Ben Anderson commanded him five times to step away from the door and into his yard.



Photos courtesy of Tanya Anderson

Firewise group distributes reflective address signs

The Moccasin Creek Circle annual Firewise event was a great success, said county Firewise coordinator Tanya Anderson. She said 56 residents turned out as well as county fire and state forestry volunteers. Thirty-nine "highly visible" address signs were made and distributed from the forestry office in the northern county, she said. Also handed out were Firewise publications to educate residents on mitigating wildfire risks to their homes and property. "Many thanks to the Moccasin Creek Circle Firewise board and its resident leader Les Gideons for all of the hard work and sincere dedication they have put into their community ...," said Ms. Anderson by email. Picture at top are Caryl Padgett, Joyce Gideons and Judi Rutherford.



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Gracie Milton of Glen St. Mary

Grabs national title

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Gracie Milton, 12, of Glen St. Mary won the champion junior showman title at the 2018 National Junior Swine Association (NJSA) eastern regional competition in Hamburg, N.Y. October 4-6.

The NJSA is the largest youth livestock organization in the world with more than 13,500 members, according to its website. The NJSA's mission is to provide a network uniting swine enthusiasts while offering competitive opportunities to reward excellence, enhance educational opportunities and develop leadership skills.

Ms. Milton, who attends Old Plank Christian Acad-

emy in Jacksonville, has been showing swine for the last six years, including at national shows in Georgia and Iowa.

She lives on her family's farm and is active the Southern Farmers 4H Club. She is the daughter of Emily Coulliette.

"Sharing the show ring with other exhibitors with the same passion for pigs is always inspiring for her," said her mother. "She is thankful for her mentors along the way that have helped her gain her passion for showing pigs."

In addition to the junior showman title in Hamburg, she also a second overall in junior sweepstakes winner, placed first in Class 1 of Yorkshire Barrows, which led her to the final Yorkshire Barrow drive.

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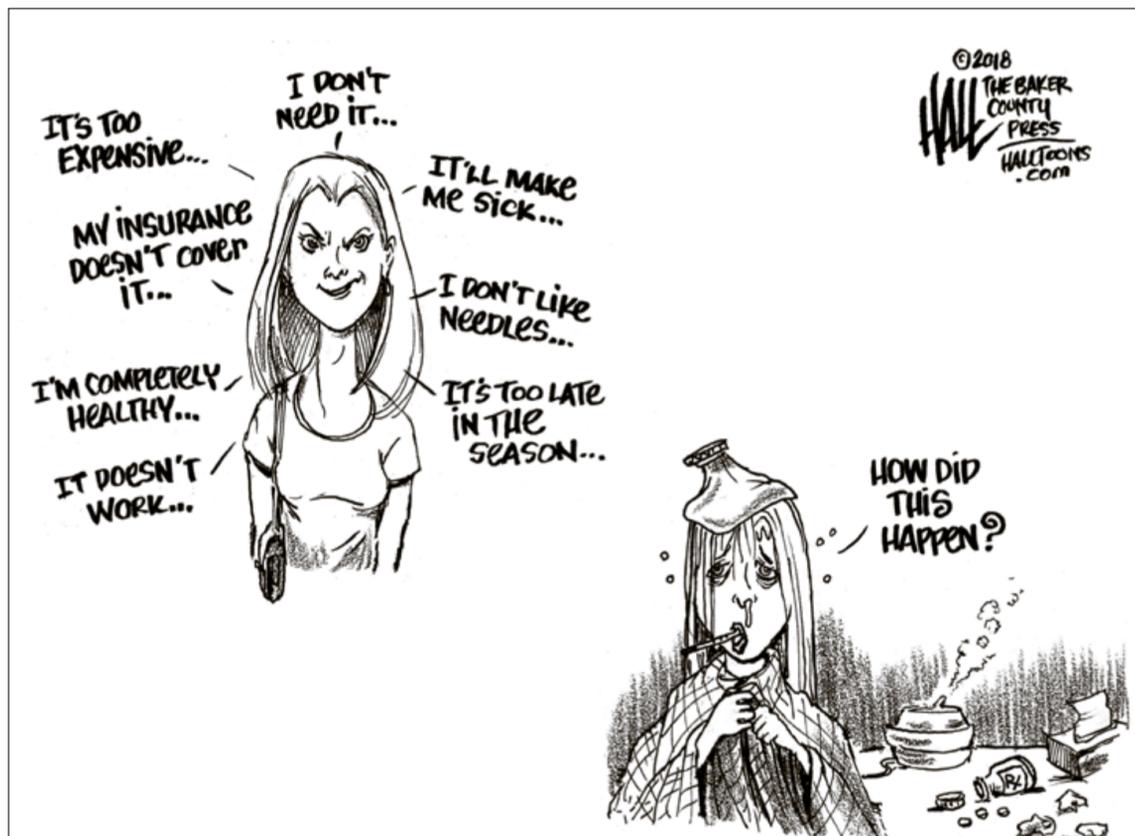
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OPINION



More fake holidays to add to calendar

This week's column is just a random collection of what's running through my head.

Today as I write this, it is Columbus Day, celebrating the European who "discovered" America. It is also Indigenous Peoples Day, since, well, there were already upwards of 10 million people living here when America was "discovered."

Considering that the Danes and the Chinese also claim to have discovered America, pretty soon our calendar is going to be so full of fake dates that there won't be anywhere to write stuff on the second Monday in October.

Some of these holidays I can understand, but others just baffle me. If I'm going to be told what to celebrate I would much rather have my calendar filled up with fun stuff. Here are a few of my suggestions.

- National Powdered Donut Day. Really, this is just as important a holiday as Arbor Day. I like trees, but those Sweet 16 powdered donuts ... I would rank that above President's Day.

- National Air Conditioning Day. This should be a state holiday if nothing else. If it wasn't for air conditioning, Florida would have the population of Wyoming. Thank you, Willis Carrier and Floridian John Gorrie, who are credited with inventing mechanical cooling. We all bow down in homage to you on a 98 degree August day with 100 percent humidity.

- Siri's Birthday - October 4. To a lot of people, Siri, the iPhone app, is more important than their congressman. I asked Siri about her birthday and she informed me, as she always does, "I'm told that only biological entities can have birthdays. I became operational on October 4, 2011."

- Walt Disney's birthday. I'm perfectly fine with the birthdays of historical figures, but who's more important to kids growing up than Walt? I learned a lot of shaky historical facts from watching Disney cartoons. How else would I have known that Pocahontas talked to a big tree and had a pet raccoon? That's important historical stuff, man. It's at least as verifiable as Washington's cherry tree and wooden teeth.

Growing up I learned to watch the CBS Evening News with Walter Cronkite. Every night at 6:30, after watching George Winterling on Channel 4, we settled in with our dinner and watched Uncle Walter tell us about what was going on in the world. He wasn't my uncle, he just seemed that way. Though I'm sure he leaned one way or the other politically, no one - not even presidents - dared claim that Uncle Walter was fake news.

One thing I did notice about the news when I was a kid was that commercials on the news were not point-

ed at my 8-year-old self. The demographics were for much older viewers and advertised

Cadillacs, Centrum Silver vitamins and Geritol. Over the years, that has changed some, but mainly stayed the same.

Tune in to Jeff Glor on CBS and you will see ads for Xarelto, Cialis, heart medication, blood pressure meds, ads for arthritis medication with a list of side effects longer than its benefits - including sudden death - and Audis and Mercedes Benz motor cars. You get the feeling that much of the viewing audience is going to pass out at any moment and be driven to the hospital in foreign luxury cars.

Nowadays, social media will comment on just about anything. Currently they are obsessed about Melania Trump's wardrobe for her trip to Africa. They threw shade at her for looking too "colonial."

I like Melania Trump. I feel sorry for her and she seems to be doing the best she can despite all the negative publicity about her marriage. I also liked her outfit. Maybe it was a little colonial with the pith helmet she wore, but it also had an Indiana Jones vibe.

Besides, if you left it up to social media who they would want for First Lady, the list would probably look like this: Beyonce, Megan Markle, Taylor Swift, Joanna Gaines. President Trump would probably be happy with that list.

Doris Kerns Goodwin, a noted historian, did an interesting piece on Sunday Morning on CBS in which she looked at the current political divide in the U.S. from an historical perspective. She claimed we aren't even close to this being the most divided the country has ever been.

Abraham Lincoln had to disguise himself as his train rolled through Confederate sympathizing Baltimore on his way from Illinois to his inauguration. Teddy Roosevelt led a country so divided between the super rich and terribly poor that there was talk of revolution.

FDR was faced with chronic unemployment and famine during the Great Depression. He was accused of being a Socialist and a Communist by many of the papers at the time. Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson took on a segregated South where 25 percent of the population couldn't use the same restrooms as whites, ride in the front of buses, attend the same schools or sit with whites at a lunch counter. They were often stopped from voting by restrictive Jim Crow laws.

It's bad, and you can't close your eyes to that, but it's nice to know that we've pushed our way through in the past.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Same Democrat tactics and same result

Dear Editor:

The Democrats have sunk even further into the sewer! They have shown that they would stop at nothing in their quest to derail the confirmation of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court, including character assassination.

Morals, integrity, justice are words unfamiliar in this era to the Democrat Party. Their mission is to destroy any and all conservative thinkers and it's a necessary collateral damage if their entire family is destroyed in the process.

Twenty-seven years ago the Democrats attempted the same slimy tactics against then-Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas. Judge Thomas, a black man who dared to identify as

a conservative, endured a ferocious character assassination by the Democrat Senators and when that failed to derail his confirmation process they brought in an eleventh hour ringer (Anita Hill) to attempt to impugn his character.

Democrats attempted the same tactics with Judge Kavanaugh. They brought in a liberal college professor from California making allegations from thirty-seven years ago. Problem is, there were no witnesses, no evidence and she can't remember what party, what house or even when it happened.

For those who didn't see Judge Thomas' smack down the Democrat Senators, the following is a powerful excerpt that probably persuaded the

Democrats who still had any sense of decency to vote to confirm him.

"This is a circus. It is a national disgrace. And from my standpoint, as black American, as far as I am concerned, it is a high-tech lynching for uppity blacks who in any way deign to think for themselves, to have different ideas, and it is a message that, unless you kow-tow to an old order, this is what will happen to you. You will be lynched, destroyed, caricatured by a committee of the U.S. Senate, rather than hung from a tree."

The Democrat Party has a long history of this ruthless behavior pre-dating the Civil War, but that's for another letter.

David Jackson
Macclenny

Thanks for aid during flu crisis

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank all of the people who prayed for me during my illness of H1N1 in January. I beg you to get your flu shot. It [the flu] will kill you because of the complications of ARDS (acute respiratory distress syndrome), which I actually went into respiratory failure.

Only God, much prayer, ECMO and the ECMO team saved my life. They called me a medical miracle. God heals! I am very grateful I

lived to see my first grandbaby. I would like to thank Dr. Derrick Carter and Debbie Cole for blessing me so abundantly. It will never be forgotten. Thank you to all who visited me during the seven weeks. My home church of Sanderson Congregation Holiness, Christian Fellowship Temple, my mom and dad's home church and all the other churches that prayed for me.

Thank you to my sister for visiting me before and

after work and sometimes at lunch. Thanks to all who drove my mom and dad to the hospital. Thanks to my cousins and sister for the talks about the Lord. It uplifted me so much. Thank you to my son and my nieces for making all the hard decisions.

LaDonna Sherlene Johnson
Macclenny

(Ms. Johnson was the focus of last week's article on the flu virus and on getting vaccinated.)

Sheriff's behind Amendment 6

Dear Editor:

It is my job as Sheriff of Baker County to protect all the members within my community and correct injustice when I see it. This job is not one I take lightly. I am proud to help ensure those convicted of a crime are treated fairly within our legal system. However, there is one party that is not treated fairly: the victim. I believe it is a wrong that must be amended.

Everyone, regardless of their role in a legal case, deserves the right to fair treatment. But currently, there is no provision in Florida's constitution that requires courts to inform victims about their cases or gives those victims a voice, and those are just two examples of the numerous rights victims lack.

Crime victims should have the same

protections the defendants receive, nothing more and nothing less. Fortunately, we have a solution that would work for all parties in the justice system.

Amendment 6, or "Marsy's Law," proposes a clear set of rights for victims that will be included in our state's constitution, like the protections already afforded to the accused. I think we can all agree crime victims deserve fair treatment, too.

Justice is the greatest way we can show respect to those who have suffered. We cannot claim to act fairly without ensuring that individuals on both sides are protected. I urge everyone to vote for Amendment 6 this election cycle and help maintain equality within the justice system.

Sheriff Scotty Rhoden
Macclenny

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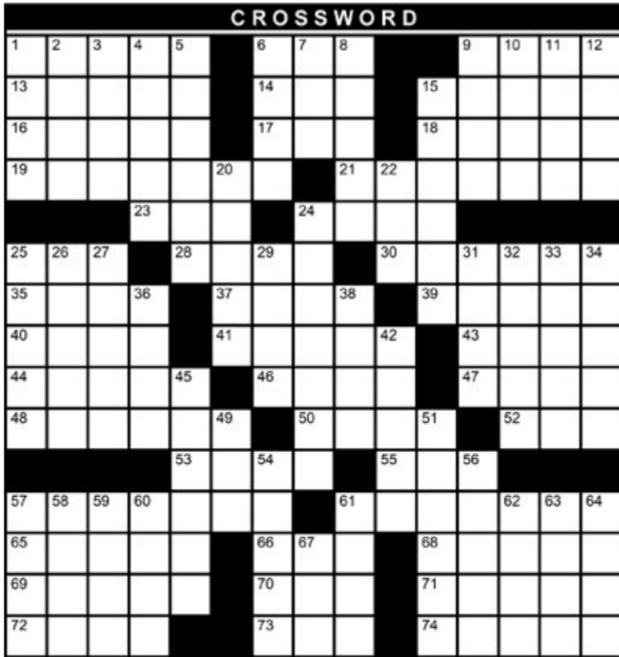
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6. Pop-ups, e.g.
9. Mound
13. String quartet instrument
14. Wisecrack
15. Batu Khan's posse
16. Famous fabulist
17. *Number of World Series won by the Senators
18. Blue-Green scum
19. *One of two baseball teams to play for both leagues
21. *Home of team with most World Series titles
23. Reggae precursor
24. "The Man Who Mis_____ His Wife for a Hat"
25. Have a bawl
28. Wing-shaped
30. Handrail's main supports
35. It often runs deep
37. It cuts a furrow
39. Double, in French
40. Shakespeare's tragic monarch

41. Sunny prefix
43. Notary Public's mark
44. Run on a bank, e.g.
46. Building extensions
47. 18-wheeler
48. *One of two teams to win in its only appearance
50. Dutch cheese
52. Actors' group
53. OK
55. *"_____house Gang" nickname for 1934 World Series victors
57. *Fall _____
61. *Baseball league award
65. Bald symbol
66. Bauxite, e.g.
68. Andrea Bocelli, e.g.
69. Walk like a peacock
70. *R in RBI
71. Old but in
72. Clothes line
73. Tennis divider
74. Are not

- Education city
6. _____ 'n' Andy
7. *He pitched the only World Series perfect game
8. Shorthand
9. Sacred
10. "Cogito, _____ sum"
11. Month of Purim
12. Sneak a look
15. Sold
20. Actor Fiennes
22. Long time
24. Streetcar named Desire, e.g.
25. Planktonic tunicate
26. 2018 movie "_____ 's 8"
27. Edible cannabis substance
29. Away from wind
31. Weak one
32. The Three Musketeers' swords
33. Camel's cousin
34. *Commissioner Emeritus of Baseball
36. Great Lake

38. * _____ card
42. Missouri River tributary
45. Skeleton's hiding place
49. Hit the slopes
51. "I think I can, I think I can..." e.g.
54. Oak fruit
56. Expression of contempt
57. _____ pool or _____ pit
58. Like the White Rabbit
59. Taj Mahal city
60. Shantytown
61. Closely confined
62. A chip, maybe
63. Fate of Norse mythology
64. Turkey dance
67. Poe's Morgue Me" band, The _____
61. Give a traffic ticket
62. Makes mistakes
63. STEM enthusiast?
64. Whirlpool
67. *Rule of _____

DOWN

1. Union foe
2. Sinister look
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4. Works the soil
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 Varsity Hi-Q team members (from left) Julia Archambault, Emma Self, Cheyenne Lukander, Damian Self and Peyton Ferry.

BCHS Hi-Q team outsmarts Palatka

Mark Bryant
 BCHS HI-Q TEAM COACH

The juniors and seniors of the BCHS Hi-Q team, also known as the Brainy Cats, soundly defeated their Palatka counterparts by a wide margin — 145 to 71 — last week. Palatka did not field a JV team so a 'Crimson versus Gold' scrimmage took place with our fine young JV players competing against each other. They performed well in a near dead heat to the wire. The future looks very bright for the Brainy Cats!

A big thank you to Jeremy Hite for providing our team with electronic scoring and time keeping. We are thankful that administrators Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson and Principal Allen Murphy attended to show their support. Special thanks to Heather Branch and Michelle Hodges for homemade snacks and much needed paper goods. Thanks to all the other parents and students who also brought snacks and drinks. Everything was delicious. We appreciate Brit Johnson providing us with plenty of ice and Bob Gerard allowing us the use of the library.

We are thankful that Jessie Lambright and Elena Lowther judged the match for us and hope that other instructors will consider doing so for us in the future! The Brainy Cats are seeking additional volunteers to judge home matches and drive a bus to away matches. The remaining matches are as follows: October 16 at home against Interlachen @ Baker; October 23 at Union; October 30 at Columbia; November 13 at home against Bradford; divisional tournaments on December 3-7; and the conference tournament on January 14-18, 2019.



Photo courtesy of BCMS/Traci Wheeler

Lexey Dopson crowned Miss Baker middle

Baker County Middle School eighth grader Lexey Dopson (far left) was crowned this year's Miss BCMS last weekend. She is joined above by (from left to right) Eighth Grade Princess Gracie Jewell, Seventh Grade Princess and Miss Congeniality Whitley Mobley, Sixth Grade Princess Layla Boyarovsky and Miss Photogenic Chanel Smith, a seventh grader.

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PUBLIC HEARING- SPECIAL EXCEPTION
 The Baker County Land Planning Agency (LPA) will consider an application to grant a Special Exception for the construction of a borrow pit that is in excess of 10 acres in area on two parcels identified by the Baker County Property Appraiser as Parcel Numbers 22-25-22-0000-0000-0020 and 22-25-22-0000-0000-0030 (total area 381 acres). Borrow Pits are a Use by Special Exception in the AG 10 Zoning District.
 The LPA will act to approve, approve with conditions or deny the application after consideration of comments received prior to or at the public hearing to be held on October 25, 2018 at 6 PM or as soon thereafter as can be heard in the Board of County Commissioners chambers in the Administration Building located at 55 North Third Street, Macclenny, Florida. All parties may appear and be heard with respect to the Special exception request.
 Copies of the Special Exception Application may be inspected by any member of the public in the Community Development Department located at 360 East Shuey Avenue, Macclenny, FL during normal business hours. The Community Development Department may be reached at 904-259-2403.
 Persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Baker County Administration Department at (904) 259-5123 at least 48 hours prior to the time of the hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING- SPECIAL EXCEPTION
 The Baker County Land Planning Agency (LPA) will consider an application to grant a Special Use Permit for the construction of a wireless telecommunication tower on a 0.16 acre portion of that parcel identified by the Baker County Property Appraiser as Parcel Number 07-25-22-0000-0000-0122. Wireless Telecommunication Towers are permitted by Special Use Permit in all zoning districts, subject to conditions.
 The LPA will act to approve, approve with conditions or deny the application after consideration of comments received prior to or at the public hearing to be held on October 25, 2018 at 6 PM or as soon thereafter as can be heard in the Board of County Commissioners chambers in the Administration Building located at 55 North Third Street, Macclenny, Florida. All parties may appear and be heard with respect to the Special Use Permit requested.
 The Board of County Commissioners will consider the application for final action to approve, approve with conditions or deny the application after consideration of comments received prior to or at the public hearing to be held on November 20, 2018 at 6 PM or as soon thereafter as can be heard in the Board of County Commissioners chambers in the Administration Building located at 55 North Third Street, Macclenny, Florida. All parties may appear and be heard with respect to the Special exception request.
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 SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

OBITUARIES

Funeral Friday for Brigitte Johnson

Brigitte Johnson, 70, of Glen St. Mary went to be with her Lord and Savior on October 8, 2018. She was born in Stuttgart, Germany, to Christian Noll and Elfriede Bliestle Noll. As a teenager in Germany, she met the love of her life, United States Army soldier William "Les" Johnson. They married and moved back to Baker County. She worked in customer service most of her life but her real job was at home, raising a family, cooking, baking and doing yard work. Most of all, she loved Jesus Christ and was an active member at Raiford Road Church. She was preceded in death by her son Robert Christian Johnson and her sister Christa Richter.



Brigitte Johnson

Other than her husband of 54 years of Glen St. Mary, Mrs. Johnson is survived by son James (Cristy) Johnson; daughters Diana Johnson of Macclenny and Marsha Johnson of Glen St. Mary; 12 grandchildren and a number of great-grandchildren; sister Heidi and brother Norbert, both of Germany; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A funeral service to honor Mrs. Brigitte will be held on Friday, October 12, at 5 p.m. at her church in Macclenny with Rev. John A. Raulerson officiating. The family will receive friends for a visitation beginning one hour before the service. Interment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery. Guerry Funeral Home of Macclenny is in charge of arrangements.

Conference in Sanderson

The 20th annual Celebrating Women conference will be held at the Johnson Chapel Church of God by Faith in Sanderson on October 11 and 12 at 7 p.m. and on Sunday, October 14 with worship services at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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Funeral held Saturday for Mr. Fey

John Louis Fey Jr., 75, died peacefully on October 2, 2018 surrounded by his family. The funeral service was held on Saturday, October 6 at 1 p.m. at Westside Baptist Church Teachey Chapel in Jacksonville. In lieu of flowers, his family has asked that donations be made to Westside Baptist Church either by mail or on the church's website at wbcjax.com

Judy Green, 84, service held Oct. 11

Judith "Judy" P. Greene, 84, of Macclenny passed away on October 5, 2018 at St. Vincent's Medical Center Riverside in Jacksonville. She was the daughter of the late Beatrice Piatt and lived in Macclenny all of her life. Ms. Greene worked as a computer room supervisor for the State of Florida for 32 years until her retirement. She enjoyed reading, doing crossword puzzles and listening to music. She was a member of the First Christian Church in Macclenny. She was preceded in death by her mother, son Matt Greene, grandson Collin Cernik and her sister Fay Davis.



Judith Greene

Ms. Greene is survived by her son Shawn Rouse of Macclenny; grandchildren Gabriel Rouse of Jacksonville and Shelby Greene of Macclenny; sister Ann Tharpe of Macclenny; and one great-granddaughter.

A funeral service to honor Ms. Greene was held on Thursday, October 11, at 11 a.m. at her church in Macclenny with Rev. Douglas Allen officiating. Guerry Funeral Home of Macclenny is in charge of arrangements.



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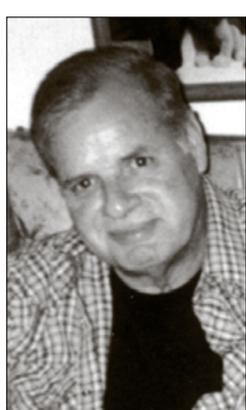
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Graveside rites for Wilmer Hopson

Wilmer Allen Hopson, 92, of Macclenny, passed away Sunday, October 7, 2018 with his family by his side. Born on March 29, 1926 in Thomas County, Georgia to the late Mr. Kenneth and Dora Hopson, Mr. Wilmer spent most of his life in Ellenton, Georgia. He served his country in the United States Army during World War II. After his time with the Army, Mr. Hopson went on to be a carpenter, a career he dedicated many years to. In his spare time, Mr. Wilmer enjoyed fishing and gardening. He also spent time tinkering with lawn mowers. For many years, he had a rooster known as the "big red rooster" that wandered his yard. He will be remembered by his family as a simple and loving man.



Wilmer Hopson

Mr. Hopson was preceded in death by his parents; sons Ronnie Hopson and Buddy Hopson and daughters Faye Qualls and Mary Ellen Finley. He is survived by his daughter Betty Ussery of Jacksonville; grandson Darrell (Debbie) Finley of Macclenny; granddaughters Cheryl (Troy) Bunting of Callahan, Carol (Daniel) Riggins of Middleburg, Janie Ussery of Jacksonville and Debbie Bennett of Tampa; numerous great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren and other family members also survive.

A graveside service for Mr. Hopson was held on Wednesday, October 10 at 11 a.m. at the River Road Baptist Church Cemetery in Hilliard. Forbes Funeral Home of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.

Wayne Lewis, 58, of Macclenny

Robert "Wayne" Lewis, 58, of Macclenny passed away peacefully on October 3, 2018 at St. Vincent's Riverside Hospital in Jacksonville. Wayne was born on May 30, 1960, to Woodrow and Reva Robbins Lewis, the oldest of three boys. He worked as a dispatcher for Alterman Transport Lines in Jacksonville for 25 years and Davis Trucking in Starke for 10 years. Wayne loved sports and spending all his time at the ballfield with his boys. He also loved the University of Florida and was an avid Gator fan.



Robert Lewis

Mr. Davis is survived by his wife and best friend of 38 years, Anna Driggers Lewis of Jacksonville; Joshua Aaron Dyal of Jacksonville, Woodrow "Woody" Wayne (Kimberly) Lewis of West Palm Beach and Adam Wayne (Kalyn Sturn) Lewis of Macclenny; grandchildren Tyler and Alexis of Palm Beach Gardens; brothers Woodrow Early and Wesley Harold.

A celebration of Wayne's life will be held on Saturday, October 13 at 11 a.m. at the Sanderson Congregational Holiness Church with Pastor Justin Griffis officiating in lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial gifts be designated to "Brain Donation Program" at Mayo Clinic. Gifts can be mailed directly to Mayo Clinic, Department of Development, 4500 San Pablo Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32224. "In memory of Wayne Lewis" should be added to memo line of check or separate note. All checks should be made out to Mayo Clinic.

Guerry Funeral Home of Macclenny is in charge of arrangements.

Mannings will gather

The Manning family reunion will be held starting at 12:30 p.m. on October 14 at Macclenny Park (the Duck Pond). Bring a covered dish.

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CHURCH AND OBITUARY NOTICE INFORMATION

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

CONTACT US

By phone at 904.259.2400 or by fax at 904.259.6502. You can stop by our office located at 104 S. Fifth Street, Macclenny, FL or mail your submission to PO Box 598, Macclenny, FL 32063 Online at www.bakercountypress.com or email editor@bakercountypress.com

Graveside service for Tina Thrush

Tina Renee Thrush, 51, of Macclenny passed away on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at St. Vincent's Riverside Hospital in Jacksonville. She was born on December 17, 1966 in Waco, Texas, to Bill Hawkins and the late Judy Ann Reid. She lived in the Bryceville area most of her life before moving to Macclenny in 2010. She has been with the love of her life, Erik Thrush, for over 26 years. Tina was a homemaker and loved feeding her fish, gardening and working in the yard. She was also a volunteer with the Guardian Ad Litem program. Most importantly, she loved spending time with her kids and grandkids. She was preceded in death by her mother.



Tina Thrush

Other than her husband, Mrs. Thrush is survived by sons Michael Andrew Mitchtak of Jacksonville and Frank Mitchtak III of Waycross, GA; step daughter Amber (William) Keen of Macclenny; grandchildren Gaige Mitchtak, Will Keen Jr., Renee Mitchtak and Syena Mitchtak; her father of Georgia; her mother and father-in-law John and Gail Thrush of Macclenny.

A graveside service to honor the life of Mrs. Thrush was held on Tuesday, October 9, at 10 a.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery. Guerry Funeral Home of Macclenny was in charge of arrangements.

Windell Wilkerson dies October 6

Windell Ray Wilkerson, 63, of Macclenny passed away on October 6, at the Ed Fraser Memorial Hospital after an extended illness. Windell was born on November 10, 1954, in Macclenny to the late L.E. and Lavon Mikell Wilkerson, and lived there his entire life. After graduating from Baker County High School, he worked as an electrician and a plumber until he became disabled. Windell was a true country boy and loved everything about the woods. He loved to hunt, fish and ride in his 4x4 with his yorkie Lucy and his bulldog Rocky. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister and brother-in-law James and Hollie Ann Ivey.



Windell Wilkerson

Mr. Wilkerson is survived by his wife of 30 years, Selena Combs Wilkerson of Macclenny; sons Paul Wilkerson of Macclenny and Mathew (Brandy) Lowery of Clay County; daughter Megan Lowery of Lake Butler; grandchildren Jacob, Josh, Krysten, Cheyenne, Connor, Kenadie, Caleb and Coral; one great-grandchild; brothers Wayne (Laura) Wilkerson and Billy (Penny) Wilkerson, both of Macclenny; sister Susan Smart of Macclenny; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A funeral to honor Mr. Wilkerson was held on Wednesday, October 10 at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Guerry Funeral Home in Macclenny with Chaplin James "Jimmy" Combs and Tommy "Slick" Crawford officiating. Interment will be at Oak Grove Cemetery in Macclenny.

FORMER CATS

CeCe's Gators top LSU

JON SHUMAKE
SPORTS EDITOR

sports@bakercountypress.com

Several teams featuring former BCHS Wildcat football stars picked up important victories over the weekend to stay in the race for their conference championships. All games were played on October 6 unless otherwise noted.

• Senior defensive lineman CeCe Jefferson's Florida Gators picked up an SEC victory 27-19 over the then fifth-ranked LSU Tigers. Jefferson had a tackle, pass defense and quarterback hurry.

Florida (5-1, 3-1) jumped eight spots to No. 14 in the AP Top 25 and to No. 16 in the Coaches Poll after being previously unranked.

The Gators visit the Vanderbilt Commodores (3-3, 0-2) in an SEC East contest on October 13. The game is scheduled to air on ESPN at noon.

• Senior linebacker Blayne Merchant had a monster game as his Worcester Polytechnic Institute Engineers won via shutout 24-0 over visiting Catholic. Merchant tied for a game-high with eight total tackles with two tackles for loss and a sack in his team's conference win.

WPI (4-2, 2-1) has a bye week before visiting Merchant Marine.

• The Valdosta State Blazers' perfect season continued with a 59-28 home win over Delta State in Gulf South Conference play. Redshirt sophomore defensive back Mondrell Jefferson had two total tackles.

The Blazers (6-0, 4-0) improved to No. 8 in the NCAA Division II AFCA Coaches Poll.

Valdosta State visits the Florida Tech Panthers (5-1, 2-1) on October 13 in a conference showdown.

• Sophomore defensive lineman Quan Griffin recorded two total tackles and a quarterback hurry, and his Georgia Southern Eagles blew out the South Alabama Jaguars 48-13 in Sun Belt competition.

The Eagles (4-1, 2-0) are scheduled to visit the Texas State Bobcats (1-4, 0-2) on October 12 in conference action. The game is set to air on ESPN at 7:30 p.m.

• The Edward Waters College won 33-30 in overtime over the host Warner Royals in the Mid-South Conference Sun Division. Freshman defense lineman Tay Reed had 1.5 total tackles, and fellow freshman defensive lineman Brian West had .5 total tackles.

The Tigers (3-3, 1-1) are scheduled to play at home on October 13 against Faulkner (3-3, 0-2) in conference play.

• The Minnesota Vikings snapped their three-game winless streak on October 7 with a 23-21 road win over the Philadelphia Eagles. Rookie running back Mike Boone had one rush for 1 yard.

Minnesota (2-2-1) hosts the Arizona Cardinals (1-4) on October 14. FOX will broadcast the game at 1 p.m.

• The Georgia State Panthers fell 37-20 to the Troy Trojans in Sun Belt play. Freshman Seth Paige had nine rushes for 39 yards, one catch for 13 yards and a fumble.

The Panthers (2-4, 1-1) have a week off before traveling to play the Arkansas State Red Wolves.

• Sophomore defensive back Rod Haygood's Presbyterian Blue Hose were shut out by the third-ranked Kennesaw State Owls 56-0 to open their Big South schedule. Haygood recorded four

total tackles.

Presbyterian (2-2, 0-1) hosts the Hampton Pirates (2-3) on October 13. The non-conference game is set to air on ESPN+ at noon.

• Linebacker Bear Woods' Toronto Argonauts lost their sixth straight game in a 26-23 outcome to the host BC Lions. The Argos (3-11) host

the Hamilton Tiger-Cats (7-7) on October 12.

• Freshman running back Josh Haygood's Malone Pioneers lost 38-21 on the road to Tiffin in a Great Midwest Conference game. The Pioneers (1-4, 1-3) visit the Ohio Dominican Panthers (5-1, 3-1) on October 13 in conference competition.

LEGAL NOTICES



A, R&R, Inc.
11837 N SR 121
Macclenny, FL 32063

The following vehicles will be sold at public auction on October 26, 2018 at 10:00 am at A, R&R, Inc. 11837 N SR 121, Macclenny, FL 32063:

1999 Saturn SC1
VIN# 168ZJ6276XZ100987
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VIN# L9NTEACV8C1003630
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Miracle Automotive & Truck Service Center Inc.
10510 Duval Lane
Macclenny, FL 32063

Notice of Public Sale: Miracle Automotive & Truck Service Center Inc. gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on October 26, 2018, 12:00 pm at 10510 Duval Lane, Macclenny, FL 32063, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. Miracle Automotive & Truck Service Center Inc. reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

1987 Dodge Dakota
VIN# 1B7GR14M1HS418073
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NOTICE OF AGONY ACTION
TAKEN BY THE ST. JOHNS RIVER
WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the following permit was issued on October 4, 2018:

Glen Oaks Resort, LLC; 5711 Richard St., Ste 1, Jacksonville, FL 32216, permit #155016-1. The project is located in Baker County, Section 2, Township 35 South, Range 21E East. The permit authorizes a surface water management system on 58.81 acres for Glen Oaks Premier RV Resort - Phase I. The receiving water body is South Prong St. Marys River.

A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected has the right to request an administrative hearing by filing a written petition with the St. Johns River Water Management District (District). Pursuant to Chapter 28-106 and Rule 40C-1.1007, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the petition must be filed (received) either by delivery at the office of the District Clerk at District Headquarters, P.O. Box 1429, Palatka, FL 32178-1429 (4049 Reid St., Palatka, FL 32177) or by e-mail with the District Clerk at Clerk@sjrwm.com, within twenty-one (21) days of newspaper publication of the notice of District decision (for those persons to whom the District does not mail or email actual notice). A petition must comply with Sections 250.54(5)(b), 4, and 120.569(2)(c), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Chapter 28-106, F.A.C. The District will not accept a petition sent by facsimile (fax). Mediation pursuant to Section 120.573, F.S., may be available and choosing mediation does not affect your right to an administrative hearing.

A petition for an administrative hearing is deemed filed upon receipt of the complete petition by the District Clerk at the District Headquarters in Palatka, Florida during the District's regular business hours. The District's regular business hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., excluding weekends and District holidays. Petitions received by the District Clerk after the District's regular business hours shall be deemed filed as of 8 a.m. on the District's next regular business day. The District's acceptance of petitions filed by e-mail is subject to certain conditions set forth in the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation (issued pursuant to Rule 28-101.001, Florida Administrative Code), which is available for viewing at www.sjrwm.com. These conditions include, but are not limited to, the petition being in the form of a PDF or TIFF file and being capable of being stored and printed by the District. Further, pursuant to the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation, attempting to file a petition by facsimile (fax) is prohibited and shall not constitute filing.

The right to an administrative hearing and the relevant procedures to be followed are governed by Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, Chapter 28-106, Florida Administrative Code, and Rule 40C-1.1007, Florida Administrative Code. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means the District's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice. Failure to file a petition for an administrative hearing within the requisite time frame shall constitute a waiver of the right to an administrative hearing. (Rule 28-106.111, F.A.C.).

If you wish to do so, please visit http://www.sjrwm.com/nor_dec/ to read the complete Notice of Rights to determine any legal rights you may have concerning the District's decision(s) on the permit application(s) described above. You can also request the Notice of Rights by contacting the Director of Business and Administrative Services, 4049 Reid St., Palatka, FL 32177-2529, tele. no. (386)329-4570.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BY THE BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of Baker County, Florida, will conduct a Public Hearing for proposed Resolution 2018-50 to be heard Tuesday, October 16, 2018 commencing at 6:00pm, at 55 North Third Street, Macclenny, FL. A copy of the proposed Resolution may be inspected by any member of the public at the County Administration Office, Macclenny, Florida. On the date mentioned all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to this proposed Ordinance.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018 - 50

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AN EXCHANGE OF REAL PROPERTY BETWEEN BAKER COUNTY AND R.H. DAVIS OIL COMPANY PURSUANT TO SECTION 125.37, FLORIDA STATUTES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

In accordance with the American with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation of an interpreter to participate in these proceedings should contact the County Commissioners Office at 904-259-3613, at least 48 hours prior to the time of the hearing.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA. CASE NO.: 02-2018-DR-326

Jose Pedro Hernandez Rios, Petitioner, and Kimberly Ann Hernandez Rios, Respondent,

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA CIRCUIT CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 1800019CAMXAX

VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC. Plaintiff(s), vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, BENEFICIARIES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNS, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES OF JAMES E. DAVIS, DECEASED, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANTS; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, BENEFICIARIES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNS, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES OF KEVIN RYDER, DECEASED, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANTS; AS POSSIBLE HEIR; KENNETH DAVIS; LORI DAVIS; SHILO DAVIS; LINDA JEAN FORD; GLEN FOREST LLC; THE UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION N/K/A LESLIE CREWS; Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE WITH NO DEPENDENT OR MINOR CHILD(REN) OR PROPERTY

TO: Kimberly Ann Hernandez Rios LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 5863 Southern States Road, Macclenny, FL 32063

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Jose Pedro Hernandez Rios whose address is 5863 Southern States Road, Macclenny, FL 32063 on or before October 25, 2018 and file the original with the clerk of this court at 339 E. Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny FL 32063 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Courts office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Courts office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.). Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerks office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Dated: September 21, 2018.

Clerk of the Court
By: Melissa Haines
Deputy Clerk

9/27-10/18p

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

BAKER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL RECEIVE BIDS FOR THE FOLLOWING: PROJECT NAME: Baker County Roads - Hurricane Irma Damage Repairs BID 2018-17

Bids must be received by: November 6, 2018 no later than 3:30 p.m. Late bids will not be considered.

Deadline for questions: October 31, 2018 no later than 4:00 p.m.

Public bid opening: November 6, 2018 BAKER COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BLDG 55 NORTH THIRD STREET MACCLENNY, FL 32063

Place for receiving bids: BAKER COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BLDG 55 NORTH THIRD STREET MACCLENNY, FL 32063

Bid Documents available to download at: Tarbox Consulting and Design, Inc. www.tarboxinc.com/xxxx/

Engineer contact for questions: Troy Tarbox troy@tarboxinc.com (904) 399-1785

Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference: No pre-bid conference will be conducted.

Project Description: County Road 23A includes construction of permanent repairs to an existing guardrail system and to the construction of concrete filled fabric embankment armor. Southern States Nursery Road includes asphalt pavement overlay of 300 linear feet of existing paved roadway and replacement traffic striping.

Project Location: County Road 23A and Southern States Nursery Road

BAKER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS KENNIE DOWNING, COUNTY MANAGER

10/4-10/18c

PUBLIC NOTICE Invitation for Bids Bid # 18-02

New River Regional Landfill Asbestos Containing Material Excavation and Relocation

The New River Solid Waste Association (NRSWA) is extending an Invitation For Bids for the excavation and relocation of asbestos containing material (ACM) at the New River Regional Landfill (NRRL). The successful Bidder will be responsible for furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, tools, transportation, services, and incidentals required to relocate approximately 3,000 cubic yards of ACM from the NRRL Class III Landfill to the adjacent Class I Landfill. The material is located within an approximate 1-acre area though specific types of deposited ACM are unknown; the material may be friable. The work includes excavating, loading, transporting, unloading, and covering with 1 foot of soil the ACM from the Class III Landfill to the Class I Landfill. All work shall be completed in accordance with the specifications, drawings, and contract requirements included as part of the contract documents. The Contractor shall be a Florida-Licensed Asbestos Contractor.

NRRL is located approximately 2.5 miles north of Raiford, Florida, on the east side of State Road 121 in Union County. Bid packages are available for pickup at the NRSWA Administrative Office, 24276 NE 157th Street, Raiford, Florida, 32083. Bid packages can also be requested to be received electronically by emailing a request to NRSWA at lgreene@nrswa.org. All bids must be submitted on the Bid Form provided. Completed bids are to be mailed to NRSWA, PO Box 647, Raiford, Florida, 32083 or delivered to the NRSWA Administrative Office at 24276 NE 157th Street, Raiford, Florida, 32083. After the bid opening, the bids will be examined for completeness and preserved in the custody of the NRSWA Executive Director. NRSWA Purchasing Policy will be ensued. All bids received after the specified time and date will not be considered. Contact the NRSWA office at 386-431-1000 for questions concerning the bid package. The DEADLINE for submission is Thursday, October 25, 2018, 3:00 pm (local time).

10/4-10/11c

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a civil action has been filed against you in the Circuit Court of Baker County, Florida, to foreclose certain real property described as follows:

PARCEL 51
A PARCEL OF LAND LYING, BEING AND SITUATE IN SECTION 29 AND 30, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 29, AND RUN S 88° 10' 17" W, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 30, A DISTANCE OF 21.43 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF AN 80 FOOT COUNTY MAINTAINED GRADED ROAD (KNOWN LOCALLY AS COWPEN ROAD); THENCE RUN N 01°45' 17" W, ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 366.92 FEET; THENCE CONTINUE RUNNING N 01°45' 17" W, CONTINUING ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 374.46 FEET; THENCE CONTINUE RUNNING N 01° 45' 17" W, CONTINUING ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 345.50 FEET THENCE CONTINUE RUNNING N 01°45' 17" W, CONTINUING ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 238.89 FEET; THENCE RUN N 13° 35' 16" W, CONTINUING ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 109.82 FEET; THENCE CONTINUE RUNNING N 13° 35' 16" W, CONTINUING ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 181.47 FEET; THENCE RUN N 05° 11' 42" W, CONTINUING ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 155.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PARCEL OF LAND; THENCE CONTINUE RUNNING N 05° 11' 42" W, CONTINUING ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 175.04 FEET; THENCE RUN N 04° 47' 06" E, CONTINUING ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 147.37 FEET; THENCE RUN N 89° 34' 33" E, A DISTANCE OF 136.96 FEET; THENCE RUN S 01° 39' 17" W, A DISTANCE OF 321.40 FEET; THENCE RUN S 89° 34' 33" W, A DISTANCE OF 1344.12 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

SUBJECT TO A 15 FOOT UTILITY EASEMENT OVER, ACROSS AND ALONG THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY THEREOF, ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF AN 80 FOOT COUNTY MAINTAINED GRADED ROAD (KNOWN LOCALLY AS COWPEN ROAD) TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN MOBILE HOME(S) AS FOLLOWS: 2006 CLAYTON WITH SERIAL NUMBER(S): WHC015792GAA AND WHC015792GAB.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 11389 COWPEN ROAD, SANDERSON, FL 32087

You are required to file a written response with the Court and serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Padgett Law Group, whose address is 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, Tallahassee, FL 32312, at least thirty (30) days from the date of first publication, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

DATED this 27th day of September, 2018.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
As Clerk of the Court
By: Tina Carrington
Deputy Clerk

Padgett Law Group
6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203
Tallahassee, FL 32312
attorney@padgettlaw.net
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The New River Public Library Cooperative is now hiring a CHILDREN'S LIBRARY OUTREACH ASSISTANT to prepare and provide storytime programs to local preschools and day care centers using company outreach van. Minimum HS graduate with valid Florida driver's license and clean driving record. Thorough knowledge of computer operation, internet, and experience working with children preferred. \$11.50/hr, 20 hrs/week, Mon - Fri, 8am-1pm. Benefits include paid vacation time and sick leave, paid holidays, and FRS contributions. Valid FL driver's license and clean driving record required. EOE, drug-free workplace, background checks performed, veteran's preference. Apply in person at New River Public Library Cooperative, 110 N. Lake Ave, Lake Butler M-F 8am-4pm. 9/27-10/11p

Farmworker: 2 temporary positions. 11/15/2018 thru 03/15/2019. Duties include monitor livestock on a daily basis, feed and haul hay, administer medications and maintain fences. Ship grain from elevator as required and transfer grain from storage bins to truck bins prior to shipment. Shovel grain to remove grain that cannot be removed by automatic conveyor equipment. Perform housekeeping duties to ensure that storage locations are properly maintained. Perform minor miscellaneous repair. Basic literacy reading and math skills, 3 months experience required. Must have or be able to obtain driver's license. Increase or bonus may be possible based on experience and merit. 48 hr./wk., \$10.73 per/hr., free housing. 3/4 work period guaranteed. Tools and equip. provided. Transportation to and from place of recruitment will be paid upon completion of 50% of work contract. Job location is at, Cooper Planting Company, Cruger, MS. Apply for this job at Greenwood WIN Job Center, 812 W. Park Ave., Greenwood, MS (662) 459-4600 with job order# 274380 or nearest workforce office with a copy of this ad. 10/11p

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Full-Time Firefighter: The Baker County Board of County Commissioners will be accepting applications for the position of full-time firefighter. This position consists of entry level firefighting duties of a varied nature under the direction of a superior officer. This is a 40-hour week position with a salary of \$30,000 annually. The position will remain posted until it is filled. The ideal candidate will have knowledge of the various types of fire hazards of the County; knowledge and skill in the use of emergency medical treatment practices; and knowledge of firefighting techniques, policies, procedures and practices. This applicant must

possess the ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions; ability to perform prolonged and arduous work under adverse conditions; and ability to work at heights. The ideal candidate will be skilled in the use and maintenance of firefighting equipment. Minimum Qualifications: Applicant must have a high school diploma or possession of an acceptable equivalency diploma (GED), completion of minimum standards as required by the State of Florida. Must possess a Florida Certification as a Firefighter and a Class "D" Non-Commercial Florida Driver's License. Must possess a valid Florida EMT certification. Applicant will be required to pass a background check, pre-employment physical and drug screen. Applications may be obtained from Baker County Human Resources, County Administration Office, 55 North 3rd Street, Macclenny, FL 32063. For a complete job description please visit www.bakercountyfl.org/jobs Baker County is a drug free workplace and an equal opportunity employer. All applicants are considered for all positions without regard to age, race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital or Veteran status, medical condition or disability, or any other legally protected reason. 10/11-10/18c

Macclenny Nursing & Rehab is seeking RNs & LPNs full/part time. Day and Night shifts available. CNAs full/part time. Shifts available for 3-11 and 11-7. New wage scale! Must pass a criminal background check! Apply in person at 755 South 5th Street, Macclenny or call 904-259-4873 or email Masdc@south-emt.com. Sign on bonus for CNAs. EE/AA/Employer/M/F/V/D. 11/16tfc

HELP WANTED-Accepting applications for electrician and AC duct installer. Must have experience and valid driver's license. Apply in person at Dependable located at 203 E. Macclenny Avenue. 904-259-6546 or submit application on our website at dependableacandelectric.com. 1/21tfc

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Lady B-Cat B-Team on to the title match

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In its first season in the Northeast Florida Athletic Conference, the BCMS Lady Bobcat volleyball B-Team will play for the championship.

Baker County bounced back from losing the first set on October 8 for a 2-1 (23-25, 25-13, 15-8) win over Lake Asbury in the semifinals to advance to the conference championship match. Haley Marker, Jordan Jarrell and Ryanne Rosepeler led the team in serving, coach Angela Lauramore said.

The B-Team will play Lakeside for the Northeast Florida Athletic Conference title. The match, which was originally scheduled for October 11 but was postponed due to Hurricane Michael, was rescheduled for October 15.

Baker County's A-Team will also have the chance to advance to a championship match. The ladies are scheduled to play Green Cove on October 12, which was moved from October 9 due to the storm. The winner advances to the title contest.

Lady B-Cats top Wilkinson in quarterfinals

Both BCMS Lady Bobcat volleyball teams advanced to the Northeast Florida Athletic Conference semifinals after home wins over Wilkinson.

The A-Team nearly let an apparent sweep slip away into a heartbreaking loss on October 4, but the ladies held on 2-1 (27-25, 19-25, 15-12) to move on.

Baker County took the lead for good in the third set after breaking an 8-all tie. The Lady B-Cats led by as many as four points before Wilkinson cut the score to 13-12. Abby Teague's kill reopened a two-point advantage, and a ball hit into the rafters by Wilkinson ended the match.

The Lady B-Cats held off the Lady Eagles after surrendering a seven-point



Krista Crews in the A-Teams quarterfinal win over Wilkinson.

lead in the second set when Baker County seemed poised to cruise to a sweep in the quarterfinals. Wilkinson strung together an 11-0 Baker County lead into a 16-12 advantage for the visitors.

Brooke Clevenger's back-to-back aces brought the ladies back within a point, but the team never got closer. Wilkinson gradually pulled away before winning the set 25-19, which was the visiting team's largest lead of the match.

Baker County was also on the verge of dropping the opening game, trailing 25-24 after letting a 24-22 lead disappear. But the Lady B-Cats clawed back and ultimately took the opening set with back-to-back kills from Peyton Martin and Krista Crews to break the 25-all tie.

Crews also led the Lady B-Cats with nine aces, five of which came during her six-point first-set service run. Eight of Wilkinson's 13 aces as a team also came in the opening game, including three during its 5-0 run that gave it a 22-19 lead.

The Lady B-Cats then went on a five-point rally of its own, capped off by Teague's ace, which put Baker County up 24-22 and set up the back-and-forth ending to the set.

Baker County's B-Team had a much easier time handling Wilkinson on October 2, sweeping the visiting Lady Eagles 25-22, 25-18.

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Principal Allen Murphy and Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson pose for a photo with students (not in order) Dylan Hartley, Devin Hartley, Seth Crawford, Julia Archambault, Jon White and Anthony Howell.

75-plus attend soccer clinic

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More than 75 youths learned a variety of soccer skills from international coaches on October 4 as part of the Chevy Youth Soccer Clinic hosted at Raiford Road Church.

The players, ranging from 6 years old to high school players, cycled through about a half-dozen stations as they learned about goal-keeping, ball mastery, passing, ball skills and shooting from coaches who have traveled throughout the country in recent months spreading knowledge of the sport.

Last week's clinic was the second time the Baker Bandits Soccer Club has hosted a Chevy-sponsored soccer camp, and the club's Matt Wilford was impressed by the turnout.

"For us not actually having a full-blown soccer season this time around, there's a lot more people out here



Haddon Rowland gains control of the soccer ball as he dribbles through cones during the Chevy Youth Soccer Clinic.

than we thought we'd have," he said.

Players from the Fueled Sports Ministry and Baker County High School programs also attended the clinic, Wilford said.

Scott McCormack, a Perth, Australia native who was one of the coaches, has traveled with the soccer clinic from Minnesota down through Southern Florida since the beginning of September. The 25-year-old said the Macclenny event was one of the smaller ones

he's be a part of, but said that is beneficial because it allows more time with the kids.

"I think you can see all the kids having a great time. They're laughing, having fun," McCormack said. "It's really just making soccer fun. Trying to implement some skills as well into all that but just making sure they're out here enjoying it to get them involved and excited about soccer."

Perfect scores on state exams

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Superintendent Sherrie Raulerson and the school board recognized several students — Jon White, Anthony Howell, Julia Archambault, Seth Crawford and brothers Devin Hartley and Dylan Hartley — for achieving perfect scores on state tests last spring.

Ms. Archambault, the Hartley brothers and Mr. Crawford were on hand for

the October 1 recognition prior to the school board's regular meeting.

Ms. Archambault received a perfect score on the English language arts test. She plans to finish up her associate's degree at Florida Gateway College (FGC) before attending the University of Florida (UF).

The junior attends FGC full-time now and expects to have 85 or 86 credits by the time she graduates high school.

Mr. Crawford has similar

plans and also made perfect score on the English test. He said he may attend UF or the University of Central Florida to study mechanical engineering.

The Hartleys both scored perfect on the U.S. History end-of-course exam. Dylan Hartley said he hopes to study finance but he's not sure where he'll go. Devin Hartley was unsure of his future course of study but intends to go off to college as well.

Revised reclassification plan

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The Florida High School Athletic Association may still make changes to seven sports, but its revised reclassification plan isn't as drastic as the one discussed for much of the summer.

The new proposal retains both district tournaments and the attendance-based classification system, which has been in use since the 1930s. This differs from the previous proposal, which eliminated districts — and, as a result, district tournaments — and used power rankings from MaxPreps as the basis for classification.

The FHSAA spent four months preparing the previous proposal, but concerns were raised during a meeting on September 5 of the FHSAA's athletic directors advisory committee.

The new system — which would affect boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, baseball, softball and volleyball — is a better compromise, BCHS AD Jamie Rodgers said.

"The people that had concerns, that was what they were concerned about: No districts and then competing with schools that were much bigger than them," he said. "That was the main concern that I heard from most of the ADs, but now that they fixed that I think most

of them will probably be pretty happy with it." "... I know the big problem was the teams wanted something to play for for the season. They wanted the chance to be the district champion."

Still, despite the retention of districts and district tournaments, there would still be some changes if the revised plan is passed.

In addition to the one classification for rural schools, the remaining programs would be divided into six classifications. The classifications — 2A to 7A — would be based on student population.

Each classification would have four regions consisting of four districts, and teams would be distributed evenly among each classification's 16 districts.

Teams would no longer have to play against other programs in their district during the regular season. The seeding for the district tournament would instead be decided by MaxPreps rankings.

Qualifying for the playoffs would be a lot like the FHSAA's football system that was implemented in 2017. The winner of each district tournament would automatically advance to the playoffs, and the remaining four seeds in each region would be decided by MaxPreps rankings.

The FHSAA's board of directors must still approve the new plan. The board's next scheduled meeting is October 28-29 in Gainesville.

New bests set at region preview

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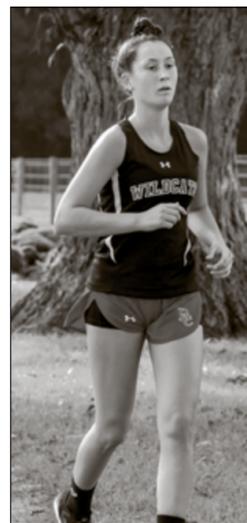
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All seven runners on the BCHS cross country team set season best times on October 6 at the New World Fall Spectacular on Jacksonville's westside, which served as a potential preview of next month's regional meet.

Baker County was among the 28 teams that competed at the event, which included fellow Region 1-2A programs Bishop Kenny, Episcopal, Fernandina Beach, Pensacola Catholic, South Walton, Wakulla and Yulee.

"This really set the tone for my runners who have their eyes set on making it to regionals," head coach Pamela Robinson wrote in an email on October 9.

She wrote the two standouts were Jacob Echols and Cassie Turner, who paced the boys' and girls' teams, respectively. Echols finished 105th overall for the boys with a time of 21 minutes, 36.90 seconds, while Turner



Cassie Turner runs on October 2 during the team's final home meet.

took 101st among the ladies with a time of 25:51.80.

"As of now it looks like both have an excellent chance of moving on from districts to regionals," she wrote. "This coming weekend's race in Fernandina will make them or break them."

Jared Brown (24:02.80)

finished 125th and Juan Torres (25:41.60) followed him in 129th. Tyler Holton crossed the finish line in 33:31.80 for 137th and Michael Davis took 138th with a time of 37:37.70.

Marissa Brown finished 105th for the Lady Cats, clocking a time of 28:14.60.

Baker County held its final home meet of the season on October 2 in a quad-meet against District 3-2A opponents Yulee, West Nassau and Hilliard. The small team was unable to score, but Echols (22:09) finished fourth overall, Holton (36:09) took 26th and Davis 27th.

The cross country team is scheduled to compete in the Seventh Annual Amelia Island Pirate Invitational on October 13 in Fernandina Beach. Twenty-one teams are set to compete at the invitational, which is Baker County's final meet scheduled meet before the District 3-2A meet, also being held in Fernandina Beach, on October 27.

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Stunned: Baker County blanked by Buccaneers

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In just four plays and 84 seconds, the First Coast Buccaneers had the BCHS Wildcats stunned. When Baker County finally tried to counter in the fourth quarter, the Bucs delivered the knockout blow for the upset.

First Coast's Keiron Griffin scored two short-yardage touchdowns on October 5, leading his team to a shocking 13-0 shutout over the visiting Wildcats. His touchdowns came on a 1-yard run in the opening 90 seconds and a 2-yard run in the final 90 seconds.

The Bucs, who entered the non-district contest on a two-game losing streak, handed Baker County its first shutout loss since the first week of the 2012 season. The stunning defeat also marked the second time this season the offense failed to score a point, which also happened in Week 3 when a defensive touchdown and special teams safety lifted the Cats 8-6 at Ribault.

"There are no easy games. We're not good enough to have easy games," head coach Jamie Rodgers said on October 8. "... All games are a struggle. We're not good enough on offense right now and we're giving up some chunk yards plays — 20-plus yard plays — that we're not used to giving, so right now every game is a grind."

After First Coast's quick strike — set up by Larry Edwards' 51-yard bomb to Darius Lewis on the first play from scrimmage — Baker County's defense held the Bucs (3-3) under control. Baker County (4-2) limited First Coast to just 175 total yards and recorded three sacks and seven tackles for loss.

Maurice Moore also intercepted Edwards' pass in the end zone to end the first half.

Edwards completed 9 of 19 passes for 126 yards. Lewis led the Bucs in receiving yards (70) and rushing yards (59).



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Chase Hancock tackles First Coast's ball-carrier in Baker County's loss to the Buccaneers.

Photo by Jud Johnson

"Our defense held us in the game. Gave us a chance there even in the fourth quarter to come back and win," coach Rodgers said. "... For them not to get anything else really gave us a chance to get there and we just never could get anything going on offense."

When the offense finally started rolling midway

through the fourth quarter, disaster struck just short of the goal line.

Scooby Graham, who rushed for 219 yards on 37 attempts, ripped three long runs on consecutive attempts as the Cats tried to claw back to take the lead.

"All of a sudden you look up and it's the fourth quarter and time's running out,"

coach Rodgers said. "They're playing harder and harder and now we've got to match that. Well we should've matched that early on in the game and we would have been OK."

The sophomore nearly tied the score at 6-all with a 43-yard run, during which he spun off a defender just past the line of scrimmage

and raced through the defense. First Coast's Ronnie Blakley knocked the ball out of Graham's grasp just before the end zone, and the ball bounced into the end zone and out of bounds, resulting in a touchdown for the Bucs.

The turnover was one of several key stops by First Coast in the fourth quarter.

Game at a glance ...

Baker County	0
First Coast	13

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Scooby Graham	37-219
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Darius Lewis	9-59
RECEIVING	
Darius Lewis	3-70
PASSING	
Larry Edwards	9/19-126-0-1

The Bucs also blocked a 28-yard field goal earlier in the period, and ended Baker County's last ditch comeback attempt with two sacks deep in Wildcat territory.

The second of those sacks, by Chris Correa, came on fourth down and gave the Bucs the ball at the 2-yard line.

Griffin's second touchdown came one play later.

With a pivotal District 5-5A game against Orange Park looming later this week [see related story below], coach Rodgers hopes the loss motivated the Cats to rebound in an important contest.

"It will do one of two things. It will really get you excited and make you want to come out and be better, or it will make you say ... maybe we're not as good as we thought we were," he said. "Hopefully it's the first. I'm assuming our kids are going to come out and want to win three district championships in a row."

District contest against Raiders set for Saturday

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Only two teams remain unbeaten this season in District 5-5A competition, and they will play this weekend in a major district showdown.

Coming off their disappointing loss, the BCHS Wildcats (4-2, 2-0) are scheduled to host the surging Orange Park Raiders (5-1, 2-0), who enter the contest on a five-game winning streak. Kickoff was pushed back 24 hours to October 13 at 7 p.m. due to Hurricane Michael.

Most homecoming activities, including the annual parade and crowning of the Homecoming Queen, were

FHSAA Region 2-5A Power Rankings

Team	Points
North Marion	40.5
Crystal River	40.29
Menendez (D)	39.67
Nature Coast	39
Zephyrhills	38.17
Hernando	38.14
Baker County (D)	37.3
Palatka (D)	37
Orange Park (D)	36.5
Eastside	36.5

also postponed until next week because of the storm.

The winner between the Cats and the Raiders will have the inside track to the district championship entering the final stretch of the season. The loser, however, could be in danger of missing the playoffs altogether based on the FHSAA Playoff Point standings.

"After this game it will be a lot more clear. I think if we win this game ... we just have to win one more out of the other two to be the district champions," BCHS head coach Jamie Rodgers said Monday. "It doesn't get much better than that. If you win this game you control your own destiny with two games left. ... It doesn't look like we're going to make the playoffs without being the district champion now after that loss the other night."

Orange Park's fast start has come with many of the same players who struggled through a one-win campaign in 2017. Alex Collier, who leads the team in rushing yards (704), and Terrance Johnson, who tops the Raiders with 523 receiving yards and 12 total touchdowns (10 rushing), have made major impacts as returners from last year's team.

Defensively, the program's tackle leader (Alex Moore, 63 total tackles), sack leader (Kendy Charles,

7) and two interception leaders (Isaiah Blair and Diallo Bryant, two apiece) also returned from 2017.

Coach Rodgers credited an extra year under head coach Tom MacPherson — who preceded coach Rodgers in Baker County — for Orange Park's dramatic turnaround.

"They're a year bigger, stronger and faster. They're coached well. The biggest difference is probably they're hungry. They got tired of losing. They don't want to be 1-9," coach Rodgers said. "... Once you get a hungry group of kids that buy into a system they're tough to beat. Everybody's who's played Orange Park has realized that."

Baker County poses one of the toughest tests the Raiders have played thus far, however. Orange Park's current winning streak has come against teams with a combined record of 8-23, and it includes victories over winless Nease and one-win Clay.

The Cats are the second team the Raiders will play this year that currently has a winning record. Orange Park lost its only other game against an opponent currently above .500, falling 45-14 at Oakleaf (4-2) to start the season.

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Perfection: JV Cats defeat Clay in finale

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The BCHS JV Wildcat football team has proven this season that there's plenty to look forward to in the future for Baker County football.

The JV squad capped off its undefeated season on October 4 with a come-from-behind 14-7 road win at Clay in its season finale. Carson Crawford scored two second-half touchdowns, including the go-ahead 25-yard run late in the fourth quarter on a quarterback keeper.

"I'm just, woo, I'm still fired up right now. It was amazing. I'm still excited," head coach Hank Farmer said on October 5 about the perfect season. "... It's a major accomplishment for those young guys."

And the final win may have been the most difficult one.

Following a scoreless first half, the JV Blue Devils took the lead in the third quarter after an interception gave them the ball in the red zone.

Baker County cut into the deficit with Crawford's quarterback sneak at the goal line, but a missed 2-point conversion prevented the team from taking the lead in the third quarter. The score was set up by a 15-yard reception from slot receiver Jaymodd Ruise.

Ruise was moved to receiver from running back, which gave Jamarian Baker more opportunities in the

backfield. He made the most of those chances.

"Jamarian had some big runs in the fourth quarter to really put us over the edge," coach Farmer said. "Just going downhill being physical with those guys. It helps set the tempo."

But none of Baker County's runs were as big as Crawford's 25-yard scamper with about two minutes remaining in the game. He faked a handoff on third-and-15 before running to the end zone for the game-winning score.

The defense stopped Clay on its ensuing drive and allowed the JV Cats to drain the clock. The defense, which kept Baker County in the game during the first half, forced four turnovers, including interceptions by Ruise and Jamil Jones and fumble recoveries by Ronnie Ellis and Toby Kinghorn.

"The defense the effort they gave all night, man, it was unbelievable. All those guys played hard," coach Farmer said. "Offense, everybody played hard. I'm just proud of everyone."

Coach Farmer has high hopes for the players, many of whom are freshmen, as they progress through their high school careers and move up to the varsity level.

"It's so much potential. Those guys need to take advantage of the offseason," he said. "... They just need to keep in the weight room and keep their grades up, man. The future's bright for a lot of those guys."

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Skye Miller serves up a sweep at Bishop Snyder

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A net violation on the opening volley of the match put the BCHS Lady Wildcats behind early in the first set. Another net violation to open the third set did the same.

With the help of Skye Miller's consistent — and at times unhittable — serving, the two deficits marked the only times the Lady Cats trailed Bishop Snyder.

Miller recorded seven aces with 27 service points on October 8, and led Baker County to a 25-8, 25-14, 25-16 sweep at Bishop Snyder. Her 10-point service run in the first set and nine-point run in the third set helped the Lady Cats erase their only one-point deficits and turn the match into a run-away. Six of her aces came during the two match-changing runs.

"You could see our confidence shoot up when she got back there and started serving that long streak," fifth-year head coach Ashley Holton said. "It didn't matter what happened. If they shot a weird shot over here, if we had a bad pass or whatever happened, we made something of it every single time because of our confidence. We just knew that we could return the ball."

The Lady Cats (15-4) were strong with their serves throughout their rotation against the Lady Cardinals. The ladies combined for 15 aces with just four service errors in the sweep.

"This is the best serving game we've had all season," coach Holton said. "Some kids pulled out serves tonight that we hadn't seen in a really long time from these kids. The serving is definitely what got us this win."

Baker County easily rolled in the two sets that book-



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Seniors (from left) Madison Barton, Kiki Carter, Rachel Mechum, Cassidi Beaver, Dixie Raulerson and Makayla Clevenger pose with BCHS Lady Wildcat volleyball coach Ashley Holton (center) on October 2 prior to Baker County's Senior Night win over West Nassau.

Photo by Jud Johnson

ended their second straight sweep, and the ending 19-point advantage was the largest margin of the match.

Six of Madison Barton's team-high 10 kills came in the opening set, the first of which gave Baker County the lead for good.

The Lady Cats pulled away late in the second set after Bishop Snyder hung around early and tied the score at 9-all. Makayla Clevenger's kill broke the tie and sparked a 10-2 run that allowed the team to open the commanding lead. Rachel Mechum, who led the ladies with 12 assists, had a five-point service run in the set as the team built the cushion.

In the JV match, Shel-

by Grimes had eight kills as she led the JV Lady Cats over Bishop Snyder 25-8, 27-25. Taylor Crews had eight digs, Kennedy Godwin recorded three aces and Courtney Barnard added 11 assists to lead the team.

Baker County honored its six seniors — Barton, Mechum, Clevenger, Cassidi Beaver, Dixie Raulerson and Kiki Carter — before its Senior Night match on October 2 against West Nassau.

The seniors led every statistical category and the team won 25-11, 25-18, 25-17 over the visiting Lady Warriors.

Barton led the Lady Cats in kills (18) and with one block; Clevenger (4), Beaver (3) and Raulerson (2) had

the three most aces; Carter (8) had the most digs; and Mechum (27) recorded the most assists.

"These kids right here they mean so much to this program. Their heart, their fight, their energy, their effort, everything. They bring this all to the program," coach Holton said. "It's not just them. The other kids follow. I have 12 great kids on this bench over here that do exactly what my seniors do. ... It's one group. It's one team. I have 12 kids that their mindsets are just alike."

The Senior Night sweep came one night after the Lady Cats pulled out a back-and-forth 3-2 (25-17, 21-25, 26-24, 21-25, 15-11) victory

at Trinity. Baker County controlled the net in the match, out-blocking Trinity 22-6.

Barton had game-highs with 17 kills and 10 blocks. Blakely Mallory, who tied with Allyson Crossland with four blocks, was second on the team with 12 kills. Miller added 10 kills with a team-high three aces.

Beaver was second on the team in assists (24) and digs (13). She was behind only Mechum in assists (27) and Carter (17) in digs.

Godwin recorded six kills and five digs, and Baker County's JV overcame losing the first set to capture a 2-1 (18-25, 25-10, 15-13) win over Trinity. Mariah Green had five aces and Barnard

added 11 assists.

The Lady Cats enter the District 4-6A tournament — scheduled for October 16 and 18 at Ridgeview — as the No. 2 seed. They open their tournament run against the Orange Park Lady Raiders, who the team swept on September 13. The winner earns a spot in the district championship game and a guaranteed playoff berth.

"I have really high expectations for my kids. They know that from the get go," coach Holton said. "I'm always going to have high expectations for them. I expect us to go in there, stay focused, get our minds right and hopefully coming out with three straight set wins."

Seniors shine in the swim team's final home meet

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The BCHS Wildcat swim team made sure its seven seniors had a memorable final home meet.

Baker County won 20 of the meet's 22 events on October 4 as it dominated Yulee 243-70 and Middleburg 240-85 to remain undefeated in head-to-head meets this season.

The seniors — LoriAnn Bliss, Cadee Crawford, Trent Mobley, Mason Platto, Cheyenne Powell, Dalton Ray and Andrew Rosepiler — were honored with a ceremony during the dive break. They also accounted for five first-place finishes in individual events and were members of all six winning relay teams.

Bliss and Platto both won a pair of individual events, including three in which Baker County swept at least the top two positions.

Platto (24.32), Mobley (24.39) and Rosepiler (24.56) finished first, second and third in the Boys 50-yard freestyle. Haydon Bridges (35.00) claimed ninth. Platto also won the 100 freestyle with a time of 57.69. Bridges (1:17.03) and Tyler Altland (1:26.21) finished seventh and eighth, respectively.

Bliss also topped the Girls 50 freestyle with a time of 28.45 and the 100 freestyle with a time of 1:03.13. Natasha Turner clocked a sec-

ond-place time of 29.19 and Alexis Uribe (38.26) finished eighth in the former event. Cheyenne Croft swam a second place time of 1:08.31 in the 100 freestyle, in which Gracie Rogers (1:19.19) took fifth and Uribe (1:31.20) seventh.

Bliss was joined by Turner, Hannah Peterson and Mady-Belle Ash on two winning relay teams. The group recorded a time of 4:27.31 in the Girls 400 freestyle relay and a time of 1:58.65 in the Girls 200 freestyle relay.

The Girls 400 freestyle relay B-Team — Brian-na Thornton, Croft, Gracie Wainright and Cheyenne Powell — finished second with a time of 4:06.85. The 200 freestyle relay B-Team of Christina Slater, Rogers, Haley Harris and Savannah Powell combined for a fourth-place time of 2:19.46. Cheyenne Powell, Wainright, Thornton and Croft opened the meet with a first-place showing of 2:18.78 in the Girls 200 medley relay. The B-Team of Rogers, Harris, Savannah Powell and Slater took third (2:47.45).

Mobley paced the Boys 100 backstroke with a time of 1:04.51. Rosepiler took second at 1:07.33 and Ray third with a time of 1:21.34.

Mobley, Platto, Seth Crawford and Braeden Knight took first in the Boys 200 medley relay with a time of 1:48.14.

Mobley and Platto were

joined by Rosepiler and Knight on the first-place Boys 400 freestyle relay team, which clocked a first-place time of 3:39.09.

Rosepiler, Landon Prevatt, Ryne Jacobs and Domenick Endel combined for a first-place time of 1:44.65 in the Boys 200 freestyle relay.

Baker County swept at least the top two positions in an additional five individual events.

Ash topped two of those events, winning both the Girls 100 butterfly (1:18.29) and 200 freestyle (2:13.94). In the butterfly, Peterson (1:23.37), Thornton (1:27.33) and Savannah Powell (1:48.70) finished second through fourth. Croft (2:30.03) and Slater (2:31.22) finished second and third in the 200 freestyle, and Crawford (3:33.18) took 10th.

In the Girls 500 freestyle, Slater (6:43.89) narrowly edged out Turner's second-place time of 6:45.56 to win. Jacobs won the Boys 500 freestyle with a much larger margin with a winning time of 5:53.78. Dakota Walker (7:15.56) finished second.

Seth Crawford and Knight both won a pair of individual events.

Crawford (2:14.13) and Endel (2:34.41) finished one-two in the Boys 200 individual medley. Crawford eked out a first-place finish by less



Coach Jonathan Mobley with seniors (front l-r): Cadee Crawford, LoriAnn Bliss and Cheyenne Powell. Back row: Dalton Ray, Trent Mobley, Andrew Rosepiler and Mason Platto.



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Haley Harris swims the butterfly during the Girls 200-yard medley relay.

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than three-tenths of a second in the Boys 100 butterfly with a time of 58.46. Walker swam a fourth-place time of 1:37.01.

Knight won both the Boys 200 freestyle (1:51.63) and 100 breaststroke (1:07.09). Jacobs (2:07.96) and Ray (2:31.09) took second and third in the freestyle, and Endel (1:20.56) and Altland (2:24.38) finished third and sixth, respectively, in the breaststroke.

Peterson clocked a first-

place time of 1:23.25 in the Girls 100 backstroke. Thornton (1:26.83) finished third, Rogers (1:36.15) sixth and Cadee Crawford (2:07.26) eighth.

Wainright and Cheyenne Powell finished second and third in a pair of events. Wainright swam a time of 2:55.09 and Powell and time of 3:00.28 in the Girls 200 IM, and Wainright clocked in at 1:25.93 and Powell at 1:28.22 in the Girls 100 breaststroke. Sa-

vanna Powell (3:20.27) and Harris (3:45.95) finished fifth and sixth in the 200 IM, and Dezerai Eaton (1:58.82) and Harris (2:04.69) took sixth and seventh in the 100 breaststroke.

The swim team was scheduled to travel to Columbia on October 9. Baker County is also set to visit Suwannee on October 16 to end the regular season.

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Kenneth Roberts (third from left), who has coached football in the county for about 50 years, poses with his family in front of the sign in his honor that now stands at the entrance of the Baker County AYF Youth Football and Cheer Association's field in Sanderson.

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Field renamed to honor longtime football coach

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Before Kenneth Roberts accepted his first head coaching position as a teenager with the Baker County Touchdown Club, he went to his high school coach Tom Covington for advice.

"He said, 'Son, I won't tell you what to do or not to do, but I'll tell you if you do decide to coach don't ever quit. Don't leave something half done,'" he recalled.

About a half century later Roberts still hasn't quit, and his contributions to youth football in the county have been memorialized.

The Baker County AYF Football and Cheer Association rechristened its field in Sanderson as "Coach Kenneth Roberts Field at the Cat's Den" during a ceremony on October 6. Roberts and Mark Broughton, the founder of the AYF organization, unveiled the sign located at the field's entrance during a break between AYF games against Bradford.

Broughton introduced Roberts following the 8-and-under football game, and spoke about the process of renaming the field. Roberts also addressed the crowd, which including both family and former players, as he

looked back at his years on the sidelines.

"Fifty years ago when I started my journey in coaching with the Baker County Touchdown Club I did not expect and do not today deserve this honor, but Mark I appreciate it on behalf of all those that have been before me, that are here coaching now, and when we're gone somebody will take our place and keep going," Roberts said.

"The bottom line is it doesn't matter what organization you're for ... it's about the kids," he continued. "My goal for the last 50 years from day one when I started at 18 years old was if I could change the life of a person ... in a positive fashion that's what it's all about. The winning and losing is great, but changing the life of an individual that's what it's about in my heart and that's what I look forward to seeing."

Roberts started his coaching career after suffering a kidney injury during his junior season playing football. After not playing during his senior year, he was asked by Ray Gatland to help coach at the Touchdown Club.

After just one year under Gatland, he was given the reins as head coach. Since then, he's had decades of success as both the coach of the 49ers and currently the BCMS Bobcats.

He said one of the best parts of dedicating his time to coaching was watching the players

grow into men. Several of his former players have played collegiately, and three — Brock Canaday, Hank Farmer and Scott McDonald — are currently coaches for the BCHS Wildcats.

The renamed field is a memorial for everyone who has positively impacted the county's youth, he said.

"I'm honored, but to me the field, even though it's got my name on it, it's for all the people that have been responsible for the growth of our young people, both men and women, within the community," Roberts said. "As the recipient, the award goes to the them as much as me."

Roberts concluded his speech by thanking everyone who has supported him over the years, singling out his friends, family and wife Judy.

"My wife tolerated me coming home whether it be day or night and put up with my nonsense," he said. "... I want to thank all of those people during that 50 years that was with me and allowed me to be a part of their lives and allowed me to have the stamina to keep going for my goal, and that's the kids. I want to thank my family, my friends, my children, many of them are here today, but most specially I want to thank my wife. She's been my rock."

Before introducing Roberts, Broughton spoke to the crowd about Roberts' dedication to the county's youth. He said he first approached Roberts about renaming the field after him about six weeks ago, but Roberts was hesitant at first and asked for time to pray about it.

Broughton said Roberts came back to him to say he's at peace with the honor, and Broughton was thankful he was willing to accept it.

"There's a man who I met about six years ago who I've looked up to for a long time," Broughton said, referencing Roberts. "This man has given his time, his energy ... on a shoestring budget for the last 50 years building youth football in Baker County. The only reason there's an AYF is because there was a Touchdown Club. Without that we would not be doing this."

But the AYF field isn't the only football field in the county that should bear the longtime coach's name, Broughton wrote in an email on October 6.

"I really believe Kenneth is a gem this community has overlooked," Broughton wrote. "Truth be told the field at Memorial Stadium should be named Coach Kenneth Roberts Field at Memorial Stadium."

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Marlon Givens runs away from Bradford's defense for a touchdown in the 8-and-under team's win.

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Youth Cats roll over Bradford, three playoff berths are sealed

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All three of the Baker County AYF Youth Wildcat football teams that hosted Bradford on October 6 came away victorious as the playoffs quickly approach.

Baker County outscored the visiting Cowboys 131-45 in the three games, which were played in the 8-and-under, 10U and 12U divisions.

The 8U Cats kept their playoff hopes alive with a 48-6 rout to open the day. Running back Marlon Givens scored on several "great runs between the tackles," founder Mark Broughton wrote in an email on October 9, and Peyton Jones scored twice. Tight end Keldon Dupree caught two passes, including one for a 2-point conversion.

"Coach Chuck Trotter's offense and Coach Timmy Chanders defense are as explosive as any 8U team out there right now and is peaking as they have a chance to make the playoffs as a 1 seed," Broughton explained

in the email. "All they have to do is beat the CYAA 8U this coming weekend and they will be in with a 5-3 (recordo, tied with Bradford and Duval, whom they beat head to head."

Baker County's other three teams have already secured playoff berths. The 10U and 12U teams have both earned the No. 1, and the 6U team, which didn't have a game on October 6, has locked up the second seed.

The 10U team's dominant season continued with a 46-13 blowout over Bradford. The Cats have now outscored their opponents by a combined 258-38.

Fullback Reggie Keith opened the game by carrying defenders for a long run, while halfbacks Chase Phillips, Jaden Mosley and Gavin Mosley continued "to break great runs and scores," Broughton wrote. Quarterback Trenton Newmans also completed passes to tight ends Tay Walker and Elmore Thompson.

Ma-Khai Mosley scored four touchdowns and Bryce

Kazmierczak added two scores, and the 12U Cats outscored Bradford 37-26 to improve to 6-1.

Jueron Northington also had a 2-point conversion on a tackle-eligible pass, and Marques McKenzie, Seth Chestnut and Phillip Jackson all had strong offensive showings, Broughton wrote.

He added the defensive combination of Bernard and Henry Reed slowed down Bradford's rushing attack.

Baker County closes the regular season on the road on October 13 against Jacksonville's CYAA Wolverines.

The Jacksonville AYF Football and Cheer Conference playoffs are scheduled to begin on October 27 at Bishop Snyder. The top four teams in each division qualify for the playoffs with the No. 1 and 4 seeds playing and the No. 2 and 3 seeds playing each other.

The winners advance to the conference championship the following weekend at Bishop Snyder, and the conference champions move on to the Southeast Regional tournament in Sanford.

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